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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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July diary dates

1-2, 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23			Open Studios
4, evening	6.15	8.00	Brownie's Ice Cream Parlour, VH
4, evening	7.30		Auditions for Aladdin, Old VH
5, evening	6.15		Auditions for Under 12s for Aladdin, Old VH
6, evening	7.45		Auditions for Aladdin, Old VH
8, afternoon	2.30	430	Voices4Choices, Owl Café, Sawston
8, evening	6.00		CAGA Summer Barbecue
8, evening	8.00		CamSight Quiz & Raffle, Frank Lee Centre
11, evening	7.45		WI: Special Operations Executive - Nadine's Story, Joan Munden
13, afternoon	2.30		Comberton Friendship Club, VH
14, afternoon	1.15	2.20	Friendship Club cream tea at CVC
19, evening	7.30		Comberton Cinema: Denial
28, evening			Comberton Village Hall Annual Supper
30, morning	10.30		Lordsbridge Holy Communion Service, Haslingfield Church

Future diary dates

28, afternoon	2.00	4.30	St Mary's Church Fete
30 Aug - 1 Sept			Oasis Holiday Clu
1 Sept	8.00		Toft Beer and Cider Festival, Toft Social Club
16 Sept, morning	10.00		Comberton 10K, starts at Baptist Church
16, afternoon			CAGA Autumn Show

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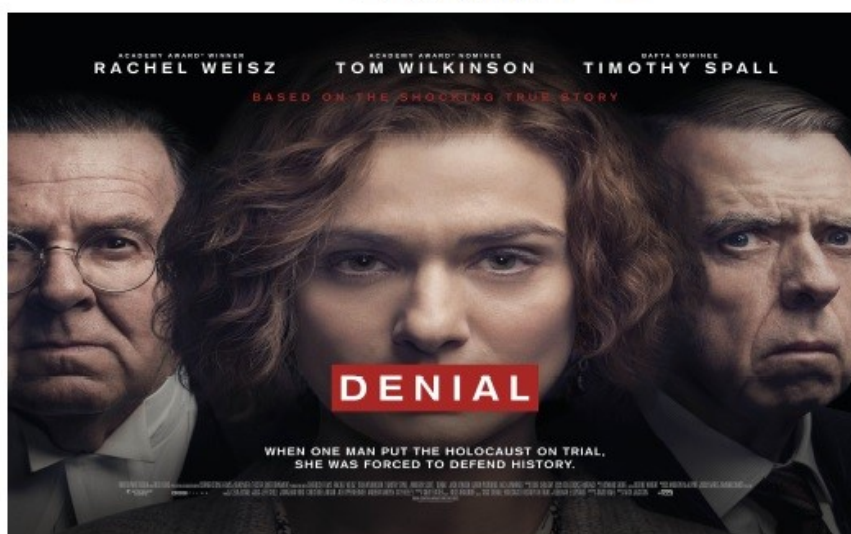
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Denial



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Wednesday 19th July 2017

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Tickets £3.50 on the door

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Job Vacancy: Editor

My other commitments are making it increasingly difficult for me to find enough time to concentrate as much as I would like to on "Comberton Contact" so I am looking for someone to take over from me as editor—or to join me as part of an editorial team. Please email me at combertoneditor@gmail.com if you would be interested.

The deadline for the September issue is 15 August.

Suki

Another message:

Parking in the street is a problem in many areas the village, but is causing particular annoyance to the residents who live near the surgery. Please be considerate when you visit the doctor and leave people enough space to get in and out of their driveways.

**The Village Café at the Village Hall
is open every Tuesday from 10.30 - 12 noon**

Coffee, tea and squash are available

Meet up with old friends and make new ones - families welcome!

We hope to see you there soon...

Pudding in the Park

Thank you to everyone who came along to Pudding in the Park on 11 June - your presence makes the event what it is - a celebration of community. Can we also thank all those who did so much to make the day happen, whether that was helping out on the day or preparations in advance. Over 600 portions of pudding and cake were made and baked by members of our community and they all went. Thank you to those who helped set up, serve, or clear away on the day. Thank you to those who just chipped in where and when needed - including those who leant a hand as the gazebos blew down towards the end of the afternoon! Thank you to JezO and the Eversden Brass Band for keeping us entertained throughout the afternoon. Thank you to the Bowls Club and the Cricket Club for the use of your facilities. And thank you to the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee for sponsoring the event.

