

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Sept 2023



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

By the time residents read this edition, summer will be nearly gone. It been pleasing to see so many use the recreation facilities over the last few months, and the pump track has been a welcome added attraction.

Cyber Fraud

The Cheshire Police Cyber Crime unit held a meeting with the Parish Councillors. I think it would be beneficial for any societies to make contact and see if they can arrange a meeting with the officer in charge.

A Cyber Fraud 'SPOT the SIGNS' leaflet is included with the CVN as is a short precis of a booklet entitled Th!nk Jessica - Don't Fall For A Scam.

Every day in the newspapers we see comment on How Social Media scams are now claiming more victims than robbery, burglary, homicide and knife crime COMBINED. It is so easy for a scammer to use the details of information on social media which they have access to build up a picture of the intended victim.

Recreation Area

It's been planned that the MUGA court would have a synthetic coat of non-slip paint, and the lines repainted. However, the contractor needs a few days of no rain to complete, so hopefully a window of opportunity to complete can be scheduled in early September.

Highways and Pathways Task Force

We know from having to constantly chase CW&C to maintain our green areas and weed growth from the paths around the village that, despite paying our council tax, they have neither the

budget or resources to regularly maintain them. I think you will agree that because of this the village is definitely not as well presented as it was a few years ago. Many residents already recognise this and take it upon themselves to maintain the grassed areas and verges in front of their properties which makes such a difference to how tidy those areas look.

There are of course more communal larger areas that individuals can't be expected to maintain regularly. Last year we organised a small working party to start to try and clear overgrown paths and a number of residents have asked if this could be organised again. The PC has gone direct to CW to request funding from council tax in order to be able to fund this service ourselves, but in the meantime, we are proposing to aim for two days late September and then early April next year to organise to continue this work.

Accepting that is unlikely the council will improve their service in the near future it would be great if residents could see fit to clear and tidy the areas in front of their own properties on those days. We could then use the task force group to continue the work on the overgrown paved areas, work on the larger verges and help those less able to clear their own property frontage.

The suggested first date for your diary is Sunday 24 September.

Many hands make light work so please contact the Clerk to volunteer or request help to maintain your area.

Clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

John Ryder, Chairman



Cyber Fraud

Cyber fraud is a blanket term to describe crimes committed by cyberattackers via the internet. Scammers are also known as fraudsters, conmen, crooks, swindlers, cowboys and rogue traders

The Parish Council had a talk from the Cheshire Police, Cyber Crime unit.

They provide talks to schools, Ladies clubs, Societies and WI. If anyone is interested in pursuing, please contact Detective Constable Andrew Kevan Cyber Crime Team at Cheshire Constabulary HQ. The talk was given on how we should be more aware of cybercrime and the need to be more vigilant.

Passwords

It is suggested that most passwords are easily interrogated. Passwords should have at least 2 or 3 factor authentication. You may have a common password across many sites but there is a need to enhance the encryption for each site you use. It is suggested that numbers are used in the password together with another few letters that may be relevant to the site.

Example

Standard password **Comberbach**

Plus, set pursuing, of numbers or symbols
Comberbach2023!

Plus, another password which is relevant to the internet site. If you were on a holiday web site you may decide that the password for greater security could be

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This gives a greater chance that the password cannot be compromised.

What's App, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok

Scammers can impersonate anyone.

They showed how a simple message outside of a coffee shop said free coffee if you say you have enjoyed your visit. If you signed up to Facebook, they offered a free coffee.

Within less than 30 seconds of signing up, they had interrogated your What's app or Facebook accounts and had built a profile of your history.

Interrogating recent activity saying you have been on holiday, got a new job or car make the scam more plausible.

Lost or Broken phone scam

One of the most common scams is that you are purportedly contacted by a member of your family saying that they have lost their phone or it's been damaged, and they have no bank cards with them to pay. They ask if you can send a gift voucher so as they can buy another phone. The scammer will have built up a picture of the person by interrogating its social history. Having a unique password agreed with each member of the family in case of such an event, would mean you could first ask for the password to confirm the identity of the family member.

