

# Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Jan 2022



*Some of the Children's Gifts for  
The Oasis Centre in East Manchester.*

# Parish Council

*An informal update from your parish council chairman*

## Notes from the Chair

Wishing residents and readers a Happy New Year from the Parish Council.

Let's all hope that 2022 will bring us better luck than the last 2 years due to Covid.

I am writing this note after showing positive with a lateral flow test. My symptoms are more like a common cold so thank you NHS for providing the vaccine programme, which appears to stop many Covid patients having to be taken to hospital  
Thank You NHS and all Key Workers

### Special Thanks

I should start with a special thank you to Kath Wharfe and Ron Stephens for all their hard work in compiling the Newsletter, as well as all the people who contribute and write articles for the Newsletter together with volunteers who deliver it to each and every household.

### Recreation Area

Many may have noticed that the one of the swing legs has been damaged and a decision

was initially taken that we would try and repair the damage with replacement swing legs. However, on receipt of the new legs we have identified that they will not fit the existing plates which are bolted into the ground.

Our Parish Council Finance meeting which convenes 7 January will look at options to replace the existing swing, for the Parish Council to approve a budget. A potential manufacturer of playground equipment has suggested turning the swings 90 degrees so as to allow additional swings or a basket cradle to be installed. An example of a 2 bay swing unit can be viewed at Antrobus playground.

### Dog Fouling

Residents continually contact Parish Councillors about dog fouling especially on the two estates. Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our pavements. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection than can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.

Whilst most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there appears to be some individuals in the village who do not clean up after their pets. The Parish Council asks that dog owners take sufficient clean up bags with them or, if there is an emergency, they go back to pick up the mess. If a resident or the Parish Council reported that someone failed to clear up after their dog, they can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

Please keep our pavements free from dog excrement

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The 4-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2 June until Sunday 5 June will be with us very quickly. If anyone has any suggestions for celebrating the event in the village please get in touch with Denise French our Parish Clerk.

*John Ryder  
Chair*

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## Comberbach Village Newsletter

### Ideas and content wanted

Input from Village groups, school/nursery and individuals is always very welcome.

We do need fresh ideas so if you have any please do get in touch.

If you fancy writing a regular piece of local interest this could be your chance.

Deadline dates for items to be included in the village news in 2022 are as follows:

March / April edition - Friday 25 Feb

May / June edition - Friday 22 April

July / August edition - Friday 24 June (28th for fete)

September/ October edition - Friday 25 August

November / December edition - Monday 24 October

## Comberbach Methodist Chapel



Fortunately, we have been able to keep the Chapel doors open for all our Services during December, except for the Crib Service, for which we do apologise. It was thought that cancelling it would be the best option, to avoid a mix of young and old.

However, we were very pleased that our Village Carol Service was able to go ahead as planned on 12 December. This was a lovely Service led by our Minister Rev Frances Ballantyne when the Christmas Story was told through Readings and Carols by both the Congregation and the Choir, which included some new Members, their renditions being enjoyed by everyone there.

### Gifts

Thank you to everyone who brought Children's Gifts for The Oasis Centre in East Manchester. A Letter of Thanks from them was read out, when we heard that Oasis is a Community Project working with vulnerable and disadvantaged

people based in Gorton, which sits within the bottom 1% of the most deprived areas in the UK. Also thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for the wonderful tree in the Chapel grounds.

Another thank you to everyone who donated Foodbank Christmas Lunches, when we had a wonderful response from people in the Village. These Christmas Food Donations were very much appreciated by the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank.

### Lite Bites

Our Lite Bite Sessions have gone very well, with at least twenty people attending the last two Lunches. At one of them we celebrated Mark's Birthday by having a Bowls' Knockout at the end. This was won by Tony Ledward who beat Mark in the Final. The Lunch on the 16th December included a Carol Sing ending with The Twelve Days of Christmas! We were very pleased to welcome Rev Frances and her husband David to the last two sessions. Our

next Lite Bite will be towards the end of January, please look out for the Big Blue Board. If you would like to come and join us you will be very welcome, please phone Alan or Anne on 891248 for more information.

### Carol Singing

Alan and Anne would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who opened their doors to the Carol Singers on their journeys around the Village and surrounding areas. We had some lovely Welcomes, even on a very wet Christmas Eve. We collected an amazing £1200 for the Chapel Funds. Donations from this will be sent to two Methodist Charities. We apologise for not being able to visit everyone in the Village, but we do thank all those who helped or supported us in any way.

