

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Nov/Dec 2024



Mushrooms seem to pop up overnight at this time of year. These are on Spinner Crescent green

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

It seems strange having to write this informal note in late October before the clocks have been changed, children visiting for treats on Halloween, and Christmas is 2 months away.

Winter Fuel Payment

Are you over the State Pension Age and worried about losing your Winter Fuel Allowance?

Councillors Val McDermott and Jill Johnston are both experienced in helping people make applications for Pension Credit and will be conducting the sessions.

See details on page xx

Drop-in sessions at the Memorial Hall on 5, 12 and 19 November 2024 between 10.30 and 3pm.

Defibrillator Training.

We are planning to schedule another drop-in session at the Memorial Hall when Doctors Sandra and Neil Fisher will provide instructions on how to use a defibrillator. Please let the Parish Clerk know if you are interested in attending an event in the New Year

Carol Concert

We have booked the hall for a Carol Concert when by popular demand we have arranged for the Barnton Brass band to play a medley of Christmas Carols. Mulled wine and mince pies to be served in the interval.

The concert is scheduled to start at 7.00-9.30 on Saturday 23 November. Doors open 6.30

Please remember that there are no tickets allocated and that seating will be limited due to the capacity restrictions and insurance requirements of the Memorial Hall.

Seats will be on a first come basis to secure a seat in the large hall

HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline

The Statutory Consultation period closes 23.59 on the 19th November.

The initial consultation detailed a Northwich Spur

which was scheduled to go to TATA at Winnington. This spur is now not being taken forward and the consultation are not asking for any feedback.

The East Corridor: This pipeline will start at the Central Hub close to the A49/A533 at Bartington with the pipe then running to Warburton and Partington.

The pipeline will cross the A559 Northwich Road close to the Birch & Bottle and the Antrobus Arms.

Residents can view the consultation on line www.hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk/knowledge-hub

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Comberbach Fete Committee

Myself and the Vice Chair attended the AGM held at the Spinner.

The Fete Committee are struggling for Committee members to manage the various organisational aspects of both the Sundowner Run and the Fete.

With only a quorum of Committee members it's been decided that the Fete will be cancelled next year and only the Sundowner Run will be scheduled.

I know that the Fete is a great event for the village, but its disappointing that no residents in the village want to give up a few hours of their spare time to stand as a committee member and help promote this worthwhile event. I know the Fete use FACEBOOK and What App to ask residents to join.

See the FETE notice on page xx of the newsletter and make contact so as the FETE will continue

Comberbach has just over 900 adults and only 3 members of the new Committee live in Comberbach!!

Comberbach Parish Council Chair and Vice Chair *(continued)*

Great British Spring Clean 21 March – 6 April 2025

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's mass-action environmental campaign.

All Unitary Councils are under pressure on budgets, and without local volunteers from within the village to maintain the appearance, hedges and grass verges will become overgrown

As well as environmental rubbish The Parish Council would like households to become involved to clean up the footpaths, cut back the grass verges, remove weeds from the gutters

next to the highway, clean road signs and street furniture.

Unfortunately, with CW&C budget restrictions if we want to maintain the "Look and Feel" of the village then residents will need to help and not just rely on a few regular volunteers. Look out for further details next year of how you can get involved.

Finally wishing all our readers the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year even though its over 7 weeks away.

JR

Fete Committee

The fate of the fete is in your hands

Comberbach Fete Committee held its AGM on 17 October. At this meeting we usually elect officers and start planning for next year's fete. This year, however, there were not enough people in attendance to form a committee. Unfortunately, this means that, as it stands, there will not be a village fete in 2025. This will be the first time in 52 years that Comberbach has not held a fete and ceasing this tradition will be a great loss to the village.

The only way this decision can be reversed is if more people come forward and offer to help with the fete. If the idea of committing to regular meetings is offputting, there are plenty of other opportunities for involvement, including 'self-

contained' tasks such as running the BBQ or coordinating the tombola bottle collection around the village.

It was agreed that it is still possible to organise the Sundowner with a reduced committee. The provisional date is Friday 9 May 2025 and we are seeking an interim finance officer for this event.

To register your interest in taking on the role of interim finance officer for the Sundowner or making the fete happen, please get in touch with me on lynda@clevercopy.co.uk or send the committee a message via our Facebook page.

