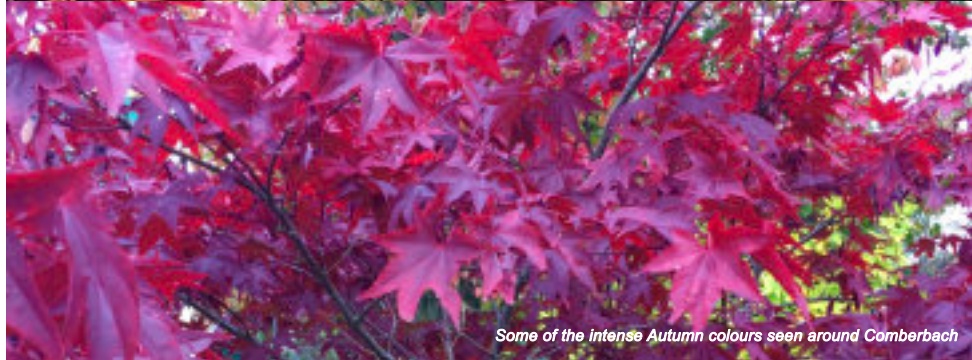


Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Nov 2022



Some of the intense Autumn colours seen around Comberbach

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

Our Parish Council Chairman John told us in the September issue of the Comberbach Village News that he was bowing out from writing these updates and your Councillors would take it in turns to write this column. So it's my turn to pick up the laptop pen! Firstly I'd like to thank John for all his previous updates and hope we can maintain the same high standards.

Autumn has definitely arrived and the recent heavy rainfall has tested the new eco drainage installed in the car park for the Recreation Area and Village Memorial Hall. It seems the eco drain has passed with flying colours so thanks again to all those involved in doing the work.

This was an example of councillors and villagers working together to improve the amenities for the village. We are always looking for willing volunteers to help with small improvement projects so if you can find a couple of hours now and then please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors – thank you.

'Adopt a grid' initiative

Continuing with the water theme we're concerned to prevent flooding risks to the village and blocked drains and grids are a common cause. So if you live near a grid which you know is susceptible to flooding would you please 'adopt it'. This would mean keeping an eye on it for blockages of leaves etc and reporting it either to the Parish Councillor who looks after your road or reporting it to CWAC.

CPR and Defibrillator training

Drs Sandra and Neil Fisher ran a session at the Hall on 16 October on basic life support skills, including CPR and how to use a Defibrillator,

which 17 people attended. We have access to 3 Defibrillators located around the village and it was very reassuring to learn how to perform CPR properly and how to use the Defibrillator.

I'm sure all of us hope we are never faced with this situation but the session certainly helped to give us confidence that we could do the right things if necessary. Thank you to Sandra and Neil for giving up their Sunday for this and for continuing to provide the Parish Council with advice re the Defibrillators' maintenance.

Road safety issues

The Parish Council has raised the issue of road safety and speeding issues regularly with the CWAC Highways Officer and I regret that we have had limited success, even though our Ward Councillors have supported our efforts. The bend approaching Brook Farm on Cogshall Lane is a particular accident blackspot with the latest incident happening on 18 October when a DPD van misjudged the bend and ended up stuck in the hedge. If you have evidence for other locations we need to flag up please let one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk know. Our contact details are listed at the back of this Newsletter.

Finally please remember you are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings to hear what we are up to. There's an Open Forum session for 15 minutes before each meeting when you can raise any issues and concerns. Our next meeting is on 1 November in the Village Memorial Hall.

Jill Johnston

Comberbach WI

Summer may have seen a lull in activities with members and Committee members being on holiday, but we are preparing for a busy Autumn, with plenty to look forward to.

On Being A Magistrate

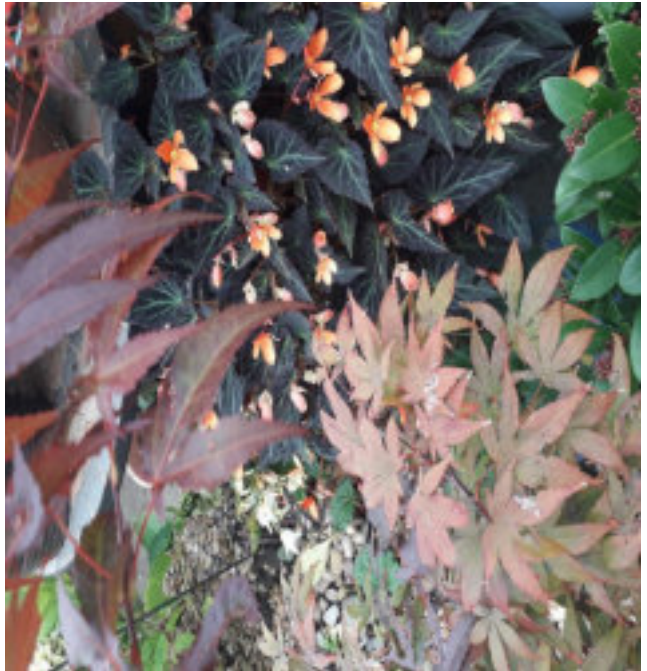
The August Members' meeting welcomed Mr. Richard Coleman who spoke to us about his work as a magistrate, about what the job entails, the highs and lows of the job and gave us some amusing anecdotes.

