

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - July/Aug 2025



Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

This is my first contribution as Chair of the Parish Council and I'm grateful to the Councillors for electing me at the AGM in May. I'm also pleased that Sandy Cameron was elected as Vice Chair.

As Chair John Ryder is a tough act to follow and all the Councillors are immensely appreciative to John for all his time and efforts over the last 8 years. Thankfully John will be staying on the Parish Council so we will not be losing his experience and expertise.

The Recreation Area is a well-used and important feature in the Village and we are always looking to improve and enhance its facilities. At the Fete you may have seen the proposal to update the infants' play equipment. This will be an expensive upgrade and though we budget for large items of expenditure, we are planning to apply to Spacehive for a grant towards the cost. Spacehive is a crowd funding scheme run by Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC). The next round of funding is in October and we need to demonstrate that our project has local support. Some of you may already have expressed interest in being a sponsor and we are very grateful for your support. We'll be sharing more information about the project and you can be involved and support the bid during the summer.

The VE Day commemoration on 8 May was very well supported by villagers of all ages. The WI provided delicious cakes and we enjoyed the Barnton Silver Band's repertoire of war time music. So much so we have already booked them for a Carol Concert on Saturday 13 December. Please put the date in your diary. There'll definitely be mince pies and mulled wine.

Potholes, blocked gullies, poor grass cutting etc are all issues we regularly raise with CWAC via the Report Its portal on CWAC's website – cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. Please don't wait to let one of us know if you see a problem – it's easy to go to the website and report it directly. We're grateful to our Ward Councillors for their support in escalating issues when action is not forthcoming.

We are replacing the Defibrillator at the Bowling Club and the new unit will include pads specifically for the resuscitation of children.

Inconsiderate parking around the school at the

start and end of the school day continues to be a problem, particularly (but exclusively) for residents of Mather Drive and Goosebrook Close. We are supporting the efforts of the school and the village PCSO Diana Wiggins to discourage drivers from inconveniencing villagers by their inconsiderate parking. Blocking driveways and parking on grass verges is both antisocial and potentially dangerous.

As you will all know Central Government is proposing changes to the planning system to 'Speed Up Build Out'. Your councillors are attending a meeting on 8th July to understand better the implementation of the proposed reforms and any potential impact on Comberbach. Similarly, we are keeping an eye on the proposal for Devolution within Cheshire and Warrington which will create a regional mayoralty. We don't yet know if this will have any impact on the way Parish Councils will work.

The Parish Council is there to serve the village and our community and our meetings are open to all of you. At the start of each meeting there is an open forum when you can raise any issues concerning you so please feel free to come along.

The Comberbach Fete was a great success and congratulations and thanks must go to the Fete Committee. The hard work both before and after the day is enormous and the village would be a poorer place without it.

This year's recipient of the Parish Award is John Hardy for his long standing support at Village Remembrance events, reading the names of the fallen in November each year, and his informative presentations at the D Day and VE Day commemorations. We're grateful to Nikki Lord, last year's recipient of the Award for her tribute to John at the Fete.

So many of us have dispensed with our landlines in favour of mobiles recently which prompted us to think about how up to date our phone numbers are for emergency contacts. Please make sure that family, friends or neighbours know who and how to make contact in case of an emergency.

Jill Johnson, Chair CPP

Let's talk about Transport in Cheshire West and Chester - Consultation launched

We're creating a new Local Transport Plan – and we want to make sure it works for everyone

How we get around affects all our lives. Whether it's bus, train, car, walking, cycling, wheeling and so on. Transport helps us get to work, school, shops and services. It connects our communities, friends, families, customers, services and suppliers. But in too many places across the borough, it isn't working as it should. It needs to change.

This plan sets out our long-term approach to transport across the borough. It's about making transport fairer, greener, safer and more joined up.

We've already heard from over a thousand people about the biggest challenges and priorities for transport across the borough through our early engagement. This has shaped the first part of a new Local Transport Plan, which we're calling a Core Strategy.

