

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Sept/Oct 2024



The machines that will transform Gibb Hill

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

On reading this newsletter, Summer will be nearly over and children back at school, and exam results received.

Recreation Area

It's been pleasing to see the number of children using the facilities over the school holidays and the equipment. It's a continuous challenge to keep the area in good condition which of course comes at a considerable cost to the Parish Council and to residents through the precept.

Grass cutting etc is done on a fortnightly rota and Shane Ross does an excellent job. The zip line has undergone some repairs including replacing the diagonal legs, the two horizontal poles as well as a new replacement stop tyre. The cost for this work in excess of £3,000.

Highways

Gibb Hill

The resurface of Gibb Hill will have been completed by the time this newsletter is printed. Whilst Gibb Hill is in the Antrobus Parish boundary its mainly used by Comberbach residents to get to the A559. Since its resurface in 2017 and two sections at the top of Gibb Hill resurfaced within the first 12 months under guarantee, it's been a consistent challenge to try and get another resurface done due to the poor state of the original resurface.

Between 2019 and 2023 the Parish Council had noted over 100 pothole repairs had been undertaken as well as 33 large patching repairs in the summer and mid December of 2023. Even last month a further 23 potholes were repaired. A walk up Gibb Hill prior to the resurface this week detailed 71 patches completed with a tarmac resurface.

It was only after the intervention of one Highways engineer in March that finally a resurface was agreed." As part of the remedial works, I intend to resurface the whole length of Gibb Hill from the A559 junction to Crownest Lane as it would be uneconomical and an inefficient use of resource to undertake further patching works."

Gullies

We have seen day road closures for both Gibb Hill and Cogshall Lane for gully cleaning of the grids. Upon further examination only a limited

number of gullies were cleaned during the road closure, with many grids showing a next due date inspection of June 2024. Yes, it's now the end of August!!

However, on investigation using the new interactive map of gullies, there are many inconsistencies of the data, showing many grids showing a next due date of June 2024, or even a date previous to the last inspection.

We will be writing a formal letter to the Head of Highways for an explanation of these anomalies.

Hedges / Property Boundaries

Please can I remind residents to ensure their hedges / bushes do not extend beyond their boundaries as when the foliage is not maintained it not only obstructs use of the footpaths by pedestrians (particularly those with prams) but, in some instances, obstructs the view of oncoming traffic at road intersections. In addition, any low overhanging branches should be cut back from above the footpath. If you are tall, like me sometimes you need to duck.

The Parish Council have been asked on a number of occasions to tackle the issue, so please take a moment to consider whether your property could be a cause for concern.

Christmas Carol Concert at Memorial Hall

7-9.30 November 23rd

Following the success of the D Day celebrations, residents enjoyed listening to the Barnton Brass Band. It's therefore been decided to hold a Carol concert with the Barnton Brass Band playing a selection of Christmas Carols. Its proposed that mince pies and mulled wine to be served in the interval.

The hall as a maximum occupancy of 120, so it will be first come to secure a seat in the large hall.

JR

Comberbach Chapel

After being without a Minister for the last twelve months, Deacon Tim Coleman has now been appointed to the Mid-Cheshire Circuit and he will have responsibility for Sandiway, Barnton and Comberbach. He comes to us from a neighbouring Circuit, where his wife is also a Deacon. His Welcome Service took place at Barnton on the 1st September.

On 14 July, our Rose Queen Ruby, and also Eve and Jackie from the Retinue came to a special Family Service along with their families.

On 17 August, a Tea and Cakes afternoon was held at Avenue Farm, when Alan and Anne welcomed over forty Chapel friends to their Garden. This was a good opportunity for friends old and new to catch up over a cup of tea. Lots of chatting and eating of cakes! Many people enjoyed a walk around the Gardens and Arboretums and a lovely time was had by all.

Our Bible Study Meetings are due to start on 5 September, meeting at Ida's home each Thursday evening.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 29 September with a Family Gift Service at 11am and an Evening Thanksgiving of Harvest Praise for the whole Circuit at 6.00pm.

Our New Season of the Lite Bite will begin on Thursday 3rd October from 12 noon. It will continue each fortnight, finishing on 12 December. Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel. Please phone 891248 for more details.

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 10 November in the Village Hall.