Lynda Bigmore

Comberbach Fete Committee



Comberbach Chapel

We celebrated our Harvest Festival with two Services at the end of September. The Chapel had been lovingly decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Many gifts were brought to the Morning Service for the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank and the Oasis Centre in East Manchester, where the Kitchen Team were delighted to receive the generous donations, assuring us that the fruit and vegetables would be put to good use making meals for many disadvantaged people in the Gorton community. The Collection from the Evening Service was also sent to the Foodbank along with all the non-perishables.

Approximately twenty gifts of mostly flowers were distributed locally, which were very much appreciated.

Our fortnightly Lite Bites have got off to an excellent start, so good to now have friends from Antrobus and Great Budworth joining with us. It's lovely having the Year 6 Children helping again, accompanied by their new Executive Head, Greg de Souza. Please see the Diary page for the Dates, or look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel. Our last session will now be on Thursday 28 November, as the Lite Bite Members have been invited to the School for a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11 December.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at the Village Hall and will be led by Deacon Tim Coleman, beginning at 10.15am. A warm welcome to everyone. Our Christmas Appeal this year is for the "Room at the Inn", a registered charity in Warrington, which helps the homeless. At Christmas time they hope to give their clients some personal gifts and need our support. Such things as socks, gloves, thermals and hats, also toiletries and sweet treats.



Items can be left at the Chapel when the doors are open, or at Oak Lodge, Marbury Road, next to The Milk House, before the end of November.

Our annual Village Carol Service, which will be led by Deacon Tim Coleman, will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 8 December, to which everyone is invited, to hear the Christmas Story told once again through Carols, Choir Songs and Readings. As in previous years Gifts for Children aged from four up to teenagers will be welcomed for the Oasis Centre

in Manchester. A warm invitation is given to everyone to share with us in this special Service. Hot fruit punch and Mince Pies will be served at the close of the Service. Our next Fund-Raiser will be a Concert by the Bostock Band on Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 including refreshments available from Nik Lord (Tel: 07721501181).

Please also listen out for the Carol Singers as they wend their way around the Village and surrounding areas during the Christmas period. Our first night will be Tuesday 17 December. We would love people to come and join in the singing with us, keeping up this age-old tradition.

Please ring Alan on 891248 for details of which roads we will be singing on and also keep an eye on Facebook.

The Crib Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 5pm and our special Christmas Day Service will be at 11am and led by Deacon Tim.

As ever, a very warm welcome to all of our Christmas Services.

Diary

November

- 10** - Remembrance Service at the Hall at 10.15am
- 14** - Lite Bite, 12 noon - 1.30pm
- 28** - Christmas Lite Bite 12 noon - 1.30pm

December

- 8** - Village Carol Service at 2.30pm
- 11** - Bostock Band Concert at 7.30pm
- 17** - Carol Singing (first night)
- 24** - Crib Service at 5pm
- 25** - Christmas Day Service at 11am

Comberbach Methodist Church

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 8 December

at 2.30pm

Children's Gifts for Oasis

Everyone very welcome

Comberbach WI

Summer is fast becoming a faded memory as we brace ourselves for darker nights and cooler weather. As autumn gets into full swing, however, there is much to give us joy from the glorious seasonal colours in mellow sunshine to the more hearty and warming food that suits the mood of the season. Such food was not on offer on the WI day trip on a canal boat from Bunbury in September. The weather was glorious and a fantastic buffet was partaken of on route. The day was so successful, that a trip is being planned for next year.

Over the late summer, our programme of speakers, which has been very varied this year, continued. At our September meeting we welcomed Chris Green who talked to us about Eyam – the historic Plague village which cut contact with the outside world to try to prevent the spread of the disease. This could, considering the subject matter, have been a rather sober and depressing evening, but our speaker brought the period alive, giving context and insight. It was uplifting and poignant at the same time and everyone was enthralled.

The Kimono

Our October meeting was a complete change of tempo with our visiting speaker, Keiko Gordon, telling us the history of the Kimono. She was wearing a stunning Kimono herself and brought a beautiful selection of Kimonos for us to view, ranging from ones worn by babies and toddlers through to the ceremonial kimono worn by either married women or single girls, yes, they are different.



Two members were “volunteered” to be dressed in one of these delightful garments. As one of the volunteers, I can report that they made you feel extremely elegant and were excellent for the posture, you stood up straight!!

