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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

JULY 2012

1st July		Sponsored Balsam Bash in Bourn
5th July	5.00 to 7.30pm	Woodland Burial Ground Open Evening
8th & 9th July	7.30pm	Tomb with a View at Village Hall
7th July		Olympic Torch arrives in Cambridge
8th July		Big Bike Ride
10th July	7.45pm	WI Meeting at Village Hall
11th July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
12th July		Friendship Group Meeting at Village Hall
14th July	6.00 'til late	CGAA Summer Barbecue at Long Road Allotments
15th July	11.00 - 3.00	Garage Sales around the Village
15th July	10.00 to 2.00	Comberton Market at Meridian Primary School
18th July	7.30pm	Film - War Horse at Village Hall
20th July	7.00pm	Evening Bingo Party at Village Hall
23rd - 27th July		Week A Jungle Games at CBC
25th July		Annual Supper and Entertainment at Village Hall
30th July - 3rd Aug.		Week B Jungle Games at CBC

AUGUST 2012

19th August	10.00 to 2.00	Comberton Market at Meridian Primary School
27th August	2.00 to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church Fete at the Church
29th - 31st August	10.00 - 2.30pm	Oasis at CBC

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The recent correspondence regarding the Recreation Ground Extension has been rather contentious. The Contact is a valid vehicle for Village debate. If, however, the views of letter writers are offensive to anyone it does not seem right that they should be expressed under the cloak of anonymity. I would hope that, in future, all authors would be happy to put their name to their expressed opinions. After all, anonymity would not be an option in an open face-to-face debate. This is a double issue as we don't publish in August. So, look ahead to September and make sure that you meet the deadline of 15th August for that issue. I was amazed and dismayed to learn at the Annual Parish meeting that plans are afoot for massive housing developments circling our village. When we moved here thirty three years ago (I know that's nothing for some of you) it was the rural setting with easy access to Cambridge which was so attractive. Now there is a very real danger of Comberton becoming part of a ribbon suburbia to Cambridge. Please use Contact to debate this as well as writing to the Parish Council with your views. When our summer comes, I hope that you will find it enjoyable, especially if you are going on holiday.

COMBERTON CINEMA

At the Village Hall

Wednesday 18th July

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All money raised from the event which is being organised by the Cambridge News with support from Cambridgeshire County Council, will go to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, the East Anglia Children's Hospice at Milton and Press Relief: the News Community Fund.

Entry is £12.50 for the silver route and £30 for gold. Under eighteens can take part in the silver route for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

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Comberton Garage Sales

A large number of houses in Comberton are holding their own Garage Sales
Sunday 15th July 2012 from 11.00am – to 3.00pm. Look out for the red balloons!

Maps and refreshments will be available on the day from the Playgroup
(next to the pond in the centre of Comberton). There will also be a Raffle.

So come along and grab a bargain or a prize!

If you'd like to hold a stall you can book a space by calling Angela on 01223
262039 or Emma on 01223 264738.

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<http://www.combertonpp.org/#>

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 13th June 2012.

Co-option to fill casual vacancy

Mr Richard Elleray of 30 Green End was co-opted onto the Council.

The Valley affordable housing development

The anticipated transfer of the public open space has not taken place as expected by the end of May. The Parish Council did not want to accept some of the obligations detailed in the draft transfer or take on the land which was to be transferred with covenants so this has been referred back to the Council's Solicitor with a list of questions.

The developer was seeking to increase the size of the wildflower meadow which the Housing Association will manage but this would in turn reduce the area of land which the Council would receive. This was not acceptable to the Council especially as this could enable access onto the adjacent field to the north in the future.

There was also a requirement that the Council prevents any parking on the access road. Clearly this is not practicable and the Council is seeking to have this removed from the transfer.

The Parish Council has agreed to accept the land "...for use as public open space as defined by the Open Spaces Act 1906 or for part as allotments for the benefit

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Recreation ground

Discussions are still taking place with the Football Association and meetings are being arranged with the Sports Clubs about the proposed pitches on the extension.

The Parish Council is currently in negotiations with the vendor of the land about the covenants and has provided copies of the Agrostis plan which shows that there is space for several pitches on the land. The Recreation Working Group reported to the Parish Council meeting and a copy of its report is available from the Clerk on request.

The car park has been enlarged and resurfaced and quotes are now being obtained to mark the speed bumps and the disabled bays.

The old stock fencing alongside the path from the Recreation Ground to Green End is being removed.

Quotes are being obtained for the refurbishment and line marking of the tennis courts.

UK Power Networks proposal to reroute the remaining overhead electricity cable from the Recreation Ground Land Extension to Green End was considered and the Parish Council had no objections.

Annual Parish Meeting and South Cambs District Councils Local Development Plan and SHLAA

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. This offered an opportunity for residents to hear more about the activities of the Parish Council and other village groups and organisations and also about the sites submitted to the District Council for consideration under its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

The APM asked that the Parish Council set up a working group to draw up a plan similar to that produced by District Cllr Burkitt and the villages that form part of the Barton Ward. <http://qtsq.org.uk/>

Some work has already been undertaken but the Parish Council is pleased to do this and Cllrs Richard Ellary (convenor), Tim Scott and Simon Moffat were tasked with preparing the document which will provide a considered and evidence based document detailing why the village thinks it should be protected from large scale development. Cllr Steve Harangozo has been asked to support and assist the working group.

