

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Jan/Feb 2024



Improved swings at the playground

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the village newsletter in 2024.

A very happy and prosperous New Year to our all residents and readers.

A few interesting topics from the Parish Council:

Neighbourhood Plan

Previously the Parish Council and resident/ community volunteers started the process to develop a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which directs development in the local area. It helps to:

- Choose where you want new homes or offices to be built
- Have your say on design
- Identify the types of buildings you would support planning permission on

It was previously decided that it was not necessary to continue with a NP as Comberbach was classed by CW&C in the Local Plan as “Washed Over” which meant that currently Comberbach is awash with greenbelt, therefore new development in the area must also comply with the greenbelt policy in the local plan.

Parish Councillors are to investigate whether or not we should consider the available options to protect our village, and are looking at advice from an independent professional planner.

To agree to a new plan it will be necessary for residents to form a working party to determine what may or may not be included, as well as completing a questionnaire.

If residents have any comment please make contact with the Parish Clerk

Please note that a NP does not cover issues with Highways, Speeding, Bus Timetables, Litter.

Highways

Potholes

Over the last few weeks, we have seen road closures on Gibb Hill and Cogshall Lane where CW&C have obtained additional DfT funding for patch repairs outside of the scope of the current issues with potholes.

Where there are significant potholes with at least a minimum depth of 40mm (4cm) it would be appreciative if residents use the CW&C web site to report a pot hole. On many occasions it appears that no one has raised the issue on the web site, assuming that someone else has. If a pothole has not been marked for attention with a white line, then it would be prudent to raise on the web site. We all have a duty to ensure our roads are safe from serious defects with potholes. CW&C only survey the roads every 3 months under their inspection regime for minor roads.

Blocked Drains

Similarly, if you notice a blocked drain close to your property, please use the CW&C web site to report and take note of the reference number. If no action has been taken after a few weeks either report it again using the original reference number or send an email to the Parish Clerk with all the relevant details. We can then chase up to ask why no action has been taken.

A suggestion from a couple of residents is that would it be useful to have a community Facebook page which would allow residents to confirm that a pothole or blocked drain has been already reported.

Any comments would be most appreciative

The Brook

During the November storms the brook, which encompasses houses at the rear of Mather Drive, Goosebrook Close and Brookfield Road, had a seriously high-water level at the drain gully by No5 Brookfield Road. The culvert was blocked

Notes from the Chair *continued*

due to branches and grass cuttings. Can we remind residents that no garden waste should be dumped anywhere near to the stream, which could result in flooding? If the Environmental Agency noted that damage was caused by residents, they may take action. Under Reparation Rights residents are liable for keeping the area free of anything that could cause damage to the water course.

Whilst walking past the culvert Christmas Eve, two old CW&C recycle boxes Green and Red were seen.

Full Fibre to the Premises

Freedom Fibre have now confirmed that the network is live in and around Comberbach and that the outlying areas will be completed in the first quarter of 2024. A drop-in session was held at the Methodist Church in late November. It was disappointing that one of the companies who plan to offer full fibre broadband TalkTalk decided that they did not want to send anyone to the event. However, a second new broadband supplier FACTco attended the event and certainly residents who attended were impressed with the offer for a fixed 24-month contract, and many agreed to sign up in the coming months.

Recreation Area

A new 2 bay swing has been installed in the infant play area. The new swing has two

additional seats to allow a parent and child to swing together on the aptly named duo seat. In addition, a DDA compliant swing has also been installed. New equipment does not come cheap with the swing and two new seats costing in excess of £5,000. The existing two infant seats bought last year have been reused. Many thanks to the Ward Councillors for their grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the new seats.

Footpaths and Hedges

Comment has been made that in some cases overhanging trees and hedges on the footpaths have meant that pedestrians have had to walk on the road to get past. Can we remind everyone that pedestrians should freely be able to walk the footpaths including those with prams and buggies. Councillors will walk the footpaths in Jan/Feb to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Please cut back any overgrown hedges.

80th D Day celebration

The 6 June marks the 80th anniversary and to mark the event it is proposed that town and villages mark the occasion by lighting a beacon at 21.15. The Parish Council have accrued funds to celebrate the event with residents. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we should proceed and provide any assistance please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.



