

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - May 2022



Some of the work in the Marbury Sculpture Trail

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish council chairman

Notes from the Chair

Easter has now come and gone as well as the Early May Bank Holiday Monday.

Time passes so quickly these days and its 12 months since I accepted to continue as Chairman. The early May meeting will have already been concluded and I have agreed that, if the Parish Council members wish, I will offer my services as Chairman for a 6th and final year.

Recreation Area

ROSPA have recently concluded their annual inspection and have identified no major issues with the recreation area.

At the last meeting we held, we agreed a budget and preferred contractor to supply a new 3 bay swing which will include a basket seat as well as a disability swing seat. It is hoped that the work will be completed in May or early June.

Village Task Force

Many thanks to the following volunteers who assisted in starting to remove overgrown grass verges which are encroaching our footpaths throughout the village. Sandy Cameron. Howard Shaw, Colin and Joanne Hadley, Val and Jon McDermott. I am sure all will agree that it makes such a difference to the footpaths. We will ar-

range another date for volunteers to help with other areas, but in the meantime, residents may want to consider cutting back overgrown grass between their property and the footpath.

Parish Council Audit

Many thanks to Steve Penwill our Responsible Financial Officer in completing the annual audit with a clean bill of health.

Queen Platinum Jubilee

Events planned for the 4-day celebration between 2nd/5th are well underway. Further details can be found in this edition.

John Ryder, Chair

Big Bag Challenge Keep Britain Tidy

A big thank you to the Beavers who spent an evening in March collecting litter in the village, a splendid effort!

Thanks as well to those residents who regularly remove litter from the lanes and verges around the village.



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Please note that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all now meet at Comberbach Primary School. We are out and about making use of the local area as

much as we can but are based in the school hall.

The days and times are the same as shown on the back page.

Defibrillators



There are 3 defibrillators in the village. (If in doubt the emergency services 999 can direct you to the nearest one).

- Bowling Club located on the front wall of the clubhouse.
- Primary School located to the right of the entrance by the mosaic
- Post Office located by the front window

To get access to the defibrillators you must call 999 to get the code for the box in order to get the defibrillator out. There are then clear instructions on how to use the equipment.



To use a defibrillator, follow these simple steps:

Step 1 Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

Step 2 Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 3 Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then analyse the patient's heart rhythm.



Step 4 The defibrillator will assess whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Do not touch the patient while they are being shocked.

Step 5 The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6 Continue with chest compressions and rescue breaths until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

Just a few words from your local PCSO Dianna Wiggins

I hope you are all well:

If you need to contact your local PCSO with any concerns/issues you can do so by ringing 07989671047

Or email Diana.Wiggins@cheshire.police.uk
I will get back to you when on duty.

Regular surgeries are held in the village and will be advertised in the local notice boards.

Village Telephone Box

The Red Telephone Box on Senna Lane was planned as a place to display information on the village and the village heritage trail.

It then started being used as a depository for items people want to offer for use to others, which made it look disorganised and cluttered.



Now it has been cleared it is better to keep the floor space free.

There is a suggestion box as to what other information / ideas could be included.

Comberbach Methodist Chapel

Our first Easter Sunday Service held inside the Chapel for three years was very well attended. Easter 2020 was during the first Covid Lockdown and the Easter Sunday 2021 Service took place on the Chapel Lawn with the Congregation singing well known Easter Hymns, whilst the Organ was relayed outside. Rev Frances led this years' Service, which included Communion.

The Congregation enjoyed hearing the recently-formed new Choir as they sang three pieces, Sunrise Resurrection, The Third Morning and Oh! What a Morning. Also during the Service, a large wooden Cross was decorated with sprigs of flowers which the Congregation had brought from their Gardens. This was displayed on the front step for a few days afterwards.

Our Bible Study Sessions have now started and will continue each Thursday at the home of Mrs Ida Meakin in Goosebrook Close, commencing at 7.30pm. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of these Sessions.

A reminder that the Sunday School Room is available for hire. *Please ring Alan on 891248.*



Memorial Hall Report



The Memorial Hall is busy with regular bookings, which you can see in the back page of your Village News, but as these are mainly during an evening, we have space during weekdays if you or anyone you know are looking for a venue for a class or group. Contact Liz or me, as we have the Calendar to hand and can give more information.

