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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		at 8.00pm Comberton Antiquarian Society at V H
4th Thursday of each month		2.30pm Service & Social at Village Hall
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist Church

JANUARY 2012

10th January	7.45pm	WI Meeting at Village Hall
11th January	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
14th January	7.30pm	Winemaker's New Year Social at Village Hall
15th January	11.00-3.00	Comberton Market at Leisure Centre
18th January	7.30pm	Film - Calendar Girls at Village Hall
20th January	7.00pm	Evening Bingo Party at Village Hall
28th January	7.15pm	Ist Scout Group Quiz Night & Raffle
28th January	7.15pm	Swiss Fondue Night at Coton Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2012

15th February	7.30pm	Film - One Day at Village Hall
20th February		Winemaker's Commercial Winetasting V. Hall

MARCH 2012

10th March		Big Brew Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church
21st March	7.30pm	Film - Singing in the Rain at Village Hall

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year. We have welcomed Terry Coad on to the Contact team as our new Treasurer. I look forward to working with him starting with the March issue. Although it still seems to me to be a good idea to have a small adverts website for Comberton Village it has not really taken off. There were plenty of sellers but few buyers. So, regrettably, from January 2012, I shall drop the website. If anyone has an opinion on how we could make it work please do let me know. Just a reminder that the deadline for the next issue, which is the March one, is 15th February.

COMBERTON CINEMA

At the Village Hall

Banish the post festive season gloom with our winter into spring film programme

Wednesday 18th January

New year, new diary, so what better way to cheer ourselves up than with the perennial favourite **CALENDAR GIRLS** 12

Wednesday 15th February

This year is a leap year, so celebrate the extra day with the 2011 film based on the bestselling book **ONE DAY** 12A

Wednesday 21st March

And when March storms batter us, if you can't beat 'em then join 'em with the classic 1952 musical **SINGING IN THE RAIN** U

Tickets £3.50 on the door.

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For further information Sandra Hyde Tel: 262075

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Michael on 262748

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Our fund-raising is to help our Guides with trips including to Adelboden in Switzerland.

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Peter Mitton (262073; peteramitton@btopenworld.com)

Mary Catlin (263905; derekatlin@ricsonline.org)



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The usual Games organised by June.
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 14 December 2011.

Recreation ground and pavilion

Callum Stewart has been employed as litter picker for the recreation ground. The pavilion now has new flooring in all areas except the large carpeted room and office.

Further to the last report the Comberton Crusaders have written to the Parish Council with a number of proposals including seeking agreement in principle to:-

- The Crusaders leasing the remainder of the land extension after the wood has been planted for sports pitches which when not in use by the Club for matches would be available for all other users,
- The idea of a sports pavilion trust
- Exploring the idea of a new pavilion with car parking for 50 to 55 vehicles.

The Council's Recreation Ground Working Group put forward a proposal for a Recreation Ground Trust to be set up with representatives from the Parish Council, Sports Clubs and other users.

Hillfield Road proposed bollards or other verge/open space protection measures and Proposed Barton Road speed reduction from the Long Road roundabout towards Barton

Thank you for everyone who has taken the time to write on these two consultations. If you have views on either of these consultations please take the time to write to the Council. For details of the consultations please see last month's Contact or contact the Clerk for the information. It was agreed that the Recreation Ground Working Group be tasked with investigating whether it would be possible to put the recreation ground and facilities into a trust and consult with the Sports Clubs and other users. This was carried forward to the next meeting for further consideration.

Proposed affordable housing development Long Road

No further information has been received however details of any public consultation will be advertised on the notice board in South Street when, and if, arranged.

Tree work in the village

One silver birch on the open space outside 35, 37 and 57 the Valley is to be removed as its roots are causing disturbance to the path and another is to be reduced in size. Another which has already been removed will be replaced with another tree of a more suitable size and type.

Work is being arranged to eight lime trees in Milner Road. This work is necessary to improve the current form and future growth of these trees. A silver birch and cherry between Milner Road and Barton Road will both be trimmed.