Selfies

Over 80% of children in the age category 10 -16 have taken selfies of themselves in various poses of undress and have posted the selfie on one of the social media platforms. Parents should keep an eye out on photographs being taken.

Havebeenpwned

If you go to the internet and type in the above it will advise you how many data breaches there are against your email address

Th!nk Jessica

www.thinkjessica.com

This website gives residents a very good background and information of various scams. The booklet and web site covers some of the most common scams.

Don't Fall For A Scam

Useful contact numbers

Cheshire Police

Phone101

www.cheshire.police.uk

Action Fraud

Phone 0300 123 2040

www.actionfraud.police.uk

Suspicious Email reporting

www.ncs.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails

Cyber Fraud *continued*

Crime stoppers

Phone 0800 555 111

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Phone 03444 111 444

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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Scam.mail@royalmail.com

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www.tpsonline.org.uk

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Suspicious emails

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Just a few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

As we move into the next season can residents, please ensure that they lock front and back doors to their property whilst inside.

It has become apparent that a lot of homeowners will leave doors unlocked.

It only takes a minute for someone to be in your property and leave possibly with your purse and other small items.

If anyone would like any safety advice, please feel free to contact me by emailing::*Diana.*

wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

I will get back to you when on duty.

Your beat officer is *Terry.boyle@cheshire.police.uk*

if you need to make contact with him at any time about any issues or concerns you may have.

DW

Ladies Club

Lunch and a trip on the Weaver

In July we had a walk, lunch time refreshments and a trip on the boat from Anderton boat lift. We had a very informative talk on the industrial history, transport developments of the area, the salt and chemical works, and the issues of subsidence and land degradation as we sailed on the River Weaver before returning to ascend in the lift to the Trent Mersey canal. Despite past events the area is now recovering, is green and lush, and provides a large area for recreation and wildlife.

Art and cakes in the garden

In August a group of us visited Ellan's garden for a very pleasant afternoon of artwork, or just chatting if preferred. Luckily the artwork wasn't assessed but the cakes achieved top marks.

KW



Comberbach Chapel

On 30 July Rev Frances led her last Service at Comberbach before moving to a new position in Leicestershire. A Presentation from the Comberbach Congregation, was made to her by Robert at the end of the Service.

On a bright and breezy Saturday in August, Chapel friends, old and new, were invited to Alan and Anne's Garden at Avenue Farm for tea and cakes. A lovely opportunity for everyone to catch up. The Nature Theme continued the next morning at an Own Arrangement Service, led by Members, with Hymns, Reflections and Readings centred around Creation.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 24 September, when the Family Gift Service at 11am will be led by Mr Peter Adams and the

Evening Thanksgiving led by Mrs Sharon Mayer - Agricultural Chaplaincy. You are all very welcome to come and share in these Services with us.

Our New Season of the Lite Bite will begin on Thursday 5 October from 12 noon. Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel.
Please phone 891248 for more details.

Diary

24 September - Harvest Festival - 11am and 6.30pm

5 October - Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm

8 October - FS at 11am

12 November - Remembrance Service at the Hall

10 December - Carol Service at 2.30pm



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Comberbach WI

Well, we are midway through August and it has stopped raining at last.

The A level results are out today, so congratulations to all those who achieved what they needed for their future plans. For those who did not there is always something around the corner, as the saying goes when one door shuts another door opens. Many of us have been there too.

A lot of our members are away but our Tasty Evening (an annual event) on Monday 8th August was well attended by 30 members with everyone bringing a sweet or savoury dish to share. Lots of munching and lots of chat resulted in a most enjoyable evening, culminating in a raffle. The first



prize was an oil painting that Gill Adlington had painted for us at our last meeting. It had been fascinating to watch her paint a picture of a waterfall in trees in front of us.

Our future outings are to Dunham Massey Cider Press on 19th September and to the Garrick Theatre in Altrincham to see A Christmas Carol. We may well drop into a pub enroute for a meal. December will soon be upon us and we will get together for a Christmas meal at a local pub.

We were sad to say goodbye to Marjory Tomsett who has moved down to live with her daughter. She had been a member of Comberbach WI for 47 years and excelled at her craft work. She will be missed by fellow members of the craft group.

