

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - May/June 2025



Primroses

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

My last notes from the Chair after having to endure my ramblings over the last 8 years!!

By the time this issue is printed it is likely that both the VE Day Celebrations at the Memorial Hall on the 8th May and the Comberbach Fete Sundowner Run on the 9th May will be over.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be on the Tuesday 13th May at 6.15 when both myself and the Responsible Financial Officer will present a report on the last years Council activities.

Many thanks to Steve Penwill RFO for receiving acknowledgement from the external auditors for a clean bill of health.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The Annual Meeting will follow at 6.45.

Councillor Jill Johnston has indicated subject to Council approval to accept the position of Chair for the following 12 months.

Parish Precept

Since 2015 when the old memorial hall was demolished, the Parish Council has authorised over £100,000 of precept income to build a new pump track, replace the wet pour in the play area both in excess of £20,000 spend. In addition, replacement swings and repairs have been undertaken together with the installation of a table tennis table, new picnic tables and benches.

Recreation Area Infant slide

The Finance Committee has approved at its meeting a budget to replace the Infant slide with a larger unit now that the crayons have been removed.

This will allow additional facilities in the configuration.

To help with this project the Parish Council are proposing to use outside funding. Spacehive in conjunction with CW&C provide crowdfunding for local amenities and empowers people to create projects that will enhance the local community, and attract funding from both the Community and the local companies.

Grass Cutting

Residents can view on the CW&C interactive map for grass cutting when the next scheduled cutting is due. According to the web site the next scheduled cut is week commencing 16th May. This suggests that the cycle is monthly.

Weed Control

CW&C are scheduled to spray the verges in the village during May & September this year

John Ryder, Chair

Dashboard Drinkers

Stella Artois

Just a sample of the range of the drinks consumed by drivers or passengers on Budworth Lane, the cans and bottles then being flung roadside. Maybe they also enjoyed the McDonald's takeaway and various other snacks evident by the packaging found.

Well done to the Beaver group who recently did a litter pick around the area.

Budweiser

Heineken

Cruzcampo

Strongbow

Absolut Vodka

The other roads around the village no doubt have similar items of litter lurking roadside, in the hedges and ditches.

Should anyone wish to borrow litter pickers, bags and high vis vests just get in touch.

KW 07464978716

Tribute to Jim Bradley

We were all deeply saddened to hear that Jim Bradley passed away in early April.

Jim was dedicated to service in the village, spending many years on the Parish Council, serving as Chairman until 2013, and only retiring a couple of years ago. He was also incredibly important to the Memorial Hall, serving on the original fundraising committee in the mid-1990s, raising funds for and co-ordinating the plans and construction of the new Hall. Jim went on to be an integral part of running the Hall from its opening in 2002 and for the next twenty years.

He was, of course, half of the wonderful double-act with his redoubtable late wife Rena; Jim & Rena's longstanding contribution to village life

was recognised with them jointly receiving the Villager of the Year award, in 2002.

On behalf of the Hall trustees, along with current and past members of the Parish Council too, our thanks will never be enough to compensate for the hours in meetings, the jobs done, both practical and clerical, and the enthusiasm and commitment over so many years. All his hard work and dedication to the village he loved will always be remembered and appreciated.

We send our deepest condolences to Jim's children, William and Gill and to the rest of his family.

Nikki Lord. Memorial Hall Chair

Comberbach Chapel

We finished our Lite Bite Sessions on 20 March with a record number of forty four customers and staff. Many Birthdays have been celebrated and in early March, this included two of our oldest Lite Bite Members, Marjorie Tomsett and John Hardy. We are now on our Summer Break, but hope to do it all again from early October.

Our Easter Sunday Celebration was led by Rev Andrew Pratt and included some wonderful Easter Hymns and several items by the Choir. During the Service Martha and Alfie decorated a wooden cross with sprigs of flowers, brought by the Congregation, which was displayed on the

steps for a few days afterwards. Coffee and Hot Cross Buns were enjoyed following the Service.