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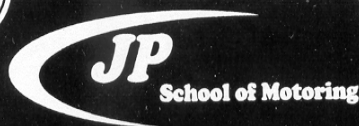
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Parish Plan

A summary report on what the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire results is being compiled and will be delivered to each home as soon as it is ready. The results from the Parish Plan Questionnaire including all the free text responses are available on the village website www.comberton.org.uk

County Council minor improvements schemes

The County Council has invited bids of up to £10,000 for highway improvement schemes.

Possible schemes, including “20s Plenty” and raised platforms near the Meridian School, and in Barton Road will be considered at the next meeting. If successful in any bid that might be submitted the Parish Council would be required to pay 10% towards the cost. If you have any views on these suggestions please write to the Clerk.

Assets review

Each year in autumn the Vice Chairman and some members tour the village to inspect the condition of all the parish Council's assets. This enables repairs on any assets to be scheduled and assists the Parish council in deciding what else might be needed in way of bins, benches and the like.

Arrangements are being made for the hedge on the southern boundary of the recreation ground to be trimmed to encourage it to thicken, trimming of the hedge between the Bowls Club and tennis courts and removal of several self seeded ash saplings.

The Parish Council has a spare bench – suggestions are invited as to where this should be placed in the village.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes	264711
Mr Antony Bateman	19 Bush Close	262243
Mr Hywel Griffiths	18 Barrons Way	263390
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Mary Richards	38 Barrons Way	262180
Mr Ben Pemberton	35 West Street	262445
Mrs Jill Preston	45 Long Road	263077
Mr Tim Scott	Moat House, 65 Green	263434
Dame Veronica Sutherland	12 Hines Lane	362050
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

Ben Pemberton and Jill Preston were co-opted on to the Parish Council at the December meeting to fill two of the vacancies left by insufficient

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candidates at the elections in May 2011. There is only one vacancy left on the Parish Council so if you would like to apply to join the Parish Council please contact the Clerk for an application form. **The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

regarding the Recreation Ground Extension (RGE) from Ingrid Sims, Secretary (Girls) for Comberton Crusaders Youth Football Club

Email: girlssecretary@combertoncrusaders.com

Blog: www.simscomberton.wordpress.com

15th Dec 2011

I am writing in the hope of opening up a debate in the community regarding the Recreation Ground Extension and its potential development into playing fields.

Comberton Crusaders FC made an offer to the Parish Council in September to lease the RGE and try to take forward a project to develop the area both for football pitches for our children and for general recreation. We have the contacts, the knowledge, the access to grant funding and the support of Cambridgeshire FA that would allow us to proceed with a major development project.

At around the same time, the PC decided to approve a plan to plant a Jubilee Wood which we felt was incompatible with the intended use of the RGE when it was bought, and you may have read about this in the report of the November PC meeting in Contact. We followed up by presenting the Recreation Ground Working Group with some possible layouts for pitches and a further letter to the PC detailing 4 points that we were asking them to consider **in principal** at the PC meeting of 14th Dec.

These were :

1. To consider a lease to Comberton Crusaders, the terms of which would safeguard the public's access to the RGE and its use for activities other than football. We have no intention of restricting access to or the use of the RGE. We simply want to ensure that the ground is used for the purpose for which it was purchased, and that the club has the best possible facilities for our matches.
2. To **explore the possibility** of a new pavilion which would straddle the RGE and the existing Rec and serve both areas, the old pavilion, which has never been a successful facility, could be knocked down and the car park extended.

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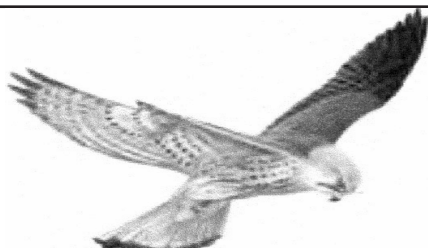
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3. To agree to a Comberton Sports Pavilion Trust to run the new pavilion, which the sports clubs would sign up to.
4. To agree that the PC would continue to run the existing Recreation Ground and its multifarious facilities.

At that meeting we were disappointed that none of our points were considered seriously and that the Parish Council preferred to re-visit the model of a Recreation Ground Management Trust to run the entire Rec and pavilion as a self-financing entity. This is an idea which the sports clubs consider to be unworkable and that we have proposed a more viable alternative.

