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### Regular dates for your diary

Every Monday	9.30	11.30 Fun for 1s and 2s, Playgroup
Every Monday	9.45	Comberton Walkers, Baptist Church
1st, 2nd & 4th Monday	7.00	Carpet Bowls, VH
3rd Monday evening	7.30	Comberton Wine Makers, VH
Every Monday	8.00	9.30 Aikido, for 16+, VH
Every Tuesday	9.30	11.30 Little Bundles (under 1s), Playgroup
Every Tuesday	10.30	12.00 Comberton Café and Crafts, VH
Every Tuesday eve	6.30	8.00 Keep Fit, Sports Hall at CVC
2nd Tuesday evening	7.45	Women's Institute, VH
4th Tuesday evening	8.00	Comberton Antiquarian Society, VH
Every Wednesday	10.00	11.30 Comberton Baby & Toddler Group, VH
Every Wednesday	12.25	1.10 Lunchtime Badminton, CVC
Every Wednesday	2.00	Comberton Bridge Club, VH
Every Wednesday	after school	Tang Soo Do, Meridian School
Every Wednesday	6.30	9.00 Tennis Club mix-in session
Wednesday (term)	2.00	3.30 Bumps and Babes, Baptist Church
2nd Wednesday (not Aug)	7.30	Parish Council Meeting, VH
Every Thursday	9.30	11.30 Fun for 1s and 2s, Playgroup
Every Thursday (term)	4.00	6.00 EDGE Community Youth Club, Baptist Church
2nd Thursday	2.30	Friendship Club, VH
4th Thursday afternoon	2.30	Oasis Teas (over 55s), Village Hall
Every Thursday	4.00	6.00 Connections Bus Project, Rec.
Every Friday	6.00	7.00 Comberton Tae Kwon Do } Meridian
	7.00	8.00 } School
2nd Friday evening	8.00	Custard Comedy at Comberton Village College
3rd Friday evening	7.00	Bingo Party, VH
Every Saturday	10.00	11.00 Park Tennis
VH = Village Hall	CVC = Comberton Village College	

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### June diary dates

1, daytime	10.00	4.00	AngliEAR Hearing Information Day, Gt Shelford
1, morning	10.00	12.00	Toys from the Past, Comberton Library
3, morning	10.30	12.00	Friendship Club Coffee Morning
3, afternoon	4.00		Pilgrim's Celebration Service, Dry Drayton church
4, afternoon	12.30	3.00	Pudding in the Park, Recreation Ground
10 evening	7.00		A Night at the Races, Meldreth VH
14, evening	7.45		Womens Institute: <i>Sailing the Northwest Passage</i>
16, evening,	8.00		Quiz for 'Combat Stress' at CVC
21, evening	7.45		Comberton Cinema, " <i>Lion</i> ", VH
22, afternoon	2.30		Oasis Tea, VH
25, morning	9.00		Car Boot Sale, Burwash Manor, Barton
27, evening	8.00		Comberton Antiquarian Society:

*My Life Behind Bars*, David Short

VH = Village Hall, CVC = Comberton Village College

### July diary dates

1-2, 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23		Open Studios
5, evening	7.30	Auditions for Aladdin, Old VH
6, evening	6.15	Auditions for Under 12s for Aladdin, Old VH
6, evening	7.45	Auditions for Aladdin, Old VH
8, evening	6.00	CAGA Summer Barbecue
8, evening	8.00	CamSight Quiz & Raffle, Frank Lee Centre

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We hope to see you there soon...

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## From the Editor

This month I have to make a big apology to the Friends of St Mary's, as their special insert in the May issue was spoiled by a technical difficulty at the printing stage: several paragraphs were incomplete and their meaning lost.

Here are the omissions:

*"The Reverend Percival Gardner-Smith, vicar from 1916 to 1923, wrote a definitive history of the building which is readily accessed on the Internet. He writes of the splendour it must have displayed until that fateful March 9<sup>th</sup> in 1643 when William Dowsing arrived to carry out the Parliamentary orders to remove idolatrous works."*

*"It is just possible to imagine a little of the glory from the fragments of glass which are reassembled in the window containing the Dole casement."*

*"The letters GB for Geoffrey de Burdeley, lord of the manor, are found carved in several places among the series of oak benches and their figured finials, all of which he commissioned."*

*"All that remain" <colourful fragments of pigment> "are those in a room in the tower and some on the stonework of several windows. Some of these graffiti go back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century."*

I hope these intriguing extracts might entice you to go up and look around the church for yourselves!