We want to know if you think we've got this right. Share your views to shape the future of local transport.

What feels right? What needs changing? What have we missed? This is a conversation, and your views really do shape what happens next.

Closing date: 17 August 2025

For more information and to take part, please visit our consultation hub: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/LTP4

We're keen to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to respond to our consultation and we'd really appreciate your help in sharing this information with your partners and networks.

There are several ways you can share your views:

- Taking part in our online survey or ideas board at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/LTP4
- Email your views to: LTP4@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Come and talk to the Council's Transport Team at one of our drop-in sessions. A list of these can be found [here](#).
- Write to us at: Let's Talk about Transport, Insight and Intelligence, Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA
- Telephone: 0300 123 8123 quoting 'Local Transport Plan' and let us know your thoughts

Paper and Easy Read versions as well as alternative formats of the consultation materials and survey are available on request using the details above.

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Jan Korta

Sadly, and suddenly, Jan passed away at the end of March 2025 aged 64 years.

Jan and her family have lived in Comberbach for over 35 years. Alongside raising her three children Jonathan, Anna and Joe, Jan was a Social Worker for some 40 years working latterly in Runcorn and Widnes. She very much enjoyed village life, had been chair of the mothers and toddlers' group, had many local friends and loved to walk the nearby fields and pathways.



Jan's husband Steve and his family would like to thank all those who sent such thoughtful messages, cards and flowers following her passing. A special thanks is also extended to those who attended Jan's funeral followed by an afternoon at the Spinner and Bergamot sharing fond memories of life with Jan.

The personal messages of condolence and support for the family have been very much appreciated during this difficult time.

Comberbach Chapel



Our Jigsaw Race on 1 May was an evening full of fun and food. The winning Team was "The Ice Cream Dream Team" and £429.50 was raised for the Chapel Funds.

More fun was had with our Chapel Games at the Village Fete, the Winners of Roll-a-ball were Daisy (11 & under) and Harry (12 and over). The Clown Face Winners were Nila (11 and under) and Ollie (12 and over). We were very pleased that Deacon Tim was asked to open the Fete and our oldest Member John Hardy won the Village Award. We are looking forward to welcoming

Rose Queen Esme and her Retinue to our special Fete Family Service, which will be held on Sunday 13 July at 11am and will be led by Deacon Tim.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 28th September at 11am and the Lite Bite will re-commence in early October.

Diary:

13 July at 11am Rose Queen Family Service
28 September at 11am - Harvest Festival

Comberbach Primary School

I'm delighted to share that I have successfully applied for funding through the Tesco Stronger Starts programme on behalf of Comberbach Nursery and Primary School.

Our "Active Play" project has been shortlisted and will go forward to a customer vote in local Tesco stores!

Voting will take place from early July to the end of September 2025.

To vote, simply make a purchase of any value at a participating Tesco store and place your token in the voting box for our project.

The stores where you can vote for us are:

- Middlewich Warmingham Express (CW10 0DJ)
- Northwich Superstore (CW9 5LY)
- Northwich Regency Express (CW9 8UW)

- Weaverham Express (CW8 3EU)
- Holmes Chapel Express (CW4 7AJ)
- Middlewich Wheelock Street Express (CW10 9AG)
- Northwich Chst Road Express (CW8 1HA)
- Winsford Delamere Express (CW7 2LU)

The project with the most votes in the region will receive £1,500
Second place will receive £1,000, and third place £500.

Please help us spread the word and encourage friends and family to vote – every token counts! Your support could help us secure the maximum funding available to enhance our children's active play opportunities.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Comberbach WI

The WI is now well into the swing of summer and will, as usual, have a stall at the Comberbach Fete on 28th June. Come along to sample our home baked cakes and other goods as well as learn about our National Campaigns aimed at improving lives for everyone. Last year, but very much ongoing, we were campaigning and lobbying to have our rivers and lakes cleaned up, something that has hit the headlines over the last few months. This year our new campaign is "Bystanders can be Lifesavers". This is all about ensuring that defibrillators are in easy access sites and that people are confident in using them. Many lives can be saved by swift intervention and using the defibrillators while waiting for the emergency services.