Our Village Carol Service will take place at the Chapel on Sunday 8 December at 2.30pm.

The Bostock Band will be giving a Concert on Wednesday 11 December raising funds for the Chapel.



Freedom Fibre - 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

Gardening month by month - jobs for September and October

September

Clear garden debris to prevent pests and diseases overwinter- ing.

Move evergreen shrubs

Aerate established lawns

Net ponds to keep out leaves Start planting new trees, shrubs and climbers

Stop feeding trees and shrubs in containers

Flowering plants:

Plant new perennials

Divide overgrown perennials Plant spring flowering bulbs and biennials

Plant up containers for spring bedding

Kitchen garden:

Harvest marrows and courgettes

Lift main crop potatoes

Plant out spring cabbages Sow white lettuce

Harvest apples, pears and raspberries

October

Rake fallen leaves and make leaf mould

Continue to clear garden Tidy ponds, remove pumps

Plant evergreen shrubs and new climbers

Flowering plants:

Continue to plant new perennials, tulips, lily bulbs

Lift and store dahlias and other summer flowering bulbs

Kitchen garden:

Lift and divide rhubarb

Cut down tops of perennial vegetables

Plant out garlic

Happy gardening, SW



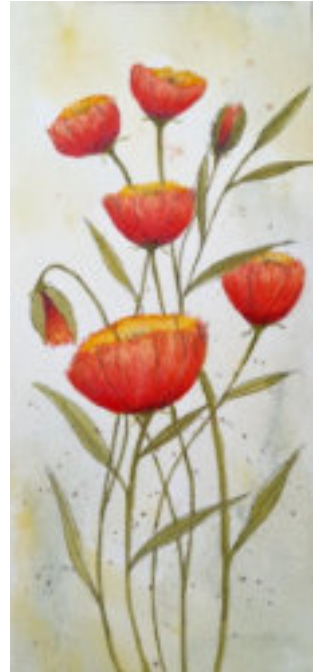
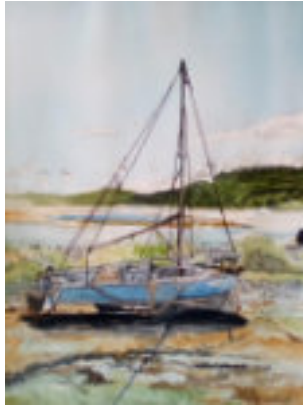
Comberbach Art Group

Here at the Art group we are all preparing for our exhibition in the Memorial Hall on 19 October. Entry forms have now gone out, get in touch with us if you would like to join us to enter a painting and have not

received one. I hope you will all come along and support us, we hope to have about 150 paintings, most of which will be for sale (cash or cheques please) including several that have appeared in the

newsletter over the last 12 months. There will also be a selection of cards and the usual teas, coffees and home made cakes.

MB



Comberbach Art Group ART EXHIBITION Comberbach Memorial Hall Marbury Road CW9 6AU



Stone Yew by Ellen Platt

**SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2024
11am-5pm
Around 150 paintings
PAINTINGS & CARDS FOR SALE
Admission £1 under 12s Free
Refreshments available**

Comberbach WI

It feels this year like summer was a long time getting going and is now rapidly galloping into early Autumn. This didn't mean that the WI was slow to take advantage of every moment. As ever, the end of June was hectic with the Comberbach Fair fast on the heels of the Cheshire Show. Many of our members supported the fair providing excellent produce for sale, while at the Cheshire Show they entered the competitions and helped to serve the public in the refreshment area of the WI Tent. Between our monthly meetings our sub-group activities have continued with convivial and rewarding sessions. These have ranged from creating artistic works in the craft group, wholesome exercise and, of course, a rewarding snack or lunch afterwards with the walking group or lively discussions in the book group, never confined to the book alone.

In July, four members enjoyed a wonderful "Literary Lunch" at Nunsmere Hall. The venue did not disappoint, and we were treated to a delightful lunch on one of the first warm and sunny days of that month. The highlight was our guest author, Milly Johnson who entertained us with her highly entertaining, laugh out loud, life story and her passage into writing novels. Her story was heart-warming and showed what determination and of course talent, can achieve.