Handbags

On a very miserable evening in October, a few members enjoyed a trip to Winsford Academy to attend the bi-annual Group Meeting. Our entertainment was the “Handbag of Harmonies Choir”. We were not sure what to expect but what we got was a glorious programme of music. The choir was 43 strong and all of the ladies carried delightful bijou handbags which they used to great effect in their choreographed routines. We were treated to a medley of songs by Abba, the Beatles, Annie Lennox, Cold Play, and, as the finale, a magnificent rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody. A choir not to miss if you get the opportunity to see them.

Morris Dancers

Looking forward, we have our AGM in November when our President for the next 12 months will be elected, a serious business, but followed by a light-hearted quiz and convivial conversation. We will then be looking towards the Christmas season which seems to have come round very quickly this year! 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. Several members will be off to the theatre to see “The Vicar of Dibley, the second coming” and we will also be having a Christmas lunch part way through the month.

Between our monthly meetings our sub-group activities have continued. The Craft Group, Walking Group and Book Club have all met. Apart from the activities themselves the group meetings afford a wonderful opportunity for convivial conversation and friendship. Things get made, exercise is taken between the coffee and lunch break and the books do get read!!

As you can see, we have a lot going on. We organise outings throughout the year and join in with those organised by the Cheshire Federation. Our next meeting is on Monday 4 November at 2.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Our meetings will be in the afternoons over the winter months.

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

Rosie Rowe, President

Comberbach Art Group

We welcomed over a hundred visitors to our exhibition in the memorial Hall on 19th October, some old friends and some new. We sold 17 paintings and lots of cards, served many teas and coffees, and our home made cakes went down well too. Thank you to our bakers.

We ran our usual people's choice vote throughout the day and the prizewinners from our members were two paintings by Peter, "Dungeness, Kent" and "It's Raining". The choice for a painting from a visiting artist was the "Ginger Cat" by Ruth.

We also invited Paul from the Art Shop to come and choose his favourite painting and he picked "Tigh Cursaig in the Snow, Benbecula" painted by Sue from Lymm.

A huge thank you to all our members, partners and friends who helped over the weekend ,setting up and clearing away the exhibition. We now look forward to doing it all again next year.

The winning paintings from the art exhibition which are as follows:-

First is the favourite awarded by Northwich Art Shop.

Second is The People's Choice from the visiting artists.

Third and fourth are The People's Choices from Comberbach Art



Guides and Rangers

Guides

The stormy weather over the last two months presented us from meeting in Marbury Park as we had planned, so we've gone back into the church hall.

This term we are working on the Skills for our Future module. We're starting with the Lead Skill Builder, where we'll look at how we cope with rule changes, how to give instructions and generally showing off our leadership skills and learning new ones.

As usual we have made poppies; this time made of clay. After half term we'll paint them ready for the Remembrance Service in the village hall.

As ever there is always lots to do in Guides. We have spaces for new members if any girl is thinking of joining us. Meanwhile, have a lovely and happy Christmas.

Rangers

In September three Guides moved up to Rangers and another Guide will join us after half term. We also welcomed Charla, who has never been a Guide. We meet every fortnight at the same time

as the Guides. Like the Guides we are working on the Skills for my Future module, in particular our decision making skills and how to mentor someone to inspire them. We've had a fun 'get to know you better' night where we measured different parts of our bodies, e.g. fingers to elbow. In the future we'll know how long an item is just by using parts of our bodies.

On Friday 18 October four Rangers and their leaders, Maddie and Anne, slept out in the graveyard at Budworth Church. We got nicely settled down and comfortable? around 11pm, but by midnight the weather was horrible (very wet and windy). We tried to keep dry with a tarpaulin over us but it kept blowing away. So by 1am we were quite wet and we decided to move into church. Things were not much better inside; it was colder than outside and the church floor seemed extra hard.

Our Leaders have quite a few fun ideas for us to try. They've been talking about a 24 hour event in the New Year and having afternoon tea on top of the church tower - so watch this space. Christmas is coming so we hope you have a happy and healthy one.

Craft and Natter

The Great Budworth Craft and Natter group meet in the old school house every 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 10.30am. Cost is £2 to pay for heating, lighting etc. At our meetings in November (13th and 27th) we shall be concentrating on Christmas crafts, paint baubles and make items using material, wool, beads and wood. Do come and join us if you can.