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**Auditions will be held in the Old Village Hall
at the following times:**

Tuesday 4 July 7:30 pm adults and
young people 12 and over

Wednesday 5 July 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm under 12s
7:45 pm adults and young people 12 and over

Performance dates: 8th and 9th December 2017

Come and be part of this great community event! Giggles guaranteed!

Written and directed by Rachel Nielsen and friends. Please
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Services and Events at St Mary's in July and August

Sunday 2 July	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 9 July	9.30 am Holy Communion 7.30 pm Sacred Space at Dry Drayton Church
Sunday 16 July	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 July	9.30 am All Age Worship
Thursday 27 July	2.30 pm Oasis Tea, in the Village Hall
Sunday 30 July	10.30 am United Team All Age Holy Communion at Haslingfield Church
Sunday 6 August	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 13 August	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20 August	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 August	9.30 am All Age Worship
Monday 28 August	2 pm to 4.30 pm Church Fete in St Mary's Church and churchyard
0 Aug to 1 Sept	10 am to 2 pm Oasis Holiday Club at Comberton Baptist Church

United Lordsbridge Team Service

Sunday 30 July

Please come and worship with friends...or make new ones!
All Age Holy Communion at All Saints' Haslingfield at 10.30 am
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Comberton Lunch Club dates:

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29 September

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The Combertyon 10k



Saturday 16 September 2017, 10.00am

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Comberton Walkers and Comberton 10K

The Comberton walking group takes place every Monday, except for Bank Holidays, meeting at 9.45 am at the Baptist Church, Green End. We have one walk for about an hour walking around the footpaths in our lovely village, and at the same time a shorter walk for those not able to go quite so far, and have just started a third walk, meeting by the recreation ground pavilion at 10.30 am for people who are trying to achieve greater mobility by walking a short distance. We do not do power walking, or wear lycra! but go at a reasonable pace wearing weather appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Anyone is welcome to join us, whether trying to improve exercise and fitness levels or just maintain them, we are a friendly group with trained leaders. As well as the exercise, this is a social time too with lots of chatting en route and over refreshments at the end.

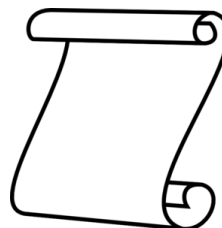
For those feeling a little more energetic there is the 6th Comberton 10K taking place on Saturday 16 September. Entrants can run, walk or cycle the course, which is mainly off road along tracks and footpaths taking in the villages of Toft, Caldecote and Hardwick, with wonderful views along the way over scenic rural Cambridgeshire. This is an individual and family event and there will be refreshments at the finish. All of the entry money will be going to help fund resources for the new community youth club, EDGE, which is for village youngsters. (Entry fees: £10.00 per adult and £5 for under 11s).

For more information on both, or either, of these events please contact Sylvia on 01223 263193 or email sylvia.divall@uwclub.net.



LETTER

Human Fæces on the Recreation Ground



Twice lately my dog has alerted me to human fæces behind the bushes and the sports pavillion on the recreation ground - I will not go into details here! What can be done about this? - Where so many people walk and play, including children?

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(from a concerned Local Resident)

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Friday		2pm - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm	

More details can be found on the Library Service website at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

Nationally, 3 - 9 July has been designated as Health Information Week. The aim is to improve access to quality local information and promote healthier communities. The Library Service is a good source of information on lifestyle choices, exercise and health topics with a range of books to borrow. Please ask library staff if you need help finding information on a particular topic.

We are preparing for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Animal Agents, illustrated by the fantastic 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! Those who read six books over the summer holidays will be presented with a medal and certificate. Registration to take part begins on Saturday 15 July, so bring your them along to sign up from that date. Details of special Reading Challenge sessions being held in the library over the summer will be available on registration.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 3 - 17 July , 10.30 - 11.00 am). Although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

Rhymetime doesn't run in the summer holidays, but will be back in September, the first session being on Monday 11 September. We wish to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our wonderful volunteer Barbara, who has made Rhymetime such a fun and special time for our youngest children and their parents/carers. We hope that you enjoy a good summer break, Barbara, and look forward to seeing you again in September.

