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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
1 st 3 rd 4 th Mon	7:00pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 rd Mon	7:30pm	Wine Makers	VH
Tues	10:30-12noon	Village Cafe & Crafts	VH
Tues	6:30-8pm	Keep Fit	CVC
2 nd Tues	7:45pm	Women's Institute	VH
4 th 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	8-10pm	Shuttles Badminton	CVC
Wed (term)	2-3:30pm	Bumps and Babes	Baptist Church
2 nd 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 nd Thurs	2:30pm	Friendship Club	VH
4 th Thurs	2:30pm	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	6-9pm	Tae Kwon Do	Meridian School
2 nd Fri	8pm	Custard Comedy	CVC
3 rd Fri	7pm	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10-11am	Park Tennis	Park
VH = Village Hall		CVC = Comberton Village College	

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Upcoming Events

Sept

9	Short Tennis	CVC
13	Friendship Club	VH
15	CAGA Autumn Show	Meridian School
15	Comberton Choir Come and Sing	Emmanuel URC
16	Harvest Thanksgiving	St Mary's
27	Oasis Tea	VH
28	Lunch Club	Cafe at Wyzing

Oct

6	Accorde FOSM	St Mary's
13	Apple Day	Burwash

Important People for the Village

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From the Editor

Dear Comberton,

What a wonderful summer we've had! The sun really did shine - perhaps for a little bit too long if my garden is anything to go by. As a child I remember summer days straching into almost infinity, with a sudden bang as term started again. The start of Septmeber is upon us, which means that the academic year kicks off once more. This can be a time of great challenge and change for some children as they change school or start the biggest set of qualifications they'll ever take.

Maybe you havent been in school for many years now, but the start of the new academic year can be a chance for change. Maybe this can be your opportunity to try something new. There are plenty of options for this in Comberton. Just this month, I've come across three groups that I'd not realised existed in the Village. A bridge club, a short tennis club and the shuttles badminton club. Each a great chance to try something new, relive past joys or hone existing skills. Do search them out in this *Contact* and see if any of them tickle your fancy.

Have a great month!

Yours,

Chris

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Services and Events in June (at St Mary's Comberton unless otherwise noted)

Sunday 2 Sept	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 Sept	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship
Sunday 16 Sept	9.30am	All Age Harvest Thanksgiving with a display of Allotment Association prize winning produce
Sunday 23 Sept	8 am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Gift Day A Service of Holy Communion
Thursday 27 Sept	2.30 pm	Oasis Tea in the Village Hall
Sunday 30 Sept	8.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Toft St Andrew's Lordsbridge Team United All Age Holy Communion at Comberton St Mary's

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Friends of St Mary's

Friends of St Mary's Workshop welcomed Gallery Quire members from 8 counties.

The All Day Workshop on Saturday 30th June in St.Mary's Church was led by the Musical Director of the Bedford Gallery Quire, Ken Baddley. From 11.00am to 5.00pm 65 voices and musicians, including violin, viola, flute, clarinette, tenor recorder, double bass, Ophicliede, worked through eleven pieces of workshop music.

With a lunch break from 12.30 to 2.00 most members picnicked in the churchyard, or took lunch in the Three Horseshoes, or explored the village via the Causeway.

The voices of Bedford Gallery Quire (BGQ), The Greenwood Quire (Lincs) & Norfolk West Gallery Quire were swelled by members from over five counties, including Warwickshire, Derbyshire, Hants and Essex together with nine attendees from Comberton.

Unfortunately competing with the World Cup, the Concert from 6.00 to 7.00pm was only attended by 19, and thus missed by many !



However with donations given for chilled water, elderflower & oranges juices, tea, coffee & biscuits throughout the day, the Retiring Collection, and other donations FOSM raised £475.75, which ultimately with Gift Aid, will increase our total fund from this event to over £590.

Our thanks go to Linda Reed, Treasurer of BGQ, and Ken for the organisation of this fabulous educational and entertaining Workshop and Concert for Comberton and supporting FOSM.

Jane & David Hughes

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Friends of St Mary's Cont.