Mr. Coleman used to teach English and Media Studies at Lymm High School, founded the "Really Useless Theatre Company" and wrote pantomimes for them to perform every year. My family all enjoyed them growing up and one of my sons was taught by him. The pantomimes have gone on to be used all over the world, and he has written books as well. It was a good evening.

Put your garden to bed

On 4 October, we learned all about how to put our gardens to bed. Harry Delaney entertained us with many anecdotes about his time as a professional gardener. He brought an array of shrubs and bulbs. – which he shared with many of the members- who have been challenged to return next year with them in full bloom! It was also fascinating to watch the scaling and chipping technique for propagating bulbs. You learn something every day!

Many gardens still have a lot of colour for this time of year, and I am doing my best to prolong



it, having moved all my pots and tubs to a more sheltered spot. All of my bulbs are now planted, too.

Quiz Final Tie Break

The CFWI Quiz Final was held at the Comberbach Memorial Hall recently where eighteen teams battled it out to become Cheshire Federation Quiz Champions. All through the evening the scores were very close and ended in a tie break question between the three

leading teams. The final winners were Tarvin WI. Members from our WI provided and oversaw the refreshment for the evening.

General Meeting

Our next meeting is on the Annual General Meeting on November 7 at 2.30 pm. Please note the new daytime meeting time – which will run from November to March. We are always looking for new members and committee members – so please either turn up on the 7th November – or get on touch.

Janine Hampton – President.

Comberbach Methodist Chapel



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was celebrated at the end of September with two excellent Services. The Chapel was decorated with lots of flowers fruit and vegetables and a much appreciated number of food items and financial donations for the Foodbank, were brought to the Morning Service by the Congregation. Approximately thirty gifts of flowers and sweet and savoury treats were distributed locally. All the perishables were sent to The Oasis Centre in East Manchester to help feed the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in that area.

Sunday School Days

On 9 October at the All Age Worship, we were all transported back to our Sunday School Days, singing several Choruses such as Jesus wants me for Sunbeam and Wide, Wide as the Ocean. There was also a Bible Quiz and a Memory Verse running through the Service (Psalm 37, verse 4). It was lovely to have the Howell Family with us for the Dedication of the brightly painted crosses in memory of Joan.

Our fortnightly Lite Bites have now started with over thirty at the first session. It was lovely to see old friends enjoying meeting together once again. Please see

the Diary page for the Dates. You are very welcome between 12 noon and 1.30pm each session. For more information/transport, please ring Alan on 01606 891248. Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at the Village Hall and will be led by Rev Frances Ballantyne.

The Village Carol Service, again led by our Minister, Rev Frances, will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 11 December. The Chapel will be decorated for the Christmas Season and the Christmas Story will be told through Readings and Carols. As in previous years, Gifts for Children aged from four up to Teenagers will be welcomed.

Please also listen out for the Carol Singers as they wend their way around the Village and surrounding areas during the Christmas period. They hope to start on Friday 16 December and will continue on several evenings leading up to Christmas. Please keep an eye on Facebook for more details. Singers welcome, please contact Alan on 891248. Our Crib Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 5pm and will be led by Rev Frances, who will also lead our Christmas Day Service at 11am.

As ever, a very warm welcome to all of our Christmas Services. Just a reminder that the Sunday School Room is available for hire. Please ring 891248.

1st Comberbach Guides and Senior Section

Fun Camp

Our camp at Queen Charlotte's Wood, Frodsham, in mid September was full of fun. Congratulations to Gill who is now the proud owner of a Guide Campers Licence. Now she is qualified to take us camping at any time. We look forward to Andrea completing her Licence next year.

