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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 st 2 nd and 4 th 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	Oasis Teas at Village Hall
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist Church
1st Wednesday of each month	10.30am	Reading Group at the Library

FEBRUARY

Feb 1st	10.00-12.00	Conservatives Coffee Morning at Village Hall
Feb 7th	12-2.00	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall
Feb 11th	7.45pm	Comberton WI AGM at Village Hall
Feb 12th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
Feb 13th	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship Club at Village Hall
Feb 18th	11.30am	WI Panckae Race at Village Hall
Feb 21st	7.00pm	Bingo Party at Village Hall
Feb 28th	12-2.00	Comberton Crafty Cafe at Village Hall

MARCH

Mar 8th	7.30pm	Swiss Fondue Night at Coton Village Hall
Mar 15th	6.30pm	Amore at Bourn Church
Mar 17th	7.30pm	Michael Harcus at Comberton Baptist Church]
Mar 29th	7.30-11.30pm	Tennis Club 70's & 80's Disco at Village Hall

APRIL

Apr 13th	10-4.00pm	Charity Antiques Fair at Orwell Village Hall
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope it's not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year. I do hope that you all had a good seasonal break with family and friends. It may look, from the diary, as if not so much is happening in the village in February but if you take into account the regular events you could be very busy. At the time of writing the front cover is available for March and May and the back cover is available for April, May and June. If you would like to promote your summer event on the cover book it now. Let's hope the winter, when it comes, is not too bitter.

COMBERTON PLAYERS would like to hear from anyone interested in Directing their summer production on 27th & 28th June at Comberton Village Hall.

Please contact the Secretary for full details:

Glynis Ellis Tel. 262214, e-mail: glynisellis@talk21.com

Michael Harcus – Orcadian singer songwriter 'in concert'

at Comberton Baptist Church, Green End, Comberton.

Michael is on a major UK tour from his home in Westray, Orkney. Brilliant opportunity to see and hear this excellent artist perform.

Tickets £10 to include interval refreshments.

7.30pm Thursday 27 March 2014.

Contact Mark Catley 01223 263508 or by e-mail mark@catley.net

Charity Antiques Fair

in aid of Help for Heroes

at Orwell Village Hall,
Sunday 13th April 2014.

10am - 4pm

£1 (early entry 9am £2).



Do you need information and advice?

Are you:

- Living with a long term illness or disability?
- Providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without your help?
- Struggling with an age related condition?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above then
why not come along to one of our

Adult Support Drop Ins

At The Horizon Centre
285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY
(Near the roundabout, opposite Sainsburys)

On the last Wednesday of the month during 2014
13.30 – 15.30
Refreshments available

29 January 2014	Topic of discussion: Assistive Technology
26 February 2014	Activity: Chair based exercises
26 March 2014	Specialist information from the Village Benefits team

Our advice is free and confidential,
and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For further information contact
Telephone: 01480 377616 or Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220



Comberton Crafty Cafe

Friday 10th and 24th January and

Friday 7th and 28th February 2014

12-2pm

Comberton Village Hall

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

BINGO PARTY

Comberton Village Hall

Friday 21st February 2014 7 for 7.30pm

£1 Admission

Tea/coffee and Biscuits available

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For further information contact Andrew on 263089

or Michael on 262748

This event is sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees

Comberton Luncheon Club

January 31st

February 28th

March 28th

Green Man, Shepreth

George & Dragon, Elsworth

Old Crown, Girton

Barton Guides would like to invite you to a

SWISS CHEESE FONDUE NIGHT

on Saturday 8th March 2014



In Coton Village Hall

Tables from 7.30 pm, Hall open 7.15pm

with Quiz/raffle

Please book a table in advance for you and your friends (tables of up to 8 people) and enjoy a home-made **Swiss cheese fondue** plus nibbles/starter and dessert.

Bring your own drinks/glasses.

Tickets are £10 per adult, £8 for children age 13 and under.

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Our fund-raising is to help Amy Bland go on a Girlguiding service project to Nepal in summer 2014

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Hope to see you there soon.