A member told us that a past member Margaret Dickens had died at the age of 95 in Australia. RIP.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th September in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Richard Turner from The Deafness Support Network will be talking to us. Do come and join us and bring a friend. Tea and cakes afterwards.

Lindsay Entwistle – President



FoAM

Wednesday 6 September

Bat Talk and Walk

Come and hear about the different bats that live in Marbury Country Park and join a guided walk by Mike Freeman of the Cheshire Bat Group.

Meet at 8pm in the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge area.

For more information and booking contact Joanne Redley. Phone 07748 654013 or email jahillcliffe223@aol.com

Sunday 17 September

Marbury Through the Centuries

This event is part of Heritage Open Days Festival 2023.

This guided and illustrated afternoon walk of about 2 hours around Marbury is suitable for all. The route has been chosen to minimise access difficulties. Along the way, you will catch a glimpse of the lives of those who lived and worked there from medieval times to the modern day. If the weather is bad, there will be a presentation in the Meeting Room behind the Rangers' cabin. When booking, please advise us of any access issues and we will endeavour to cater for them.

To book, please contact Brenda Yates on 07941 710791.



Saturday 23 September

Fungal Hunts in Marbury Country Park

Fungal Punk Dave returns to Marbury for an unforgettable search for fungi large and small. Learn how fungi are vital to life as we know it (... and that the best place to forage for edible fungi is your local supermarket!).

Group numbers are limited, so booking is essential for morning and afternoon sessions.

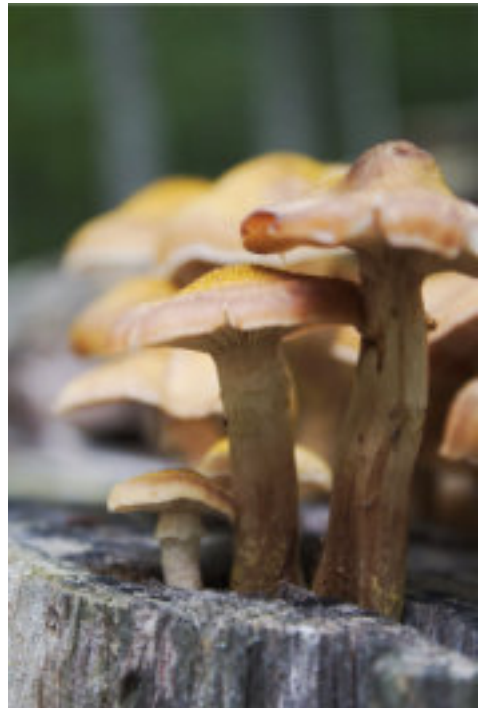
For information/session times and booking contact Brenda Yates on 01565 733197.

Monday 6 November

Northwich Woodlands History and its Impact on Flora.

Mary Jeeves will give an illustrated talk starting at 7.45 pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall. She examines the effect of historical events in the area on the landscape, especially its trees and flowers.

For further information please contact Mary on 01606 77688.



A bird's eye view

Starling Songster

Renowned for their beautiful, balletic murmurations and perhaps somewhat notorious for their perceived mess, raucous chattering and general disturbance, Starlings have another, often overlooked trait they are amazing mimics! They were often kept as caged birds not too long ago, a fate which unfortunately many birds around the world still suffer today. Their calls are telltale but usually only consist of whistles and buzzes. Their song too, in truth, on first listen at least seems unremarkable as well. It is often prolonged and rambling, containing within it the elements already described above as well as rattles and even some warbling. After listening for a while though you will be surprised and begin to think your feathered soloist has been joined by other birds, among other sounds, in a mixed choir of songsters.