Sunday is party day at the Hall, and if you're looking to book a child's party, please try and plan ahead as we have plenty booked in over the next few months. We generally have a morn-

ing slot and one in the afternoon, so parties are all cleared up for Karate classes which begin at 4.30pm!

We have the Hall AGM on Wednesday 25 May, at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along, and you will be made especially welcome if you are interested in joining the committee! We are a small band; we have a handful of meetings throughout the year, but more pairs of hands to help would be fantastic.

As ever, if you have any questions about the hall or a booking enquiry, drop us an email, where one of us will pick it up, send a message via the Hall's Facebook page, or call or text me or Liz Cook.

Nikki Lord

Nikki Lord 07721 501181

Liz Cook 07771 638324

comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Bank Holiday Thursday 2 June 2022

Platinum Jubilee Off Street Party

As mentioned in the last Village News we have a small committee working on the details for the above celebrations.

The event will feature an off-street party on the school field with tables being laid out in street order. The party will take the form of a Bring Your Own Picnic, drinks etc. You can bring your own individual/family picnic or you can get involved to organise a street picnic and each street will be encouraged to decorate their tables or create street signs to impress. The gates will open at 12 noon and the party will start at 12.30pm

Jubilee Lamppost Signs

With the help of the Fete Committee we have acquired some lamppost signs. All you have to do is let us know you are taking part and we will place a sign in your street.

Street Competitions

After the picnic there will be a series of fun games for teams to compete against each other. Streets will be organised into 6 Teams and for each game each team will enter two adults, one male one female and two children (the four participants can vary from game to game). The teams will score points from each game and of course the winner will be the street team with the most points which will be presented with the Platinum Jubilee Trophy.

Games are likely to include Goal Attack (Football or Netball the choice is yours), Pass the Ball (not as easy as it sounds when there are sticks involved),



Indoor Bowls (Outdoors), Royal Comberbach (At the Races), Village Bingo and Tug O' War. As well as the teams competing in the Village Bingo everybody will be able to take part and there will be individual prizes.

Craft A Crown

During the games there will also be a craft table for the younger ones where they will be able to get creative in creating a Crown, The Crown Jewels or whatever takes their fancy. Craft materials will be provided.

DJ at the Spinner and Bergamot

In the evening there will be a DJ at the Spinner and Bergamot for 7pm onwards leading up to the Official Beacon Lighting

Ceremony. If you are intending to eat at the pub on the day you are advised to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Beacon Lighting Ceremony

The Parish Council have purchased an official Platinum Jubilee Beacon which will be situated in the field at the Spinner and Bergamot and it is planned to have an official lighting ceremony between 9.15 and 9.30pm after the National Anthem.

Treasure Hunt

Over the weekend following the off-street party it is planned to arrange a Treasure Hunt around the Village with entries being left at the Spinner and Bergamot on completion. Look out for details end entry forms coming soon.

Platinum Playmakers

If you would like to get involved and help your street team make the most of the event just speak to your neighbours and get organised. Get involved decorating your street table, design a street sign, organise players for the games and decorate your street. You don't have to do it all yourself, just organise others to help. Each Team will be able to nominate a volunteer who they feel has contributed the most to the event and they will receive a Platinum Playmaker Trophy.

It promises to be a fun day for everyone.

Steve Howard

Comberbach Fete

May is here and with it comes a super busy time for the village Fete Committee. The Comberbach Village 'Sundowner' fun run is just around the corner (Friday 6 May), and arrangements are in full swing for the annual village Fete (Saturday 25 June).

Sundowner

At the time of writing we already have 90 confirmed online entries for the Sundowner fun run, closing in on the 150 available places. Entries on the day will be on a first come first served basis, but to secure your place in advance (and with a cheaper 'advanced entry' price) visit: <https://sundownerfunrun.niftyentries.com/Sundowner-2022>. To be held in Marbury Park, there will be a 1km children's race at 6.30pm followed by an adult's 5km race at 7pm. On the day entries open at 5:30pm. To add to the evening there will be a BBQ, bar, cake stall and music. The event is run by the Fete Committee for the benefit of the Village Rose Queen's nominated charity, selected this year by Alice as The Dogs Trust, a very worthy cause.

