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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 Ğroup at Village Hall
Every Wednesday evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
1st and 3rd Sunday of each mor	nth S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian
-	School

1st 2nd and 4th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm Carpet Bowls at Village Hall. 4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm Comberton Antiquarian Society at Village Hall

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4th Feb	7.00p.m.	CVC Musical Extravaganza begins
7th Feb	7.45p.m.	WI Annual Meeting at Village Hall
7th Feb		Book Launch at La Mimosa Restaurant
9th Feb	7.30p.m.	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
12th Feb	10.00a.m.	Valentine Coffee Morning at 92b Swaynes Lane
15th Feb	7.30p.m.	Comberton Players Auditions at Village Hall
16th Feb	7.30p.m.	Film- Made in Dagenham at Village Hall
17th Feb	2.00 to 5.00	Last session of Thurs Access Art at CVC
19th Feb	7.30p.m.	A Taste of France at Village Hall
21st Feb		Elimination of Wines at Village Hall
22nd Feb	10.30a.m.	Pancake Race at Village Hall
26th Feb	10.30a.m.	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning Village Hall
		MARCH 2011
3rd March	8.00p.m.	Does the Devil Wear Prada? at St Mary's Church
11th March	10.00 - 12.00	Big Brew at St Mary's Church
12th March	7.15p.m.	Quiz Night at the Meridian School
21st March	-	Video on Wine at Village Hall
23rd March	2.30p.m.	Bingo in Village Hall
27th March	-	National Census Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A late but very happy New Year to you all. Please note that we have reduced the cost of advertising in full colour on the back cover. It is now £66. If you have an item or equipment for which you are searching the second-hand market you could put your request on our village small ads website. Someone might have just what you are looking for. Try it! I hope that this issue of the Contact does not reach you too late. I'm afraid that a number of nudges had to be sent out this month for contributions. Please try to get your articles in before the deadline to avoid hold-ups in the compilation of the Contact.

COMBERTON PLAYERS Summer production Auditions for WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW

A comedy by Paul Gisby

After last year's serious drama, Witness for the Prosecution, we are returning to comedy. According to one of the characters in this play, you should always write About what You know. But, this rule is often ignored by the members of a writing group, who bring their creations – stories or poetry – along to the group for criticism by their peers. It's a hilarious and often surprising play.

There are parts to suit everyone — Colin, the knowall who writes westerns; Liz, the icy new broom; Peter, the serious young biker poet; Louise, the mousy, repressed librarian; Stanley, the elderly writer of unlikely science fiction; Barbara, of a similar age, who only writes about jam making; Brian, the often absent husband who writes poetry; and Annabel, his put-upon non-writing wife who has to run the society.

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

PERFORMANCE DATES: FRIDAY 24TH & SATURDAY 25TH OF JUNE

all are welcome

To request an audition pack, or just to find out more, please contact Alan Lodge (alan.lodge@honeywell.com, or 'phone me on 355360 (day), 260066 (evenings)).

Comberton Players would also welcome new 'crew'. Anyone interested in joining us backstage, front of house or points in between, please contact Glynis Ellis glynisellis@talk21.com or 262214

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Rehearsals are well under way for Audacious Productions' interpretation of Copacabana by Barry Manilow. In a collaboration between CVC's Dance and Music departments, the show is full of striking music and dazzling routines.

Tony is working as a pianist in a bar; he meets Lola who wants to make it in showbusiness. He is immediately smitten with the beautiful woman. At Manhattan's Copacabana lounge they both start finding fame. However, fates steps in and she is swept to Havana to work in a splashy nightclub act where she is convinced she will find stardom. Instead she finds Rico, a suave gangster who manages the club.

This is a show not to be missed. It takes place on March 16-19 with tickets from £4.50-£8.50 available from mid-February through WisePay if you have a child at the college or from Cb3 reception.

This is only one of the fantastic shows at your local arts venue this spring. See below for more details of what's on.

