

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - July 2023



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

It was agreed at our meeting in May that I would accept the role of Chairman for a maximum 2 years, and then allow another Councillor to take over. This will be my 7th year in the Chair!

Ward Council Elections

Following on from the May elections it has been confirmed that our Ward Councillors elected are:

- Norman Wright
- Lynn Gibbon
- Phil Marshall

We look forward to their continued support over the next 4 years.

Their details for contact are on Page 21

King's Community Volunteering event

It was agreed by the Parish Council that we would hold a "Tea and Cakes" event to thank the volunteers in the village and surrounding area for

their contribution in Volunteering within the Community. What I had not realised was that, once you start to write down the various societies and committees, there were over 120 names listed. The event was well attended with over 70 popping in, and each volunteer has been issued with a King Charles 111 Coronation Comberbach Volunteer pin badge.

Fun Run and Fete

Congratulations to the Committee on the turn out for the Sundowner Run in Marbury Park and the funds raised have been donated to the Rose Queen's favourite charity - Cheshire Search and Rescue. I am sure the Fete Day will be a great success as usual, thanks go to the Committee for their hard work in staging the event and to those who help on the day.

John Ryder, Chairman

A Message from the Police & Crime Commissioner

Whether you're in an urban or rural part of Cheshire, the sight and environmental impact of illegally dumped waste is not something residents should have to endure.

And for many of the criminals who dump this waste, it is far from their worst offence. We know that sinister gangs use seemingly legitimate waste disposal companies as a cover for county lines and other serious criminal activity.

Through our Waste Crime Partnership I am working with Cheshire's four Local Authorities, the Environment Agency, and the Constabulary

on better ways to share data and target these criminals.

But with a potential fine of up to £5,000 for illegally dumped waste that can be traced back to you, residents need to be vigilant and ensure they don't accidentally hand their waste over to criminals just because it seems convenient. That's why the Waste Crime Partnership is encouraging residents to ask three simple questions whenever a company pops up on sites like Facebook and Nextdoor, or knocks on their door:

- What is your official company name?

- What is your waste permit number?

- Will you be able to provide a waste transfer note?

Any legitimate business should be able to answer these three simple questions. If they can't then residents shouldn't risk a potential £5,000 fine.

By taking simple precautions we can protect our local communities and make it harder for serious criminals to operate in Cheshire.

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Comberbach Chapel

Our Sunday School Anniversary took place on 14 May when the Theme was the "Lost" parables of Jesus. Martha and Alfie excelled themselves with their wonderful Readings and "Lost Daughter" Sketch. The Ladies Choir also contributed four songs and a Collection was taken for the Sunday School Funds.

During the last few weeks, we have had two wonderful Services, quite different in context, but both held on hot sunny days. The first was the lovely Wedding of Maddie Philps to Steven, on 20 May. Maddie and her sisters, Claudia and Issy, all attended Sunday School and were Members of the Choir.

A few weeks later the Chapel was full once again for the Funeral of Cynthia Jones, who had lived in the Village for over sixty years. She was very well-known with her connections at the Bowling

Club, the Chapel and of course the W.I. She had even requested Jerusalem to be played on her exit. The Service was a fitting tribute to a lovely lady.

Great fun was had in the Chapel Gazebo at the Fete with the Roll-a-ball and Clown Face Games. We are looking forward to seeing our new Rose Queen and her Retinue, once again, at our special Service on Sunday 9 July at 11am.

Our Minister Rev Frances will be leaving us at the end of July and her last Service at the Chapel will be on 30 July at 11am.

Diary:

9 July - Rose Queen Service at 11am.

30 July - Last Service led by Rev Frances at 11am.

24 September - Harvest Festival



Cynthia Jones



The photo shows Cynthia with her late husband Maurice who was also involved in many community groups.

The out pouring of sympathy and love following Cynthia's death on 19 May has been amazing. She lived in the village for 64 years and was an active part of the community, especially at the bowls club, the Chapel and in the WI during her life here. Her network of friends and neighbours in Comberbach were an important part of her life, and in recent years have been a huge support, and enabled her to remain at home for as long as she did. The Chapel was full for her funeral, and at 87 that is quite an achievement - she would have been over the moon!