Orienteering Taster Day at Wandlebury

Saturday 1 February 11.00am



Learn orienteering using the new updated map of the extended permanent orienteering course.
Meet at Wandlebury car park's notice board at 11.00am to purchase a new map with many extra control posts and options for routes, for £1.50 each.
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Free event - cost of map and parking fee only.

Conservation Tasks at Coton Countryside Reserve.

Saturday 8 February

11.00am to 3.00pm



Help the Rangers carry out practical conservation tasks at Coton Countryside Reserve. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.
For information ring Duty Ranger:
07796-407977 or [email](#).
No need to book. Free event.

Regular walking opportunities at Wandlebury

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Current consultations or surveys -

General

Cambridge City Council

- **Coldham's Common** – consultation in view of preparing a comprehensive management plan for this green space – complete [survey](#) by end February 2014
- **Brown's Field BMX track** - [consultation](#)

Cambridgeshire County Council

- [Cambridgeshire Future Transport](#) – (ends 30 September 2014)
- [Better Care Fund – future of social and health care in Cambridgeshire](#) (ends 8 February 2014)

COMBERTON PLAYERS

The next production will be at the end of June.

We will not have decided on a play by the time Contact goes for printing, so if you are interested in taking part, please contact our secretary, Glynis Ellis on 01223 262214 or at glynisellis@talk21.com . We can then give you details about the play and auditions when these are confirmed. New members are very welcome, on stage or behind the scenes.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

DATES FOR YOUR 2014 DIARY

Spring Pant Sale – Saturday 17th May 10.00 am - Playschool

Summer Barbecue – Saturday 12th July 6.00pm – Long Road Allotments

Autumn Show – Saturday 13th September - Meridian School

The subjects for our three photography classes and the Mike Winney trophy are: '*Winter Garden*'; '*The Power of Flowers*' and '*Worn Out*'; the subject for the Children's photography class is: '*Animals*'.

The subjects chosen are deliberately broad to enable you to interpret in your own way; so keep that camera with you and be creative!

Annual General Meeting –Wednesday 26th November 7.30pm – Village Hall

Annual Outing – Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th September

After the successful trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens in 2013 it is proposed to continue with the Outing in the Autumn: the current proposals are to visit Geoff Hamilton's Garden at Barnsdale combined with time in Stamford. But see future editions of Contact for more details.

Robin Worship; CAGA Secretary (robin@worship.freemove.co.uk)

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Comberton Tennis Club's 70's and 80's Disco

on Saturday March 29th 7.30-11.30pm

at Comberton Village Hall.

Tickets will be £10

to include 1970/80's music and dancing and a light supper

70's/80's dress is optional!

A BAR will serve good quality wines, spirits, beer and soft drinks

Attendees must wear flat shoes (no heels).

Contact Mel Collins (Chairman of Comberton Tennis Club)

at collinsmelanie@gmail.com to book your tickets for this exciting event.

Comberton and District Conservatives

Village Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st February 2014

Between 10:00 am and 12 noon

Comberton Village Hall, Green End

Your opportunity to meet your Comberton Councillors

Tim Scott, District Council
and

Stephen Frost, County Council,

They would like to thank you and discuss any
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 8th January 2014

Transport Working Group

The Parish Council is in negotiations with St John's College to enter into a Permissive Path Agreement to facilitate the creation of a permissive path along the edge of the fields of Northfield Farm adjacent to Long Road. The proposal will be for a grass track approximately 3 meters wide. At its meeting the Parish Council agreed to sign the agreement and provide the necessary public liability insurance subject to legal costs being acceptable to the Council. Coton Parish Council is to be asked to contribute to the legal costs as their children will also use the path from Coton to the Village College.

Cycling on pavements

Comberton Parish Council has received numerous complaints about people cycling on the pavements with no consideration for pedestrians. This includes both primary and secondary school age children. While understanding the difficulties of cycling through the village at peak traffic times, the Parish Council requests that pedestrians have priority at all times.