Date	Event	Doors Open	Price	е
Friday 4th February	CVC Rock Night	7.00	£3	
Friday 18 th February	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 a	dv / £10 Door
Saturday 19th	Comberton Youth	7.00	£5/£3	3
February	Theatre's Love of			
	a Nightingale			
Friday 4 th March	Festival Players'	7.00	£5/£	3
	Fantastical			
	Musicals			
Friday 11 th March	Custard Comedy	8.00	£8 a	dv / £10 Door
Wednesday 16 th	Copacabana	7.00pm	£4.5	0-£8.50
March- Saturday 19 th				
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Wednesday 24 th	Auction of	7.15pm		e details on
March	Promises			website
Thursday 31 st	Bourn Players'	For times and		
March-Sunday April	The Wizard of Oz	go to www.bo	urnpla	ayers.org.uk
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Saturday 9 th April	Cambridgeshire			n, please visit
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Friday 15 th April	Custard Comedy	8.00pm		£8 adv / £10
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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

<u>Tuesday:</u> 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

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



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For further information contact Andrew on 263089 or Michael on 262748 This event is sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees





A Fairrade stall at church events such as coffee mornings and the summer fete.

We shall be holding a Big Brew coffee morning at St Mary's church on Friday 11 March from 10.00 am until 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, raffle and a wide range of Fairtrade goods on sale. Profits from this year's Big Brew are going to support beekeepers in developing countries, who supply Fairtrade honey.

We hope many of you will support the coffee morning and will try out some Fairtrade goods in the next few months

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Saturday 12 March 2011 7.15 for 7.30 start at Meridian Primary School

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Tickets: £10 per person (to include a pizza and chips supper) available from the school office

Tables of 8 (but if you can't find 8 people, don't let that put you off – we can help!)

The Royal British Legion

Caldecote, Comberton and District Branch will be holding

A COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday February 26th at Comberton Village Hall 10.30a.m.to 12.00 noon.

Raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac and Cake stalls. Admission – Adults £1, children free. Price will include refreshments.

Please come along and support your local branch. If you can help in any way or provide 'goodies' for the stalls please contact Barbara Myers Tel no: Cambridge 262953.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on in December 2010 and in January 2011. This report covers both these meetings.

Parking problems associated with CVC – B1046 road including junction with Kentings

There is nothing further to report on this. The site meeting took place however there remain a lot of unanswered questions which Cllr Fiona Whelan is looking into. The Parish Council has also asked her to look into the road works outside the village college after residents asked what was happening and why had there been no formal notification of the road works.

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Recreation Ground Pavilion hire

The casual hirers fee is non village residents £50 plus utilities, and village residents £40 plus utilities.

Andy Marsh should be contacted for any day to day recreation ground or pavilion management matters on 07773034336. I will inform you again if this changes.

Paul Harney Associates Land off The Valley planning application

Given only 21 days in which to respond to this application which arrived before Christmas the Parish considered this at its January meeting. It recommended the application for approval with comments on the arrangements for the public open space, the layout of the housing in a linear matter, drainage concerns, public parking and road maintenance arrangements. For a full copy of the response contact the Clerk.

Recreation ground land extension progress report

It was agreed to start discussions with the Planning department and Trees Officers to progress the requirements for change of use and the Planning Committee was asked to undertake this in consultation with the Tree Working Group with regard to the required landscape plan for the change of use.

Parish Plan Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete their questionnaire. Your views are really important to the Parish Council and will help it decide what happens over the next few years. The data from the questionnaires is being collated and analysed and then the Parish Council will start to draw up an action plan. It's not too late if you still haven't completed or returned your questionnaire – just contact the clerk to arrange for its collection.

Financial year 1 April 2011-31 March 2012 - Budget and Precept

The Council approved its budget and set the Precept at its January meeting. The Precept will be £65,000. For a copy of the full budget please contact the Clerk.

Assets Review

In November each year members walk the village to inspect the condition of the parish assets so that repairs and routine maintenance can be arranged.

