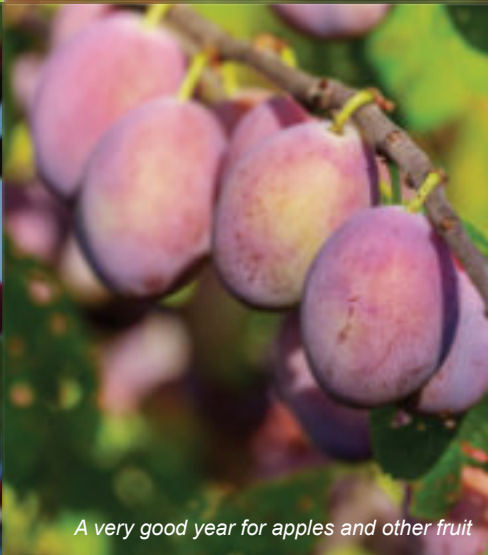


Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Sept/Oct 2025



A very good year for apples and other fruit

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish councillors

Notes from the Chair/Vice Chair

Recreation Area

Replacement of the infants play equipment has been a priority for the Parish Council since the last update in the Comberbach Village News, when we included the Flyer about our intention to apply to the Spacehive funding portal.

Breaking news!

We've now progressed to having our Project validated by the Spacehive team and it's now live on the portal! We have our fingers crossed that we will be successful in raising the necessary funds to have the lovely new equipment in place by the Spring of 2026.

You can see our project at www.spacehive.com/comberbachinfantplay/pledge where you can pledge your support and make a donation. However small the amount you are able to give will contribute to the replacement of a much loved but now tired piece of equipment. The number of people supporting our application is a vital component of the success of our application so every donation is worthwhile.

A huge thank you to all of you who have already been in touch following the flyer and pledged your support. If you could now go to the site and formally pledge your donations that would be great. As the number of pledges counts towards our success you may like to split your donations to increase our number of supporters.

Local Plan Consultation

We distributed a flyer around the village to alert you all to the Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) consultation about the new Local Plan, which closed on 29th August.

We've had some feedback suggesting that some people thought this was a little late. So I thought I'd remind everyone that we post useful information on the Parish Council website www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk as soon as we are able and that if you subscribe to the website you will be notified by email of any updates. I urge you to sign up and can assure you that your personal information will be properly used in accordance with the Privacy Policy which is on the website.

Hedges

A gentle reminder please for those of us with hedges close to footpaths, to keep them well trimmed. It's important that anyone with a

wheelchair or child's buggy can safely use the footpaths without having to step into the road. Also untrimmed hedges can reduce visibility of oncoming traffic at junctions which is obviously dangerous.

Men in Sheds

A couple of residents have raised the possibility of launching a Men in Sheds project within the village and it would be useful to know how much interest there is for such an initiative. For those who don't know - this is a scheme designed to encourage people (not just men!) to get together to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. It's all about improving wellbeing, reducing loneliness and combating social isolation.

Please let us know if you would want to get involved in launching such a scheme in the village. Locally Hartford already have an active group and they welcome men and women to join them. Their email address is mccshed@gmail.com.

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) issues

The quality and timeliness of maintenance and repairs undertaken by CWAC continue to be a concern and we do raise these regularly with the appropriate departments but the quickest and easiest way to report any issues is via the Report It portal at Report it | Cheshire West and Chester Council. The service includes all the Council's services from Highways and Street Cleaning to Anti Social Behaviour and Noise Nuisance.

We will of course continue to raise issues on behalf of our residents but if you can report things directly that would be helpful.

Christmas Carol Concert

I know we've only just gone from Summer to Autumn and many of us can't bear the thought of Christmas just yet, but this is a 'save the date invitation' for the Parish Council Carol Concert on 13 December in the Village Hall. Barnton Silver Band have been booked to play for us and there will be mince pies and mulled wine. Please put the date in your diaries.

