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## Regular Dates for Your Diary

Mon	9:30-11:30am	Fun for 1s & 2s	Playgroup
Mon	9:45am	Comberton Walkers	Baptist Church
Mon	8:00-9:30pm	Aikido for 16+	VH
1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7:00pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	7:30pm	Wine Makers	VH
Tues	9:30-11:30am	Little Bundles (u1)	Playgroup
Tues	10:30-12noon	Village Cafe & Crafts	VH
Tues	6:30-8pm	Keep Fit	Sports Hall, CVC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:45pm	Women's Institute	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	8pm	Antiquarian Society	VH
Wed	10-11:30am	Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wed	12:25-1:10pm	Lunchtime Badminton	CVC
Wed	2pm	Bridge Club	VH
Wed	After School	Tang Soo Do	Meridian School
Wed	6:30-9pm	Tennis Mix-In Session	Tennis Club
Wed (term)	2-3:30pm	Bumps and Babes	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	7:30pm	Parish Council	VH
Thurs	9:30-11:30pm	Fun for 1s & 2s	Playgroup
Thurs (term)	4-6pm	EDGE Youth Club	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	2:30pm	Friendship Club	VH
Thurs	4-6pm	Connections Bus Proj	Rec
4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	2:30pm	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	6-7pm	Tae Kwon Do	Meridian School
Fri	7-8pm	Tae Kwon Do	Meridian School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	8pm	Custard Comedy	CVC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7pm	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10-11am	Park Tennis	Park
VH = Village Hall		CVC = Comberton Village College	

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## Upcoming Events

### December

1	6:30pm	Lights Switch On	The Crossroads
2	10:30am	Christmas Fayre	VH
5	7:30pm	Licensing of Rev. Newton	St Mary's Church
8	7:30pm	Aladdin	VH
	8pm	Custard Comedy	CSA
9	10am	Countdown to Christmas	CBC
	7:30pm	Aladdin	VH
14	12:45pm	Friendship Club	VH
15	12:30pm	Lunch Club	White Horse, Barton
17	10:15am	Comberton Ramblers	Crown Inn, MK44 2BU
	4:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	CBC
	6:30pm	Carol Service	St Mary's Church
24	3:30pm	Crib Service	St Mary's Church
31	10:15am	Comberton Ramblers	Hardwicke Arms Hotel SG8 0AH

### January

7	10:15am	Comberton Ramblers	Woodman Inn, SG8 8NB
12	8pm	Custard Comedy	CSA
21	10:15am	Comberton Ramblers	The Bull, CB8 9NH
25	2:30pm	Oasis Tea	VH
26	12:30pm	Lunch Club	The Stove, Bourne
28	10:30am	Refill Cafe	CBC
VH = Village Hall		CBC = Comberton Baptist Church	
CSA = Comberton Sports and Arts			

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We do not produce a January edition of the *Contact* so please send any submissions through to the editor by January 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 for the February edition.

## From the Editor

Friends,

Welcome to the Bumper Christmas and New Year edition of the *Comberton Contact*. Allow me to introduce myself; my name is Chris, and I am the new editor of this fantastic little magazine. I moved to Comberton just over a year ago with my wife Rebeca. We've just had a little baby boy in October called Theo and so we're slowly learning how to adjust to life as three, and how little sleep a person really needs to function.

I'm really keen for this magazine to flourish and to be a key contact point for this village. It was so helpful receiving our first copy when we moved in. There is such a strong sense of life and community that come through these pages.

There are so many exciting things going on in this wonderful little village that we all get to call home, and in this edition of the *Comberton Contact*. Have a read of the new vicar of St Mary's welcome letter, pop in on all the Christmas fun in the Village Hall at the Christmas Fayre on 2nd December, come and sing some Christmas Carols at the lights switch-on on 1st December, or decide which of the many lunch clubs, friendship clubs and coffee mornings you are going to join in with over the next couple of months.

Christmas can be such a busy time, but I hope that you might find a moment of peace and hope in the midst of the hustle and bustle.