At camp we learnt how to take care of our tents and how to make camp living easy. We made gadgets, went on a short hike, played games and had lots of quizzes, including music ones where we sang at the top of our voices. Not sure the Scouts on the next site were impressed!

During the camp we made up the following song (tune is 'What do you do with a drunken sailor?')

What do we do when the Guides go camping (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

Jump into our onesies to keep warm (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

Eating eggy bread in the morning (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

Eating all the food on the table (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

Drinking hot chocolate round the fire (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

That's what we do when the Guides go camping (Repeat twice more)
Early in September

No doubt we'll make up more verses at future camps. At the end of camp we were all awarded our Camp Level 4 and Backwoods cooking badges and a Queen Charlotte's Wood badge.

However that wasn't the end of our camp activities. On the Wednesday after camp, we scrubbed our dixies spotless while singing campfire songs very loudly. Now we are busy finishing our Fixing and VBloggging badges and improving our Communication skills.

Guiding is so much fun. Although we can be serious when required we do laugh and smile a lot.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, we wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and peace, health and happiness for 2023.

'The Anatomical History of Violet Vee'

Nicola Ashbrook, editor of our village anthology, Light-ups and Lockdowns, has recently had her second book published. The Anatomical History of Violet Vee is a novella-in-flash telling the life story of Violet - a daring, flamboyant, glamorous and mischievous heroine - through all of the ailments she suffers.

A novella-in-flash is a relatively modern genre, in which each story, or 'flash', stands alone but when read together, tells an overarching story too. In this case, an uplifting, at times risqué tale of a life well-lived. As the blurb says, "Violet Vee is a firework of positivity; a mascot for our troubled times."

Violet Vee is published through a small independent publisher, The Alien Buddha, but is available on Amazon. Copies are also in stock at the Post Office.

Several of you may have read Nicola's previous novella-in-flash, Mae in Quinquennia, which is currently still available through Selcouth Station. She also has a flash fiction collection – The Art of Escapology – available to pre-order with Bearded Badger Press.

Publishing, like many sectors, has been hit by the rise in costs and small independent presses are particularly impacted. Selcouth Station, like many smaller presses, will sadly be folding at the end of the year.

Any support of these presses and/or a local author would be gratefully appreciated.

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Ways to Spot an e-mail Scam

Check the 'from' address

It's always worth checking the address the email comes from for spoofing. Scammers often change its name to make it look more like it is from the company or organisation they are pretending to contact you from.

Is the greeting impersonal?

Sometimes scam emails will just say "Hi" and not include your name, other times your email address will be used after "Hi". This impersonal approach to contacting you is another sign that it's likely to be a scammer behind the email.

Check contact information and dates

Does the 'contact us' information at the bottom of the email link to anything? Is it clickable? Are the websites it links to genuine? If the answer is no, you should be on your guard. To see where a weblink links to without actually clicking on it, simply hover your mouse cursor over the link. In the bottom left-hand corner of your web browser, the web address where the link goes to will appear.

Check branding

Scam emails are often pretending to be from big brands, companies, supermarkets, retailers and deal sites or from trusted government departments. Checking branding and keeping an eye on the quality of branded logos, etc, in the email can strongly indicate if the email is a scam.

Check if the linked website is legitimate

If you have clicked through to a website or landing page from an email thinking it is genuine, make sure you also double-check the authenticity of the website. If it's a big brand or company, simply open a new tab and do a quick search for them. Click on their website and then compare the URL addresses.

Ignore links and attachments

Computer viruses can find their way onto your computer by scammers tricking you into installing them. For example, ransomware threatens to take action on your computer - such as deleting files - unless you pay a ransom. If you suspect an email might be from a scammer, do not click on any links or download any attachments featured in the scam email as these may download a computer virus onto your computer.

Asking for personal or bank details?

If an email is asking you to update or re-enter your personal or bank details out of the blue, it is likely going to be a scam. Personal information includes things like your National Insurance number, your credit card number, Pin number, or credit card security code, your mother's maiden name or any other security answers you may have entered.

Energy support text

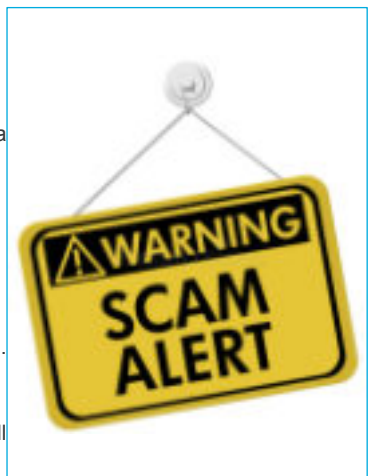
The new wave of scam texts tell you that you've been identified

as being eligible for the government's Energy Bills Support Scheme. They invite you to click on a link to claim your payment. The websites detailed in these texts were all created recently, before being swiftly taken down and replaced by new pages. The fraudulent site invites you to click on a link titled 'Start Now', which takes you to a page asking you to select your energy provider. This then leads to another page where you are asked to enter your bank details.

