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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
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 2011

6th April	7.30pm	Comberton Village Hall AGM at Village Hall
9th April	10.30 - 12.00	Metsothelioma Bring and Buy Coffee Morning at Nursery Way Community Room
12th April		WI Meeting at Village Hall
13th April	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
16th April	10.30 - 12.00	St Mary's Church Coffee morning at Village Hall
20th April	7.30pm	Another Year - Cinema at Village Hall
20th April	2.30-4.30pm	Bingo at Village Hall
23rd April	10.30-12.00	Easter Celebration at Village Hall
27th April	6.00pm	Bowls Club Roll-up at Recreation Ground

MAY 2011

1st May	2.00pm	Bowls Club Roll-up at Recreation Ground
4th May	7.00pm	Pink Rose Craft Evening at Village Hall
10th May		WI Meeting at Village Hall
13th May		Comberton Cantabile's Spring Concert at St Mary's Church
14th May	10am	Spring Plant Sale
15th May		Oxfam Walk at Wimpole Hall
25th May	7.00 - 9.00pm	Library Public Meeting at Village Hall

JUNE 2011

12th June		Fun Run at Meridian Primary School
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The Cambridge Building Society Local Magazine Awards has come round again. I have entered Contact so we'll see what happens. More people seem to be using the small ads website now. I would like to improve the layout and appeal of the website but am working close to the limit of my ability. Is there a willing volunteer who would feel able to give me some instruction on increasing my website design skills? Do let me know of any improvements you think I could make to your magazine and your website.

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For further information Sandra Hyde tel: 262075

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COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 6th April 7.30pm

Wine Reception

Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of Trustees to serve on Village Hall Committee

Any other business

Following the meeting one of the Trustees, Penny Cook, and her husband Robert will give a short illustrated talk on their recent visit to Chile.

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What's on at the Children's Centre

Monday: Speech and Language Drop-in. 4th Monday of the month –
12:30pm-2pm at the Children's Centre

Tiny Talk Baby Signing. Beginning 28 February at Toft Village Hall 1:45pm-
2:45pm. 6 week course. Please ring to book

Tuesday: Additional Needs Group 9:30am-10:30am at the Children's Centre.
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Stay and Play 2pm-3:30pm at Caldecote Playgroup

Wednesday: Childminders Group 10am-12pm at the Children's Centre

Thursday: Stay & Play for Under 2's 10am-11:30am at the Children's Centre

Ante Natal Clinic with Gillian Harrington 9:30am-12:30pm at the Children's
Centre

Saturday: Working Mum's Café 10am-11:30am at the Children's Centre. 1st
Saturday of the month.

COMBERTON BOWLS CLUB



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 9 March 2011.

Hillfield Road damage of grass

Further to the last month's report in response to complaints about the ongoing damage to the grass in Hillfield Road the Parish Council has considered its responsibilities to protect the grass areas and therefore decided to install wooden bollards on the grassed areas to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb and damaging the grass. The installation of the bollards will take place shortly. The Council will continue to monitor the grass in other areas.

Annual Parish Meeting

Every English Parish must have a Parish Meeting. All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting between the dates of 1st March and 1st June (inclusive). This is not a Council meeting but a meeting of registered electors.

The meeting will be held this year at 7.30pm on Weds 27 April. Come to the meeting and join in the discussions. Everyone welcome.

Is a Parish Meeting the same as a Council meeting? No. Although a Parish meeting is convened, chaired and minuted by the Parish Council, it is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of registered electors (including councillors who are registered electors).

What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting? - The purpose is to enable the registered electors to discuss parish affairs and to pass resolutions there-

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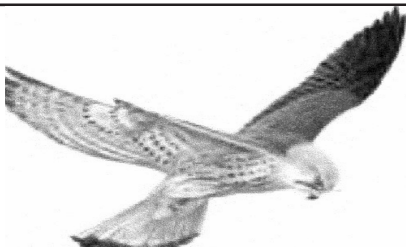
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on. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council (and higher tiers of local government) and community group leaders to explain their activities over the last year.