Our Chapel Anniversary Service is planned for Sunday 13 February at 11am, when the Preacher will be Rev Helen Kirk, Chair of the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District.

## Ladies Club

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### Greetings

Happy New Year from all in the Ladies Club. We haven't been very active just lately. Luckily we were able to have our annual tasty meal (lunch instead of supper), which we couldn't have last year, at Lesley Smith's house. She invited us there before moving to her new home down in Hampshire to be nearer to her family. It was a lovely day for us to sit outside and as usual the food was delicious with a good variety of sweet and savoury dishes. Lesley has settled into her new home very well and stays in touch with us all.

### Coffee and chat

One morning in November we met at Helen O'Byrne's house for coffee, a chat and a chance to decide where to go for our post-Christmas lunch. We are off to the Antrobus Arms this month, all being well! We will have to get our thinking caps on for ideas for this year's meetings.

Hopefully we will all return to more normality in 2022!

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## Environmental Ambassadors for Comberbach

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Environmental issues and climate change are now major concerns and many of us are considering the small changes we can make to reduce our impact on the environment. You can calculate your personal carbon footprint at: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/> or simply find the link on the World Wildlife Fund's website. 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' is one mantra often used.

be made by individuals and groups to reduce their impact on the environment. Perhaps some younger residents would be willing to share this task and join together to become Ambassadors for Comberbach. It would mean doing the research and then coming up with information and ideas to pass on in the newsletter. The newsletter is produced every 2 months so plenty of time to prepare something.

The Editors of the newsletter would like to include a new section in the newsletter addressing this topic and giving examples of actions that can

If you are interested please get in touch - [kathwharfe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathwharfe@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Great Budworth Garden Club

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### From 2021:

The last speakers were Martin and Jill Fish from North Yorkshire, who showed us their winter garden and the produce that they grow and cook accompanied by wonderful slides.

Many new recipes and use of hardy vegetables made us all go home and start cooking. I made a super winter soup, which lasted us for three lunches!

They were thanked admirably

by Brenda Yates.

### New Start

The Garden Club hope to have a New Year New Start after the pandemic, when meetings were previously cancelled or changed throughout the last two years.

The AGM is on Tuesday 8 February at Gt Budworth Parish Hall at 7.30 when members subs will be due.

The Events Card for the year will be given plus all informa-

tion that you need. This will be followed by a talk on Cheshire wildlife a complimented by beautiful photography. There will also be a plant stall .

Any information about any aspect of the club, please contact me

Jean Davies  
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## Comberbach WI

## Normal?

I was just beginning to think that things were getting back to normal, but there is a sense of déjà vu now we are facing the prospect of more restrictions at the time of writing this. We held our meetings as usual this Autumn and even had our AGM, with all officers entering their final year before elections next November. We have been averaging approximately 30-35 members attending each time, although we have 52 ladies on our books, 4 of whom also visit another WI.

Some of our WI members are still wary of mixing in a busy setting, and some simply don't like coming out at night. Roll on the lighter nights! We have been able to resume activities with our sub-groups too, with the rambles, readers and crafters all being able to meet up. This gives those who are happier in a small group the chance to get out and about. Whether our January meeting will be able to take place is anyone's guess. I could try lobbing a mince pie at the ceiling in frustration, and if it sticks all may be well, and should it fall, it will be crushed, just like our plans...or shall we all have cheese and wine in the garden as our meeting??

Our "crushed" plans included our proposed shopping trip and Winter Lights Walk at Trentham. Storm Barra saw to that! We were emailed to say the lights walk was off, but the shopping was still available, but we feared for the safety of our WI members in the teeth of a gale and certainly didn't want anyone to be hit by flying

# the WI

## INSPIRING WOMEN



debris. Our Christmas meal was a victim of the dreaded virus as not many of our ladies felt confident enough to attend and then we were contacted by the venue to say that all their other bookings had cancelled with the presumption that we would too, so we did. Restrictions permitting, there should be plenty of opportunity to eat out in January, and we shall have to hope that the Omicron virus will have peaked by then.