On an entirely different subject, "Pudding in the Park" was a wonderful community occasion last year and looks set to be just as much fun this year. Don't miss it! It's on the rec on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm.

And, please remember that the deadline for the combined July/August issue of "Contact" is 15 June - so please send in anything relevant for the summer holidays and new things starting up in the Autumn.

Best wishes to all! Suki

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*Deputy Principal Regina Lawrence said: "It is part of our 'Somebody Amazing' starts at Melbourn Village College programme to inform and inspire current students.*

*"It doesn't matter whether you left the College three years ago or 30, your story is still one we want to hear.*

*"We are also offering alumni the chance to get involved with the College again – if they want to – as mentors or by offering work experience to current students."*

*Melbourn alumni include Olympic diving medallist Dan Goodfellow, Lucy Landymore, a Young Musician of the Year finalist, Harry Galloway, part of the National Youth Dance Company, and Stephanie Winiecki, a member of the Young Shakespeare Company.*

*For more details of how to tell your story or to get involved, please contact Alison Friday on 01763 223400 or [office@melbournvc.org](mailto:office@melbournvc.org) or visit the alumni page of the website [www.melbournvc.org](http://www.melbournvc.org)*

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12.45 pm (Polish)  
4.30 pm (Five Alive Mass))  
6.30 pm (Latin)

Ascension Day is celebrated on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Further details of these and all other services for May for the entire parish may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

#### **Comberton Bin days**

	<b>June (Wednesdays)</b>	<b>July</b>
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### Services and Events at St Mary's in June

Thursday 25 May - 5 June Lordsbridge Prayer Pilgrimage

Sunday 4 June 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Holy Communion for Pentecost

Sunday 11 June 9.30am Holy Communion

Monday 12 June 7.30 pm Friends of St Mary's Cheese & Wine party

Sunday 18 June 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 22 June 2.30pm Oasis Tea, in the Village Hall

Sunday 25 June 9.30 am All Age Worship

### Lordsbridge Prayer Pilgrimage 2017.

Many of the team churches will be open from 25 May to 4 June with prayer  
recourses available in each church. Join the National Wave of Prayer!

Join us for the **Team Service for Ascension Day**,  
on Thursday 25 May, at 7.30 pm at St Helen's, Little Eversden,

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### Swaynes Lane Marie Curie Collection

*A very big thank you to those residents of Swaynes Lane who gave so  
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We have an afternoon of fun at Comberton Library arranged for the **Thursday** afternoon of the half-term holiday, **1 June**. We are very excited that the Norris Museum at St Ives is going to run a family activity session entitled 'Toys from the Past'. This will be a drop-in event running from 2.00 – 4.00pm, so do come along with your children to discover and play with toys from long (and not so long) ago. There will also be the opportunity to make your own thaumatrope toy, and, if you are not sure what this is, do pop in with your children on **1 June** to find out.

We are also delighted to announce that this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which takes place each year over the school summer holidays, will be Animal Agents, illustrated by the wonderful Tony Ross. The challenge is for children to read six books over the holidays, tell us what they have been reading, collect stickers on their own collector's folder and help the Animal Agents to find out what's been going on! Posters and details about registering for the Animal Agents challenge will be available in the library before the schools finish in July for the summer break.

Over recent years we have had some brilliant teenage volunteers assist us with the Summer Reading Challenge. If you are a teenager, with a few hours to spare over the school summer holidays, and would enjoy listening to children telling you about the books they have been reading, we would love to hear from you. Just call into the library for more information. As we will need to ask your school for a reference we will need you to contact us by 1 July.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 5 and 19 June and 3 and 17 July (10.30 -11.00 am). The session on **5 June** will be linked to National Bookstart Week, which this year has the theme 'Let's Go Outdoors'. Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

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### **Comberton WI report for April and May 2016**

Our speaker for April was Ellie Seymour who gave an insight into the lives of the women who worked in a well known Cambridge store before and during World War 2. She also outlined the very differing lives of the workers and store owners. Her talk was based on her book The Shop Girls.

