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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY REGULAR DATES

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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 Wednesda	y 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesda	y evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
Every Wednesda	y 12.25 - 1.10	Lunchtime Badminton at Village College
1st and 3rd Sund	ay of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
1st 2nd and 4th Mor	nday Evenings at 7	7.00pm Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
	ach month 8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at V. H.
	each month2.30pm	
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist
5		Church
!st Wednesday of	each month 10.3	0am Reading Group at the Library
		DECEMBER
1st Dec	6.30pm	Cantabile Advent Concert at St Mary's Church
1st Dec		Addenbrookes Rudolph Run
6th Dec	12-2.00pm	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall
7th Dec	11.00	CVC Christmas Fair at CVC
7th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Fayre at Village Hall
10th Dec	7.45pm	WI Christmas Party at Village hall
11th Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting at Village Hall
12th Dec	12.45pm	Friendship Group Christmas Lunch at V. Hall
13th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Lights at Crossroads
13th Dec	7.30pm	Dick Whittingdon at Village Hall
14th Dec	2.30 & 7,30pm	Dick Whittingdon at Village Hall
20th Dec	12-2.00pm	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall
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31st Dec	8pm	Glamour and Glitz at Meridian School
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9th Jan	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship Group at Village Hall
10th Jan	12-2.00pm	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall
14th Jan	- 00	WI Meeting at Village Hall
17th Jan	7.00pm	Bingo Party at Village Hall
24th Jan	12-2.00pm	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall
25th Jan	12.00pm	Cambridge Archeology Field Group at Wimpole
26th Jan	11.00am	Cambridge Archeology Field Group at Wimpole

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Although I am writing this in November we are approaching advent and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I regret to have to tell you that Mavis Jackson is leaving the Contact team. Mavis has been a very loyal distributor of Contact for many years. Sadly arthritis has caught up with her and, even with her husband's help, delivering Contact has become too much for them both. Mavis writes 'I have been delivering what was Contact down Long Road since 1977 and collecting money for it. I believe then it was just on A4 sheet doubled over. I took over the delivery from Mrs Sherwood, who many Comberton ladies will remember was Secretary for the WI for some vears. I still have her book with all the records showing residents and the amounts paid, which I will bring to show you if you wish.' This must be a valuable historical document and should have a place in village archives, Mavis, so that villagers can share it for many years to come. I would like to say a very public and heartfelt thank you to Mavis and her husband for their 36 years of devotion to the magazine which she says is eagerly awaited and appreciated by many residents. Where are we going to find another Mavis? If you feel you would like to join our team and take over Mavis' round please let Marion Dymott know on 01223 263292

#### CAMBRIDGE PAST, PRESENT

### & FUTURE Performance of The Ghost Hunter by Metal Rabbit Productions at The Leper Chapel

#### Saturday 16 November - 8.00pm.

A new play by Stewart Pringle, writer of As Ye Sow. Presented by Theatre of the Damned, creators of 2012 sell-out smash The Horror! The Horror! at Wilton's Music Hall.

TICKETS: £10/£8 (students) Information and tickets here.

#### Conservation Day at Coton Reserve

Saturday 30 November 11am - 3pm.

#### Ghost Stories at The Leper Chapel

Thursday 5 December - Sunday 8 December 7.30pm

Wrap up warmly and come and listen to M.R. James Ghost Stories performed by R.M. Lloyd Parry. A different story each evening.

Tickets £12 ( £10 conc.) Booking essential for this very popular event. Details <u>here</u> or <u>email</u> Robert Lloyd Parry.