Who can attend the meeting? - Anyone may attend but only registered electors in the parish may speak and vote.

Will I be able to ask questions and make resolutions? - Yes, there will be an opportunity to ask questions of any of the speakers and also any registered elector may ask questions of the Council. Where ever possible and if the information is to hand then the questions to the Council usually be answered by the Chairman or by the Parish Clerk or a designated Councillor. Sometimes it is necessary to make enquiries after the meeting or refer the question to the Parish Council or someone else for an answer. If you have a question please send it to the Clerk as far in advance of the meeting if at all possible. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on parish issues and propose resolutions at the meeting. Resolutions relating to allotments are legally binding but all others are persuasive only, but will be considered by the Parish Council at their meetings.

Who will chair the meeting? – The Chairman of the Parish Council must chair the meeting, if present. In his absence the vice chairman must preside if present. If neither is able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairman from those electors present.

Will Parish Councillors be there? – Although there is no compulsion, Councillors normally attend. They will speak if required, but the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

Will notes be taken of the meeting? - Yes, a written record of the meeting will be taken by the Parish Clerk kept in a special book. The rules on the signature and admissibility of minutes are the same as those for Parish Council meetings.

How long will the meeting last? - As long as need be within reason but this is at the Chairman's discretion. It really depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. Generally, the meeting will last no longer than 2 hours.

Will the Press be there? - A table will be provided for the local press as the Council do for all their public meetings.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Having decided you want to be a councillor there's **THREE** things that need to be done.

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Decision Making

Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support and where money should be spent locally.

Monitoring

By keeping an *eye* on how well things are working councillors make sure their decisions lead to efficient and effective services.

Getting Involved Locally

Councillors, as local representatives, have responsibilities towards local people and organisations.

Effort required:

TIME - As with most things, the more you put in, the more you (and your community) will get out.

The Council employs a Clerk to support the Council in its work both at meetings and also between meetings.

Comberton Parish Council meets each month on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All members are encouraged to take on an area of responsibility to help share the workload and to ensure that the Council maximises its efficiency. The Council has one committee (Planning) and several working groups which offer members a chance to use their skills and knowledge for maximum benefit or to review a matter in more depth before a decision is reached. Sometimes these Committees or Working Groups will meet in between the meetings of the full Parish Council.

COST - Being a Councillor should cost you little. There is usually cover for subsistence and travel allowances if your duties take you out of your local Council's area. These allowances will be within a maximum laid down by the Government.

OK so you're ready!

Having decided that you want to be a councillor there's three things that need to be done

1. You need to **Qualify**
2. You need to complete **Nomination Papers**
3. You need to **Stand for Election.**

To Qualify You need to be:

- (a) a British or EU national citizen
- (b) 18 years of age
- (a) free of either a criminal record or bankruptcy
- (c) on the list of electors for that Parish
 - or during the whole of the preceding twelve months have either
- (i) occupied land as owner or tenant within the Parish.

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The Nomination Process

You must obtain from and when completed return to the Returning Officer a valid Nomination Paper containing details of your name and address plus your number and prefix letter from the current register of electors.

The Returning Officer has this information and the Clerk of the local council also normally has a copy if you need to double check your details.

The nomination paper must also contain similar particulars of a Proposer and a Secunder from the same Parish.

The Election Procedure

Ordinary elections of local councillors take place on the first Thursday in May every four years.

FOR COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL 2011 IS AN ELECTION YEAR.

The next Parish Council Elections are held on 5th May 2011.

Nomination papers need to be lodged by noon 4th April 2011.

The responsibility falls on **YOU** to make sure you complete the paperwork and get it in on time to the Returning Officer.

However you will find the Parish Clerk extremely helpful and she will generally give you guidance if you are new to the process.

Ask the Clerk at the Council how you can obtain a pack of information on standing as a councillor in the next local elections.

Further information is available on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website

www.scambs.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/Elections/BecomingaCouncillor.