Jill Johnston
Chair CPC

Dates for Police surgery

25 September

Comberbach Memorial Hall @ 6-7pm

28 October

Comberbach Memorial Hall @ 5-6pm

11 October

Comberbach Memorial Hall @ 10-11am

19 November

Comberbach Memorial Hall @ 7-8pm

Comberbach Brownies

We've had a break from meeting over the summer holidays but return refreshed and ready for action in September.

We have two girls joining us from Rainbows and also two Brownies moving up to Guides this term. Megan and Elizabeth will finish off their Gold Award in September before they move up in

October and Rosa will finish her gold too. Four Brownies have achieved their Silver award. We celebrate 50 years of 2CBr as a unit on 11 Nov. Watch this space as we will be organising an event to celebrate this and hope to welcome old brownies and guiders to join us.

Guiders and girls of 2CBr

Comberbach Guides and Rangers

Our camp at the end of July was great fun. We went back to Hadlows Field on the Wirral. We had a few showers but managed to avoid getting too wet. This year our theme was Cowboys.

Among our many activities we made our own neck a chiefs and hats, constructed our horses out of socks and a pioneer pole, held a cowboy obstacle race and practiced archery to fight any Indians. One highlight of the camp was our bike ride along the Wirral Way to Parkgate for ice cream. The people from the ice cream shop remembered us from last year and commented on our good behaviour.

Congratulations to one of our previous Guides, Charlotte Southern, on her marriage to Arnie.

Some of the leaders had the privilege of attending the wedding and had a lovely day in Liverpool.

By the time you read this report Jess should have had her baby. We know it is a girl - so another potential Guide in the making. Early congratulations to Jess and Kevin.

Guides and Rangers.

Nicola Ashbrook, author

Previous resident of Comberbach and current resident of Great Budworth, Nicola Ashbrook, has just had her first novel published through Alien Buddha Press.

Imagine a place where oak trees grow through the floor, the dispensing machine is two storeys high and your counselling takes place in a ski gondola. Welcome to The Dispensary!

The Dispensary tells the tale of two strangers thrown together by a mysterious prescription-dispensing facility – Maeve, who is on a solo fertility journey, and Emmeline, reeling from the loss of her husband. As they become more involved with the unorthodox medical centre, a mystery unravels and unexpected romance grows.

With a range of discussion points, quirky characters and an unusual concept, The

Dispensary is ideal for book clubs. If any local book clubs would like to read it, Nicola would love to hear from you. She can provide a list of questions to structure your discussion or could even come along and join in!

The Dispensary is currently available to purchase on Amazon or in Cover2cover bookshop in Northwich.

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"Like the prescriptions of The Dispensary itself, this book is exactly what so many people need; treat yourself by picking up a copy". Kristen Loesch, author The Porcelain Doll.

Comberbach Chapel

Our Rose Queen Family Service, which was led by Deacon Tim, was held on 13 July, when Esme and nine of her Retinue came to the Service along with their families. It was lovely to see so many of them and they all stayed to enjoy the Refreshments afterwards in the School Room. Towards the end of the Service, Deacon Tim presented Alan with a Methodist ArtServe Certificate recognising his sixty years as Organist and Choirmaster at Comberbach, on what was his 80th Birthday.

Our Bible Study Meetings are due to re-start on the 4 September, meeting at Ida's home each Thursday evening.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 28 September with a Family Gift Service at 11am and an Evening Thanksgiving of Harvest Praise for the whole Circuit at 6pm. The gifts of tinned food will again be given to the Foodbank and the perishables will be taken to the Oasis Centre in Manchester.

Our new season of the Lite Bite will begin on Thursday 9 October from 12 noon. It will continue each fortnight, finishing on the 18 December. Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel. A warm welcome awaits! Please phone 01606 891248 for more details.

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 9 November in the Village Hall.

Our Village Carol Service will take place at the Chapel on Sunday 14 December at 2.30pm.

The Bostock Band will be giving a Concert on Wednesday 17 December at 7.30pm, raising funds for the Chapel.