#### <u>Christmas Crafts</u> at Wandlebury Saturday 21 December 12.00pm - 3.30pm

<u>New Years Day Walk at Coton Reserve</u> Wednesday 1 January 2014. 11:00am – 1:30pm

#### Litter Picking at Coton and the Reserve Saturday 11 January 2.00 - 3.30pm

For more information **email** Senior Ranger. Or ring 07833 598155

Why not have an autumn **BBQ at Wandlebury?** Our large BBQ is bookable all year round. To hire <u>email</u> or ring Lorna **01223 243830 x 201 (weekdays)** 



### ADDENBROOKE'S RUDOLPH RUN

Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT), the dedicated charity for Addenbrooke's and the Rosie Hospitals, is organising the first annual Christmas fun run at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

The 5km fun run is open to all whether you're a walker, fun-runner or serious runner – everyone is welcome to take part. There is also a 3km route for children, infants in pushchairs and those with limited mobility. Sprint, jog, speed walk, skip, hop or trot – however you complete it, just have fun while raising money for a very special cause!

You can find out more at www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/rudolphrun

# Fun for little bundles

every Tuesday, (under 1's) Drop in any time between 9.15 & 11.45 am STARTS Tuesday Nov 19th Mums, Dads, Grandparents, family, friends and carers welcome £1.50 towards tea, coffee, cake & biscuits at Comberton Playgroup Tel 01223 262373



#### **COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION**

#### Photography classes for the 2014 Autumn Show

The seasonal subject for the photography class in next year's show will be 'Winter Garden' so you need to have those cameras ready to grab an opportunity when it arises!

The Children's subject will be 'Animals' – they could even be in a wintry scene!

The remaining two subjects will be announced in the next edition of Contact. Robin Worship – CAGA Secretary (01223 263304 or robin@worship.freeserve.co.uk)



### **Comberton Crafty Cafe**

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### Friday 10th and 24th January 2014

### 12-2pm

**Comberton Village Hall** 

### Note the new day and time!

Come along if you are into crafting of any kind or think you might like to try something out or just come and join us for a coffee!

It will be very informal, bring along a current project or just future ideas from card making to knitting, cake decorating to crochet.

#### All ages welcome

If you are interested but can't make it on the day please contact us

Bella 07942 478 847 or Tracy 01223 262445

### VILLAGE CAFÉ at the VILLAGE HALL

Open every Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon Coffee/Tea/Squash Meet up with friends or make new ones Families welcome! Hope to see you there soon.



### **Comberton Luncheon Club**

November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Oak, Barrington
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dunscombe Arms, Waresly – Christmas
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch Green Man, Shepreth
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	George & Dragon, Elsworth
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Old Crown, Girton

BINGO PARTY (2 dates) Comberton Village Hall Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7 for 7.30pm and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 £1 Admission Tea/coffee and biscuits available Bring a bottle if you wish. Bring your friends from this and other villages! 6 games/chances to win cash prizes £2.50 for a book of 6 game cards. 12 Raffle prizes every time For further information contact Andrew on 263089 or Michael on 262748 This event is sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees

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# WIMPOLE: SILENT VOICES AND DESERTED HOMES CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

An exhibition will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Marshall Room of the Old Rectory restaurant at Wimpole Hall on the "silent voices and deserted homes" of the former hamlets in Wimpole. You are warmly invited to join us to find out more about this curious parish.

All this year Cambridge Archaeology Field Group has been researching the hamlets that used to exist in the parish of Wimpole before the Park was extended to its present size. Our aim has been to find evidence of when they began and when they disappeared and what we could about the people who lived there. This year-long project has been grant-aided by the "All our Stories" Heritage Lottery Fund.

We have been fieldwalking, excavating, test pit digging, metal detecting and scouring old documents and maps, with the help of local people and other volunteers. The exhibition sees the culmination of the year's work. We will be sharing what we have discovered and displaying some of the finds.

The exhibition will be open from 12 noon on Saturday and 11 am on Sunday, closing at 3.30pm both days. Normal car park charges apply, but there is no entry fee.



#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

#### from the Clerk

#### The Parish Council met on 13th November 2013

#### Recreation ground

Sport England has awarded the Parish Council £50,000 towards the project to install drainage and prepare pitches on the recreation ground land extension. The Parish Council hope it will be able to appoint a contractor shortly so that work can start.