May is the month in which we decide on the Resolutions which will be put forward to the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of the Womens' Institute. One resolution this year was a proposal that patients who have Alzheimers disease and are admitted to hospital with medical and clinical problems not related to their mental condition should be able to have a carer or family member with them all the time. This proposal led to some interesting discussion and a vote in favour of it followed despite some concerns about cost. We have had a number of visitors lately who have all remarked on the friendly atmosphere. How about joining us for our next meeting which is a talk on Sailing the North West Passage on June 14. Next month we have an evening of craft making bead jewellery.

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The weekends are: July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. Not all artists will exhibit every weekend so it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide to find out who can be visited when. There is a new app 2017 which will make visit planning even easier and which will be available to download at the end of June for Apple and Android.

All Cambridge Open Studios are completely free to visitors of all ages.

Many of the artists share studios or work in a collective so in some locations visitors may be able to see work from several artists and craftspeople. The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre, and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. To keep up to date with their activities see the COS website ([www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk)) or by follow them on Facebook, Twitter (@CamOpenStudios) and Instagram.

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On Wednesday 10 May we selected our leader, and I have expressed my committee interests - Environment and Economy, Children and Education; and Public Health. I am very interested in mental health.

I am also creating a Facebook page so please look out for it - it will give you up-to-date information and will be another way for you to get in touch with me.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who believed in me.

*Lina Joseph*

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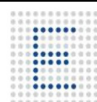
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### ***PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the Clerk***

The Parish Council met on 10 May 2017.

#### ***Parish Council membership and member responsibilities***

Cllr Hywel Griffiths was elected as the Chairman and Cllr Nick Taylor was elected as the Vice-Chairman. Other members were appointed to the Planning Committee or various working groups.

The Council also reviewed its policies and landholdings.

The Council still has a vacancy so if you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk for an application form. Also following the recent resignation of Jill Preston if no ten electors contact the District Council's Returning Officer within the prescribed timescale the Parish Council may co-opt to fill the vacancy. The next elections for all seats will be held in May 2018.

#### ***Recreation Ground Co-ordinator vacancy***

The Parish Council is looking for a reliable person to undertake an important role in maintaining, co-ordinating and managing the Recreation Ground and Pavilion facilities and its equipment.

The job requires 10 hours per month which can be conducted on a flexible basis plus there may be opportunities for overtime as and when issues arise.

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Monitoring and inspecting the recreation ground and the pavilion at least twice a week
- Carrying out of legionella checks as required
- Inspecting and managing the play equipment, skate park and adult gym area
- Reporting any graffiti and assisting in its removal
- Identifying and reporting the need for any major repairs
- Assisting trades people and any third-party contractors if/when required
- Carrying out emergency repairs if required to equipment and pavilion
- Acting as a liaison with the Tree Working Group and Recreation Working Group, recreation ground users, and clubs such as football, cricket and bowls
- Managing bookings for the recreation ground
- Be a point of contact for complaints
- To act as project manager for future developments

#### **Requirements:**

- Effective communicator
- Well-organised and apt in problem-solving
- Be contactable by telephone and/or email

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#### ***Proposed pavilion extension and pitch improvement***

The Council's Recreation Ground Working Group were tasked with drawing up a more detailed proposal for the pavilion and pitch improvement for consideration at the next meeting.

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### ***Annual Accounts***

The Council approved its annual accounts for FY ending 31 March 2017 and considered its internal auditors report. Residents may inspect the accounts and all the supporting information between 5 June and 14 July by contacting the Clerk for an appointment.

### ***Proposal for a Youth Club in the village***

Please note the Council agreed at the last meeting to grant fund up to £3,500 towards the new youth club to be held between 4-6pm on Thursdays at the Comberton Baptist Church and not £2,500 as previously indicated.

### ***Children climbing on recreation ground bunker***

Anti-slip paint will be used on the bunker to prevent children being able to climb up on to the roof. Advisory signs will be displayed.