Real time bus information

The Parish Council has heard that it was successful in its bid for funding to install Real Time Information Displays at the bus stops in the village. Budget and Precept for financial year 1st April 2014 to 31 March 2015 At its meeting the Council approved its budget for the forthcoming financial year and set its precept at £57,000. For a copy of the Council's budget or information on the Council's proposed spending please contact the Clerk.

Recreation ground

The Parish Council continues to liaise with Sport England about the project to install drainage and prepare pitches on the recreation ground land extension. The Parish Council hopes it will be able to appoint a contractor shortly so that work can start.

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

A final decision on the loan has still not been made.

Potholes

Potholes were reported to County Cllr Frost to follow up with the County Council.

If you have any concerns about potholes or damaged pavements please report them to the County Council online <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm>

Tree survey

The Council has had a comprehensive tree survey undertaken and at its meeting it considered the report and recommendation of its Tree Group. Funding for necessary work and some replacement trees has been put in place in the budget. The Parish Council will consider the positioning of the proposed replacement

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trees in Long Road at a future meeting to see if moving the trees back slightly would provide space for a cycle path at some future date.

Play equipment project

Details of the proposed new play equipment were viewed at the meeting and an application to Wren for a grant towards the equipment has been submitted. The Parish Council hopes to be in a position at its next meeting to consider further the project and any quotes received. The Comberton Playground Project is to look at the feasibility of retaining the existing swings and fencing the whole play area and report to the next meeting.

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

Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council, 30 West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NY

Email parishclerk@comberton.org.uk Tel: 01954 210241 Fax: 0870 705 2759
Miss Amanda Bacon (Chairman) Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane

		264711
Mr Peter Crossley	59 Barons Way	262517
Mr Richard Elleray	30 Green End	262433
Mr Hywel Griffiths (Vice-Chairman)	18 Barrons Way	263390
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Dr Janet McCabe	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mr Ben Pemberton	35 West Street	262445
Mrs Jill Preston	45 Long Road	263077
Mr Tim Scott	Moat House, 65 Green End	263434
Mr Nick Taylor	41 West Street	263419
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February 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.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, COMBERTON

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

Rev. Michael Booker - team rector 01223 260095

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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 February

Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	All Age worship
Thursday 27th	2.30pm	Oasis Tea, in the Village Hall

How should we live? The Lordsbridge parishes are planning a series of special talks through the year, looking at questions of how we live as God's people in a complicated world. To help us focus our thinking, most of our services this month will be focused on the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Come and learn from the wisest man who ever lived!

We are really sorry that St Mary's is currently locked at weekends outside service times. The church has suffered from a long string of minor thefts on Sunday afternoons. We are reviewing security, and working as hard as we can to find a way of keeping the church open at weekends without losing more things. There is a list of key holders in the church porch, and you are always very welcome to borrow a key and visit the building.

St Mary's is a Fairtrade church. We have a stall with fairly traded produce on sale each week, and the tea and coffee we use at church events is chosen because the producers get a better, reliable price for the crops they grow.

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Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne
6.00 pm Bar Hill
6.00 pm OLEM

Sunday Masses at OLEM

8.00 am
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10.45 am (Sung)
12.15 pm (Polish)
5.00 pm (Folk)

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

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

Don't tell my wife - but there are some things about winter that I actually do enjoy. She likes the winter – I don't. I look forward to the summer and wouldn't mind if it was summer all year round. I don't like the cold, the dark mornings and evenings, the rain and the wind.

Personally I don't see the attraction of a time of year when the things you like, involve getting in and escaping from the cold. When the reasons you like winter include snuggling up with a hot chocolate; sitting in front of an open fire and presents under the Christmas tree – why not just acknowledge that it's a cold and dark time of the year and we'd much prefer it to be summer. But even I have to admit that there are some things I like about the winter – but don't tell my wife – I'll never hear the end of it.

We moved to Comberton just before Christmas – on the shortest day of the year. I enjoy running and there have been lots of new routes to explore. There haven't been many frosty mornings this winter but a clear blue sky and frost covered fields make the cold ears and fingers worthwhile. A wet and muddy run is a lot more fun than the pavement to Barton and back – or maybe it's just me!

