

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Mar/Apr 2024



Self seeded crocuses on Spinner Crescent green

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

Vandalism in the recreation area



This is something we should not expect or accept in our lovely village.

The bench was near vandal proof but clearly it was a challenge to an individual or individuals to see what damage they could cause. The cost of a replacement bench is approx. £400 and it will be necessary to include as a budget item in the next financial year, or claim on our insurance.

It maybe worth reminding residents that these costs are absorbed into the budget that determines the parish precept.

If we find out who did this vandalism they will be reported to the police and we will invoice them or their parents for the damage caused. It would be helpful if residents using the park kept a close eye on attendees and reported any potential criminal damage.

PLEASE REPORT ANY ISSUES TO PCSO DI WIGGINS TEL 101

diana.wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

Its likely that the vandals filmed themselves so if parents and children kept a close eye on social media, please let the Parish Council know in confidence.

A resident noted that 2 young males were running towards Barnton on Sunday 11th February at around 8.20/8.25 in the evening after coming from the recreation area. If anyone has a ring doorbell or similar, it would be helpful if they could view any footage around say 7.30 to 8.30.

Precept

In January the Parish Council is required to prepare a budget for the forthcoming financial year based on expenditure forecast, which also includes salaries, insurance, maintenance and repairs to the recreation area and provision for replacement equipment.

The Parish Council approved an increase in the precept of 5%. For a band D property this equates to an annual increase of £3.24. and for a band F property this equates to an annual increase of £4.68.

The Parish Council continues to monitor expenditure so as to get best value for money.

Interestingly, during the period 2015 to 2024 the Parish Council has spent nearly £90,000 on new or replacement assets. This includes demolition of old memorial hall, replacement storage facilities, new swings x 2, new benches, picnic tables, village gateway signs, replacement soft play surface, and the pump track.

Potholes CW&C Report It tool

CW&C under their Highways regulations survey the road through Comberbach every 3 months by a Network Steward, who will report potholes in excess of 40mm deep.

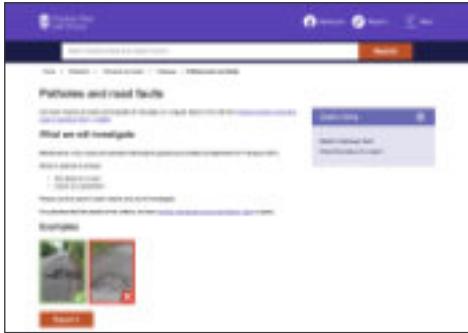
CW&C therefore rely on residents and road users to use the "Report It" tool to report potholes which may need an urgent repair.

Gibb Hill had a large pothole opposite Crownest Lane and it was Councillor Chandler who reported it, and it was repaired within 48 hours. I also reported a large pothole at the top of Gibb Hill by the white house on the bend. After making a complaint this was actioned with 12 hours

What concerns me, is that on a daily basis 1,000 cars use Gibb Hill in both directions. How can it be that no-one thinks that they should report a SERIOUS pothole? Perhaps one day they will be on a highway and are stranded waiting for a recovery vehicle to take them home after suffering damage due to a pothole. If you see a serious pothole, please report it even if it's been reported by someone else. The web site shows potholes marked if you scroll to the location.

Notes from the Chair *continued*

Please use the "Report It" tool to report a pothole. Its very easy to use.



Gibb Hill, Cogshall Lane, Warrington Road

CW&C approved funding for large patches of road on Gibb Hill and Cogshall Lane and they were completed just prior to Christmas. Councillors noted within days the poor quality of the repairs and at the January meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would write a formal letter of complaint to the Head of Highways to understand who signed off these repairs, how long is the guarantee etc.

We understand that the work was subcontracted by Colas who are the repairs contractor to CW&C.

The Head of Highways has confirmed that the works carried out are unsatisfactory, and the contractor has accepted liability to come back and complete remedial works, and a date is to be scheduled

Marbury Road

Residents may have noticed the area along Marbury Road from Senna Lane to Soot Hill has been marked for major patching. Over 100 patches identified.

Highways have confirmed that the work is scheduled for 11 March and road closures will be in place.

Drain Gullies

Two residents on The Avenue reported blocked gullies in August and December last year. Contact was made to complain as to why these reports were not actioned correctly. CW&C agreed to arrange a date for cleaning but again at the time of writing no action has been seen.