The Pie and Mash Supper followed by the Jigsaw Race Chapel Fundraiser will have happened by the time of reading this

We look forward to taking part in the Village Fete once again, by hosting our Chapel Games Gazebo and then welcoming the Village Queen to our special Family Service on Sunday 13 July at 11am. A warm welcome to everyone. Refreshments will be served after the Service.



Comberbach WI

How time flies. At the beginning of March there were only a few signs of spring, the first daffodils, slightly lighter evenings and bird song heralding the dawn. Fast forward a few weeks and spring has arrived at a pace and now our gardens are flourishing. Our WI meetings have mirrored the change in season with our March meeting held in the afternoon and our April meeting in the evening, which will be continued until November.

We welcomed Adrian Steincamp, a volunteer with the Northwest Air Ambulance Service to our meeting in March and he gave a very informative talk on this charity, reliant purely on donations. We learned that it requires £18 million per year to run this excellent service. Their vision is Hospital to the Patient, so prompt and appropriate intervention at the site of the casualty is paramount. The Consultant Doctors, Paramedical team and Pilots carry very sophisticated and state of the art medical equipment. The three helicopters have recently been refurbished, ensuring the best possible delivery of this emergency service. They get on average 8 call outs per day, 365 days a year, so it is not surprising that many of us will have seen them flying overhead or even landing nearby.

In April we were entertained by Tina Saunders who gave a talk entitled "Needles and

Sparkles". She whisked us through an informative potted history of her career as a professionally qualified needlework expert and seamstress. From her 3 years at the Royal School of Needlework she progressed to working for Jimmy Choo and ultimately to becoming one of Queen Elizabeth II's last dressmakers. She had wonderful samples of her set piece work from college as well as excellent pictures of outfits worn by the late Queen, showing off her exquisite work. One of her favourites was the dress that she wore for the Opening of the Olympic Games in 2012. All of the dressmakers were intrigued as to why they were asked to make an identical dress, 3 sizes larger for which they were sworn to secrecy. We all know why now!

In March some members attended both the Group Quarterly Meeting and the Cheshire Federation AGM. At the former we were entertained by two ladies who gave a history of pregnancy, childbirth and early years over the centuries, while at the AGM we were entertained by Suzan Holder (wife to Noddy). She gave us a fantastic talk about her life with lots of humour. It is one of the perks of being a member of the WI that we have access to such wonderful, inspiring guest speakers.

Outside our monthly meetings there are lots of other activities going on. In March we joined in the entertaining Darts

Competition, but didn't win. Our Quiz Team is about to start its quest to get beyond the eliminating round of the Cheshire Federation Annual Quiz. We never disgrace ourselves but have never managed the leap yet.

All of this is great fun but as President one very recent highlight has been our 75th Birthday Celebration lunch at the Spinner and Bergamot which was my great honour and privilege to host. We were treated to excellent food with outstanding and courteous service. Members who have been with us for "memorable" numbers of years were celebrated, the longest being 50 years. Everyone who came had a wonderful time.

At our next meeting on 12th May (a week late because of the Early May Bank Holiday), we will be welcoming Stephen Shakeshaft who will give us a talk on the city of Chester. In June we have a change of pace when Katherine Dawes will join us and run a session on pen drawing for wellbeing.

As you can see, we have a lot going on. As noted above, our next meeting is on **Monday 12 May 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



Comberbach Art Group

Here at the art group we are all being inspired by all the spring blossom and flowers appearing now, making lovely subjects for painting. We have also welcomed another new

member who seems to be enjoying our meetings on Monday mornings, feel free to come along if you fancy picking up a paintbrush. Some members are hoping to exhibit

work in Northwich in the summer before we get into full preparations for our own annual exhibition in the Memorial Hall in October.