Looking back over the last two meetings, we welcomed Stephen Shakeshaft who gave us an entertaining "walking tour" around Chester using a series of pictures of the many

places of note. He started with the most important place in Chester, the street where he was born making him a Cestrian and continued around the city. He took in the cathedral, the rows, the walls, the Victorian slums, the Alms houses, the Chester Cross and much more, ending up at "Nowhere", a cottage that none of us had seen or heard of before.

Our Quiz Team joined in the Annual Federation Quiz, but as usual didn't make it to the final. We were only 4 points shy of the winning team, so we did not disgrace ourselves. Comberbach will host the grand final later in the year, so we will have a fun evening without the pressure of being scored.

Our meeting on 2 June turned out to be a memorable one for me as I got a message three hours before the meeting that our speaker was indisposed. With the help of the Committee,

we managed to put together a Quiz and a beetle drive to entertain our members. This unlikely event was not on our risk assessment, but will be, along with contingency plans should we ever be so unlucky again.

Our next meeting is on Monday 7 July when Andy Bennett will talk to us about stained glass. In August our members will be organising the evening, giving me and the committee a month off, then in September we will welcome Sue O'Connor who will be talking to us about Medical Detection Dogs.

As you can see, we have a lot going on. As noted above, our next meeting is on Monday 7 July at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

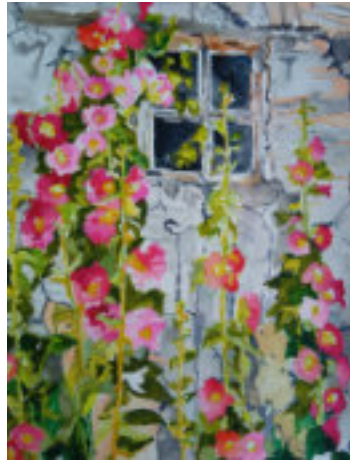
Come along as a visitor and see what you think, you will be very welcome.

Rosie Rowe, President



Comberbach Art Group

Comberbach Art Group continue to work hard towards the exhibition in October, here are a few of the paintings which will be on show. If any other local artists would like to join us we are always in the Chapel Hall on Monday mornings.



Ladies Club

On 19 May the group gathered at the field gate opposite the Spinner to meet up with John Gregory of Gibb Hill, who bought the field with a view to rewilding the area to encourage a much richer diversity of both fauna and flora.

We walked the full length of the field, which was much bigger than we had imagined and learned what had already been achieved as well as his future plans. Ponds have been created, an orchard planted and wild flower seeds too –

though the Spring drought has affected this badly. Bird feeders abound; John refills these to encourage as many different birds as possible, this being his main interest.

We highly recommend any village groups who would enjoy learning more to get in touch, it would be great for younger people to learn about this local venture. Afterwards, we enjoyed tea and cake at Lyn's and the Treasure Hunt is being kept for another day!

June 16 was the annual supper party hosted by Ursula, where everyone takes delicious food to be shared with the group. July 21st will be held in Marbury Park with a walk and a chat under the shelter – hoping for some more sunshine.

On August 18 Ellan will once more encourage everyone to explore their artistic talents as we rise to the challenge of drawing in her beautiful garden (or summerhouse if it rains!)



Creative Corner

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Your way to reception will be done how?
Walking is just fine you know
Husband not knowing what state you'll be in
Finally home, messages to answer now in
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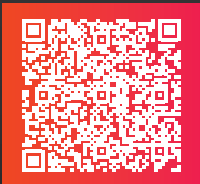
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Great Budworth Garden Club

We are in the best part of summer now, and finally we did have some rain.

Everything is lush, but that includes the weeds!

