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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 Hall
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 2011

1st July	7.00-9.00pm	Evening Bingo at Village Hall
5th July	6.30-8.00pm	Brownies Ice Cream Parlour at Village Hall
6th July	1.00-5.00pm	Football Tournament at Hardwick Rec.
9th July	2.00-4.00pm	Jumble Sale at Meridian School
13th July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
16th July		Emmaus Half Price Sale at Emmaus
20th July	7.30pm	The King's Speech at Village Hall
22nd July		Annual Supper & Entertainment at V Hall
27th July	6.00pm	Comberton A&GA Barbecue

### AUGUST 2011

24th August	7.30pm	Police Neighbourhood Meeting at Cambourne Church
29th August	2.00-4.30pm	St Mary's Church Summer Fete at Village Hall

### SEPTEMBER 2011

6th September		Comberton Players Auditions at Old V. Hall
11th September	9.30am	Bridge That Gap Walk at Jesus Green
11th September	10.00-4.30	Charity Antique Fair at Orwell Village Hall
26th September		CAGA trip to Kew Gardens

### OCTOBER 2011

20th October	2.00-5.00pm	Help at Hand at Village Hall
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Jenny Brown is slowly recovering from her heart surgery and its aftermath. We all wish her well. I am very glad to be able to tell you that we have a volunteer to take over the organisation of the distribution of the Contact. Marion Dymott is shadowing Jenny and her husband this month and will take over in September. Thank you Marion and welcome to the team. Marion's details are on the first page of this issue.

***Can you help us? We need a volunteer to deliver the Contact in Barton Road, going towards Barton, beyond Long Road, starting in September.***

As you know we do not have an August issue of Contact and so the next one you will receive will be the September issue at the end of August. Please remember that the deadline for the covers for September is 10th August and the deadline for editorial is 15th August. I hope you have a good Summer break and that the weather is kind.

# COMBERTON CINEMA

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Julia Catley 5 Farmers End, Toft 01223 263508

Julie Coulson 167 St Neots Road, Hardwick 01954 211302

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## COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

A reminder to all. Tickets are available now. So don't be disappointed!

### **Barbecue Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011**

Our annual get together will be at 6.00pm. Tickets are strictly limited to 40 and will be £5 per person. Please bring your own drinks glasses and a chair to sit on.

Details from Quin (264410) and Ian (264078)

### **Autumn Outing Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Kew Gardens**

Our trip to Kew is now taking shape. The cost per person will be £25 reduced to £23 for over 60's. (Association Members) Others can join the Association when booking. (£2 or £1 concessions.) This will include transport from the Village College and entry to Kew. Reservations can be made with Quin (264410)

## THE SUMMER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2011

Wednesday 6th July at Hardwick Recreation Ground between 1 and 5pm.

The Summer Football Tournament will feature 16 local schools including Meridian, Hardwick, Coton, The Vine, Monkfield Park, Foxton and Caldecote as well as some from slightly further afield who will all compete for the rather impressive looking 'Shelford Heating Cup', I have included some details below. This is the 4th year the tournament has run and we have had no less than 25 schools apply this year thanks to the excellent feedback from schools/press alike last year.

Name: The Summer Football Tournament 2011

Venue: Hardwick Recreation Ground

Time: 1 - 5 pm

Age: Year 5/6

Organiser: Alex Minei

Contact: 07743075923 / [alex\\_minei@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk)

There have been a number of sponsors who have contributed to prizes etc and there will be refreshments available at the Sports/Social Club and this year the event is being backed its main sponsor Shelford Heating as well as Cambridgeshire FA, Comberton Village College and the Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership. We hope to have as many parents/locals come along to support what should be another excellent event.

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date for your diary

## Comberton Players Pantomime

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### from the Clerk

In the last Clerk's report I mistakenly said Comberton Play Group had asked for financial support towards a shed. I should have said it was Comberton Toddler Group. Please accept my apologies.

The Parish Council met on 8 June 2011.

Membership of working groups and individual member responsibilities continued to be reviewed.

Antony Bateman of Bush Close was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

#### *Parish Council members contact details*

Miss Amanda Bacon (Chairman)	Arial View, 92B	264711
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Dame Veronica Sutherland	12 Hines Lane	262050
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242
Mr Antony Bateman	19 Bush Close	262243

There are still 5 vacancies so if you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Clerk or any member.

Committee and working group responsibilities and membership was considered and this is likely to be an ongoing item until the Council has its full complement of members.