Creative Corner

PARTY

Picnic in the park for friends and family

Babies and toddlers abound

Play area where children play happily

With parents and observers around

One year old today boy

Happy birthday to you

A time of happiness and joy

Cake, presents and cuddles too

People taking photos

People eating and drinking

Noone has a care in the world

Or bothers what anyone's thinking

EMP

Ladies Club

The January meeting was a late 'Christmas Meal', a very pleasant occasion to meet friends during the gloomy weather. In February a small group visited Arley to walk round the gardens, in particular to see the snowdrops in the woodland area, followed by a visit to the cafe.

In March available members met for a coffee and catch up in Northwich. Future plans are for a walk at Acton Bridge with refreshments afterwards at the pub on 28 April.



ULTRAFAST

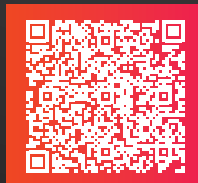


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Great Budworth Garden Club

The new year started with the AGM, when there was a full hall and everyone paid their subs, a lot on line nowadays. It is 25 years since the formation of the club.

The formalities of treasurers Report was given by treasurer Neil Harvey, and reports from the last AGM, and Chair report were available for members to read.

All the committee were willing to stand again, so it was Spring has certainly sprung and we have had beautiful weather, and have already dead headed the daffodils. Other perennials are filling all the gaps very quickly and the gardens look great.

All about Kew Gardens

The speaker in April was David Matthewman, who enlightened us about the famous Kew Gardens in London. He was thanked by Anne Saville.

There was also a spring flower competition, a small arrangement from members own gardens, and there were many entries and the hall looked lovely.

The winner was Lillian Norbury and runner up was Liz Wathen, well done to everyone.

Peter's 90th birthday celebrations sadly had to be put on hold, as he had been in hospital.

All being well, we will celebrate again on 13 May when Marguerite Hughes will be our speaker.

Sefton Palm House

The trip to the Sefton Palm House is fully booked, as is the holiday in June. Please contact *Julie Treharne* for other details 07792108549.

Trip to Holden Clough

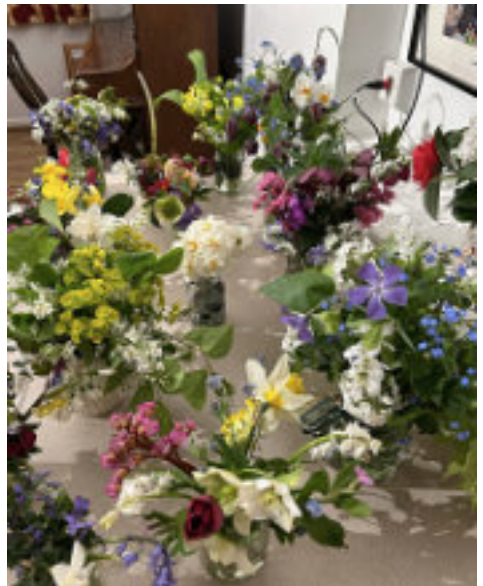
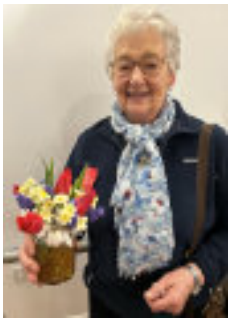
There is a full day coach trip to Holden Clough, the John Foley nursery, and The Ridges, on Sunday 25 May. Also, a visit to member, Victoria Gallimore's garden in Higher Whitley, to see the beautiful wisteria is on Thursday 29 May, details for both visits from Julie.

The June meeting on the 10 is the Members Flower Show, schedule from *Linda Enderby* 07949496747.

This will be followed by a Gardener's Question Time, and a photo of your own garden competition. Grand prizes.

Enjoy your gardens, this is one of the best times of the year.

