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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis in Village Hall
Every Tuesday 2.00pm	Slow 'n' Low in Village Hall
Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesday evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School
1 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at Village Hall

APRIL 2010

3rd April	10.30a.m.	Easter Celebration at the Village Hall.
10th April	10.00am	Village Litter Pick - start at the Village Pond
11th April	10am	Church Spring Clean Day at St Mary's Church
13th April	7.45pm	WI Meeting at the Village Hall
14th April	7.30p.m.	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
19th April	7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers meeting at Village Hall
21st April		Village Hall AGM at Village Hall
22nd April	3.30pm	Nearly New Uniform Sale at Meridian School
24th April	10am - 1pm	Scouts Car Wash and Cake Sale at Meridian School

MAY 2010

15th May	10.00 a.m.	Comberton Gardens and Allotments Plant Sale at Nursery School
15th May	2pm - 4pm	Scouts Jumble Sale at Meridian School
9th May	7.30pm	Film: An Education at the Village Hall
17th May	7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers in the Village Hall

JUNE 2010

5th June		Comberton & Gardens visit to RHS Wisley.
16th June	7.30pm	Film: Young Victoria at the Village Hall

JULY 2010

10th & 11th July		Monday Studio
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Last month I hinted at a new venture for the Contact. I am in the process of redesigning the Contact website, www.combertoncontact.org.uk, as a facility by which Comberton residents can post small advertisements to sell unwanted goods. I hope that this idea will appeal to you all and that you will wish to use it and make it a successful new venture. The website is not yet up and running but it will be ready for launch very soon. I will give you a date in the next Contact. Instructions for its use will appear on the website itself. Spring cleaning season is coming up fast and here is a chance to turn your 'clutter' into petty cash.

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Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of Trustees to serve on Village Hall Committee

Any other business

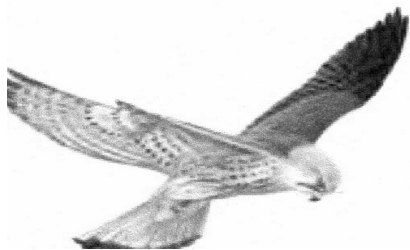
**Following the meeting, the Village Hall Secretary
Margaret Hardy, will give a short illustrated talk on
'India from the Inside' following her recent two months'
volunteer work in Tamil Nadu.**

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

The Parish Council is organising a litter pick morning on Saturday 10th April. We will be meeting at the Village Pond at 10.00am. Colin, the landlord of the village pub, has kindly offered to provide tea and coffee at the end of the litter pick at 1.00 p.m.

If you would like to see a clean and tidy village please call Simon Moffat on 01223 264 530 to volunteer your services for a few hours on the 10th April. You will need waterproofs, gloves and black bin bags.

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Meridian School, Comberton

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**We urgently need someone to deliver
Contact to Woottens Close.**

**If you are willing to do this please
contact Jenny Brown on 01223262495.**

Lost/Found

A number of old photos and negatives were found on the junction of Harbour Avenue and West Street.

Contact Emma on 01223 264 530.

UNWANTED?

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 10 March 2010

Parish Council – Councillor Vacancy

Comberton Parish Council still has a vacancy and warmly invites any parishioner who would like to serve on the Parish Council to contact the Clerk to apply.

New Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Karen Mahoney was welcomed to the meeting and to the village. PC Dave Hall has been appointed the new police officer for the village.

Cycle path Comberton to Toft

The condition of the path will be raised with Toft Parish Council.

Maintenance of open watercourses and ditches

This is the responsibility of the District Council. For more information contact Pat Matthews on 08450 450500.

Connection Bus

The Bus has been visiting the village most weeks on a Tuesday. The Parish Council has extended the contract for a further six months to the end of September 2010.

Comberton Village College parking

The Parish Council's working group was tasked with looking into a proposal for housing, open space and parking on land opposite the village college and bringing a recommendation to the next meeting on what if any action is required.