#### *Recreation ground, pavilion and the land extension.*

- The planning condition relating to car parking provision was reviewed and a costed recommendation is to be brought to the next meeting by the Parish Council's Planning Committee.
- Vandalism to the storage garage on the recreation ground was discussed and repairs for the works have been put in hand.
- The two new bridges from the path near the spinney across to the recreation ground extension have been installed and can now be used.
- Some infilling of a hedge on the eastern boundary of the land extension will take place later in the year.
- The pavilion hallway has been painted and replacement flooring for the hallway is being arranged.

#### *Other*

- The S106 agreement for the affordable housing development was briefly discussed and agreed. The Parish Council will receive a sum towards the maintenance of the public open space and a separate amount to be used

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towards play equipment on the recreation ground.

- A donation of £100 was awarded to the Comberton Toddler Group.
- A litter pick is being arranged for the autumn. Everyone is encouraged to help out. More details when the date has been set.
- A site meeting is being arranged in Hillfields Road to look at the parking issues. Residents in Hillfields Road will be receiving a flyer with the details through their doors shortly.
- The Parish Council supported an application from the Comberton Surgery for their inclusion in the NHS Pharmaceutical list.
- The District Council has introduced a scheme for speed stickers on litter bins to raise awareness of speed limits in some roads in villages. The scheme trialled in some other village has resulted in cases of speeding being reduced. Comberton Parish Council is obtaining some of these stickers and you will see them appearing in the village soon.
- A project to consider planting trees to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 July 2011 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.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

### In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

Rev'd. Michael Booker tel: 01223 260095    Rev Corin Redsell - curate

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<b>Churchwardens</b>	Mr M.R. Evans	82 Green End	Tel 263215
	Mrs M Jenkin	80 West Street	Tel 263751

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

### Summer services and events

#### July

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion, including a welcome to Rev Corin Redsell, our new curate. Sermon character - Ruth
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Hannah
Sunday 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer - Martha
Sunday 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion - the Woman at the Well. We welcome Tim and Shireen, our linked

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Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion - a shorter Summer service
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion - a shorter Summer service
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer - a shorter Summer service
Sunday 28th	9.30am	All-Age Communion
Monday 29th		<b>St Mary's Church Fete</b> 2.00-4.00

The stories in the Bible can seem to be a bit too full of men in all the leading roles, at first glance. But all through the Bible, there are actually women doing remarkable things and with lots to teach us today. Through July we will be looking each week at some of the remarkable women who have been used by God.

Corin Redsell begins his ministry as our new curate this Summer. Look out for Corin and Nicky, and make sure you say 'hello' if you see them.

July 24th looks like being a special day! We have Tim, our linked missionary from Asia, visiting the morning service. Later in the day there will be a picnic and pool party for children and families.

Do you have some time when you are less busy over the Summer? 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.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE

August Bank Holiday Monday  
2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

It's that time of the year again when we look forward to all the various fêtes and activities that are associated with summer.

Although it will be nearly two months away when you first read this, we are already planning our Annual Church Fête for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August, which as in the past few years will take place in and around the church.

There will be the usual mix of Cakes, Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Children's Games, Books, Plants, Tombola, Raffle, Nearly New Clothes and Teas. Added attractions this year will include JezO's popular Magic Show and Fancy Dress Competitions for Up-to-fives and 6-10 year olds. The Combertones will also be entertaining us during the afternoon and there will be a Lucky Programme that will list all the stalls and events.

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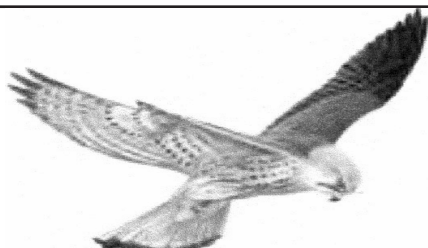
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Nearer the time, contributions for any of the stalls may be left with Barbara Wallace (262051), Pen Evans (263215), Lynn Allerton (262192) or Margaret Edwards (262748)

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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 may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly news sheet and other parish information.

[www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

**The Morning Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10 am will be broadcast live from OLEM.**

## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE:

### A Note from the Principal

One of the (many) really enjoyable things about working in a school is receiving visitors. From that perspective, the College has done rather well recently. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, with less than 24 hours' notice, we were privileged to welcome one of the true cricketing greats, Sir Gary Sobers. He was visiting the country for charitable work and recruiting for his annual cricket tournament in Barbados. He asked to visit a school and we were not going to say 'No'! He met

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with a group of staff and then with a group of students to share some of his experiences and to answer questions.