Fete

More details on this year's Fete will be coming to all villagers by means of the annual Fete Newsletter, but to whet your appetite, we have dog performance acts, music, entertainers, bouncy castle, super slide, tombola's, BBQ, ice cream, teas, animals, horses and vintage cars all booked to contribute to what we are sure will be a great day in line with our 'entertainment for all ages' motto!

After the last two years of 'lockdown' / 'front garden' fetes, we are pleased to confirm that the Comberbach Fete 2022 will be back on the School field, following the traditional parade through the village streets. A great chance for the village to get together once again, socialise together and enjoy the day and the entertainment as one.

Competition time

As part of fete festivities there will be a best 'jubilee' decorated house competition and also a 'jubilee' scarecrow competition / trail. More details to follow, but get your thinking caps on and your decorations out in advance of the Jubilee and

keep them up until Fete Day.

Eager to help?

How can I help I hear you say? What a Fete we always have, and with everybody's help we always make it a good one. Please bring your home baked contributions on the day for our tea tent, and donate to the tombola collections when they come around in June, but we also need volunteers to help on the day whether it's manning a stall or the gate for a while, or helping with the set up and take down.

Please message us at fete@comberbach.com or by sending us a Direct Message through our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/comberbachfete. We look forward to hearing from you, all offers of help big or small are always gratefully received. Here's to hoping the sun shines on 25 June!

Jim Powelson.

Secretary. Comberbach Fete Committee.

Exhibition of local photographs at Lion Salt Works

April 4th to July 3rd 2022



*Friends
of
Anderton
and Marbury*

Selection of Photographs from Photographic Competition 2021

Friends of Anderton & Marbury (FoAM) have held photographic competitions for a number of years and they are now a feature of the events programme on a biennial basis.

Photographs were all taken in Northwich Woodlands.

Entries were invited from photographers of all ages and abilities.

Entry to the exhibition free during museum opening hours

Contact :- jim.foam@icloud.com or 07850264313 (text)

Comberbach WI

I cannot believe that it has rolled round to April already! It is lovely to see the Spring colours, blooms and blossom trees, and we have the summer to look forward to. The lighter evenings and slightly warmer weather is a bonus.

Our April meeting was also a celebration of Comberbach WI's birthday and we had 3 birthdays all rolled into one, as Covid restrictions had denied us the opportunity to have our usual party for the previous two years. We made the most of it and organised a party for our 70th, 71st and 72nd birthday, and wanted to do something special.

A luxury Afternoon Tea was the decision – everything was booked, organised and on 4 April our WI ladies turned up at the Memorial Hall in all their finery, hats, fascinators, the lot! Mr. Alan Woodcock from the Chapel provided background piano music as the guests arrived and took their seats and then he played Jerusalem for us to join in and after a few minutes of business, the celebrations began.

Our special guests, Jean Harding, the outgoing Chair of the Cheshire Federation of WIs and Selina Prescott, her successor, presented their birthday cards which were read out to the room. Janine Hampton cut the "72" cake after the singing of "Happy Birthday" and the candles were duly blown out. Our ladies were served a glass of Buck's Fizz or a non-alcoholic alternative to toast the occasion, after first removing the mini-Easter eggs (provided

the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN



by the Committee) from the glasses.

There followed a magnificent tea, served by Vinnies of Northwich, on vintage china, and loaded cake stands on every

table, containing sandwiches, mini pies, sausage rolls, cheese rolls, scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, and a selection of cakes with fresh strawberries. Absolutely delicious! This food required some serious appetites, and we all ate our fill with plenty to spare, so "doggy bags" were the order of the afternoon! Even absent friends were catered for – sadly a couple of ladies were unable to attend, having contracted Covid (it's still out there...) but afternoon tea in a box was delivered to them.

Alan Woodcock provided song sheets for the afternoon to be rounded off with a singsong, Monica Beech presided over the raffle, and several ladies were thrilled to win a prize. There was also a display from the WI's archives, which had been organised by Sian Chandler, and guests enjoyed looking through the albums, photos and other items, and were able to reminisce. A special new album for the party had been organized by Sian, and everyone who attended signed the front page. Miriam Manners, an excellent photographer, took many pictures which have since been uploaded to the Comberbach WI website. We will also feature in the June edition of Cheshire Life... fame at last!! Needless to say, our WI ladies would like to do it all again next year, but in the meantime, it will be pub lunches, the next one planned for May.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and peaceful Easter with family and friends.

Janine Hampton – President.

