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

JULY 2010

1st July		Summer Reading Challenge begins - Library
2nd July	10.30-12.00	Library - Creative Writing, Career Changes & Murder
2nd & 3rd	7.30pm	Comberton Players Witness for the Prosecution
6th July	6.30 - 8.00	Comberton Brownies Ice Cream Parlour - Village Hall
8th July	2.00pm	Comberton Friendship Club
10th & 11th July		Monday Studio
13th July	7.30pm	Comberton W.I. Meeting in Village Hall
14th July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
15th July		Twinning Association Barbecue
17th July	3.00 & 7.00pm	Riverside Theatre
18th July	12.15pm	Barbecue the Bishop
21st July	7.30pm.	Film: Julie & Julia at the Village Hall.
23rd July		Village Hall Annual Supper
28th July	10am-12pm	Butterfly and Moth Morning

AUGUST 2010

6th August,	8:00 – 10:00pm	An Evening with Batman & Robin
6th August		What Makes Us Read
19th August	10-11.30am	Little Footsteps - Comberton Recreation Ground

SEPTEMBER 2010

11th September		Roald Dahl's Rhymes & Verses at the Library
11th September	3.00pm	Reading Challenge Presentations - Library

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please don't tell me that Comberton has nothing to sell or that no-one ever de-clutters. The website for small ads is up and running, although it needs some fine tuning (which it will get). Each advert goes in for one month, the next being July for which it will be updated at the end of June. I am happy to include August and January for the website, although there is no Contact in those months. Come on, let's get selling.

I had my very first conversation with a centenarian this week. What a revelation it was. If I ever make that milestone I hope that my brain is as sharp and eloquent as Ivy's is. Read about it further on in the magazine.

PLEASE HELP.

I have some sad news. Liz Sexton, who has been Treasurer of Contact since 2006, wishes to step down. She has been extremely efficient and has kept me on my toes with the advertising. I shall miss working with her but I do appreciate that she feels ready for a change. I am sure that Liz will be willing to tutor any willing person who will volunteer to take on this role as soon as possible. If you would like to take over from Liz please contact her or myself. You will be very welcome on the team.

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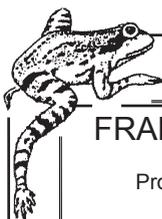
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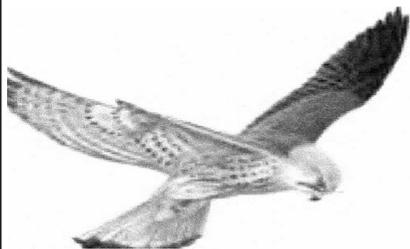
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This years Reading Challenge Presentation Ceremony will be on Saturday 11th September at 3pm when highly acclaimed storyteller, Andy Hawkins will be presenting the medals to the children.

Roald Dahl's Revoltng Rhymes and Dirty Beasts

Earlier in the afternoon on 11th September, from 1.45 – 2.45 hear the hilarious poems and rhymes of Roald Dahl brought to life by Andy Hawkins.

Tickets for this event are £2 and are available from the library – early booking is recommended as numbers are limited.

Engage in the Morning.

In June we were treated to a fascinating talk by Chris Jakes on the local history of Cambridge with particular emphasis on the Comberton area.

On 6th August, Sue Williamson will be coming to talk to us about “What makes us read”. This is a free event for adults. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

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- Thursday 29 July - **Barton Park** - 1.30-3
- Monday 2 August - **Caldecote Park** - 1.30-3
- Thursday 5 August - **Grantchester Park (Stulpfield Rd)** - 1.30-3
- Monday 9 August - **Eversden Recreation Ground** - 10-11.30
- Thursday 12 August - **Haslingfield Park** - 1.30-3
- Tuesday 17 August - **Madingley Park** - 1.30-3
- Thursday 19 August - **Comberton Recreation Ground** - 10-11.30
- Tuesday 24 August - **Coton Park** - 1.30-3.30
- Wednesday 25 August - **Toft Park** - 1.30-3

Little Footsteps - Caldecote Children's Centre

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On Saturday 17th July Riverside Theatre company is proud to present "13" for its first showing in the UK. Performances are at 3pm and 7pm, tickets £9/£6

See www.riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk for tickets and full details

- Don't miss it!