Songs at St. Mary's, Open Gardens and more to come

Song Cycle

We were most lucky to get the Song Cycle Team to perform at St Mary's on 28th April.

A number of people from Comberton and surrounding villages came and enjoyed a wonderful evening.

We had nibbles and wine/juice in the interval and some really entertaining songs all sung without an instrument in sight. We hope to get them back to perform a different set of songs in September 2019.

Open Gardens 2018

On Saturday & Sunday 7th/8th July 2018 between 2-5 pm we had 9 gardens open, three of which provided refreshments and one provided plants.

FOSM wish to thank the following for opening their gardens for Comberton Villagers to visit:

Alan Adams , Andrew & Louise Clippingdale - with the help of Lucy, Anna, Tess & Marie, Robert & Penny Cook, Godfrey & Pauline Curtis, Tony Hosking, David & Jennie Oates, Tim & Gill Redman, Michael & Gertraud Short and Malcolm & Nerys Wright, West Street.

We are indebted to The Coton Orchard Garden Centre for their generosity in producing and also printing the programme free of charge. We thank those providing refreshments at three of the gardens for which they did not claim expenses. Not to forget all of the garden owners who will have expended much effort, and sometimes expense, in preparing their gardens for viewing by the public.

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Comberton Bridge Club

The club is in desperate need for more members or it will almost certainly close. We play a friendly game of Rubber Bridge on Wednesday afternoons at the Village Hall. If you are interested or would like further information - even if your play is a bit rusty - please telephone Sylvia Robertson on 263474 before 8th Sept if possible as we are due to start playing again on 12th Sept 2018 at 2pm after our summer break

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Friends of St Mary's Cont.

These efforts have raised over £770 towards the repairs to St. Mary's Church.

This event was organised by Malcolm & Nerys Wright, to whom FOSM gives a well-earned round of applause!

October Concert

Looking forward on Saturday October 6th at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Comberton there will be a Concert by Accorde in aid of Friends of St Mary's.

Accorde is an acapella choir, conducted by Andrew Foxley. They sing a wide range of music - early music through light contemporary including gospel and Gershwin. This looks to be a night to enjoy.

Grants and Funding

Great News!

We have been told that we have been granted £1000 towards the restoration and repair works to prevent water ingress to St. Mary's as part of the SCDC Community Chest funding.

In addition during the coming months FOSM hopes to donate the significant amount of £14,000 towards other repairs to the Church having started this July, thanks to the funds raised above and on previous events. Please do continue to support our endeavours and join us to help in any way.

Richard Ellera
Treasurer

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Parish Log Book

I wanted to learn more about the years of the Great War 1914 – 1919 and so I visited the Records Office of the County Archive in Cambridge. One of our Churchwardens, Mary Jenkins, was my guide. In particular, I wanted information about the Church Organ, which is also the Village War Memorial for World War I.

What I discovered was that when the Rev. Percival Gardner-Smith (Vicar of Comberton 1916 – 1923) was in his second year as Vicar, he opened a blank book and began by writing the following;

"Foreword

"These are days in which records are kept of everything. Not only are births, marriages and deaths registered with the utmost care, but events of much less consequence are duly noted and recorded.

"In some vast palace of pigeon-holes the Government records the amount of our incomes, the number of our days, the horsepower of our motors, and even the illnesses from which we suffer. What the Government does, we all do.

Some keep diaries; some labour at accounts, parochial, household and personal; some write minutes of proceedings of committees and societies innumerable; all of us seem convinced that our own doings are of such vast importance that posterity should be provided some record of our activities.

"Yet a Parish Log Book is a rarity. Many incumbents labour to puzzle out the history of the past, few think it worthwhile to record the history of the present. Are we not as interesting as our fathers?

"At least the historical researches of our successors would be greatly facilitated if we took the trouble to leave behind some record of the main events in the parishes in which we are called to work. The entries might be trivial, but time lends interest even to trivialities, and it is always possible that some record may be useful in the days to come.

"So we are determined to begin a Parish Log Book, expressing the hope that it will be passed on to our successors and kept with the registers of the Church."

P. Gardner-Smith 2 .XI. 17

Parish Log Book Cont.