The recreation ground car park will be extended by digging up the grassed area to the right of the entrance and gravelling this area.

## Parish Council Government Loan towards the new pitches on the recreation ground

A final decision on the loan has not as yet been made.

#### S106 Agreements

The Council signed two S106 Agreement Indemnities which trigger the payment of approximately £7,000 to the Parish Council to be spent on the recreation ground within 10 years.

#### Transport Working Group

At the meeting it was decided not to pursue the zebra crossing any further.

The only scheme the Parish Council still wants to investigate is a 20mph limit in this Harbour Avenue/Barton Road area. The TWG has been asked by the Council to liaise with the County Council to see if this can be provided.

As a bid for the next round of Highways improvements the TWG will be submitting a bid for speed reduction measures at the entrances to the village if funding allows.

The Council will be purchasing four grit bins. These will be sited in Green End, Swaynes Lane, Harbour Avenue and at the junction of Kentings and West Street.

#### Vacancy on the Council

The Parish Council still has one vacancy. If you are interesting in joining the Council please contact the Clerk or speak to any of the Council's members. For an application form please contact the Clerk.

#### Parish Council contact details

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Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December 2013 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 might be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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	Mrs Mary Jenkins, 80 West Street,	Tel 263751

Please contact Mike Booker about arrangements for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the readings of Banns of marriage.

Services and Events at St Mary's in December and January

Sunday Dec 1st	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Christingle
	6.30 pm	Comberton Cantabile Concert at St Mary's
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer(shorter)
	6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	3.30pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	All Age worship



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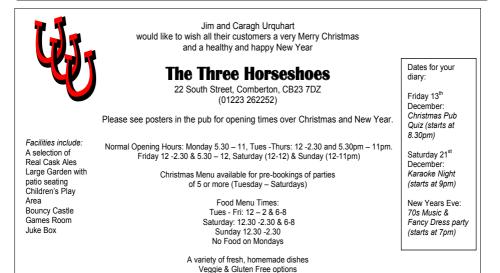


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January 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion - Wise men still seek Him
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer- Hearing the Call (1)
Thursday 23rd	2.30pm	Oasis Teas begin for 2014 in the Village Hall
Sunday 26th	9.30am	All-Age Communion - Hearing the Call (2)

Winter is getting dark, but is lit up by the bright light of the Good News - Jesus, God with us. Please come and join in the worship and events at St Mary's over the Christmas season.

In January our monthly Thursday afternoon services, organised jointly with local Baptists and Catholics, re-start. They have a new name - Oasis Teas - as a reminder that they link in with the Oasis Club in the Summer. Everybody of retirement age is very welcome.

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The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (OLEM) serves much of the south and west of Cambridge.

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us at the services over the Christmas period and below are some details.

Penitential service on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30 pm at OLEM

Christmas

Eve	5.00 pm	OLEM (Children's Christmas Mass)
	6.00 pm	Cambourne – in the new Church
	9.00 pm	Polish Mass at OLEM
	11.30 pm	Carols followed by followed by
		Midnight Mass in OLEM

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 5th January. All the masses are at the usual times.

Further details may be found on the parish web site which also includes the weekly news sheet and other parish information. www.olem.org.uk

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

TWEETING: #NO ORDINARY BABY BOY

#Before the first Christmas: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;





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#All things through him did happen: and without him happened not even one thing that has happened.

#Frightened young mum gets surprise visit: Fear not, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Wow! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you call his name Jesus (meaning Saviour) for he shall save his people from their sins.

#Disputed parentage: The virgin shall conceive, and she shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name 'Emmanuel,' which being interpreted, is `God-With-Us.'

#High expectations: Fear not, for wow! I bring you good news of great joy that will go out to all the people because there was born to you to-day a Saviour -- who is Christ the Lord

#Big plans for his career in Israel: For out of Bethlehem (The Sheepfold) shall come one Shepherd, who shall feed My people Israel. He shall be great, and Son of the Highest he shall be called, and the Lord God shall give him the throne of David his father. He shall reign over the house of Jacob, and of his reign there shall be no end.

