

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - July/Aug 2024



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair

At the annual meeting held in May John Ryder has been appointed Chair for another year. He stated that this would be his 8th and final time as Chair to allow other Councillors to enjoy the role.

Gibb Hill

The Parish Council have been chasing both Highways and United Utilities to resolve the issue with the water seepage at the top of Gibb Hill. Following an investigation, it has been confirmed that the water is not from a UU pipe as there is no trace of chlorine in the surface water.

Highways are now investigating the best way to install a ground drain before a full resurface of Gibb Hill is undertaken.

Adopt a Drain

CW&C have now (finally) gone live with their interactive map of all drains and gullies across the County. By clicking on the web site below, you can input your address and you can identify any drain or gulley close to your property on the Highway.

The info will show a reference number allocated to the drain and the date the drain was cleansed together with the next scheduled date. Click on the info and it will then show the details of the drain and the next scheduled date.

Many of the drains will have a two-year cycle for the next clean.

Councillors have been walking the village to ensure that all drains are identified on the interactive map.

It's been suggested that residents should adopt a drain close to their property, so if there are any issues, they can take action between the scheduled cleaning programme.

CheshireWGully Report-It

Operation Park Safe

Cheshire Police have launched a new project which will allow members of the public to report issues on line.

As part of the scheme, residents will be able to upload videos and photographs of offending vehicles where they will be assessed by an experienced traffic officer, who will triage and deal with dangerous parking offences

Visit www.cheshire.police.uk/park-safe

D Day Commemorations 6 June

At the Comberbach Parish Council Commemoration D-Day Beacon Lighting, John Hardy, resident of Comberbach gave a talk about living through World War 2 as a boy.



Notes from the Chair *continued*

He was 10 years old at the outbreak of World War 2. Living then in Hove, near Brighton on the South Coast, he was witness to the thousands of enemy aircraft heading for West London during the Blitz and, later, the build-up of Allied forces prior to the D-Day landings.

But it was the personal anecdotes that brought the talk to life, aided by local maps.

The “Blackout” meant the streets were eerily dark. Kerbstones had vertical white stripes, cars had white stripes on the edge of their mudguards and tiny slits on their blacked-out headlights.

Military training on the South Downs attracted a mischievous ten-year-old and he told us some un-exploded ordinance was collected.....

Although not major targets, the South Coast towns did suffer random attacks by German fighter-bombers. John had a paper round and first heard, then saw a plane coming in low enough to see the pilot as it dropped its bomb. When he got back to the shop, he found the bomb had exploded behind the newsagents, blowing everything out onto the street in front!

He was witness to the Dad’s Army level of defence in the town when he wandered into an open house on a street nearby to find two soldiers looking out of an upstairs window armed with rifles and a load of Molotov cocktails.

It was Montgomery’s defeat of Rommel in Africa that seemed to John to be the turning point in the war.

During the build-up to D-Day there were day-long convoys of military trucks trundling through the town. Part of the preparation for the beach landings was to waterproof the vehicles for deep wading and they were tested in his local boating lake.

He saw Canadian troops testing their landing craft, going round and round, peeling off to land on the beach then doing it all again.

Six months before the war ended, John signed up with the Royal Navy and stayed until the mid-sixties. He was part of the Malaya campaign and was also sent to the Eastern Mediterranean during the (earlier!) Palestinian troubles.

A career in teaching followed his Naval service but living through World War 2 would be forever etched on his memory.

Many villagers joined him in the memorial hall to listen to his stories of life on the South Coast. A special tribute was read out by Councillor Jill Johnston and John Hardy read out the names of the fallen heroes from the village, and a poem as a mark of respect.

9 June

Many thanks to Peter Plail for allowing us to show the two miniature models detailing Marbury Hall in its finery and how magnificent it was, together with a model of Marbury Army Camp in 1944 detailing what the park looked like around the d day invasion with all the army huts in situ. Thanks also to Clive Brookes local Marbury historian, Steve Howard for the photograph memories of Comberbach and John Tomsett for bringing his 1933 Talbot which was used throughout the war in the Gloucestershire area, for display on the car park. Also, thanks to the Barnton Brass Band.