In his retirement, the Rev. Gardner-Smith also wrote "Comberton Parish Church, a descriptive and historical account". It is a ready source of study about our ancient Church.

Come and buy one and help support the cost of all the repairs going on this year!

Meanwhile I will continue the search to uncover the story of the Organ!

David Hughes
Friends of St Mary's.

PS. Please keep 6th October free - our next fund-raising concert!

Shuttles Badminton Club

Shuttles is your local friendly badminton club which meets in the sports hall at Comberton Village College every Wednesday (except where it falls on a Christmas or New Year holiday) from 8pm until 10pm.

We are a mixed sex friendly club who play for fun on a peg system whereby we rotate players coming on and off so that you will never have to wait too long for the next game and you are always ensured a good variety of games with different players – some games are very competitive, some are more relaxed but they are all very good fun.

We play doubles and our members range from teenagers to retired ladies and gentlemen. It really is a club for everyone.

Several members retire to the Three Horseshoes at 10pm (and some even earlier!) for a chance to enjoy more civilised conversation over some much-needed refreshment.

We have Christmas nibbles at the pub as well as an annual dinner in the new year. It really is a very sociable club and a chance to make new friends.

We would love you to come along and join us. We are a little low on female players so ladies would be especially welcome!

Check us out on our website at www.shuttlesclub.org.uk or our Facebook page at facebook.com/shuttlesclub

Shuttles Badminton Club Cont.

Just bring a racket and come along – have a free try-out then adult fees are £75/year, £35/term or £6/session with concessionary student rates available.

For further information please contact Gill or Steve on 01223 262151, secretary@shuttlesclub.org.uk or just turn up – we would be delighted to see you!

Comberton Library

Opening Hours:	Monday:	10am – 1pm	
	Wednesday:	10am – 1pm	2pm - 5pm
	Friday:		2pm - 5pm
	Saturday:	10am – 1pm	

More details can be found on the Library Service website at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

We have had a lovely summer in the library with all our children, families and young volunteers, who have made the Summer Reading Challenge such a success again this year; a big thank you to Rhys, Jude, Anna, Evie and Kate for all their help and enthusiasm. We really appreciate the time and support you have given us.

The Reading Challenge

If your children still need to complete the Challenge, we have our final drop-in sessions on Monday 3rd September and Saturday 8th September, from 10.30 – 12 noon. We will be

celebrating the success of our fantastic children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge at our ceremony on Saturday 22nd September at 11.00 am.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions:

10th and 24th September, 8th and 29th October (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! We have a lovely volunteer running the sessions and it is great fun for both children and adults.



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The Library Cont.

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The season of events starts on Saturday 15 September and continues until Saturday 15 December.

The events at Cambourne Library are:

Mosaic Workshop
Saturday 15th September
10.00-12 noon
£5 (£2.50 concession)

Lady Chillers (suitable for 14+)
Wednesday 17th October
7.00 pm
£7 (£4/£5)

Samba Drumming
Thursday 15th November
6.00 -8.00 pm
£5 (£2.50)

A Taste of Latin
Friday 7th December
7.00 pm
£7 (£4/£5)

The Library Presents team are looking for volunteers to help with setting up our libraries for events.

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Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association

Autumn Show Saturday 15th September Meridian School

Show Brochure amendments

Class 308 should read 'Treacle Tart'

Class 330 Should read 'Blackberry Cake MEN OVER 16 ONLY See set recipe'

Vegetables, Flowers and Fruit:

When I wrote the article for July Contact we were enjoying the sunshine following that cold wet Spring. The sunshine has continued and the ground has now changed from cold and soggy to very hard and dry with deep fissures in the clay. This does not bode well for the vegetable, flower and fruit classes in the Autumn Show, those plants and crops we are managing to keep alive are generally not as big as normal and maturing much earlier.

If you have crops please do not be put off exhibiting them, as always it is the same for everyone and this could just be your year for winning a prize!

Our judges kindly give their time voluntarily so please help to make their trip to Comberton worthwhile!

Photography –an additional class!:

You may have seen from the brochure that we have introduced an additional subject 'Class 223 The Long Hot Summer' so you can exhibit the photos you have taken that best express in some way this unusual period in our weather.