We had wonderful holiday to Yorkshire, a full coach of 50 people enjoyed some fabulous gardens, stately homes, a good hotel in Harrogate, plus friendship and social time. Thanks to Julie Trehame who organised it all brilliantly.

The June meeting was our Flower Show, (the Produce Show is in September.)

A fine evening with entries displayed outside under the awning, and whilst judging was taking place, we had a GQT, with six of our expert members on the panel.

Thank you to you all for entering and taking part.

The winners were

Single rose - Joan Broughton

Six perennials - Jean Davies

Three same flower - Janet Bashford.

Wild flowers from your garden - Jo Munnery

Flower from lily bulb - Sue Quick.

Photo of own garden - Victor Wood.

The panel of experts

Kate Edwell - chair

Sylvia Godber

Jane Fairclough

Liz Wathen.

The Flower judge was Brenda Wilkinson and the photo judge was Carol Dooley.

Our July meeting is the 25th Anniversary members party to celebrate 25 years since its formation in the Millennium, by myself, Peter and Sandra Parker.

We are retiring at Christmas, and the committee have planned this party as a wonderful surprise for us. We can't wait for this.

There are coach trips to the new RHS show in Yorkshire, instead of Tatton, plus the Southport Flower Show, and Gresgarth Hall and a Japanese garden in September.

Please contact Julie for details on 07792 10849.

The church in Great Budworth have a Flower Festival and we have been asked to decorate

the Font. Jane Ford has agreed to be the organiser and we hope you will come to see it, on July 11, 12 and 13.

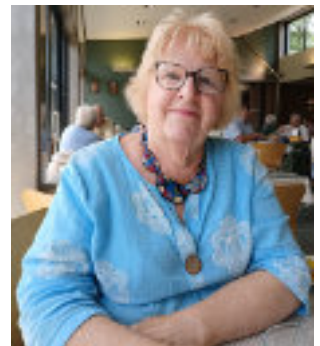
We do not have a meeting in August, but have a trip.

The next autumn meeting is on Tuesday 9th September when we have the Produce Show plus the speaker is Sarah Hopps, talking about Gardens of Britain and their surprises. It will be another great night.

Enjoy your summer, already we've had the longest day, and another year is flying by. Slow down and relax!

Best wishes

Jean Davies 0789 993 7683.



SUN, SEA & SAND from Comberbach Fete 2025

Saturday 28 June 2025 brought the sound of laughter, the smell of sizzling sausages, and the sight of bunting fluttering in the summer breeze. It could only mean one thing - Comberbach Village Fete!

It was a fabulous, fun-filled family day out that had something for everyone—from toddlers showing off their face paint, to grandparents reminiscing over the tombola. Steeped in tradition, this cherished event reminded us just how lucky we are to be part of such a warm and welcoming community.

The spirit of the village was on full, glorious display—houses were decked out with colourful decorations that turned every street into a celebration. You could feel pride on every corner, with the community lining the roads to cheer on and welcome in the Retinue for 2025.

A huge shout-out goes to our wonderful village groups, who once again showed up in style—running stalls, helping with set-up, or simply lending a hand wherever needed. Their ongoing support is a vital thread in the fabric of our community, and we're lucky to have them.

The tombola table groaned under the weight of fantastic prizes, all generously donated by our amazing local businesses and residents. From bottles to vouchers for family days out and everything in between, your kindness made all the difference—and helped raise funds for another incredible charity, The Stroke Association, chosen by our new Rose Queen, Esme Ashford.

A heartfelt thanks to Comberbach Nursery and Primary School—truly the heart of the community. A huge thank you to the staff and pupils for letting us use the field, and for always bringing such joyful energy and excitement to the day.

Of course, none of it would be possible without the members of the committee. There are few long-standing members on the committee; they truly are a rare breed! They are the heartbeat of the day and without them, this day that is so precious to many of us in the village, would not happen!