MONDAY STUDIO

On the weekend of 10th and 11th July Monday Studio, a village art group, will be organising an Art and Craft exhibition in the Village Hall.

We would like to invite other village people, or members of village-based groups, to join in with us to show off our combined skills in the arts and crafts world.

This can be work in any medium and either amateur or professional. It is not necessary for the work to be for sale, but it would be expected that a percentage of any sale profits will go to the Village Hall funds.

Please don't be shy, we know that there is a wealth of talent in the village; come and show us what you do working away in the spare room, at the dining table or closeted in the garage.

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday 10 June 2010

Recreation Ground

There has been a spate of vandalism at the recreation ground with someone damaging dog and litter bins and smearing dog faeces all over the recreation ground and play equipment. There has also been some graffiti. The Parish Council would like to thank the Recreation Ground Manager and the residents who kindly cleaned this up. The Council will order replacement bins however if anyone has any information on this matter please contact the police on 03454 564564 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Parish Council – Councillor Vacancy

Comberton Parish Council still has a member vacancy and invites any parishioner who would like to serve on the Parish Council to write to or email the Clerk. The Parish Council still hopes to fill the vacancy at the earliest opportunity.

Watts Wood interpretation board

As you may be aware the Parish Council has commissioned an interpretation board for Watts Wood which will give information on the site including its history and the flora and fauna. If anyone has information has any background information on the land and its use before the District Council owned it and before the Parish Council took over its management the Clerk would like to hear from you.

The Parish Council thinks that it was once used by a water board but what do you know about it?

Other not discussed at the meeting

The Police have written with the following report:

“The Police have been riding the buses at the weekend evening to discourage any bad behaviour and drinking that may occur leading to Anti-social behaviour within Comberton and surrounding villages. Please continue to report any Anti-social behaviour to the Police control room on 0345 456 456 4.

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Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes	264711
Mr John Cornell	16 Barrons Way	263566
Mr Ted Halford	69 Swaynes Lane	262531
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 Tom Serby	Home Farm, 250 Barton	262303
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14 July 2010 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 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.

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Services and Events at St Mary's in July

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion: Serving as part of Christ's body
Sunday 11th	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Andrew's Toft
	9.30am	Holy Communion: Seeking the good of our community
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer: God's promise of blessing Followed by: "Barbecue the Bishop" - from 12.15, Lordsbridge Team churches' barbecue with questions and answers with Bishop David Thompson at Caldecote Village Hall from about 1.45pm
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Jesus - the image of the invisible God

(NB No Last Sunday Special this month as school holidays begin)

At the moment we are still waiting for the name of the new Bishop of Ely to be announced. Bishop David, Bishop of Huntingdon, is looking after the diocese, and he will be visiting our area on Sunday 18th. Everybody is welcome to the barbecue lunch, followed by questions and chat with the Bishop, at Caldecote Village Hall.

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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

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 July and August for the entire parish including Sawston may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly news sheet and other parish information.

www.olem.org.uk

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Liz Sexton is giving up her voluntary position as Contact Treasurer after four dedicated years. We very much need someone to volunteer to replace her as soon as possible. She would be only too happy to describe the job and its requirements to anyone interested.

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I am always amazed at what gets packed into the last half term of the school year in a primary school.

By the time you read this we will have had a (I hope sunny!) school fete. This event is organised by the PTA every year and the amount of time, imagination and energy they devote to it is extraordinary. This year, we wanted the children to feel very fully involved, so each class has been allocated two stalls to run and they have designed the layout and executed the decoration themselves. A truly child-friendly event and one which, going on past experience, will raise an enormous amount of money for those lovely extras in and around school. In particular, the PTA has earmarked £1000 for plants for our new Habitats Garden and planting is already underway.