#Big plans for a world stage: My eyes have Your salvation, which You have prepared in front of all peoples, a light revealed to the nations.

#Refugee and immigrant: Then Herod was in a rage. "Take the child and his mother. Flee to Egypt. Stay there till I tell you, for Herod is about to seek the child to destroy him.'

#A controversial career: He is the true Light, which enlightens every person, coming to the world; in the world he lived, in the world that through him was created, and the world did not know him: to his own he came, and his own people did not receive him;

#His invitation: As many as did receive him to them he gave authority to become sons of God -- to those believing in his name, who -- not of blood nor of a will of flesh, nor of a will of man but -- of God were born.

#What God said about him: 'This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight.'

#An obituary to one no longer dead: In him is life, and the life is the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness.

A warm welcome to the village to Comberton Baptist Church's Carol Service on Sunday 22nd at 4pm, made warmer by some mulled wine after.



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adults only obey the rule in public. In staff meetings, at lunch break in the staff room, and in team groups, we seem to have been talking about it since the beginning of the school year. There is so much to decide. Which Christmas plays are we putting on? When will the performances be? Should the stage be at one end of the Hall or down the side? Which day is best for Christmas lunch? Has someone ordered the crackers? Do we need any more Christmas decorations? Where will the Christmas tree go this year? So while we carry on teaching Literacy, Maths and our exciting curriculum topics, behind closed doors the planning for Christmas has long started.

This year our younger children will be performing Wait and See, Little Tree. I don't know many details but there have been long discussions about which class are going to be elves, which one snowflakes etc. Meanwhile, the older children will be performing a musical version of A Christmas Carol – but the staff didn't seem to like the songs provided with the script very much so have decided on their own!

The Christmas decorations will soon be brought down from the top shelf in the stock cupboard and checked to see if anything needs replacing. Our Site Manager will be sent off to order the Christmas tree (it has to be up and ready by 3 December because that is the date of the staff meeting already booked for decorating the hall and entrance).

We rely a great deal on the kindness of parents and PTA at this time of year. They make costumes for the productions, provide refreshments at the play performances, create beautiful hampers as raffle prizes, send food in for the parties, help their children practise amazing acts for our famous talent show (The X-mas Factor, of course) and generally give us lots of support to make this time of year special for the children. By the end of term, I suspect they are as exhausted as the staff are.

But I'm sure none of us would have it any other way. I don't know about the rest of you, but I still have memories of Christmas at primary school and they are all good ones. Let's hope we are creating a similar bank of happy memories for our children.

A Very Happy Christmas from all at Meridian.

(P.S. In case you were worrying, I'm glad to tell you that someone has ordered the crackers!)

Glennis Virgo

Headteacher

#### COMBERTON AND CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGES A note from the Executive Principal

There might have been a time when running a school was exclusively to do with that: running a school. The school system and framework was known, and within that it was the job of us involved in schools to ensure the best possible education for all pupils within the known framework. Of course, it was probably never quite like that. Given that the framework was always ultimately determined at a political level, being mindful of and reacting to changes that are political has always been part of the job.

Just at the moment, it feels especially the case that 'just running a school' is not the be-all and end-all. Reacting appropriately to political change is part and parcel of



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regular school oversight. For example, for anyone working in a secondary school and learning of a change to policy regarding GCSE re-takes by reading a Sunday newspaper was an interesting recent experience. Given that it required secondary schools to make a significant decision about its Year 11 students (those in their final GCSE year) within a very short period of time, it was one of the starkest examples of needing to react to political change to the framework in order to 'run a school'.

Out of interest, after some quick and intense consideration, Comberton Village College, decided to react by doing the same as already planned. We reflected that what was right for pupils in their achievement before the change in Government policy was still right after that change. Whatever best supports pupil's achievement should always guide us.