From all of us at the *Contact*, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours,

Chris



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### **Services and Events at St Mary's in December & January**

Sunday 3 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
Tuesday 5 Dec	7.30pm	Service of Licensing of the new Team Vicar, Rev. David Newton
Sunday 10 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service (no morning service)
Sunday 24 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Midnight Communion
Monday 25 Dec	9.30am	Christmas Day Family Communion
Sunday 31 Dec	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Toft
	10.30am	United Lordsbridge Team Service for New Year's Eve at St Peter's Barton.
Sunday 7 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 Jan	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 Jan	9.30am	All Age Worship
Sunday 28 Jan	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
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## Greetings from David, the new Vicar of St Mary's Church

My family and I are very excited about becoming part of the village community at the start of December. I look forward to getting to know many of you in the months and years to come.

I write this from Ely, where we have been living for the last two years, and where I have completed my curacy – the initial clergy job. I came here with my wife, Sally, having married the previous year. Sally and I met as secondary school teachers down in Reigate, Surrey. Whilst here, she has been working as the Director of Education at the Cathedral.

Since being in Ely our family has expanded a little. Soon after moving in we were very blessed to be given a three year old black Labrador named Oreo. So, if you hear someone shouting loudly in seeming desperation for a biscuit as Oreo (the dog) gets whiff of someone else's ball, you'll know why.

In September 2016 our little boy Toby was born, who has been an exhausting delight. And we are expecting a little girl this coming February!

It is a huge joy to be joining the village as Christmas approaches. From my point of view it gives me an opportunity to meet many of you at Christmas services and village events. More than that though, it is so often a time of community spiritedness.

Amidst the dark and the cold, Christmas lights go up and fires are lit, carol singers brave the elements, and mulled wine warms hearts. The season is so often marked by a generosity and a 'togetherness', both of which echo the great truth of Christmas: that God, in his generosity, came to be with us, to bring light in the midst of our darkness.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

*Rev. David Newton*



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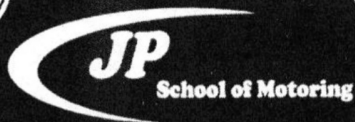
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*Julia Catley*

## Comberton Luncheon Club

15 December 2017  
The White Horse, Barton  
(Christmas Lunch)

26 January 2018  
The Stove, Bourn

For more information contact  
Frances on 01223 264230

## Comberton WI

Comberton WI has not been in the magazine for some time but we have been as active as ever with a variety of projects and some really interesting talks by the Bobby Scheme and on the conservation projects in the grounds of Wimpole Hall. The Bobby Scheme not only gives advice on how to keep your home safe but will also install safety devices. Any one over 65 can contact 01480 413311 to arrange a visit.

We are pleased to say that we have grown in numbers this year. We have a Gardening Club which many of our members belong to which meets once a month at a members home. We have also set up a Craft Group and members are busy making some really super things to sell at The Christmas Fayre on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

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20:00 - Prayer Meeting

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## Countdown to Christmas

**Saturday 9 December 10am - 2pm**

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## Burwash Manor Raises over £5500 For Sick Children's Trust

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On the beautifully sunny second Saturday in October 2017, over £5500 was raised for The Sick Children's Trust from Apple Day at Burwash Manor this year. This annual event hosted by the Radford family & Shop owners at Burwash Manor Farm in Barton, is a regular autumnal treat on the Cambridge events calendar.

'It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by around 3500 people & beating last year's total really was the icing on the cake. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody involved for their hard work & commitment to the event and of course to all those that attended on the day'

Fun was had by all with the many activities & attractions and of course the delicious food vendors offering tempting treats galore. It was all about the apple with the identifiers from EEAOP and Cam valley orchards many varieties on offer as well as the spectacle of apples being pulped, juiced and bottled right before your eyes.

The Sick Children's Trust a UK charity that believes keeping families together significantly improves the recovery of seriously ill children. At Addenbrooke's and The Rosie Hospitals they provide free, high-quality 'Home from Home' accommodation, as well as emotional and practical support, to families with sick children in hospital."

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                                  Saturday:      10am – 1pm

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We have a number of books, particularly suitable for the Christmas period, available to borrow at the library; a large box of picture books, and some longer chapter books, for the children and a display of adult fiction, all related to the season. Do come along and see if you can find something festive to read.