Our August Meeting was very well attended. It was our traditional "Tasty Evening" when members each brought a savoury or sweet dish to make up a splendid buffet supper. As ever, the choice and quality were impressive, and no one went home hungry. A couple of days later, a large contingent of members ventured to Cabbage Hall near Tarporley for a Tapas lunch which was excellent, we were looked after extremely well. This was followed by a foray to Reclamation World next door, but no one was tempted to buy. Very recently, a number of hardy members enjoyed an evening open air performance of Shakespeare's "As you like it" performed at Stonyford Cottage Gardens by the Folsky Theatre Company. The weather was not in the "hot August Night" category, more like "a cold early March" but as they say, there is never bad weather just inappropriate clothing. We were prepared!!

Looking forward, at our September meeting we will welcome Chris Green who will talk to us about Eyam – the historic Plague village which cut contact with the outside world to try to prevent the spread of the disease. The October meeting will be a complete change of tempo with our visiting speaker, Keiko Gordon giving us a history of and demonstration of how to wear a Kimono. November is our AGM Meeting when the President and Committee for the forthcoming 12

months will be decided upon, followed by a light-hearted Quiz. Finally, our December Meeting will be a celebration of the season when our guest entertainers will be the Earl of Stamford Morris Dancers. It will be a lively evening!

As you can see, we have a lot going on but there is another side to the WI. The WI's on-line learning hub which is free to members is continuing to develop at a pace. There are all sorts of courses to enhance skills, educate and entertain and is an excellent reason to join. We also have a strong and respected voice with Government, lobbying on issues that really matter to people. This year our focus is on the state of Dentistry in the UK, and in particular access for children.

We are a lively WI with active sub-groups. We organise outings throughout the year and join in with those organised by the Cheshire Federation. Our next meeting is on Monday 2 September at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

Come along as a visitor and see what you think, you will be very welcome.

Rosie Rowe, President



Guides and Rangers

We continue to celebrate our 50 years of Guides in Comberbach through various challenges. Up to now these have ranged from looking how Comberbach Guides and the environment have changed in the last 50 years, to doing 50 different exercises and keeping a Malteser on a straw for 50 seconds - it isn't easy!

One challenge was to take part in a golden theme camp which we did at the end of July. We went to Hadlow's Field on the Wirral this year, a lovely campsite, and the weather was hot and sunny. On Saturday we played mad Olympic Games. Have you ever tried synchronous swimming on dry land? Sunday morning saw us having a go at archery. In the afternoon most of us biked along the Wirral Way from the campsite to Parkgate. Non-bikers jumped into Anne's car; she drove to Neston and then we walked to Parkgate where everyone had an ice-cream before returning to camp.

Here are two poems in the style of limericks (another challenge) about our camp:

Chloe, Alice, Melissa, Elizabeth and Fflur wrote -

Our guide camp is so much fun

Sitting washing dixies in the sun

We spend everyday

Eating food prepared by Chris and Anne O'May

Our Guide unit - 1st Comberbach

Sitting down to play a volleyball match

Trying our best to remember the grace

As we all got into pairs and did the three legged race.

Linnea, Martha, Sasha and Harriet wrote:

A young group of girls

Who wanted to travel the world

But they started small

In a camp with trees so tall

They rode their bikes and shot their arrows

All whilst wheeling wheelbarrows

A great camp - when's then next one?

Now we are all re-charging our batteries before we meet again in September.

Rangers, formerly Senior Section, will start to have their own meetings every fortnight at the same time as Guides. We'll start our meetings in Marbury Park and move to the Chapel when it gets too cold and wet.

As ever, new members are always welcome.

2nd Comberbach Brownies

We had a busy summer term --- enjoyed the fete and spending time outdoors in Marbury Park. WE avoided those torrential downpours and even had a bonfire on our last night. We toasted marshmallows and made them into smores----if you've never had toasted mallows squashed between chocolate digestive biscuits, you've missed a treat. We had

to restrict the girls to 2 each!! Lots of traditional campfire songs helped out by Anne O May. The week before we had 2 girls say their Promise in front of their parents and we enjoyed a BadgeFest! the girls had worked towards Skills for my Future theme award, being Buddies to each other, and also some Interest badges of their choice. The photo shows

Dynamic Owl's bed in the sorting process

We said farewell to 2 girls going up to guides and know they're in for a good time as their taster sessions were so successful and we have 2 Rainbows joining us in Sept---not as replacements but each girl is very individual so we look forward to welcoming them.