DONATIONS PLEASE

We are looking for the following pre-loved items for the NSPCC Cambridgeshire Branch stand at the Gransden Show on 29 September: Decorative glassware, vases, crystal glassware, ornaments, tea/coffee sets, dinner services, and china items. *Please, no books, DVDs, pictures, mirrors or clothing/electrical items, or toys.* Anything ☐ quirky ☐ould be ☐elcome ☐
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Transport news: zebras and 20s

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This new crossing is an example of local government at work. It took considerable personal effort of former Parish Councillor Sophie Higman, and financial support from the Parish and County Councils to implement this comparatively small but important change. It also took time – from the initial idea, doing the research into footfall and canvassing opinion on where to situate the crossing, obtaining funding from the Parish Council, and winning funding for an excellent proposal submitted to the County Council. After many months of waiting, some may have worried that it wasn't going to happen after all. However, behind the scenes contractors were scheduling a time to install the posts, do the electrics, reconfigure the pavement, and get to work with the black and white paint.

The zebra crossing is a reminder that slow progress is nevertheless progress. With the 20 mph project launched last year, we have already made the first significant steps of doing all the research needed to show demand and feasibility. The County Council has assisted in making a plan for exactly where a 20 mph area would start and end, and where speeds could drop from 60 mph to 40 mph. This plan was determined by County rules, and the finer details were carefully deliberated by a traffic professional. We now have a viable plan, and the next step is to secure funding for this project.

Whilst I have stood down from the Parish Council due to family and work commitments, I have remained a member of the Parish's Transport Working Group. In this position, I aim to keep 20 mph on the agenda for future budgets. The Parish has already put seed funding aside to support slower speeds in Comberton, it may be a case of adding to this over coming years to reach the target cost. As with the zebra crossing, it will take time to get there but it will be well worth the wait when we all benefit from safer, quieter and less polluted roads.

Dr Anna Barford
01223 338948

Friends of St Mary's Church Comberton

Our fund raising programme has got off to an encouraging start for 2017. Thank you to those who came and contributed. If you did not come, here is what you missed!

On Saturday 13 May we held an evening Concert in St.Mary's Church. Seventy three people attended. The Bedford Gallery Quire transported us magically to Comberton Village and Church in the years between 1684 and 1820. Performers were in period dress and the musical instruments were representative of the times.

Ken Baddley, Director and Conductor, had researched in such detail that the readings which accompanied the singing held us all spellbound. Approximately £900 was raised. Our thanks must go to the Quire who waived their usual fee and to Anthea Burton, who lives in our village and who sings in the Quire. Ken is so enthusiastic about the success of this first event for us, he has offered to return with the Quire to run a **Saturday Workshop on 18 November 2017**. Please mark this date in your diaries. Young and old, please bring your strings, flutes, and clarinets, or simply your voices. You are not required to read music, just to hold a tune.

On Monday evening 12 June we held our inaugural gathering, an 'Open Evening', enjoying wine and cheese, a talk and some guided tours. Forty three supporters came. Sara Day, who is the Granta Church Recorder for The Arts Society – formerly NADFAS – gave us a fascinating talk and was able to walk around later, answering specific questions. Thank you Sara!

Sara explained that nearly 50 years ago the Victoria and Albert Museum had realised that it knew very little about the contents of the 16,000 or so C of E churches in the land. A majority of these churches date from the Middle Ages. NADFAS was tasked to start making a record. By chance, we find the local Granta Group are recording and photographing in St Mary's, in the very year the 'Friends' came into being. If anyone has information of interest about items in the Church which may have been given, please contact Sara through the Trustees.

St Mary's is particularly notable for its Medieval benches, not pews because they are not closed by doors! When the recording is finished, in a year or two, the Church will be given a fine illustrated book to add to its Treasures.