Special thanks also to Denise French Parish Clerk, Jill Johnston and Val McDermott for their efforts in organising the event together with the other Parish Councillors who helped organise the day.

Comberbach Fete

The Sundowner fun run was another great success with over 150 runners. Many thanks to the Fete Committee organisers and volunteers who continue to help this event.

The Fete

The fete is one of the highlights of the village calendar, so many thanks to the Fete Committee and all the village organisations for their hard work and enthusiasm which made this year such a success. Judging by the laughter and smiles everyone enjoyed themselves hugely. Despite some ominous black clouds passing close by, the weather stayed kind throughout the afternoon. Our new Rose Queen Ruby and the retiring Rose Queen Summer and their retinues all looked very elegant. It was therefore a bit of a contrast when Summer and Ruby joined in the Sumo wrestling challenge! We wish Ruby a very happy and successful year.

Comberbach Achievement Award

This year’s Comberbach Achievement Award goes to Nikki Lord. Nikki has been a stalwart of the village with her work volunteering on the Memorial Hall Committee, The Chapel and assisting in the annual Remembrance Sunday. Her father George Robinson received the award in 1992 after its inauguration in 1990.

John Ryder, Chair

Comberbach Chapel

Several of our Members joined with many other Villagers for the 80th Anniversary Celebrations at the Hall, and thoroughly enjoyed listening to John Hardy's very interesting talk about his Memories of D-Day and WW2. It was a lovely evening, culminating in the Beacon lighting.

Great fun was had in the Chapel Games Gazebo at the Village Fete with Roll-a-ball and Clown Face Games. We had two age ranges - Under and Over 12's! Winners were Maggie Goodall, Anne Woodcock, Niall, and Annie Buckley and Imogen, both from the Impulse Dancers. We are looking forward to seeing our new Rose Queen Ruby and her Retinue at our special Family Service on the 14 July at 11am, which will be led by Malcolm Aspey.

We will have another Family Service on 11 August, led by Claire Roberts and our Harvest Festival will take place on 29 September.

We were very sad to hear of the passing of our recent Minister, Rev Frances Ballantyne, who moved to Leicester last Summer to continue her Ministry there. Many of you will remember her from our Special Services at the Chapel, the Remembrance Services at the Hall and her work with the School.

14 July - Rose Queen Family Service at 11am

21 July - Own Arrangement Songs of Praise Service at 11am.

11 August - Family Service at 11am.

St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth - diary dates

July

Sat 13 1.30pm Great Budworth Primary School Fair, School Field – all welcome

Sun 21 5/6.30pm Deanery byo picnic followed by Evensong at Arley Gardens and Chapel – all welcome

Fri 26 1.30pm GB School Year 6 Leavers' Service

August

Sun 4 Aug 10.30am All Age Lammas Service, followed by refreshments (this may be held partly outdoors so please dress for the weather!)

Just a few words from PCSO Diana Wiggins

Please be aware of scams - these are on the increase

Personal fraud and how to prevent it

This could be via email, text, phone or in person, either on the street or on the doorstep.

Some rules to help prevent fraud

*Be suspicious of too good to be true offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get rich quick schemes.

*Don't hand over money or sign anything until you have checked someone's and their company's credentials.

*Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you are not happy with.

*If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it to action fraud and get help.

*Never be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Scammers are cunning and clever there is no shame in being deceived. By reporting it you will make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

Action Fraud 0300 123 2040

If you suspect a fraudster to still be in the area, please ring 101.

Diana Wiggins 20322

Comberbach Art Group

The Art Group are all enjoying this summer weather at last and taking inspiration from nature for our paintings, once again we have very varied examples of our work. It is also

the season that preparation begin for our annual exhibition, a lot of work for our group but hopefully very enjoyable for participants and visitors alike. Full details will be available

soon. If anybody would like to come and join us in the group we do a couple of spaces in our Monday morning meetings, come along and say hello.