Publication of spending over £500

All councils are required from the end of January 2011 to publish details of all their spending over £500 on their websites in a certain format and it must contain certain information. Comberton Parish Council's spending over £500 will be on the village website www.comberton.org.uk under Parish Council.

Recreation Ground Land Extension

Landscaping plans for the recreation ground land extension are progressing and the Parish Council is planning to plant 5-10 oak trees on the land. It is anticipated that each tree will cost between £150 - £180. If you or your family would like to contribute to an oak tree or even part of an oak tree then the Par-

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The next Parish Council elections will be held in May 2011. Information on the procedure if you are interested in standing for the Parish Council will be displayed on the parish notice board in approximately March/April. Nomination forms will be available at that time from either the Clerk or the District Council.

There are currently still vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested please contact the Clerk for an application form. If successful the length of this appointment will only be until the next elections in May 2011 however the applicant could stand for re-election.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairn	man) 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
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

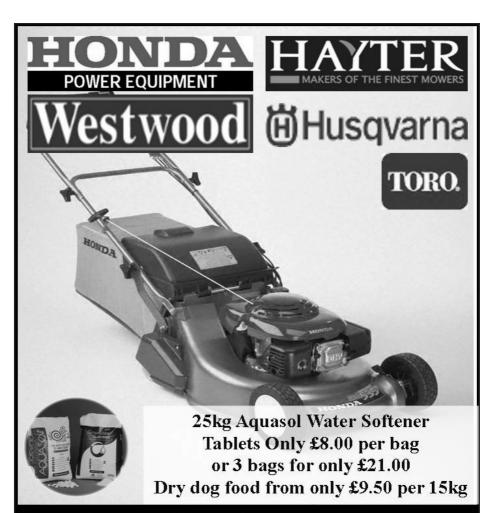
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 February 2011 at **7.30pm in the Village Hall.** All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At the January meeting of the Comberton Parish Council, attended by just 6 members, the Council Tax Precept for 2011-12, required by the Parish Council, was set at £65,000 representing an increase over last year of just over 14%.

This further increase in the Parish Council expenditure is largely due to the further costs being incurred on the work necessary to make the Recreation Ground Extension land suitable for recreational activities and to meet the requirements of the Planning Authority as a result of the change of use of the land. This year alone the budget requirement for this purpose is £22,000 out of the £65,000 total precept.

The Parish Council has recently employed consultants to advise on the works



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St. Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambridge Tel: 01954-210355 Fax: 01954-210236 necessary to provide a further cricket pitch and several football pitches of various sizes on the land extension and their estimate to provide the facilities recommended is in the region of £144,000. This may well be a conservative estimate in the light of the present economic climate.

The figures mentioned above do not take into account the annual expenditure incurred with maintaining the existing Recreation Ground and Pavilion which is presently quite substantial and one can only assume that the maintenance of the Recreation Ground Extension when it is completed will lead to a further increase to be borne by Comberton Council Tax payers. It seems that with these additional commitments in mind the Parish Council have now decided to employ 3 part time staff for the Recreation Ground. They are a cleaner for the Pavilion, a Recreation Ground manager and a litter picker which will incur further costs.

I have to express my concerns, that in the current economic climate, Comberton Council Tax payers are being called upon to foot these increases at a time when I am sure that many households are likely to be fully stretched with their living expenses in the coming year.

In May our Parish Council elections are due to be held. I hope that enough Comberton residents, who are concerned about the future of Comberton and the costs involved, will come forward to ensure that the residents of our village can elect a new Parish Council rather than the alternative of co-option which has been the case for far too long.