Comberbach Chapel

Our Carol Service, led by Rev Derek Guest, took place on 10 December, with over 120 people in the Congregation. The Chapel had been decorated for the Christmas Season and the Christmas Story was told through Readings and Carols from both the Congregation and Choir, who, as well as contributing to the well-known Carols with their Descants, also sang five Carols including variations of "The Sussex Carol", "While Shepherds Watched" and "Unto us is born a Son".

Thank you for gifts

Thank you to everyone who brought Children's Gifts for The Oasis Centre in East Manchester, which were received by their representative Angela Crowe. They were extremely grateful for all our generosity. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council

for the wonderful tree in the Chapel grounds.

The Chapel was full to bursting again for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, thank you to all who took part. Our Christmas Day Service was led by Rev Andrew Pratt when Reflections were heard including the relevance of lighting Advent Candles while thinking of present-day circumstances across the World. Thank you to everyone who attended all of our Christmas Services. Collections from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be given to Action for Children and St Luke's Hospice.

Carol Singing

A big Thank you to everyone who contributed to our wonderful Carol Singing Collection which amounted to £1100. This will mostly be used for the upkeep of the Chapel,

with a Donation being given to Methodist Charities. We're sorry we didn't manage to sing along Cogshall Lane or Warrington Road, it just didn't work out on the planned night. Thank you to our Supper Hosts. Gail & Ian, Maureen & Sydney and Marjorie and John and to Ian P for our Truck Stop - all very welcome.

Little Extras

"The Little Extras Appeal" - The Food Bank really appreciated all the Donations of Extras for the Christmas Dinner. Thank you so much for your wonderful response to the Appeal.

Our Lite Bite Sessions have gone very well since we started in October, with up to thirty people attending each time. Four Year 6 Children have once again been acting as "Waiters" each time, helping Alan and Mike to serve the food.



Comberbach Chapel *continued*



Birthdays have been celebrated and quizzes enjoyed. After an Invitation from the School, thirteen members shared in their Christmas Lunch on the 6th December. This was enjoyed by everyone, young and old alike! The new Lite Bite Sessions will begin on Thursday 11 January between 12 noon and 1.30pm and continue each fortnight until Easter. Please look out for the big Blue Board on the Chapel lawn or phone 891248 for more information.

The Sunday School presented Martha and Alfie with Tickets to see Jesus Christ Superstar in



Liverpool at the end of October, they were accompanied by their Mums and all thoroughly enjoyed it.

A Film Night took place in November when Matilda the Musical was shown in the School Room. Hot Dogs and Popcorn were available on arrival with Ice-cream being served in the Interval. A super night out whilst raising money at the same time.

We will celebrate our 145th Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 11 February when an All Age Service will be led by Mr Malcolm Aspey.

Just a few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and didn't indulge too much.

Hopefully by the time this article goes out the weather has improved and the light nights are upon us again.

Please be mindful of the elderly residents living in the village and possibly not being able to get out. Always check on your neighbours when possible.

If you have concerns about any of the residents in your community please contact the Police on 101.

Regular Police Surgeries are held at the Memorial Hall in Comberbach - dates are advertised on notices boards around the village.

Take care
PCSO Diana Wiggins 20322

Comberbach WI



**COMBERBACH
JAN-MAR 2024
PROGRAMME**

**January 8th – Holistic Tai
Chi. Jo Perry**

**February 5th – Nutritional
therapist. Claire Coney**

**March 4th – Chair Yoga.
Julia Ford**

2.30pm Comberbach
Memorial Hall.
Non Members Welcome
Contact Sian Chandler
07770863170

Find us on 
@Comberbach WI
Comberbachwi.org.uk

Litter picking

Thank you to the regular litter pickers in the area. Just a reminder to use the green or the new supply of grey Keep Britain Tidy bags provided and put them at the side of a public litter bin for collection. I did notice a black bag had been placed by the two bags I left by the bin at the end of Budworth Lane. This is classed at fly tipping by the council (even if it does contain litter that has been collected!!), so please contact me if you want a supply of bags.

I have been asked to send a tally of bags of litter collected locally by volunteers to someone at C&CW so please text me with details of collections 07464716978. Thanks.

Kath Wharfe

Interested in...