Just a few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

Safety tips to help prevent ROMANCE FRAUD

- * Don't rush into an online relationship - get to know the person, not the profile. Ask plenty of questions.
- * Analyse their profile - confirm the person's identity. Check the person is genuine by putting their name, profile pictures or any repeatedly used phrases and the term 'dating scam' into your search engine.
- * Never send money or share your bank details with someone you've only met online, no matter what reason they give or how long you've been speaking to them.
- * Stay on the dating site messenger service -

don't use email, phone, social media or other messaging apps until you're confident the person is who they say they are.

- * Most importantly talk to your friends and family - be wary of anyone who tells you not to tell others about them.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040.

NEVER GIVE PERSONAL DETAILS TO ANYONE.

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE - IT PROBABLY IS!!

Comberbach Chapel

Our Burn's Night Quiz in January was a huge success with over one hundred tickets being sold. Twenty teams of Quizzers battled it out in the Village Hall, kept in very good order by Nik Lord. Everyone enjoyed the Haggis, Neeps and Tatties during the Interval and the overall Quiz Winners were "Strangeways here we come". An excellent amount of £1800 was raised for the Chapel. Thank you to everyone! Our next Fund-raiser will be a Jigsaw Race on Thursday 25th April. Watch out for more details on Facebook.

On Sunday 11 February we celebrated our 145th Anniversary. The foundation

stone of our wonderful building was laid on 14 August 1879 and the Chapel and Sunday School Opening Day was on 12 August 1880, such an amazing feat in just twelve months, when you think of all the work that was involved, both inside and outside. A Service was held in the afternoon, followed by a Tea for 400 people in a large tent in a field behind the Chapel. One thing that has continued to this day is the Choir, and our current Ladies ensemble sang four pieces during the Service. Our forthcoming Special Services will be on Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday, both at 11am. A warm welcome to everyone!

Lent discussions are currently taking place at the Bible Study Meetings held each Thursday evening at Ida's home.

Last Lite Bite

Our fortnightly Lite Bite Lunches have continued to do well, with an average of thirty people each time. Four School-children along with a Teacher come to help out in Term Time and many Birthdays have been celebrated and Quizzes puzzled over. Our last Session will be on Thursday 21 March and will resume in October.



Comberbach WI

Since the last Comberbach News article we have had our AGM, the meeting when we elect our officers. At this AGM, I, was voted in as the new President. I may be a new and slightly nervous President, but I have served as Treasurer for 6 years and as Secretary for 3 before that, so I do know a little about the WI! After the business of the meeting and thanking Lindsay Entwistle, our outgoing President for her calm and caring tenure, we were treated to an unusual quiz developed by our new Treasurer, Louise Pendlebury. Close up pictures of everyday items, famous landmarks and food stuff had us all exercising our brains in a different mode. Some of the answers offered were hilarious.

In December, several of our members enjoyed a hearty Christmas Lunch at The Leigh Arms, a couple of days after our December meeting where we were introduced to the art of Iris Paper Folding. This intricate method of folding strips of colourful paper resulted in us making a very individual and beautiful Christmas Card.



Tai Chi success

January brought a well-attended meeting at which Jo Perry led us through a Holistic Tai Chi session. A number of us were a little apprehensive, charting unknown waters, but we all joined in and it was very gratifying that several members are keen to pursue Tai Chi in the future.

On a similar theme of wellbeing, we welcomed Claire Coney, a Nutritional Therapist to our February Meeting. Claire was a wonderful ambassador for eating the right things although dark chocolate was on the menu! She answered many questions from the Members and even those who considered that they follow a reasonable diet, went home with some extra tips.

Looking forward, we are starting up our social events, firstly with a lunch time get together at the Spinner and Bergamot. March's meeting will be a session of Chair Yoga then in April we will celebrate our birthday and welcome a lady who will show us how to wear a hat, ready for the wedding season and Chester races!

We are a lively WI with an active walking group, a book club and a craft group. We also dabble in darts and quizzes.

We organise outings throughout the year and join in with those organised by the Cheshire Federation. We meet on the first Monday of every month in the Memorial Hall, 2.30 pm in the winter and at 7.30 pm in the summer.