2nd Comberbach Brownies

Last term was fun and we are excited to welcome 5 girls trying out Brownies this term! Also another 2 later in the term after their 7th birthday. We hope they all want to join!!

One of the Guides (who the girls have named Helpful Owl) is working on her Bronze D of

E qualification and we are also proud that 2 of our Leaders (Dynamic Debs and Krafty Owl) are completing their Leadership Qualification too!

We have big plans for the fete and pleased to be involved in both the parade and running a stall. We will hold some

of our meetings this term in Marbury Park and hoping to have a joint meeting with the Guides---some games, hot chocolate, marshmallows and a fire are probably all going to be included!!

2nd Comberbach Guiding team

Guides and Senior Section.

1st Comberbach Guides.

What a busy half term! We started by practicing using our senses. First we went round an obstacle course blindfold, using touch and sound to move round the obstacles. Then we had a stalking game where one Guide stood still trying to detect the other Guides moving towards her. However, we were a bit too noisy so we did a quieter version on our hands and knees.

Having gained our Live Smart Level 4 badges we spent the last three week before Easter making bug houses. Thank you, Mr Ripley and Mr Southern for coming to teach us how to saw and plane wood, drill holes in the right places and to fix in the screws. We had a lot of fun. We filled each bug house with wood shavings, pine cones and bamboo canes. When they were finished we took them home and put them in our gardens for everyone to enjoy.

After Easter we'll be holding our meetings in Marbury Park. There we'll be developing our sur-

vival skills and preparing for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We look forward to lots of fresh air and fun.

Senior Section Guides

Over the past few weeks we have managed to gain our Feel Good Level 5 badges. To gain the badge, we investigated each other's personalities and then suggested different careers that would suit individual personalities. We also discussed the value of friendship, what makes a good friend and how to be one. Some interesting ideas were explored.

Sadly we have lost four of our members due to schoolwork and exams. We wish them luck with their GCSEs. As there are only two of us left we'll be meeting and taking part in the Guide activities. Hopefully we'll be able to have an hour to ourselves now and then to pursue more 'senior' activities.

Village Shop & Post Office

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all those offered to support the Planning Application to replace my garage with a one bedroom property as I prepare for my retirement. I am pleased to confirm that the application has finally been approved and I would like to thank everyone that got involved in securing a successful outcome.

You may recall that back in January 2021 I announced my decision to try to sell the existing property and business and retire after 30 years at the shop. Whilst there has been considerable

interest in the business, at the moment none of this has resulted in a positive outcome and the delay in securing Planning Permission has only served to complicate the matter.

At present the business is being actively marketed by agents and I am still hopeful that a satisfactory conclusion will be achieved. However if you do know of anyone locally that may be interested in taking on the business please ask them to contact me for further details. Thank you.
Steve Howard

Comberbach Art Group

The Art group held their Annual General meeting in March, the committee were confirmed for the next two years. We also had a very enjoyable social evening at the Antrobus Arms the first one we have been able to hold for two years! We are continuing with our Monday morning meetings and would be pleased to see anyone who might

be interested in joining us. We meet in the room behind the Methodist chapel from 10am.

We are all working hard preparing paintings ready for our exhibition which we will be holding in October, here is a preview of what you might see.



Gardening Month by Month - Jobs for March and April

May:

Water regularly
Protect plants from slugs
Feed and weed lawns
Be aware of frosts
Prune spring flowering plants when flowers die including clematis Montana
Trim box lightly
Move tender shrubs outside
Divide and cut back perennials
Plant out dahlias at the end of May
Clear out spring bedding and

harden summer bedding plants

Thin out annuals

Kitchen garden:

Thin out vegetables
Sow and plant out tender vegetables
Protect plants from carrot fly
Continue sowing vegetables

June:

Weed and deadhead
Water containers and new plants as necessary
Flowering plants:

Cut back spring flowering perennials

Cut down, lift and divide bulbs
Plant out summer bedding in borders, containers and hanging baskets

Kitchen garden:

Harvest vegetables
Plant winter brassicas and protect from pests
Water fruit and vegetables

Happy gardening - SW



Nature's superb gardening at Marbury

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club met at Whitegate in March for a daytime walk to Vale Royal locks. It was a lovely day to be out walking and talking with friends. One of the group realised her car/house keys had fallen out of her bag and so we had to search the undergrowth for them! We were in luck and found them. We then went to The Plough, where we were joined by others for lunch.

jewellery from different eras. We were invited to take our own jewellery for assessment and even have items cleaned. The evening was rounded off with the usual accompaniment of food and drink. On May 16th we are going to visit gardens in Ashton Hayes, in June there is a theatre trip to see Calendar Girls and in July there is a supper party.