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Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Plan

Mr Halford was asked to make a response on the Parish Council's behalf on the proposed borrowpit at Madingley.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr John Cornell	16 Barrons Way	263566
Mr Ted Halford	69 Swaynes Lane	262531
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Dorothy Morison	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
Mr Tom Serby	Home Farm, 250 Barton Road	262303
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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Rev. Michael Booker tel: 01223 260095

email: contact@combertonchurch.co.uk

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Churchwardens: Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215
Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** should be made with the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Mike Booker. Please also ring Mike if you have any needs which you would like remembered in prayer.

Services and Events at St Mary's in April Holy Week and Easter

Monday 29th March to Friday 2nd April

Thursday 1st	8.00pm	Church open each day 11.00am - 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion at Toft Methodist Church
Friday 2nd	9.30am	Prayer and Meditation at the Cross

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Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion
(Easter Day)	9.30am	He is Risen! Easter Family Communion
Saturday 11th	10.00am onwards	church spring clean day
Sunday 11th	9.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer - a short service, followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special: God's Treasure

Take time to be with God this Holy Week and Easter. You are very welcome to any of the services at St Mary's, or simply to come into the church building to take time to think, to pray and to find quiet.

Please contact one of the clergy if you would like a lift to church this Easter. If you are unable to get out and would like to receive Communion at home we would be delighted to visit.

Our Children's Barn is now open. We are having great fun in the Xplorers group for children on Sunday mornings now there is space to make some noise and have even more fun! Meanwhile, there is a bit more quiet to worship and to learn in the church itself. Why not come and see for yourself?

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Detailed below are the main services at the Parish Church in Hills Road over the Easter weekend.

Maundy Thursday 1 st April	19.30	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 2nd April	9.30	Morning Prayer
	11.00	Stations of the Cross
	15.00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 3rd April	9.30	Morning Prayer
	21.00	The Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 4 th April	8.00	Mass
	9.30	Children's Mass
	10.45	Sung Mass (English)
	12.15	Polish Mass
	17.00	Sung Folk Mass
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COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

You are Welcome at Comberton Baptist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our morning services begin at 10.30 am - 12 noon and feature a mixture of traditional and contemporary music, engaging topics and a variety of speakers. Refreshments are served after the service. Children stay for the first part of this service and then have the opportunity to go to their teams in the 'The Lighthouse!'



PARENTS WITH INFANTS: At CBC we want to make everyone feel welcome, this includes our youngest guests. We have a crèche available during the service where parents with young babies can go if their children become restless – there is also a monitor so you can see and hear and still feeling part of the service.



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: The Lighthouse @ CBC are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years. For the under 2's there is also a crèche available. S.E.F is a group for teenagers aged 14-17 which meets every Sunday evening. Here young people can make friends and explore their faith together.



JUNIOR CHURCH is an exciting new programme for children and young people aged 2-13 years, with a newly formed group for 11-13yrs. Packed with great activities, craft, bible stories, singing, games and lots more...

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When: Every fourth Sunday of each month

Time: Doors open at 10.15am with activities starting at 10.30-11.45am

For more information please call Donna on 01223 264707 or 01954 211259

ALSO ON THE 4th SUNDAY: of every month running alongside Junior Church we will be having special short services between 10:30 - 11:45 am followed by refreshments in the church centre. We'll be looking at a range of issues – our theme this season beginning January will be Why? 7 Difficult Questions.



PRAYER & COUNSELLING: After each morning service members of CBC's Prayer Team will be available at the front of the church to pray with you regarding any needs you may have. CBC also offers confidential counselling on an ongoing basis, please contact the church office for more information.

For further information on any of the above please contact the church office on 01223 264707 or Dan@c-b-c.org.uk Our minister the Revd. Stephen Henderson can also be contacted on 01223 264707 or Stephen@c-b-c.org.uk. The Comberton Baptist Church website is: www.c-b-c.org.uk

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March was an extremely busy month for children at Meridian. In fact the week beginning 8 March was a positive whirlwind!

All the Reception children together with Years 1 and 2 went to the Folk Museum in Cambridge. This was spread over three days, with different year groups going on each

day. Once there (and, believe me, the coach trip itself caused great excitement) the children spent the morning learning about how the laundry was done in Victorian times. So there was much grating of soap, mangling and pegging out of washing. There was also the opportunity to dress up as a Victorian maid. In the afternoon the children learnt about how people entertained themselves before televisions, computers and ipods. So they experienced magic lanterns and zoetropes, which also linked very nicely with Science work on light.