Tickets are still available for 'Alice in the Cuckoo's Nest' by Librarian Theatre at Cambourne Library on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This production is inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic novel 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. It is not a children's show, but children aged 8+, accompanied by an adult, will be welcome.

There will be two performances at 2.30 and 7.00 pm. Tickets, costing £7/£4 for concessions, to include refreshments, can be purchased or reserved with the library staff at Comberton Library, or bought online at [www.librariantheatre.com](http://www.librariantheatre.com)

Librarian Theatre is a fantastic small theatre company, supporting public libraries, and their previous productions have been quite amazing.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions:  
11<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January (10.30 -11.00 am).  
Please note that although these  
sessions are aimed at very young  
children we welcome older  
siblings and pre-schoolers who  
enjoy singing too!

Comberton Library will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, re-opening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Cambridge Central Library will open between Christmas and New Year; opening times will be on our website, or ask staff for details.

The staff at Comberton Library wish you all a very Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all our customers, old and new, in 2018!

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## Friends of St Mary's Church Comberton Trust

Greetings from the Chairman and Treasurer of the Friends of St Mary's Church Comberton Trust.

We received a wonderful grant of £2000 for roof and other repairs from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. This donation was made on behalf of the Ridgeon family.

We have also received a grant from the All Churches Trust for £1000 following a successful application made on our behalf by Malcolm Wright. If you would like to help him with our Big Grant Push in 2018 please contact the Trust Chairman David Hughes (details at bottom).

The main role of the Trust Treasurer, is to pay in donations and grant monies, pay out any expenses and transfer monies to the Church PCC to cover their expenditure in relation to repairing the Church fabric.

Unfortunately for the next few years, the Trust also has to raise money to pay back an interest-free loan that was used to cover the costs after the second theft of lead from the Church roof. We have a target to raise at least £35,000 in the next few years.

We are awaiting revised costs for the work involved in bring the Church fabric (the building and associated fittings, bits and pieces) up to specification – the diocese does a quinquennial (regular five year architect) inspection which highlights things both large and small that are in need of prompt attention.

Once we have these costs then we can raise the money needed; then in agreement with the PCC, schedule to transfer monies to cover these repairs. We have already identified a mechanism to the PCC for Listed Buildings used as Places of Worship which will allow the VAT to be recouped by them for most of these items, and indeed for other maintenance costs that the PCC always spends.

Already this year we have given St. Mary's PCC nearly £3370 to cover works undertaken in the past twelve months.

This magazine covers the end of our first year as a Trust. We therefore will have a record of the monies that the Trust has received and due from grants, from our donors at our events, those giving one-off and better still setting up Standing Orders.



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Likewise your own help - even for just a couple of hours - would be really welcome next year as we need a few people to help submit grant applications, create publicity and newsletters, set up events and think up novel fund raising projects.

Bedford Gallery Quire is returning to the Church to lead a Workshop in the summer. We're also planning a Concert or two. And there will be a Beating the Bounds! What is that you ask? Watch this space!

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The Friends of St.Mary's Church wish you Peaceful Christmas and Good Health in 2018

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Yes, we are now gearing up for Christmas and transforming the school into winter and Christmas scenes. Our youngest children (reception, Y1 and Y2) will perform their Christmas nativity play 'Christmas Counts' to their parents on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

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So from all of us, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas season and a very happy new year!

*Mrs C. Etchie*  
*Headteacher*

We are supported by a Clerk and meet formally six times a year for a couple of hours. We also have subcommittees and occasional working parties. Please will you consider joining the team? All contacts welcome.

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Our November meeting was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Speaker was David Oats from "Wild Life Photography". David is a local Comberton resident. He took us on a journey to Europe, Scotland, Liverpool, Norfolk and Comberton showing a wonderful variety of the most beautiful and unusual different types of birds he had managed to photograph, which of course takes a lot of time and patience to get the right shots.

There were also some very pretty types of butterflies, the seals at Horsey Gap in Norfolk and finally a handsome Sparrow Hawk that seems to like his garden in Comberton.

It was a very good talk and slide show. We gave David a donation for "Cambridge Wild Life Trust".

We will be helping at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec by running a Bric-a-Brac stall. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December the Comberton 6<sup>th</sup> form have once again invited us to "afternoon tea" with a quiz and raffle 1.15pm-2.30pm. This is to help support their chosen charity.