Come along as a visitor and see what you think, you will be very welcome. For more information contact the secretary, Sian on sianrc@hotmail.co.uk or 07770863170

Rosie Rowe, President



Comberbach Fete 2024 Theme 'Summer of Sport'

Spring is in the air, which means it's 'busy time' for the Comberbach Fete Committee as we progress all plans for the Comberbach Fete 2024, and the annual Sundowner Fun Run.

Comberbach Fete 2024 – 'Summer of Sport'

The theme for Comberbach Fete 2024 is now confirmed as 'Summer of Sport', and we are busy booking acts and making plans that are 'fit for the theme', which we are sure you will all enjoy and which fit with our motto of 'entertainment for all ages'. We might even have a former premier league footballer paying us a visit....watch this space!

The fete will be preceded with the village parade commencing from Senna Lane and proceeding to the showground. Put the date in your diary! As ever Comberbach Fete will be held on the last Saturday in June which in 2024 falls as the 29th.

There will be lots of ways that you can take part in Comberbach Fete 2024, and add to the colour of the village. Get planning your fancy dress outfit, or how you can decorate your house with a sporting theme!

More details on fete day, including finalised timings, the fete day competitions and how you can contribute will be included in the annual Fete Day Newsletter which will be coming through your door before fete day.

Rose Queen / King, Royal Consort and Retinue

Applications for Comberbach Rose Queen / King 2024, Royal Consort and the supporting Retinue are now open. An application form with further details has been included in this copy of the Village News and is being distributed via the Primary School. The form includes further details on the draw process etc.

Each year the Comberbach Rose Queen / King nominates a charity that is close to their heart and they are able to use their position to help promote fund raising for that charity. It's a rewarding opportunity and a chance to help a cause that the Queen/King consider worthy and of importance.

Completed applications should be submitted to amandagreenwood1708@gmail.com by 12 April 2024. Taking part is a lovely way to be involved in Fete day, and members are also asked to take part in the Chapel service which this year will be on 14 July 2024, giving further opportunity for the retinue outfits to be seen.

Sundowner Fun Run

Friday 17 May will see the return of the popular Sundowner event.

Held in Marbury Park and organised by Comberbach Village Fete Committee, Sundowner is a family-friendly evening social event incorporating a 5k run for adults and a 1k fun run for children.

The aim of the event is to continue the long-standing village fun run tradition, raise money for charity and stage an enjoyable, relaxed, early summer event for the local community. As well as the usual running races, there is a licensed bar, tea & coffee, BBQ, cake stall and background music - so plenty of entertainment for runners and non-runners alike.

Sundowner takes place on Friday 17 May, kicking off at 5pm. The kids run first at 6:30pm, followed by the main 5k race at 7pm. The race will follow the usual route on the paths and trails of Marbury Country Park.

Online entries will open on 11 March at <https://sundownerfunrun.niftyentries.com>. Advance entries are £7 for adults and £4 for children (on the day entries £8 for adults and £5 for children). Last year's event was a sell-out, attracting over 200 entries, so be sure to secure your places early. Every finisher receives a medal and there are prizes for the winners of each race as well as the coveted 'family prize'.

We have been thrilled by the offers received from villagers to help Marshall the Sundowner Fun Run, because it wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you.

All funds raised will be donated to the Rose Queen's nominated charity

Fete Committee

If you want to message the Village Fete Committee, or better still, come and join our very fun-loving and progressive group, then please contact us via our facebook page: www.facebook.com/comberbachfete.

We look forward to hearing from you.

COMBERBACH ROSE QUEEN 2024

Applications are now being invited for the Rose Queen/King and his/her Attendants (Retinue) for the Village Fete to be held on Saturday 29th June 2024.

The theme this year is “Summer of Sport”.

Applicants for the following positions should either live in Comberbach, attend Comberbach Primary School or have a strong link to the village.

Rose Queen/King & Royal Consort – Year 6 girls or boys
Princess/Prince – Year 6 girls or boys
Attendants – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 girls or boys
Flower Girls / Page Boys – Year 1 & 2 and Reception

Please note: Only children who have previously been in the retinue for a minimum of 1 previous year will be put into the hat for the Rose Queen/King and Royal Consort positions, which will be decided by random draw. If none apply, all Year 6 applicants will be included in the draw. Any unsuccessful Queen/King nominees will be put in the draw for Princess/Prince.