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 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

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. 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.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

Team Rector - Rev Mike Booker

Revd. Michael Booker tel: 01223 260095

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

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

Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with Rev Mike Booker

Services and Events at St Mary's in April

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mothering Sunday All-Age worship
Sunday 10th	9.30am	A short service, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Palm Sunday - Morning Prayer and procession with palms
Holy Week and Easter		(St Mary's open all week)
Thursday 23rd	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 24th	9.30 am	Prayers and Meditations at the Cross
Good Friday	11.00am	Following Jesus on the way of the Cross - a service for all ages at St Andrew's, Toft
Sunday 24th Easter Day	9.30am	He is Risen! Easter Family Communion

At the end of this month we celebrate the greatest of the festivals of the Christian year. On Good Friday we remember with sadness the death which Jesus suffered out of love for the human race. Then on Easter Day we praise God that Jesus burst through death, and left it shattered and defeated. Whatever we face, in life and in death, God is more powerful, and more loving than we can ever fully understand. Please come and join in remembering the story and celebrating the Good News this 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.

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During Lent, there is a 'Hunger Lunch' every Wednesday after the 12.15 mass and on Friday evenings there are Stations of the Cross at 19.30.

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

Tuesday 19 th April	19.30	Penitential Service
Maundy Thursday 21 st April	19.30	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 22 nd April	9.30	Morning Prayer
	11.00	Children's Stations of the Cross
	15.00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 23 rd April	9.30	Morning Prayer
	21.00	The Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 24 th April	8.00	Mass
	9.30	Children's Mass
	10.45	Sung Mass (English)
	12.15	Polish Mass
	17.00	Sung Folk Mass
	18.15	Sung Mass (Latin)

As there will be no evening masses in Cambourne or Bar Hill on Holy Saturday evening, 23rd April, please check the Palm Sunday news sheet for details of masses at these two centres for Easter Sunday.

Further details of these and all other services for April may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly news sheet and other parish information.

www.olem.org.uk

THE WAGER

Shortly before Christmas, a good friend of mine and I bet a bottle of a fine single malt whiskey. We made our wager because I think the world is going to get warmer due to Climate Change over next ten years than it was over the previous 10 years, but he insists it will not.

I am prepared to risk something as precious as a bottle of single malt because I am persuaded that we are all risking a lot more. Our globalised industrial lifestyle has created a perfect storm of climate change, the end of growth in resource extraction and the economic decline of western democracies.

Writing as a Christian within a Baptist church, I cannot ignore our own contribution. It was an English Baptist lay preacher like myself, Thomas Newcomen, who in 1710 invented the first steam engine that operated by a piston moving in a cylinder.

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Burning coal and other fossil fuels must decline greatly in this century: these fuels are getting harder to extract and we have to stop putting all that carbon dioxide into the air. This means that electricity and running cars will get a lot more expensive, which means we will not be able to afford to use these nearly as much.

This means our lives will have to change. Central heating, cars and electrical appliances may become rarities. We will have to live simpler lives. Some would say poorer, but if we could organise ourselves so we don't actually need these things, then are we really poorer or are we just living more simply?

Why am I writing about this as a church person in a village magazine? I have two reasons.

First, Christ encourages us to live meeker, simpler lives. I feel we could do well to embrace His message as a positive aspiration rather than dismiss it negatively as a hair-shirt, spoil-sport, condemnation of living well.

Second, we will need to pull together to make the changes needed, because it won't be easy. Villages like ours are likely to regain their economic role as a centre to work in, not just to live in, but increasingly we will need to look out for one another as these changes accelerate.

Comberton Baptist Church is keen to do what we can to contribute to this transition in the village, even though it may take a lifetime to accomplish. We have a few ideas on how things could be developed, but of course ideas on their own don't solve problems, people working together do. If you are interested in exploring this further, do please contact us via our website.

If not, fancy a wager?

Graham Ford, on behalf of Comberton Baptist Church. www.c-b-c.org.uk

You are always welcome at Comberton Baptist Church.