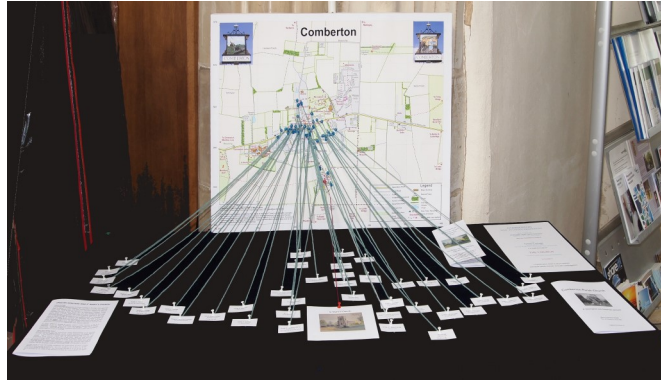
The assembled company were then guided around the Exterior and Interior features. Outside, the North Aisle roof, newly leaded for the second time, some historical poor or inappropriate repairs and several cracked stone window frames. Inside, we were able to study the damage from ingress of water as well as a closer inspection of our Medieval woodwork. We then moved on to the Displays. One featured a large Illustration of the Works which need to be done, as identified in the 2014 Quinquennial (5 yearly) Inspection, with estimated costs. This illustration forms one side of our folded Prospectus. On the reverse you will find our Appeal details. The Prospectus has proved to be very popular. Please read it on our website at www.friends-of-st-marys.org.uk or ask for a copy.

FOSM Comberton Grade Listed Buildings

Another display presented a 3D illustration of the village geography, showing the location the Grade Listed Buildings. St Mary's Church is Grade 1, nearby Glebe Cottage is Grade 2*(star) and there are forty other Grade 2 dwellings in Comberton.

We hope to show this display again at the Church Fete.

Other boards and tables showed fascinating pieces of Church records, old development plans, village faces looking out at us from old



photographs, and excerpts from new historical accounts of Comberton Church and village. We were even brought a rusted iron cannon ball, billiard ball sized, which might well have been fired to smash the Church windows and destroy the "superstitious images" during Cromwell's time!

Donations received during the evening and our luxury Hamper raised well over £500. The bottle of port in the Hamper was a gift from the Dean of Chapel at Jesus College, the Rev. Dr. Paul Dominiac. Newly in post, he had invited members of St. Mary's Church to afternoon tea before Evensong on 23 May to become better acquainted. We enjoyed some lovely singing in Chapel and we look forward to cultivating a more active link with Jesus College.

Thank you to all our supporters, donors and our little band of helpers. May they grow in number! I also wish to thank my fellow First Trustees, John Crang, Godfrey Curtis and Richard Ellery for their continuing hard work for the Trust.

Being a Friend of St. Mary's has caused me to have a new awareness of Comberton village life, past and present. With each fund raising event I find out more history but I am also trying to re-imagine the Church and Village more closely engaged in the years to come. We plan to add new pieces of research to existing accounts and create a more detailed education resource for and about our Church.

We hope you will come to the ***Annual Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August***. Find us at the Friends of St. Mary's stand. Learn more about our exciting plans and how to support our fund raising.

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Autumn Show – Saturday 16 September in the Meridian School

By the time the next issue of Contact comes through your door the Autumn Show will be almost upon us. Think about pictures for the photography class whilst you are out and about this summer; the subjects are 'A Sign' or 'Streams & Rivers' or 'An Architectural Feature'; the childrens' class subject is 'Shapes (Circles, Squares, triangles, etc.).

There are also 14 Handicraft classes for adults and 12 for children covering a full range of skills - so still plenty of time to work on that drawing, crafting or needlework item before 16 September!

Full details of the Show Classes will be in the *Show Brochure* delivered to your door around about the end of July.

Robin Worship – Secretary (robin.worship7@gmail.com)

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our speaker for April was Angelo Errico who gave a very interesting talk on Taxation, Wills and Power of Attorney.

For the May meeting we had Major Martin Cordner from the Salvation Army, which was founded in London east end in 1865 by William Booth and his wife Catherine. It was originally called The Christian Mission but changed its name to Salvation Army in 1878. They work in over 127 countries helping the homeless, helping families, and helping the hungry. The needs are still the same.