Creative Corner

The Concert

Bridgewater Hall, open to all
The audience sits high and low
Waiting to hear when the man will appear
The organist whom they mostly know

On the stool, swinging legs over to face
black and white keys he'll embrace
With dexterity and tuneful wonder
Hands and feet moving right and left
Following sheets of notes without blunder

Some famous music we like and know
From live, to discs, streaming, radio
Endless numbers of composers
Such as Beethoven, Bach, Brahms, Berlioz

Sounds resonate around the vast room
People entranced almost in a swoon
Emotions stirred by beautiful noise
Enraptured, it all ends far too soon.
EMP

The poem I haven't written

The poem that I haven't written yet
Is waiting, somewhere, just around the corner
Of the field of golden wheat;
But as I walk I'm diverted and distracted
By the blackberries beckoning to me
From the hedges by the field's edge;
Succulent and sweet and full
Of ripe August sunshine, and my pace slows
As I stretch and reach to pull
The thorny branches towards me;
And still the subject of the poem eludes me,
Till coming to the gate that bars my way
I know that all I have to do is let
The soft, ripe and luscious blackberries have
their say.

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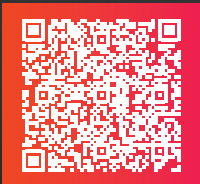
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A bird's eye view

Startled Starlings!

Looking out of my window I noticed a largish bird take off from my neighbour's lawn and alight in their tree. Closer inspection showed it to be a big female sparrowhawk. She soon left her perch, flying swiftly but smoothly right past my open window, so close I could have reached out and touched her, but she showed no interest in me. She entered my other neighbour's rhododendron bush effortlessly, seemingly finding a hole where none had previously existed, and disappeared inside. The air was filled with a horrible screaming, seemingly the death cries of an unfortunate starling. The noise stopped, there was frantic movement inside the bush, then a starling shot out to the right closely followed by the sparrowhawk. As they left the other roosting starlings all took the opportunity to pour out of the other side of the bush, and were so scared by the experience they were not seen for the rest of the day. Not long after, the sparrowhawk came back, her prey had escaped her. She perched on a branch barely strong enough to take her weight, and bobbed up and down as she decided on what to do next. After a while she flew back into the rhododendron, ever hopeful that the starlings would return. She has been hunting very actively recently. Her young may well have left the nest but the adults continue to feed their fledged offspring for up to a month afterwards.

Feathered Friend

These life or death battles happen every day often unseen in our gardens, but this one held special interest for me as I was worried (fortunately needlessly as it turned out) about the safety of a particular bird. A week earlier I had noticed a young starling feeding on the ground, still in its dull grey-brown juvenile plumage. It is unusual to see them on their own and not as part of a group, and I grew more concerned when I saw it waddle up the path with no attempt to fly

away. I knew it must have been able to fly to reach the garden, but maybe it had struck a window or been injured by a cat or another predator once here? It looked healthy enough though, it could see to feed and even open and flutter its wings, and it certainly had a good appetite. It was also very trusting, happy for you to toss it some sultanas, which were second only in preference to the meal worms it greedily snaffled. It would even come to the back door, as if asking to be fed, but it would scurry away into the borders or behind a plant pot if it got spooked. It showed no fear of other birds though and was very feisty in keeping its place at the table. I did not want to stress it unduly by trying to capture it so decided to let nature take its course, and hope that if it had a minor injury then the food, water and refuge that the garden provided, would help it recover.

First Flights

Over the coming days it was seen to flutter more, then fly above the ground, then gain more height. Short flights at first, but able to land on the garage or a helpful bush. It became more wary too but happy to mix with the visiting starling flocks, if not fly off with them when they left. I am not sure it has the stamina for very long flights yet but it is much recovered. I am left with the impression though that it does not like flying very much, even if it can, and perhaps it knows a soft touch and an easy meal when it sees one! Also, the singing starling that visits has added some time pips and an uncannily accurate rattle of a shaken aerosol can to his repertoire as well. On a related note, if you suffer from bird strikes on your windows you can get various stickers, from flowers to birds, that help a lot to prevent this happening.

JB



Great Budworth Cricket Club

After a last minute venue change, GBCC welcomed Reynolds CC to Arley on 19th June. On a slow, low pitch, the visitors were only able to score 64 runs which was quickly reached by Budworth in reply.