We will not be meeting in December as everybody is busy with Christmas activities. We'll be back in the New Year (8th January). Have a peaceful, healthy and wonderful Christmas.

Great Budworth Cricket Club

Now that the summer (what summer!) is well & truly over, the cricket ground at Arley has been put to bed until the spring.

The only remaining date in the calendar is the Annual Awards Night & Dinner, to be held at The Cock O' Budworth on Friday 15 November, when another successful season for Great Budworth CC will be well & truly toasted!

SB



Creative Corner

Christmas

Christmas is coming, bet you'll think
Time to party, eat and drink
Presents to consider, give and receive
Dozens and dozens for Santa to leave
Christmas trees and Christmas cake
All to decorate and bake
Christmas cards to write and send
Presents to wrap and time to spend
With family and friends not seen for a while
They can make you laugh and smile
You hope that no-one falls out
With all the booze and larking about
It's Jesus' birthday don't forget
The biggest birthday celebration yet
Started Christianity, historical event
Goodwill to all men it's all meant

Singing carols, counting the days
On the advent calendar and for praise
Christmas for some can be sad
Happier Christmases once had
People no longer here any more
Wondering what life's got in store
Special time for children they say
They'll always be happy come what may
In Christmas concerts, the nativity play
Excitement and wonder in every way
In the starry night Christmas lights are glowing
Presents under the tree, anticipation growing
What Christmas day will bring never knowing
Until the day arrives full of joy and mirth
For this day alone there'll be peace on earth.

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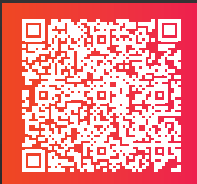
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A bird's eye view

Spring into Life

The beginning of Autumn got me thinking about the seasonal fluctuations of bird species, their numbers and behaviour in our gardens and elsewhere. These changing populations provide a kind of natural calendar and barometer as the year passes. Through spring the garden is a hive of activity and not just because of the explosion of plant growth and buzzing insects appearing everywhere, but also because of the huge increase of bird activity. Usual garden birds like blackbirds and dunnocks are joined by summer visitors in a headlong rush to secure breeding territory, through singing, and fighting if necessary, then to find a mate through courtship displays, and finally nest building and egg laying. At Marbury and the flashes, the same is true but on a much grander scale which sees huge numbers of migrating birds returning to breed, or passing through on their way to their breeding grounds. It is often the time a real rarity can turn up almost anywhere.

Summer Spirit

Summer is frantic in the garden and in the skies above with birds like house martins having arrived. A mad rush ensues to get the eggs hatched, the chicks fed and fledged, and for many species to quickly start the whole process again so they have as many broods as possible during this short window of opportunity. The resident birds are joined by summer visitors like chiffchaffs, and you will notice the often tatty and bedraggled appearance of birds like blackbirds as they sacrifice their own condition for the sake of feeding their young. This is when supplementary feeding can be as important as it is in wintertime, made even more crucial because of the growing paucity of insects and other food in our surrounding environment unfortunately. Later, hopefully, your garden will be full of young recently fledged birds still begging their parents for food.

Autumn Abundance

Late summer and autumn, that we are travelling through now, are transitional months. You may think your garden has been deserted at times, and it is true that many birds will have left, either migrated or retreated to the surrounding hedges, fields or woods as many moult out their worn and damaged feathers and keep a low profile. They also recover their energy and condition after the rigours of the breeding season. Other birds will replace them as you await their return. We often get large flocks of starlings and goldfinches visiting the garden and plundering the feeders during this time. These flocks contain large amounts of young birds, as if the adults are showing them where to go for an easy meal. In early autumn you may also notice birds like juvenile chiffchaffs passing through, often only staying a few days as they continue on their migration journeys. If you look up you will see large numbers of wood pigeon as they migrate across the country and, from the continental as well, geese will soon be arriving in numbers, plus redwings and field fares from Scandinavia.

Winter Woes

Winter is the survival of the fittest, making feeding and watering our visiting birds vital. In cold, brutal winters, if you provide food you will get more birds visiting than in summer, as winter visitors flood in to escape the often harsher conditions in other countries. In the horrendous winters of the early 2010s, on one day I counted over 20 blackbirds, more than 30 each of blue tits and house sparrows, over 40 lesser redpoll and more than 20 siskins. So many birds in fact that the feeders were being emptied twice a day. You will notice that, as well as your feeders emptying, any berries or fruits on shrubs and bushes will also rapidly disappear through the autumn and winter. Hopefully come the spring, when the entire process starts again as the birds rush to gain condition before breeding, we will have all done our bit to ensure the cycle of life continues.