Cookery:

We may be down on garden produce this year so why not boost the show with some of the many opportunities in the brochure to show off your cookery skills. There are even two set recipes for you to follow 'Class 311 Cherry Cake' and for the men 'Class 330 Blackberry Cake' with a chance to take home the Gerry Hall Trophy.

We have a new Cookery judge this year so let's show her what our village can produce!

Handicraft and Winemaking:

the classes are the same as previous years so more opportunities to show your handiwork and encourage others.

Childrens' Classes:

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CAGA Cont.

creativity; there are 17 classes for them to choose from across cookery, handicraft and vegetables plus, of course, the artwork subjects.

I look forward to receiving your entries and seeing you on the 15th; the success of the show this year depends on you more than ever.

Full details of all the Show Classes are in the Show Brochure delivered to your door at the beginning of August; or available in the local shops if you have not received a copy.

Summer Barbecue :

Our Summer Barbecue was held on 14th July at the Long Road allotment site on a balmy summer's evening and 32 people enjoyed good food and good company 'till late.

*Robin Worship
CAGA Secretary
robin.worship7@gmail.com*

Village Hall Supper 2018

On Friday 20th July 65 guests helped celebrate the 90th Village supper.

The weather was lovely, although we were glad of the air-conditioning. We were entertained well by 5 Toft musicians & singers. The guests enjoyed a lovely meal followed by a piece of birthday cake.

Don Fisher was congratulated & thanked for his 50 years' service as a trustee & President of the Village Hall committee— no time off for good behaviour then!

The trustees wish to thank everyone who helped make it a success and to our guests thank you for coming. See you next year.

The Village Supper is funded by the Easter & Christmas Fayres at the Village Hall. This year's guests are automatically sent an invitation next year. If you or your partner are 65 or over, a villager & would like to join us next year, please look out for July 2019 *Contact* for details or phone Marian Dymott on 01223 263292 before then.

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Val Westgarth 14/01/31 - 20/07/18

Mum moved to the village in July 1961, Comberton always was a very special place, she enjoyed working at the school and worshipping at St Mary's and the Baptist Church.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind messages of support following the death of my mum. I would also like to thank everyone who attended mum's funeral service on 6th August at St Mary's. It was truly moving to see the church packed and everyone speaking so fondly of mum.

I have been overwhelmed by the support and generous donations in mum's memory (For the centenary restoration project of the war memorial/Church organ). Mum would be so pleased that the church organ, that she so loved playing, will be restored to mark the centenary of its' installation.

If anyone would like to contribute to the restoration, donations can still be left at 14 Hillfield Road. Thank you once again...

*Chris Westgarth,
Daughter.*

Arson Attack

My mother Josephine Moore had an arson attack on her barn and sheds on 20th June at about 2pm, which were on her land in Branch Road, Comberton.

She would like to say a very big thank you to the gentleman who went to her door and told her the buildings were on fire. She thinks he was also the one who phoned for the fire brigade, so thank you very much for doing that.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the fire brigade who came out from several different areas to tackle the fire, and for their kindness to us all.

*Belinda Coxall
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Comberton Lunch Club

The dates for upcoming lunch clubs are as follows;

28th September The Cafe at Wyzing Arts

26th October Wimpole Hall

23rd November The Blue Lion, Hardwick

Please telephone Frances on C.264230 if you would like to join our friendly group.

Comberton Friendship Club

June 14th

We held our annual Strawberry Tea, once again provided by our hard-working committee. A wonderful array of various sandwiches and home-made cakes, finishing off with strawberries and cream. A raffle was held with a very large number of prizes provided by our members.

July 12th

We had asked members to bring in memorabilia of special events that had happened in their life. There was a wonderful collection of photographs showing the history of the club, also individual photos of members past personal history. Alan Adams had been to Buckingham Palace to be awarded the M.B.E. by the Queen. Peter Brown had a letter from Buckingham Palace thanking him for driving the Royal Train carrying the Queen from Liverpool Street Station to Kings Lynn, and many other fascinating stories.