Irene Robinson

Comberbach Memorial Hall

The village hall is now a hive of activity. As well as the playground and the pump track, a coffee bar occasionally visits the outdoor area of the Memorial Hall at present on Thursday afternoon and the occasional Friday but more extensively during the summer holidays. There is plenty going on inside the village hall too; a full list is always on the page near the back of the newsletter. Yoga is now at the Memorial Hall on Thursday at 9.30 am (Chapel on Monday at 6.30pm)

Comberbach War Memorial Hall - Timetable of classes

Apex Cheer – Cheerleading squad

Thursdays 5-6:30pm

Fridays 5-7pm

Saturdays 10am-7pm

Contact: Megan Berry apexcheer@outlook.com

In just a few short years, Apex Cheerleading Club has become a staple in the Northwich community, promoting fun, fitness, and camaraderie amongst its members

Founded in May 2017, Apex has quickly grown to include a diverse range of girls and boys, ranging in age from 3 to 19 years old. The club's focus on inclusivity and teamwork has made it a popular choice for young people looking to stay active and make new friends.

Cheerleading is a demanding sport that requires a high level of physical fitness, flexibility, and coordination. Members of Apex have worked tirelessly to hone their skills, and the club's recent success at the UKCA National Cheer & Dance Championship 2023 earned them a coveted spot in the European Cup tournament.

Now, the club is taking its mission to the next level by qualifying for the prestigious Cheer 4 All European Cup tournament in Italy.

Calligraphy

Thursdays 1:30-3:30pm

Contact Tom Bebbington tom.bebb37@gmail.com

The art of beautiful handwriting. The term may derive from the Greek words for "beauty" (kallos) and "to write" (graphein). Tom runs the calligraphy class held in the small hall.

Comberbach WI

1st Monday of each month 7:15-10:30pm

Comberbach WI was formed in 1950 to provide varied activities for women in the village and surrounding area.

We are a large lively group of women and our activities include: monthly walking group, craft sessions, day trips throughout the year. We welcome new members and visitors at our monthly meetings held at the Comberbach Memorial Hall. We met on the first Monday of the month (or second if BH) at 2.30pm - November to March, 7.30 pm April - October.

Full information about our meetings and annual events can be found
<http://www.comberbachwi.org.uk/programme.html>

Equali Beaumont Choir

Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30pm

Contact:

comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com

A ladies' choir from Cheshire who enjoy singing and making music together

Karate

Sundays 4:30 – 6pm

Mondays 6-7pm

Contact Andrew Wilson <https://www.cheshirekarate.co.uk/contact/>

Wincham Karatedo Club was opened in June 2016 and teaches authentic Shito-Ryu Shukokai Karatedo. The club has grown from strength to strength and has 25+ members currently registered. In July 2018, Casey Sensei gave his permission to change the name of 'Wincham Karatedo Club' to 'Shiomura Shukokai Karatedo', this change reflects the Japanese lineage that the club holds through its membership with the YSSKU.

On 1 March 2020, Shiomura Shukokai Karatedo moved to its new Dojo at Comberbach Memorial Hall.

Shiomura Shukokai Karatedo continues in it's aim to teach authentic Shukokai in mid Cheshire as a sport and as a Martial Art (Budo).

Comberbach Memorial Hall *continued*

Love to Dance

Tuesdays 4:45-7:45pm

Wednesdays 4-7:30pm

Contact *Zoe Buckley* smb.designs@hotmail.co.uk

Dance and drama classes for ages 4 up including adult tap lessons.

Northwich Dance Company

Wednesdays 7:45-9:45pm

Contact *Amanda Kirby* – Principal
amanda@northwichdancecompany.co.uk

Offer classes to adults covering a variety of dance styles including Ballroom & Latin, Salsa, Rock 'n' Roll, Argentine Tango and Latin Line dancing, from absolute beginners to the more advanced dancer.

Tumble Tots

Thursdays 9am-3pm

Contact *Matt Stayner/Laura Barr* mid.
cheshire@tumbletots.com

Give your little bundle of energy the best start in life by bringing them to our fun activity classes!

Children can explore and develop their physical skills by climbing, balancing, jumping, and rolling on our brightly coloured bespoke equipment. Encouraging little ones to get moving at an early age whilst having fun helps them grow up to be happy and healthy and is proven to enhance brain development.

A full range of classes for all children aged from 6 months up until the age of 5. We aim to offer you a space to come along with your child, to relax, feel supported and for your children to learn key skills whilst keeping active. Our friendly staff are always there to help and to even lend an ear if needed. So many 'Tumble Tot' parents become friends and we love having that bond with you and your child. We are more than just a 'baby/toddler class'.

Tumble Tots Mid Cheshire has been at the memorial hall now since January. What a fabulous venue for our classes and we are looking forward to many more years here!

We are just getting ready to say goodbye to those children who are leaving us to go to

school, some of them have been with us since babies! So, we wish you all the best as you start your new adventures.