In April we met at the bowling club for an informative evening when we viewed pieces of costume

Great Budworth Church

Restoration works

The last of the internal projects has now been completed – handrails to the pulpit steps – and three weeks of external re-pointing on the north and south chancel and clerestories' walls began last month. Scaffolding will be put up and taken down daily. At some point there will be various works undertaken in the Churchyard, including repairs to the east boundary wall and, hopefully, the re-leveling of some of the paths in the Churchyard and the provision of handrails at key points along the path leading down to the Lower Churchyard.



Burns Night

The total raised at this wonderful fund raising dinner and auction, for PCC funds, at The George and Dragon in January was £17,005.00 – the highest amount ever raised at a Burns Night event – so huge thanks once again to the organizers, diners, donors and bidders! And of course to the staff at The George and Dragon! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Dates:

Tues 10 May

7pm Licensing Service for The Revd Christina Westwell (as Associate Minister for the Parishes of Great Budworth and Antrobus) with The Bishop of Birkenhead, The Rt Revd Julie Conalty, followed by refreshments

Sun 15 May

6.30pm United Christian Aid Service at Arley Chapel, with refreshments afterwards – all welcome

Sat 21 May

9.30am annual Boyd Walk around Antrobus Parish, starting from St Mark's Church, Antrobus (an easy,

and very pleasant, 2 - 3 hour or so walk, following the Boyd Path)

Sun 22 May

10.30am Rogation Service and short walk around Great Budworth village with The Bishop of Stockport, The Rt Revd Sam Corley.

Sun 22 May

3pm Forest Church - venue to be confirmed, please contact The Rev Christina Westwell on 07870 687304. Forest Church is an outdoor venture, where we will be exploring, reflecting, creating, looking for meaning in simple things and exploring our connection to nature and our Creator. Refreshments at 4.30pm. Forest Church is for everyone, and you would be so welcome. Dress according to the weather!

Fri 3 June

5.30pm to 8.30pm in the churchyard, Beer Brass and Bangers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Bar, music by Goosebumps and a BBQ. All welcome. Tickets £10/ adult or £25 Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) additional child £2.50. Available from Margaret Cross 07732324001.

Fundraising for the church.

Sunday 5 June

10.30am Special service to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Glass of fizz after the service and group photograph. Everybody welcome.

Sunday 26 June

3pm Forest Church

On the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am, we have a service of Holy Communion followed by coffee.

On the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, we have Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel (or in the Quiet Garden weather permitting during the Summer). Everybody welcome to join us.

Church Teas re-commenced on 17 April and apart from 5 June, will be held each Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from 2pm to 4.30pm in the parish hall. Why not gather a couple of friends and head over for a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake and take time to have a catch up with each other.

Great Budworth Garden Club

The March meeting of the club was well attended and new members were warmly welcomed.

There were the new NGS leaflets available, and our member Martyn Bracegirdle brought some Ordnance Survey maps in book form that he had written called *Walking for Pleasure, The Cheshire Circuit*.

Our long standing committee member, Jane Fairclough, has her garden in the RHS magazine, and maybe on *Gardeners World*!

The presentation was by Vicki & Richard Fox, who own Plantagogo nursery in South Cheshire, a business which is now mostly mail order, but visits can be booked to go to the nursery. She talked about their specialities, heucheras, many of which are for sale. They have won twelve gold medals consecutively at the Chelsea Flower Show and at many other events. She was thanked by June Wilkinson.

Our speaker for April was Marguerite Hughes from Bretherton, Preston, who brought flowers from her own garden to suggest which colours would go together best in our borders.

Our members were very colourful and she used audience participation to present a very good evening. She was thanked by Sylvia Godber.



Lots of spring flowers

The hall was also full of spring bulbs and flowers for members' competition.

Winners were
1st Doreen Kennerley
2nd Julie Treharne

The vase of flowers was
1st Kate Edwell.

Many congratulations to everyone and thank you for your participation.