MB



Comberbach Fete 2024 Theme 'Summer of Sport'

Folk make the fete

I'm not going to lie. A few weeks ago it was not looking good for this year's fete. Marquee costs - in fact the cost of everything - had escalated; we had no-one to do the official opening (Benedict Cumberbatch had ignored our invite for the seventh year running); our usual compere had secured last minute tickets to the Euro; one of our entertainment acts had double booked; our small team was over-stretched and stressed and, to top it off, the weather forecast was shocking.

Yet somehow, it all came together. Volunteers came forward; bunting and tents went up; cakes were baked and prizes were donated. By 2pm on Saturday 29th June, the sky was almost blue and the school field was buzzing.

Traditional parade

The procession, led by the Earl of Stamford Morris Dancers, had a traditional feel to it, and the Retinue was the biggest we have had in recent years, with over 20 children taking part.

Spectators were dotted around the route, and, not surprisingly, a cluster had formed outside 1 Barrymore Crescent, where the Fallons had gone to great effort to prepare Pimms and strawberries which they were selling to raise money for the Rose Queen's charity.

Once the procession arrived at the school, it was time for those who had donned Summer of Sport themed fancy dress to show off their creativity in the ring. Prizes were awarded to Edward Fallon, the 'human tennis ball' and Amber Fallon, who looked every inch the tennis player.

Prizes were also awarded to those who had entered into the sporting spirit by decorating their houses and gardens. The Post Office won 'Best themed garden' for its golfing gorilla, 7 Burgamot Lane's Jamaican bobsleigh team display won 'Most unusual sport' and Wimbledon themed 1 Barrymore Crescent was named 'Most colourful garden'.

Celebrity guest

The recipient of this year's Wendy Green award for services to the community went to Nikki Lord, who also saved the day by taking on the role of compere. One of the perks of the job was that she got to interview former Premier League and Welsh international footballer Dean Saunders, who opened this year's proceedings and entertained the crowd with anecdotes from his career.

For me this year's fete was extra special because my 11 year-old daughter, Ruby, was crowned

Rose Queen, taking over from retiring Rose Queen Summer MacDonald and supported by Rose Princess Evie Waton.

Under Amanda Greenwood's capable direction, the crowning ceremony ran like clockwork, until the point at which Summer was supposed to place the crown on Ruby's head. Everyone was in position, but there was no crown. Frantically I searched and was fortunately able to retrieve it from a rucksack in the tea tent, sprint across the ring and hand it over.

High energy entertainment

This year's arena entertainment was built around a sporting theme. Hartford Gymnastics and Impulse Dancers brought the wow factor to the ring, captivating the crowd with daring acrobatics and high energy dance moves. In contrast, the 'NOlympic' games were all about audience participation, and there were plenty who were willing to take part in the perennially popular tug o' war, the hilarious sumo wrestling contest and the basketball slam-dunk competition led by Aaron Hodson and Chris Royle.

Outside of the arena there was lots going on too. On the playground, Jon 'Joystick' Ashford had a constant queue of children wanting to take part in his 'Demolition Derby' themed car rally. On the field, Nick Riding, with his young assistants Dom Greenwood and Kian Hartt, executed some dramatic dives as football hopefuls tried to 'beat the goalie', and throwing skills were put to test on the Friends of Comberbach School (FoCS) crockery smash and the Cubs' nerf challenge.

A full field of attractions

There were plenty of attractions for the less energetic too, with the Gardening Team's crafts and fishing game, the Chapel's roll-a-ball and feed-the-face games, the Guides' sweet grid and 'how many sweets in the jar?' game, the Brownies' ping pong ball challenge, Viv Spencer's bran tub and the tombolas. Animal lovers enjoyed meeting owls, a skunk and a disabled hedgehog called Victor, courtesy of The Owl Man and Northwich Hedgehog Rescue.

Those who enjoy their food and drink were well catered for too; the BBQ, the WI's produce stall and Great Budworth Ice Cream did a steady trade, and inside the tea tent, cake offerings had been reduced to crumbs and the bar had almost run dry by 5pm.

Mellow music

Local singer-guitarist Jack Arnold rounded off the entertainment, playing a mellow set to a thinning but appreciative crowd. Then it was time to get

Comberbach Fete 2024 Theme 'Summer of Sport' *continued*

the tents and gazebos down - a race against the rain - before sitting down with a G&T.