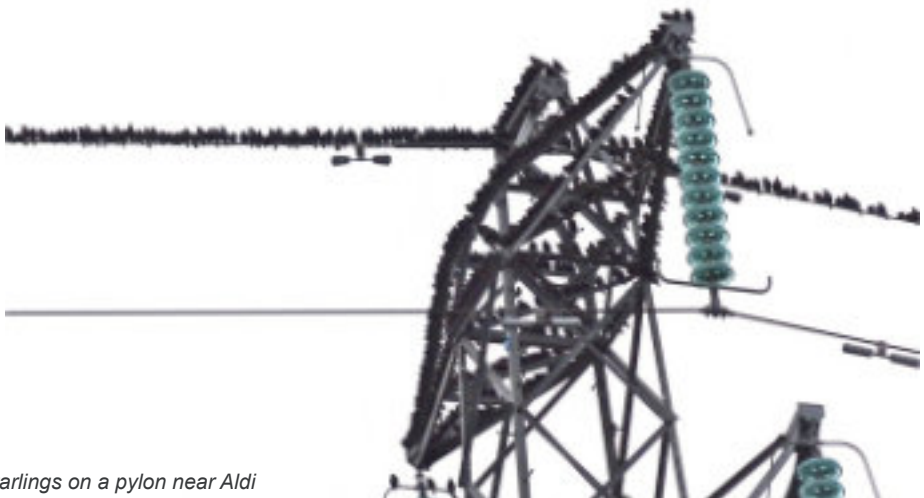
Master Mimic

This summer we have been graced by the presence of one such skilled practitioner, and it should be noted that the skill of mimicry is not distributed evenly among all starlings. Some are very much better at it than others. Our bird chooses the television aerial as his stage, and from it I have been bamboozled into thinking I have been joined by a curlew, jay, young

blackbird or even a lapwing, such is this virtuoso's skill. From past starlings I have also heard renditions of common buzzard's calls and even a car alarm. The only clue you get as to the true identity of the singer is the somewhat distanced sensation you get when hearing the calls, because they usually sound as though they are coming from further away than you know they are. This is probably partly as a result of how the starlings learn their calls in the first place, by listening to these other birds at range as well as their own physical limitations at mimicking much bigger birds.

Sea Shanty

Their use of lapwing and curlew calls may surprise some, but starlings love to be by water, be it Marbury Mere or Neumann's Flash, and further afield you will often find them along the Wirral coastline. So, they often mix and associate with wading birds. They sing well to attract a mate and later to defend a breeding territory. These master mimics must have an advantage over the rest of the choir come the breeding season, but I also like to think that they sing because they enjoy it too. I celebrate their great gift as well, but was that the phone or ...?!
JB



Starlings on a pylon near Aldi

Recipe

Decisions on how to cook fish and for how long can cause issues. This method is good for all fairly flat fillets especially when you have quite a few fillets to cook at once.

Sea Bass with lemon and caper dressing.

Heat the oven to 180/200 C

Prepare an oven tray, line with non-stick parchment

Dry the fillets with kitchen towel, season

Lie flesh side down, skin up on the tray and drizzle a little olive oil over

Cook for 8 minutes (10 at most) without turning

Prepare dressing

Grate zest of a lemon, juice the lemon, add some olive oil, a small amount of mustard and a few spoons of capers. Mix all together. Pour over fish just before serving.

Creative corner

Inspired by Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare

Shall I think of thee every day
Time lends its way to ups and downs
But you are my sons come what may
Days of laughter, days with frowns
But eternal love shall not fade
When possession is flavour of the hour
Your life's paths you have made
Full of instinct, wisdom and power
Sometimes too soon for us changing course
You grow according to your will
If that's for better or for worse
Realms and bounties of the world you fill
So long as I can breathe and have eyes to see
So long as I live, this gives life to me.

EMP

A dry July afternoon

Across the mere the brightly coloured sails
of the yachts flash and dance in the fresh breeze
of a surprisingly dry and warm summer's
afternoon;
And the green fields of growing potatoes
are decked with beautiful white flowers
which brighten up the countryside,
all reminding me of the labour and pursuit of
pleasure
with which we are surrounded in this country
parish;
And butterflies and birdsong accompany me as I
walk
carefully avoiding the wading cows at the water's
edge;
"they don't have happy lives poor things" remarks
a lady
as she busily takes photo after photo on her
mobile phone,
but the cows seem relaxed and quite content as,
summoned by the farmer, they make their way
across the field and home.