Another on-going matter of deep challenge facing all schools in Cambridgeshire is the funding system for schools. This part of the framework within which decisions must be made, makes life unreasonably challenging for Cambridgeshire schools. The system, for both schools and academies, provides lower funding in Cambridgeshire than anywhere else in the country. Everyone knows and acknowledges that it is unfair and unreasonable. There is talk of a new national funding formula for 2015-16. This would be very welcome, however, it remains a very major issue for all of us in Cambridgeshire concerned for our schools and everything anyone can do to bring appropriate change in this area will be appreciated.

So how should we 'run a school' in shifting and, at times, challenging frameworks? The answer must clearly be to know our fundamental values and allow these properly to guide all that we do. Truly excellent education for all, serving our community while working in partnership and ensuring an international outlook will guide all decision-making at Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges. It has served us and communities well and can continue to do so.

Stephen Munday

#### WHAT'S ON AT COMBERTON SPORTS AND ARTS AND COMBERTON VC

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Corporate or personal donations of confectionary, cakes, mince pies, Christmas puddings, bottles, produce, toiletries, books or raffle prizes are, as always, extremely welcome. Please could they be left at the school reception from November 22nd for the attention of Sean Sycamore.

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#### COMBERTON WI REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Our Speaker in November was Ray Richardson who gave a very interesting talk on the 'pharmacy that is your garden'. Ray had worked as a chemist in the pharmaceuticals industry and gave us a history of how humans have always used plants for healing. Initially man would have observed animals and learnt from their practice. The ancient Greeks and Romans developed many remedies and recorded their findings, these were translated later by the Arabs and taken around the world on their trading routes. Chemistry as a subject emerged in the nineteenth century and nowadays scientists are able to extract chemicals from plants and then produce the active ingredients chemically. With modern drugs the dosage can be more accurate and there are fewer side effects. It takes sixteen years to develop a new drug and only one in ten thousand is successful. Ray told us about many common garden plants and herbs and which active ingredients they produced. Herbs and spices which we assume are used for flavouring would originally have been used for their anti-fungal, anti-biotic, anti-cholesterol or anti-septic properties.

Date for the diary: December 10th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Christmas Party

January 14th, Siobhan Costello will talk about 'The Mystery of Hypnosis'.

#### COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We met at 2pm on Thursday 14th November. Our speaker was Chris Westgarth, who lives in Comberton. What a wonderful insight she gave us with the help of a slide show, into her three week holiday in New Zealand. She started off in the North Island where she hired a car and travelled an amazing 1,300 miles, taking in the most breath-taking scenery. Then she travelled to the South Island by boat, a very rough 4hr.journey, here she visited Matt and Jacqui Watts together with their two children. Matt was the Curate at St.Mary's Church Comberton before he took a position with a Church in Christchurch New Zealand. Chris is god-mother to their son Luke. It was a very happy visit. The South Island is just as beautiful as the North







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01223 262128 info@jefferyshoughton.co.uk www.jefferyshoughton.co.uk but of course Christchurch suffered very badly from the earthquake they had and they are still trying to re-build everything. In all Chris travelled 2,500 miles across New Zealand. A most memorable holiday shared with us in Memory of her sister who sadly died before she could take the trip, so therefore donated it to Chris.

Just a reminder that we are invited to Comberton College sixth form on Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm for tea, cakes and raffle.

Next meeting will be Thursday December 12th for our Xmas Lunch, 12.45pm for 1pm.There will be a raffle and "Big Ron T" will be entertaining us.

January 9th 2014, please note meeting will start at 2.30pm.

#### COMBERTON RAMBLERS CLUB

The Comberton Rambling Group walk on alternative Sundays. Walks are from 4 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual membership fee is £7.50, and free if under 18 years old.