Next meeting Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> which will be our Christmas Lunch  
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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### ***Recreation Ground Co-ordinator and Village Handyman Vacancy***

The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has appointed Mr Rick Mister to fill the vacancy. It is hoped that he will introduce himself in the next edition of Comberton Contact.

### ***Recreation Ground Hedging***

The unauthorised section of hedging and fencing that was removed will be reinstated by the Parish Council.

### ***Dog fouling on the recreation ground***

South Cambs Environmental Health Officer has provided the following guidance –

- If an individual is seen allowing their dog to foul the area concerned, then a report should be made to the District Council. The initial report can be made via our online report it form [scams.jdi-consult.net/envirocrime/](https://scams.jdi-consult.net/envirocrime/) or via the contact centre on 03450 450063. We would then follow up the report with the reporter to gather further details and take a statement.

- Continued use of clear signage, making it clear where dogs can or cannot be exercised and the expectation to clean up mess and use any bins provided.

- Where individuals are identified through reports, or further investigation, we would aim to take action using a fixed penalty notice or Community Protection Notice.

- If known individuals allow their dogs to roam free on the recreation ground you can report this to SCDC for further investigation on 03450 450 063.

### ***Request for a defibrillator in the Pavilion***

The Council agreed to contribute £60 towards the new defibrillator in the pavilion.

### ***Vacancies on the Parish Council***

There are still vacancies on Comberton Parish Council. While the next elections are in May 2018, if anyone would like to apply to fill the vacancies, please contact the Clerk for an application form. Information on the elections will be available on the notice board and on the District Council's website in the New Year.



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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk Continued

### ***Greater Cambridge Partnership Cambourne to Cambridge Consultation***

The public consultation on the Cambourne to Cambridge better bus journeys scheme will formally open on 13 Nov 2017. The consultation will last 10 weeks closing on 22 Jan 2018.

The consultation will focus on the first phase of the scheme, a bus route between a new Park and Ride site and Cambridge.

A range of public events will be held across the area from 20 Nov with GCP officers available to discuss the options in more detail with people in the community. Full details of the events taking place will be published later.

The consultation web page can be found at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/C2C](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/C2C) where the consultation survey will go live on 13 November.

### ***Proposal to Promote the Outstanding Values of the Coton Corridor/Madingley Hill: "The Great West Walk"***

Colin Harris at Coton resident attended the meeting to outline proposals to –

-Promote the outstanding landscape, environmental, historic and cultural heritage values of the Coton Corridor and Madingley Hill by providing an accessible

walking route from Cambridge to this area, and to include important associated features along the way such as the Coton Countryside Reserve (CCR), the American Cemetery, the '800 Year Wood', and the Wimpole Way, etc.

-Provide an integrated and circular walk, with several length options, that people can follow easily, and thereby provide an asset with excellent environmental, cultural, recreational, health and wellbeing, and educational benefits for the people of Cambridgeshire and visitors.

### ***Tree works***

The Parish Council recently commissioned a tree survey on all its trees and a contract will be placed for all works which were identified in the survey as priority A to be done ASAP. The Council is seeking a quote for lower priority works with a view to having these works undertaken before the end of March 2018.

### ***Neighbourhood Plan***

A working group was set up to investigate the implications of a Neighbourhood Plan and whether there should be one for Comberton. The Working Group will report to the Council at a future meeting.

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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk Continued

### ***Ditch between Kentings and the School Houses***

This ditch forms the boundary between Comberton and Toft. While the ditch is not the Parish Council's responsibility and appears to have been left as no man's land following the development The Parish Council's contractor will tidy up the ditch shortly.

### ***S106 Bennell Farm***

The Parish Council was concerned to hear of the expected terms of the S106 and that inadequate funds would be given to the Parish Council towards the proposed pavilion upgrade. The Parish Council will be taking the matter up with the District Council.

### ***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.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads\\_and\\_pathways/10/roadworks\\_and\\_faults](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/10/roadworks_and_faults)

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.