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thority have now become subscription services. However, the budgets we are given have not increased to take this into account. This means that every school, however big or small, has to make some very hard decisions – do we buy in this service, or that one? Because, perhaps, we can no longer afford both, it seems to come down to -- what can we possibly 'do without'? It is very painful to be put in the position of choosing between services which in the past we have valued equally highly.

It is at times like these that I particularly value the support of Network 11. As I think I have mentioned before, this is an informal partnership of Comberton Village College and its ten feeder primary schools. We employ a co-ordinator who arranges an enormous number of joint events for children, focus groups for staff, as well as meetings for Heads and Chairs of Governors. As Heads, we have a dedicated Network 11 meeting for a whole morning each half term. It is there that we discuss how we can best work together for the good of all our children – and how we can support each other.

At the moment, those discussions are very much about opportunities for sharing resources, expertise and experience to mitigate the effects of the reduction in services. The government has made it clear that partnership is the way forward for schools and we feel very much vindicated in our decision to set up Network 11 about two years ago.

On a lighter note the Network 11 Year 3 singing event at CVC recently was a great success, with parents enjoying a performance of a wide range of songs sung by Year 3 children from various schools. Coaching workshops had previously been held by CVC students in the primary schools, offering great role models to the younger children. Also, by the time you read this, all the Year 6 children will have taken part in a Network 11 Careers Convention hosted by St John's College, Cambridge, where they will be introduced to a number of future career opportunities and asked to think about their own talents and enthusiasms.

Network 11 offers so much to all of the eleven schools involved – to the children and young people, to the staff, the governors and, not least, to the Heads.

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher

CVC TRUST FUND OPPORTUNITY

The CVC Trust Fund needs you!

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tary role may be a very valuable way of broadening your skill set or enhancing your CV if you happen to be out of the job market at the moment. Ideally 2 of the 3 new trustees will be willing to take on the roles of 'Vice Chair' and 'Secretary' following an induction period of shadowing the current post holders. For this reason we are particularly seeking applicants who have established skills in managing meetings or who would be willing to learn to how to do so.

The time commitment is modest. The CVC Trust Fund has experienced trustees in place who are very willing to support and develop new trustees. The trustees meet once a term. A small amount of work arises between meetings. The CVC Trust Fund helps bring significant benefit to the college. Over the past few years, the trustees have re-focussed their activities and notched up various achievements. Please see our website link for our mission statement and all of the recent activities.

http://www.about.combertonvc.org/trust_fund.cfm

The trustees would like to invite applications for the role of Trustee (no more than 1 side of A4), by email by 31.3.11 to cvctf.secretary@gmail.com

Candidates should communicate the skills that they could bring to the role.

Interviews will be held in April 2011. It is anticipated that the appointees would join the Board of Trustees in May 2011.

COMBERTON LEISURE

THERE are plenty of laughs to be had at Comberton Leisure this spring and summer.

The popular monthly Custard Comedy showcases some of the funniest up-and-coming comedians and offers the local community the chance to see stars of today and tomorrow without having to trek to some of the big city venues.

April's headliner is Matt Welcome ('One of the best comics you've never heard of!' - Chortle. He is supported by Chris Brooker, who the BBC describe as 'very funny, very quick on the spot humour'. They are joined by the musically gifted Jay Foreman, while compere for this show is our old friend, Chris McNeill ('An expert storyteller with split-second comic timing' - Independent on Sunday)

Matt Kirshen, described by The Scotsman newspaper as 'a rollercoaster of comedy genius', Stan Stanley (Stan Stanley can shake a crowd with his energetic pace - The Daily Telegraph) and Mickey Sharma (In years to come you'll be saying 'I was there' - Henry Paker, MC) are on the bill in May.

Then it June it's the turn of Barbara Nice (As hilarious as it is possible to get' - The Scotsman) and Tom Bell, with Gareth Berliner as the acclaimed MC.