Our next 3 walks are :

5th January 2014

Wimpole. 5.5 miles. Meet at The Hardwick Arms Pub. 96 Ermine Street Arrington. SG8 0AH

19h January 2014

Swavesey. 4.5 miles. Meet at The White Horse Pub, 1 Market Street, Swavesey. CB24 4QG

2nd February 2014

Barley. 5.5 miles. Meet at The Chequers Pub, London Road, Barley. SG8 8JQ Please see our full Walks Programme : www.combertonramblers.org.uk or contact the Secretary - Stella - email stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

#### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2013, COMBERTON

I am pleased to report that £2051.79 was raised for Poppy Appeal 2013.

I took over as the local Poppy Appeal Organiser in early October. I am grateful to Mrs Myers and Mr Dickinson for giving me invaluable guidance, to the regular voluntary collectors, including some Comberton Sixth Form pupils, who stepped forward at short notice to make the door to door collection in Comberton possible. The cash count of 35 tins was carried out by Comberton Village College Year 11 Charities Prefects along with some Sixth Form pupils. Vijju Churchman



#### A SAD EVENT

I was wondering if you could assist me in informing people in Comberton of an unfortunate incident. Last Thursday morning as I was leaving the school Leisure Centre car park, I came across a black kitten that had clearly just been run over and killed. I moved it off the road and informed the school Site Manager, who said he is aware of feral cats in the area. However, although it had no collar or identification, it occurred to me subsequently that it could have been chipped and someone might be worrying over its disappearance.

Hoping you can help. Liz Nicolay

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What can you do to reduce the number of nuisance calls you receive?

Firstly, register with the Telephone Preference Service. The service is free and can reduce the number of unsolicited marketing calls you receive from UK companies. You can register by calling 08450 700707 or by visiting www.tpsonline.org.uk.

Secondly, speak to your telephone service provider to ask what call blocking technology they would recommend. Three Scottish Trading Standards authorities have recently tested some of the latest call blocking devices and found them to be very effective in reducing such nuisance calls. Some telephone providers also offer their own call blocking facilities. There may be a charge involved for such a device.

Thirdly, if you need to give your phone number to a business, make sure you opt out of receiving promotional information from them and third parties by ticking the relevant box on their website or clearly stating this if you are dealing with them on the telephone.

Fourthly, become ex-directory as some businesses use phone directories to compile marketing call lists.

Finally, many nuisance calls originate from overseas so ask your telephone provider to block international calls to your number (although be aware there may be a charge for this service).

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Tell the caller you are not interested and ask them not to contact you again. If they ignore your request, report them to the Information Commissioner (ICO) online at www.ico.org.uk or by phone 0303 1231113. You can also report automated prerecorded calls to ICO. If possible make a note of the business name, the number they called from, the date and time they called and what they were trying to 'sell' eg. PPI, accident claim, credit. You should also make the ICO aware of any distress, damage or loss you suffered as a result of these calls.

If you need advice on anything you have bought or agreed to as a result of such a cold call, contact our advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

#### CARERS SUPPORT TEAM

The council's Carers Support Team have passed me some information about events that are taking place in Cambridgeshire over the coming few weeks to support this year's national Carer's Rights Day which takes place later this month and has the theme 'rights, advice and support'.

The local Carers Support Team will be running information stands on the following dates to provide information on benefits and the support and services available to carers living in Cambridgeshire:

- Parkside Pool, Cambridge 28th November, 4.30pm 6.30pm
- Huntingdon Library 29th November, 10.00am 2.00pm]
- March Christmas Market 8th December, 10.00am 4.30pm
- Wisbech Christmas Market 16th December, 10.00am 4.30pm

If you require further information about the events or Carer's Rights Day this is available on our website at:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CMSWebsite/Apps/News/Details. aspx?ref=1198

Amanda Davies

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If you would be interested in holding an event in your community then please don't hesitate to contact me to talk about dates/times etc.

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- Check the VOSA website to check the vehicle has not been recalled.
- Check it's service history. How often has it been serviced, and has it been serviced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations?
- Carry out an HPI (www.hpi.co.uk) check to make sure there is no outstanding finance on the car that could lead to it being repossessed by the finance company. An HPI check will also tell you if the car has been written off or if it is stolen.
- In terms of physically checking the car, carry out a walk around check and test drive the car. If you are not mechanically minded we would also strongly recommend you have the car checked by an engineer.