Julie Treharne announced day trips for members this summer.

20 May, Birmingham Botanical Gardens by coach.

28 July, evening visit to Plantagogo nursery near Crewe in own cars.

9 August, RHS Bridgewater Gardens, Salford, own cars.

16 September, Harrogate Autumn Flower Show and visit to Newby Hall Gardens by coach. Contact me in first instance for details and availability.

10 May, meeting is Ken Black, a clematis expert, who will give advice to all.

The June meeting has a changed date of Tuesday 21 June, when there will be Cheese making and Tasting. Members only.

12 July is a Members Only Evening with Flower Arranging and Strawberries.

Contact me for any other information,
Jean Davies
0789993 7683
mrsjeandavies@gmail.com

Creative Corner

Thank you to the village resident who sent in this contribution, Empty Nest, and to the Revd. Alec Brown for Spring Strolling.

Empty Nest

Children are born and as they grow
They'll leave home, that you know
Don't really think of it at the time
Days spent happily with them in your prime
Then they're gone, house quiet and dead
Deep sadness in your heart and head
Empty nest syndrome I think they say
Trying to cope your own special way
Keeping busy, things to do and see
Making the most of being free
Thinking of them day and night
Keeping in touch, that's alright
But mustn't nag or pester
Ill feeling will only fester
Enough to know they're happy and okay
Helping them along come what may
Then they'll always want to stay
Your friend for life, even if they take a wife
New hobbies, ventures, it can be good
Make the most of it you know you should
Then when they come home to visit
You know it will always lift your spirit
Precious moments with them to steal
Hours filled with zeal you'll feel.
EMP

Spring strolling

With a loud squawking and a flurry of flapping wings
The grey heron displays its irritation at being disturbed
And, coming to rest in an adjoining field,
It fixes me with a hard and stony stare,
Which follows me as I make my way across the brook;
And as I reach the shaded path I turn to take one last look
At the stately bird before I disappear into the trees,
coming shortly to the most colourful field of dazzling yellow;
Where last year, and the year before, was wheat,
the oilseed rape
Now stands out in vibrant colour across the whole of the valley;
And looking back across fields and stream and copse
The tower of the Church is tall in the distance,
The warm stone and greening trees from where I've come,
And the Easter flag flying proud in the early afternoon sun.

© *The Revd Alec Brown*
Pickmere, Cheshire
Easter Monday, 2022.

Garden Event in Great Budworth

The garden at Goldmine House, Southbank, Great Budworth, CW9 6HG is open on Sunday 15 May from 2-5 pm.

This one acre south facing garden developed over 25 years consists of a courtyard garden, a woodland garden, herbaceous borders, vegetable and fruit plots, a water lily pond, bespoke ironwork sculptures, topiary features, mature trees, shrubs and much more.



Admission is £5 and all proceeds are towards the cost of the floral decorations in church celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

Teas available in the Parish Hall. Please follow the signs for parking.

Further information from smgodber@bopenworld.com

FoAM Events 2022

For all events booking is essential unless stated otherwise.

Please check with the named person for details. Events may be affected by regulations and government advice.

Sunday 4 September

Macro Photography Workshop

Paul Hill -

enquires@paulhillphotography.com

Saturday 14 May

Dawn Chorus Walk

Joanne Redley - 01606 44728

or jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Sunday 15 May

Trees in the Park.

Mary Jeeves - 01606 77688

Saturday 28 May - Sunday 29 May

Bring & Buy Plant Sale

Jim Jeeves - 07850 264313

or jim.foam@icloud.com

Saturday 28 May

Mammal Trapping

Melanie Bradley - 07884 441441

Saturday 11 June

Saturday 13 August

Wartime Marbury 1939-1948

Brenda Yates - 01565 733197

Wednesday 15 June

Thursday 7 July

Photographic Workshops

Alan Redley - 01606 44728

or alanredley@aol.com

Wednesday 22 June

Art in the park

Brenda Yates - 01565 733197

Sunday 26 June

Wildflower Walk Anderton Nature Park

Mary Jeeves - 01606 77688

Saturday 9 July

Breakfast with Moths

Brenda Yates - 01565 733197

Monday 25 July, Wednesday 27 July,

Friday 29 July

Summer Family events - drop in, no charge

Melanie Bradley - 07884 441441

Saturday 10 September

Fungal Hunts in Marbury Country Park

Brenda Yates - 01565 733197

Sunday 11 December

Christmas Decorations Workshop

Joanne Redley - 01606 44728

or jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

There is sad news of two former residents of Comberbach



Ruth Andrews

Ruth died peacefully at Torrwood Nursing Home, Somerset, on 11th March 2022, aged 87 years.