It was probably no surprise to see what a wonderful man he was (his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday is imminent). He was clearly brilliant at many sports having represented Barbados in a number of them. As we all know, he really was one of the very greatest cricketers ever. However, an air of humility was very clear. That, perhaps, is a true mark of greatness. His messages to the pupils were very clear, simple and fundamental. If you want to succeed, then practice hard. Good to hear from someone who was as naturally talented as anyone could be. Take pride in what you do and who you represent. That should be your motivation.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, we received David Bell, Permanent Secretary to the Department for Education and Her Majesty's former Chief Inspector. Except that he was no longer David Bell. Following the Queen's Birthday Honours



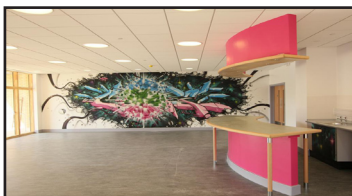
List, he was now 'Sir David' and his visit to Comberton was his first official function with his new title. Sir David Bell was our special guest at the official opening ceremony for our new Sixth Form facilities that day. It was really good to be able to tour these wonderful new facilities that will be available from now and enable our new Sixth Form



students to benefit from some of the best facilities in the country when they start their Sixth-form careers here in September. We also hope, in Village College tradition, that facilities can be available to the local community. For example, the fantastic new lecture theatre will be an excellent venue for various possible events.

Whilst visitors are wonderful, perhaps most gratifying of all is when a pupil contributes something very special. A highlight of the opening ceremony was a piece of music composed by and played by a pupil in Year 9 at the College. It was a great experience for all of us present to hear this very high-quality piece. That is really what we are all about: pupils developing their talents and having opportunities to do that. Yet another great thing about working in a school.

Stephen Munday, June 2011



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## NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Well, we had our Fun Run – and it poured with rain! But do you know what? It really didn't matter. It was a lovely, sociable event with the school hall full of chatting families (rather damp families admittedly) who had completed the run and were enjoying the good company. Many thanks again to our super PTA for organising such a pleasant way of spending a wet afternoon, and a great fund-raiser too..

A primary school year is busy at all times. However, I am always amazed by the amount we manage to pack into the last half term of the school year. Last month I wrote about some of the transition and sporting activities which take place at this time of year, but that is only part of it.

As I write, class teachers are devoting an enormous amount of thought, time and energy to writing children's annual reports. At the same time, a variety of trips are taking place, for example to the Folk Museum and to Duxford Imperial War Museum. We live in a part of the country which provides a huge range of educational experiences for our children and we like to take advantage of as many as we can. We have also just enjoyed a production of Alice in Wonderland for the whole school put on by a travelling theatre company, and look forward to: welcoming a drama teacher leading Shakespeare workshops for all the children; the visit of some South African students who will be based at Comberton Village College; and supporting some work experience students (also from the college).

While we are still in this school year, our thoughts are already turning to the next – organising classes, staffing and accommodation ready for a smooth start in September. It's never an easy task when numbers of children in each year group can change substantially from one year to the next. This is one of the many times when I really appreciate the support of the school governors who question our decisions in an informed and helpful way.

Then, all too soon, on Friday 22 July there is our Leavers' Assembly. This is a very special event for all our Year 6 children, for any other children who are leaving us, and for any staff who are moving on. And for me - it is, without doubt, the most moving assembly of the year.

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

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## WHAT A DAY!

### Meridian School Fun Run 12th June

Thank you all so much for all your hard work. I think we can say the first ever Meridian Fun Run was a success. We had no injuries and thanks to Jayne's superb organising the Run went without a hitch. The children particularly seemed to relish running in the rain. Hannah's warm up got us all moving - watch out for the photos that will be on the PTA notice board & website soon.

The Cakes and Cream Teas looked a dream as did our catering helpers in their pinnies. The Bar was pretty jolly - (you know who you are). A big thank you to the School Cook Helen who baked us all the scones for the cream Teas and to all the parents who bought in beautiful cakes and buns and chocolate for us to sell. The cakes also provided prizes for the Chocolate Tombola which actually sold out. Thank you to the countless rest of you who helped on other stalls, marshalling, washing & clearing up.....too many people to all mention individually. I was touched yesterday as loads of the children were wearing their medals in school with pride. I think they really enjoyed the day and that's why we do these eccentric things - running in the rain who'd have believed it.