If you would like to join us, then you can view our full timetable and book via the website.

www.tumbletots.com/midcheshire

Well Heeled Dog Club

Mondays 6:30-8:30pm Puppy training (small hall)

Thursdays 8-9pm Dog training (Large Hall)

Contact: *Mike CALL*: 07768 980918

Email: mike@thedogclub.co.uk

Dogs may be man's best friend, but the key to this companionship is a happy, sociable and well-trained dog – and an owner who understands their dog's needs and behaviour. The Well Heeled Dog Club isn't only a dog training school; it's a community dog club for dog lovers and owners. We have two objectives: to help dog owners develop a great relationship with their dog through fun and informal yet structured training sessions, and to benefit the community by having dogs that are well-behaved and well-socialised with each other.

Wild Apple Yoga

Thursdays 9:30-10:30am

Contact *Kelly wildapple* yoga@outlook.com

Gentle asana (movement) classes, with the use of props to offer many ways of experiencing different movements and postures. Threading breath awareness, dhyana (meditation) and yoga philosophy to support your everyday life. Reconnecting to yourself and everything around you by organising the body in a way to encourage balance within your nervous system.

Birthing Classes

Adhoc

Contact *Sarah* sarah@breathingspace-yoga.com
www.breathingspace-yoga.com

In-person yoga classes in the Northwich area for adults, pregnancy, postnatal and baby yoga and baby massage.

Shell Mckee Wellness & Meditation

Adhoc

Contact: *Shell Mckee*
shellmckee wellness@gmail.com

Comberbach Memorial Hall *continued*

<https://shellmckeewellness.co.uk/>

We often prioritise a gym class for our body, now let's give the mind some love too... Schedule some time for yourself, grab a mat and blanket, and spend some quality time in relaxation allowing you to rest, realign, and reset for the week ahead!

With today's modern, fast paced lifestyle we very often find ourselves getting caught up in society and losing that connection with our inner spark.

Shell's mission is to support you with simple tools and skills which you can use in day-to-day life so that you can live with more purpose, more peace, and live the life you truly want.

Book a party

Slots available Sundays 10-12/1 & 1-3/4pm

Contact Liz, Nikki or Sian

comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com

The hall is a perfect space for a bouncy castle, a disco, a football party, a gaming party (eg) with a capacity for 120 people and plenty of chairs and

tables included in the hall hire rates. We have a kitchen with kettle, toaster, microwave, oven, fridges and (small) freezer.

We charge £50 for a 2 hour party and £75 for a 3 hour party. We take a refundable security deposit of £50 on booking which will be refunded when the hall is inspected, on locking up.

If the hall is left as per the terms and conditions (clean & tidy with all rubbish removed and no damage)

It will be refunded back to you after the party.

If you'd like to have a look we'd be happy to show you round.

Ask us about a regular hire slot

Contact Liz, Nikki or Sian

comberbachmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com

If you're looking for a space to hold a regular class/session please get in touch and speak to one of the committee who'd be happy to discuss your needs.



Just a few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

Whilst at the Comberbach Summer Fete it was really lovely seeing everyone who attended enjoying themselves.

Please note that regular speed checks are carried out with in the Marbury Ward.

Always drive within the speed limit and let's make our areas safe.

Regular Police Surgeries are held at Comberbach memorial hall, dates are advertised on our face book page for Cheshire Police.

I can be contacted on mobile: 07989671047 when I am on duty with any issues or concerns that you may have.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the Summer.

DW

Comberbach WI

The month started off with a trip on the River Dee in Chester followed by lunch at WI house, the headquarters of the Cheshire Federation of the Women's Institute. The building is an amazing Georgian terrace with oak panelled rooms and huge nine-foot doors. It had, many years ago, been a Gentleman's Club! Quite a change! Margery Hall, a past president of the CFWI, was thrilled to be back there again.

After the Coronation of Charles 111 on Saturday 6 May our WI celebrated the event with a party in the Memorial Hall for nearly 40 members. It was a double celebration as it was also our 73rd birthday. The Hall was decorated with banners, balloons and lots of flags. A cold buffet was supplied by Vinneys, and we raised a toast to King Charles and sang the National Anthem. For members who were unable to come we made up a box of goodies to deliver.



The cake was magnificent and made by Louise, one of our members. David Payne played music on his keyboard throughout the meal. Many thanks to Ted and his family for getting the tables and chairs in place in about ten minutes.

The rest of June will see the Royal Cheshire Show and the Comberbach Fete, both of which will keep our members busy.

Quiz

In the Vale Royal group quiz, we came a very respectable fourth place. So well done to Rosie, Janine, Monica and Louise. The final is held in our village hall which is always fun because we can try and answer the questions without any pressure and also serve tea and biscuits.