Keith Banyard Comberton

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Services and Events at St Mary's in February

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	9.30am	All Age Worship

St Mary's Church building is open all day every weekend, not only when there are services. Please feel free to come in at any time, to sit, pray, think or simply enjoy the quiet. We meet and pray especially for people in the village at Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.15am - everybody is welcome to ask

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Next Month we welcome Rev Joanna Jepson on March, speaking to ladies only at 8.00pm. Joanna is Chaplain to the London College of Fashion, as well as a speaker and TV personality. So - does the devil really wear Prada? Is God concerned what we look like? Come to listen, ask questions think, and meet other people. Tickets, to include refreshments, are £4.00.

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Sunday Masses at OLEM

8.00 am

9.30 am (Children's)

10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

Further details of these and all other services for February for the entire parish may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. www.olem.org.uk

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Where: Comberton Baptist Church (in the centre behind the church)

When: Every fourth Sunday of each month

Time: Doors open at 10.15am with activities starting at 10.30-11.45am For more information please call Donna on 01223 264707 or 01954 211259

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

For further information on any of the above please contact the church office on 01223 264707 or dan@c-b-c.org.uk; or visit our website: www.c-b-c.org.uk.

New Sunday morning series beginning in January...





In the build up to Easter we are going to be looking at Jesus' journey on the way to Jerusalem. On this journey Jesus teaches and equips the disciples, preparing them for life after His death and resurrection. Join us at CBC as we discover how Jesus' teachings are just as important and relevant to us today as when they were first spoken - on the way to the cross.

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We are now very pleased to offer support in a slightly different way. One of our hard-working office staff (Mrs Ann Webb) is planning to visit The Gambia later this year, taking with her more money earmarked entirely for the local community. She is holding a quiz night at school to raise funds and we are very pleased to host this. Mrs Webb is very keen to point out that none of the money will be used to fund her trip and everything raised will benefit children in The Gambia. So please come along! Glennis Virgo Headteacher

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we enter a New Year, it is clear that, in many ways, we enter a whole new educational landscape. Following the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Schools' White Paper, we are all looking to piece together the nature of this new world. It can certainly be seen as different: Academy status, Free Schools, changes in approach to teacher training, inspection changes, tighter resources, a much stronger emphasis on a core academic curriculum for all, less 'bureaucracy' (perhaps) and much else besides. Every school in the country will have to reflect on how it now moves forward. When adding a major new Sixth Form at the same time, Comberton Village College probably has even more reflection to do.

Some things have to change. Not to change when one's environment is clearly changing is a dangerous position to adopt. We will have to re-organise ourselves in various ways to ensure that we are properly placed to operate very effectively within the new environment. So what does change and what does not change? The answer must surely be that the things that really matter are the things that do not change. Indeed, the fundamental reason for ensuring that some changes do take place is to ensure that the things

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that really matter do not change. Every single pupil of the school will be supported to achieve his or her very best. We will seek to serve our community properly and fully as a Cambridgeshire Village College. We will work with others to achieve more together. We will ensure that there is a strong international emphasis to the educational experience that we provide. We might have to go about some of these things in different ways, but they are the reasons that we will do anything.

Every best wish to everyone for a really good 2011. May we all see changes, except in the things that matter.

Stephen Munday, Comberton Village College

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Comberton Friendship Club meeting was held last month on January 13th. First though we had a great Christmas lunch in December cooked and served by Carol Wilmot and her team of helpers. As always an excellent meal. Our speaker for January was Pete Brown on his experiences on the railways – always funny – we hope he calls again! A happy and healthy New Year to you all.

COMBERTON WI

Members enjoyed a garden themed evening in December. Daphne Hawkins and Marjorie Banyard had prepared some horticultural and Christmas quizzes and members were challenged to make their own festive flower arrangements in a basket. Everybody had a delicious buffet supper and the evening was rounded off with carols and a visit from Secret Santa.

Unfortunately our January speaker had to cancel so members had a relaxed evening and were able to discuss the possible resolutions for this year's AGM in Liverpool. If you are new to the village or your circumstances have changed, why not come along and give the WI a try? We are very friendly and have excellent speakers. Please contact Mandy Ra on 264094 for more details.

Dates for your diary:

8th February: Annual Meeting. Please bring a piece of music or object which is special to you. 7.45p.m. in the Village Hall.