Jean Davies
0789 9937683



A bird's eye view

Terrific Tadpoles

It had to happen one day and finally it has.... we have got frogspawn in the wildlife pond! Some people might think this small beer, but when you have waited patiently, for seven years, for it to eventually happen it is fantastic news.

I had seen a frog in the pond a week before it happened, but I was expecting nothing to come of it as usual, but in early March I was proven very much mistaken. A frog sat next to the spawn for a few days, as if on guard. Since then, I have watched it develop with great fascination. The little black dots in the spawn grew bigger and became like little commas, then you could see little heads and tails forming while still in the jelly, then they began to wriggle after about three weeks. Even though it was all laid at the same time, the progression is not the same for each tadpole and I look forward to following their progress.

Golden Glow

Other signs of spring at home included a goldcrest avidly following its own reflection in the front room window. It is the first time I have seen this species employ this type of territorial behaviour, as it is usually birds from the tit family that you see doing it. It did not peck the glass, but instead either went back and too along the window sill or hovered like a hummingbird in front of the window. From inside the room this allowed me incredibly close and prolonged views of this tiny, beautiful, but often overlooked gem. Its delicate black eye and beak really stood out, and its little feet, pale brown with a touch of yellow, were most striking too aside from this species famed crest.

Pigeon Palaver

The birds continue to use the feeders and trays a lot, but I have noticed distinct periods of peak activity around morning, lunch, and the late afternoon when they all seem to visit at once. Maybe it is just coincidence or perhaps a safety in numbers strategy. A lot of the birds will be sitting on eggs now, so it could just be when the birds change over for brooding duties and come to refuel in between.

Another sign of the season was a pair of duelling male woodpigeons, one was hopping back and to over the other before finding the perfect angle to launch its attack. It used its opponent like a vaulting horse, flattening it to the ground briefly to show it who was the boss.

Park Passage

At Marbury Park and the surrounding area, it is a bit of a crossover period presently with some birds still here from winter and many more arriving for summer to join the resident birds. Which makes for bumper viewing opportunities during my favourite part of the year. My recent sightings have included mistle thrushes, chiffchaffs, and a young, male marsh harrier. I also saw a female mandarin duck, 11 oystercatchers, and six goldeneye ducks on and around the mere, as well as treecreepers, reed buntings, and sand martins. The martins were joined by hundreds of black-headed gulls hawking hatching insects above the mere.

The next few months are going to be hectic.... try not to miss out!!

JB

3rd Comberbach Brownies

After Christmas we ate our way through In Bru shortbread and Tunnocks wafers for Burns night. We then tasted sesame prawn toast and seaweed for Chinese New Year, making a snake mobile as we nibbled! We decided to earn our Baking Badge so with the help of Tawny Owl each girl cooked 2 pancakes (and ate them!). We also decorated cupcakes and then a biscuit to illustrate the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" story.

We learned some traditional Guiding songs which were new to us and sang them to the

families who came to support their daughters making their Promise.....another excuse for drinks and cake! In between the munching of food, we played games, worked in our sixes and made special tealight holders for Mother's Day.

Three Brownies made their Promise at the end of last term and after Easter we are welcoming two girls to join our unit. We are planning to create masterpieces for our Painting Interest Badge, looking at famous artists' styles and techniques for inspiration. We

also plan to make a secret gift and card for Father's Day before we run a stall at the Fete. We've fingers crossed the weather has read the memo to match the theme!!

Hopefully our last few meetings will be spent in Marbury Park where we will develop our 'Explore' skills.

It's all good fun from Leaders and girls

Lynda Flynn

SUN, SEA & SAND from Comberbach Fete 2025



Comberbach Fete committee are pleased to confirm that the theme for Comberbach Fete 2025 is 'Sun, Sea and Sand.'

Following a good response to our request for people to step forward and help make Comberbach Fete 2025 happen, the new look Comberbach Fete Committee are hard at work planning for a great fete in 2025.