On Monday 5 June we were entertained by Phil Heaton, a qualified Astrologer, who gave

us a fascinating talk on our Zodiac birth signs.

The next meeting on Monday 3 July at 7.30pm we are pleased to welcome Gill Adlington demonstrating painting with oils. All are very welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided afterwards.

To end on a sad note, a long standing and much-loved member, Cynthia Jones, has died. She was a wonderful lady with a quick wit and always sound advice. She and her late husband Maurice had lived on Senna Lane for many years. Her funeral took place in the chapel in June was a fitting tribute and packed with family and friends. A very moving eulogy was given by Nikki Lord Rest now Cynthia you will be sadly missed.

Lindsay Entwistle – President



FoAM

Breakfast with Moths in Marbury Country Park.

Join FoAM's regular moth trappers in Marbury Lodge at 9.30 am on Saturday 8 July for a breakfast of orange juice and croissant after viewing the range of beautiful moths attracted to the traps overnight. This event will take place whatever the weather! Adults, children - all are welcome. There's no need to book and there's no charge, although donations can be made to FoAM if you wish.

Marbury Through the Centuries.

On this guided and illustrated afternoon walk of around two and a half hours around Marbury on Saturday 15 July, you will catch a glimpse of the lives of those who lived and worked there from medieval times to the modern day, including the art collectors, the hall staff, the last dynastic family and a famous pilot. You will hear about a country club, the wartime occupation and German prisoners, the ICI years and Marbury's demise and resurrection as a Country Park. If the weather is bad, there will

be a presentation in the meeting room behind the Rangers' cabin. (For a shorter walk on a more accessible route, see instead 17 September).
To book, please contact Brenda Yates 07941 710791.

Summer Family Events in Marbury Country Park.

A range of fun activities to suit all ages will run from 11am – 3pm on Wednesday 16 and Saturday 19 August on the basis of 'drop in', stay as long as you like. There is no charge for any activity.

For information contact Melanie Bradley: 07884 441441.

Bat Talk and Walk in Marbury Country Park.

Come and hear about the different bats that live in the park and join a guided walk by Mike Freeman of the Cheshire Bat Group at 8pm on Wednesday 6 September. Meet at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge.

For information and booking contact Joanne Redley: 07748 654013, or email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Ladies Club

In May the Ladies Club met at the Legh Arms and went for a walk along the river to the 'screw' which generates electricity from the water. We then returned back to the Legh Arms for lunch.

We had a very enjoyable evening in June for our annual supper party at Ursula Ryder's. As usual the food provided by club members was delicious

and the company great. Once again we had good weather and we're able to be able to sit outside in the garden. Some ladies helped in the tea tent at the fete.

The next meeting, a week later than usual, is on July 24th and involves a trip on the boat lift, followed by something to eat.

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A bird's eye view

Breeding Bonanza

We are not the only ones enjoying the beautiful early summer weather. Our local birds have used the sunny weather conditions to their advantage by nesting and producing many young. In our own garden we have already had young blackbirds, dunnocks, house sparrows and blue tits. A goldfinch, great tit and 4 collared doves added to the list, with every opportunity for more to come. The carnival has been in town as well, with up to 9 young starlings turning the garden into their own personal playground. The pond as usual has been the centre of their attention, acting like a lido. Our female sparrowhawk paid a visit which unfortunately led to a decrease in their number by one, but she too has a family to feed. We can help all birds by leaving food and water out for them. Also give the hedge cutting until at least early July if you can, and always check for active nests first. There will be lots of second and third broods still on the go.

Cracking Cuckoo

I have seen a kestrel hunting over the field opposite us, only the fifth record here despite it being full of voles. I also discovered a hobby's nest in the local countryside, in a highly productive location where I have seen them nest 3 times before. The young only betraying their presence when begging for food when the adults reappear after their hunting trips. The most magical event though was hearing the call of a cuckoo from my window, pre-dawn chorus. It was in late May, and it called twice before shifting location and then 5 minutes later started calling

again. Up to the late 1990s it was a fairly regular spring occurrence to hear them call from the trees around the garden, but sadly this was the first such episode in over 20 years. There have been up to 4 seen and heard calling around Marbury though so maybe there are grounds for some increased optimism moving forward. It was a very precious moment indeed, followed by a fantastic dawn chorus as if in celebration of it. If you miss the dawn chorus the birds are very obliging at this time of year because they often sing at dusk as well, particularly blackbirds and song thrushes.