There can only be 1 Queen or King and 1 Royal Consort to accompany them, along with 1 Princess and 1 Prince. All other positions have no limits on the amount of children included in that group.

The successful applicants will be notified by email shortly after the closing date and will be required to attend 3 practices to be held after school.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT RETINUE MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICE AT COMBERBACH METHODIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024.

For further information please contact our Retinue Secretary, Amanda Greenwood (07793616362)

Please complete the slip below and email to amandagreenwood1708@gmail.com by 12th April 2024

Name:

DOB

Address:

Position applied for:

Contact Tel No:

Contact E-mail address

Signed (*parent/guardian*)

The decision of the Fete Committee will be final.

Creative Corner

A Muddy Traipse

Across the wet and muddy fields I slog
 Making my way carefully from bog to bog,
 And wishing that each heavy tread could double
 My total in the tyranny of the daily step count;
 Whilst from the Mere a distant sound of geese
 reaches me
 And when I finally arrive at the mount
 Overlooking the water far below, a grey heron
 Flies noisily overhead, and the flock of bed and
 breakfasting sheep
 Look up briefly before returning to the grass,
 and in an instant my weariness is replaced by
 wonder
 at the beautiful wintry scene unfolding before my
 eyes,
 while above us all a high flying buzzard,
 In graceful flight and with distinctive call
 Lifts us all in thanks and praise to the skies.

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 Marbury Mere, Northwich
 4 February, 2024.

ROBO-CAT

Robo-cat Amber is cuddly and cute
 Stroke her and she won't stay mute
 Turning her head she meows in your face
 Opening, closing eyes, purring in case
 You forget she's your feline friend
 Her random movements will never end
 As long as you touch her; then it's sleep mode
 Back on the sofa, her allotted abode
 She makes you smile, feel warm inside
 Quiet and content you sit for a while
 With her on your lap, then by your side
 Meowing when you pass by, silence defied
 Amber rolls back so you can tickle her tummy
 Then gets up again, it's so funny
 Lifting her paw she licks showing her tongue
 Mouth opening and closing what could go wrong?
 That feline presence so calm and relaxing
 Contentment is almost unrelenting
 Soft fur to touch, cat-like sounds
 Peace and gentle amusement abounds
 One day you'll have to replace the batteries
 At least you don't have to bother with catteries
 Or feeding, or litter trays and vets
 She's the very best pet of pets!

EMP

Ladies Club

A belated Christmas Lunch was enjoyed by many members at the Spinner and Bergamot in January. A programme for a variety of activities for the coming year were planned, the first of these being the visit to see the excellent production of Oliver in February in Northwich. In March the meeting will focus on all things Irish to recognise St Patrick's Day. It will be held on 18 March in the Bowling Club at 7.30pm. The hopefully improved weather will enable us to have a walk followed by a pub meal on 15 April, details yet to be confirmed. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month.

Party Kit Hire

I wanted to explain about a new service in the village - there is now a reusable party kit available to hire in Comberbach. It's 30 place settings (bowl, plate, cup, cutlery) suitable for children. The idea is that you can skip the disposable tableware, use the sturdier plates and then they'll be washed up for you. It's £10 to hire which makes it competitive and delivery is free within Comberbach and surrounding villages.

It's part of the wider party kit network (<https://partykitnetwork.org/>) - there are many kits available to hire nationwide, our other nearest are in Holmes Chapel and Frodsham. It's an easy way to reduce waste.

To find out more email
comberbachpartykit@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/ComberbachPartyKit/>



**Sunday 17 March
 STRICTLY 10am start**

**Interesting Household and
 Garden Stuff including some
 plants, planters, garden
 features.**

**Everything must go.
 17 Senna Lane, Comberbach,
 CW9 6BD – Corner of Cogshall
 Lane
 Queries: 07740 696694**

A bird's eye view

A Great Spot

Late January saw me taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch again. As usual the late birds did not want to play ball. Not being able to put wood pigeon, jackdaw, magpie or collared dove on the list, as they taunted me from my neighbour's gardens was a source of great embarrassment to me. Fortunately, we were blessed with the presence of a female great-spotted woodpecker on the peanut feeder, which added a little colour to the proceedings. Just before my hour ran out, I rushed downstairs to discover the identity of what was tapping on the front room window. I was happy to discover it was a long-tailed tit pecking at his own reflection while defending his territory and his mate. The survey was a fun way to spend an hour and is very useful citizen science, despite the birds playing hard to get.