Ruth was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth Andrews, and mum of Julie and Kirk. The funeral service was at St Peter's Church, Little Budworth on Thursday 31st March.

Ruth and Ken Andrews came to the Post Office about 1982 and left when Margaret and Tony Wright took over in October 1987. Ruth and Ken were a really lovely couple and always held fond memories of their time in Comberbach and friendships made whilst in the village. After living in Little Budworth for about 30 years, they then moved down to Wookey, Nr Wells, to be near their daughter, Julie. Ken died 2 years ago.

Brian Maddock

Sad news from Canada about the death of Brian Maddock whose memories of a Comberbach Childhood we printed in Comberbach News (September 2019 and November 2019 editions see Comberbach village website for online copies). His son has been in touch to inform Lyn McCulloch of his death. He had very fond memories of Comberbach in the 1940s and 50s and amused us all with his stories. Thanks again, Brian.

Some Useful Telephone Numbers/ Web/ email addresses

Police

Police Non-Emergency and PCSO 101

PCSO Diana Wiggins (20322).
diana.wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

NHS

NHS 111

Utilities

Scottish Power/ electricity. 0800 0015400.
United Utilities/ water. 0345 6723723

Village services

Comberbach Nursery and Primary School. 01606 891336

Spinner and Bergamot 01606 891307
Comberbach Post Office 01606 891316
Comberbach Memorial Hall bookings
07721501181 Mon-Fri 2pm - 6.30 pm
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Marbury Ward Councillors

Councillor Lynn Gibbon
lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
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You can report Highways and StreetCare issues online at:
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MP for Tatton

Esther McVey:
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FOAM

The Friends of Anderton and Marbury:
www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk

Comberbach websites

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
comberbach-pc.gov.uk



Facebook groups

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 Bignmore / 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.

A Bird's Eye View

Signs of Spring

The start of spring is marked on the calendar, but I will always prefer to let nature inform me when it is beginning. As I grow older, I yearn for the start of spring much more than I did when I was young. Seemingly long gone are the cold, crisp bright winters of my youth that were filled with snowball fights and snowmen building. Now replaced by with seemingly never-ending months of wind, rain and dreariness, which are often just as cold as those that went before. These long months are not pleasant to be out in and not much easier for the flora and fauna to survive.

When I see the oystercatchers arrive in February, looking dapper in their black/white plumage (only slightly undermined by their comically long, carrot orange beaks), I know that spring is stirring. They can be found on the far side of the mere by Kid Brook, and also around the yacht club. They never stop to breed, there is too much disturbance, but their prospecting for potential nest sites is a good sign change is in the air.

In March I look for the first sign of buds and green leaves forming on the hawthorn hedges as I walk to the park. The absence of the bittern after mid-March also informs you that the seasons are changing, as they return to their breeding grounds in Europe.

Hooray for Herons

Many people associate swallows with the start of spring, but my harbinger of improving fortunes is the chiffchaff. You might get a forerunner in the first week of March. During the second week of March this year I had seen 8, by the third week well over 20. Small and easily overlooked, its onomatopoeic call alerts you to its presence.

They flood in after long journeys from the Mediterranean and (some even) from West Africa, rapidly joining the first pioneers making it feel like there is no stopping spring now.

The grey herons gather in the heronry on the far side of the mere, this is not as large as it used to be but it is still very impressive. I counted 48 birds in late March. It is quite a sight to see them when they are disturbed, because they circle like vultures over their nests high up in the trees. When you experience this you appreciate what a large and mighty bird they are.

Save Spring

The male mute swan (cob) is often to be found by the duck feeding area, seemingly alone. In reality he is just patrolling the mere, ready to see off any interlopers as his mate (the pen) tends the nest in the Coward Reedbed.

The problem is that, with climate change, all this is happening earlier than it used to be the case. We all get lulled into thinking it is later in the year than it actually is. Winter can still return with a vengeance at any time, and in the last 3 years often has, a bitterly cold spell rapidly following on from unseasonable warmth. Last year because of this early butterflies and early nesting blue tits suffered badly.