Shelduck Success

The breeding theme is continued in Marbury Park and the surrounding flashes as well. With lots of broods of canada and greylag goose goslings. Plenty of mallard ducklings and moorhen chicks, and some lapwing chicks on Ashtons. Little ringed plover, are on territory there and may be breeding. Over on Neumann's 4 avocet pairs are nesting, although they are probably inexperienced breeders so time will tell if they are successful. There are breeding great spotted woodpeckers in the Big Wood. There have also been a brood of 9 shelducks on the far side of the mere, which is unusual. There have been plenty of common tern sightings on the mere, with up to 5 recorded with a few beautiful black terns seen as well. It is all there just waiting to be experienced by you!

JB



Comberbach Village Fete 2023



It was 'Lights, Camera, Action' as the film theme proved a hit on fete day, and 'action' it was as those in attendance were treated to a thrilling afternoon of movie-themed family entertainment in glorious sunshine.

The afternoon started with the village parade in full colourful glory. Led by Wirral Samba Band decked out in full steam-punk regalia, it worked its way through the village followed by popcorn-selling Guides, Ghostbusters, Night Fever dancers, Storm Troopers from the UK Garrison, Minions, Impulse Dancers, classic cars and, of course, our village retinue.

Arriving at the primary school field, the crowds gathered for the crowning of Comberbach Rose Queen 2023-24, Summer MacDonald, who now takes over from retiring queen Lucy Macleod. Lucy, who has represented the village so well, gave a delightful speech confirming that she had raised a whopping £1600 for her nominated charity Cheshire Search and Rescue (<http://www.cheshire-sarteam.org/>).

She thanked the village, her family, friends and the Fete Committee for helping her to raise such an amazing sum. Thank you Lucy, you have been incredible and a credit to yourself and to the village.

Chosen charity

Lucy told everybody how delighted she had been to represent the village and formally handed the reigns over to Summer, crowning her as Comberbach Rose Queen for 2023-24. Summer also confidently addressed the crowd, speaking of her pleasure to be able to represent the village and announcing that during her reign she will be raising money and awareness for her chosen charity, the Make a Wish Foundation (<https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/>), an amazing charity that people are sure to want to support. We wish you every success Summer, and will support you in all your efforts.

Entertainment

Summer officially opened the fete and a jam-packed afternoon of entertainment followed. Cheshire K9 wowed the crowds with its dog agility

display, and then again later with its gun dog demonstrations. In between, the crowds were entertained by performances from Wirral Drummers, Impulse Dancers, The Bostock Singers and the talented Martin Rodgers. The audience then got involved with the ever-popular tug o' war and land skis, as the children took to the ring to take on the adults, followed by the Wrights versus the rest of the village!

Around the arena were sideshows, games and entertainment a plenty, all raising money to support local groups, associations and fantastic causes, as well as the fete itself. This year stalls were run, amongst others, by the Comberbach Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Womens Institute, Methodist Chapel, School Gardening Team and School Nursery as well as Comberbach individuals raising funds towards international charitable development trips to both Kenya and Tanzania. They included the tombola, crockery smashing, egg, ping pong, ball rolling, face feeding, test your strength, beat the goalie and speeding radio control

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car games. There was also a bouncy castle, super slide, face painting, balloon and magic entertainment from Dozy Dave and a chance to meet owls from Lower Moss Wood Educational Nature Reserve. The Mad Hatter's tea tent refreshments, 'Hamburger Hill' themed BBQ, Great Budworth ice cream and a licensed bar ('Cocktails & Dreams') kept energy levels up throughout the afternoon.

Parish Council Award

The afternoon saw the presentation of The Comberbach Parish Council Award to the most deserving of winners, John Ryder, for his tireless efforts and commitment as a long-standing member and chairman of Comberbach Parish Council.

Well done to everybody that entered the scarecrow and best decorated house competitions. There were some brilliant entries and I'm sure you will agree that this really brought some fun to the village in the run up to fete day. Hats off too, to everybody who donned fancy dress.

The winning entries were as follows:

Best overall scarecrow – 'The Oscars', Meadows, Meadow Lane;

Most humorous scarecrow – 'Film: Up', 18 Senna Lane;

Best themed scarecrow - 'Mary Poppins', 7 Burgamot Lane;

Best decorated house -

'Spiderman', 2 Senna Lane;

Best childrens fancy dress - 'Minnie Mouse', Amber Fallon; and

Best adults fancy dress: 'Native American', Paula Duffy.