Avoid and report this energy scam

Any unexpected text messages should always be treated with caution, and you shouldn't click on any links in an unsolicited text message.

You can report suspicious texts by forwarding them to 7726. This reports the message to your mobile phone provider. You can report dodgy websites by entering their URLs into the NCSC's website.



Environmental Issues

We still would like an Environmental Ambassador to volunteer to write articles/posters for this section. It would be great to have some involvement from younger residents.

Sustainable clothing

Clothing and fast fashion have become the focus of environmental issues with people becoming more aware of the impact the production of items have on the environment and communities. The issues include the vast consumption of water and resources, the use of chemicals, the poor working conditions and low wages paid in factories. That is why it is good to see clothing and other items being recycled locally by offering them on Comberbach FTGH Buy & Sell Facebook page.

Charity shops

Of course clothing can also be recycled by charity shops and other platforms for selling pre-loved clothing. (I notice Weigh of the World has a rail of pre-loved clothing now). Less acceptable are the 'cash for clothing' operations as the clothing ends up being sold very cheaply on markets in third

world countries to the detriment of local small scale producers and the environment as unwanted clothing often ends up being dumped, as seen on Simon Reeves' journey through South America.

Volunteering

For the last 10 years I have volunteered at a Red Cross warehouse where they receive new stock donated by corporate organisations. This could include discontinued ranges or unsold sale items, over orders, faulty and returned items, multi-packs that have become opened etc. I usually work repairing the higher end ranges that can't be sold due to faults. This can be as simple as replacing buttons, sewing split seams or hems, sorting out a twisted arm lining, repairing zips or the damage done when someone tries to remove the security tag.

After processing the goods are sold via Red Cross shops or on eBay. The nearest shops are in Knutsford and a newly opened one at Artis Park, Road One, Winsford Industrial Estate. As new goods they do command slightly higher prices but it's good to know you are not only

helping a charity but reducing waste.

Litter-picking

Just a reminder that green bags and other litter picking equipment are available to loan. The green bags indicate that it's not domestic waste or fly tipping and can be left by the side of any public litter bin ready for collection by the council.

Visible litter seems to attract more litter so hopefully removing it helps to reduce the problem. A recent litter pick of Budworth Lane, after weeks of neglect, resulted in one full green bag which was less than expected. The contents were familiar, a broken wing mirror, a wheel cover, fast food containers, snack wrappers, plastic/glass bottles and cans. Drinking habits have changed the drink of preference now being cans of Thatchers Gold Cider and not the small green French lager bottles (or perhaps they are just hidden in the green undergrowth ready to reveal themselves when winter strikes).

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Gardening Month by Month

November: Around the garden

Tidy the garden for winter, clear out bird boxes and put food out for birds

Clean or throw out old pots and trays (recycle if possible)

Winter digging

Keep off lawns in frosts

Plant bare rooted trees, shrubs and new roses

Plant fruit trees and bushes

Protect plants from frost and wind

Plant tulip bulbs

Kitchen garden

Lift and divide rhubarb crowns

Winter prune fruit trees and bushes

December: Around the garden

Feed birds

Winter digging and incorporate organic matter

Clear paths, repair sheds and fences

Water plants overwintering under cover sparingly

Kitchen garden

Earth up tall brussel sprouts

Bring bay trees and other vulnerable plants under cover

Happy gardening
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FoAM Photographic Competition

We hope that you take your camera with you when visiting the park.

This is to remind you to start picking your photographs for FoAM's next photographic competition.

Record entries

We had a record number of entries for the last competition. The judges and the visitors to the successful exhibition at the Lion Salt Works Museum commented on the very high standard. The success was due to the photographers, who said that they had enjoyed taking part, many for the first time.

For this competition the rules and methods of entry remain basically, the same. They can be found in full on our website. Please note the slight change to the old address; it is now www.foam.merseyforest.uk Any problems with this please let us know immediately.