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Marbury Mere, Comberbach, Northwich
9 July, 2023.

Great Budworth Garden Club

We gardeners were expecting a heat wave this summer, but it hasn't happened! In fact, it's been cool and damp most of the time. We have to adapt to whatever the weather, so we do we can before autumn arrives!

July gave us the opportunity to visit our local Groobarbs, with their Box Scheme, plus tour by the owner, David Fryer, and lunch in their barn in High Leigh. What a interesting day. We all had a great time and learnt so much, enjoyed the lunch, and we thank the excellent Groobarbs team.

Our Produce Show, organised by Neil Harvey was very successful. There were so many entries of flowers, fruit and vegetables, all displayed outside the hall under the awning. The Stewards were Dawn Freeman, Linda Enderby, Janet Bashforth and Neil Harvey who did a sterling job.

The winner of the silver rose bowl was Elizabeth Wathen from Wincham, with the most overall points.

The winner of the Banksian medal for the single best entry was Janet Carter, from Antrobus, with a foliage plant.

There were worthy winners in every class, many congratulations to you all.

The judge was Jackie Mafi who was very professional, and the inclusive vote of thanks was given with knowledge by Anne Saville from Comberbach.

Whilst judging took place, there was a Gardener's Question Time, when the Chair was Kate Edwell, who was a wonderful leader. Other panel members were Sylvia Godber, Julie Treharne, Jane Fairclough, Liz Watham. I was in awe of their knowledge and excellent answers to the questions. A truly very good evening.

The new autumn programme starts on 12 September in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, when photographer Dave Brotton will show slides and talk about World Wide.

Members are asked to bring a photo of their garden or a garden plant for a competition with prizes.

The date of the members Xmas Party is confirmed as Tuesday 5 December. Be sure to add to your diary.

Any information about the club, please contact me.

*Jean Davies 0789 993 7683
mrsjeandavies@gmail.com*



Welcome Break charitable Fund Parent and Toddler Day.

Hosting as Charity Champion

On Friday 28 July 2023 I hosted the 'Charity Parent and Toddler Day' at the Comberbach Memorial Hall. I work for Welcome Break, Whitley, and received the position of charity champion therefore I have the pleasure of organising activities for all the family regularly at my workplace.

Huge Success

This charity event, however, is the first event I have personally hosted and it was a huge success. We raised over £500 in total in aid of The Welcome Break Charitable Fund of which 65% goes to Macmillan, 30% to Local Community Projects and 5% to Worldwide disaster funds. I just wanted to say a huge 'Thank-you' to everyone who attended, supported or donated towards my charity event.

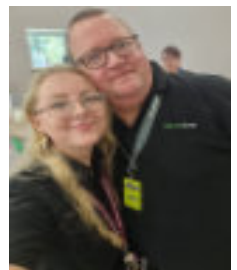
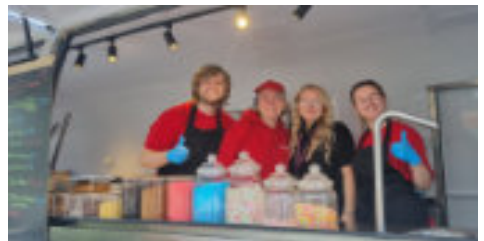


Enormous Thank you

Thank you to Liz Cook and Jim Powlson for all your support in setting up this event. Alex Hornby for your help with the BBQ. A massive thanks to Local Singer 'Liam M Scott' who sang from his new album 'Midnight notes'. To all the volunteers that helped at each station. Mark, Sallyann, Shawn, Diane, Julia and Kristie. Finally Thank-you to all the local businesses that donated their services for a brilliant cause; Layers Treats, Hollie at Popcat's music time, Barnton bouncy castles and many more! I have been completely overwhelmed with the support and fully intend to organise more events within Comberbach village and Northwich Town!

Feel free to give 'WBCF family events' a follow-on Facebook to see the latest events as a when they're in motion!

By Nathania Street.