We were still able to have an enjoyable Christmas meeting

though. Rebecca from Wintonington Garden Centre showed us how to make a Christmas Cracker, and then provided us with materials so we could each make our own. She circulated and helped us all achieve the objective, with some really good examples being produced. She then selected the best one from each table, from which an overall winner was chosen. Louise Pendlebury won the festive Poinsettia for her lovely cracker. After the conclusion of business, we all enjoyed mulled wine or something softer, along with a mince pie. Lyn McCulloch read out an entertaining letter from Beacon Hill WI in Surrey – we have a link to this WI and every year we exchange calendars and letters. Melvis Holland found the lucky sprig of mistletoe under her chair and won the calendar. We also had a fun Christmas themed quiz, although some of the questions might have been more suitable for "Mastermind"! At least we all now know why the snowman was rooting through the bag of carrots! (He was picking his nose....)

A good number of "Thank Yous" were also said, with small gift bags of chocolates given to committee members and other regular helpers, as I truly appreciate every single person who contributes to our WI.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and 2022 with family and friends.

We look forward to reconvening in the New Year and would welcome any new faces.

*Janine Hampton. President.*

## Comberbach WI - The Scarf Challenge



At last, we have completed our challenge – Which was to knit the length of the wood sculpture of Lady Marbury situated in our local Marbury Park.

We identified the Marbury Lady as the target length to knit to! 16 feet of her

### Ghost of an Egyptian Princess

The sculpture is inspired by a ghost story associated with the former Marbury Estate. People in the area frequently claim to

have seen this ghost as she haunts the park. The most recent sighting is reported as being last year!

This feature was carved by Simon O'Rourke. Simon has carved many figures from books, movies, myths and legends, but he thinks this is the first time he has carved a ghost!

The first challenge for us was to measure the height of The Lady. My husband and I set off with a good old fashioned

tape measure and a laser beam measurer. Needless to say the modern technology won the day – and the carving came in at a height of approximately 16 feet. So armed with this information two members set to start knitting three scarves, which now cover the 16 feet needed.

Needless to say the challenge of climbing up and draping the scarves was just a little too ambitious for us – so we have employed some clever camera trickery to show that they do indeed cover the Lady from head to toe.

Thanks go to Monica Beech and Brenda Ives for their hard work and achieving our goal.

The scarves are being donated to the local Salvation Army, who will sell the scarves to raise funds for their shelter.

### Cracking fun

The December monthly meeting was much fun – with a Christmas Cracker making demonstration and competition. There were some splendid creations – and others were not so spectacular.

The Winner chosen by Rebecca Husbands, from Winnington Garden Centre was Louise Pendlebury with a very festive Christmas Cracker. There are more photos on our website... [www.comberbachwi.com](http://www.comberbachwi.com)

## Great Budworth Church

Happy New Year to everyone, and everything of the best for 2022!

### Parish Finances

On behalf of the PCC I would like to record my sincere and very grateful thanks to all the volunteers who delivered the appeal letters to almost every home in the whole Parish (letters are still to be delivered in Pickmere), and to everyone who has responded to the appeal with donations and standing orders. We have had a very positive and encouraging response from across the Parish, including the donation by a Comberbach artist of a beautiful picture of the Church along with cards of the painting, and the results of the appeal will be discussed at the PCC Meeting at the end of this month. During the last year we also celebrated over 20 weddings (compared to just 1 in 2020!) and also this has really helped with the finances. Many

of these weddings had been postponed, sometimes more than once, from the previous year, so it was a great joy to be able to conduct weddings again last year.

*The Revd Alec Brown.*

### Dates for the diary

#### Sunday 9 January

10.30am Plough Service

#### Wednesday 26 January 7pm

Burns Night Supper,  
The George & Dragon

#### Monday 31 January

7.30pm PCC Meeting (most likely via Zoom)

#### Play and Praise Services –

we hope to resume these in January, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, at 2pm – tbc.

It goes without saying that all of the above, plus all the regular services during the month, are

subject to any changes in the current Covid-19 guidelines concerning the omicron variant, and the only Pi we want to get to grips with is the one with or without gravy!

### Norman Baker RIP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Norman Baker in the early hours of Christmas Day. Norman was the organist and choir master at St Mary and All Saints Church for many years, and was known and loved by many people across the Parish and indeed the whole country! His funeral will be held at St Mary and All Saints Church in Great Budworth on Thursday 20 January at 11am, followed by cremation at Walton Lea at 12.20pm, and then toasts and reminiscences at the George and Dragon in Great Budworth.