Maybe you really enjoy winter; maybe you long for the summer; maybe spring or autumn are your favourite. Or maybe you like all four with the difference and the contrast and the change as we progress through the year.

Maybe it feels like your life is stuck in winter. Maybe there's the hope of spring – the promise of new things just beginning to show. Maybe there's the warmth of summer or the fruitfulness of autumn. We all go through stages in our lives. Some are better than others. Some we enjoy. Some we wish were over. Sometimes we wish there was someone to travel with.

Comberton Baptist Church is made up of all kinds of people on a journey. Some are experiencing the harshness of winter, others are enjoying the warmth of summer. The rest are somewhere in between. Whoever you are a warm welcome is offered. We meet on Sundays at 10.30am.

Keith Tarring – minister at CBC.



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seems to me, however, that it is just as applicable to our own situation at Meridian. As parents, when we send a child to school we are, in effect, enlisting a wide range of other adults to support us in our child's upbringing. The teachers come to mind immediately as the people with whom children have most contact and their influence is very strong. In any primary school, however, there are many other adults who have a commitment to each child's welfare, learning and happiness. Please note that these follow in no particular order – there is no hierarchy of importance!

Our Mid-day Supervisors come to mind as a group whose purpose is to ensure that children engage in safe and happy play at lunchtime, enjoy their meal in a sociable setting, and return to lessons in the afternoon relaxed and ready to learn again. Meanwhile, our lunch providers ensure that the food the children enjoy is appealing, tasty and nutritious. Brain food is vital!

Our Teaching Assistants do just what their title says – they assist the teacher to ensure that every child can access the learning which is going on. They may have responsibility for an individual child with a special need or have a broader remit involving groups or whole classes, but they too are focused on the children's educational and social development.

Our Governors oversee the whole thing. Their role is a strategic one to keep the school moving forward and to offer support and challenge to the adults to make sure it does!

The Office Staff are always the 'public face' of a school and their friendly, welcoming manner to children, parents and visitors alike says a great deal about the values we embrace. Our Site Manager and Cleaners work hard to ensure that the site is safe, clean and pleasant for the children so they can learn to the best of their ability. The PTA too play a vital role in raising funds to give the children extra learning experiences - and in putting on events which are just lots of fun! Not forgetting the volunteers who help with clubs and trips.

In addition to all these regular contributors to our children's learning, we often make visits and have visitors; some are very local (it's that 'village' theme again) and others are based much further afield.

Most of the people I've mentioned probably won't read this – but I would still like to thank them all for their contribution to the upbringing of our next generation. It is no small thing.

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

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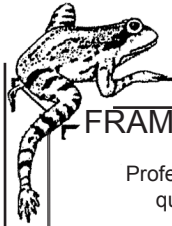
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COMBERTON WI

Our December meeting is always a festive occasion and this year we were entertained by Scrambells, a group of local handbell ringers. They played well known tunes and carols and after refreshments, members were given the opportunity to try out bell ringing for themselves.

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programme of interesting speakers booked, including Peter Carter, the last eel catcher in the Fens. It is an easy way to meet people if you are new to the village or if your situation has changed recently. We are a friendly group and as a woman, it is great to be yourself for an evening, not someone's wife/ mother/ grandmother! Yes, we do sing 'Jerusalem' and I'm sure most of us eat jam but there is much more to the WI than that. By joining the WI, you have the opportunity to be involved at local, county or national level. Why not give it a go in 2014? For more details, please contact Mandy Ray (mja630@yahoo.co.uk or 262961)

The booked speaker for January was unable to make the meeting but very kindly organised a replacement. Yasmin Chopin, a local interior designer, gave an excellent illustrated talk on 'Designing with Colour'. She told us about using colour to give a dramatic effect or a calming influence and showed us how colour can alter a room and the mood of those using it. Bold can be beautiful and does not need to be overpowering if used in a subtle way. It was a great talk to brighten up a January evening and hopefully inspired members to be braver in their colour choices.

Dates for the diary:

January 14th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. 'The Mystery of Hypnosis' with Siobhan Costello.

February 11th - Annual Meeting at 7.45pm.

