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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### REGULAR DATES

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
Every Wednesday	12.25 - 1.10	Lunchtime Badminton at Village College
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month		S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday		Evenings at 7.00pm Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month	8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at V. H.
4th Thursday of each month	2.30pm	Service & Social at Village Hall
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist Church

### DECEMBER

1st Dec	10.30am	Village Hall Christmas Fayre at Village Hall
2nd Dec	6.30pm	Comberton Cantabile at St Mary's Church
6th Dec	12.45pm	Comberton Friendship Club Christmas Lunch
7th Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Lights at the Crossroads
10th Dec	7.30pm	Winemakers pre-Christmas at Toft Village Hall
12th Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
12th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Comberton Friendship Club at V1th Form CVC
19th Dec	7.30pm	Comberton Cinema at Village Hall
27th Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Bingo Party at Village Hall

### JANUARY

12th Jan	7.30pm	Winemakers New Year Social at Village Hall
14th Jan	12.30pm	Comberton Luncheon Club at Duncombe Arms, Waresley
20th Jan	2.00 - 3.45pm	Cricket Club Winter Nets begins
25th Jan	12.30pm	Comberton Luncheon Club at Little Rose, Haslingfield

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Firstly, may I wish you all an early Happy Christmas. Secondly may I remind you to send in your contributions for the January issue of Contact by 15th December and to include anything for February in that one as there is no February issue. Don't be shy about sending in anything interesting which has happened to you or yours. Human stories make good reading especially to those who cannot get out and about much. Unusual events, trips, places you have visited, animal behaviour you have observed - all these are of interest and are worth sharing. Your magazine is a good way to share these things.


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We would like to welcome new members for the 2013 season.

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We have one Saturday team playing in the CCA Junior League and a midweek team playing in the Cambridge Business House League.

Winter net sessions will be taking place at Comberton Village College on Sunday 20 and 27 Jan 2-3.45, Sunday 3 Feb 2-3.45 and Friday 15 Feb (time TBC).

If you would like some more information please contact Ken Gifford on 01223 263239 or email [kenpat.gifford@btinternet.com](mailto:kenpat.gifford@btinternet.com) or take a look on our website: <http://comberton.play-cricket.com>

We will also be holding a pre-Christmas social event - please get in touch and come along!

## Comberton Winemakers

**The Pre Christmas meeting of Winemakers** is on Monday December 10th at 7-30 pm at TOFT Village Hall.

Please bring a contribution for the Buffet.

The Competition is "Maids of Honour and Brandy Snaps".

**Our New Year Social** will be on Saturday January 12th at COMBERTON Village Hall at 7-30pm.

This will be our usual meeting of Games, Quizzes and a Raffle.

Again contributions for the Buffet will be most welcome.

Please bring your own crockery etc. Cost will be £2-50.

**The February meeting** to be held on February 18th will be our **Commercial Wine Tasting** event when our Secretary Alan Armstrong will discuss the merits of some Commercial Wines which he has chosen from the shelves of a local retailer. The Cost will be £3-50



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**We look forward to hearing from you!**

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. For more information please see last months Contact or contact the Clerk.

## ***Speed bumps in Hines Lane - What is your view on this proposal?***

A resident has written asking for speed bumps in Hines Lane and a speed reduction to 10mph to slow down traffic. The Parish Council is broadly supportive of this suggestion and has written to the County Council to request that they install these. The following response has been received "It is not clear from the e-mail if the majority of residents of Hines Lane now support the idea of installing speed cushions along this road. Whilst I appreciate that there is concern for the safety of children there is thankfully an excellent safety record along this lane. The County Council would be unable to support the provision of a 10 mph speed limit as this is not presently permitted under national policy set by the Department for Transport. The lowest speed limit that could currently be considered is 20 mph.

Consideration needs to be given as to how the measures would potentially be funded. The majority of County Council funding for highway schemes is currently focused on highway maintenance and accident remedial schemes to reduce the number and severity of road traffic collisions at existing accident cluster sites. The proposal could be put forward as a bid for funding from the 2012/13 Minor Highway Improvement budget (MHI). Alternatively if the key speeding offenders are those misusing the recreation ground car park could the Parish Council not consider gating it at certain times, or installing speed cushions/humps. Cushions or humps on the lane would not directly affect the residents but may deter speeding along the lane towards the car park, this could be combined with a 20 mph limit along the adopted length of the Lane."

Comberton Parish Council would like to ask what residents think. Please take the time to write to the Parish Council with your views. Thank you.