To summarise :

- Competition is open to all. This is a 'fun' event and enjoyment in taking part is paramount.
- Closing date 31st December 2022
- Up to 4 photos per entrant should have been taken over the last two years within the boundaries of Northwich Woodlands (Marbury Country Park, Hopyards and Uplands, Anderton Nature Park, Dairy House Meadows, Carey Park, Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes).
- There are four categories :- Landscape; Flora; Fauna; and Work, Rest and Play. Each photo should have a title and be associated with one of the four categories. Remember to get permission if using a person as subject.
- Entries can be submitted by email, memory stick, or prints. Format as attachments in JPEG, Raw, Tiff, etc. Addresses for entries given below.

- All entries will be exhibited online and as prints. Venues have yet to be finalised.

Contact either of us if you need further help.

Looking forward to seeing your pictures.

Jim Jeeves & Graham Walker.

Please enter and enjoy the park.

Contact addresses

Jim Jeeves.

- jim.foam@icloud.com.

Graham Walker

- graham@wenlockwich.me.uk

Our next event is:

Sunday 11 December 10am till 12 noon

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands. No charge, but donations welcome.

Numbers are limited, so booking is essential.

For information and booking contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728



photo Peaceful by Jim Jeeves

A bird's eye view

Sparrowhawk Study

It was a bright breezy day and that was fortunate because, without the sound of the moving branches and leaves coving my approach, I might never have seen her save for a fleeting glimpse as she took flight. She was sat upon the trellis ominously looming over the bird bath at the bottom of the garden. She would be judge, jury and executioner of any garden bird unfortunate enough to cross her path.

In the air the female sparrow-hawk with her flap and glide flight appears to be a substantial size bird with a two and a half foot wing span. Here though, close to her and getting closer with every step as I use the conditions to narrow the gap between us, she seemed, with her wings closed at least, so much smaller. She stood upright and was about 6- 7 inches tall. She head was small as was her hooked black beak.

Overall she was a pale brown colour but with some white showing in her plumage, as if snow flakes had landed on her wings. She also showed white streaks behind her eyes. The pattern on her breast was striking and very beautiful, like the black lined bark of a silver birch tree. Her tail, long and barred,

plunged down the other side of the trellis. Her talons, black against yellow skin, were surrounded by the white down of her plumage which was constantly being buffeted and fluffed up by the wind. One set of talons seemed fused into the wood of the trellis as if to stop her blowing away; the other set though was held lightly like a sprinter twitching in the starting blocks before a race. She was ready to either plunge forward to ensnare her prey or escape to safety herself.

Fly Over

She was beautiful and magnificent, less than 3 feet away from me and yet not knowing of my presence. She looked towards me and I froze, scared that she had seen me but she stayed. I had become part of the trellis; of the garden itself. Her eyes were startling, dark black pupils set in yellow suns surrounded by a patch of chestnut feathers. They were piercing, questioning; it felt like you were being judged and found wanting. There is no hiding place from such a stare, no escape for those targeted. Yet as I watched and studied her, I saw a different and more playful side to her nature. She intently watched bees and hover flies on as they crossed by in front of her, half heartedly snapping

her beak a few times as those that flew too close; she was after something more substantial though. She was constantly searching, looking to the left, to the right, above and below. At one point she even tilted her head over to the side and then looked up as some jackdaws flew above her. She watched them avidly, checking that they were no threat to her, had not seen her and were not going to disturb her hunting.

Flown on

Time had stopped. I had been there for twenty minutes at least, the Hoover flies were landing on me now, we had all become linked. A blue tit alarm called and, as I looked to find it, she left quickly but without panic. She merely dropped down and glided over next door's fence; the spell had been broken. Had I spooked her? Or had she realised that the game was up and she had been spotted by her prey? I have never been that close for as long to a sparrowhawk, you learn so much from such encounters and see things that can be unique. I came away with a much deeper appreciation of this often much maligned garden bird. It was, and is, such a privilege to see her and to share our garden with such a majestic creature.

JB

Ladies Club

The September meeting took place at the home of Lyn McCulloch shortly after the death of the Queen so a glass was raised in her memory.

Contributions towards the drinks and nibbles raised £50 for St Luke's Hospice, a good result after a pleasant evening.

In late October a 'Bodyshop' evening was held, courtesy of Bev Logie, providing an opportunity to

order some Christmas gifts. The November meeting which has been moved to 5 December will have a Christmas theme.

A Christmas/ New Year lunch is being organised for January to give us something to look forward to when things get less busy.