More advice can be found on the Citizens Advice website (www.adviceguide.org. uk/consumer).

Your rights against the seller

If you buy from a private seller, your rights are limited if you find a fault with the car after buying it. The seller must have the right to sell the car and the car must be 'as described', but other than that you have no recourse if things go wrong with it.

By comparison, if you purchase the car from a trader, again they must have title to the car and it must be 'as described' but in addition it must be of satisfactory quality, taking into account its age, mileage, condition etc. For instance, it would be reasonable to expect a brand new car to be free from wear and tear issues when you buy it.





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The rights explained above are in addition to any rights you may have under a warranty.

You can find more information about your rights when you buy a secondhand car on the Citizens Advice website (above).

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# LOCAL RESIDENTS REMINDED TO CHOOSE WELL THIS WINTER

Residents in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are being reminded to find the right health service for their illness or injury this winter.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who commission health services in the area are asking local residents to familiarise themselves with the range of local health services and which illnesses and injuries they can treat. Last year local people using A&E when they didn't need to cost the local NHS £2million, this could have treated 500 heart attack patients or bought 250 hip replacements.

Here's a reminder of what local NHS services can treat.

- Pharmacies can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, pregnancy testing and help with stopping smoking.
- GPs can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away. Make sure that you have your doctor's number to hand. There's also an out of hours GP service which can be accessed by calling your normal doctor's number you will be put straight through or hear a message with the out of hours service number.
- Walk-in centre or minor illness or injury unit these can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and stings, strains and sprains and minor eye or ear problems.
- Or you can look after colds, coughs, sore throats, hangovers, tummy upsets, grazes can all be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Dr Arnold Fertig GP in Cambridge and from CamHealth Local Commissioning Group said, "Winter brings more coughs, colds and flu so it is a good idea to be prepared and to make sure you have a supply of remedies at home to help care for you and your family over the holiday period. If you need a regular prescription for a long term condition, please check now to make sure that you have enough to last you over the holiday season, and go to your GP or pharmacist to collect any prescriptions in good time before Christmas and New Year holidays."

Dr Geraldine Linehan GP in Cambridge, Chair of CATCH Local Commissioning Group said, "Winter brings more coughs, colds and flu so it is a good idea to be prepared and to make sure you have a supply of remedies at home to help care for you and your family over the holiday period. If you need a regular prescription for a long term condition, please check now to make sure that you have enough to last you over the holiday season, and go to your GP or pharmacist to collect any prescriptions in good time before Christmas and New Year holidays."

Remember if somebody is unwell and you are not sure as to the best course of action, it is often best to call first for advice.

For more information please visit www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs. uk/choose-well

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Your local NHS has advice on where to get the right treatment for your illness or injury this winter www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/choose-well

The local NHS is advising residents to be prepared for winter by getting prescriptions completed in time and having a well-stocked cabinet.

www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/choose-well

There's an out of hours GP service running in Cambridgeshire, if you need to see a GP at the weekends, evenings or holidays then call your usual practice number and follow the instructions.

Twitter posts – please feel free to adapt and edit these for your audience.

We're supporting the local NHS @cambspboroccg Choose Well campaign. Find the right health service this winter bit.ly/16sYXyW

Your local NHS @cambspboroccg is urging residents to use the right health service this winter bit.ly/16sYXyW

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE CEILIDH AT THE VILLAGE HALL

If you haven't yet purchased/reserved your tickets for the Ceilidh a few are still available. To avoid being disappointed , phone 262960 to welcome in the New Year in the traditional way.

See main advert elsewhere in Contact for further details.

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH CCG 111 Service:

#### Important information

We enter a phased launch of the 111 service in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 12 November 2013 from mid-morning.

We received final approval this week to launch the service following strict quality assurance testing and approval from the Area Team and NHS England Central Team.