Some of you may remember the wonderfully written piece in the Comberbach News many months ago titled "Comberbach Needs You!" It was a heartfelt plea to help save the day we all look forward to—the one we mark on our calendars year after year. It's the day when we make lasting memories with friends and family. The day we scramble to decorate our homes

(always at the last minute!) in line with the year's theme. The day we coordinate outfits, raid the piggy banks for change, and pass on cherished traditions to the next generation.

For years, I've donated prizes, decorated my house, watched the procession roll by, and had the most incredible time. But when I read that piece in the newsletter, it suddenly hit me—this day,

our day, could disappear. My little girl might never have the chance to be part of the Retinue. She might never experience that uplifting sense of community spirit and pride. She might never see first-hand the magic that a little bit of effort and teamwork can create. She'd miss out on something quite rare.

That's why I stepped up and volunteered—and I wasn't alone. This year brought a wave of fresh faces and brilliant new ideas to the committee. Some helped for half an hour on the day, others rolled up their sleeves for weeks beforehand—and a few even gave the long-standing members a run for their money! Steve, Helena, Lynda, and Jim generously shared their experience, humour, and guidance, making sure everything ran as smoothly as a well-oiled wheelbarrow race. And I think we can all agree—it was a truly wonderful day.

We are all committed to making the Fete happen, year on year but we can't do it with your support! If you think you would like to be part of this delightfully daft bunch of local legends, please do reach out. No matter how much time you can offer, there will be a job for you and the difference it will make will be immeasurable!

Here's to another year of memories, marquees, and maybe a few more of Steve's crazy games!

Same time next year? We'll be there but will you join us?

Emma Hackney, Comberbach Fete Committee







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Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM)

FoAM and Rangers' Events Programme July - December 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.

Friday, 11 July Folk in the Park

Northwich Folk Club invite you to an informal evening of home-spun, open-air music – all welcome to listen, join in or perform!

Venue: Marbury Lodge (the oak shelter near the Rangers' Cabin)

Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

Booking: n/a All welcome

Contact: *Brenda Yates 07941 710791*

Thursday 24 and Thursday 31 July Mindful Movement in Nature

Enjoy moving your body surrounded by calming nature as we join instructor Donna for these free sessions. Suitable for all abilities and for ages from teens to older people. No equipment needed, just turn up in comfortable clothing.

Meet at the Rangers' Cabin 6.30 pm for more details contact: melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk

Summer Family Events

Monday, 28 July – Treasure Trail

Monday, 4 August – Outdoor Land Art

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

For more details contact:

melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk



A bird's eye view

Cranky Crows

Summer is here and the garden is bursting with life. There have been plenty of young house sparrows, blue tits, blackbirds, goldfinches, and great tits on show already, with plenty more still to come. A song thrush is regularly taking food away, as is a coal tit, so I am expecting to see their young appear soon as well. We even have a pair of carrion crows nesting near the bottom of the garden, who are fascinating to watch. A nest was begun last year as well, but unfortunately it was never completed, but this year everything must have been just right for them. They are surprisingly quiet around the nest, although they do tend to be the first to start the dawn chorus! They only really betray their presence when they feel threatened. I have seen them involved in a very noisy standoff with another pair of crows, and woe betide any common buzzard that dares to cross their airspace. They give short shrift to any passing grey herons too, which I am quite glad about as the goldfish in the fishpond are a lot safer because of this aerial protection.

Fabulous Froglets

In fact, the fish must be happy because they have recently spent a few days spawning for the first time in a few years. The recent hot weather has caused the water temperature to reach the required level. I had not seen any signs of this year's tadpoles since they broke out from their protective jelly, mainly because the wildlife pond is very weedy. After the recent rains though, the water level rose high enough above the weed for me to see one for the first time in about 7 weeks, and what a transformation has taken place! It was all head and tail, and about an inch+ long. No signs of any legs yet, but that is the next stage, and then it will shrink down to a tiny froglet about the size of a fingernail before leaving the pond. All in all, it is an utterly remarkable metamorphosis. Hollywood is full of films about special powers and fantastic creatures, but nature is already far stranger than fiction.