Creative Corner

Kings and spaniels

After King Charles there's usually a First or a Second, or a Spaniel,
 But now it's The Third that we'll all be getting used to
 As the second Elizabethan age comes to an end,
 And with it, for many, the only monarch we've ever known:
 And the wording in Prayer Books and the liturgy of the Church
 Will all, of necessity, have to change
 As we think through and deal with the sheer range
 Of the monarchy's influence and presence in almost
 Every avenue of life, from national anthems and postage stamps,
 To letter box titles, coins and all the rest:
 And it's just so hard people are saying, to get your head around it
 After seven long decades of Her late Majesty's rule,
 But for our new King's sake we need to adjust and take it all on board
 And all get behind him, and pray, and give thanks to the Lord.
 © *The Revd Alec Brown*
Markfield, Leicestershire, 24 September, 2022.

Thoughts on the harvest

Acorns strewn along the winding and tree lined paths
 accompany me as I walk in the
 early afternoon autumn's sunshine,
 and all around the sights and sounds
 of birds and butterflies and bees
 capture so evocatively this enchanting season of the year;
 While the steady hum of tractors from across the fields
 alerts me to the constant labour and toil
 of those who work the land and help to provide us all with our daily bread;
 And in the distance the tall Church tower,
 rising over the surrounding green and brown countryside,
 reminds me that it is on more than grain and flour that we are, in the end, ultimately fed.
 © *The Revd Alec Brown*
Pickmere, Cheshire 1 October, 2022.

Christmas

Christmas is coming, bet you'll think
 Time to party, eat and drink
 Presents to consider, give and receive
 Dozens and dozens for Santa to leave
 Christmas trees and Christmas cake
 All to decorate and bake
 Christmas cards to write and send
 Presents to wrap and time to spend
 With family and friends not seen for a while
 They can make you laugh and smile
 You hope that no-one falls out
 With all the booze and larking about
 It's Jesus' birthday don't forget
 The biggest birthday celebration yet
 Started Christianity, historical event
 Goodwill to all men it's all meant
 Singing carols, counting the days
 On the advent calendar and for praise
 Christmas for some can be sad
 Happier Christmases once had
 People no longer here any more
 Wondering what life's got in store
 Special time for children they say
 They'll always be happy come what may
 In Christmas concerts, the nativity play
 Excitement and wonder in every way
 In the starry night Christmas lights are glowing
 Presents under the tree, anticipation growing
 What Christmas day will bring never knowing
 Until the day arrives full of joy and mirth
 For this day alone there'll be peace on earth.

EMP

Interested in joining a choir?

Do you enjoy singing? Are you passionate about music? Then Equali ladies choir might be for you.

Singing in three or four part harmony supported by our amazing Musical directors, Chris Gaskell and Sue Easton, we meet every Tuesday evening 7.30pm - 9pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall. Currently looking for new members. No audition required. Please just come along if you would like to give it a try! Or contact Martha Hine via martha.hine@ntlworld.com or 07854 011805, or speak to Ali Brennan. You'll get a very warm welcome!

Great Budworth Garden Club

As we move into autumn, the gardens are still full of flowers, and we are waiting to start our big winter clean up.

The last speaker was Kate Huett, who is a professional registered herbalist, and lives in Gt. Budworth. She sources everything locally from her garden and the fields. She showed us how to make preparations for winter health. We were able to feel, smell and taste her fascinating potions, and are all enthusiastic to try these things.

She does have a surgery at her own home, and you can call in without appointment on a Wednesday morning between 10 and 12pm. I think there will be a queue we were all so impressed !

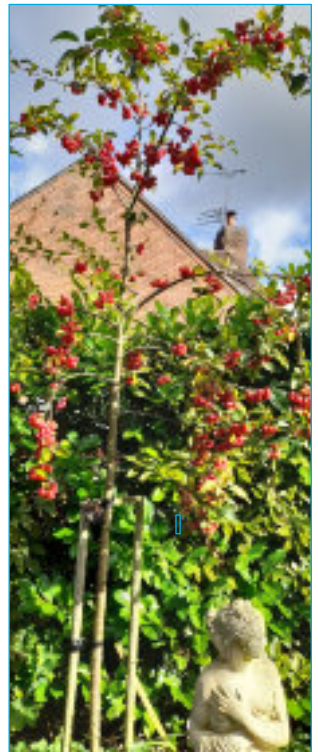
Our Christmas party is on Tuesday 6 December at 7pm. Tickets were on sale, and as we are limited to numbers in the hall, they were nearly all

sold. Members still wanting to come are advised to check with Jane Fairclough on 01606 891131 to see if any are still available.