With the match against Manchester Racquets cancelled with the oppo unable to raise a team, the next fixture was against Barnton on 3rd July. Their strong batting line up posted 137 in 20 overs, and despite scores of 23, 21 & 19 by Pete Taylor, Steve Norton and Stuart Whitlow respectively, Budworth finally fell 7 runs short. A second loss occurred at the hands of AshTree CC, who clearly smarting from the hammering they received by Budworth at the beginning of the season, came visiting with a side packed with "ringers". At the break, the 150 scored by Budworth in their 35 overs felt well below par & the problem became worse when before we took the field, Rob Batey suffered a back spasm, taking no further part in the match. Fears were quickly realised when the oppo sped off the blocks, reaching their target in only 21 overs.

We returned to winning ways in our fixture against a Toft CC X1. Budworth's total of 108 looked rather light at the halfway mark, but steady bowling & solid fielding restricted the visitors to 83.

Arguably the most keenly anticipated fixture of the summer for the Peter McAndrew Memorial Cup took place on Sunday 21st July. On a perfect summer afternoon, a large crowd of spectators were well entertained by the match between a Great Budworth XI led by Club Captain Pete Taylor and an Antrobus XI. Winning the toss, Pete invited Antrobus to bat first. Very steady bowling, particularly by Felix Watson-Smith (Peter McAndrew's grandson) supported by some excellent fielding, made life difficult for Antrobus throughout their innings. Ian (Max) Sleigh at the top of the order played some fluent shots, with the ever reliable Matt Hankey anchoring much of the innings. Contributions by Si Batey & the other two Hankeys, Mark & Steve left a target for Budworth of 125. A highlight of the afternoon for players & spectators alike was an amazing traditional cricket tea with all the usual extras of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes & cups of tea. Too many people to mention, but grateful thanks to the buyers, the bakers & the team who waited on, which all contributed to the occasion.

After the break, a confident Great Budworth team began their innings. Excellent opening spells of leg spin bowling from debutant Rohan Gadepalli & steady seam from Andrew Phillips restricted Budworth to 26 in the first 10 overs. Rohan's

dismissal of both openers brought Miles Watson-Smith & Pete Taylor together in the middle and their rapid partnership of around 50 seemed to be putting the result beyond doubt. However the wicket of Miles, clean bowled by Greg Atkins, saw a change in fortunes. Captain Si Batey's inspirational move to introduce Alex "the pie" Horn to the attack led to a remarkable change in fortunes with 3 wickets in his opening over of flight and guile! The score now in the eighties with only 3 wickets remaining. Two more wickets fell in the remaining chase as nerves began to jangle. Despite a valiant rearguard innings by Felix, his final lofted shot only managed to reach the reliable hands of Rohan deep on the boundary edge, leaving Great Budworth all out and 17 runs short.

A fantastic contest played in a great spirit amongst a bunch of friends - a perfect tribute to the man we were all there to remember. After Simon Batey received the Peter McAndrew Cup on behalf of the Antrobus XI the man of the match trophy was fittingly awarded to Felix, for his bowling spell of 2 wickets for 17 runs off his spell of 7 overs and his contribution of 19 runs at the end of the run chase. Finally, grateful thanks to Maggie Blower for her support of the day and to Anna Lee for sponsorship of the match balls.

On 25 July GBCC made the trip to play Reynolds CC at Ashley.

In the face of challenging bowling by the home side, Budworth's early batters battled well with both Steve Hankey (23) and Pete Taylor (25 retired) posting a solid start. Three quick wickets then put Reynolds firmly on the front foot and it was only a cavalier innings at the death by Stuart "Swiss" Whitlow, (whose 19 included the first & second sixes of his career) that gave Budworth a respectable 143 to defend.

The beginning of the second innings quickly looked ominous for Budworth; misfields & dropped catches became contagious in what subsequently proved to be our worst fielding performance of the summer. Powerful batting by Reynolds appeared to be seeing them coast to the winning total. However, like in the earlier innings, the loss of a couple of quick wickets put them on the back foot. Despite the ominous return of their best batsman who had retired earlier after having scored a rapid 25, a tight final over by Andrew Phillips saw Reynolds all out for 129.