### The year's close

*With lateral flows and pcrs the year draws finally to a close  
and, with swab in hand, we gently blow our nose,  
as we go through the testing process  
before the customary glass of fizz with friends and family;  
and everywhere there's uncertainty as well as hopeful expectation  
that the new year will come in with no more restrictions,  
while very conscious that there are no absolute predictions;  
and once again the old year has brought with it  
such pain and sadness and loss,  
and even the happy times and joyous events we've all experienced  
are easily forgotten and simply put to one side;  
but Christmas and Epiphany speak to us of great joy and hope  
and we know, in spite of everything that we've all been through,  
God is with us, and that in Christ are all things made new.*

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Great Budworth  
31st December, 2021.

## Starling murmuration in Marbury during November

I lived in Comberbach for many years before I became aware, about 7 years ago, of the free spectacular murmurations taking place each November and December on our doorstep.

During the winter months, large numbers of starlings visit Cheshire and the rest of Britain from the continent attracted by the relatively milder conditions of our maritime climate, adding vastly to the number of starlings already resident here. As dusk arrives, the starlings in this area begin to group together and set off to a communal roost in the reed beds on the edge of Budworth Mere. They arrive in various size flocks from all directions, gathering in the skies above the Mere. As the numbers increase many thousands, the 'murmurations' (the name for a flying flock of starlings) take on incredible shapes in the sky, contracting and expanding as one flock merges into another,

swooping and diving back and forth in beautiful patterns like a mass aerial stunt lasting up to 45 minutes. Then suddenly and dramatically they drop out of the sky and into the reeds for the night.

### Safety in numbers

The starlings do this for a number of reasons but mainly grouping together offers safety in numbers as predators, commonly sparrowhawks but occasionally peregrine falcons and bitterns, find it hard to target one bird in the middle of a flock of thousands. A few can usually be seen circling the sky above the starlings. They also gather to keep warm at night and to exchange information (not sure how!) such as good feeding areas. When the reeds are flattened the birds sometimes then begin to roost by the flashes.

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*Some of the many thousands of starlings perched on a power line before murmuration at the flashes*

## Gardening Month by Month

### Jobs for January and February

#### Around the garden:

Ensure birds have food and water.

Continue winter digging and spread organic matter.

Order seeds and bulbs for summer.

Protect plants from bad weather, ice, snow, wind.

Aerate soil with a fork or mechanically.

Keep a small area of ponds free from ice.

Keep on top of any weeds.

#### Trees, shrubs and climbers:

Check newly planted trees and shrubs as they may be lifted by frost.



Check supports and ties.

Plant deciduous hedging

Prune trees and shrubs to shape.

Prune climbers including Wisteria.

#### Flowering plants:

Clear damp leaves from the crown of plants.

Check bulbs.

Sow sweet peas under cover.

#### Kitchen garden:

Chit early potatoes

Force rhubarb

Does the lawnmower need servicing, now is a good time.

#### Also in February:

Start dahlia tubers into growth

Prepare seed beds for veg.

Mulch fruit trees after feeding.

Check tools and equipment, clean pots and seed trays

Sow peas inside.

Plant shallots

Pot up mint in a large pot, stand on terrace or put pot into the ground.

Plant up bare rooted canes fruits e.g. raspberries



## Green Bins

In 2022 households will have to pay extra for green bin collection. Many will have been informed by email.

Subscription to the service can be done online at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk), Find a Council Service, select Waste and Recycling, select Garden Waste Collection then click on 'subscribe now'.

Or telephone 03001238123

Or visit the Customer Service Centre, 1 The Arcade, Northwich

## Creative Corner

*This edition features a submission from Peter Plail about the making of a model of Porthreath. The photos submitted of the model look incredibly realistic with great attention to detail. Thanks Peter.*

The model has been built by two old school model makers (with the emphasis on old), David Booth from Appleton and Comberbach resident Peter Plail. David has a holiday property in Cornwall and has become interested in the mining industry in the area, so he suggested a model of Portreath harbour and its surrounding area, in particular because of its use of an inclined railway for hauling ore and coal trucks, with coal shipped to the harbour from S. Wales which was then replaced

with copper ore for the return journey to the Welsh furnaces. The period chosen was the latter part of the 19th century when mining activity was at a peak.