Meanwhile, some of the older children went to the Fitzwilliam Museum, to learn more about the Egyptians (their special topic at the moment). A very spooky time was had by all! Then later in the week they took part in a Danceshare day at Comberton Village College, where children from the whole area performed a pre-rehearsed dance. Ours depicted 'robot children' and was most impressive (I couldn't resist a couple of visits to the rehearsals).

Finally, some of the older children had a History Off the Page day in school on the Ancient Greeks. This company provide a range of very enjoyable activities, including: making olive oil to light a lamp; making a Greek pot; designing and making jewellery; pretending to be an archaeologist; and being a theatre audience. The children were all suitably dressed for the occasion – we have some great photos!

While all this was going on, we were also having a Science Week, during which every class had a visit from a real scientist, covering everything from bird migration to volcanoes.

By the end of the week both children and staff were pretty much exhausted. However, the amount of thoroughly enjoyable learning which went on was huge. Forgive me if I end by praising our children once again. I lost count of the number of compliments they received on their behaviour, great questions and their Meridian Manners. We are very proud of them all.

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On March 5th 2010 at 8.35 a.m., Mr Roger Adcock walked up to the top of the steps leading to the old school stage. From there, he addressed the whole of Comberton Village College's Year 7. This might initially appear an unremarkable event. However, at 2.15 p.m. on January 5th 1960, the same Mr Roger Adcock had walked up those



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same steps and stood in precisely the same position to address the whole of the school population at the first ever assembly of Comberton Village College. The event of March 5th just past was thus, in truth, a remarkable act of history. Our first official event of our official 50th Anniversary celebrations was marked by a re-enactment of the very first school assembly taken by the very same person: the original Warden of the College, Mr Roger Adcock. All of us present, both staff and pupils, could not help but be powerfully struck by this piece of real living history. It was strengthened further when Roger Adcock was introduced at the end of the assembly to a member of Year 7 whose grandfather had been one of the college's original pupils. I was able to read to Year 7 his written entry in the first ever college magazine, 'The Trusty Servant', about a particular early incident at the school. It was hard to think how we could have had a more powerful sense of history.

Roger Adcock, visiting with his wife Audrey, was on tremendous form throughout the two days of official celebrations. He spoke, together with Prof. Mike Thorne, Vice Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin University, at the opening ceremony of our new facilities at lunch-time on 5th March. He then conducted the whole of the audience at our special music concert that evening in a rendition of the original school anthem (that had been chosen by him). He proceeded to offer some words and a toast to the college the following evening at our celebratory dinner and dance. It was great to enjoy his wit and hear his many tales about the college in its early days.

The theme of Roger Adcock's talks was to have been how things have changed. In many ways, this is obviously true. Year 7 is now bigger than the whole of the original school population; the technology used in the school was described by him as 'science fiction' when seen from the perspective of 1960. However, he said that what really struck him was how, in some ways, things had really not changed. Of course, the original stage was still there for him to stand upon and deliver an address to pupils in assembly. However, much more than that, he recognised strongly what he saw as the true village college. Pupils were interested, polite and enthusiastic. The local community were in the building in various ways participating in a number of events. The staff knew each other well and were clear and positive about what the school was all about. There was a strong community ethos. Interesting to think that the original Warden's main observations were of constants rather than changes. That is probably a really powerful observation for us all.

A special publication has been produced for the 50th Anniversary. It marks the first attempt ever to produce some sort of written history of Comberton Village College. Many copies were given out during the official two days of celebrations. However, lots of extra copies have been made. If members of the community would like to have a free copy, then simply just ask at the main reception and it will be made available.