**Friendship Craft Education Games
Cookery Gardening Health Environment**

Then



is for you

- First Monday of the month. Comberbach Memorial Hall.
- 14:30 Nov-March. 19:30 April- Oct.
- Guest Speakers/Demonstrations
- Tea and cake!
- Pub meals, ramblers groups, book and craft clubs.
- Shopping trips and excursions.

[facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ComberbachWI) @ Comberbach WI for more info

**New members and
guests welcomed.
Come and
check us out!**



Comberbach Fete 2024 Theme 'Summer of Sport'

Firstly, a happy new year to all readers from the Comberbach Fete Committee.

As ever Comberbach Fete will be held on the last Saturday in June which in 2024 falls as the 29th. There's a lot to look forward to in 2024 around that time, not just the fete, but this year the UEFA Euros will be in June, the Summer Olympics will be in July and the Tour de France will be in between. So, with all your help, the fete committee will bring a sprinkle of sporting magic to the village with the theme for this year's fete confirmed as a 'Summer of Sport'.

Following on from the great success of the 2023 fete, we aren't resting on our laurels and are busy booking entertainment acts with a sporting theme, for all to enjoy. The fete will begin with the village parade commencing from Senna Lane and proceeding to the showground. Put the date in your diary, it's sure to be fun, and as ever will follow our motto of 'entertainment for all ages'.

Fete AGM

The Fete AGM was held on Wednesday 13th December and our great little team are committed to providing a fete that everyone can enjoy as well as delivering the very popular 'Sundowner' fun run. Rebecca Matzen and Paul Langley-Sadler were re-elected as Chair and Vice-chair respectively, Cheryl Jackson was re-elected as Treasurer. Orienne Langley-Sadler has taken on the role of Secretary from Dave White to whom we extend a big thanks for his diligent secretarial duties over the last year.

Sundowner Fun Run

After a full sell-out of places in 2023, the very popular 'Sundowner' fun run will be held again this year in Marbury Park. The date for your diary is the evening of Friday 17th May. There will be 1km and 5km runs, held one after the other, with stalls, BBQ, teas and a bar for all to enjoy. Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the village rose queen's nominated charity as to be confirmed.

The more you put in, the more you get out!

It is true you know, and it wouldn't be possible to put these events on without members of the village stepping forward and joining us. Whether

you can give just a little bit of your time, or a little bit more!, maybe you are new to the village or long standing, please come and join our merry team and help us to add a little bit of colour and enjoyment to life in the village. You'll get more from it than you might think!

The aims of the Comberbach Fete committee include:

- to engage in activities which support the village and promote the welfare and entertainment of the residents by way of the village fete; and
- to administer donations as requested by village groups.

The next committee meeting will be held on 17 January 2024 in the Spinner and Bergamot and we would welcome new faces. If you want to message us in advance then please contact us via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/comberbachfete. We look forward to hearing from you.

Supporting Local Groups

A reminder to village groups that the Fete Committee support you not only by facilitating fund raising through fete day stalls and games etc. but we also give very careful consideration to received grant applications, a key criterion being able to demonstrate benefit afforded to the village and local community. If you would like a copy of our grant application form, then please let us know via message through our Facebook page.

Save the Date, It's Comberbach Fete!

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Fete Committee Meeting (Spinner and Bergamot)
- Come and join us

Friday 17 May 2024

Sundowner Fun Run (Marbury Park)

Saturday 29 June 2024

Comberbach Fete 2024 – 'Summer of Sport'

Recipe

Pear Frangipane Tart

Ingredients

500g sweet shortcrust pastry

4 pears

squeeze lemon juice

For the frangipane

200g butter softened

200g caster sugar (I reduced this to 150g)

40g ground almonds

100g SR flour

50g toasted flaked almonds plus a few extra for sprinkling

2 large eggs

Method

STEP 1. Roll out the pastry and line an 18 x 28cm tart tin or a 23cm round tart tin. Prick the base of the pastry with a fork, chill for 30 mins.

STEP 2. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line the pastry with baking parchment and fill with baking beans. Bake blind for 15 mins. Remove the beans and paper, and bake for a further 10 mins. Decrease the oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3, and trim the pastry edges.