Thursday 8 June was our Strawberry Tea. It was well attended and as usual, a very enjoyable afternoon.

Proceeds from our coffee morning which we held on Saturday 3 June are going to the Air Ambulance and Reading Books for the Blind, £100 to each charity. Thank you to all those who attended.

Friday 14 July we are once again invited to the Village College 6th form for an afternoon cream tea, 1.15 pm-2.20 pm.

Next meeting, Thursday 13 July at 2.30pm, speaker: Pat Ide from the Medical Detection Dogs Association. No raffle but there will be a stall.

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Council Structure ...

Cambridgeshire County Council has now been returned by the electorate to a Conservative led administration. For the last four years there has been "No Overall Control", which has been challenging for all concerned. At the election, the Conservatives asked the electorate to put them back in control of the County Council, and this was shown by the results. The Conservatives have 36 out of 61 seats – a healthy majority of 11.

The first Full Council meeting since the elections took place on the 23rd May. Because the County Council now has a Committee System, and must maintain such a system by law for at least another two years, the Conservatives are determined to make it work more quickly, more efficiently and for the benefit of the residents of Cambridgeshire. Previously the Council structure before the elections consisted of five main committees proportionally made up of 13 members from across all parties:

- * Adults
- * Children and Young People
- * Economy & Environment
- * Health
- * Highways and Infrastructure

At the Full council meeting, the Conservatives proposed, and it was agreed, to have seven main committees, consisting of 10 members from across all parties. The two extra committees are:

- * Commercial & Investments
- * Community & Partnerships

These two additional committees are very important. The Commercial & Investments committee will look at how the Council can best use its assets, whilst at the same time looking to bring in a revenue stream via such projects as their Housing Development project. This will enable the Council to maintain front line services. The Community & Partnerships committee will look at how the Council can and will work more closely with parish councils and communities - to work more collaboratively and efficiently. There will be a Lead Councillor located in each District area. In SCDC, Cllr Lina Joseph has been nominated as the Lead Councillor. At the Full Council meeting it was also agreed that the previous Leader and Deputy Leader would remain in position. Therefore Cllr Roger Hickford remains Deputy Leader of the Council.

It was also agreed not to have any more verbal questions, which was a platform for "showboating" by certain councillors, but instead to facilitate and accommodate more written questions so the Council is more open and transparent, and has a written record of questions asked. It was also agreed to limit the call in facility, as the committee system is by its nature its own scrutiny function.

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The Conservatives are very pleased to be back in control of the County Council, and you have two councillors, who both have positions of responsibility and influence. A part from being involved in these committees, I will also be representing the County Council in Outside bodies. This is still a work in progress and I will let you know which groups I have been appointed to. I have already started to meet Service Directors and Officers from different areas in order to get up to speed on all the challenges your community faces.

Highways & road maintenance

I receive reports from officers regarding road closures and maintenance and I share them on my Facebook page. If you and residents would like instant information please do follow me.

I am aware that parishes would like to see the grass and verge cutting reinstated and we are working on this. I will keep you posted.

We have increased the budget for repairing potholes and resurfacing. I will be meeting your local highways officer to discuss concerns in the electoral division. We ask parish councils to make all your highways concerns known to me, so I can prepare and compare to ensure all issues are being looked at and dealt with. It is my objective to develop a spreadsheet with all the issues raised, so they can be tracked and sorted asap. This system has worked well in the past, but only with the cooperation of the parish councils and residents. However, you can also report directly any issues in your community, it's very easy and quick.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CA)

The CA met on 31 May. This meeting dealt mainly with formalities and appointing of committee members. You can find more information here: CA Meeting May

We share similar views on challenges our county faces and we will be working jointly in order to tackle issues such as transport, skills, housing, etc. We want to avoid duplications and make sure there is a multi-level partnership.

Choo Choo the next stop is Cambridge North!

Community Events

Street Parties – On 17/18 June several street parties were held in conjunction with the Big Lunch <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>

Playing Out Scheme – Similar to street parties with the aim of allowing children to play out in the street safely in a closed road area. The scheme launched in Bristol has made it to Cambridgeshire. More information can be found here <http://playingout.net/>

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One of the areas they have been working in is Adult Social care. Neighbourhood Cares will be a brand new team changing the way we deliver care, providing better outcomes for our service users at a reduced spend.