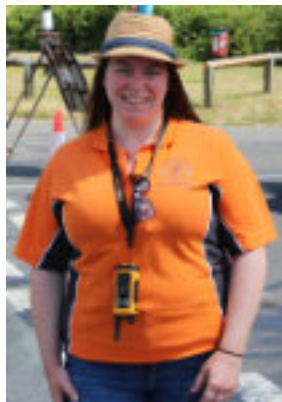
Huge effort for a successful Fete

There has been a huge effort by the Fete Committee through 2022 and 2023 in the delivery of the Sundowner run, scarecrow competition and fete. As a committee we support each other, bounce off each other and have lots of fun along the way. We are ever grateful to our chair Rebecca Matzen, ably supported by vice chair Paul Langley-Sadler, acting chair Lynda Searby and a team that punches well above its size in terms of energy, drive and enthusiasm, and never loses

its sense of humour even when it all gets stressful.

We never take for granted the support of the school, the chapel, local businesses, all the village groups and so many individuals and volunteers who contribute their time and skills to help support the events that are put on. There are more of you than we can mention individually. We are so very grateful to you all for your help and contributions no matter how big or small. The assistance received for event setup, running and takedown is invaluable and we applaud you for putting your hands up and helping. Our sincere thanks.

We wish the village a super summer as planning for the 2024 fete starts now. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Comberbach Fete 2024, or if you would like to join the merry Fete Committee band, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/comberbachfete



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Freedom Fibre



Freedom Fibre has confirmed that works will commence in August 2023. If they haven't already, residents who have registered their interest in taking out the service will shortly receive the first of two emails from DCMS asking them to pledge their voucher to Freedom Fibre – the pledging of this voucher to Freedom Fibre remains essential to delivering the network underground rather than via telegraph poles. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for this email.

Litter Pick

Many thanks to the groups of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their Leaders who did litter picking throughout the village in May. Also, thanks to those who regularly litter pick in the village and

surroundings areas. It is sad that it is necessary but it does seem that places that are kept relatively litter free do tend to attract less litter.
KW

Recipe - very easy to make, good for using raspberries going a bit soft

Raspberry Bakewell Cake

Ingredients

- 140g ground almonds
- 140g butter,
- 140g golden caster sugar
- 140g self-raising flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 250g raspberry
- 2 tbsp flaked almond
- icing sugar, to serve

Method

Heat oven to 160C fan/gas 4

line and grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin

Blitz the ground almonds, butter, sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract in a food processor until well combined.

Spread half the mix over the cake tin and smooth the top. Scatter the raspberries over, then dollop the remaining cake mixture on top and spread. Scatter with flaked almonds and bake for 50 mins until golden. Cool, remove from the tin and dust with icing sugar to serve.



Great Budworth Garden Club

Summer is in full swing, we've had the longest day, so let's hope we have rain as well as sun.

We had an excellent talk by Geoff Hodge about Bugs and Plagues in your garden; his personality and knowledge gave us an excellent evening. A competition for a vase of flowers from your own garden, was won by Doreen Kennerley.

Our member, Sue Martin, opened her fabulous garden in Gt Budworth for members, and provided us with Prosecco and nibbles. This was served by the committee and was much enjoyed.

On members' night in June our treasurer, Neil Harvey, demonstrated pots and baskets of herbs, asking members to come out and fill these, which were later given as a free raffle. The ladies making the baskets included Anne Brock and Louise Pendlebury.

The mini holiday was to the Dorothy Clive garden, the NT Hidcote, followed by an overnight stay in Stratford on Avon. The next day we visited Blenheim Palace and flower show which was

fantastic. This was organised so well by Julie Treharne, thank you very much Julie. Everyone had a wonderful time and bought plants to bring home.

The next meeting is on 11 September when it is our Produce Show; the schedule is in our own Newsletter, with opportunities to win prizes, a Rose Bowl, and the RHS Banksian medal. This will be followed by a GQT, with a panel of our own experts.

All too soon, we will start our autumn programme with an amazing photographer showing us 'World Wild'. There will be a competition for a member's photo of their own garden.

Any information about anything, please contact me, and I will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

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2nd Comberbach Brownies

A busy term as usual. Marbury District (that's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Comberbach and Barnton) enjoyed a Medieval Day at Pettypool. All the activities were based on this theme and involved storming a castle, knights running the gauntlet, making crowns or herb potions and stained- glass windows. These were challenges for the girls of all ages and gave them the opportunity to work and play with girls of other units and sections.

Back at Chapel, we've made Father's Day survival kits as presents and continued with our badge work. The section on Zero Waste saw us look at what was wasted at home, and in UK as a whole---incredulous amounts! And we played games on safe storage of our food. We also included wasting water. 4 Brownies have earned their Bronze Award so we are very proud of them

Fete preparation took some time; making stars and notices

for the stall and small stars onto bottle lids for the movie night themed skimming game. Some girls dressed up as movie stars and others with the leaders went as members of a Film Crew.

From this week until the end of term we're going to spend our meeting times in Marbury Hoping for fine but not tropical evenings!