### ***Parish Council contact details***

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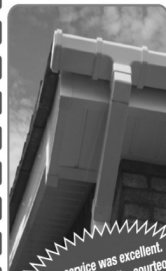
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## Heidi Allen MP for South Cambs Newsletter

Welcome to my latest newsletter, lots has been happening since I last wrote!

Many of you will be aware of the plans from Uttlesford District Council to create North Uttlesford Garden Community which, if permitted, could have an adverse impact on the Southern part of the constituency. As such, I attended a meeting with Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Pampisford, Whittlesford and Sawston Parish Councils to discuss their concerns. I too am worried these plans may negatively impact on us by significantly increasing congestion. I have submitted my views to Uttlesford District Council and will continue to keep residents aware of developments as they occur.

You will know there are plans to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600, so that each constituency has a similar number of electors. On 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, the Boundary Commission published their revised proposed boundaries for South Cambridgeshire. I was bitterly disappointed to read that their proposals still see South Cambs losing the wards of the Mordens, Bassingbourn, Melbourn and Meldreth. The Boundary Commission's report on

the previous consultation acknowledged that I had put forward a counter proposal which had garnered significant public support and that most responses received generally opposed their suggestion. However, they still felt these Cambridgeshire villages should be moved to sit under a Herts regional authority, in spite of acknowledged strong local ties to the area. I will be challenging these proposals again. If you agree that these villages should be retained in South Cambridgeshire rather than transferred to a Hertfordshire constituency, you can comment until the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please see my website for details of my opposition strategy and how to join in the consultation.

You will remember in my last newsletter that the Department for Transport have launched a consultation on accessibility issues for disabled people using public transport. I have been working with local and national groups to bring about improvements for disabled people. BBC Look East kindly filmed a piece for me at Whittlesford station, demonstrating issues disabled people face when there is no lift connecting the platforms.

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## Heidi Allen MP for South Cambs Newsletter Cont

South Cambs District Council have coincidentally also launched a consultation on taxi licensing which aims to provide more stringent standards. The Council is proposing to introduce a policy requiring all hackney carriages to be wheelchair accessible vehicles. This important consultation closes on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. You can find details at [www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations)

Parliament returned in October after the conference recess, and since then, my main campaign has focused on improving the Universal Credit benefit system. I raised this issue during Prime Minister's Questions on the 11th Oct and the Prime Minister kindly agreed to meet with me to discuss this in more detail. There will be a further debate in the House ahead of the budget and I am optimistic the Government is listening and will reduce the 6 week delay claimants currently experience before receiving their first payment.

It is always a pleasure to visit schools in my constituency and at the beginning of Oct, I was grilled by the Perse Pelican's Mini Parliament! I thoroughly enjoyed listening to their thoughtful contributions and answering their

questions. I have more school visits planned in November, so if you are a teacher or a governor of a local school and would like to arrange a visit, please do get in touch.

Another important part of my job is to support local enterprise in their efforts to grow and contribute to our local economy. So I was pleased to be able to open the new John Henry Group operations centre in Longstanton. This family business company has gone from strength to strength and I was delighted to be able to cut the ribbon and declare their new centre open!

Finally, Christmas is approaching (how did that happen!?) so it's time to switch on those lights! The "Light Up Cambourne" event on 25th Nov will start at 5pm in the Market Square, Great Cambourne, with lights on at 6.15pm. Caxton's event will be on 9th Dec at 5pm opposite Caxton Manor. Why not join me at one of these Christmas celebrations and help get the festivities underway?

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Talking to someone who really listens in a kind, confidential and secure setting can help you understand what is causing you to feel the way you do. Counselling can give you the time and space to find solutions and new directions.

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## Comberton Ramblers Club

Walking is good for you, good for everyone! Going for a walk is good for your body, your mind and the environment. For such a simple activity, the benefits are endless. It's good for your health, it lifts your mood, it's a sociable activity and a great way to meet new people. It also counts towards the recommended 150 minutes of physical activity each week.

So why not join the Comberton Ramblers. We walk alternate Sundays between 4-7 miles. We are a friendly/informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area.

New walkers are very welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks. Our next walk is 17th Dec. We'll be meeting at The Crown Inn, MK44 2BU at 10:15am for a 4 mile walk.

If you enjoy our walks we ask that you become a member. Annual membership is £8.50 per person.