I believe that the Recreation Ground Working group see the planting of a large part of the field with a wood as an easy option for them. They are, once again, holding up any prospect of creating playing fields on the RGE by their insistence on the management trust. This is what happened two years ago. I do not believe that the PC has the capability to carry forward the major project that is required, since any significant development of this land will require a huge amount of funding, which is not available in Parish funds. The RGE will therefore continue to be a weed-covered dog-walk and will not be developed for the purpose for which it was purchased. Is this what you want? Let us have an exercise in local democracy, 21st century style, and find out what people really think.

I have set up a Blog at the following web address –

www.simscomborton.wordpress.com. There I have described the history of this issue and loaded up information about what we propose. I have posted a number of updates and anyone can add comments, or you can just email me at girlssecretary@combortoncrusaders.com Please tell me what you think.

Ingrid

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

Sunday 1st	9.30am	A quiet Communion service
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Covenant Service
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd		Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	9.30am	All-Age worship and Baptism

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Sunday 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22nd	7.30pm	Joint Ash Wednesday service with Toft and Cadecote churches, at St Mary's
Sunday 26th	9.30am	All Age Communion

Once again, we will be sharing in the Covenant service in January. This is a long-established Methodist tradition, now shared by other churches, beginning a new year with a fresh commitment to live for God. Living out our faith is a whole-life thing, not only for church, and in February we have our next special talk. Revd Dr Richard Higginson has for many years headed up the Ridley Hall Foundation for faith and work. He has a wide-ranging experience of the many issues encountered by Christians in the workplace, and is well worth hearing.

A new year is always an uncertain time, and this new year sees us looking to a more troubling future economically than we have faced for many years. Some words from the Bible as we look to 2012:

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways higher than my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Jesus spoke to them, saying: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

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Ofsted inspection!

As some of you may be aware, Meridian had an Ofsted inspection in early November. Long gone are the days when a school received anything up to a year's notice of an inspection. I took a telephone call early one Thursday morning and was told that the inspectors would be in the following Monday and Tuesday! A much fairer process in my opinion, as the inspectors then see the school as it is, without any long preparation.

I challenge any Headteacher or staff member not to be a least a little apprehensive when your school is subject to such close scrutiny. At one point there were five inspectors squashed into the only spare office we could offer! However, the majority of the work was carried out by three inspectors who observed every classteacher teaching twice; talked to children at length; looked at books; analysed questionnaires from parents and staff; scrutinised our data; judged our own self-evaluation; talked with me, other senior staff and governors -- and generally gave us a very thorough going-over!

I have to say I was impressed by this particular team. They were professional, approachable – but very sharp. It was quite astonishing what they were able to deduce about the school in the space of two days. We were, of course, open and honest with them but I have no doubt that, had we not been, they would have found us out.

You may recall that our last inspection was in March 2009. At that time the school was judged to be 'satisfactory'. There are four categories into which a school can be placed – 'inadequate', 'satisfactory', 'good' and 'outstanding'. I am delighted to tell you that this time the school was given a resounding 'good'. Senior leaders were described in the Ofsted report as having 'an ambitious vision for the future and high expectations'. It also states that 'the

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quality of the teaching and the curriculum have improved since the last inspection and are now good'. Our governing body 'provides robust challenge and support'. These are just some of the positive comments in the report. If you would like to read it in full, it is available on our website at www.meridian-school.com

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have made this possible – committed staff, hard-working governors and supportive parents. That bit about an ambitious vision for the future is important. Next time, of course, we want to be 'outstanding'. It is something which is achieved by only 6% of primary schools in the country – but that is where our sights are firmly set. Happy New Year from all at Meridian!

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Alzheimer's Society is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join their 2012 Cambridge Memory Walk Planning Group: The Memory Walk is the Flagship engagement and fundraising event for the Society, where members of the public walk and raise money for local dementia services: We urgently need volunteers to join our planning group, meeting monthly in Cambridge: No experience is required, just bags of enthusiasm. For more details contact Jade Rolph at jade.rolph@alzheimers.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF COMBERTON AREA LIBRARY REPORT.