Wonderful Wheatears

Marbury Park and the surrounding area has had a good spring, with wood sandpiper, spoonbill,

garganey duck, little gulls and black-necked grebes just some of the birds on offer. Further afield there has been a fairly long-staying, signing, male hoopoe in the Sandiway/Little Budworth area. I had a trip to Leasowe, by the lighthouse, and although I missed out on my target species, ring ouzel, and redstart, I did witness the miracle of bird migration in action, and saw lots of wheatears flying in to land on the shoreline after their arduous flights across the sea. I also saw many chiffchaffs, and willow warblers, fresh into the area, hovering like hummingbirds as they feasted on tree pollen. Some had developed tell-tale 'pollen' horns in the process, where the pollen covered the feathers above their beaks. I highly recommend Leasowe, and anywhere else along the Wirral coast for the matter, it is a really lovely part of the region.

Backing Butterflies

My usual site for nesting hobbies has not produced yet, but it was still probably a little bit early for them when I visited. Although, it was great to see many butterflies in the fields there. I was beginning to think I was not going to see any earlier in the spring. It picked up slightly later, but generally the numbers and variety are still very low. This site has a good mix of wildflowers/weeds, and is never sprayed with weed killer, or mown when the flowers are still in bloom, so perhaps that is the reason butterflies still thrive there?!

Peregrine Peril

On the 1st April (no joke!) I saw a peregrine falcon flying in front of me when walking back into the village from the direction of Ideal Gardens. Then a few weeks ago, at home, I saw a large bird of prey flying towards me which looked very pigeon chested. Unfortunately, the light was poor and it was impossible to make out any detail, just the bird's silhouette. The way it suddenly stopped dead in its tracks and then plummets, head first, in a terrifying fast stoop, would suggest a second meeting with this apex predator though. So, if you know any pigeons it is perhaps best to let them know!

JB

Great Budworth Cricket Club Report for June 2025

After the excitement of the drawn match against Lymm CC in May and the further disappointment of a cancelled game against Kingsley CC the fixture against a side from Toft CC was eagerly anticipated.

With Toft batting first, an excellent opening bowling attack from Rick Ford & Swiss Whitlow made early inroads, well supported by the first change bowlers of Andrew Philips and James Dutton.

The bowlers were well supported by some excellent fielding and with Doug Toy & his son Billy bowling some miserly middle overs, Toft were restricted to 96 in their 20 overs.

In reply, an unusually sticky start by Gt Budworth's top of the innings batsmen had the home side struggling, particularly after Captain Taylor's first ball duck!

Despite the challenge of needing 50 runs from the final 6 overs, cavalier batting from James Dutton & Swiss Whitlow brought the win with 5 balls remaining!

Swiss's innings following his performance with the ball justifiably earned him the man of the match award.

On Sunday 8 June we hosted our friends from Gregsons CC, a touring side based in Lancaster.

Despite a questionable weather forecast, both sides were keen for the game to go ahead - a move which paid off with a nice day and no rain interruption!

Winning the toss and choosing to bat first (possibly after hearing that our star bowler Swiss was carrying a hamstring injury into the game) probably regretted their decision, being unable to break out of the tight opening spells from Rick Ford and James Dutton

Whenever the Gregson players tried to accelerate, wickets fell and it was only their opening batsman who dug in for any long innings. Whether or not his score of 12 in 25 overs did his team any favours might be debatable but at least it prolonged the day!

The undoubted highlight of the Gregson innings was the screaming catch taken by Spencer Osborne at deep mid-wicket to dismiss the visitors last recognised batsman.

Struck like an Exocet and travelling horizontally towards the fielder it was going to either be a trip to A&E or glory - fortunately the latter!

Gregsons finally struggled to 109 all out, a total which was never going to be enough to trouble Great Budworth's deep batting line up.