## ***Barton Road speed reduction***

The speed reduction scheme has been approved by the County Council and the new signs indicating the speed limit should be installed on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## ***Local Minor Highway Improvements 2013/14***

The County Council is keen to work with local communities to help deliver local improvements to their highways and streets. It has invited a bid from the Parish Council and the Council has tasked its Transport Working Group with drawing up a bid and bringing a recommendation to the December Parish Council meeting. If successful the Parish Council would need to contribute 10% of the costs.

## ***Connecting Cambridgeshire Superfast Broadband***

Cllr Fiona Whelan reported on this scheme and how it can help to bring better

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### ***District Council and County Council reports***

Both Cllr Harangozo and Fiona Whelan were asked by the Parish Council to write regular articles for Contact.

### **CCC Consultation on Cambridgeshire's Flood Risk Management Strategy**

Cambridgeshire's Strategy for Flood Risk Management is an important new tool to help everyone understand and manage flood risk within the county. Under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) Cambridgeshire County Council has a duty to produce the strategy in partnership with key stakeholders involved in flood risk management. The Parish Council will be submitting a detailed response on this highlighting all of the problems that the village has from time to time. The County Council has made the full strategy and online survey available on its website and the consultation ends on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### ***Recreation Ground proposed cycle racks***

The Parish Council was successful in its application and is now the proud owner of two cycle racks that will be installed at the recreation ground shortly.

### ***Winter Gritting Volunteers***

Thank you to the two residents who have already put themselves forward for this scheme. In addition Cllr Richard Elleray has volunteered for training.

### ***Connections Bus visits***

The Trustees of the Connections Bus have written to indicate that the costs of the bus visits are likely to almost double from April 2013. This would mean that the costs would be £237 per visit instead of £117 paid now. The Connections Bus has attributed this increase to the reduction in the income that the bus receives from other sources which has continued to fall. The Parish Council has learnt that the cost could be reduced if some residents or parents would be willing to help out at the weekly sessions. The Council will consider at its January meeting if it will be able to meet the costs of the bus visits next year when it reviews its budget and sets the annual precept. If you would be willing to volunteer to assist please contact the Clerk for more information.

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

Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council,  
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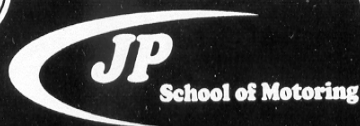
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Mrs Jill Preston	45 Long Road	263077
Mr Tim Scott	Moat House, 65 Green End	263434
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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. If the matter is on the agenda 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.

### *Planning applications*

The Parish Council has a Planning Committee which meets once or twice a month depending on the timing of the planning applications received. The Committee is delegated to consider and respond on all planning applications on the Parish Council's behalf. Large applications or applications for multiple dwellings are still considered by the Parish Council. All Planning Committee meetings are open to the public in the same way as Council meetings are. The agenda for the meetings are posted on the village notice board in South Street.

For information on any application or to make a representation please contact Cllr Janet McCabe.

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	9.30am	Holy Communion
	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b>
Sunday 9th	6.30pm	Comberton Cantabile Concert at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (shorter)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candle Light</b>
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer (shorter)
Christmas Eve	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
Christmas Day	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Family Communion</b>
Sunday 30th	9.30am	All Age worship
<b>January 2013</b>		
Sunday 6th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion(Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Meditations for the Epiphany at Childerley Chapel

Welcome back, Matt and Jacqui! Over the Christmas season, Mike and Liz will be looking after the parishes of Burnside and Harewood in Christchurch, New Zealand. The Vicarage will not be empty, though, as Matt and Jacqui Watts return from the other end of the world with their family to share in the life and worship of St Mary's and to catch up with friends in the village. It will be a bit of a shock for them to have a cold and frosty Christmas, while Mike and Liz get used to singing "In the Bleak Mid Winter" in shorts and sun hats. But Christmas is not really about cold and frost - it's about God's love in Jesus Christ reaching out to all of us, whoever and wherever we are.