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated prizes, dressed up, decorated their houses and gardens, took part in the parade, put up tents,

ran stalls, or gave their time or talents in any other way. Folk make the fete.

Lynda Bigmore.



Great Budworth Tennis Club

We had a rare glimpse of summer at our summer fun tournament on Sunday 2 June, played at Aston-by Budworth, hosted by Clare and Simon. The sun shone and we all embraced the opportunity to have some fun on the court! Our chairman, Ric, organised 12 members and guests into action and the games began. We played a variety of fun games with a wide selection of formats, including everybody being on court for one of them! Laughter was certainly evident in abundance. The umpire for the afternoon, Nic, did a great job keeping score and as always, the judge's decision was final! The afternoon finished with a splendid afternoon tea while enjoying the sunshine. A huge thank you to hosts Clare and Simon, Nic and Ric, tournament co-ordinator, Coral, and the members, guests and their families for being such great sports!

Despite only having glimpses of summer weather we are enjoying playing on the village community tennis court. Play is underway for the Cussons Shield and will continue throughout the summer. Finals day is being held on Saturday 7 September 2024 where we will have the semi finals and then the grand final for the much coveted Cussons Shield.. Why not come and join us and enjoy afternoon tea in the fabulous bowling green pavilion? Everybody is most welcome. It really is a great day and you will be able to meet current members and their families.

Social tennis continues throughout the summer will regular doubles games organised. Everybody is welcome to join in, once you are a member. Don't worry if you haven't played for a while, you will soon get back in to the game! There are also coaching opportunities within the club each

Wednesday with Jarrod, a local tennis coach. If you would like to know more about coaching in the club please contact Richard Chandler.

New members and guests are always welcome to enjoy the hidden gem of our tennis court, in the heart of the village next to the Bowling Green. Contact our membership secretary Richard Chandler 07933087560 to have a chat about membership and arrange a free trial game. The court is also available to hire for a visitor's fee, if you have guests or fancy a game. It is a fantastic facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all, including the surrounding villages and communities. Let's hope the rain soon stops and we can enjoy some summer sun.



Creative Corner

Birthdays

Birthdays come and birthdays go
Time passes by like tide's ebb and flow
A date to remember as you grow
How many birthdays you'll never know
Time to celebrate, time to party
With friends and family, loud and hearty
Presents are nice, people are so kind
At times like these you'll always find
Cards too in all sorts of designs
Floral, funny, plus fine food and wines
It can be quite overwhelming at times
A time to reflect on the future and the past
With plans and possibilities usually vast
Past experiences have gone by so fast
But future ones have yet to be cast
So enjoy these days every one
The time to be had is second to none.

EMP

A County Show

Beyond the fields of gradually ripening grain,
standing so tall and proud in the evening light,
the giant dome of Jodrell Bank comes into view
and all combine to make a wondrous sight;
the green and brown of fields and woodland
copses
draws my eyes further to the skyline of hills
beyond,
And in between the crops and cows and the
distant peaks
on this still sunny, dry and warm night,
the pride of a county in its annual show
seems very fitting and quite right,
as town and country folk gather together
to celebrate God's good creation
and the work of animal, human and machine
harnessed together for the good of county and
nation.

© The Revd Alec Brown

Great Budworth

18 June, 2024.

Fibre Broadband - All good after a slight delay

On 1 May I contacted Fusion Fibre to arrange installation of their broadband. It was arranged for mid May so I felt confident in cancelling my contract with BT which was due to expire at the end of May giving 2 weeks overlap. BT prices were getting expensive and the ridiculous £500 penalty for early cancellation prevented me doing this earlier.

Freedom Fibre (the company who laid the fibre in the pavement) arrived as planned but there was an issue with accessing the correct link underground. This required 2 workmen as a hole had to be opened in the pavement and so was scheduled initially for the following week. It didn't actually happen until early June by which date we had been without internet for 5 days. All went smoothly with the installation from the pavement

into the house and the broadband is fast and has been working well since. It is far cheaper than BT as we have no landline and the broadband is competitively priced. I am pleased I took the plunge and changed to fibre but would advise not cancelling a current provider until Freedom Fibre has checked the link to the pavement outside your house.