Stephen Munday

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Comberton Friendship Club meeting was held on Thursday March 11th, our speaker being Robert Boorman, Deputy Vice Chairman of COPE which is short for Cambridge

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COMBERTON WI

Our speaker in March was Eva Clarke who gave a very moving and powerful talk about her family's experience of the holocaust. The talk was illustrated with family photos so members were able to connect with the different characters. Eva's parents had met in Czechoslovakia and married in 1940. As Jews they faced increasing numbers of restrictions until they were finally ordered to go up to the Theresienstadt concentration camp. They survived three years of forced labour until her father was sent to Auschwitz in 1944. Eva's mother volunteered to follow him knowing that she was pregnant with Eva. Sadly they never met again. Eva's mother was sent to a munitions factory near Dresden to help build V1's. She experienced the aerial raids on Dresden but survived only to be transported to Mauthausen death camp in Austria. She somehow survived a three week journey without food and gave birth to Eva as they entered the camp. By chance the Nazis knew the allies were close by and had destroyed the gas chambers the previous day. The Americans liberated the camp three days later. Eva and her mother returned to Prague and found a surviving aunt. They settled in Britain in 1948.

It was a privilege to be able to hear this remarkable story firsthand and I would certainly recommend the speaker.

Date for your diary: April 13th 'Inn Signs of Town and Country' at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL

A bench seat and a plaque are now in place at the Village Hall to commemorate the contribution of Brian & Margaret Cook .

A state of the art Audio/Visual system has recently been installed. The sound system has been much improved and there is a large electrically operated screen. It is the intention to form a Film Club but in the meantime the Trustees of the hall are sponsoring the showing of full length films, the first of which will be on Wednesday May 19th and the second on June 16th (see advertisement elsewhere in Contact for further details.)

The Trustees would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping to establish a Film Club (Tel.262960).

The Audio/ Visual system is available to organisations using the hall for presentations etc after first contacting the Trustees for instructions in its operation. The system will be used during the AGM on 21st April.

The Hall continues to be very well used with bookings being made well in advance . To learn more come along to the AGM (see notice elsewhere in Contact:)

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The April Meeting of Comberton Winemakers is to be held on Monday April 19th at 7-30pm at Comberton Village Hall. This will be an Elimination meeting of homemade Wines. Please bring along any Homemade Wines, which can be either Red or White, Sweet or Dry in order that members can choose the best wines to represent the club at a future competition. At our May meeting arranged for May 17th we were hoping to host members of the Buckden Wine Club. Unfortunately they will not be able to attend this meeting, but we hope to join Buckden at their regular meeting which is to be held at Buckden on Thursday May 27th. Our meeting on Thursday May 17th will go ahead as planned and is listed in our 2010 Club Programme.

COMBERTON CRICKET CLUB

Comberton Cricket Club is looking for new players of any ability for the coming 2010 season. We are a friendly club who have a Saturday side and midweek evening team, which both play games against teams in the local leagues. The season starts in May and runs until September.

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COMBERTON CANTABILE CONCERT FRIDAY 14TH MAY in the VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

This year's concert will be dedicated to the memory of Margaret and Brian Cook who not only did much for the Village but were immensely supportive of the Choir. We will be joined by their daughter Rachel, a professional violinist, and their grandson, James, a French horn player. Most of the items we will be performing represent some of the types of music they enjoyed. We do hope you will be able to join us. Our poster, with more details, will be on next month's cover of Contact.

FASHION FOR CHARITY



This month's magazine cover was designed by Soroptimist Sue Lilburn, a member of the Cambridge Club. Soroptimist International is a world wide organisation for business and professional women, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. It also aims to build networks and friendships

between its members. Each year the President of our Club available locally from Cruickshank's in South Street. All ticket holders will be entitled to a 20% discount on purchases from one of the four shops involved in the show. There will also be prizes including four £25 gift tokens.

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COMBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL –UPDATE FOR PARISHES



Covering: Barton, Bourn, Caldecote, Cambourne, Caxton, Comberton, Coton, Croxton, Eltisley, Granchester, Hardwick, Kingston, Madingley and Toft.

What are they? Public meetings where you have the chance to have your say about issues that affect you. This could include safety issues such as crime, anti-social behaviour, road safety and traffic management, as well as other matters that affect the quality of life in your neighbourhood.

At the last meeting attendees from parishes, the police, the district and county councils considered:

1. Action taken against the previous priorities:

To continue targeted traffic enforcement in order to reduce all traffic offences including speeding, use of mobile phones whilst driving and lack of insurance/tax.