Diary:

28 September Harvest Festival at 11.00am & 6.00pm

9 October Lite Bite from 12 noon
23 Lite Bite

6 November Lite Bite
9 Remembrance Service at the Hall
20 Lite Bite

4 December Lite Bite
14 Carol Service at 2.30pm
17 Band Concert at 7.30pm
18 Lite Bite



Comberbach WI

After the excitement of this year's Comberbach Fair which was graced with lovely sunny weather but a gale force wind, the WI has settled into the summer season which is relatively quiet due to lots of members being away with family and friends, particularly during the summer school holidays.

That said, we have had our usual monthly meetings. The first on Monday 7 July welcomed Andy Bennett who gave us an excellent talk about the history of leaded glass. Not many of us had appreciated the difference between leaded and stained glass until his talk, which was accompanied by some excellent examples, many of them from the Cheshire Area.

Our August meeting was very different to our normal ones. This is the meeting when the

President and the Committee have the night off and the members organise the meeting instead. This year two ladies, Sue Finlayson and Irene Robinson, with the help of other members, organised a tasty evening when everyone brought a savoury or sweet dish to share at a memorable buffet. Entertainment was provided in the form of wonderful music played by Alan Woodcock and then by a light-hearted and entertaining Quiz. Everyone appreciated the efforts made to make the evening so special, especially the President!!

Although things have been a little slow, the Walking Group continues to have a ramble each month, and the Book Club is still going strong, and many members are looking forward to the resumption of the Craft Group in September. One lunch was organised at the

Abbey Wood Gardens and although attendance was light, those who attended enjoyed a very good lunch and a wander around the gardens which were at the height of their glory. Well worth a visit.

Looking forward, the speaker at our September Meeting on the 1st will be Sue O'Connor who will talk about Medical Detection Dogs. On 6 October we will welcome Susan Ord who will talk about the secrets of handwriting – some samples from our members may be examined!

As you can see, we have a lot going on. As noted above, our next meeting is on Monday 1 September at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

Rosie Rowe, President



Comberbach Art Group

We are all in full exhibition preparation mode now and cordially invite everyone to come along to the Memorial Hall on Sunday 19 October to see the results of our work and also many other paintings from our invited local artists. There will also be a selection of

original and printed cards produced by our members at very reasonable prices. We are now able to take card payments if you feel a compulsive purchase coming on.

The exhibition will be open from 11am until 5pm and the usual

teas, coffees and home-made cakes will be for sale throughout the day.

Adult admission is £1.00, no charge for accompanied children under 12.



Ladies Club

The fine weather in July provided an opportunity to meet in Marbury Park for an early evening walk (optional) followed by refreshments and a catch up in the picnic area. The weather was equally kind in August when we met in Ellan's garden for an opportunity to do some Art or just to natter, prizes were awarded but everyone was a winner as cream teas were served.

The September meeting is being planned for 15.9.25 at 3pm when an Herbalist is to give a talk about the benefits of herbs and the various products available. Exact details to be finalised and confirmed.

Creative Corner

Holiday

Early morning alarm rings
We get ready and grab our things
Travel to airport in the car
Next trip by plane to afar

Blue skies and a sandy beach
From our hotel within reach
Go for a swim in the sea
Then find somewhere to have our tea

Seven days to relax and rest
Holidays are the best!
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Fete Day

Comberbach Fete is here again
Last Saturday in June that's when
Bunting up, tea tent and stalls
Rose Queen procession arrives then calls
for everyone to pay attention
Whilst the new queen gets a mention
Children's tombola, cakes and ice cream
Smash the plates, tug o' war team
Singing, dancing, wild birds look on
Owls being stroked by anyone

Prizes to lose, prizes to win when
You can always try again
The tea tent has refreshments, beer
Marbury Hall and park models near
Hot dogs, burgers, costumes abound
for sea, sun, sand theme all around
Classic cars for all to see
Interesting history for you and me
For all ages it's fun and play
Everyone has enjoyed the day.

EMP



Great Budworth Garden Club

We have had four heatwaves and very little rain. The gardeners and farmers are struggling.

The club had a wonderful celebration party in July, of 25yrs of the starting of the club by myself and Peter.

The committee arranged everything as a surprise for us, and we were guests.