House martins looking for nesting sites

Comberbach Bowling Club

2024 has been another successful season for the Club. This year we have had a number of new members join, some of whom have taken up competitive bowling. Consequently this enabled the Club to enter a fourth team ("D") into the Mid Cheshire League.

The "C" team in the Mid Cheshire League won Section 4 and led the league throughout the season and can look forward to promotion next year. The "A" team in the Mid Cheshire League were runners-up in the Whitby Cup.

Two of our junior bowlers have played very well this year. Our youngest bowler Luka Jones-Dakic, age 12 years won the Cheshire Junior Merit, open to players up to 18 years of age. Luka then went on to represent Cheshire in the All England Junior Merit reaching the quarterfinals of the knockout competition. Ben Wilkinson won the Mid Cheshire Stan Frith Junior Trophy.

In the adults Andy Gregory qualified via the Cheshire Senior Merit to represent Cheshire in the All England Senior Merit.

The annual annual Club competitions were held during the summer and the winners were:-

Pairs Trophy - Dan Moores and Doreen Kennerley

Lady Barrymore Trophy - Mark Tomlinson

Floodlit Trophy - Dan Moores

The bowling season ended in mid October and during Autumn and Winter works will progress to maintain the green and surrounds and improve the facilities of the Club. Throughout Autumn and Winter the pavilion is open to members and is identified as a "Warm Safe Space" as defined by the Bowls Development Alliance. The bar is open every Friday evening for members and guests to enjoy a drink and meet up. New members are always welcome to join the Club and we would particularly like to see more Juniors take up the game.

Adrian Robinson



Luka with Cheshire Junior Merit Trophy

Are you over State Pension Age and worried about losing your Winter Fuel

Might you be eligible for Pension Credit?

If you or a family member would like some help to make an on line application for Pension Credit, the Parish Council is organising a series of drop in sessions at the Village Memorial Hall on 5, 12 and 19 November 2024 between 10.30am and 3pm.

Please be sure to bring with you:

- your National Insurance Number
- up to date details of all your income
- up to date details of your savings and investments

Councillors Val McDermott and Jill Johnston are both experienced in helping people make applications for Pension Credit and will be conducting the sessions. Your confidentiality will, of course, be completely respected. If you have any questions, please get in touch with either Val or Jill. Their contact details are in the Parish Councillor Information section later in the Comberbach Village News.

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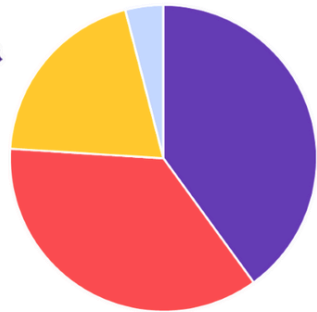
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Great Budworth Garden Club

Autumn, and soon winter approaches, we take stock of our gardens, and plan for another year. The seasons pass by so quickly and are changeable every time.

We had our last coach trip of the year in September, to Levens Hall in Cumbria. This is famous for its topiary and we saw the trees being cut and shaped, a long three month job.

We had a tour of the Hall and were able to partake of the Levens Bakery, a must at all times ! We then went to Beetham Nurseries for lunch, a great day out.

The September meeting welcomed Don Witton giving us Plants for Pleasure, he was thanked with enthusiasm by Anne Pangakis.

In October, we were entertained professionally by the Head Gardener from Ashwood Nurseries in the Midlands. He was excellent and thanked by Linda Enderby.

There was also a photo competition of a members own garden, and it was judged by Victor Wood, and won by myself, Jean Davies!!

The exciting part of the evening was when Julie Treharne introduced next years garden holiday.

It will be to Yorkshire on 3 - 5 of June 2025. Members signed up on the night, and the list is now full, assuming deposits are all paid by the November meeting.

Well done Julie, excellent result. If you have any questions please contact Julie on 07792 108549

On that night, 12 November, the speaker is Judy Popley who organises Flower Fairs, and she will be talking about the Trials and Tribulations of organising events.

The members Christmas party has had to change its date to Tuesday 26 November at 7pm.