We invite you to don your flip flops, grab your bucket and spade or maybe even dream of an island paradise with our theme of 'Sun, Sea and Sand' for 2025. Whether this makes you think of sunnier foreign climes, or a classic British seaside break, we look forward to enjoying all things sun, all things sand and all things sea at this year's fete.



As ever, our village fete will be held on the last Saturday in June, and we are once again grateful to Comberbach Primary School for use of the School field. We cannot wait to see how people will decorate their houses and streets using our annual theme as inspiration. Whilst we wait to find out, we are busy booking acts, planning competitions, street decorations, stalls and catering, with focus on our motto to provide entertainment for all ages.

New people on our committee have brought new energy and new ideas too, so look out for what might be different at this year's fete. We look forward to providing further updates on our planning in our annual newsletter closer to fete day.

Comberbach Fete Committee

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Friends of Anderton and Marbury, FoAM

May - June 2025 Welcome to the Northwich Woodlands.

The events and activities in this listing are organised and run by volunteers from the Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM), a registered charity. 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 10 May

Dawn Chorus Walk, Marbury Country Park
FoAM's birding experts will again lead this popular event for everyone interested in birds.

Meet: 4am or 5am at the Rangers' Cabin/
Marbury Lodge

For information, contact:

Joanne Redley Email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Sunday 18 May

Wildlife Day at Marbury Country Park

An opportunity to learn more about our wildlife from experts.

Hedgehogs

Hear about one of our favourite mammals from the Northwich Hedgehog Group.

Meet the Bees

Learn about the importance of honeybees in our environment with the Mid Cheshire Beekeepers. Family event, just turn up on the day.

From 10am - Visit the gazebos near the Rangers' Cabin. Keep an eye on the Park noticeboards for more information.

Monday 19 May

FoAM's AGM, Quiz and Supper

Meet: 7.45 pm Comberbach Memorial Hall.

There will be a charge for supper, payable in advance.

To book for the Quiz and Supper contact:

Joanne Redley email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Saturday 7 June

Meet Our Mice

An opportunity to find out what small mammals have ventured into the live traps set out the night before. Previous years have seen lots of field mice close-up, but we might also see voles and maybe shrews.

Meet 8am at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park.

For information contact

melanie.bradley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Saturday 21 June

Wildflower Walk in Anderton Nature Park

A guided walk to view the many summer wildflowers, led by Steve Costa.

Meet: 10am, Anderton Nature Park car park

For information, contact:

Joanne Redley Email: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com

Saturday 28 June

Butterfly Conservation Day and Breakfast with Moths

Join Dave Bedford at 9.30 to see the release of the previous night's moths from the traps.

Followed (after our usual croissants and orange juice!) at 11am by a one hour butterfly walk, led by Rupert Adams of Butterfly Conservation.

9.30 am – 12noon approx. Behind the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park.

Booking: n/a All welcome Contact:

Brenda Yates 07941 710791

Comberbach Open Golf Championship 2025

To all those golfers out there in the village.

Our magnificent golfing event, The Comberbach Open, with its extraordinary

trophy, has not been played for since Covid. But due to some unprecedented

demand (well two people have asked about it.) I have decided to try to resurrect this occasion.

The plan would be to hold the Open at Antrobus Golf Club as usual, green fee

probably £40, probably on a Sunday afternoon, probably in August.

That is a number of "probablys" but at this point I am mainly seeking the level of interest.

So, if all you Comberbach golfers (gentlemen and ladies) could let me know at the email address below whether you would be interested in taking part...that would be very helpful.

Go on...you know you want to...

Ian Philips

Organising Committee

Email: ianphilips987@btinternet.com

St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth, Diary Dates

May

Thursday 8

1.30pm, Play and Praise

5.30pm, VE Day 80 celebrations in churchyard – All welcome, Music, food, bar, bells ringing short peal

8.30pm, Special Service in church followed by candlelit procession outside

Sunday 11

10.30am, Matins

6.30pm, Holy Communion Common Worship

Wednesday 14

10.30am, Craft & Natter in the Old School

Saturday 17

9.15pm, Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St Mark's Church, Antrobus.