They decorated the hall, music playing and had an excellent caterer for the meal. We were given a photo book, and crystal rose bowl and many other accolades.

There were speeches from myself and Henri Giller who had planned nine holidays for the club, and every member was given a Silver Anniversary Rose for their garden.

Thank you so much for all the friendship over the years and a fabulous night.

Following on there was a church Flower Festival at Gt Budworth Church. The club was asked to decorate the Font. Members volunteered and a team led by Jane Ford, created a lovely display.

We had coach trips to Wentworth Woodhouse, the new venue for the RHS Show, and another trip to the Southport Flower Show as it was so good last year.

The last coach trip of the year is on Sunday 14 September to Gresgarth Hall and a Japanese Garden. These are well known respected gardens and will be a great day out.

Members can bring friends and family, but you don't have to be a member to go.

Please contact
Julie Treharne 07792 10849

All details and bookings will be taken. Members have opened their gardens, notably Martyn

Bracegirdle from Antrobus and Victoria Gallimore from Lower Whitley, and they were fantastic, thank you to all.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9 September in Gt Budworth Parish Hall at 7.30, when Sarah Hopps will tell us about Gardens of Britain and their surprises.

Also, on the same evening is a members Fruit and Vegetable Show, with prizes and Trophies to win.

Please see the schedule on our Newsletter or contact me.

The October meeting is Gardening on the Menu, with the well know excellent speakers Martin and Jill Fish, a great night.

Looking forward to getting back into a routine, but I have thoroughly enjoyed this summer, it's been wonderful



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 is 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 plummeted, 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

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Great Budworth Cricket Club Report for June 2025

The summer has seen a range of results for the Great Budworth side. June ended with a pair of matches with widely different outcomes.

In the match against Manchester Racquets, Budworth raced to 184 with significant contributions from Pete Taylor, Mark & Matthew Hankey, Darren Curryer and Andrew Peters. In reply Racquets could only muster 91 with the wickets shared amongst our bowlers.

A change of fortune followed in the resurgent Ash Tree (since their player recruitment drive!) with Budworth reaching 173 for 2 in their 35 overs. This seemed like an under par score at the break and despite Rick Fords MOM performance of 6 wickets, the visitors knocked off the runs in only 24 overs.

With several of our regular players unavailable for the match against Barnton on 2nd July, a "different" team turned out. Strong hitting from the Barnton batters posted 154 which proved to be too many for the home side who were adrift by 18 runs at the close. Andrew Philips received the MOM award for contributions with both bat & ball.

GBCC moved on to the second match of the series against their regular oppo from Lymm, knowing that the visitors would be desperate to overturn their last ball defeat from the game at the beginning of the season. Although several of Lymm's regular players were in attendance, they largely played second fiddle to their stronger squad members from the clubs 1st team & despite Luke Wright's cavalier 24 runs off 10 balls at the death, Budworth's total of 126 was well under par.

The opening blast from Lymm's overseas player confirmed our fears (retiring on 26 in the 3rd over - again!) and much to their delight, Lymm's victory was achieved in only 16 overs.

For a number of reasons the match against a Lord Ashbrook XI was moved to Sunday 20 July and despite a threatening weather forecast, play commenced on time (well nearly on time!) with the visitors batting first. A steady opening partnership laid a base which allowed following batsmen to play their shots. At the break Lord Ashbrooks XI were feeling comfortable having posted 205 runs in their allotted 35 overs. The home batsmen struggled against some tight and sometimes ferocious bowling (rather quicker than we are used to!) and stuttered their way to 97 for 5 before a spell of thunder & lightning caused a delay in play.

Despite a willingness to continue the game (particularly by the Ashbrook XI 🤔) a final downpour put paid to any hope of further play. A moral victory to the visitors maybe, but the history books will show a drawn game.

In the second game of the summer against Reynolds CC at Ashley, the home side batted first and were restricted by an excellent display of bowling by Chai Gadepalli who in a devastating spell returned figures of 4 wickets for 3 runs! Their total of 86 was easily reached, particularly after undefeated 25s from both of the Budworth openers, Steve Hankey & Paul Lancaster.