On to the next week when GBCC once again visited Lymm CC for the 3rd test of the series. With Lymm batting first and desperate to stop their losing streak against Budworth, their

Great Budworth Cricket Club *continued*

overseas player started in his usual aggressive style. Even he was no match for our own wizard Chai Gadepalli who returned the impressive figures of 3 wickets for 3 runs in his 4 over spell. With the other wickets shared around, at the half way point Lymm's total of 98 looked to be under par. In reply, GBCC had a stop / start innings.

The ever reliable Steve Hankey made a stoic 25 while wickets fell all around him. A cameo performance by Alistair (the pie) Horn, which included a six hit over the trees & into the cornfield, ended with us still painfully short. With the final pair of Chai & Rohan at the wicket, in fading light and with 2 runs needed from the final ball, it was an imperious drive that beat the desperate dive of the fielder on the boundary and brought yet another victory to Great Budworth!

Following the excitement of the two previous games, August has proved to be a disappointment: always something of a challenge once school holidays begin, our oppositions at both High Legh & Warrington have been unable to field a side.

At the time of writing, remaining fixtures are due to be away against Lymm CC (again!) on 26 August & the final home game against a Lord Ashbrook XI on Saturday 7 September. The rearranged league games due to bad weather at the beginning of the "summer" means the final planned match against Kingsley CC on Sunday 15 September is in the balance.



Great Budworth Garden Club

We have had excellent weather from July and August, and now nights are drawing in and there is a lot of cutting back to do in the garden. Autumn is around the corner.

We had a wonderful trip to the Southport Flower Show as they celebrated 100 years of success, organised by Julie Treharne. There were interesting stalls, show gardens, floral marquees, and many celebrity garden speakers to listen to their stories. We heard Adam Frost, of Gardeners' World, Carole Baxter and George Anderson, Beechgrove Garden, and

Martin and Jill Fish who are coming to our club next year, all brilliant. A 'grand day out'.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8 September when Don Witton will tell us about Plants for Pleasure. The last coach trip of the year is on Friday 13 September when we are going to Levens Hall and Beetham Nurseries, near Kendal. We welcome friends of members, and villagers, please contact Julie for availability on 07792 108549

As we move on through the year, the October meeting is on the 8th at the Parish Hall, when

Theresa Potter from RHS, will tell us about Judging Britain in Bloom.

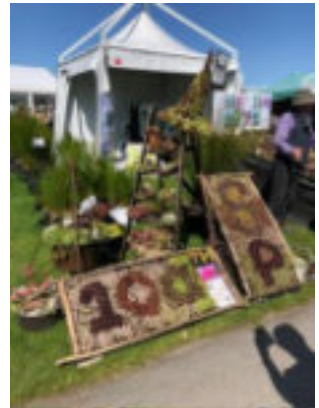
We also have our own photo competition, when members are asked to bring a photo of their garden this year. Either an individual plant or a scenic view of your plot. Prizes will be given.

Please contact me for any other details

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Northwich Woodlands
Friends of Anderton and Marbury 25th Anniversary
FoAM and Rangers' Events Programme July - early September

September

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

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

Sunday 22nd September

Guided Afternoon Walk – Marbury Through the Centuries - Celebrating our History

On this illustrated, leisurely afternoon walk of approximately two and a half hours around Marbury, you will catch a glimpse of the lives of those who lived and worked there from medieval times to the modern day, including the art collectors, the hall staff and the dynastic family and a famous pilot. You will hear about a country club, the wartime occupation and German prisoners, the ICI years and Marbury's demise and resurrection as a country park. We will endeavour to cater for individual access needs on the day. If the weather is bad, there will be a presentation in the meeting room behind the Rangers' Cabin.

Time and meeting place to be advised when booking. Booking essential – text or call *Brenda Yates on 07941 710791*

October

Sunday 27 October

Make a Witch's Broom - Celebrating Woodland Crafts

Come along as individuals or small groups to join Charlotte Peters-Rock who will help you to make your own witch's broom to take home, from materials gathered in Northwich Woodlands by our volunteers. Wrap up warm and bring gloves to protect your hands. All materials provided. Suitable for all ages.

Location: Marbury Lodge (shelter in front of the Rangers' Cabin)

Time to be advised when booking. Booking essential.