Great Budworth Church

Dates for the diary: September

Saturday 9 September – Heritage Afternoon in Church 2-5pm (see separate details for events/timings)

Monday 11 September – 11am Cheshire Show Church Tent Stewards' Meeting, The Old School, Great Budworth

Friday 22 September 2.30pm Welcome Service in Church for Great Budworth Primary School

Sunday 24 September 10.30am Harvest Festival Service in Church 3pm Forest Church (venue tbc) and also Harvest Festival Service in Chester Cathedral at 3pm.

October

Sunday 1 10.30am Animal Blessing Service – all very welcome, with animals of course!

Thursday 11 October – 7pm Friends of Great Budworth Church Quiz, Great Budworth Parish Hall – more details to follow in October's magazine.

Sunday 15 6.30pm Harvest Service, St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall with light refreshments afterwards

Sunday 29 4pm Annual Commemoration Service for All Souls Tide – all welcome and if you would like a loved one remembered please contact the Churchwardens and/or the Vicar.
The Revd Alec Brown Vicar.

The Friends of Great Budworth Church

Heritage Afternoon

Celebrating 20 years of the Friends

Saturday 9 September 2pm – 5pm in church
Tours up the church tower – half hourly from 2pm
£5/adult £2.50/child accompanied by an appropriate adult (sorry, no under 8's)

2pm - Organ Recital – Stephen Reynolds
2.45pm – 'History of the church in 10 objects' Talk by Robert Steele

4pm - Walking Tour of the village and surrounding area – Rev Alec Brown

Parish Records/documents/display
2nd handbook stall Craft stall
Refreshments throughout the afternoon.
Entrance free, but donations welcome for The Friends' Funds
Contact Pauline Ridgway 01565 733494

Saturday 14 October 2023 Sing!

Singers of all abilities welcome to join us for an uplifting day of singing together at Great Budworth Church, getting to know a selection of music including Spirituals to Musicals. Versatile and vibrant choral conductor, Keith Orrell will lead the day, accompanied by our outstanding pianist, Stephen Reynolds. 10am to 4.30pm with non-singing friends and family welcome to come and listen to an informal run through around 4pm. Cost: £20, (Junior singers £10 including music hire) with proceeds in aid of Great Budworth Church and organ restoration.

For more information and registration contact Alison Willis or email singinfo@btinternet.com



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Please call Buddy Care on 07970 840797 for an informal discussion.

Guides and Senior Section

All our meetings last term were held in Marbury Park. We love being outdoors. One night we built a dam in the stream in Hopwoods, getting really wet and muddy in the process. Great fun was had by all and the dam was secure enough for us to walk across it. On other nights we played games, had a Taskmaster challenge and a treasure hunt.

The Main event

However, our main event was, of course, camp. We went to Queen Charlotte's Wood, Frodsham, at the end of July and had the whole place to ourselves. Where were the Scouts? Perhaps they were put off by the weather, which was fairly wet - heavy showers. It didn't bother us as we managed to keep dry and kept smiling and laughing.

Investigation

Our theme was CSI. We had to carry out several investigations to discover who stole the apple crumble. After taking fingerprints, measuring shoe sizes, making plaster casts of footprints, analysing handwriting and testing various substances found at the scene of the crime we concluded that Jess had stolen the apple

crumble. We also played lots of games - the hide and seek game was very popular - and had several quizzes. Congratulations to Sasha who made her Promise and to Andrea for gaining her Camper's Licence. Before going back home we were awarded our Investigating badge.

What's next?

So, what's next? Well, we don't really know, only that we'll be meeting in Marbury Park (weather permitting) in the middle of September and after half term in the church hall. Wonder what our Leaders have in store for us. Whatever it is, it will be exciting.

Guides and Senior Section



Great Budworth Cricket Club

The club continues the season with more victories. It has been encouraging to see so many players producing good performances.

Unfortunately, this year's match for the Peter McAndrew Shield against the English Cricket Association for the Deaf had to be postponed due to the opposition being unable to field a team.

Latest Results

Reynolds C.C. 94 in 20 overs.
D. Toy 2 for 9, G. Atkins 2 for 14, A. Phillips 2 for 23, S. Osborne 2 for 29.