With the away game at AshTree cancelled (by them being unable to raise a team), the next fixture was an away game at Kingsley cricket club on 10 August. An outstanding first innings performance by Budworth - each of the top 5 batsmen making double figures, including an undefeated 50 by stand in captain Mark Hankey - posted a total of 225 in the allotted 35 overs. Wickets were shared in restricting Kingsley to 110. The man of the match award went to captain Hankey & the Champagne moment was for Rohan Gadepalli's brilliant catch to dismiss the final Kingsley batsman and win the game.

Lymm's resurgence continued following a disappointing batting performance by Budworth in the 3rd game of the season, this time away at Lymm. Struggling to only 103 in their 20 overs Budworth were blown away for the second time in a month by the home side's batting and the game was lost within 13 overs. Lymm take the 2025 series 2-1!

Disappointingly, the match on 17 August against Warrington CC has been cancelled due to their inability to raise a side. With the Peter McAndrew trophy match delayed until September, the remaining game in August is due to be at Tattenhall CC on 31st.

Forthcoming

31 August	Tattenhall CC - away
7 September	Rupert Foster XI - home
TBC	Peter McAndrew Trophy - home

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

From the Registers

Weddings – congratulations to Ruth Leonard and Ben Lambert, and to Jennifer Roberts and Paul Stewart, who were married on 8th and 22nd August respectively.

Funerals – rest in peace Chris Wise, whose Memorial Service took place in Church on 29th August.

From the Vicar

Some recent comments in the Church Visitors' Book have given me pause for thought and prayer and contemplation over these last few weeks. The Visitors' Book is, with occasional exceptions/hiccups, an extremely interesting source of information about the way in which people approach and think about faith and belief, as well as about history and architecture of course. I did some research on this subject some years ago now, as part of further academic studies, looking at the entries in the Visitors' Book and the prayer requests in Church over the course of nearly a whole year, and it was extremely interesting (and my report was published in Rural Theology in 2007 – how time passes!).

The recent comments which have caught my attention are from visitors from Italy and The Ukraine – “Most Church full of love and compassion we have ever seen” (two people from Ravenna) and “We’re artists and we love this Church” (two people from Kyiv). I would have loved to have met these visitors and to have talked with them about their experiences and so on – what was it in particular that sparked their comments I wonder? Who did they happen to meet whilst they were in the Church? Love and compassion, faith and hope are such integral parts of our Christian faith and of our individual journeys as followers of Jesus even, and perhaps especially, in the darkest of times. No doubt the visitors from Kyiv could have spoken a great deal about “dark times” and, while it’s not possible to infer too much from their comments, it’s very good to know that our Church building brings them joy, and perhaps hope.

During the course of a normal week I do meet a number of visitors to the Church, and it’s always interesting to talk with them about what has drawn them to the Church, and what they have experienced while in the building. A number of people come of course on the search for ancestors, but many are drawn in via the “Open Church” sign (physically and online) and are looking for peace, prayer and contemplation in a place where, in the beautiful words of T.S. Eliot’s “Little Gidding” from The Four Quartets, “prayer has been valid”.

Over the course of this coming month we will of course be welcoming visitors’ new pupils at our School’s Welcome Service, bringing couples together in marriage, welcoming young children into the Christian faith through baptism and saying goodbye to those who have died. We will also be giving thanks to God for the work of our farmers and the agricultural community, in all weathers, as we celebrate the annual Harvest Festival, which is such an important link between Church and community, especially in a rural Parish such as ours.

And so, as we all go about the living of our faith from day to day, with all the challenges and opportunities that come our way, I pray that we may all be richly blessed, and that our lives may be full of “much love and compassion”.