For information contact: *Brenda Yates 07941 710791*

November

Saturday 2nd November 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Owl Pellets - Celebrating our Wildlife

The Northwich Woodlands is home to several different species of owl. This afternoon we are exploring what they eat as we dissect some pellets (the regurgitated, undigested part of their food) to discover and identify the fur and bones left behind. Suitable for older children and adults.

For information contact *melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk*



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Statement from Chief Superintendent Jon Betts:

"We are aware of speculation surrounding possible planned protests across the country, and the rumours circulating in our communities regarding potential incidents in Cheshire, and I want to reassure residents that we are fully prepared to deal with anyone intent on causing disorder in our communities.

"Violent disorder will not be tolerated in Cheshire and we're working closely with our partners to ensure the safety of our residents.

"We have extensive resources in place to ensure that robust action can be taken against anyone who breaks the law.

"We will also use all the resources available to us, including facial recognition and ANPR, to ensure that anyone who commits an offence is held accountable for their actions.

"I would also urge residents not to share any of the malicious or inaccurate information which has been posted on social media platforms. These messages have been posted in order to cause hate and disorder in our communities.

"We have already arrested and charged a number of people in relation to these messages, and anyone else who is found to be encouraging such offences, be that online or in person, will also be dealt with."

Great Budworth Tennis Club

What an amazing summer of tennis we have had here in the village, at Wimbledon and finally at the Olympics. We have some glorious summer days and evenings and members, guests and their families have been enjoying playing on the court. It is so nice to see usage of the court increasing. There is something quintessentially British playing a game of tennis next to a bowling green full of bustling bowlers!

Our summer tournament, the Cussons Shield, has been played throughout the summer. The format is mixed doubles, with partners drawn, and each pairing played 3 or 4 matches against others in their group. The top 2 pairings from each group will go forward to play at the grand finals day which this year is being held on Saturday 7 September 2024, where the semi-finals and final will be played. Everybody is most welcome to come and join us and enjoy afternoon tea in the picturesque bowling green pavilion. The day will begin at 10am. Let's hope the good weather will continue!

However, the fun does not stop just because the Autumn nights are drawing in! Our next tournament, The Shepherdson Shield competition, will take place during the first weekend in October. Following this we will once again be looking forward to the annual dinner, with the Great Budworth Bowling Club, which will be held in the village hall. For more information about both these events please contact social secretary *Joany Deakin 07484714321*.

If you have been inspired by Wimbledon or the Olympics, or just want to come and enjoy the village facility, contact our membership secretary *Richard Chandler 07933087560* to have a chat about membership. The court is also available to hire for a visitor's fee, if you have guests or fancy a game. It is a fantastic village and community facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all. Everybody is welcome!

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

September

1 Sunday 10.30am All Age Service followed by refreshments

4 Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion, followed by refreshments

5 Thursday 7pm Celtic Evening Prayer

13 Friday 11am Roman Catholic Mass, Arley Chapel – all welcome

14 Saturday 2pm – 5pm Heritage afternoon in Church (details on Church website and in Parish Magazine)

20 Friday 1.30pm Great Budworth Primary School Welcome Service in Church

22 Sunday 10.30am Harvest Festival, 2.30pm Forest Church (venue tbc), 3pm Harvest Festival, Chester Cathedral

25 Wednesday 4.30pm Christ Church, Oxford – talk, afternoon tea, Holy Communion, dinner in the Great Hall (please see details in the Parish Magazine)

October

4 Thursday 10am – 3pm National Poetry Day Workshop, The Old School, Great Budworth – please contact The Vicar for details if you are interested in attending.

6 Sunday 10.30am All Age Service – Animal Blessing – all welcome, animals and humans!

20 Sunday 6.30pm Arley Harvest Service, Arley Chapel

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
clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk 07759 212449

Name	Address	Tel numbers	Contact point for
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

Resilience Plan for Comberbach

The Parish Council is drafting a Resilience Plan that can be used if an emergency occurs; it will identify sources of help or support in the village.

Recreation Area

The Council continues to invest in the Recreation Area to ensure the equipment is kept in good condition; Members approved the purchase of new horizontal supports and a new tyre for the zip wire.