GBCC 96 for 3. P. Lancaster 26 no, S. Norton 26 no. GBCC won.

GBCC 127 for 6 in 25 overs. R. Batey 30 no.

Warrington 67 all out. J. Dutton 2 for 3, S. Osborne 2 for 14, S. Norton 2 for 7. GBCC won.

Barnton C.C. 113 for 6 in 20 overs. A. Phillips 2 for 19, R. Batey 2 for 19.

GBCC 114 for 2. J. Dutton 23, S. Norton 23 no, P. Taylor 27 no. GBCC won.

GBCC 146 for 8 in 25 overs. D. Curryer 38 no, S Hankey 25 no, D. Toy 26 no.

Fir Trees 60 for 9 in 25 overs. GBCC won.

Date for your diary

Saturday 2 September, match against Lord Ashbrook's XI, 11:00am start.



Comberbach Art Group

The Art Group members are busy putting together final plans for the annual art exhibition in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 21 October. We hope you will come along to see all the examples of the varied work

done by the members of our group and our invited guests. The exhibition will be open between 11am and 5pm.

We will have our usual excellent home-made cakes

and tea and coffee available so you can sit and have a chat with friends while you ponder on your favourite painting.

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Comberbach Art Group ART EXHIBITION

Comberbach Memorial Hall
Marbury Road
CWO 6AU



DESIGNED BY SUE MURPHY

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2023
11am-5pm

Admission £1 under 12s Free
Refreshments available

*Top three pictures by Hilary,
lower two pictures by Eilan*

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 4 July 2023 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Parish Council Vacancy

Following the elections in May, the vacancy for the remaining Parish Councillor has been advertised and an application received. A decision on co-opting the applicant will be made at the meeting in September.

Recreation Area

Approval was given to engage a tree specialist to inspect and maintain the large trees at the Bowling club and car park areas. The inspection has now been done and the tree maintenance work undertaken.

A specialist contractor has been engaged to re-surface the MUGA court, it is hoped this will take place in September, weather permitting.

Various small repairs were approved to some of the playground equipment and seating, which will be carried out during the summer.

Highways

The portable Speed Indicator Device shared with Anderton & Marbury Parish council continues to act as a reminder to drivers to stay within speed limits, and provides useful information on the number of vehicles using the village roads. The information is used to inform Parish Council discussions with Northwich Police and raises the

profile of the issue with the local force and helps to maintain their engagement. However, any driver prosecution for speed or other offences would only be prosecuted with evidence from a police speed camera or, if appropriate, from dash cam or helmet cam footage.

The Council has been engaging with Antrobus Parish Council regarding the poor state of the road on Gibb Hill. While some repairs to pot holes have been made, the surface remains uneven. The Councils will continue to engage with Cheshire West & Chester Highways to seek to improve that and all roads in the Parish.

Governance

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 meetings of the Parish Council are on Tuesday 5 September and thereafter on Tuesday 24 October 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

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Utilities

Scottish Power/ electricity. 0800 0015400.
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Village services

Comberbach Nursery and Primary School. 01606 891336

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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

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

Kath Wharfe 18 Burgamot Lane 891540 kathwharfe@hotmail.co.uk

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 Bignore fete@comberbach.com Rebecca Matzen fete@comberbach.com	07725954349 07725954349
Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown	891324

Dates for your Diary

Sept	6. Bat Talk and Walk 8pm.	Marbury
	12 Garden Club 7.30pm	
	17 Marbury Through the Centuries	Marbury
	18. Ladies Club	
	19 WI Outing to Dunham Massey Cider Press	
	23 Fungal Hunts	Marbury
	24 Village Clean Up day.	
	24 Harvest Festival 11am and 6.30 pm	Chapel
October	5 Lite Bite lunch.	Chapel
	8 Family Service 11am.	Chapel
	21 Art Group Exhibition 11am - 5pm	Memorial Hall
	24 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm	Memorial Hall
November	6 Northwich Woodlands Talk 7.45pm	Memorial Hall
	12 Remembrance Service	Memorial Hall
December	5 Garden Club Christmas Party	
	10 Carol Service 2.30pm	Chapel