You will then receive an email from the government regarding the 'voucher' claimed towards the cost of putting the fibre underground instead of telegraph poles. You just need to complete and confirm that the fibre has been installed to release the funds.

KW

Ladies Club

In June an enjoyable afternoon was spent visiting Sandymere NGS garden. Luckily the weather was kind to us. On July 15 July the annual supper party will be held at a member's garden when each person will bring a dish of food to

share. It is always an excellent evening with great food and drink plus a chance to have a good catch up with everyone.

A bird's eye view

Green for Go

As I write this the Garden could not be more verdant, lush or lovely and the bird life more numerous. Even a tawny owl and a gold crest joined in with the dawn chorus recently. It is exhausting trying to keep up with the various comings and goings, so I can only imagine how tired the birds are feeling as they rush back and forth to their nests. We have already had young house sparrows, blackbirds, collared doves, goldfinches, robins and the usual hoards of starlings (only one pond rescue required so far this year).

Special mention must go to a new nesting bird, the carrion crow, that has taken up residence in the oak tree at the bottom of our garden, and who I watched bring in various twigs and branches as it built its nest. The rapid colonisation by wood pigeons into our gardens also continues. We and our neighbours both had nests situated at a ridiculously low level, which means you could see into them. As usual I would urge you to feed and provide water for your garden visitors, and to lay off the hedge cutting until they have finished their nesting attempts.

Des Res for Kes

Unfortunately the various tit species seem to have had another bad breeding season, with the wet and cool spring responsible, and this is why butterfly numbers have also been very poor.

Fingers crossed for a warmer and dryer summer. On the positive side, we are being visited by a pair of yellowhammers who must be breeding

locally. Plus the dead tree in the field opposite has become a fairly regular perch for a beautiful male kestrel, which is an unusual sighting for us.

Multiplying Mandarins?

Although the high water table made for a disappointing wader passage through Marbury and the flashes, there were other treasures. This included sightings of arctic tern, kittiwake, marsh harriers (up to 3), and a little tern. The latter bird being ultra rare for the patch, this was probably only the second recorded this century, and this is a very unusual inland visitor to boot. True to form it flew off 3 minutes before I arrived!

Butterflies are a little more numerous around the park; I have seen brimstones and the much rarer dingy skipper in its preferred habitat along the banks of Ashton's Flash. In the park I saw a chiffchaff carrying a feather to line its nest. I also saw a carrion crow along the Fisherman's path, completely stretched out and lying as flat as a pancake on top of a fence post as it sunbathed.

A lot of different species do this, the sun's warmth causes bird fleas or other parasites discomfort and they rise higher off the skin surface so the birds can peck them off. I also had a male mandarin duck, followed by a very noisy female a few minutes later, fly over my head and land on the mere. They came from a wooded area and are possibly nesting again, after an attempt a few years back. Hopefully good news about this and other potential brilliant breeders in the future.

JB





Great Budworth Garden Club

We are in the height of summer, and have enjoyed a wonderful Garden Holiday in Surrey and Sussex by coach. Julie Treharne arranged everything and gave us a great time with excellent gardens, lovely hotel and a wonderful coach and driver. We visited some of the famous gardens of Wisley, Gt Dixter, Sissinghurst, and many others. Thank you so much Julie, an amazing holiday, with a mini heatwave as well.

Life in Ice Cream

In June we had our own June Wilkinon talking about her life and the Ice Cream Farm. The committee served strawberries with ice cream later. Everyone enjoyed the excellent evening.

July is our Produce Show and Gardener's Question Time on 9 July, the schedule is printed in our own Newsletter. We hope to have many entries and prizes will be awarded.

Coach trips

We have two day trips by coach planned, one to Southport Flower Show, which is now full, and one to Levens Hall on 13 September.

We don't meet in August, but do enjoy your own garden after all your work this year.