D Day Commemorations and future events

The D Day commemorative events had been very successful and well supported. A write up and photos of the Beacon lighting event on 6 June and the commemoration on Sunday 9 June were sent to Jackie Weaver at Cheshire

Association of Local Councils to be part of a feature of all the commemorations in Cheshire. The Council has agreed to invite back the Barnton Band to perform at a Christmas concert on Saturday 23 November.

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 15 October 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

Recipe

Spiced Apple Cake

Ingredients

200g unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for the tin

200g soft dark brown sugar

50g black treacle

4 eggs

3 (about 300g) apples, cored and finely chopped

50g pecans, chopped

225g self-raising flour

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 tsp mixed spice

1/2 tsp fine sea salt

Icing

150g butter, softened

300g icing sugar

2 tbsp black treacle

Method

Beat the sugar, treacle and butter until fluffy, add the eggs slowly and whisk.

Then fold in the other ingredients until combined.

Put into a lined springform cake tin.

Cook in 180/160 degree oven for 45 mins, check with skewer, then cool in tin for 15 mins, then on a wire rack.

Mix icing sugar, butter and treacle until soft then spread over the cake



Ladies Club

Whenever a summer afternoon of Art in the Garden is arranged the barometer drops, wind picks up, cloud cover thickens and the odd shower passes. It was the same this year, we did manage to stay outdoors under cover to enjoy a good catchup, whilst some took up the challenge

to draw a bowl of garden produce. Refreshments were served indoors and some excellent prizes given. Thanks Eilan. The September meeting has yet to be finalised, details will be sent to members.

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
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Local authority

Cheshire West & Chester Council 0300 1238123
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

You can report Highways and StreetCare issues online at:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/
contact-us/report-it or 0300 1237036

MP for Tatton

Esther McVey:
officeofesthermcveymp@parliament.uk
(01565 632181)

FOAM

The Friends of Anderton and Marbury:
www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk

Comberbach websites

Comberbach websites providing information about the village, contact details, groups and organisations, events, past copies of newsletters, council meetings and links to Facebook pages.

comberbach.com
comberbach-pc.gov.uk



Facebook groups

If you are on Facebook there are 3 relevant village groups:

Comberbach Community Support
(admins - Helen Joan / Ann Barr)

Comberbach Memories
(admins - Wayne Garnett / Kevin Goulding)

Comberbach Village Buy/ Sell/ FTGH
(admins - Ali Brennan / Lynda Bigmore / Louise White)

They are 'private' groups, easy to join but are strictly for people with present or past connections to the village. The relevant groups have an 'about' section giving an outline of conditions.

The Support group just requires a couple of questions to be answered and the Buy/Sell group requires an 'invite' from another member. They are interesting and can be useful in providing current information.

There are also Facebook pages to visit:
Friends of Comberbach School
Comberbach Fete.

The contact details of parish councillors, village groups and meetings at the Memorial Hall and Chapel can be found on the back pages.

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

Memorial Hall

WI	1st Mon each month	7.30pm	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 24 October (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 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 Bignmore	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)

For details see the appropriate article in the newsletter. For Great Budworth Church see the separate dairy list.

September

- 2 WI Memorial Hall 7.30
- 7 Gt Budworth Cricket Club v Lord Ashbrook XI
- 7 FoAM Woodland Oddments
- 7 Gt Budworth Tennis Club Grand Finals Day
- 8 Gt Budworth Garden Club Plants for Pleasure
- 13 Gt Budworth Garden Club Trip to Levens Hall etc
- 29 Chapel Harvest Festival at 11am & 6pm

October

- 3 Lite Bite from 12 noon in Chapel
- 5/6 Gt Budworth Tennis Club Shepherdson Shield
- 7 WI meeting
- 8 Gt Budworth Garden Club Theresa Potter RHS
- 15 Parish Council Meeting

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

- 17 Lite Bite in Chapel
- 19 Art Group Exhibition in Memorial Hall
- 27 FoAM Witch's Broom
- 31 Lite Bite in Chapel

November

- 2 FoAM Owl Pellets
- 4 WI meeting
- 10 Remembrance Service at the Memorial Hall
- 14 Lite Bite in Chapel
- 23 Barnton Band Christmas Concert Memorial Hall
- 28 Lite Bite in Chapel

December

- 2 WI meeting
- 8 Chapel Carol Service
- 11 Chapel Band Concert
- 12 Lite Bite in Chapel

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