STEP 3. To make the frangipane, beat all the ingredients together with an electric whisk. Put into the tin and spread evenly to fill. Peel, halve and core the pears. Brush with a little lemon juice. Arrange the pears in the tin, pushing them a little into the frangipane. Scatter with a few more flaked almonds and bake for 50 mins until the filling is risen, golden and firm to the touch. Serve warm or cold, drizzled with a little honey.

Kath

2nd Comberbach Brownies

We returned to indoors and warmth of the Sunday School Room after half term and welcomed a revisit from the Hedgehog Rescue Lady---she looks after, rehomes, abandoned hedgehogs and was full of useful information for the girls who responded by giving her newspapers, old towels, kitten food.

WE spent some time singing traditional Guiding songs and working in our Sixes—Squirrels, Moles and Badgers so that our team work skills came into play, particularly with some new games we learned.

We made quite complicated Advent calendars over 2 weeks and asked a parent, grandparent to

help on the second week---bribing them with coffee and cake! Some parents were really helpful while others seemed to get a lot of glue in the wrong places!! We'll have to invite them again and train them up!!

After a party night , our last meeting was a trip to High Legh Garden Centre—crafts, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed but it was the singing reindeer which once again were the highlight!!

We're all hoping for a rest over the holidays and back with renewed enthusiasm in the New Year

Owls and Brownies of 2ndComberbach Brownies

A bird's eye view

Food, Food, Glorious Food

As we approach the coldest part of the year it is important not to forget the welfare of the animals visiting our gardens. Any food and clean water you can provide could well be the difference between life and death for many birds. It will also help to keep them in good condition so they are ready to breed again in the spring. If I had to choose only one food source it would be sunflower hearts, they are energy rich and agreeable to many different species. If you want to give your blackbirds, thrushes and starlings a treat, try dried sultanas or raisins, they are irresistible. If you are planning to put up a nest box for summer why not do it now. It would provide a roosting site for birds trying to escape the winter's chill.

Handy Scandis

Starling numbers are still small at Marbury Park, so the murmurations have yet to hit the heights. The same applies to bittern sightings, but the coldest weather and frosts will help bring more starlings in and this in turn will help flatten the reeds as the roost expands. Giving better displays from them and a better chance of seeing any bitterns present. Also keep a look out for redwings and fieldfares, both beautiful members of the thrush family. Bramblings too, a large strikingly coloured finch, and the crown jewel of Scandinavian exports, the much sought after waxwing. There has already been a large influx of them this winter, and they often turn up in very strange and yet easily accessible places in the search for the berries they love.



Nothing to Egret

I have managed to add great white egret to my home bird list, it was seen flying back over the house after visiting the mere, it joins little egret on the list. It seems strange to think that it should not be too long before I can add cattle egret and spoonbill to the list as well. These sightings are a great pointer to a rapidly changing climate and are not something I would have thought possible a few years ago. It is also a reminder that uncommon birds can turn up anywhere so always be alert to the possibility.

Frog Wrestling

I wish you all a Happy New Year, and again make the case for a visit to the park and the surrounding area, to take in both the wildlife and the serenity it offers. Maybe you will get to see a sight like I did in the summer when I witnessed a mink wrestling with a frog in the new bird hide. I thought I had discovered a new species at first, such was the strange vision I witnessed. It was a combination of a black, furry sausage shape mixed with the squirming long legs of a squeaking frog. I am happy to report that the frog won the bout, not quite by three falls and a submission, but more by slipperiness and amazing contortion. I helped him back into the safety of the undergrowth after his ordeal and reflected on how each visit to the park is never quite the same.

JB



Great Budworth Garden Club

We wish all our members and friends, a very happy Xmas and a Green Fingered New Year.



No more gardening for a while, but keep an eye on our pot plants and stored bulbs for winter.