The model covers an 8ft by 4ft area and is built on a number of separate boards for portability and a scale of approximately 150:1 so that N-gauge model railway track and accessories could be used. It uses recycled timber for the structure, with newspaper, recycled polystyrene packaging, plaster bandages and Polyfilla used to create the landscape.

Much of the harbour structure, buildings and walls are scratch-built from card (ink-jet printed for house details) and stone walls were thick card that was

textured using a laser engraver. Paint finishes were mainly emulsion and poster paints, with textures introduced using fine sand and gravel.

The final touches were to electrify the incline winches, turntables, house lighting (with flickering fires), water mill and lighthouse beacon.

More details are available from the modellers who will happily bore the pants off anyone willing to listen.

We are hoping that it will eventually be used for local display in Portreath and David is in discussion with a local historical society.

*Let's have more input from you. Tell us about your creative work*



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## Some Useful Telephone Numbers/ Web/ email addresses

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Police Non-Emergency and PCSO - 101

PCSO Diana Wiggins (20322).  
[diana.wiggins@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:diana.wiggins@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

NHS - 111

### Marbury Ward Councillors

Councillor Lynn Gibbon  
[lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Councillor Phil Marshall  
[phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Councillor Norman Wright  
[norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### CWAC

Cheshire West & Chester Council 0300 1238123  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

You can report Highways and StreetCare issues online at:  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it)

### MP for Tatton

Esther McVey:  
[officeofesthermcveymp@parliament.uk](mailto:officeofesthermcveymp@parliament.uk)

The Friends of Anderton and Marbury:  
[www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk](http://www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk)

Comberbach websites providing information about the village, contact details, groups and

organisations, events, past copies of newsletters, council meetings and links to Facebook pages.

[comberbach.com](http://comberbach.com)  
[comberbach-pc.gov.uk](http://comberbach-pc.gov.uk)

### Social media

If you are on Facebook there are 3 relevant village groups:

Comberbach Community Support  
(admins - Helen Joan / Ann Barr)  
Comberbach Memories  
(admins - Wayne Garnett / Kevin Goulding)  
Comberbach Village Buy/ Sell/ FTGH  
(admins - Ali Brennan / Lynda Bigmore / Louise White)

They are 'private' groups, easy to join but are strictly for people with present or past connections to the village. The relevant groups have an 'about' section giving an outline of conditions. The Support group just requires a couple of questions to be answered and the Buy/Sell group requires an 'invite' from another member. They are interesting and can be useful in providing current information.

There are also Facebook pages to visit:  
Friends of Comberbach School  
Comberbach Fete.

The contact details of parish councillors, village groups and meetings at the Memorial Hall and Chapel can be found on the back pages.

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## The Winner of the Christmas Colouring Competition

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The winner of the up to 6 years years of age categorie was Marla Pelosi (age 6). Marla's entry was judged to be exellent with good colouring in and imaginative use of stick on bows and noses for the reindeer, and snow flakes. Well done Marla!

Marla wins this super colouring set. Please could Marla's parents contact the editor for the prize to be awarded

As there were no entries from the 7-10 age group someone missed out.



## A Bird's Eye View

### The Path Not Taken

You might have spotted the illusion to the great poem by Robert Frost, 'The Road Not Taken', in my title. Often thought of as a melancholic lament for opportunities missed, Frost himself said he wrote it about a friend as a reminder to him to appreciate what you have, not to regret what you do not have. Anyway, this is a rather roundabout way of saying that in winter time is precious, the days are short and the weather is often bad. It is not really a time to wander paths aimlessly but instead stick to the tried and tested. The places where you know you will have a good chance of seeing the most bird activity.

### The Far Side

In Marbury Park at this time of year I tend to walk around the arboretum in search of the park's most often seen ghosts, the albino and leucistic 'grey' squirrels that still frequent the trees there. I go to the small hide near the start of Big Wood for a chance to see great spotted woodpeckers, if the feeders are full. The duck feeding spot below this hide is a good place to view the far side of the mere, looking for curlew and lapwings, and maybe an interesting goose among the more common varieties. You can see the kingfishers

whizz passed close in front of you here as well and, looking back towards the yacht club, you will often encounter the beautiful visiting goldeneye ducks or a goosander as I did recently.