Despite the rain we will make in the order of about £1200.

Thanks again

Denise Hatherly

I would just like to echo Denise's comments. It was a superbly run event and such a success despite the weather. The money is wonderful, but I think the best part for me was seeing so many parents and children in the Hall, just chatting and enjoying each others' company. There was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

Long may the PTA flourish!

Glennis

And from the Governors:

Dear Denise and the rest of the PTA,

Congratulations, the first Meridian Fun Run was a great success! Even the rain failed to dampen the spirits!

On behalf of the governors I would like to thank the PTA for all the hard work that went into making the event the success it was. It was great to stand on the new recreation ground and cheer on the runners and the atmosphere in the hall afterwards was lovely.

So please will you convey to the rest of the committee our thanks and appreciation for all the hard work you do for Meridian.

With kind regards,

Chris



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Date for Diary:

12<sup>th</sup> July – ‘What’s that smell in the kitchen?’ with Gerry Dodd.

Competition – Most useless kitchen gadget.

Table Top Sale – Do you have items to sell? Comberton WI are organising a table top sale on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 – 12.00. Tables are available for £8. Please contact Mandy Ray on 264094 or [mja630@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mja630@yahoo.co.uk)

## ANNUAL SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT

This year’s annual supper will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the Village Hall. If you or your partner are 65 years or over and have not received an invitation by 8<sup>th</sup> July but would like to join us, please contact Anne Collins for further details. Tel: 262067 or 33 Harbour Avenue.

## LIONEL (TOM) NEWDICK

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Tom Newdick died on 3 June at Watlington Care Home in Oxfordshire. Tom and Joan Newdick lived in Long Road, Comberton from 1966 to 2002. After Joan’s death in 2002, Tom moved to Oxfordshire to live closer to his children, and in 2008 he moved into Watlington Care Home. For the last few years he struggled with dementia but remained dignified and polite through all the trials and tribulations. He died peacefully in his sleep. We will be having a small ceremony in Comberton to bury his ashes alongside Joan’s later in the summer. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome -- please get in touch and we will send details.

Malcolm Newdick ([mnewdick@gmail.com](mailto:mnewdick@gmail.com)),  
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ACT 1 - in which our village family no longer feels able to selfishly deny the community sight , and possible use, of their treasured purple settee and matching (if indeed it could be matched) footstool, and donates them to their fellow residents. The items are removed from the house and.....

ACT 2 - by chance a happy band of youths comes upon and is bewitched by the purple 'goodies' and carries them off to a sun dappled glade in Watt's Wood. Here they do gambol merrily around and upon their treasures until tired but happy after their merrymaking they depart stage left...

ACT 3 -several days later a wandering, mighty intellect chances upon the now abandoned things of beauty and in a state approaching Nirvana, in a flash of soaring imagination, in a moment of sheer intellectual brilliance casts them into the brook! Would you, could you have thought of this? Clearly the action of a future captain of industry. Even now he is being sought by those who would like to make him an offer.....

ACT 4 - is only now playing out and the denouement is as yet unknown. A leak in the author's office however hints at a dark suited visitor to our starring family's **home presenting them with not only a summons for illegal dumping but also an invoice for a substantial recovery charge.** We are also offered the tempting thought that the 'mighty intellect' is also cast into the brook and made to push the 'treasure' up the bank.

All of our players are clearly nominees for Resident of the Year. Are you lucky enough to know them ? Please don't tell a parish councillor, that will spoil the play!

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tion to the UK Communities who are coming to join us, we will also be joined by some of our friends from Communities in Europe. This will give people the opportunity to experience the truly international flavour of Emmaus by talking to them and seeing what life in Emmaus means for them.

The charity, which provides home and work for previously homeless people and those wanting to live in a community environment is hoping that people involved over the years will join us in our celebration. All funds raised on the day will go to support the work of Emmaus International. For those of you who have not yet visited us, we would encourage you to come and see what you are missing. For those people who have supported us over the last twenty years we would like to say a huge thank you! More information will be available on our posters, our website

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The event starts at 9.30am on Jesus Green. The route will take you through a number of colleges, often into areas not normally accessible to the public. This year walkers will also have the opportunity to see the Zoology museum. There are blue Badge Guides on hand to talk about the colleges and the other places of interest that you find on the route.