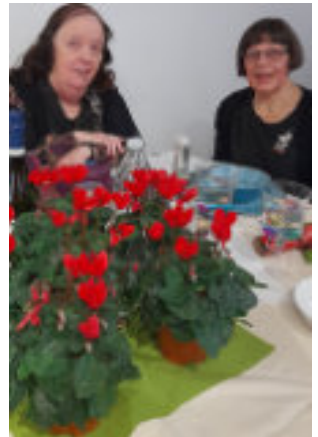
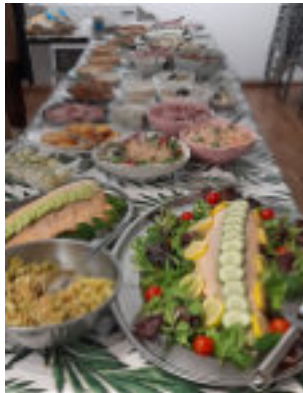
We have had frost already but we do not know what is in store for us for the rest of the winter. We seem to get extremes in weather now, so keep alert.

We had an excellent Members' Party, where the buffet table was 'fit for a King', absolutely wonderful. Thank you to everyone who contributed and worked hard for this event and in fact the whole of the year.

There is no meeting in January, but, the most important date of

the year is the AGM on Tuesday 13 February. This is when your subs are due and you are given the new programme for 2024. If unable to attend, please give your money to me or any committee member before the day. There is also a speaker, Jeff Bates, who will talk about Organic Gardening.

We wish you all much Gardening success in 2024.
Yours sincerely
Jean Davies
0789 993 7683



Creative Corner

Comberbach Art Exhibition

Deck the hall with tables, screens and stands
Everything involved has been planned
Members paintings here, those of visiting artists
there

There'll be no room to spare
For numerous paintings everywhere
Animals, landscapes, seascapes, flowers
You can peruse them for hours
Portraits, pets, a painting of sweets
Images to make your day complete
A blaze of colour from left to right
Abstract, figurative, dark and light
What an interesting, varied sight
All meant to inspire and delight
Choose favourites if you can
For 'People's Choice' winners that's the plan
Maybe buy for home or a present
There's no time like the present!

EMP

Ladies Club

The last meeting was on 20 November and was shrouded in mystery. On arrival at a house in Barnton we were invited to sample the generous buffet of food and drinks, entered for a raffle with a difference, every ticket was a winner and then entertained by a wonderful choir of female singers who specialise in harmonies. The next meeting will be a belated Christmas Meal on Monday 22 January at 12.45 in the Spinner and Bergamot.



A walk suggestion for the New Year

Circular walk from Great Budworth to Arley and return. (The fields can be quite muddy especially after recent weather).

At Great Budworth leave the village along Westage Lane and then turn left towards the ice cream farm.

1. Take the footpath on the right-hand side of the road opposite the farm and follow this around this field bearing left and entering a second field. Follow this path until it meets the road.

2. Cross the road and take the track opposite. After passing the farm / cottage the track will continue into a field. The path follows a straight course northwards through fields, crosses over a small footbridge, passes some houses on the Arley estate until eventually joining the road up to Arley Hall.

3. Continue north until the crossroads, take the road to the left.

4. After a short distance there is a marked path to the left beside a house. Take this path following it as it turns right and eventually reaches Hollies Farm and the road.

5. Turn left down the road. Just after the track to Reed House farm there is a marked footpath on the left.

6. Take this path and follow it until it reaches the road near to Belmont Dairy Farm.

7. Turn left and follow the road for a short distance until there is a road off to the right.

8. Take this road until it meets another road, which you cross and take the footpath opposite.

9. Follow this along the edge of the fields. You emerge from the fields onto a lane. Go past the village hall, tennis court and bowling green into Great Budworth.

Gardening month by month

January

Around the garden

Ensure that birds have food and water

Spread organic matter over the soil

Destroy weed seedlings

When the lawn surface dries out a bit aerate with a garden fork, creating holes at 15cm intervals. Spread sharp sand over the holes.