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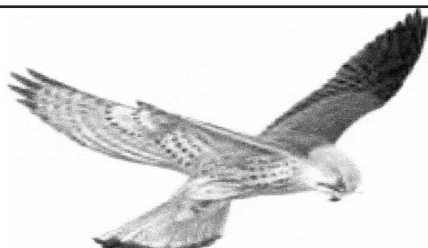
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Masses on **Christmas Day** are at the usual Sunday times with the exception that there are no afternoon or evening masses.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January. All the masses are at the usual times. Further details may be found on the parish web site which also includes the weekly newssheet and other parish information. [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

The Catholic Community wishes you all a holy and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

## A SAVIOUR IS BORN – BUT PLEASE COULD HE REMAIN OUTSIDE?

The last time I went to Jerusalem I was enthralled. At the Museum of the Book, I spent an hour just staring at a replica of the Copper Scroll of Isaiah, one of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. While you can open any Bible and read his book for yourself, this Copper Scroll had been inscribed, copied from some now long lost ancient manuscript, some time prior to the year 60 BC (before Christ).

In it the prophet predicts what the saviour of the world would be like, and what he would do (in chapter 53). In Isaiah's introduction to this passage, he asks, 'Who has believed our report?' a report that, remarkably, was written nearly 800 years BEFORE the events he is reporting. The Jewish Scriptures has many references to the figure who was yet to arrive, the Messiah. That man was described by the early believers as 'the visible image of the invisible God'. The historical elements of his life were recorded in the New Testament and maintained in the collective psyche of the church through the creed. This is from the old Roman creed, written in the second century:

*"I believe in God the Father almighty; and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord, who was born from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried, on the third day rose again from the dead, ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. . ."*

But we remember also that there was no room for that family in the Inn. Jesus had to be born in the stable. The Inn was full of more important guests: none could be disturbed to make room for the creator of the universe. Has much changed?

His youngest disciple, St John, wrote this: 'He came to his own, and his own received him not. But whoever did receive him he gave them the right to become children of God.' This right is the one I treasure most this Christmas.

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## COMBERTON VISION 2013

Following on from the recent SCDC consultation on their future plans (thank you for contributing if you did so), your Parish Council wants to update the Comberton Village design statement – a successor to the 2003-2012 Parish Plan. There is a working group of councillors and parishioners already starting on this. They are looking for others to contribute – especially if they have architectural, planning, environmental, transport or other local experience and can help update or critique the current documents. Once updated this document can form a significant part of any future SCDC Local Plan consultations in 2013/2014. Please email [ldf2012@comberton.org.uk](mailto:ldf2012@comberton.org.uk) if you want to help. Richard Elleray, CPC Vision 2013 working



## NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The approach of Christmas is very easily spotted in a primary school. It starts straight after the November half term and then gathers momentum as the days and weeks pass. The first inkling I had this year that Christmas was on its way was when I popped into a Year 2 class to see what everyone was up to. There I found all the children sitting on the carpet doing the first read-through of their Christmas production. This year it's 'The Seven Little Penguins'. I don't want to give anything away but let's just say that the setting is Antarctica and there are also icicles, fish and a whale involved!

Meanwhile KS2 (the juniors) are beginning to think about their production – Roald Dahl's version of Jack and the Beanstalk. We are lucky enough to have a portable stage (kindly bought for us by the PTA a few years ago) and the next sign that Christmas is coming was the annual staff discussion about when the stage needed to go up and which end of the Hall it should go. I'm glad to report that an amicable decision was reached very quickly! At the same meeting we discussed the Christmas lunch (the 'when' is already fixed – it's more about how you get dozens of children served in the time available). This year the staff have decided to serve the younger children and eat with the older ones – flashing reindeer antlers or Father Christmas hats are compulsory!

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There is one staff meeting which I really enjoy every year. On an evening in early December we gather together to decorate the Hall and the front entrance, including two Christmas trees. We have a really good time, enjoying some nibbles and listening to Christmas music as we go. The best bit by far, however, is seeing the children's faces the following morning when they see the school transformed.

Following the Christmas productions, the children have their Christmas parties. Classes pair up for this, with similar age groups going together. They take part in traditional party games such as Musical Statues, Pass the Parcel and the ever-popular (with the adults, especially) Sleeping Lions. They also have a little Christmas tea, with parents providing finger food. We need lots of parent helpers too, as you can imagine!

As the term draws to a close, we have the famous X-mas Factor where children (following a round of auditions in the class) show off their talents to the whole school – anything from playing the flute to break-dancing. It is always very entertaining and two of our governors take their role as judges very seriously. Weather permitting; we will round off the term with a Carol Service at St Mary's Church. For three years now the weather has been against us and we have not been able to go. Fourth time lucky?

A very happy Christmas to you all from the Meridian.