### Kings and Vikings

Moving back as dusk to where the old bird hide used to be, you will spot many small birds using the feeders. You will hear water rails 'squealing' and the explosive calls of cetti's warblers coming from the Coward Reed bed. There will be more chances to see kingfishers feeding below you and also coming in to roost for the evening. Long-tailed tits may festoon the bank side trees, constantly calling out to one another, moving through the branches like a hoard of cute, fluffy Vikings. The starlings will appear before dusk in undulating waves, forming one living entity out of many separate individuals. They will loudly roost in the reeds, and at this point your short but action-packed walk may be topped off by a slightly grumpy bittern, appearing as if to chastise his noisy Reed mates. All this is only a few steps away from where you are now. If you make the journey, you will have nothing to regret.

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## Comberbach Art Group

A Happy New Year to everyone from the members of Comberbach Art Group. We are all looking forward to restarting our meetings in January, covid restrictions permitting! and hope

that all our paintings will be seen again in an exhibition later in the year after the success of the one in October 2021, until then here is a taster of what might be on view.

We hold our meetings on Monday mornings between 10am and 12.30 in the room behind the Methodist Chapel and welcome new members.



Lakeland Mist (left) and Surreal Landscape by Hilary



## Report from the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

### BT Exchange Senna Lane

The Parish Council has not had any feedback following concerns raised about the state of the BT exchange. The grass was cut during autumn but it is unclear whether any other improvements will be made to the appearance of the site. The Chairman will make further contact with BT

### Budworth Lane and Cock Lane, possible one way system

The Parish Council sent a long list of suggestions to improve highway safety to CWAC and received a disappointing response from CW&C Highways who dismissed all suggestions to improve pedestrian safety. Highways have offered to meet with the Parish Council and Marbury Ward Councillors

on site. The PC will liaise with Great Budworth PC about possible next steps.

### Speed Indicator Device

The SID data is being considered at meetings and is providing a usual database of speeds and patterns. The latest data was shared with the PCSO. The SID still appears to act as a deterrent to slow down some traffic particularly as the location is moved each time the SID is in Comberbach. The data from the CWAC 'black box' is still awaited.

### Recreation Area and new Pump Track

New swing legs could not be installed due to fittings not matching the existing frame. The legs have been returned to the supplier and options for a new swing set are being

considered. The Council is also looking to repair or replace the zip wire matting.

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboard by the village store and on the Parish Council website:  
[www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk](http://www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk)

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:  
Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.15pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

Any queries please contact the Clerk, Denise French: [clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk)

## John Eaton Handyman Services

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## Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday.

Meeting dates:  
2021: 14 December;  
  
2022: 18 January; 8 March.

Agendas and minutes are published on the noticeboard by the Post Office and on the Parish Council website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at 7.15pm

Contact the Parish Council as below:

| Name                                   | Address                                                    | Tel numbers                   | Contact point for                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cllr. John Ryder<br>(Chairman)         | 26 Burgamot Lane,<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6BU                 | 01606 891 827                 | Barrymore Crescent,<br>Burgamot Lane,                                                                   |
| Cllr. Steven Hornby<br>(Vice Chairman) | Sunny Bank,<br>Marbury Road<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6AU       | 07970 499227                  | Senna Lane (lower to<br>Mather Drive),<br>Marbury Road,<br>The Moss                                     |
| Jim Bradley                            | Currently on compassionate leave                           |                               |                                                                                                         |
| Richard Chandler                       | Crows Nest House<br>Crownest Lane<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6HY | 01606 892 157<br>07933 087560 | The Avenue (to the<br>Spinner), Warrington<br>Road (from the Spinner,<br>Budworth Lane<br>Crownest Lane |
| John Darwin                            | Brook Cottage<br>Cogshall Lane<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6BS    | 01606 891410<br>077888 27933  | Bracken Way<br>Kennelwood Road<br>Fox Lea & Freshfields<br>Broadacre                                    |
| Bob Holt                               | 8 Cogshall Lane<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6BS                   | 07739 046775                  | Mather Drive<br>Meadow Lane<br>Senna Lane (upper:<br>from Mather Drive)                                 |
| Jill Johnston                          | 6 Barrymore Crescent<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6PA              | 01606 892 121                 | Goosebrook Close,<br>Brookfield Road,<br>Spinner Crescent,<br>Chapel Close,<br>Reedsmere Walk           |
| Val McDermott                          | 14 Cogshall Lane<br>Comberbach<br>CW9 6BS                  | 01606 891075<br>077939 17490  | Cogshall Lane<br>Outer Cogshall                                                                         |
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## What's going on...when, and how to contact the right people