The children are also enjoying a wide range of visits linked to their classroom work, including trips to Sutton Hoo, a local wildlife-friendly farm and Woburn Safari Park. Meanwhile our Year 6's (who are about to leave us and join the Village College) are undertaking a great deal of transition work, including visits from the secondary teachers, a Science Challenge and an Athletics Festival, all culminating, on 8 July, in their first full day spent at the College. They are all getting very excited – and I believe the vast majority are looking forward to it with undiluted enthusiasm.

At the other end of the school, we are beginning to welcome our new arrivals in the Reception class. They have already been to see a little play of *The Gruffalo* put on by the present Reception and Key Stage 1 classes; they are invited to enjoy a lunchtime with a parent in June; and they will also visit in small groups during the school day to get used to the environment and their teacher and teaching assistants.

Add to this two Sports Days, the Year 6 disco, visits from South African and Japanese students, a 'Vikings Day', PTA barbecue, Year 6 production...I could go on and on. As I said, always a packed half term, but one which is very enjoyable for children and adults alike.

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I had the most delightful 'phone call from Ivy Parsley who asked me to put this in the Contact for her.

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She then went on to tell me how she celebrated her birthday. Ivy, who has thirteen grandchildren and great grandchildren, was a pupil at St Mary's School in Cambridge. They gave her a two tier cake and two rose trees for her garden. She opened the Meridian School fete – not bad for 100 - and, on the day, had a family luncheon. In the afternoon she had a party for ten neighbours and friends. She received a bouquet of flowers in seven shades of pink wrapped in chiffon and seven other bouquets and five plants. Ivy had the customary card from the Queen and one from Hon Duncan Smith which thrilled her. She is now looking forward to a holiday at Park House on the Sandringham Estate.

What a lady! - Ed.

COMBERTON WI

Our speaker in June was Peter Lawrence, who is an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable about London. He gives many guided walks but was able to transport us to London via his PowerPoint presentation. He was most impressed with the fantastic state-of-the-art equipment in our village hall. Peter's talk focussed on 'Warships to Olympics' – the history of the Lower Lea River Valley. Members learnt about the importance of the Lower Lea River in history as a vital trading route for the Romans and ever since, and as a base for the East India Company and, later, where warships were built. The area now is key to the redevelopment of Stratford initially for the 2012 London Olympics but, Peter explained, the infrastructure is sustainable and a desolate wasteland will be reborn. He reported that works are four months ahead of schedule and progressing well. He was very optimistic that the project will suc-

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Date for diary: July 13th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall – ‘Plait in History’ with Sandra Barker. Bring a small spray bottle, scissors, an old tea towel and cotton thread.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Thursday June 10th the Comberton Friendship Club held the Annual Strawberry Tea for members only. This consisted of a huge amount of food, bought by the committee members, as well as strawberries and cream. Thanks to all involved it was great. Anybody over sixty years of age who would be interested in joining the club, which holds its meetings on the second Thursday of the month, would be very welcome. Contact Sue Allin on 262990. The next meeting is on July 8th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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For further information, please do contact myself on 262073 or Secretary Mary Catlin on 263905.

Peter Mitton , Chairman.

SUMMER LAWN CARE

Mowing

Mow regularly at the summer height this month. To remove stems that develop this time of year, rake lawn prior to mowing to present them for cutting, otherwise they can remain prostrate in the lawn.

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Ants

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Reversion

Most gardeners will have experienced that variegated plants often have branches with leaves that have ceased to be variegated; this is called reversion. It is a nuisance as the reverted branches usually grow stronger and take over the plant. Reverted branches can be removed to try to retain the shrub with the desired foliage. Often, particularly with variegated ivies, it is a losing battle.

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