August 9th

Our club was first started in 1958, so this year we celebrated our 60th anniversary by having lunch at the Meridian Golf Club. We invited four former members to join us, Margaret Bloor (former treasurer) and Arnold Bloor. Joyce Mace (former chairman) and Mick Mace.

A group photograph was taken before we settled down to enjoy a really superb lunch, after which a quiz took place regarding events in our founding year.

Finally we had the cutting of the celebration cake by our present chairman, Sue Allen, together with our longest serving member Jessie Cambers plus Margaret Bloor and Joyce Mace. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Next meeting September 13th at 2.30pm which will be our Harvest Festival. Produce needed please. New members always welcome.



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The works we are rehearsing this season are *Vierne*: Messe Solennelle, *Poulenc*: Gloria, *Franck*: Panis Angelicus, and *Faure*: Cantique de Jean Racine and the annual concert will be in the wonderful Chapel of Trinity College, with a professional organist and soloist. This will be on Saturday, May 4th 2019. These are all lovely works to sing, do come and join us.

There are no auditions - just enthusiasm and a love of music!! The Annual fees are £110 for the year, £55 for students -- good value for money as we meet around 30 times in the season!!

We are hoping to have a Come and Sing day as an introduction to these works - numbers permitting, on Saturday 15th September at the Emmanuel United Reform Church, Trumpington Street, Cambridge from 10.00am - 4.00pm, £10 for the day - a Masterclass with Richard Laing! Music will be provided. For further details of this, please either call on 01223 262990 or email sueallin11@btinternet.com

Do come and join us, it would be lovely to have some new members!!

Susan Allin

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Comberton WI

This month as part of our celebration of the 70th anniversary of the NHS we continued the medical theme with a talk on the life of James Barrie, a medical surgeon.

Barrie was born in 1795 and died in 1865. He was a medical doctor who joined the army and served in many places abroad as an army doctor. He quickly became recognised as an exceptional surgeon and a keen advocate of cleanliness in hospital situations. He served in many foreign countries with the army and eventually became the inspector general of military hospitals..

He was actually the first person to successfully perform a caesarean in Africa and apart from his work in the military hospitals he became known for his work in improving the life of the inhabitants of countries where he served in the army.

This seems a very straightforward life of an exceptional doctor but when he died the woman who was sent to lay out the body dashed out declaring that the body was that of a woman.

Some how this person had successfully avoided detection throughout her life in the army. After many years of speculation and research it was established that the doctor was a woman named Margaret Anne Bulkley, the daughter of a grocer from Cork.

This was established by comparison of the handwriting of Margaret as a young adult and two letters written by James Barrie.

How the secret was kept is difficult to imagine and particularly at a time when it would have been an impossibility for a woman to have qualified as a doctor. An intriguing story and still somewhat of a mystery.

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We are a thriving club providing football for boys and girls from ages 5-18. Most teams are full to capacity but we still have places available in our new Girls U11 team (school years 5 & 6) funded by the FA's 'Grow the Game' grant.

We are also hoping to form an U9 Girls team (school years 4 & 5). Please contact Barbie our Girls' Secretary on 07929 592156.

There is also training available at Comberton Village College Astro on Saturday mornings 9-10am for younger boys and girls. Please contact Alex Minei on 07538 273420 or just turn up.

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The Sick Children's Trust is 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."

Bring your apples down to be identified by the EEAOP - and don't forget to get a few extra to be pulped and juiced! Cam Valley Orchards will be selling and discussing their heritage apple varieties, and there will be all sorts of apple games, stalls & crafts to enjoy.

Get inspired at our cooking demonstrations throughout the day and tuck into lots of apple themed treats at the various food stalls and in the fabulous Larder & Food Hall. If all that sounds like thirsty work, then why not pay the juice, cider & craft beer bars a visit.

Apples aside, there are activities to keep you busy all day, take a ride on a miniature steam train, listen to the fabulous Sawston Steel Band or watch displays of many traditional activities, from falconry to willow and coppice crafts - There's also plenty to keep little ones occupied with Jezo the Magician, face painting, pony rides, fairground, assault course and the ever popular tractor and trailer rides around the farm.

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Parish Council Report from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 11 July 2018.