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

## COMBERTON AND CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGES

### **A Note from the Executive Principal**

Education, it seems, is what needs changing as much or more than anything else in our society. Apparently, our qualifications are not fit for purpose and perhaps have not been for some time. Modern teaching methods have perhaps not done pupils any good. The curriculum might mean that our pupils do not know the things they need to know. In light of these suggestions, change, and ever more of it, is apparently what we need: new qualifications, new (or perhaps old?) ways of teaching, new (or perhaps 'traditional') curriculum. It is quite hard to know what it is right to say and not to say from a school's perspective on all this. It does, however, seem reasonable to offer the following observations:

- It really matters a lot that the qualifications for which young people today are working hard and will receive grades are seen as highly valuable. Anything other than that would be unfair and even dangerous. We might look to reform as we always need to check that qualifications are what are needed for contemporary society. However, we need to value what our current young people are doing.
- It seems highly likely that teaching methods will have changed a great deal in recent years. In our ICT and internet rich age with ever-greater understanding about how we think and learn, it would be strange if ways

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of teaching and learning had not changed. In truth, it would be strange if they had not improved a lot. We just accept that this is the case with things such as sports' coaching and that standards thus rise a lot. It is hard to see why there is not a direct parallel with teaching.

- Whatever we do, we need to be sure that our schools really do strongly meet the needs of all of our young people, whatever 'type', outlook or ability they may be or possess. It is not good enough to have a system that works well for some but not for others. We need to allow every young person to make progress, to develop and to excel.
- In practice, the new world of schools will mean that it will be up to schools what they do. There might be many suggestions made centrally (and elsewhere) about what should or should not happen in our schools. There might even be considerable pressure brought to bear on these things. However, the essence of being an Academy (as most secondary schools in England now are, and virtually every Cambridgeshire secondary school is) is that it is up to schools what to do. The national curriculum can be ignored. Qualifications can be chosen by the school. Teaching methods are up to schools. In this, perhaps there is true opportunity as well as clear responsibility. Our approach will be simple: we will make decisions for all our young people and our communities that we believe are best for them. We will be guided by core values based on excellence and equity. We will try to be brave enough to do what is right rather than what might be easy and simply in line with the latest central direction.

Stephen Munday

## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE CALENDAR

One of the most popular events on the Comberton Village College Calendar happens on Saturday December 15th when students from all years take part in the winter Dance Showcase. Tickets for the extravaganza are now on sale. It starts at 7.30 but the bar opens at 6.30 and doors at 6.45. Just three days later there is the opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit with the annual winter concert, which also takes place in the Performance Hall at Comberton Leisure.

- A new arts festival for South Cambridgeshire called EMERGE will take place throughout February and March 2013. If any local drama, music, dance or other arts groups would like to be included in EMERGE publicity they can contact Richard Brown [rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk) for more details.
- An Auction of Promises in aid of the Comberton minibus appeal will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to reserve a catalogue or are able to donate a promise of any kind then please contact the Friends of Comberton Village Trust Fund at [cvcfriends@gmail.com](mailto:cvcfriends@gmail.com)

A fuller list of events is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, [www.combertonvc.org](http://www.combertonvc.org) or [www.combertonleisure.com](http://www.combertonleisure.com)

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14 Dec	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. <a href="http://www.combertonleisure.com">www.combertonleisure.com</a>
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CVC Dance Show-case	One of the most popular events on the school calendar is this extravaganza of dance. Adults Tickets £ 6. Students Tickets £3. Concessions £3.
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CVC Christmas Concert	Featuring carols, readings and a great line up of talented young people performing a range of music
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. <a href="http://www.combertonleisure.com">www.combertonleisure.com</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cambridgeshire Scouts Awards Ceremony	
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Splitz Dance Show-case	Performance from member of Splitz
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Empowerment Conference	
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. <a href="http://www.combertonleisure.com">www.combertonleisure.com</a>
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23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eden Dance Show-case	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	The Wow Show	Magic and Illusion
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. <a href="http://www.combertonleisure.com">www.combertonleisure.com</a>
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We are very grateful to the following village organisations for funding this project, Comberton Contact, St Mary's Church, The Twinning Association, Meridian Primary School, Costcutters and Jeffreys Houghton and Co and of course to The Mears Group for their volunteer labour and Emma Hatherly, winner of the Jubilee disk competition, for designing the Jubilee Walk logo.

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I have been selling items on Facebook and eBay at <http://shop.ebay.co.uk/nikkwilliams/m.html> Please take a look and make a bid. Is there a chore I could help you with in exchange for a donation to my fundraising? Would you like to order a rich fruit cake or a large madeira cake for an upcoming celebration? Do you need a dish for your Christmas celebrations that must be free from sugar, dairy or gluten? Please get in touch to discuss how you would like to help me in my fundraising efforts.