From 12 November 2013 the 111 service has been established to take calls from NHS Direct GP practices who currently use UCC as their out of hours provider and anyone dialling 111 from a landline or a mobile.

On 28 November, subject to satisfactory performance, 111 will take calls from GP practices who currently use CCS as their out of hours provider.

It is likely that the 0845 46 47 NHS Direct number will be closed down in the near future subject to approval from NHS England. Further communication will follow on this.

Ref: VN10

#### DECEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

• Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking your Christmas dinner. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.

• Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.

- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

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#### PRESS RELEASE

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Burglary targeted by force crime-prevention campaign

POLICE are urging residents to take crime prevention measures this winter as part of a campaign against burglary. Cambridgeshire Constabulary is focusing on burglary throughout November as part of its award-winning Get Close campaign. Using crime analysis the campaign seeks to raise awareness of different offences, at the most effective time, throughout the year.

Burglary is a priority for the force and officers across the county are working hard to catch offenders.

However, with the clocks having gone back at the weekend and the days getting shorter, officers are concerned that burglars will target homes mid-to-late afternoon and will look for properties that are unoccupied. Yesterday and last night, seven domestic burglaries were reported in the Cambridge area – in Green End Road, Stourbridge Green, Windsor Road, Thoday Street, Trumpington Road, Topliffe Way and Beche Road.

In the South Cambs area, there were four domestic burglaries, in Papworth

Everard, Hardwick, Melbourn and High Street, Foxton. A 21-year-old man from Foxton was arrested in connection with this break-in. Community reduction officer Carol Aston said: "Burglars target homes they think are empty so it's important that people try to make their homes look occupied. Properties are generally broken into from the rear because the burglar doesn't want to be seen so people should make it as difficult as possible to access their back garden. Tall fencing, noisy gravel, spiky hedges and an alarm system are all worth the investment. And of course, windows and doors should always be locked when there is no one at home."

Last winter, there were 961 burglaries in the county during the four months, from November to February, with 224 in November, 227 in December, 296 in January and 214 in February.

Other crime prevention measures include:

\*Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.

\*Never leave items such as keys, bags and money on show through a window, as these can prove a real temptation for an opportunist burglar.

\*Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to doors and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.

\*Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.

\*Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.

\*Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.

\*Consider chaining together all high value items stored in outbuildings, as this will make it harder for them to be removed. Also consider the use of a wireless alarm or link your shed or garage into an existing home intruder alarm system.

\* Homeowners are urged to check their home insurance policies to ensure their property meets the security standards required. Insurance companies often refuse to pay out if properties do not meet these standards or are left unsecured.

Crime prevention advice can be found on the force website in the Get Closer section

Residents are also urged to sign up to eCops to receive email updates from their local policing team. Follow the link on the force website.

Suspicious activity should be reported to the police on 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress, Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111, or through Neighbourhood Watch.

# THE CHALLENGE NOVEMBER SOLUTION & WINNER

Captain Jack SPARROW	Pirates of the Caribbean character.
Leighton BUZZARD	A Bedfordshire town.
Trevor PEACOCK	Jim Trott in The Vicar of Dibley.
The Maltese FALCON	A Dashiell Hammett novel
Florence NIGHTINGALE	A pre NHS Crimean nurse.
ROBIN Cousins	A man never on thin ice!
Sir Christopher WREN	Founder of The Royal Society
Jonathan SWIFT	A Travel Writer?
Peter FINCH	He starred in A Town Like Alice.
Alan PARTRIDGE	"Knowing me, knowing you"
Jonathan Livingstone SEAGULL	A work by Bach? (No not that one)
Fred KITE	A character in I'm All Right Jack.
Nottingham GOOSE Fair	Begun in 1284 ?
Angela EAGLE	One of two sisters in Parliament.
Clarice STARLING	A Hannibal Lector pursuer, an FBI agent.

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Two final points, firstly I hope you all have a great Xmas and secondly, I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.

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Entries to Costcutter Stores, the Library or Green End Surgery no later than 14th January.

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