Our full walks programme can be viewed at  
[www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk)

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01954 210049

COMBERTON SPORTS & ARTS		FITNESS CLASS TIMETABLE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
BODY BLAST	YOGALATES	FITNESS PILATES	ULTIMATE TONE		STUDIO CYCLING	STEP
18:00 - 19:00 HANNAH	18:00 - 19:00 SANDRA	18:00 - 19:00 HANNAH	18:00 - 19:00		8:30 - 9:15 TARA	9.00-10.00 AYMEN
STUDIO CYCLING	BOXERCISE 18:30-19:30 NIKKI	CIRCUITS	STUDIO CYCLING 18:30 - 19:15 AYMEN		EARLY BURN	YOGALATES
19:05 - 19:50 HANNAH	TTB 19:05 - 20:00 HANNAH	19:05 - 20:00 HANNAH	HIIT 19:20 - 19:50 AYMEN		9:20 - 10:20 TARA	10.00-11.00 SANDRA
PILATES	STUDIO CYCLING		STEP			
20:00 - 21:00 TARA	20:05 - 20:50 JUDIT		19:50 - 20:35 AYMEN			

All Studio classes are **FREE** for Members. **£5/£4** for non-members.

Please book in advance at the CSA Reception or call us on **01223 264 444**

Members can book **8 days** in advance, Non Members **7 days** in advance!

## Snowflake Tea Parties

Could you help raise funds for Home-Start by hosting a tea party with your family and friends from your office, playgroup, school, book club etc.?

We will supply you with a “tea bag” fundraising pack with ideas for all you need to host an event - the pack includes invites for your use, a snowflake cutter and recipes for any cakes or biscuits you may want to make for your event. This is a great way to get your friends and family together before or after Christmas. Home-Start is asking people to raise money to support vulnerable children who are unique and fragile as snowflakes. This ties in with Home-Start’s unique, tailor-made support for children, delivered with parents, in the family’s home.

The appeal runs from 1st November – 31st January.



Kirsty Allsopp, Homestart Ambassador says, "Please join me raising money for The Snowflake Appeal so Home-Start can keep supporting unique and fragile children. Home-Start is in there, making a difference each and every day. It is changing all our communities for the future. It prevents parents' difficulties from becoming their children's problems".

If you would like to host a tea party, please call 01763 262262 or email [admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)

## Blue Smile Christms Quiz

60 questions about Cambridge

Great to do on your own - fun for the family

For your free copy of the quiz email [celiadickinson@btinternet.com](mailto:celiadickinson@btinternet.com) or phone 01223 262176.

Return your entry with a £5 donation to enter the draw to win a £50 book token and help a local children's charity.



## The Challenge November Solution and Winner

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Down the tube...

KENTON	Landlord of The Bull in The Archers ?
ROYAL OAK	Where Charles 1 and Cpt.Careless hid.
CYPRUS	Mediterranean island (or crepe material).
VAUXHALL	A make of car.
HOMERTON	A Cambridge College.
PIMLICO	Passport needed here once, in old film.
SWISS COTTAGE	Where Heidi lived ? In Camden ! Yes & No.
SEVEN SISTERS	A number of senior nurses.
PADDINGTON	Someone cuddly from Peru ?
ANGEL	Gabriel was one, so was Azreal.
BANK	Coutts is a very old one, founded 1692.
BARBICAN	Fortified gateway of a castle.
MONUMENT	Doric column commemorating Great Fire of London.
ROYAL ALBERT	Albert of Saxe-Coburg was one.
MANSION HOUSE.	Official residence of Lord Mayor of London
VICTORIA	Jenny Coleman fills this role.
CRYSTAL PALACE	A building destroyed by fire in 1936.
HIGHGATE	Cemetery where Karl Marx is buried.

November Winner: Jenny Brown, Barton Road

October Winner: Lynne Crompton, Harbour Avenue

## The Challenge - Sponsored by Budgens of Comberton

Your task this month is simply to list 15 examples of a book, film, place or official title etc which contains the word "LORD".

Plurals accepted but no individual titles eg LORD Sugar.

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Entries to Budgens, Library or Surgery please no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> January. The prize of £10, generously donated by Budgens, is to be spent in store.

Name.....