Brenda Brown, director of Cantabile presented a cheque for £300 at the end of the Christmas concert in the Village Hall on 2nd December and the raffle organised by committee members Angela, Sophie and Jane raised a further £88.50. FOCAL can now purchase a unit to display magazines available to lend and fund volunteer run events in 2012. Many thanks to all performers. 15 Friends groups met Library managers and Cllr David Hardy at Cambourne Library on 9th December. Full notes on the meeting are on the FOCAL website <http://friendsofcombertonlibrary.wordpress.com/> but it was confirmed that none of the libraries under review have been closed, that revised opening hours will come into effect from April and that libraries will continue to be staffed with volunteers providing additional support and activities. Thank you to all supporters and campaigners for saving the local libraries.

Places are available in the Comberton Reading Group which meets in the Library on the first Wednesday each month. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4 January 2012 at 10:30am. This month the group read and discussed The Northern Clemency by Philip Hensher. The book for January is The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson. For more information, speak to staff at Comberton library or contact the reading group librarian brenda.mead@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
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‘Sheets and Sausages – 40 years of a B and B’ with Mary Ellis.

New members are always welcome.

COMBERTON PLAYERS

Sleeping Beauty has been put to rest (though probably not for a hundred years), the sparkle has been returned to its box and the scenery stacked in readiness to be transformed into another set.

Comberton Players has had the pleasure of entertaining you with its fifth pantomime, as well four summer plays, but we don’t aim to stop there. There will be a summer production in June although this won’t be finalised until after the January Contact has gone out. As there is no February Contact, we are inviting anyone who will be interested in joining us in the summer, or the next panto, to get your name down now so you can be told about auditions etc. We are proud to be a community group, mainly with Comberton people, and long may it continue. To do so, we need a bigger pool to draw on, and we welcome new members, onstage or off. So if you would like to release your creativity making costumes, props, scenery etc. or treading the boards please contact the secretary, Glynis Ellis on 262214 or glynisellis@talk21.com or the chairman Gillian Gresham on 262867.

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Life Drawing Day School (Saturday 3rd March 10.00-1.00pm)

Stained Glass Day School (Saturday February 25th 10.00-4.00pm)

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LANGUAGES

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If the ground is wet, gardening will have to be confined to a little light weeding and tidying up after a storm. Take a long hard look at the trees and shrubs and decide which will be ready for pruning before the weather warms up in February. The second half of January is a good time to prune. Look carefully at the structure of your garden, are there features that provide height and light shade? These always add interest.

Make a New-Year's resolution to visit the Cambridge Botanic Winter Garden on a sunny morning in January; it is always stunning. Mark in your diary to visit the RHS London Plant and Design Show at RHS Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street & Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE on 14th and 15th February.

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Moss

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Mower Servicing

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Running through the grid is a rhyme, where it is taken from and its creator.
Simply highlight the starting point and his name.

Entries to Costcutter, Green End Surgery or Library by 31st January.
The prize of £5 generously donated by Nayna & Vijay is to be spent in
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Name.....

Address.....

Have you switched on to the power of solar energy?

Never has there been a better time for homeowners, farms, businesses and community organisations to harness the power of small-scale renewable energies. Energy costs are soaring, with some suppliers increasing their tariffs by nearly 30% and a depressed economic climate, we are all needing to save our valuable resources whether it is hard earned cash or our planet.

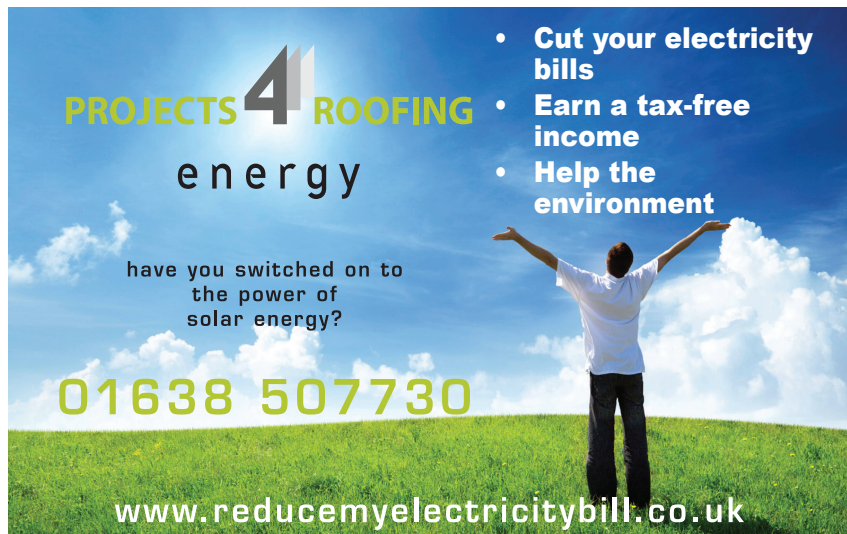
Local family run business, The Rubber Roofing Co Ltd trading as Projects4Roofing have recently added Solar Panel and PV Installations to the list of Specialist Roofing Services they offer their clients. As one of East Anglia's leading Specialist Roofing Companies, Project4Roofing have over twenty years' experience and have built up a reputation for professionalism and reliability.