Nice Ice

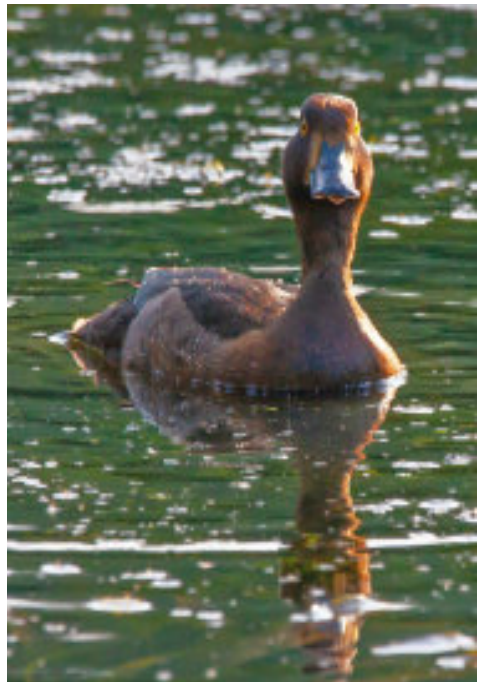
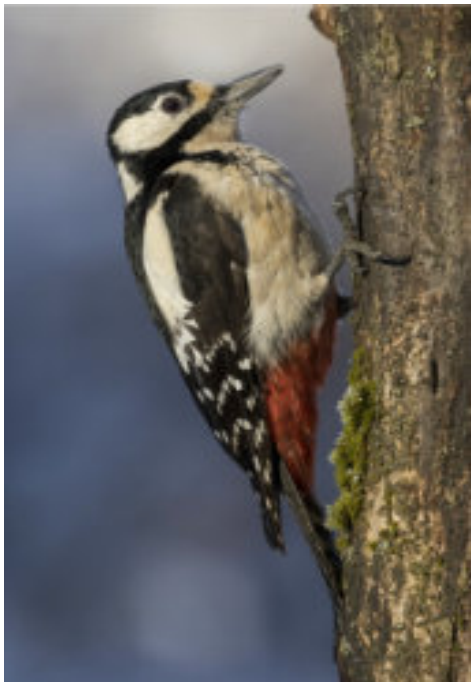
The cold snap in January meant that many local lakes were frozen up, fortunately Marbury Mere still provided a sanctuary for local ducks and geese. The hole in the ice attracted many different species, including goosanders, goldeneye and even scaup. Like an upmarket tufted duck these estuarine birds are a very unusual inland waterway visitor. When I have seen the bittern, the views have been short and

of generally poor quality, often in bad light, although others have been luckier than me. Most of the starlings have been roosting on Neumann's Flash, and although the numbers have been low at the Coward reed bed in Marbury Park, one murmuration I saw lasted nearly 20 minutes. Other birds of note have been a stonechat and a female marsh harrier seen on Ashton's Flash and, for the lucky few, a couple of waxwings were seen on the bund between Ashton's and Neumann's. Locally a beautiful male smew, a tiny sawbill duck known to birders as a 'white nun', has spent a few weeks on the fishing lakes at Newchurch Common in Sandiway. A few smews usually appear every winter in Cheshire, but they are often juveniles or females and not the stunning males.

Squirrel Surprise

The feeders at the small bird hide in the wood at Marbury Park are very popular with small birds and grey squirrels. I was viewing there when I noticed two little furry feet pop up on the front of the hide. I watched intently as the nervous squirrel raised its head slowly above the wooden frame, peekaboo! Wide-eyed he beat a hasty retreat when he finally saw me just a few inches in front of him.

JB



THE SPINNER & BERGAMOT

We have now been operating your village pub for almost 3 years! Kirsty & myself, Simon, have loved getting to know as many people as possible but we have come to realise that a lot of the local community are not on social media, or do not wish to sign up to an email database so we wanted to let you know what's on offer just around the corner from you!