The regular meeting is on 10 September at Gt Budworth Parish Hall at 7.30pm, when

Don Witton will talk about Plants for Pleasure.

On 8 October we have a talk by Teresa Potter on Judging Britain in Bloom.

Each time we have our own plant stall and social time after the meeting.

Any information please contact me in the first instance, and I will put you in touch with the correct member of committee.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and relax.

Jean Davies 07899937683



Northwich Woodlands

Friends of Anderton and Marbury 25th Anniversary

FoAM and Rangers' Events Programme July - early September

The events and activities are organised in conjunction with Cheshire West Rangers and run by volunteers from the Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM), a registered charity, now celebrating its 25th Anniversary Year.

Some events need to be booked as spaces are limited. Please see the event description for more details and contact numbers. Events are free unless otherwise stated. Donations to FoAM are always welcome and help to fund future activities and park projects.

Saturday 13 July **Breakfast with Moths - Celebrating our Wildlife**

Join Dave Bedford to take part in the release of a range of beautiful moths attracted to the traps overnight - moths are very obliging and will generally stay around for you to have a good look at them before they fly away. Moths have been recorded at Marbury for many years, and Dave continues to do so with great enthusiasm. This event will take place whatever the weather! Suitable for all ages. Croissants and orange juice available. Just come along and join us.

Location: Meet behind the Rangers' Cabin

Time – 9.30 – 10.30 am

For further information: contact: *Brenda Yates*
07941 710791

Summer Family Events

Friday 26 July - Treasure Hunt

Friday 2 August

Papermaking with a nature theme

11am – 3pm. Drop in, stay as long as you like, bring a picnic and stay all day! Suitable for all, children need to be accompanied by an adult.

For more details contact: *melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk*

Thursday 8 August and Thursday 15 August **Celebrating Mindful Movement in Nature**

6 – 7 pm Enjoy moving your body surrounded by calming nature as we join instructor Donna for this free session. Suitable for all abilities and for ages from teens to older people. No equipment needed, just turn up in comfortable clothing. Meet at the Rangers' Cabin. For more details contact: *melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk*

Saturday 7 September

Woodland Oddments - Celebrating Nature

A look at fascinating fungi, glorious galls and sublime scurriers, intricacies of a natural world in need of all the help we can give it - in the company of the equally fascinating Fungal Punk Dave!

Location and times to be advised when booking Morning and afternoon sessions. Booking essential.

For information contact: *Brenda Yates 07941 710791*

Thursday 12 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: 8pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge. Booking essential.

For information and booking contact: *Joanne Redley email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com*



Great Budworth Cricket Club

With the season now well underway and despite some grey clouds and showers, the Great Budworth CC squad has been putting in some solid performances.

The planned fixture against High Legh became a victim of the weather but will hopefully be rearranged for later in the summer.

On Sunday 26 May, we welcomed the return of touring side Gregson CC (based in Lancaster) on the first day of their mini tour to Cheshire. On a damp pitch, Budworth posted 148 all out after 30 overs of a possible 35. In reply, Gregson CC had reached 48 for 3 off 18 overs before the rain which had threatened all day returned to kill off the match. In conceding the game, the Gregson CC captain made the man of the match award to Matt Hankey for his batting which had anchored the Budworth innings.

Our second game of the summer against Lymm CC took place on a sunny evening with the oppo bringing their Caribbean professional to try to even the series.

Winning the toss, their superstar obliged, scoring his 25 (and duly retiring) in only the second over! Despite a rapid start, reaching 50 after only 7 overs, steady bowling with some excellent fielding put the brakes on the runs, with Lymm finally stuttering to 106 in their 20 overs. Making their reply in rapidly fading light, GBCC kept in touch, with Steve Norton hitting the winning runs off the last ball of the match - another win, this time by 3 wickets.

In the most recent game against Kingsley CC, their very young team struggled to get going in the face of a very challenging opening spell by Great Budworth's slow bowler Spencer Osborne. Once again, tight bowling and ever improving fielding (this time bolstered by the javelin arm of Tom Faulkner guesting for the first time) restricted the visitors to 95 from their 35 overs. Budworth made a steady reply to a below par score, the only blemish coming from a well struck but aerial shot by captain Pete Taylor finding the hands of a boundary fielder with pinpoint accuracy! Tom also featured with the bat, scoring the winning runs and receiving the man of the match award. Another win by Great Budworth, this time by 4 wickets.