### ***Annual Parish Meeting***

The meeting received reports from various village groups and organisations on their activities during the last 12 months. There was also a presentation by Bridget Smith, who is a Community Development and Fundraising Consultant, on delivering sustainable community buildings, with a case history – “How to build the greenest community building in the country – in a little village with not very much money”. The Meeting had an opportunity to discuss all parish matters and it urged the Parish Council to find a solution to the dangerous parking on Barton Road and West Street especially near Barons Way. This was discussed by the Parish Council when it met on 10 May and the Council has tasked its Transport Working Group to consider this further and bring a recommendation to a future meeting.

### ***Speedwatch***

Four signs are to be purchased and erected at each of the entrances to the village. Speedwatch is active in the village so please can everyone observe the speed limit.

### ***Fires on public land***

There have been a few small fires set on Council land including the path in the Jubilee Wood and at Watts Wood. Thankfully on these occasions no serious damage has occurred. Someone has also broken into the old railway carriage at Watts Wood. The Parish Council would like to urge everyone to be vigilant. If you witness anything please do not assume that someone else has already reported it contact the Police on 101 or using Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or using their online form <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>

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**The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday in the month** (except August) **at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** If an extra-ordinary meeting is needed this will be advertised on the notice board in South Street. The Planning Committee meets once or twice a month depending on applications received and its meetings are also advertised on the notice board.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter might be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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### **District Counsellor's Report**

***Tim Scott***

I will start with my own grumble about the lack of rain. As farmers this could be disastrous for yields and the knock on effect will be more expensive food for all of us. Our rainfall for April was only a fifth of our 30 year average, and that came as mist which immediately evaporated.

Now on to things happening in our village or near by.

Local Plan examination - this rumbles on but with particular attention to our village in June, re village hierarchy and omission sites. This all stems back way before my time as your District Councillor and regrettably (in my opinion) should never have got this far. The upshot is, if our hierarchy is raised (similar to Gamlingay and Melbourn)

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we then leave ourselves open to larger new developments because we would be deemed a more sustainable village. The omission sites relate to fields surrounding our village whose land owners believe they suitable for large scale development and their exclusion from the local plan was an omission. I had hoped to fight our case on this but the process does not allow me to talk in the session.

Planning - Caldecote recently had 71 new houses approved, whilst Hardwick has had one site of 98 and a second of 155. Some of our residents in Barons Way have been pestered by unsolicited mail from a Developer wanting to buy their house or houses with the view of demolition thus gaining access to enable potential new development behind. The wording of these letters has caused distress to some of the residents as one may expect.

Parking/ Accidents - residents have brought up the issue of car parking on West Street, between Barons Way and the Crossroads. I appreciate several of you have no off road parking, but stretching the parking over a greater distance would at least allow cars to pull into the gaps? The issue with parking in and around the Doctors has also been mentioned, particularly cars left partially blocking drives. As mentioned before, if there is space feel free to park in my farm yard on the right hand side if needs be?

Tractors speeding through the village- not guilty but will pass these concerns on. Madingley Park and Ride - I mentioned this previously regarding the City Deal considering a P&R three times the size of the one at Trumpington on the slope facing Comberton to the south of Madingley Mulch. From the brow of Long Road hill one would just see a massive car park! This hopefully will NOT happen and our Green Belt will remain intact.

Bus Route - there will be a bus route associated with the P&R, and this will either be an on road, or off road option and this has to be decided. I can understand the thinking behind an off road route, but £207 million?? Surely stealing a bit of grass verge and creating a bus lane on Madingley Road would be more cost effective and preserve the Green Belt?

Tennis Courts - some enthusiastic tennis players have tidied the hard Courts on the recreation ground.

Traffic - I am sure many of you will have noticed the massive increase in traffic along Long Road on Friday afternoons, presumably using it as a rat run. Sadly this can not be stopped, and may well be a sign of worse things to come.

Putting the doom and gloom to one side, our village looks a picture and remains a very pleasant little bit of Britain in which to live.

Thanks

Tim

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Numbering the letters of the alphabet from 1 to 26 results makes it possible to assign a total value to any word.

DOG for example has a value of 26. Your task is to find words which have the following values:-

6.....CAB.....	12.....BEAD.....
18.....CAN.....	24.....CRAB.....
30.....BABY.....	36.....JAY.....
42.....NEW.....	48.....WAX.....
54.....SPAR.....	60.....WORD.....

And, finally, any word with a value in excess of 120....ARTILLERy..

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