22nd February: 10.30a.m: Annual Pancake Race at the Village Hall followed by refreshments.

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woodwork and DIY – often saving bits from things to make into something else. He loved anything techy ...Suduko and mind puzzles were also something he really enjoyed – completing several every day. Fred was helpful, resourceful, kind and very quick witted – he always had a twinkle in his eye...There were 3 things that were very important to Fred, his family, his faith and his friends... We are thankful he didn't suffer and he remained cheerful and smiling to the end. We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their cards and messages of love and support during this difficult time. Thank you for the overwhelming attendance at the service and the very generous donations for British Heart Foundation and the Oncology Day Unit in Fred's memory. *Val and Chris Westgarth*

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - A BIG THANK YOU

The community Christmas lights event on Friday 3rd December was a huge success. Residents crowded into the grounds of the playgroup. This is the 9th year that this event has taken place. The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for the part they played in making the event a success; Clare and Stuart Tunstall, Hilary Kingshot, Ann & Steve Webb, Chris Westgarth, Michael Stone, Jane Winney and Janet McCabe

The night was <u>very</u> cold, the air crisp, the lights twinkled, the Salvation Army band played our favourites, we sang heartily, we enjoyed the festive punch, mince pies, gingerbread men and chestnuts.

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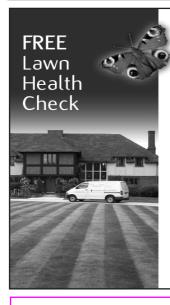
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Why should this matter to you? Like all local authorities in England and Wales, South Cambridgeshire District Council relies on census population estimates to feed into the government funding your communities need for public services. How much it gets is related to how many people the census says live in your area – so if the census can't account for everyone, it could lose out. Even if the census were to end up just a few households short, it could make a very real difference to people's lives.

You can complete your 2011 Census online (you'll need the internet access code on the front of your questionnaire to log in), or complete the questionnaire by hand and post it back in the pre-paid envelope. Everything you tell the census is confidential. It will only be used to help build an accurate picture of the population so that public sector organisations and other users can plan their services and activities over the next ten years. Your questionnaire is turned into numbers by ONS and is not shared with any other local or national government department.

For more information visit www.census.gov.uk Thank you for taking part.

BEST SELLING LOCAL AUTHOR, JUDITH LENNOX, LAUNCHES HER LATEST NOVEL

Judith Lennox, best selling British author whose novels are published widely in Europe, is due to talk about the launch her latest novel set in the 1930s "Catching the Tide" at the NSPCC Cambridge Dining Club's luncheon on 7th February, at La Mimosa Restaurant, Cambridge. This prolific writer, with more than 15 books published so far in her 20 year career, will also be talking about how she researches for the novels. The Dining Club meets five times a year at this charming riverside restaurant, to enjoy a two-course luncheon with coffee. Funds raised go towards National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children projects within this region and ChildLine.

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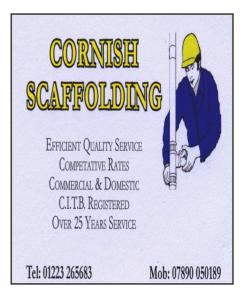
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The music, the singing, the costumes, the scenery, the modern day jokes (some referring to the guided bus), all made for a perfect evening of truly wonderful, enjoyable pantomime for the whole family.

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Eileen

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The group regularly meets together with others for competitions and seminars and events for this year include Regional, National and European Championships plus a special weekend away at the beginning of July. These activities are suitable for people of all ages and abilities, not just the black belts. Beginners are always welcome and will be supported in their training by the other members of the group.

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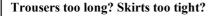
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COMBERTON WINEMAKERS

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At the March meeting on Monday 21st, part of the meeting will be a video on Wine. The Commercial Wine Tasting has now been transferred to the meeting to be held on April 18th. Cost £2-00 per member, Visitors £3-00.