A stubborn 31 not out from Mark Hankey supported by strong knocks from Pete Taylor and a "hamstring recovered" Swiss Whitlow brought a win by 6 wickets in 25 overs.

For the catch and his bowling spell of 8 overs, 2 wickets for 30 runs, Spencer was unanimously awarded the man of the match award. He also received an award of a club badge from the Gregson CC team.

With the game against a Young Farmers team postponed until later in the summer, future fixtures are listed below.

Up to date news is also on the clubs Facebook page.

Wednesday 16 July

Lymm CC Arley 6pm

Saturday 19 July

Ashbrook XI Arley 11am

Sunday 20 July

Peter McAndrew Cup Arley 1pm

Thursday 24 July

Reynolds CC Ashley CC 6pm

August fixtures to be confirmed



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

July

Saturday 12

10am – 4pm Flower Festival
7.00pm – 9.30pm Music @ St. Marys Concert
– local artists

Sunday 13

10.30am Songs of Praise service
1pm – 4pm Flower Festival
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
12.15pm Baptism – welcoming Harriet Gardener
5pm Deanery 'bring your own' picnic at
Arley Chapel}
6.30pm Deanery Service at Arley Chapel after
the picnic} All welcome to both

Wednesday 23

10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School

Thursday 24

1.30pm Great Budworth School Leavers'
Service

Friday 26

tbc Wedding in church

Sunday 27

10.30am Parish Communion
12.15pm Baptism – welcoming Faith Barthorpe
2.30pm Forest Church venue – Anderton
Nature Park

Please join us for our flower festival in the church
and churchyard
dates: 11, 12 & 13 July See flyer

August

Sunday 3

8am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Worship for Lammas

Monday 4

7pm PCC meeting Old School

Wednesday 6

10.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

Thursday 7

7pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Friday 8

1pm Wedding in church

Sunday 10

10.30am Matins
6.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 13

10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School TBC

Thursday 14

1.30pm Play and Praise TBC

Sunday 17

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

Friday 22

1pm Wedding in church

Sunday 24

10.30am Parish Communion
2.30pm Forest Church - No Forest Church due
to holidays

Sunday 31

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion

Great Budworth Tennis Club

For any tennis fans the summer months are the best! With the HSBC Championships at The Queens Club in London, closely followed by Wimbledon, if we are not playing tennis we are watching it! Hopefully it will inspire more to come and join us here at the Tennis Club. Everybody is welcome.

The Cussons Shield, which is a mixed doubles tournament taking place over the summer months, is now underway with partners drawn. There are 2 leagues competing to have their names on the trophy.

Our next event will be our additional tournament on Saturday 6th September at the tennis court, which is an opportunity for all to come along and meet us all. The Tennis Club will again share this day with the Bowling Club Day, so there will be action on the court and on the Green. All we need then is the sun to shine to make the perfect village day. Lunch will be served under the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner'. Everybody is most welcome to join us for lunch – it would be great to see you. Hopefully Great Budworth

Ice Cream Farm will be there again too.

With the ongoing nice weather, play continues on 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 community facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all from the surrounding villages too.

Guides and Rangers

It is a very busy time for the Guides and Rangers. We've spent most of the year, so far, working on our badges and learning new crafts. Thank you, Sue, for teaching us a new card craft.

We had a great night at Great Budworth Church learning about the bells and having a go at ringing them. It's harder than you think. After a drink and cake, we had a quiz and then before we went home we rang the hand bells. Thank you, Annette, for organising such a lovely evening.

Our next event will, of course, be the village fete. At the time of writing, we're in Anne's garden preparing our stall. After the fete we'll be making flowers for our display at the Great Budworth Flower Festival, which takes place Friday 11 to Sunday 13 July.

Two weeks after the Flower Festival we'll be off to camp – the highlight of the year; we're going to Hadlow Field again. For three new Guides it will be their first camp. During the camp the Rangers will be able to complete some more of their

Bush Craft Badge. No matter if it rains or shines, we'll still have fun.