The years to come will show us what this means for us and nature, but it is all the more reason to savour and rejoice the coming of spring. Also to think about what we can all do to preserve our climate while we can!

JB

Great Budworth Cricket Club

GBCC is busy preparing for the forthcoming season. A recently held 'Race Night' social event raised sufficient money to help pay for a replacement roller for the wicket.

Due to the good March weather, preparations at the Arley ground have gone very well and a working party has given the pavilion and surrounding areas a good spring clean.

Indoor pre-season net practice has been ongoing and if there is anybody interested in joining us as a playing, non-playing member, umpire or scorer please contact at GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com.

Early season fixtures and details of post-match BBQ's will be listed in the next edition.

Report from the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2022 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Steven Hornby

Steven had resigned from the council due to work commitments. Members were grateful to Steve for his hard work, particularly as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Recreation Area and Pump Track

The council has approved a contractor for a new swing set for the Recreation Area. In addition, Councillors have replaced fencing and will be re-painting some of the play equipment; one bench was damaged due to high winds and has temporarily been removed but will be returned once it has been repaired.

Highways and Street-scene

The council is concerned at the impact of the closure of Soot Hill on residents and businesses. The data from the Speed Indicator Device is regularly reviewed and will be a useful

indicator of traffic volumes before the closure and how they compare. Members also raised issues of highway safety on Cogshall Lane and agreed that the Clerk will contact CWAC with photos of problem areas.

Car Park

The Memorial Hall Committee had requested the council consider a solution to flooding issues in the car park; it appears that the area of flooding is by the disabled parking bays and the council will investigate a quote for installing a small drainage channel in the first instance.

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboards at Gibb Hill, Post Office and Bus shelter at the recreation area and on the Parish Council website:

www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7.15pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm where the Chairman will present his annual report and the Responsible Financial Officer will present the financial report. Everyone is welcome.

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

Any queries please contact the Clerk,

Denise French:

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Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday.

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 (Chairman)	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	01606 891 827	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane,
Jim Bradley	Currently on compassionate leave		
Richard Chandler	Crows Nest House Crownest Lane Comberbach CW9 6HY	01606 892 157 07933 087560	The Avenue (to the Spinner), Warrington Road (from the Spinner, Budworth Lane Crownest Lane
John Darwin	Brook Cottage Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891410 077888 27933	Bracken Way Kennelwood Road Fox Lea & Freshfields Broadacre
Bob Holt	8 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	07739 046775	Mather Drive Meadow Lane Senna Lane (upper: from Mather Drive)
Jill Johnston	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Goosebrook Close, Brookfield Road, Spinner Crescent, Chapel Close, Reedsmere Walk
Val McDermott	14 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891075 077939 17490	Cogshall Lane Outer Cogshall
Parish Clerk	Denise French clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk	07759 212449	

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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, Wed	4 - 8.45pm 4 - 7.30pm	Zoe Buckley smb.designs@hotmail.co.uk	
Well heeled puppies	Monday (small hall)	6.30-7.30pm	Mike Flannery	
well heeled dogs	Thursday	6.45 - 8.15pm	mike@thedogclub.co.uk	
Karate	Monday	6 - 7pm	Andrew Wilson	07388 869985
	Sunday	4 - 6pm	cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com	
Wild Yoga	Tuesday	9.30am	Kelly	07922534076
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Brian Sudlow	01606891722
Cheerleading	Friday	5 - 7pm	Megan Berry	meganberry_@hotmail.co.uk
	Saturday	10am - 7pm		
Sweaty Mamas	Thursday	10.30 - 11am	Rachel Dickson	+44 7792 536112
(Mum and baby exercise class)				racheldickson@sweatymama.com

Chapel

Brownies (2nd)	Wednesday	6 - 7.20pm	Lynda Flynn	891571
Guides	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Anne O'May	891156
Marbury Senior Section	Wednesday	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
Scouts	Friday	7.30 - 9pm	Paul Underwood	07725 150 928
			Rob Doel	891789 / 07526 723516
Cubs	Tuesday	6.30 - 8pm	Rachel Cameron	01606 891023
Beavers	Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm	Janet Warburton	854014

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Articles for the newsletter can also be submitted to the Editor below either on paper or by e-mail

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