### Memorial Hall

|                      |                     |                              |                                              |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WI                   | 1st Mon each month  | 7.30pm                       | Rosie Rowe                                   | 784858                    |
| Ladies Club          | 3rd Mon each month  | Different Venues             | Helena O'Byrne                               | 01606 891755/07702693206  |
| Love to Dance        | Mon,<br>Wed         | 4 - 8.45pm<br>4 - 7.30pm     | Zoe Buckley<br>smb.designs@hotmail.co.uk     |                           |
| Well heeled puppies  | Monday (small hall) | 4.45 - 8.15pm                | Mike Flannery                                |                           |
| well heeled dogs     | Thursday            | 6.45 - 8.15pm                | mike@thedogclub.co.uk                        |                           |
| Textiles in the Park | Monday (small room) | 10.30am                      |                                              |                           |
| Northwich Fencing    | Monday              | 7.30 - 9pm                   | northwichfencingclub@gmail.com               |                           |
| Karate               | Monday<br>Sunday    | 6 - 7pm<br>4 - 6pm           | Andrew Wilson<br>cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com | 07388 869985              |
| Wild Yoga            | Tuesday             | 9.30am                       | Kelly                                        | 07922534076               |
| Yoga                 | Wednesday           | 8 - 9pm                      | Alison Rostron<br>yogapilatesali@gmail.com   | 07460 805880              |
| Tots gone Wild       | Wednesday<br>Friday | 10.15 - 11am<br>10.15 - 11am |                                              |                           |
| Calligraphy          | Thursday            | 1.30 - 3.30pm                | Brian Sudlow                                 | 01606891722               |
| Cheerleading         | Friday<br>Saturday  | 5 - 6pm<br>10 - 11am         | Megan Berry                                  | meganberry_@hotmail.co.uk |

### Chapel

|                         |           |                |                    |               |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Brownies (2nd)          | Wednesday | 6 - 7.20pm     | Lynda Flynn        | 891571        |
| Guides                  | Wednesday | 7.30 - 9.00pm  | Anne O'May         | 891156        |
| Marbury Senior Section  | Monday    | 8 - 9.30pm     | Anne O'May         | 891156        |
| Sunday School           | Sunday    | 11am - 12 noon | Ian Woodcock       | 01606 891218  |
| Art Group               | Mondays   | 10 - 1pm       | Midge Broadhurst   | 01925 266 798 |
| French Language Lessons | Thursday  | 7 - 9pm        | Nathalie Poutineau | 892741        |

### Comberbach Primary School Hall

|               |            |            |                   |              |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Toddler Group | Wednesdays | 9 - 11am   | Comberbach School | 01606 891336 |
| Rainbows      | Monday     | 6 - 7.15pm | Sue Greenwood     | 76408        |

### Anderton Village Hall

|        |        |            |                            |                                        |
|--------|--------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Scouts | Friday | 7.30 - 9pm | Paul Underwood<br>Rob Doel | 07725 150 928<br>891789 / 07526 723516 |
|--------|--------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|

### Antrobus School Hall

|         |           |               |                 |              |
|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cubs    | Tuesday   | 6.30 - 8pm    | Rachel Cameron  | 01606 891023 |
| Beavers | Wednesday | 6.15 - 7.15pm | Janet Warburton | 854014       |

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### Useful contacts:

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| Village web site                 | <a href="http://www.comberbach.com">www.comberbach.com</a>                                                                                         |             |
| Marbury Park Rangers             |                                                                                                                                                    | 77741       |
| Homewatch                        |                                                                                                                                                    | 892568      |
| Village Memorial Hall - bookings | 07771638324 / 07721501181 (Liz/Nikki)<br>or <a href="mailto:comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com">comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com</a> |             |
| Clerk to the Parish Council      | <a href="mailto:clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk">clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk</a>                                                                         |             |
| Pre-school website               | <a href="https://www.comberbach.cheshire.sch.uk">https://www.comberbach.cheshire.sch.uk</a>                                                        |             |
| Sunday School Room Hire          | Alan Woodcock                                                                                                                                      | 891248      |
| Great Budworth Parish Church     | Rev A Brown                                                                                                                                        | 891324      |
| Fete Committee                   | Rebecca Matzen <a href="mailto:fete@comberbach.com">fete@comberbach.com</a>                                                                        | 07725954349 |