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By the time this edition goes to print, all properties in the village should have received a letter from us, containing your membership card to

‘The Spinner Club’

This card entitles the holder to

10% off food - all day - everyday

(minimal exclusions apply)

We hope to see a lot of new faces coming in to see us, as well as our valued regulars making use of this exclusive offer to fellow villagers!
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Great Budworth Garden Club

The AGM took place in February and members re-joined, and new members had their first taste of the club. We were delighted to find that 36 people had paid their sub on line, so we are definitely moving into the 2020s. Others paid in different ways and the hall was full.

The treasurer, Neil Harvey, had the accounts to show, and the club is in a very healthy position, due to excellent membership and success over many years.

Peter Davies had been treasurer since the formation in 2000, and retired four years ago. The club gave him a lifetime membership for all his work over 20 years.

Peter was delighted.

The Chair, Jean Davies, thanked the wonderful committee for all their work and everyone was given the Events Card for the year.

The AGM was followed by a speaker, Jeff Bates from Derby, who talked about Organic Gardening. He was excellently thanked by Kate Edwell, who like many members, try to garden organically.

Julie Treharne explained the new trips and the holiday she has planned, which look superb and we look forward to attending them all. The speakers booked are all excellent and we have a great year ahead.

We were served Valentine cakes and cups of tea, and enjoyed the hospitality.

The next meetings are on Tuesday 12 March, when the owners of Hill View Nurseries in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, will talk about Auriculas. We've seen them on TV Gardener's World, and they have great personalities.

On Thursday 9 April, we have a leader from the RHS who will

talk about the new Bridgewater Garden at Worsley, Manchester.

We are also having a Spring Bulb competition, please bring a pot of any spring bulbs, any reasonable size, to decorate the hall, but to also win prizes.

Open Gardens

On Wednesday 24 April, members in Comberbach are opening their gardens to our members. These will be Alison Woodward, Doreen Kennerley and Alan and Heather Bailey.

Thank you to all concerned.

Please contact me for any information in the first instance, about any facet of the club.

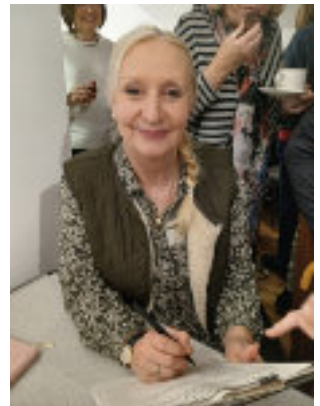
Jean Davies

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Top left - Jean D chair, Neil Harver treasurer, Jan Bashforth secretary. Top centre - Neil presenting Peter with life membership.

Far left - Kate Edwell with speaker Jeff Bates.

Left - Julie Treharne with holiday details

Above right - Ola Dodd checks members in at the AGM.



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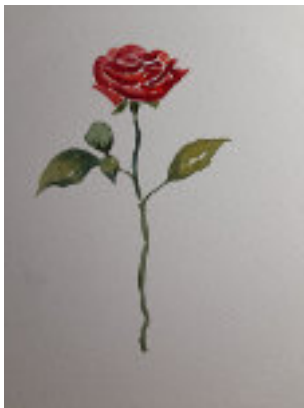


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Comberbach Art Group

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.



Friends of Comberbach School





FAMILY FUN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY
9TH JUNE**
1PM-4PM
COMBERBACH
PRIMARY AND
NURSERY SCHOOL

Events need
volunteers!
Could you spare
an hour to help?
Sign up here

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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

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.

Meeting dates:

- 2024: 16 January; 5 March

Contact the Parish Council as below:

Parish Clerk – Denise French
clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk 07759 212449

Meetings are held at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Name	Address	Tel numbers	Contact point for
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 Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Budget and Precept

The Parish Council considered the draft budget and precept to be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Members considered a document that showed how much the Parish Council had invested in the facilities for residents over recent years including new gateway signs, the Pump Track, which was fully funded by the Parish Council, benches and picnic tables as well as various repairs and replacements to the equipment at the Recreation Area. A number of supplier costs had also increased. The Council approved a 5% increase in the precept which represents an increase of £3.24 for the year for a Band D property.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The Parish Council continued to consider whether to progress a Neighbourhood Plan for Comberbach. It was agreed to meet with a consultant to discuss the initial options and advantages to having a NP.