This is because Gt Budworth Parish Hall is having a kitchen refurbishment later.

Please contact Jane Fairclough on 01606 891131 for tickets and buffet contributions asap.

We do not meet then until the AGM on 11 February 2025, when subs are due, but Simon Tetlow, head gardener from Tatton Park, will give members a full update of the famous gardens.

Please enjoy all the events we have for you, it's been an amazing year for the club, with speakers and trips and new members.

In 2025 it is our 25th anniversary of the formation of the club, and we will be celebrating on many occasions. A great year ahead.

Any other info, contact me
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Friends of Anderton and Marbury, FoAM Events to the end of 2024

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*

December

Sunday 8 December FoAM's Christmas Decorations Workshop – Celebrating Winter Foliage

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands. No charge, but donations welcome. Booking essential.

From: 10am – 12noon by the Rangers' Cabin/ Marbury Lodge

For information and to book a place contact: *Joanne Redley email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.*

Reminder for entries for the photographic competition to be submitted.

Great Budworth Tennis Club

We held the Cussons Shield finals day held on 7 September, then we continued our celebrations of the season at the annual Bowling Club and Tennis Club dinner on 5 October in the Great Budworth Village Hall. This year the dinner was hosted by the Bowling Club and it was a great evening at which 40 years of both of the clubs was acknowledged. We all extended thanks to the generous donor of the land to the village, Dr Love. Following the speeches, the trophies were presented. We were so fortunate to have founder members Gill Cussons and Kathy Kay to present the Cussons Shield and Kay Cup to the winners of the competitions held throughout the year.

Autumn has arrived with a flourish and although we have had rare glimpses of the sun, we have also had a lot of rain and unfortunately rain stops

play! However, the fun does not stop just because the Autumn nights are well and truly drawing in. Coaching opportunities each Wednesday morning for members will continue over the winter months. If you are interested in joining the club and joining in, contact Richard Chandler. In addition, social tennis will also continue..

If you would like to come and play over the winter months, 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 community facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all.



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

November

Sunday 3rd

8am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Worship for All Saints
4pm Commemoration of The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 6th

Worship and Holy Communion Common

Thursday 7th

7pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th

10.30am Remembrance Sunday
12noon Wakes Lunch in Parish Hall
4pm Holy Communion Common Worship

Wednesday 13th

10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School

Thursday 14th

1.30pm Play and Praise in church

Sunday 17th

8am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP

Sunday 24th

0.30am Parish Communion Common Worship
2.30pm Forest Church – venue and date tbc

Wednesday 27th

10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School

Thursday 28th

1.30pm Play and Praise in church

December

Sunday 1st

8am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Worship Toy Service

Wednesday 4th

10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship followed by coffee
2pm Christmas Wreath Workshop with Maggie Earl, in church.

Thursday 5th

7pm Compline in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 8th

10.30am Matins BCP
4pm Holy Communion Common Worship

Wednesday 11th

7pm Compline in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 12th

1.30pm Play and Praise in church
7.30pm Festive Cheese & Wine in church

Sunday 15th

8am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion Common worship
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at Arley Chapel

Tuesday 17th

7.30pm Equali Choir Concert in church

Thursday 19th

6pm Great Budworth & Antrobus schools joint Carol Service in church

Sunday 22nd

10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship
4pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib and Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Family Communion Common Worship

Sunday 29th

10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship

Notes:

November 3rd 4pm Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed

If you wish a loved one to be remembered at the service, please include their name on the list in church or phone *Margaret 07732324001 or Pauline 01565 733494* to add their name.

November 10th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday – special service during which the names from the war memorial are read out and the poppy wreath laid in the Lych gate.

December 10th 12 noon Wakes lunch in the Parish Hall. Hot Pot and apple pie.

Please book with Shirley Humphreys *01606 891204*

December 4th 2pm – 4pm Christmas Wreath Workshop with Maggie Earl

In church – mulled wine, mince pies, tea/coffee - Tickets £45/person.

Book in with Margaret 07732324001 or Maggie 07970927161

Raising funds for a flower festival we are holding in church in July 2025.

December 12th 7.30pm - Festive Cheese and Wine, raffle. £20/ticket.

Please join us for a social evening in the surroundings of our beautiful, medieval church.

Raising funds for the running of the church. All welcome. Tickets from Margaret, Maggie or Pauline – numbers above.