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Fri 15 th April	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 adv / £10 Door
Sat 14 th May	Macmillan Charity Jazz Concert	For more information, please visit www.combertonleisure.com	
Fri 20 th May	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 adv / £10 Door
Fri 17 th June	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 adv/ £10 door
Sat 18 th June	Cambridge Choral Society	Workshop and Performances. Details TBC	
Sat 25 th June	Royston Choral Society – summer concert	For more information, please visit www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk/	
Frid 1 st July	CVC Summer Dance Showcase	Show starts 7.30	Adults £5, conc £3
Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th July	Helen O'Grady Drama Academy summer Show	For more information, please visit: www.helenogrady.co.uk/	
Fri 16 th & Sat 17 th July	Stage Right Studios Summer Dance Show	For more information, please visit: www.stagerightstudio.com/	
Mon 15 th Aug to 26 th Aug	Twelfth Night – Workshops and outdoor production	For more information please contact: richard@start-arts.org.uk	

BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning on 11 March was a great success, attracting around 80 people from Comberton and surrounding villages - Barton, Bourn, Cambourne, Toft.

We raised £257 for Traidcraft, to support the suppliers of their Fairtrade honey, and sold £155 worth of goods from our Fairtrade stall.

Many thanks to everyone who helped or supported us in any way.

Mary Jenkins and Joan Mead

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Comberton friendship Club meeting was held on 10th March. Our speaker for March was the Curator of the farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, Karen Bower. Karen gave us a very interesting talk and slideshow about the history of the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey situated near Waterbeach on the A10

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trunk road. Karen also passed around the room several memorabilia boxes containing items that would have been found in your first home in the 1950's era. It brought back a lot of memories. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

NOTE: next month's meeting starts at 2.00pm.

If you are interested in joining the club contact Sue Allin on Cambridge 262990.

COMBERTON WI

Wendy Marshgreen was the speaker at the March meeting and told members about the 'Art of Accessorising'. She explained about different colour combinations and described many ways to wear scarves. The new programme for 2011 has just begun. We have booked a good selection of speakers and would love to see visitors and new members.

April 12th: 'You couldn't make it up' with Sarah Harrison, novelist.

May 10th: Resolutions.

June 14th: 'Pictures and Music' with Ken Drake.

July 12th: 'What's that smell in the kitchen?' with Gerry Dodd.

We meet at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Many thanks to all who supported the annual Pancake Race during half term. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.

A NEW HISTORY GROUP

Following a request from a resident the Parish Council agreed to co-ordinate a Memories based history group.

This is an exciting venture and will focus on social history gained from personal memories and experiences of those who live(d) and work(d) in Comberton.

Two people might indeed have a very different view of events that have taken place at any one time.

Each chapter could focus on a particular decade, starting with the earliest memories. Pupils from both schools could be involved with interviewing and recording memories. Past editions of Contact magazine and the Cambridgeshire Collection could also be an excellent source of information...

So do you have any memories of life in Comberton, would you like to be involved. In the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk who will forward your details onto the 'emerging' Memories history group.

PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING COMBERTON LIBRARY

Your local library needs you to take part in a review of 13 libraries as part of a strategy to try and protect services in Cambridgeshire while meeting substantial savings. The meeting detailed below

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Public Meeting regarding Comberton Library at: Comberton Village Hall



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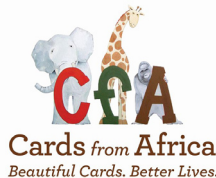
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Rachel now works on the management team at Cards from Africa. You can make a difference in the lives of those like Rachel. Please get in touch with us at info@cardsfromafrica.co.uk or call us during office hours on 01223 778 525 if you're interested.

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Gill East, of Cambridge says: 'The first time I took part in the Oxfam Walk was in 1991! It's now something we regularly do as a family. It's definitely on the yearly calendar. My husband isn't a great walker so tends to do the shorter routes, and I do the 17 mile route with my daughters. We all enjoy the lovely cakes en-route at the checkpoints and the weather during the Walk for the last couple of years has been fantastic!'