Following completion of the pavilion repairs, at the recent cricket committee meeting it was agreed to press ahead with the planned netting facility project. Subject to final costings & details, the scheme will provide a permanent concrete surface with a roll out rubber based carpet & portable net.



As a fund raising initiative, it was agreed to offer the chance for individuals or businesses to sponsor a cricket ball. The club aims to have nearly 20 fixtures per season, and using a new cricket ball for each game represents a significant cost, so any support would be appreciated. See below for more details.

Forthcoming fixtures:

3 July GBCC v Barnton Home 6pm
 7 July GBCC v Ash Tree Home 1pm
 10 July GBCC v Toft Home 6pm
 13 July GBCC v Rupert Fosters XI Home 11am
 21 July GBCC v Antrobus Home 1pm
 for the Peter McAndrew Memorial Shield
 24 July GBCC v Reynolds Home 6pm
 31 July GBCC v Lymm Away 6pm
 14 August GBCC v Warrington TBC
 21 August GBCC v High Legh Away Mere CC
 7 September GBCC v Lord Ashbrook XI Home 11am

Match Ball Sponsored by Antrobus Village News

15 September GBCC v Kingsley Away 1pm

For further information on either joining the Great Budworth CC or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the club via gbccnewplayers@outlook.com

Match ball sponsorship deals:

Single game £25
 5 games £100

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:

21 May - Annual Parish Meeting at 6.15pm;
Annual Meeting of the Council at 6.45pm; and
ordinary meetings of the Council - 9 July, 3
September, 15

October, 26 November, 14 January, 11 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	07526501891	
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	07887450803	Brookfield Road, Chapel Close, Chapel Houses, Mather Drive Spinner Crescent
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 21 May 2024 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Annual Meeting

The Parish Council held its annual meeting and appointed Cllr John Ryder as Chairman and Cllr Jill Johnston as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Internal and External Audit

The Parish Council is subject to an audit regime of its governance and financial arrangements; Members were pleased that the Auditor had reported a clean internal audit with no issues highlighted for action. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved for submission to the External Auditor and the period for the exercise of public rights was noted as 3 June – 14 July; this is the period when electors can view the accounts by making an appointment.

Recreation Area

The zip wire has been repaired with new legs fitted; it has also been identified that the horizontal supports need replacement during the year and replacements have been ordered.

Highways

The Parish Council has received indicative costs of around £3.5 – 4k to replace the current speed indicator devices (SIDs) with ones that would

indicate actual speeds. The Council agreed to contact CWAC to ascertain whether they would be willing to fund and maintain replacement SIDs. The council continues to liaise with CWAC Highways about potholes and surfacing issues including issues with drainage on Gibb Hill. Members were pleased that the Report It function is operational on CWAC website: [Report it | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

D Day Commemorations

The final arrangements for the commemorative event for the 80th anniversary of D Day were discussed and are covered in the Chairman's report.

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 9 July 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



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 Bignmore / 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	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	Cherise Hilton	www.girlguiding.org.uk
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 August (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 (see individual articles for details of event)

July	3	GB Cricket	August	2	FoAM
	7	GB Cricket		4	GB Church
	9	GB Garden Club		8	FoAM
	9	PC meeting		11	Methodist Chapel
	10	GB Cricket		14	GB Cricket
	13	GB Church		15	FoAM
	13	GB Cricket		21	GB Cricket
	13	FoAM		??	CVN deadline
	14	Methodist Chapel			
	15	Ladies Club	September	7	FoAM
	21	GB Cricket		7	GB Cricket
	21	GB Church		7	GB Tennis
	21	Methodist Chapel		10	GB Garden Club
	24	GB Cricket		12	FoAM
	26	FoAM		13	GB Garden Club
	26	GB Church		15	GB Cricket
	31	GB Church		29	Methodist Church

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

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