During the last nine months, Projects4Roofing, as a member of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) and The Competent Roofer scheme, have ensured that all their installers have been fully trained in the professional installation of Solar Panels and PV as approved by the NFRC. By investing in Solar Panels the average household will not only help to reduce the UK's carbon footprint but can also expect to:

- Save 50% on their annual electricity bill.
- Earn a tax free income from the governments generous Feed in Tariff Scheme on all the electricity produced.
- Earn an additional amount from any unused electricity fed back into the National Grid.

A family in Cambridge could earn approximately £1,100pa from income and savings on their electricity bill with a 4kWp PV system

If you would like further information about Solar Panel PV Installation and how it could benefit you, please take a look at the company website www.reducemyelectricitybill.co.uk or contact Chris Whitehall on 01638 507730.



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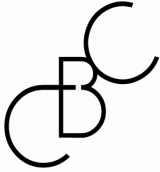
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KING'S CROSS

There was never a time like the present for making yourself acquainted with what Jesus of Nazareth said and did, and who he was. As a historical figure he stands unique in world history, and his message is as relevant today as at any time.

Comberton Baptist Church is happy to pin back wider its doors, squeeze in more seats, get the regulars to stand at the back, so that you can come along.

If you have children, bring them along, as they will settle in and enjoy the children's activities and exciting bible stories.

At a time when bits are falling off the superstructure of our society, could it be that more patching and mending won't fix it and what we all need to do is to rediscover what it is to have stronger foundations?

The truth is that we are not terribly interested in church, but we are very interested in what it means to be grasping hold of the abundant life Jesus promised those who follow him, even in the middle of life's hardships and challenges.

We are all in the same boat. We find ourselves alive, breathing in and out, on the third rock from a rather common-or-garden sun, only to discover there are these persistent rumours that it isn't just an accident, that there is a plan after all, and that creation was made on purpose.

If you feel like God is a stranger in the dark, but that you would like to know more to find the truth of the matter, then you are invited to come and join our exploration of the King's Cross – a study of Jesus of Nazareth in two parts – his life, his death, and what these mean to us today.

CBC Sunday morning services start at 10:30am
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Would you appreciate help with small jobs around the home, garden or in the wider village?

Isaiah58 involves young people from local churches helping out in the village community.

We have moved furniture, trimmed hedges, weeded gardens, swept leaves and painted bus shelters....

No project too small!

If you have a possible project for the team please call
Jonathan Catley, 01223 263508
07971 758041
jonathan.catley@hotmail.co.uk

We don't charge or ask for any donation for the help.
It is part of us putting our faith into action.

*Isaiah58 is a project run by WCCYM
(West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries)*

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Monday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	Closed

The Village College, West Street, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

Tel: 0845 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

RECREATION GROUND GATE ROTA DECEMBER 2011 TO APRIL 2012

Open 8-30am, Close 1/2hr after lighting up time, Monday to Sunday inclusive

January	23rd	to	February	5th	Raymond Sewell
February	6th	to	February	19th	Mick & Barbara Water
February	20th	to	March	4th	Alan & Mary Clarke
March	5th	to	March	18th	Jon & Jo Callan
March	19th	to	April	1st	Raymond Sewell
April	2nd	to	April	15th	Mick & Barbara Waters
April	16th	to	April	29th	Alan & Mary Clarke
April	30th	to	May	13th	Jon & Jo Callan

Access on foot is not affected