After camp we'll break for summer but will be raring to go again in September. If you would like to become a Guide or Ranger, log on to the Girlguiding website and click on 'join a unit.' One of the leaders will then be in contact.

In the meantime, have a lovely summer everybody.

Comberbach Open Golf 2025

Dear golfers in the village

We now have a potential date for our illustrious competition. Sunday 17 August

And we have a new venue... Heyrose Golf Club have kindly let us use their magnificent course.

So please let me know if you'd like to play asap as the field is filling up quickly... and I'll give you the details... there will be all sorts of abilities and it is a great way to meet other people in the village.

The trophy is being polished ready for its next winner . it could be you!

So, come on... you know you want to...

Ian Philips
ianphilps987@btinternet.com

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	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	07526501891	
Jill Johnston (Chair)	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 (Vice Chair)	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	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 13 May 2025 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Appointment of new Chairman

The Parish Council elected Councillor Jill Johnston as Chairman for the year 2025 - 26. Councillor Sandy Cameron was elected Vice Chairman.

Recreation Area

The Recreation Area continues to receive general ongoing maintenance. The annual inspection by Rospa took place in April, there were no significant issues. The Council is exploring a replacement for the infant slide which could be a multi-play unit.

Finances and Audit

Each year the Parish Council finances are subject to audit. The internal audit was undertaken by JDH Business Services and the council was pleased to receive a 'clean' audit report with no recommendations. The council approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for submission to the External Auditor. The current cashbook balance was £67,679.21 which included receipt of the yearly precept and a recent VAT reclaim.

Projects and events

The commemorative event for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day had been well attended with lots of positive feedback. Members agreed to hold a Christmas concert with Barnton Silver Band at a date to be agreed. Members also discussed whether a 'Men in Sheds' project would be of interest to residents with a potential location being the shed behind the Memorial Hall which has a power source. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you might be interested.

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 July 2025 at 6.30pm 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



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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
Well heeled puppies well heeled dogs	Wed Thursday	6.30-8.30pm 8 - 9pm	Mike Flannery mike@thedogclub.co.uk	
Karate	Monday Sunday	6 - 7pm 4.30 - 6pm	Andrew Wilson cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com	07388 869985
Wild Apple Yoga	Thursday	10-11am	Kelly Appleton	wildappleyoga@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
Choir	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Liz Cook	07766745785
Turnle 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 - 12.30pm	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266798
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12 noon	Ian Woodcock	01925 266 798
Yoga	Mondays Thursday	6.30pm 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 August (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 Bignmore Rebecca Matzen	fete@comberbach.com fete@comberbach.com	07725954349 07725954349
Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown		891324

Dates for your Diary (see *individual articles for details of event*)

**St Mary & All Saints Church Great Budworth
Flower Festival - 11 to 13 July 2025**



‘The Joys of a Rural Parish’

Each of the floral exhibits will be inspired by a different hymn and are to be created by various local groups, reflecting the vibrancy and diversity of this beautiful parish.

Friday 11

10 am – 4pm Flowers

Saturday 12

10 am – 4 pm Flowers

7.00pm ‘Music @ St. Mary’s’ Concert

Local artists performing – fundraising for:

St. Luke’s Hospice & Save Ukraine.

Entrance free, but we ask for a donation please.

Sunday 13

10.30am Songs of Praise service

1 pm – 4 pm Flowers

Over the weekend:

Art Exhibition – Local artists in the Old School

History Display – ‘Great Budworth through time’ in Old School

Tea and cake served in the Parish Hall

Special Festival Ploughman’s Lunch available at the George and Dragon.

Trips up the church tower Sat & Sun - £5/person

Must be 8yrs or over.

No charge for entry to flower festival, but donations very welcome.

 [Great Budworth Church](https://www.facebook.com/GreatBudworthChurch)

 maggie@maggieearl.co.uk

 www.greatbudworthchurch.co.uk

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