Boyd Walk, starting and finishing at St Mark's Church, Antrobus.

All welcome for a 2-3 hour walk through lovely countryside in memory of A.W. Boyd. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Sunday 18

8am, Holy Communion BCP

10.30am, Parish Communion Common Worship

Thursday 22

1.30pm, Play and Praise in church

Sunday 25

10.30am, Rogation Sunday – Special Service and short walk round village

2.30pm, Forest Church at Guidepost Farm where the Bishop of Chester will be joining us

Wednesday 28

10.30am, Craft & Natter in The Old School

Thursday 29

7.30pm, Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion Common Worship

June

Sunday 1

8am, Holy Communion BCP

10.30am, All Age Worship

Wednesday 4

10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship

Thursday 5

7pm, Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 8

10.30am, Matins BCP Pentecost

6.30pm, Holy Communion Common Worship

Wednesday 11

10.30am, Craft & Natter in The Old School

Thursday 12

1.30pm, Play & Praise in church

Sunday 15

8am, Holy Communion BCP Trinity Sunday

10.30am, Parish Communion Common Worship

6.30pm, Evening Prayer BCP at Arley Chapel

Monday 16

7.30pm, Opening service for The Royal Cheshire Show in the church tent on the showground

Sunday 22

10.30am, Parish Communion Common Worship

2.30pm, Forest Church – all welcome venue tbc

Wednesday 25

10.30am, Craft & Natter in the Old School

Thursday 26

1.30pm, Play and Praise in church

Sunday 29

8am, Holy Communion BCP

10.30am, Parish Communion Common Worship

Advance dates:

11 to 13 July 2025

Flower Festival in church

'The Joys of a Rural Parish'

Concert on the Saturday night (12th) in church with local performers.

Songs of Praise on Sunday morning 10.30am.

Entrance free, but we would ask for a donation if possible.

Info: *Maggie Earl: 07970 927 161*

The Revd Alec Brown, Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

Great Budworth Tennis Club

The Parker Cup Saturday 5 April 2025

Once again, we were blessed with glorious sunshine for The Parker Cup tournament at Great Budworth Tennis Club on Saturday 5th April.

We started the day with our first ever junior tournament with Charlotte, Penny and Pixie playing. They all played so well and all three visibly improved during their matches. Several of us watched the competition and all agreed that the future is certainly very bright for GBTC!



Results of the Junior tournament:

Gold medal – Charlotte

Silver medal – Penny

Bronze medal – Pixie.

The Parker Cup followed with 10 members competing for the trophy. Players played 4 rounds, changing partners each round. It was an amazing afternoon with all matches hotly contested and the standard of play was fantastic! The lunch was delicious, as always. It was a very close competition with everything to play for in the final match of the day. The winners of the Parker Cup 2025 were Karen Williams and Stephen Houston. We also had a Grand National sweepstake and went across to the village hall to watch the race. The new kitchen was admired too!

Fun Day and Cussons Shield

The events calendar is now well underway with the Fun Day taking place on Saturday 10 May and The Cussons Shield

which is a mixed doubles tournament taking place over the summer months. Partners will be drawn and matches organised. The semi-finals and finals day for The Cussons Shield will take place at Great Budworth on Saturday 6 September. We share this day with the Bowling Club Day and we set up the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner' where, as always, lunch is served.

Now the lighter nights are upon us it is so nice to see the increased usage of the court with Walking Tennis, social play and coaching all taking place.

If you fancy joining us, 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 facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all.



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 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 January 2025 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Recreation Area

The Recreation Area continues to receive general ongoing maintenance. The Zip Wire has recently been repaired. The annual inspection by Rospa will take place in April. The Council is exploring a replacement for the infant slide which could be a multi-play unit.