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 tsunami in Japan. To help us reach this target we ask each adult walker to pay a registration fee of £8 beforehand, or £15 on the day (children under 16 walk for free) and to raise at least £50.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- 2011 marks the 43rd Cambridge Oxfam Walk. The first one took place on 22nd April 1967, when 900 walkers walked from Cambridge to Bishop's Stortford!
- Oxfam's Emergencies Fund is a fund earmarked for those worldwide who need it most. The Oxfam team is ready to respond the Tsunami-affect areas following the Japanese earthquake on 11th March 2011.
- Free buses, courtesy of Stagecoach, take walkers to and from the event from the central Bus Station.
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COMBERTON CANTABILE'S SPRING CONCERT

This year the Choir's concert will be in St. Mary's Church on Friday 13th May (we are not superstitious!). The works we are performing are Vivaldi's very popular 'Gloria' and Purcell's birthday celebration piece 'Come Ye Sons of Art'. Our soprano soloist will be Sarah Maxwell, who so successfully sang with us in the 'Messiah' choruses in December 2009 and our bass will be David Steed who has performed for us on several occasions. Bryan Watkins will be our excellent organist and we are hoping to include some added instrumental accompaniment.

Our poster will be on the front cover of the May edition of 'Contact' when further details will be available. We hope you will come and join us.

Brenda Brown

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Level gardens are usually given a structure by trees and shrubs. Perennials are used to provide a constant source of favourite plants in fixed positions in the garden. However, most gardens have patches that may have been occupied by spring flowering bulbs. The question is what to do with those areas when the bulbs have died back after spring. These are excellent places for overplanting with annuals. Annuals provide good blocks of summer colour within a garden.

Formal or blocks

Formal planting makes use of regular geometric patterns; this method is exemplified by alternate planting of two contrasting plants, for example bright red geraniums with their zonal patterned leaves together with silver-leaved cinerarias. This formality can work well with municipal planting, but often looks a little out of place in a garden with a free-flowing structure. The big advantage of block planting is that formality is lost; the blocks can be irregular in shape, or wind between perennials. This is why they do well for overplanting bulbs.

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Annuals to try

Corn flowers with their true blue flowers make a splendid display and are good for cutting for flower arrangements. There are also some mixed pink, mauve and white shades available. Small plants for the front of a border could be the blue ageratum with frothy flowers and attractive to bees or lobelia with a variety of shades of blue. Both work well against the edge of the lawn. Larkspurs are larger and make a good show with red, pink, blue or white varieties; these do well when planted in adjacent blocks. I particularly like the pastel shades of Love-in-a-mist; they add a gentleness to the planting. Calendulas, which include many types of marigolds, give depth to yellow/orange shades. Cosmos provide large red, pink or white flowers and have finely traced leaves; their height makes them suitable for positions further from the front of the border.

Local gardens to see in April

10th April, eight gardens in Barton are open; one of them is an attractive 6-garden site known as the Six Houses which were built for retired gardeners. Trinity Hall Wychfield site (off Storeys Way) is a mixed site of a large Edwardian garden adjacent to the modern gardens of their new buildings. 17th April, Churchill College gardens are open.

R.T. Choke

THE CHALLENGE

March result & winner

Ellen Macarthur	B&Q
Cpt.Jack Sparrow	The Black Pearl
Sir Francis Drake	The Golden Hind
Roald Amundsen	Fram
Lord Horatio Nelson	Victory
Jason	Argo
Sir Francis Chichester	Gypsy Moth
Christopher Colombus	Pinta
Edward John Smith	Titanic
Vasco Da Gama	Soa Gabriel
Edward Heath	Morning Cloud
Long John Silver	Hispaniola
Captain Ahab	Pequod
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Amerigo Vespucci	San Antiago



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Lydia

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(1 of 10 entries)

THE CHALLENGE

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Eg. Black Beauty, Little Red Rooster or Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, none of which are now acceptable.

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Live Acoustic Menu (Monthly Sundays. Music starts at 7pm)

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