February 18th - Annual Pancake Race. Meet at 10.30am at the Village Hall for this village favourite. Everyone is welcome, races will be run for all age groups and refreshments will be available afterwards.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Thursday 12th December 2013 the Friendship Club held their annual Christmas lunch. It was an excellent meal, supplied by an outside caterer from Toft. The entertainment by 'BIG RON T' gave a light hearted bit of fun, with everyone enjoying a sing - a - long. Every member was presented with a Christmas card, plus present from the club. A raffle was also held. Thank you to everyone who provided prizes towards it. Also a big thank you to the committee and club members who worked so hard setting everything up and making it a very happy and enjoyable afternoon.

Our speaker on Thursday 9th January 2014 was Simon Theobald from 'Bluebird Care', a company that provides care in the home. He informed us in detail on all possible options and choices of what care was available to anyone who may be thinking about, or making plans for their future needs.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th February at 2.30pm.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – THANK YOU.

A big thank you to everyone who made the Annual lights event a success. Thank you to Hilary and the playgroup staff and to HIM maintenance for the electricity for the lights. The Salvation Army band from Waterbeach played our

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favourite carols and shared short bible verses that told the Christmas story. Thank you for the very generous donations to the work of the Salvation Army. Hot festive punch, mince pies and roasted chestnuts were enjoyed by all on the cold, damp evening.

CLEAN IT UP!

I am SO cross to see that there are still people not cleaning up after their dogs in my area of Comberton. Someone who obviously has a very large dog has allowed it to mess on the corner of Bakers Close and Harbour Avenue! There are other huge messes which have been left on the footpath around the edge of The Meridian School and in other areas. You know who you are and you know that there is a fine for being disgusting and permitting your dog to foul the footpaths. Make sure you take plenty of bags with you and CLEAN UP! You give decent dog owners a bad name.

WHEN WILL COMBERTON GET A ZEBRA CROSSING?

The Parish Council Report in December's issue of Contact states that Sport England has awarded the Parish Council £50,000 towards a project for drainage and pitches on the recreation ground extension.

This is great news but is there no way Comberton can obtain money to install at least one zebra crossing? This is surely a far more important issue than drainage and pitches as our children's lives might be at risk without a crossing.

Barton Road and West Street are extremely busy during the times the children are going to and from school and it can take several minutes to cross the road with reasonable safety. The amount of traffic going through the village is going to increase even more as time goes by so the need for a zebra crossing as quickly as possible is hugely important.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Stephen Frost and Denise at Cambridge County Council for their tenacity in making sure that the public footpath from Kentings to West Street was made safe recently by the cutting down of dead trees, a potential hazard especially with the recent high winds.

Sue and Mike Horne

DICK WHITTINGTON.

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We are so lucky to have had the opportunity to enjoy Comberton Players presentation of this year's pantomime Dick Whittington. It was total fun from start to finish and even the few mistakes were cleverly and wittily dealt with. The children, the cat and the rats in particular, were excellent and were fantastic entertainment. Many of us would never have the confidence or courage to do what groups like Comberton Players do and therefore we should feel even more strongly that our village is lucky to have them. The hard work and long hours

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put in (especially by the organisers, some of whom also acted in the pantomime) was fantastic. The band was also brilliant so must be given a mention. All in all a big THANK YOU Comberton Players and may we see many more such shows.



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From 1st January 2014 Cambridge CAMTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) is changing its name to Cambridgeshire Hearing Help. There will be no change to our services. We now run hearing help sessions in 42 venues in Cambridgeshire. At these drop-in sessions volunteers offer advice on any aspects of hearing loss and maintain NHS hearing aids by distributing batteries, cleaning and "retubing" aids. There is also a service to housebound people and those living in residential care. It is not generally recognised that hearing aids need maintenance every 3 – 6 months when the small plastic tube that links the mould with the mechanical part needs to be replaced to maintain the quality of sound. By keeping hearing aids in good condition with routine maintenance available locally, hearing loss becomes a minor inconvenience not a major barrier to communication. This helps to keep people sociable and makes a significant contribution to their quality of life. We also offer a telephone advice service, talks, training and information on hearing help assistive technology.