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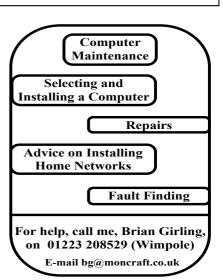
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leading to a poor lawn in the summer when you need it most.

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DON'T SLIP ON YOUR PATIO/PATH (MOSS/ALGAE)

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MOWING (LEAF REMOVAL)

Mow the lawn as required, even if it is to hoover up the last of the leaves that fell last year. Don't be afraid to mow if the lawn (if it needs it) even if it is February, as long as there is no frost on the ground.

ACTIONS REQUIRED IN FEBRUARY

- Treat moss in lawns
- Treat patios with moss/algae killer
- Book patio to be pressure washed
- If lawn needs cutting or leaves picking up do as required on higher setting The lawn owner can carry out some of the above tasks, other tasks such as spraying diseases or moss, may need some professional intervention.

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HERALD OF SPRING

The very cold November and December will have held back many plants. In mid-January few bulbs shoots were to be seen. However, if the late winter in February is warm, growth will start to catch up and spring may not be as late as last year. Once February arrives, the worst of winter is usually over. The sun rises in the sky, the days lengthen and the ground temperature rises. All these physical effects of the sun begin to initiate plant growth. A tell tale sign is the flowering of the yellow winter aconites, closely followed by snowdrops. Out in the wild, the early flowering plants are the red dead-nettle with its downy leaves and small pink flowers; the yellow colts-foot, often seen along the drainage banks of the Drift, is usually in flower after a warm sunny spell in February. The flowers appear on scaly stalks before the leaves can be seen.

Garden wildlife

The bitter cold of winter prevented any real gardening, and the enforced im-



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prisonment inside provided time for armchair wildlife watching. One particular lovely afternoon enabled us to watch a party of male pheasants resort to scavenging underneath a seed feeder. Whenever a finch started feeding on the seeds there was a small shower of seeds that were immediately snatched up by the pheasants waiting underneath. Behind them a Muntjac deer grazed along the hedge at the back of the garden. A greater-spotted woodpecker had commandeered the peanut holder and a charm of goldfinches was on the Nyger seed holders. All this wildlife could be seen at the same time against a pristine snow-covered lawn.

Winter colour

With plant life held back due to extreme cold, winter colour has been late. The one successful group of plants has been the dogwoods. These, as usual, never fail to produce striking bark colours in winter garden areas. I love the yellow bark of *C. stolonifera* 'Flaviramea' next to *C. alba* 'Sibirica' with its crimson stems; these can be interspersed with *C. sanguinea* 'Winter Beauty' with coral-red stems. When the low winter sun hits the stems the effect is stunning.

If you have the time, try to get to the Royal Horticultural Society London Winter Show, on 15-16 February at Greycoat Street, London SW1. This show is always striking and there is usually some interesting work on small garden designs (http://www.rhs.org.uk/Shows-Events/RHS-London-Flower-Shows).

R.T. Choke

THE CHALLENGE

December/January Solution & Winner ...and the wine containers were:-

6SALMANAZAR	2MAGNUM
8NEBUCHADNEZZAR	3JEROBOAM
1FLAGON	7BALTHAZAR
4REHOBOAM	5METHUSELAH
WINNER: Dennis Coe. Westlands	One of 5 entries.

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The answer to each pair of clues below is two words, pronounced the same but spelt differently.

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/.	Sailing vessel/Part of a tree.
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/.	Is aware of/Prominent Roman feature.
	Half of a Tolstoy novel/A queen or bishop?
	Mourinho is the special?/ Came first.
	Court, Oxford or Deck?/Type of pastry.

/Ceremony/Wilbur or Orville.
Part of a circle/Old floating menagerie.
Looked for/A type.
Jerry who married a Stone/Proceeds of a robbery.
A fruit/Inter.
Rough and husky/Desert Orchid
/Wind indicator/Blue liquid carrier?
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