Co-options to the Parish Council

The Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Tim Scott and Pamela Black as members of the Council. There remains one vacant seat on the Council.

If anyone is interested in applying, please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council encourages residents to consider joining the Council and undertaking this important role.

Recreation Ground Co-ordinator and Handyman

Following the recent resignation of Mr Mister as Handyman and Recreation Ground Co-ordinator, the Parish Council would like to thank Mr Mister for all his hard work during his time in this role, and to express appreciation for keeping the village well maintained and tidy. As the Council is sure you will agree, the village has been looking much improved of late. The vacancy will be advertised in due course.

Bennell Farm reserved matters application

This application was concerned with details of the appearance, layout, landscaping and scale for 90 dwellings with associated roads, footpaths, landscaping and open space. The Parish Council reiterated its previous objections including: the height, design and location of the proposed affordable homes, which are not in keeping with the surroundings; the position of the pumping station; overlooking of adjacent properties; and the effect on the sewerage system.

Application for extension at the Baptist Church

In May 2017 the Parish Council recommended refusal for an application on the grounds of overdevelopment, lack of car parking spaces, highway safety and inappropriate incursion into the Green Belt. As the Council believes that nothing has changed from the previous application, it has therefore reiterated its comments and objection.

Local Highways Improvements Scheme

A bid for speed reducing measures in the village is being submitted under the Local Highways Improvements Scheme.

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Colin Davies

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The Energy Challenge

Good luck young scientists at Meridian Primary School who will be taking part in The Energy Challenge from September!

The Energy Challenge is a science-focused competition organised by AstraZeneca and MedImmune for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 in Cambridgeshire. If your school hasn't signed up to The Energy Challenge there is still time!

The Energy Challenge will be running throughout the next academic year with a grand final scheduled to take place in June 2019.

The challenge is aligned with the National Curriculum and is designed to help children recognise the impact of diet and

exercise on their bodies. The participants will have fun whilst working scientifically; recording measurements, observing data and drawing conclusions.

Furthermore, the challenge is completely free and participating schools will be assigned STEM mentors from AstraZeneca and MedImmune to support their pupils as well as receiving a scientific mechanical balance, to keep, for use both as part of The Energy Challenge and in their own STEM teaching into the future.

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Group Commander Kevin Napier, head of community fire safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We want to help ensure that people enjoy the sunny weather while it's here safely. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can develop quickly."

There are seven simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Ensure cigarettes are completely out
2. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation
3. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass
4. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire
5. When camping, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure it is completely out before you leave it
6. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing
7. Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

Open Call for Submissions

The pages of the Contact are filled with submissions from the local community. Maybe you have the contents of part of the next edition within you.

got decades worth of memories of Comberton to inspire us with. Perhaps you are a budding journalist and want to have a go at reporting on a village event.

This is an open call for all form of submission. Perhaps you've written some poetry and would love to share it. Maybe you've

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| Old carstarter..... | A rocking stone..... |
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| A stalk of corn..... | Old Pliny was one..... |
| A type of comedy..... | Pink or red in tins..... |
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| Attenborough's planet..... | Big bad ?..... |
| American Indian..... | 37.5 gallons of herrings..... |
| Bill of the old west..... | Amstrad founder..... |
| Pig in a ?..... | Train disaster bridge..... |
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Main Hall

Private (except evening social events)	£15
Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£12.50
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£30
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£60
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£200
Meeting Room or Community Room	£10
Committee meetings in Meeting/Community Room	£5

Non-Village and Non-Affiliated Community Group Use

Main Hall

Private (except evening social events)	£25
Non-Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£20
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£40
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£90
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£300
Meeting Room or Community Room	£15

Community Commercial and Commercial Letting charge on application to the Lettings Secretary.

Sessions run from 9am-1pm, 2pm-5:30pm and 6pm-10:30pm.
Midnight for Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Premises to be vacated by end of session.

Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1st January

Community Group Use means local groups operating on a non-commercial basis

Groups working with children or vulnerable adults will need to have Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult policies in place

Booking should be made with the Lettings Secretary, Mrs Stephanie Young on 01223 971006 or 07773 085479 between 9am-9pm.

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