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## COMBERTON WI

Our November speaker was Cheryl Brighty who told us about the 'Artistry of Cocoa'. Cheryl began making chocolates about ten years ago as a fundraising activity and the hobby grew into a cottage industry. She now has a shop in Newmarket and a commercial kitchen and is beginning to win awards for her chocolates. We learnt about the history of chocolate, how it was brought to Europe by the Spanish but reached England much later. Chocolate was initially just drunk until a Mr Fry produced a chocolate bar. Cheryl made chocolates for us to taste whilst she was talking and members were able to try them at the end.

Date for diary: Members Meeting December 11th at 7.45pm

## COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club met on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Our guest speakers for the afternoon was a Comberton couple, penny and Robert Cook who gave a very informative talk coupled with a slide show about the expedition they went on to Chile in South America in 2011. The photography was stunning and very colourful. The Bring and but Stall was sell supported. A lot of the items had a Christmas theme just to remind us that Christmas is not far away.

Dates for the diary: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December Members Christmas Lunch  
12.45 for 1.00pm Raffle prizes most welcome.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December Village Hall Christmas Fair  
Friendship Club to run the Bring and Buy Stall.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00-3.00pm

Invitation by Comberton Village College Sixth form for refreshments and a raffle (raffle prizes requested)

## COMBERTON LUNCHEON CLUB

The following dates have been booked for our Friday 12.30pm luncheon.

November 30<sup>th</sup> The Blue Lion Hardwick

December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch The Duncombe Arms Waresley

January 25<sup>th</sup> The Little Rose Haslingfield

Please do telephone Francis on 01223264230 at least 4 days prior to the date on which you wish to join us. All are welcome.

## ITEMS FOR SALE IN COMBERTON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES'

A new group has been set up on Social Networking site, FACEBOOK.... The group is specifically aimed at the residents of Comberton and its surrounding villages and is designed for members to advertise any items for sale, or free, where other members can comment on the post to buy. To join the group, just find us on Facebook and become a member for FREE! There are many groups like this one on Facebook, but these groups involve travelling afar to collect or



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## EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY THIS CHRISTMAS!

As the party season approaches and we stock our cupboards for the festivities, many of us are also watching the pennies. Everybody likes a bargain, especially when there are presents to be bought, journeys to be made and all sorts of other expenses chipping away at the bank balance. With this in mind, Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the pitfalls of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers at the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources.

- In recent times there has been an increase in the amount of counterfeit and fake alcohol found in the county. Counterfeit alcohol, just like any other counterfeit product, mimics a genuine branded article and tries to pass itself off as the genuine product. Usually the counterfeit product is very convincing and most consumers wouldn't notice any difference in the packaging.
- As well as counterfeit alcohol there are drinks designed to look like new and appealing brands. Often these products

travelling afar to collect or drop off the items, which defeats the object of 'grabbing a bargain'. Anything can be sold, within reason, but strictly no pets! We do expect that the majority of sales will probably be second hand children's items (toys, clothes, books, etc). To join this group and to start selling your items, please visit [www.facebook.com/groups/items/itemsforsaleincomberton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/items/itemsforsaleincomberton)

## FRIENDS OF COMBERTON LIBRARY

### November Report

The library was opened for an extra session on Monday afternoon of half term for a children's workshop with mixed-media artist Marian Savill on Eric Carle's work including The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The event was funded by the County Council's Family Learning department and was very well attended. Some of the art work is on display in the library. Do come in and look.

Please note in your diaries the Christmas opening hours:

Comberton Library will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

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Stall dates for the Winter

Christmas Fair	Manor Farm, Bourn	Saturday 1st December 10am until 3pm
	Selling raffle tickets, toys, handbags and blankets	
	Community Market	Church Centre, Bar Hill
	Saturday 1st December	10.30am until 2pm
	Selling raffle tickets and toys	
Addenbrooke's Outpatients		Thursday 29th November 10am until 4pm
		Friday 14th December 10am until 2pm