Everybody is welcome to any of the services or events. Please phone either of the churchwardens for more information. *Margaret 07732324001 or Pauline 01565733494.*

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 Meetings of Comberbach Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 September and 15 October 2024 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Resilience Plan for Comberbach

Members heard from Julie Barnard from the Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team about a Resilience Plan for Comberbach. The Parish Council is considering a Plan which would identify how the Council could support the community in the event of a major incident; this would often be under instruction from the Emergency Planning Team. The Plan would include details of how to quickly communicate when an emergency occurred and identify sources of support such as community resources and buildings.

Highways

The Parish Council has liaised with Antrobus Parish Council to contact CWAC regarding Gibb Hill; both councils were pleased to see the recent resurfacing works. However, Members of Comberbach PC remain concerned about drainage issues and the ongoing impact on the road particularly during the upcoming winter months. Members continue to monitor gully clearing and the online portal which is not up to date.

Defib by the Post Office

The Parish Council has purchased a replacement Defib for the location at the Post Office. The new defibrillator has an 8 year warranty and CPR pads suitable for both adults and children. The Parish Council will be arranging a training session in the new year about how to use a Defib, this will be free for any resident who wishes to attend.

Christmas Concert

The Council has arranged for Barnton Silver Band to play a Christmas Concert on Saturday 23 November from 7.00pm, free for residents. Capacity is limited based on the hall fire limit and will be first come, first served.

Hopyards Bridge, Anderton

The CWAC Countryside Officer has contacted the Parish Council about fundraising plans for a replacement bridge as the current bridge will be removed by Forestry England. Members agreed that they supported the efforts to provide a replacement footbridge at Hopyards.

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 26 November 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

Ladies Club

A change of plan in September resulted in a decision to keep it simple and just meet up for refreshments and a chat at a member's house in Comberbach. It was obviously a good idea as 18 of the group attended. The October meeting took the form of a lunch at the Chapel in aid of the Macmillan cancer charity. Everyone brought a sharing plate of savoury or dessert food, tea and coffee was served, there was a bring and buy

stall, a raffle and an opportunity to buy greeting cards. A very pleasant time was spent eating and catching up with friends whilst raising a total of £146 was raised for Macmillan. Plans are in place for the delayed Christmas lunch to be held in January, details having already been 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
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:
officeofesthermcveypm@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
Rangers	Wednesday	8 - 9.30pm	Anne O'May	891156
				01606 891218
Sunday School	Sundays	10am - 12 noon	Mike Brockhurst	01925 266 798
Yoga	Mondays Thursday	6.30 pm 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 (Before if possible)

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

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 Bigmore	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.

November

- 2 FoAM - Owls
- 4 WI meeting 2.30pm
- 5 Pension Credit Session 10.30 - 3pm
Memorial Hall
- 10 Remembrance Service 10.15 Memorial Hall
- 12 Garden Club meeting
- 12 Pension Credit Session
- 14 Lite Bite 12 noon
- 15 GB cricket club dinner

- 19 Pension Credit Session
- 23 Brass Band Concert 7pm Memorial Hall
- 26 PC meeting 6.45 pm
- 26 Garden Club Christmas Party
- 28 Lite Bite 12 noon

December

- 8 FoAM Christmas Decorations
- 8 Village Carol Service 2.30 Chapel
- 11 Bostock Brass Band Carol Service 7.30pm
Chapel
- 17 Carol singing begins
- 24 Crib service 5pm
- 25 Christmas Day Service 11 am

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

This is my last edition of the CVN.

I made a decision early last year to step down from editing at the end of 2023 hoping that someone, or ideally a small team, would offer to take over. Unfortunately no one came forward so I said I would continue until after the 2024 Fete but with no one to do the editing I carried on through 2024.

Although I am willing to help anyone volunteering during a transition period. Whilst someone did eventually offer to take over they have had to withdraw for the time being. It has become too big a

commitment for me working on my own, I have to consider the newsletter schedule when planning my life. This is not helped by the inadequacy of my aged laptop to cope with some content. So, with some feeling of guilt, I am sticking to my decision.

I would like to thank all the regular contributors for their valued support in sending reports, poems, information, photos and interesting articles, and also the wonderful team of 15 distributors headed by Ola and Jeff Dodd. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.
Kathryn Wharfe