Our next meeting before the party is on Tuesday 8 November in the Parish Hall, when we have the lovely Sarah Hopps, talking about Gardening to Delight the Senses. There will be the last Plant Stall of the year, and a perfect time to buy and put in your divided perennials before the winter months ahead.

Suddenly it will be a new year ! There is no meeting in January but the most important one of the year is the AGM on 14 February 2023. Anyone wanting information about the club, please contact me.

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Comberbach Art Group

The Art Group have come to the end of another successful exhibition, welcoming over a hundred visitors over the extended day. After a hectic time setting it all up everyone seemed to enjoy the day and visitors were very complimentary about the standard of work and the organisation behind it all.

Thanks to the members and partners for all their hard work and thanks also to the bakers of our delicious cakes, Hilary, Sue and Sue. We ran our

usual competition to find the most popular paintings and the winners were Sue Stringer for her Kingfishers and Gay Toll for Sheba. The most popular painting from the visiting artist was the view of Polperrow Harbour by Bryan Booth.

We continue to paint on Monday mornings in the room behind the Methodist Church between 10am and 12pm and would welcome new members if the exhibition has inspired anyone to have a go.



St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth

Church Teas 2022

A very big THANK YOU to all those involved with Church Teas this year – all in all it was the best season for quite a while, raising almost £5,000 (before Hall hire costs) and welcoming many old and quite a few new faces to the Parish Hall on Sunday afternoons for convivial conversation, cuppas and cake! Not forgetting the pre-read and loved books! Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers!

Dates are also listed in the dates for the diary section at the back.

Sun 13 November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service in Church, followed by The Wakes Lunch in the Parish Hall at midday

Village Voices at Christmas – arrangements are being finalised for this, and rehearsals in Church to be confirmed for Fridays 25 November and 2 and 9 December at 6pm.

Christmas Services - December

Sun 4 10.30am All Age Toy Service

Sun 11 6.30pm Carol Service,
St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall, Arley

Sun 18 4pm Carol Service,
Great Budworth Church

Tues 20 Equali Christmas Concert

Sat 24 4pm Christingle and Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Sun 25 8am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 1 Jan No 8am Service 10.30am All Age
Service for New Year

The Revd Alec Brown, Vicar.

Great Budworth Cricket Club

This season's results for GBCC were as bright as the sunny summer with 16 matches played, 12 wins, 1 tied and 3 lost.

The season was rounded off with a presentation night held at the Cock and the following players received awards for their performances.

Batting - Matt Hankey

Bowling - James Dutton

All-rounder - Andrew Phillips

Single wicket - Rick Ford

Player's player - Peter Taylor

Champagne moment - Steve Whitlow for a diving catch he took horizontal to the ground.

Peter McAndrew award for clubman of the year to Spencer Osborne

The club has taken great strides forward this year, the match results and individual performances were much better, the Arley ground has improved due to work put in by members and we have more players but we always need more. Anyone interested in joining us for next season please contact us at GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com.

We are also always looking for umpires and a scorer so please get in touch if you're interested.

Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday starting at 7.15pm.
Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at the start of the meeting

Meeting dates:
1 November; 13 December
2023: 10 January; 7 March

Name	Address	Tel numbers	Contact point for
Cllr. John Ryder (Chairman)	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	01606 891 827	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane,
Jill Johnston	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Goosebrook Close, Brookfield Road, Spinner Crescent, Chapel Close, Reedsmere Walk
Jim Bradley	Currently on compassionate leave		
Sandy Cameron	17 Goosebrook Close Comberbach CW9 6BX	01606 892 152	Senna Lane (lower, to Mather Drive), Marbury Road, The Moss
Richard Chandler	Crows Nest House Crows Nest Lane Comberbach CW9 6HY	01606 892 157 07933 087560	The Avenue (to the Spinner), Warrington Budworth Lane Crownest Lane
John Darwin	Brook Cottage Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891410 077888 27933	Cogshall Lane, Outer Cogshall
Bob Holt	8 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	07739 046775	Mather Drive Meadow Lane Senna Lane (upper: from Mather Drive)
Val McDermott	14 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891075 077939 17490	Bracken Way & Kennel Wood & Fox Lea & Freshfields, Broadacre
Parish Clerk	Denise French clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk	07759 212449	

Report from the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Recreation Area

The council considered whether a toilet at the Memorial Hall could be utilised for Recreation Area users. This will be looked at further at the next meeting taking into account information from other local councils, costs and any insurance implications. A grant application had been submitted to the CWAC Ward Councillors for grant funding towards an outdoor table tennis table. Ongoing maintenance works were taking place at the Recreation Area.