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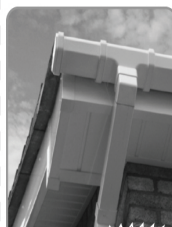
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Ian Douglas, Group Scout Leader on email angela.douglas@freeuk.com

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Eileen

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FEBRUARY BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FIREFIGHTERS are asking residents to take care while cooking during February.

Valentine's Day means more people may turn to the kitchen to cook their way to a loved one's heart, and combined with Shrove Tuesday and National Chip Week, which runs from February 17-23, there are many more chances people may end distracted while cooking this month.

Here are some handy tips for staying safe in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen when cooking on a hob
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking
- Take care when cooking with oil, especially in deep fat fryers – it sets alight easily.
- Don't tackle a fire yourself – Get out, stay out and dial 999.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Sign up to Twitter Alerts

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is urging people to sign up to a new social media scheme that allows it to release important information quickly in times of emergency.

Twitter Alerts make it easier for organisations to get critical information to the right people at the right time.

The force is joined by more than 50 organisations that have signed up to the scheme, including all the UK's other police forces, the London Fire Brigade and the Environment Agency.

It will allow the force to highlight critical information to its followers by marking

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Tweets as alerts with an orange bell for extra visibility.

Twitter users can also sign up for the alerts and receive a notification directly to their phone via SMS. Users of Twitter for iPhone or Android will receive a push notification direct to their mobile.

The alerts are intended for crisis, disaster and emergency communications.

Events that could require an alert include:

- Natural disasters or severe weather
- Chemical or biological incidents
- Terrorist incident or threat
- Criminal activity that places the public in life-threatening harm

Alerts could warn of imminent danger, give evacuation directions, issue preventative instructions or give urgent safety alerts.

To subscribe, Twitter users simply need to visit the force's account homepage and click on the link beside the orange bell symbol.

Alternatively, visit <http://twitter.com/cambscops/alerts>

Peter Rham, head of force resilience, said: "In a major incident where people are at risk, one of our key objectives is to get fast and accurate information to the public, as it could save lives.

"Twitter alerts provide us with another way of communicating directly with people in an emergency. The alerts will stand out as being of exceptional importance and the notifications to people's mobile devices mean we can get messages to people as they go about their daily business.

"I would urge people to follow our Twitter account and sign up to the alerts as one day they could prove extremely valuable."

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THE CHALLENGE

December result & winner

The winners selections were:-

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USK.	VOLGA.	WYE.	XINGU.	YANGTSE.
ZAMBESI.				

Winner: Meg Briggs. Barrons Way

My throw'away comment predicting at least 10 entries was almost prophetic, there were 12! Many thanks, every entry is appreciated.

THE CHALLENGE

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WARNING Any inexperienced or amateur (casual) puzzler proceeding beyond this point does so purely at his or her own risk. The compiler accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any fits or seizures associated with attempts to complete the puzzle. (In other words this one is slightly trickier than usual). Best of luck and a very happy new year to you all.

All that is required is to insert what follows in the sequence concerned.....

Strong Gale--Storm--.....? Athos--Porthos--.....?

Blue--indigo--.....? Topaz--Corundum--.....?

The Prisoner of Azkaban--The Goblet of Fire--.....?

Eta--Theta--.....? Moe--Larry--.....?

Wynken--Blynken.....? Nina--Pinta.....?

Libertie--Fraternitie--.....? Flagon--Magnum--.....?

Tisiphone--Alecto--...../? Triassic--Jurassic--.....?

Clotho--Lachesis.....? Hewey--Dewey--.....?

Emerald--Diamond--.....? Troposphere--Stratosphere--.....?

The Fellowship of the Ring--The Two Towers--.....?

Balthazar--Melchior--.....? Snap--Crackle.....?

Exodus--Leviticus.....? Will Hay--Moore-Marriott--.....?

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

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March 17 th	to	March 30th	Jon & Jo Callan
March 31st	to	April 13th	Martin & Ingrid Sims

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