The Revd Alec Brown
Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

Dates for the diary

September

- 1** 7pm Friends of GB Church Committee Meeting, The Old School
- 3** 10.30am Holy Communion, followed by refreshments
7pm Commissioning Service for the new Rural Dean at St Thomas’ Church, Stockton Heath – all welcome
- 9** 11am St Mary’s Chapel, Arley Hall – Mass with Fr Paul – all welcome
- 13** 2-5pm Heritage afternoon in Church, with music by Stephen Reynolds, a talk from local historian Robert Steele, Church records on display, a guided walk around the village with the Vicar, trips up the Tower and refreshments
- 15** 7pm PCC Meeting, The Old School
- 21** 10.30am Harvest Festival Service
- 28** 2.30pm Forest Church (venue tbc)

October

- 5** 10.30am Animal Blessing Service in Church – all animals, and their owners, welcome!
- 19** 6.30p Arley Harvest Service, St Mary’s Chapel, Arley Hall
- 23** 7pm Friends of Great Budworth Church Quiz, Great Budworth Parish Hall, with hot pot supper and refreshments – please see Parish Magazine/website/Church noticeboard for more details

November

- 2** 4pm Commemoration Service for All Souls

Great Budworth Tennis Club

What a fantastic summer we are having – perfect for tennis! It is great to see the court being used so much. The summer tournament, The Cussons Shield is in the final few weeks of play. We have had 2 leagues for the mixed doubles tournament which has been taking place over the summer months.

Our next tournament is on Saturday 6 September. This is also a doubles tournament with partners drawn. We share this day with the Bowling Club Day

and lunch will be served under the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner'. Everybody is most welcome to join us for lunch.

Why not pop along and meet the members and join in the fun. Hopefully we will also be joined once again by Great Budworth ice cream farm.

The Bowling and Tennis Club annual dinner is this year on Saturday 4 October in the village hall. Everybody is welcome. For more information about tickets please email joandeakin522@btinternet.com.

With the amazing 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 in the surrounding villages.

Comberbach Open Golf 2025

The biggest golfing event in the Comberbach calendar was held for the first time at Heyroose Golf Club on 17th August. Ten experienced, keen, enthusiastic golfers from the village turned out to compete for the magnificent trophy.

We hadn't been able to hold this competition for several years due to various reasons which included Covid...so it was marvelous to be able to get together with other members of the village to play golf.

The weather was hot and sunny, the golf course was in good condition considering the lack of rain and high temperatures, the bunkers were ... sandy, the greens were too slow or too fast depending on how the player was playing...and we even had some spectators! Well two people for three of the holes. I am sure Sky will be approaching us for next year's event!

As usual we had a range of abilities. And it felt like I was with proper pro golfer when Mark

Austin played the front nine in two over gross! (which is very very good).

We had some very good scores with a very close result... two 31 points, two 33s and two 34s..so very close...

But in the end Les Peters came second, and our new "Champion Golfer of the Year" was.... Kevin Warburton!!! Many congratulations.

So, come on you other golfers in the village. Keep checking the Village News over the coming months for the date for the 2026 Comberbach Open... and come and join the fun.

You know you want to!

Ian Philps
Organising Committee



Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday starting at 6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at the start of the meeting

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.

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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 15 July 2025 at Comberbach Memorial Hall

Recreation Area

The Recreation Area continues to receive general ongoing maintenance. The council agreed to submit a project to the CWAC Crowd Funding platform Spacehive for the replacement of the infant slide unit with a multi play unit which will provide enhanced facilities for younger residents and visitors.

Finances and governance

The council agreed to open a dormant current account with Unity Bank in order to utilise their savings products which have a better interest rate than the council's current bank. The council approved Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which were based on model documents from the National Association of Local Councils; these documents guide the council's decision making and financial transactions.

Projects and events

The council agreed to hold a Christmas concert on Saturday 13 December featuring Barnton Silver Band. Members are considering whether a pickleball court could be provided in the Memorial Hall.