Projects

The 'Tommy' statue had now been purchased and would be installed by the memorial nearer the date of Remembrance Sunday. The eco-drain had now been installed at the car park to reduce flooding.

Resilience Planning

The council agreed to hear from the CWAC Planning and Exercising Officer at the next meeting regarding the merits of a Resilience Plan.

Highways

The council was still investigating highways issues on Budworth Lane. The Clerk has received information from CWAC regarding the costs to the Parish Council of any reduction in speed limits and the views of Great Budworth PC were awaited. In the meantime, it was pleasing to see that the white lines have been repainted.

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 1 November 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

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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
comberbachmemorialhallbookins@gmail.com

Marbury Ward Councillors

Councillor Lynn Gibbon
lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Councillor Phil Marshall
phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Councillor Norman Wright
norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Local authority

Cheshire West & Chester Council
0300 1238123
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

You can report Highways and StreetCare issues online at:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/
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MP for Tatton

Esther McVey:
officeofesthermcveymp@parliament.uk (01565
632181)

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 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 page

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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	Tues, Wed	4.45 - 7.45pm 4 - 7.30pm	Zoe Buckley smb.designs@hotmail.co.uk	
Well heeled puppies	Monday (small hall)	6.30-8.30pm	Mike Flannery	
well heeled dogs	Thursday	8 - 9pm	mike@thedogclub.co.uk	
Karate	Monday	6 - 7pm	Andrew Wilson	07388 869985
	Sunday	4.30 - 6pm	cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com	
Wild Yoga	Wednesday	8 -9pm	Kelly	07922534076
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tom	07771638324
Cheerleading	Thursday	5 - 6.30pm	Megan Berry	meganberry_@hotmail.co.uk
	Friday	5 - 6pm		
	Saturday	10am - 7pm		
Choir	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Liz Cook	07771638324

From 10/10/22 - 12/12/22 Marmalade drama are in 9.15am - 10.15am (home school classes) Contact Olivia
olivia@marmaladedrama.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	Wednesday	8 - 9.30pm	Anne O'May	891156
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12 noon	Ian Woodcock	01606 891218
Art Group	Mondays	10 - 1.pm	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

Please send contributions to the newsletter to: newsletter@comberbach.com **Deadline for next newsletter is Monday 2 January**

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

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Useful contacts:

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

Dates for your Diary

Nov	1 Tues	Parish Council meeting	Memorial Hall
	7 Mon	WI AGM Meeting 2.30pm	Memorial Hall
	8 Tues	Garden Club meeting	
	10 Thurs	Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
	13 Sun	Remembrance Service 10.15 am	Memorial Hall
	13 Sun	Remembrance Sunday Service 10.30am	Great Budworth Church
		The Wakes Lunch 12 noon	Parish Hall
	24 Thurs	Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
	25 Fri	Village Voices at Christmas rehearsal 6pm tbc	
Dec	2 Fri	Village Voices rehearsal 6pm tbc	
	4 Sun	All Age Toy Service 10.30am	Great Budworth Church
	5 Mon	Ladies Club 7.30pm	Bowling Club
	6 Tues	Garden Club Christmas Party	
	9 Fri	Village Voices rehearsal 6pm tbc	
	11 Sun	Village Carol Service 2.30pm	Chapel
	11 Sun	FoAM Christmas Workshop 10am - 12 noon	
	11 Sun	Carol Service, 6.30pm	St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall, Arley
	15 Thurs	Christmas Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
	16 Fri	Carol singing in village (Chapel)	
	18 Sun	Carol Service, 4pm	Great Budworth Church
	18 Sun	Carol singing in village (Chapel)	
	20 Tues	Carol singing in village (Chapel)	
	20 Tues	7.30pm Equali Christmas Concert,	Great Budworth Church
	22 Thurs	Carol singing in village (Chapel)	
	24 Sat	Christingle and Crib Service, 4pm	Great Budworth Church
	24 Sat	Crib Service 5pm	
	24 Sat	Carol singing in village (6pm) Chapel	
	24 Sat	Midnight Mass, 11.30pm	Great Budworth Church
	25 Sun	Holy Communion, 8am	Great Budworth Church
	25 Sun	Parish Communion, 10.30am	Great Budworth Church
	25 Sun	Christmas Day Service 11am	Chapel
	31 Sat	FoAM photographic competition closes	
Jan	1 Sun	No 8am Service,	Great Budworth Church
	1 Sun	All Age Service for New Year, 10.30am	Great Budworth Church