South Cambs 'Day of Action'

Joint action was undertaken by traffic officers, the local neighbourhood Policing team and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) licensing staff. Results:

3 Stops leading to search of occupants and vehicle.

5 Information reports submitted about local criminals.

5 Taxis stopped in partnership with SCDC licensing when 3 Formal warnings given regarding breach of licence conditions.

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Other Action – speed checks carried out in Comberton (2 tickets), Granchester (58 tickets), Longstowe (7 tickets), Eltisley, Lt. Eversden and Barton. In total 67 speeding tickets issued.

2. New Priorities Agreed:

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Then click on 'View Minutes'.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday 19th May at Comberton Village College, 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th August at S.C.D.C. Offices, Cambourne, 7.30pm

Wednesday 24th November at Comberton Village College, 7.30pm

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The land at Barton was originally church glebe land, and we maintain that link by referring to the site at Barton as Barton Glebe. As the years have passed, the trees and wild flowers planted and sown at the start of the scheme in a bare field have flourished, and the Glebe is a beautiful place to be, offering a natural beauty and openness which many churchyards and cemeteries cannot. A wide variety of wildlife is also now returning to the site, adding a new dimension to its development.

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December in our newly acquired land to the north of the existing ground), all of them of species indigenous to the local area. They include oak, ash, lime, wild service, wild cherry, silver birch, holly, willow barberry, whitebeam, yew and alder trees. All have been planted in a scheme designed by our Forestry Commission advisor.

Burials at Barton take place in the glades surrounded by trees, the graves ultimately becoming part of that glade or meadow in time, with the surrounding trees creating a living memorial to those who lie there. This means that there are no headstones or statues, and nothing that will be left to fall into disrepair as time goes on. For further information see our website (<http://www.arborytrust.org>).

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We are holding our Open Day this year on Wednesday June 16th from 10am to 4pm, with the opening of our newly extended Lodge, and all are welcome to attend. For details, see our latest newsletter on the website <http://www.arborytrust.org/newsletters.htm>).

Deryn Coe, Administrator.

LAWN CARE IN SPRING

The lawn at this time of year will start to look its best if cared for correctly. Feeding, weed control, seeding, edging, mowing will all help your lawn recover after a long cold winter.

Fertiliser

This is the time to feed and weed (preferably in that order).

Feed the lawn to encourage good strong growth and a healthy dark green colour. Controlled release fertilisers are best so you get steady growth.

Weed Control

It is essential to get the weeds actively growing before applying a selective herbicide either as a spray or admixed with the fertiliser. Spraying is by far more effective and longer lasting.

Actions required in Spring

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THE HERB GARDEN

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Arrangement of herb gardens

The classic arrangement is a 'knot garden' of herbs. The boundary may be circular or rectangular, but within that boundary, the planting is along geometrical lines. Since the plants are to be frequently cut for culinary use, access has to be simple and dry. Therefore, within the geometrical lines of plants, the internal spaces are usually left blank, with a gravel cover to stop weed growth. An alternative to gravel is bark chippings. A square herb garden 2 x 2 meters, or a circle of 2 meters in diameter, can provide a good crop of herbs throughout much of the year. A less attractive, but more functional arrangement is a chequer board pattern of square paving stones whereby each alternate space is filled with a single herb. At the centre, a sundial on a small pillar, or a bird bath, provides a focus for the eye. It will pay off to plan the garden well. Measure the site and draw the pattern to scale on squared paper. Design the planting of the herbs, taking into account colour and height of adjacent plants. Transfer the plan to the prepared garden area using string to get lines and sprinkling sand to outline the curves.

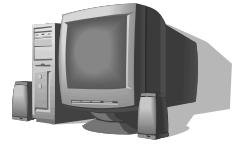
Herb selection

Lavender or rosemary can be employed to form a miniature hedge. If rosemary is used it will need constant trimming back to control excessive growth. It is also worth considering the leaf colour in your placement of herbs. Think of using silver, purple and green leaves. Use low growing plants to the outside and taller plants towards the centre. Avoid mint; this needs to have its roots contained, such as within a half barrel, to prevent it taking over the herb garden. Edible flowers like yellow and orange nasturtiums and marigolds, or blue-flowered hyssop and borage can be grown from an annual sowing. They liven up the presentation of a salad. Apart from the herbs already mentioned, think of growing a selection from this list: thyme, tarragon, basil, chervil, sage, sorrel, dill, fennel, chives, lemon balm, marjoram and parsley. All can be bought from garden centres, plant sales or sometimes from supermarkets.