Get the lawn mower serviced

Protect vulnerable plants

Order seeds and summer flowering bulbs

Trees and shrubs

Check supports of trees and shrubs

Plant deciduous hedging

Prune trees and shrubs to shape

Prune wisteria and other vigorous climbers

Remove any snow off branches to prevent breakage

February

Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering

Prune summer flowering shrubs that flower on new wood

Prune hardy evergreen trees and shrubs

Prune jasmines and late summer flowering clematis

Repot or top-dress shrubs in containers

Flowering plants

Clear damp leaves from the crown of plants

Sow sweet peas under cover

Inspect dahlia tubers

Prune off old stems of herbaceous perennials

Start dahlia tubers into growth

Kitchen garden

Chit early potatoes

Force rhubarb

Prepare seedbeds for vegetables (add lime if necessary)

Mulch fruit trees after feeding

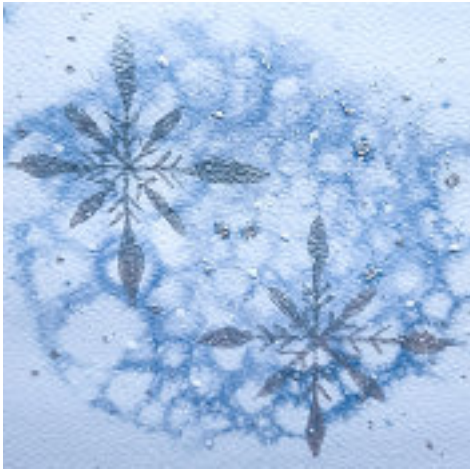


Comberbach Art Group

By the time you read this we will be starting the New Year ready to paint some more wonderful pictures for our next exhibition in the autumn. We ended last year with a celebratory lunch at the Spinner after another successful year.

Our group works well together, there is always someone to offer advice or support when needed and the variety of work produced is amazing, some of the group made their own Christmas cards and we had a selection of seasonal paintings

to share. If anyone is interested in joining, come along to see us in action any Monday morning in the room behind the Methodist Chapel between 10am and 12pm.



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:

- 2024: 16 January; 5 March

Meetings are held at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Agendas and minutes are published on the noticeboards at Gibb Hill, Post Office and Bus shelter at the recreation area and on the Parish Council website.

Contact the Parish Council as below:

Parish Clerk – Denise French

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Cllr. John Ryder (Chairman)	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	01606 891 827	
Jill Johnston (Vice Chairman)	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane, Goosebrook Close, Reedsmere Walk
Bill Briggs	Moss Gables, The Moss Marbury Road, Comberbach CW9 6AX	07776314026	Senna Lane (lower to Mather Drive) Marbury Road The Moss, Poplar Cottages
Sandy Cameron	17 Goosebrook Close Comberbach CW9 6BX	01606 891 152	Brookfield Road, Chapel Close, Chapel Houses, Mather Drive
Richard Chandler	Crows Nest House Crows Nest Lane Comberbach CW9 6HY	01606 892 157 07933 087560	The Avenue (to the Spinner), Warrington Road (from the Spinner), Budworth Lane, Crownest Lane
John Darwin	Brook Cottage Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891410 077888 27933	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 Meetings of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 and 5 December at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Police update

The Parish Council welcomed A/PS John Hand and PCSO Di Wiggins to the October meeting. Councillors raised issues around traffic through the village particularly now that Soot Hill had re-opened and parking issues around school drop off and pick up times. The Parish Council will be siting the Speed Indicator Device on Warrington Road and Marbury Lane for the next few months to monitor traffic levels and speeds.

Recreation Area

The latest equipment in the Recreation Area has now been installed – the Council has invested in a new 4-seat configuration swing set to make best use of space and provide an accessible option as well as a ‘me and you’ seat which enables an adult to sit opposite their child.

D Day Commemorations 6 June 2024

Councils and communities are being encouraged to organise a commemorative event on 6 June for the 80th anniversary of D Day. Guidance proposes lighting a beacon at 9.15pm and pausing to undertake ‘The International Tribute’. It is also suggested that fish and chips are involved in any commemorations due to their role during the war – fish and chips were not rationed and the words were used by paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines to identify friendly soldiers nearby – calling out ‘fish’ and hoping to receive a reply of ‘chips’.

If you would like to be involved in commemorating D Day please contact the Parish Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

John Heselwood from Cheshire Community Action (CCA) was welcomed to the December meeting.

John explained the statutory role given to NPs and that they must focus on land use and development policies. A NP for Comberbach would need to comply with the Cheshire West and Chester adopted Local Plan. A NP would comprise any number of policies that could focus on design, housing, biodiversity, green space etc. A NP would not address issues such as

highways, events, speeding. All policies must be realistic and deliverable.