Girls and Leaders of 2 CBR



Great Budworth Cricket Club

The fine weather along with the improved condition of the wicket and outfield has meant that there has been good cricket played and post-match BBQ's enjoyed. The club has so far lost only one match and that was to local rivals High Legh.

Latest Results

High Legh

A narrow last over defeat. Unfortunately, the scores are currently unavailable.

The Gregson C.C. A touring side from Lancaster. 30 overs.

GBCC 146. S. Hankey 35 no, R. Shephard 27, G. Atkins 24 and S. Batey 20 no. Gregson

143 for 7. P. Taylor 3 for 20. GBCC won.

Lymm

95 All out in 22 overs. M. Lucas 28. R. Ford 2 for 21, A. Phillips 3 for 9.

GBCC 96 for 6 in 20.3 overs. S. Hankey 21, P. Taylor 25 no. CBCC won.

GBCC 30 Overs. 127 for 7. G. Atkins 26 no. R. Shephard 21.

Manchester Racquets Club

119. GBCC won.

Remaining Home Matches

5 July Wednesday, Barnton C. C. 6pm

16 July

Sunday, Fir Tree C. C. 1:00pm start

23 July

Sunday ECAD for Peter McAndrew Shield 1pm start

2 September

Saturday Lord Ashbrook's XI 11am start.



Comberbach Nursery and Primary School

During these endlessly glorious hot summer days, thoughts are turning to the end of the school year and the long summer break ahead.

Goodbye, Good Luck and Show Time!

The Year 6 children are preparing to 'fly the nest' of Comberbach Nursery & Primary School and they are tinged with both sadness and excitement for their next steps at high school. They worked hard for their SATS exams and we are very proud of all they have achieved. Rehearsals are now ongoing for the performance of Beauty & the Beast !

It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, whom we have carefully nurtured, but we are secure in the knowledge that we have equipped them superbly and that they will continue to thrive. There are still lots of fun, celebratory activities planned for them before they finally leave us!

Welcome to New Starters

We held a Teddy Bear's Picnic for all the new children who will be transferring from our Nursery or joining us in Reception this September. What a lovely afternoon they all had, meeting their new teachers and enjoying a

delicious picnic!

Ventures Afield

The children have enjoyed so many trips this term across the year groups, e.g. The Egyptians at Manchester Museum, The Romans at Grosvenor Museum, Chester, a residential stay at Conwy Activity Centre, the Cheshire Show, Singing Festival in Northwich and shortly a visit to Thurston Beach on the Wirral. All trips are linked to the curriculum to enhance their learning.

Dare to be Different

We held a Dare to be Different Day at school, celebrating diversity and the differences between us which also highlighted all the similarities between us too. The children were allowed to come to school looking exactly as they wished!

Inspiration Day

We reached out to the community to help us inspire our children with career choices in the future. You did not disappoint! We had fascinating talks from a fashion designer, police dog handler, nurse, dental nurse, Sports Coach, Engineer, Marketing Manager, Physiotherapist. The children were enthralled so thank you very much to all our speakers.

Colour Run

Friends of Comberbach School [FoCS] have organised a Colour Run on Friday 30th June. There will be an obstacle race and various points where coloured powder will be thrown about - on children, teachers and parents alike! Plus a cake and sweets stall, raffle prizes etc. We can't wait to see the photos from this event!

Gardening Club Award

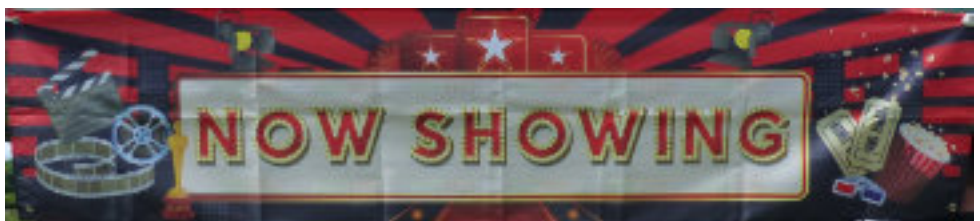
Our hard-working Gardening Club volunteers were awarded their RHS Level 3 and won a voucher for school. Well done!

Baby & Toddler Group

The new Baby & Toddler group will now be starting this September on Wednesday mornings.

Calling new governors!

Comberbach Nursery & Primary school are seeking a new co-opted governor to join our Local Education Committee. If you would be willing to spare a short amount of time to help our school, we would be delighted to hear from you, particularly if you have skills/experience in HR or Marketing. You do not need to be a parent of a child at this school. For more information on this fulfilling role, please contact head@comberbach.cheshire.sch.uk.