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 28 October 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

Parish Councillor Information and meeting dates

Meeting dates:

28 October
2 December

2026

13 January
10 March



Some Useful Telephone Numbers/ Web/ email addresses

Police

Police Non-Emergency and PCSO 101

PCSO Diana Wiggins (20322).
diana.wiggins@cheshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

NHS

NHS 111

Utilities

Scottish Power/ electricity. 0800 0015400.
United Utilities/ water. 0345 6723723

Village services

Comberbach Nursery and Primary School. 01606 891336

Spinner and Bergamot 01606 891307
Comberbach Post Office 01606 891316
Comberbach Memorial Hall bookings
07721501181 Mon-Fri 2pm - 6.30 pm
comberbachmemorialhallbookins@gmail.com

Marbury Ward Councillors

Councillor Lynn Gibbon
lynn.gibbon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Councillor Phil Marshall
phil.marshall@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Councillor Norman Wright
norman.wright@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Local authority

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

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

MP for Tatton

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

FOAM

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

Comberbach websites

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

comberbach.com
comberbach-pc.gov.uk



Facebook groups

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

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

Comberbach Memories
(admins - Wayne Garnett / Kevin Goulding)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial Hall

WI	1st Mon each month	7.30pm	Sian Chandler	07770863170
Ladies Club	3rd Mon each month	Different Venues	Helena O'Byrne	01606 891755/07702693206
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 12 October (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

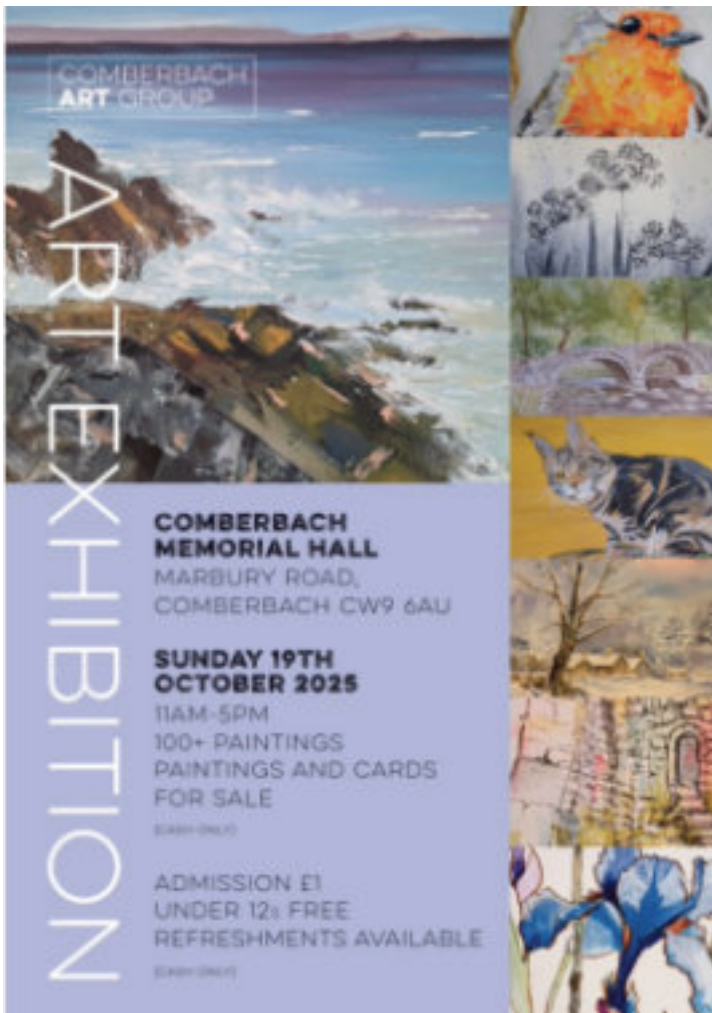
Dates for your Diary (see individual articles for details of event)

September

- 6 Great Budworth Tennis Club Tournament
- 9 Great Budworth Garden Club Meeting,
7.30pm
- 14 Great Budworth Garden Club Trip to
Gresgarth Hall
- 15 Ladies Club Meeting, 3pm
- 28 Comberbach Chapel Harvest Festival
Services at 11am & 6pm

October

- 4 Great Budworth Bowling and Tennis Club
Annual Dinner
- 6 WI Meeting, Guest Speaker, Susan Ord –
"Secrets of Handwriting"
- 9 Lite Bite from 12.00 noon
- 19 Comberbach Art Group Exhibition,
11am-5pm
- 23 Lite Bite from 12 noon



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