It is not a race and is for young and old, able and not so able. Entrance for the 16's and under is free but they do need to be accompanied by an adult. 17's and over pay a £15 entrance fee but by registering before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011, this is only £10. We also ask that you help us raise as much money as you can through sponsorship or donations. We have prizes for the highest fundraiser in various categories, either as an individual or as a team.

For more information go to [www.bridgethegapwalk.org](http://www.bridgethegapwalk.org) You can also register on line or pick up a registration form from any branch of The Cambridge Building Society. Call us on 01223 723115

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# COMBERTON POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

## MEETING

18th May 2011

I was amazed at the interesting information which came from all the representatives of the other villages in our panel at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. The police were very understanding and helpful, they clearly want only to help villagers and I was glad I'd managed to go along this time.

We all need to be aware what goes on in ours and surrounding villages. The police work hard trying to prevent speeding motorists or youngsters partying on our green areas using drink and drugs illegally etc.

There was mention of a man living in Madingley Wood, a three village speed run and the large number of people fined or warned for using mobile phones or not having seat belts on whilst driving. In Comberton alone, two bicycles were stolen, there were two shed burglaries and two vehicles had windows smashed.

If you want to have your say about the safety of Comberton, the next meeting is at **7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Cambourne church**. The meetings are scheduled to finish at 9.00pm but the last one finished at 8.40pm, not bad for a very informative, helpful evening.

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### Weeds

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### Disease

Look out for bleached areas within the lawn. This could be red thread which may need treating with a fungicide.

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- Patio/Driveway Weed Control
- Treat weeds in lawns

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- Treat Red Thread Disease
- Ant Control

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## CLEMATIS

### Versatile Clematis

Despite the bitterly cold December, most clematis plants survived and have produced very good flowers in spring and early summer. The clematis genus provides a superb variety of climbing plants thus giving us height for the garden on a spectacular scale. The *C. montana* species are the most prolific growers and a single plant can produce over a thousand flowers. I remember seeing a pink variety covering the roof of a large stone house in North Yorkshire; it was certainly the most stunning flower display from a single plant that I have ever seen. Let's go through the varieties that flower in different seasons.

### Winter-flowering clematis

Yes there are some good hardy specimens. *C. cirrhosa* species flower in the depths of winter, are evergreen and have almost bell-shaped flowers. 'Freckles' is an early winter flowering clematis which flowers from October to January; it is cream with red splodges on the petals (more correctly tepals). Like many winter-flowering plants it has a good scent. A friend has one that covers the garage roof with winter flowers and the scent drifts onto the drive. 'Wisley cream' is similar but without the splodges; this variety flowers later: January – March.

### Early spring-flowering clematis

The *C. armandii* species are evergreen with large shiny leaves and hardy. The beautifully scented flowers open flat with 5-6 tepals and are 5cm across; they climb well up a support and make a nice show round a bedroom window. The flowers, appearing March-April, are normally white with golden stamens, although 'Apple Blossom' is a pink form.

### Spring-flowering clematis

The *C. alpina* species flower April to May and have small flowers that hang down. The best blue form is probably 'Francis Ravis' with flowers 6cm across. This variety also has attractive seed heads. The plant grows well through sparsely



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branched shrubs. 'White columbine' is a very good white form but needs a dark background to set it off. *C. montana* species flower May to June. These are all stunning for the height that they can grow and the vast number of flowers. I have a variety 'Warwickshire Rose' that has deep pink flowers and unusual foliage: bronze on the exposed side and deep green on the back. Depending on the variety, the *C. montana* species grow 6-11m high. Colour ranges of the Montana group are restricted to white and pink flowers.

### **Summer-flowering clematis**

These are the large flowering varieties with flowers 12-15cm across. They do very well if trained over a support such as an arch or in an obelisk. Colour ranges go from white, to pink, to red, to mauve and to deep blue. They reach heights of 2-3m. Most varieties give their best show in early summer; a second flowering, usually smaller flowers, can appear in August-September. 'William Kennet' is a lovely lavender blue variety with 15-18cm flowers. Double cultivars are available but sometimes I find that the flowers look a little scrappy. The best white double is 'Duchess of Edinburgh'.

### **Problems**

Summer-flowering clematis need to have their roots cooled by shading. Clematis wilt is the main problem and is probably due to physical stem damage which opens up the stem to fungal infection. *C. Montana* seems resistant to wilt.

RT Choke

## **THE CHALLENGE**

June result & winner

### **THE 10 MISSING (LINKING) WORDS WERE:-**

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