John outlined the process for producing a NP and current grant funding available which would cover the total cost of producing a NP with additional technical support packages available for specific areas such as design codes or environmental impact assessments. CCA did not have any in-house expertise but had access to a consultant who could assist with a NP. There would be an important role for volunteers to support the process which could take a number of years. The culmination of the process would be a referendum and a simple majority was sufficient to approve the NP which would then be classed as ‘made’.

John also referred to the recent Levelling Up Act which had introduced a Neighbourhood Priority Statement which was a lighter touch process; legislation was awaited.

Members raised that Comberbach was ‘washed over’ by Green Belt and what did this mean in planning terms? John replied that it meant residential development would only occur if there was a proven need. John suggested if considering a NP for Comberbach a review of the CWAC Local Plan should be undertaken to establish which policies were relevant to the village and then identify any gaps which a NP could be used to address. These areas would form policies for which evidence would be needed and a consultant would help with this.

John explained that an area could not be allocated as public open space without the agreement of the landowner but suggested a policy relating to protection of views and vistas could be helpful; he cited examples of ‘made’ NPs where protection of a view had held weight.

Members felt this contradicted the opinion given at an online meeting with CWAC Planning that suggested protection of a view was not possible.

If any members of the public are interested in finding out more detail about a possible Neighbourhood Plan for Comberbach or would

Report from the Meetings of Comberbach Parish Council *continued*

like to help in any way, please contact the Clerk using the details below.

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 16 January 2024 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

Village News Editor wanted in 2024

There is a vacancy for the role of gathering and assembling the content of the newsletter for someone, or even better a group of friends, with more IT skills than me and some fresh ideas for the newsletter. Comberbach seems to have acquired a younger population profile in recent years and this should be reflected in the newsletter.

I have been helping with the Newsletter for a number of years, starting as a helper with Irene when it was printed on the photocopier in the Hall. The Team then became depleted; Norma was in charge then but moved to Little Budworth, Andy moved to Winnington and Angela to Antrobus. By default, I had to take over communication with contributors, assembling content and delivery to the distributors. Since then, the lease on the photocopier ended and we moved to a professionally printed version. Ron has continued to do a sterling job on the printing layout and communication with the print company, a role which does require skill and suitable software. Ola and Jeff Dodd have stepped in and taken over responsibility of distribution to the various distributors which is a great help.

What the job entails: the newsletter is bi-monthly, six copies per year so every two months you have to:

*Communicate with contributors to give notice of deadlines and request contributions

*Create a document (I just produce a large word document using Office), folders of photos and posters, and if content is a bit 'thin' then being a little creative and adding new items.

*Checking of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

*Producing the Dates for the Diary page

*Sending all content to Ron for layout

*Checking and approval of the draft copies prior to printing.

Please contact either myself or John Ryder if you are interested in taking over this role.

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 Bignore / 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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CW9 5LP

What's going on...when, and how to contact the right people

Memorial Hall

WI	1st Mon each month	7.30pm	Sian Chandler	07770863170
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	
Yoga	Thursday	9.30am	October to April	

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
Yoga	Mondays	6.30.pm		
	Thursday	9.30am	April to October	

Comberbach Primary School Hall

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 23 February (Before if possible)

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

Dates for your Diary *(for Budworth Church see separate list)*

January

Monday 8	WI 2.30pm (Holistic Tai Chi)	Memorial Hall
Thursday 11 -	Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm	Chapel
Tuesday 16	PC meeting 6.45pm	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 17	Fete Committee Meeting	Spinner 7.30pm
Saturday 20	Burns Night Quiz 7pm	Memorial Hall
Monday 22	Ladies Club Meal 12.45pm	Spinner
Thursday 25	Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm	Chapel

February

Thursday 1	Lite Bite - 12 noon to 1.30pm	Chapel
Monday 5	WI 2.30pm (Nutritional Therapist)	Memorial Hall
Sunday 11	Chapel Anniversary at 11.am	
Tuesday 13	Great Budworth Garden Club AGM	
Thursday 15	Lite Bite Chapel - 12 noon to 1.30pm	
Monday 19	Ladies Club (TBC)	
Friday 23	Newsletter Deadline	

March

Monday	WI 2.30pm (Chair Yoga)	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5t	PC meeting 6.45pm	Memorial Hall