Noticeboard on The Avenue

A new noticeboard will be installed on The Avenue. This will not be locked making it available for community notices as well as Parish Council information.

Projects and events

A commemorative event is being organised by the Council on Thursday 8 May for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day; this will include Barnton Silver Band at the Memorial Hall and lighting the Beacon. The Council has agreed to purchase decals for the lamp posts and a 'Lamp Light of Peace' to be lit on the night. If any resident has any photos or memorabilia that they would be willing to have on display please contact the Parish Clerk on the details below.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 6.15pm when the Chairman will present a review of the past year's activities, and the Responsible Financial Officer will outline the financial position including key expenditure and income for the year 2024 - 25.

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 13 May 2025 at 6.45pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.15pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

Any queries please contact the Clerk,

Denise French: clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

Great Budworth Cricket Club

The club AGM took place at the Cock O' Budworth on 25 February.

After re-election of club officers, Club Chairman Richard Kershaw delivered his annual statement. He reflected on another successful season on the pitch and recorded thanks to all committee members for their efforts both on and off the pitch. Particular mention was made of Colin Greenhough for his help in maintaining the ground and its equipment. Also, to Mike Barker, Rick Ford and his daughter Bella for post-match BBQ catering!

Thanks, were also sent to Rowland Flower for recent work carried out on the pavilion and for his support so far with the permanent net project.

The different format for the Peter McAndrew memorial match has been hugely



successful and will take place this year on 27 July.

Club captain Pete Taylor delivered a review of the season, in which 11 out of 13 games were won.

Winners of the various awards were
Batting Paul Lancaster

Bowling Stewart Whitlow
All-rounder Matt Hankey
Players player Steve Hankey
Peter McAndrew Award Rick Ford

Single wicket competition retained by Matt Hankey
Champagne moment Rick Ford (for umpiring without due care and attention!!)

The playing membership fee would remain at last year's rate of £50 and Social membership rate reduced to £20.

The end of season Awards Night is scheduled for Friday 25 September 2025 at the Cock O'Budworth.

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For information about joining the club, either as a player or social member, or for sponsorship opportunities, visit Great Budworth Cricket Club on Facebook.

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 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	wildapple yoga@outlook.com
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tom Bebbington	Tom.bebb37@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Friday Saturday	5 - 8pm 10am - 6pm	Megan Berry	apexcheer@outlook.com 07766745705
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
Art Group	Mondays	10 - 12.30 pm	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266798
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12 noon	Ian Woodcock	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 Rob Doel	07725 150 928 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 20 June (Before if possible)

Articles for the newsletter can also be submitted to the Editor 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 diary list.

May

- 10 FoAM - Dawn Chorus Walk, Marbury Country Park
 - 12 WI Meeting, guest speaker Stephen Shakeshaft, talking about the city of Chester.
 - 18 FoAM - Wildlife Day at Marbury Country Park
 - 19 FoAM's AGM, Quiz and Supper
 - 25 Great Budworth Garden Club trip to Holden Clough.
 - 29 Great Budworth Garden Club visit member's garden in Higher Whitley
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June

- 7 FoAM - Meet Our Mice
- 10 Great Budworth Garden Club Members Flower Show
- 20 **Deadline for next issue (before if possible)**
- 21 FoAM - Wildflower Walk in Anderton Nature Park
- 28 FoAM - Butterfly Conservation Day

*Join us to celebrate
FoAM's 26th AGM*



26th AGM Quiz and Supper

**Monday 19th May 2025 – 7.45 pm
at Comberbach Memorial Hall**

**Cost of the Quiz and Supper is £17.50, payable in advance
Booking is essential.**

**Those who wish to attend only the AGM are very welcome
and there is no cost for this.**

**For information and to book contact Joanne Redley by
emailing: jarhillcliffe223@aol.com**



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