Recreation Area

The new swings had been installed. Winter maintenance had been carried out and the Council agreed to purchase additional tools to enable the area to be jet washed by volunteers.

Highways

The road surfacing on various roads remains of concern to the Parish Council. Members agreed to contact CWAC to raise specific issues of gully clearing, potholes and substandard repairs to ascertain when repairs and remedial works will be carried out.

D Day Commemorations

D Day is on Thursday 6 June and the Council is considering how to commemorate the 80th Anniversary. A national Beacon lighting project will take place on 6 June at 9.15pm and Councillors have agreed to hold an event on Sunday 9 June. If anyone wishes to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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 5 March 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

Great Budworth Cricket Club

Despite the seasonally miserable weather, the cricket club is beginning to plan for the new season. The club AGM will be held at The Cock O'Budworth on Tuesday 5 March.

Net sessions

A series of weekly indoor net sessions at St Nick's High School begins on Thursday 14 March at 8pm. New or prospective members are

welcome to join the regulars for some batting, some bowling & often a bit of talking about it afterwards over a pint!

Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM)

The Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM) is a group of volunteers who play a key role in the development of the Northwich Woodlands, helping to improve and promote these much-loved green spaces.

By joining FoAM and becoming a member, your subscription plays a valuable role in supporting the work of the group.

Current membership rates are:

Individual - £8 per year

Household - £15 per year

Life - £80

Members will receive a quarterly newsletter detailing projects and events throughout the year and can also apply for a concessionary car park season ticket through Cheshire West and Chester Council.

For more information on FoAM and an application form please use the following link <https://foam.merseyforest.uk/>

or email the membership secretary at foam.membership@outlook.com

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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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	wildapple yoga@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

March	4	FoAM Celebrating Our History, Robert Smith Barry - The Man who Taught the World to Fly. Talk by Clive Brookes. 7.45pm Memorial Hall. Info. <i>Contact Brenda Yates 07941 710791 http://foam.merseyforest.uk</i>	
	4	WI meeting 2.30pm	
	5	PC meeting 6.45pm	
	5	GB Cricket AGM	Cock of Budworth
	7	Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm	
	9/10	FoAM Photographic Exhibition by local photographers Marbury Rangers' Cabin 12 noon - 3pm	
	10	Mothering Sunday Family Service - 11am	
	12	Garden Club	Hill View Nursery
	16/17	FoAM Photography Exhibition 12 noon-3pm	Marbury Rangers' Cabin
	17	Garage Sale	17 Senna Lane
	18	Ladies Club,	Bowling Club
	21	Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm	
	29	Good Friday Service at 2pm	
	31	Easter Sunday Service at 11am.	
April	1	WI Meeting 7.30pm	
	9	Garden Club Talk by Bridgewater	
	12	Retinue Forms deadline	
	15	Ladies Club Walk	Pub
	24	Garden Visits	Comberbach
	25	Jigsaw Race	
	27	FoAM Celebrating our Flora: Springtime in Marbury A guided walk at 10am at Rangers' Cabin Marbury, info jarhillcliffe223@aol.com	
May	6	WI meeting 7.30	
	11	FoAM Celebrating our Birds, Dawn Chorus Walk meet 4am or 5am at Rangers' Cabin	
	11	FoAM Celebrating Our Extensive Path Network. Use your phone or the MapRun app to explore the parkland and find checkpoints. Routes for walkers, runner, pushchairs and wheelchairs. <i>Info melanie.bradley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</i>	
	13	FoAM 25th Anniversary AGM, Quiz and Supper 7.45 pm Memorial Hall To book contact Joanne.Redley.jarhillcliffe223@aol.com	
	17	Sundowner Race	Marbury

For Information the FoAM 2024 Photographic Competition will accept entries until 31st December. Details on FoAM website.

Editor of Comberbach Village News

Unfortunately there has been no interest in the vacancy for an editor for the CVN.

I intend to 'retire' from this position in July therefore the final CVN I will edit will be the July/ August 2024 edition. Hopefully a group of friends, will come forward and take over before September. The CVN is bi-monthly so there are 6 editions in a calendar year. KW

Your Village needs you