With our large display of toys and clothes for babies and children We have items for sale in our eBay Charity Store Rosieinstitches2010, also hart4334 and 1234\_orridge are also selling items to benefit the Rosie. There are links to affiliate stores on our website where we will get a donation. In the current financial climate we know that every penny counts so we're not asking people to donate, just to shop online as they normally would this Christmas. But instead of going directly the retailer website, if they go via easyfundraising.org.uk first, their gift purchases will turn into donation for us. Almost all of us shop online these days so what could be easier than raising funds simply doing your Christmas shopping online? Featuring over 2000 of the UK's most popular retailers including Amazon, M&S, Argos, Boden, Tesco and many more, easyfundraising has already helped UK causes raise almost £4 million. Not only will Friends of the Rosie Hospital receive donations for every purchase you make via easyfundraising, you'll also get one entry, for every purchase you make before midnight 17th December, to win a share of £5,000! Get shopping early for Christmas at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/forh> and win yourself some cash for 2013." To support Friends of the Rosie Hospital, Cambridge, England,

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### **Fines for Longbow pub duo**

TWO men who ran a pub that was closed down by police have been fined for continuing to offer alcohol for sale after the venue's licence had been suspended. Graeme Forster, 48, and his business partner Christopher Smith, 53, admitted offences under the Licensing Act 2003 relating to The Longbow pub in Stapleford. The pair, both of Church Street, Stapleford, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court yesterday (October 23) where Forster was fined £500 and Smith £400. The bench also ordered the forfeiture of their personal licences: under the Licensing Act, anyone who plans to sell or supply alcohol or authorise the sale or supply of alcohol must have a personal licence. The court heard police had executed a drugs warrant at the premises on May 25, when drugs were seized including cannabis and cocaine from those at the pub.

Officers were responding to complaints by members of the public and a series of incidents of violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Four arrests were made and the pub was closed under Section 161 of the Licensing Act. The closure was extended by magistrates before an application to review the pub's licence by South Cambs District Council resulted in it being suspended for three months, expiring at the end of last month. Forster was the leaseholder and personal licence holder, however, after the closure Smith put himself forward as an alternative licensee. After the closure, both men continued to run a pizza delivery business from the premises and distributed leaflets offering not only food but also alcoholic drinks for sale. Smith admitted exposing and advertising alcohol for sale after the licence was suspended, for which he was fined £250. He also pleaded guilty to being the holder of a personal licence and failing to declare to the council he had been convicted of a relevant offence (drink driving) and that he had changed addresses. He was fined £75 for both

offences. Graeme Forster admitted selling alcohol without a licence by selling a barrel of beer (to another pub) after the premises licence was suspended and also exposing and advertising alcohol for sale after the premises licence was suspended. He was fined £250 for both offences. Both men were ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and £85 costs. Inspector Chris Savage said: "Our action over the Longbow pub was a last resort and in response to numerous complaints about anti-social behaviour, violence, and drug use and dealing over a period of time. "The enforced closure of the pub, the suspension of the licence by the district council, the prosecutions and the decision by the court to forfeit the defendants' personal licences are all firsts for South Cambs, and the latter for the whole of Cambridgeshire. We were not against the pub in principle, just the way it was run, which was not in keeping with the objectives of the Licensing Act." Councillor Sue Ellington, South Cambridgeshire District Council's cabinet member for Environmental Health Services, said: "This is an excellent result for us and I'd like to thanks the court and Cambridgeshire police for their support in bringing these men to book. Holding a licence to sell alcohol is a serious matter and where licensees do not run their premises lawfully and professionally, or meet their responsibilities towards their customers, neighbours and communities, we can, and will, take action."

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- .....? (1) Striking colour used by Tiziano Vercelli (2) American oil well fire dowser.
- (3) Rum jumper.
- .....? (1) Opponents of Greens in Ancient Constantinople (2) Butterfly of the family Lycaenidae (3) Naval Flag.
- .....? (1) Goddess on wheels? (2) Picus viridis (3) Players theatre refuge.
- .....? (1) Jaundice in horses (2) A fungus damaging to wheat (3) A 1960's submersible.
- .....? (1) Dumas' Tulip (2) "That rings.....Cyprus with a ring of fire" The Old Ships.J.E.Flecker. (3) Valentine Dyall.
- .....? (1) Just William (2) Joe Louis (3) Father Detective
- .....? (1) Defoliant in Vietnam (2) Agent in Reservoir Dogs (3) Dutch football team.
- .....? (1) Sweet William (2) Six points on the table (3) Inspector Clousseau pursued him.
- .....? (1) Organ Medal (2) Buccinum Murex (3) Whoopie Goldberg film.
- .....? (1) Bank Robbery Mob (2).....Blue, Dilly Dilly (3) Dad's Army Pike.
- .....? (1) Wilfred Pickles' pianist. (2) Just William's 'girl friend' (3) Shrinking type?

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