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The start and finish point of the walk is at Milton Country Park, where you can choose a 3-mile, 8, 12, 16, 22, or 26-mile marathon route for the really energetic. The 3 mile route is within the Park and is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There really is something for all the family! All the walks are well signed with marshals, and there are convenient checkpoints on each walk offering refreshments and toilets for a well-earned break. If you enter as a team (which can be a family team) of 5–10 people of any age, you'll have the chance to win the Oxfam Team Trophy, if you raise the most sponsorship. A free return bus is available from the centre of Cambridge to the start of the walk, courtesy of Stagecoach.

Veronica Speirs, of Cambridge says, "We always have a great day. We're big supporters of Oxfam and its wonderful being part of a big, well-organized event attracting such a wide range of people."

This year, the Oxfam Walk aims to raise £50,000 for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund helping communities affected by natural and manmade disasters, including the thousands of people in desperate need of assistance following the earthquake in Haiti. To help us reach this target we ask each adult walker to pay a registration fee of £6 beforehand, or £10 on the day (children under 16 walk for free) and to raise at least £50. That's enough to pay for a hygienic toilet, vital for preventing the spread of disease in an emergency.

For more information and to register online visit www.oxfam.org.uk/walk or pick up a registration form from your local Oxfam shop.

All enquiries contact 0300 2001244 or e-mail events@oxfam.org.uk The Cambridge Oxfam Walk is organised by volunteers. We are currently looking for a new Chair to help organise the Walk from 2011. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer position please get in touch.

CAM SIGHT

Cam Sight is a local charity helping visually impaired people retain their independence and enjoy a better quality of life through giving emotional support, demonstrations of adapted equipment, social events, advice and volunteers help. Visually impaired people are our neighbours and many feel isolated in their own homes, because they are unable to get out without help, read their mail or a book and often long for someone to just visit for a chat. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give an hour or two a week to help either through visiting at home or driving to an event or even just lending an arm to go for a walk. If you feel you can help in any way please contact Joy Hallifax Volunteer coordinator 01223 420033 or email joy@camsight.org.uk

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MARCH RESULT & WINNER

The 8 answers were:-

KITE JESUS REGENT FITZROY
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Which I had assumed from the signposts around Cambridge to be historic districts
but which in the event are officially ‘ Van delivery areas ’ !!!

WINNER: JENNIFER BROWN.BARTON ROAD (one of only three entries)
Please help to ensure that Jenny does not make it hat-trick of wins in April.

THE CHALLENGE

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A total lack of direction.....or..... No N.E.W.S. is good news.

Each of the words listed below have had their cardinal points surgically removed.
The clues provided will assist you in reconstructing them back to their former glory.
Example. ‘Green’ might appear as GR--- (An environmentalist)

V _ _ U _	Office of a Bishop
T _ _ _ Y _ O _	A heavenly body, not mine!
_ _ _ T _ R _	A poet laureate
_ _ L _ H M _ _	A film about pasta ?
_ K _ L _ T O _	Fellows from Swansea
_ _ _ T M I _ _ T _ R	A type of key
_ _ P R _ _ _ O	Where expenses have been excessive
P _ _ G U I _ _	Single or double beverage
_ _ _ A M _	Emperors or chocolate biscuits
_ _ L _ O _	One of Ali Baba’s opening words
_ _ _ _ T _ _ _ R	He has the best view of Trafalgar Square
_ D _ L _ _ I _ _	Saccharin ?
_ L _ V _ _ _ _ _	A song from The Sound of Music
_ _ _ D L _ _	Mid morning break
_ _ _ _ Z _	Prominent south coast rocks
I _ _	Result of irritation of the inner nasal membrane
_ _ I _ _	A place fully booked some two millenia ago
	A strain of influenza

Entries please to Costcutter, Library or Green End Surgery by 14th April. The prize
of £5, generously donated by Nayna & Vijay, is to be spent in store.

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