Comberbach Art Group

June 2023,

We are still meeting every Monday throughout the summer, we only break for bank holidays, our members are always welcome to come and go as their own holidays permit. We are hoping to organise an outdoor painting

session too which would give us different inspiration ready for our exhibition in October, it will soon be time to start putting things together, if you are a local painter but do not wish to join our group you are still eligible to enter paintings in our exhibition, just get in touch and

I will send the entry forms when they are ready.

Here are some more of our recent paintings, come along and see the originals in October.



Creative corner

Coronation

Seventy years since the last coronation
Welcome event for all the nation
King Charles III now proud to be king
With all the responsibility it will bring
Gold coach, military, thousands involved
In a spectacle marvellous to behold

Everyone bedecked in their finery
From distinguished guests to livery
Royalty and religion play their part
In traditional ceremony from the start
Events unfold as the world looks on
Pomp and majesty second to none

Crowds wave their flags and rejoice
Despite rain they still have a voice
From Mall to Buckingham Palace they make their way

To view royals, red arrow fly-past come what may
Proud to be British we will stay
God save the king! What a day!

EMP



Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday starting at 6.45pm.
Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at the start of the meeting

Meeting dates:
5 September

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
Sandy Cameron	17 Goosebrook Close Comberbach CW9 6BX	01606 891 152	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 10 January 2023 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Elections and Chairman and Vice Chairman

There were 7 Councillors returned unopposed at the elections on 4 May; meaning there is one vacancy. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Parish Clerk. Councillor John Ryder was elected Chairman and Councillor Jill Johnson elected as Vice Chairman.

Highways

Cheshire West and Chester Council had undertaken a speed assessment of Budworth Lane and recommended a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph. This would require a financial contribution from both Comberbach and Great Budworth Parish Councils (GBPC) but GBPC was not willing to contribute and Comberbach Councillors agreed they did not want to fund any works when the majority of the road is not in the Parish area. CWAC Ward Councillors have been requested to support in seeking a reduction in speed limit from the village gateway sign to the Give Way sign on Budworth Lane in view of the number of residential properties along that stretch of the road and the lack of a footpath. Councillors Ryder and Darwin had met with Highways officers and been informed of a new method of filling potholes.

Recreation Area

The coffee van has now been operating for a number of weeks and we hope residents and users of the Recreation Area are enjoying having this facility. The Council has also approved a pizza van to be sited once a month for collection of fresh pizzas. An inspection of the large trees on the car park and in the Bowling Green will be arranged to ensure the trees remain in good condition.

Governance

The Council undertook an annual review of various documents and policies which were all approved. This included the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Data Protection and the Risk Assessment.

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboard at the Post Office and on the Parish Council website:

www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 4 July at 6.45pm 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



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
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/
contact-us/report-it or 0300 1237036

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 pages.

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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 Apple Yoga	Thursday	10-11am	Kelly Appleton	wildappleyoga@outlook.com
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tom Bebbington	Tom.bebb37@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Thursday	5 - 6.30pm	Megan Berry	apexcheer@outlook.com
	Friday	5 - 7pm		07766745705
	Saturday	10am - 7pm		
Choir	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Liz Cook	07771638324
Tumble Tots	Thursday	9-3pm	Laura Barr	tumbletotsmidchesh@gmail.com
Northwich Dance Co.	Wednesday	7.45-9.45pm	Amanda Kirby amanda@northwichdancecompany.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.p.m	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266 798
Yoga	Mondays	6.30.p.m		

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 25 August 2023**

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	Lynda Bignmore fete@comberbach.com	892439
Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown	07725954349

Dates for your Diary

July	3	WI meeting 7.30 pm	Memorial Hall
	4	Parish Council meeting	Memorial Hall
	5	Cricket at Arley 6pm.	Arley Cricket Ground
	8	Moth Trappers 9.30 am	Marbury Park
	9	Rose Queen Service 11am	Chapel
	15	Marbury through the centuries	Marbury Park
	16	Cricket at Arley 1 pm.	Arley Cricket Ground
	23	Cricket at Arley	Arley Cricket Ground
	24	Ladies Club	
	30	Last service led by Rev. Frances, 11 am	Chapel
Aug	16	Family Fun Day 11am - 3pm	Marbury Park
	19	Family Fun Day 11am - 3 pm.	Marbury Park
	25	Deadline for September issue	
Sept	2	Cricket at Arley 11am	Arley Cricket Ground
	5.	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall
	6	Bat Talk and Walk 8pm	Marbury Park
	11	Garden Club Produce Show	Great Budworth
	24	Harvest Festival.	Chapel