Another project is In Touch Project. 35 Smartphones have been rolled out to Reablement staff. Each smartphone has been installed with In Touch, an application that enables mobile working for Support Workers to access information whilst out in the community delivering care, & all recipients have been trained to use it. In Touch also links to the Cygnum database (the resource management & planning system that is used by Adult Social Care) in real time. Those who will receive devices include the Support Workers who visit service users to carry out care related activities & the office based Care Coordinators who allocate these visits.

Just to remind you that the public is welcome to attend County Councils meetings. You can find all the details in the website, along with the agenda and supporting documents.

As always I welcome your questions and comments on the foregoing and any other local or strategic matter in which you are interested.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 14 June 2017.

Bennell Farm outline planning application

The meeting was attended by the planning consultant for the developers. It was explained that the application was broadly the same as before but did not now include a pavilion, pitches and a car park, with the land concerned to be retained by the developers as agricultural land. The developers are now looking at the draft layout for the houses.

Residents had an opportunity to ask questions. In response to a query about changes to the original plan, the consultant explained that the plan was an indicative master plan including required amendments such as foul drainage, and that the plan was only intended to show that 90 dwellings could fit onto the site. The next application, which could show further changes, would provide more detail. Residents expressed concerns about the lack of detail, traffic and screening on the boundary, commenting that the density was too high. The consultant responded that the detailed application would cover such aspects under reserved matters, and the design guide now only showed small pockets of 2.5 storey dwellings around the development rather than the previously shown 3 storey buildings.

Further consideration of the outline application was deferred to the Parish Council's July meeting, until the SCDC Planning Officer can be present. The developer's planning consultant will also be invited to attend.

Use of Pavilion office by match officials and offer of furniture

The Parish Council considered a request from the Football Club that the Clerk's office at the Pavilion be used to accommodate match officials, following the Club's recent promotion to the Kershaw Premier league. The Council had no objections in principle that the office be used by the match officials and agreed to clear the office and dispose of the locked tall cupboard and desk. The Council has decided to offer the items of furniture to residents free of charge, so if anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Proposed pavilion extension and pitch improvement

The Parish Council is making enquiries about the plans to the Pavilion and pitch improvements, and agreed that the Football Club may have input into the design and costings.

Bus service

The Parish Council decided to write to Heidi Allen MP highlighting the concerns of residents about the bus service stopping at 7 pm on weekdays and there being no service on Sundays, and asking her to exert pressure as appropriate to secure a better bus service for the village.



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Mobile Breast Screening Unit

The Council agreed to write to Comberton Village College asking them to reconsider and to resume the granting of access to the Mobile Breast Screening Unit, to enable them to visit the College car park again. This is considered to be a vital service for the community, and the alternative facilities are not easy to access by public transport, although the Village Help scheme can provide transport to the screening unit at Trumpington. The Parish Council will raise the matter with the Screening Unit to ascertain what facilities they need.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Highways issues

Please remember if you see a problem with a street light, a pot hole or another highway problem you should report it on the County Council's website Again please do not assume someone has already reported it.: <http://tinyurl.com/Highwayprob>

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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- 1 Anyone eating piles of sugar is in denial ?
- 2 Petulant Iranians damage many relics ?
- 3 Drones are made at Universal Aviation ?
- 4 She became apoplectic when the python struck ?
- 5 Most Croatians eat custard every Sunday..... ?
- 6 White spirit substitute is good stuff..... ?
- 7 He was an amazing Lithuanian politician ?
- 8 The dairy produced synthetic milk only ?
- 9 People living in NY are never able to relax..... ?
- 10 Expanding ladders are always symmetrical..... ?
- 11 The Gallup poll in Wales was a waste of time ?

Entries please to Budgens, the Library or Green End surgery, no later than **14 August**. The prize of £10, generously donated by Budgen's, is to be spent in store.

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THE CHALLENGE JUNE SOLUTION AND WINNER

" In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue"

(Possibly because he forgot to pack his thermal underwear ?)

Winner: Sue Horne, Kentings