Thank you all the residents who have taken the time to write with their views on the SHLAA. These views and comments are being collated and will be passed to the Working Group to consider. The Working Group will also undertake a full consultation with the village on its document. Anyone interesting in joining this group or assisting its work should let the Clerk know. As the Parish Council is undertaking this work and will be undertaking further consultation it will not consider the District Council's Local Development Plan consultation until its September meeting.

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The notes from each of the workshops have now been published on our website, together with a summary note pulling together by issue the views expressed by all stakeholders: <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/District-Planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/SCLP.htm>.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has now confirmed the key dates for the Local Plan Issues & Options consultation:

- Members will consider the consultation documents at a Special Council Meeting and a Special Portfolio Holder Meeting on **Thursday 28 June 2012** (the agenda and reports will be published a week before the meeting: <http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=680&MId=5865>).
- Formal public consultation is planned to take place between **Friday 13 July** and **Friday 28 September 2012**. This is longer than the usual 6 weeks to take account of the holiday period.

Keith Miles

Planning Policy Manager, South Cambridgeshire District Council”

Cllr Steve Harangozo assured the Parish Council at its meeting that he would write a report for Contact after the Special Council Meeting and Portfolio holders meeting had taken place on 28th June.

Parish Council contact details

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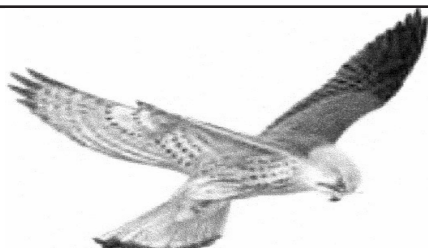
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Dame Veronica Sutherland	12 Hines Lane	362050
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11th July 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.

Planning applications

The Parish Council has a Planning Committee which meets once or twice a month depending on the timing of the planning applications received. The Committee is delegated to consider and respond on all planning applications on the Parish Council's behalf. Large applications or applications for multiple dwellings are still considered by the Parish Council. All Planning Committee meetings are open to the public in the same way as Council meetings are. The agenda for the meetings are posted on the village notice board in South Street. For information on any application or to make a representation please contact Cllr Janet McCabe.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT 2012

This year's annual supper will be held on Wednesday 25th July in the Village Hall. If you or your partner are aged 65 yrs or over and have not received an invitation by Friday 6th July but would like to join us, please contact Anne Collins for further details: Tel 01223 262067, 33 Harbour Avenue.

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Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with Rev Mike Booker

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Sunday 29th 9.30am All-Age Communion.

August - Summer services will be looking at different aspects of prayer

Sunday 5th 8.00am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

 9.30am Holy Communion - a shorter Summer service

Sunday 12th 9.30am Holy Communion - a shorter Summer service

Sunday 19th 8.00am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

 9.30am Morning Prayer - a shorter Summer service

Sunday 26th 9.30am All-Age Worship

Monday 27th **St Mary's Church Fete** 2.00-4.00

**Wednesday 29th-Friday 31st Oasis Holiday Club for Senior Citizens at
Comberton Baptist Church**

As always the church building is open every weekend. It's a lovely Spring walk up the causeway or across the fields. Everybody is very welcome to find peace and to explore our ancient parish church building.

At the end of August, don't miss the annual fete. We are also running the Oasis holiday club for retired people, in partnership with other Churches, at the end of the month.

Any Questions? If you have questions about life, God, the world or anything else which you would like Sunday sermons in the Autumn to consider, please contact Mike or Corin. We are planning the sermon series, and want to look at the questions which people in the village are asking.

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 27th 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 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.

It is always good to see so many people from our village, together with a number of people who travel from quite long distances to what they consider to be a traditional church fête.

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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).

COMBERTON = CAMBOURNE II ?

- SCDC are revising the local plans
- The Green Belt could be impacted
- The status of villages like Comberton could be changed to allow groups of tens or hundreds or more houses.
- Please keep looking at the Parish Council information and strategies during July and August and then have **YOUR** say....

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Richard Elleray



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As I write, our Year 3 children (7/8 year olds) have just come back from a most exciting day in the grounds of Burghley House. You may remember me telling you last month that we were one of only ten schools in the County invited to send the Headteacher, 30 children and accompanying staff to a Garden Party there which Her Majesty the Queen would attend.

We arrived by coach at around 10.30am and many chose to start their day with a ride on a traditional steam-powered merry-go-round or a banana boat. We then found quite a good spot by the barriers, had our picnic and, after waiting for a while, saw the Queen arrive by helicopter (very exciting in itself!) From a distance we saw her greet some dignitaries and plant a tree (she was easy to pick out in a lovely turquoise outfit) and she was then driven slowly past the crowds. Most of the children got a good look (a few needed a lift-up) and we waved the union flags we had brought with us with great enthusiasm.

We then walked round some of the exhibits, had an ice-cream (of course!) and then saw people gathering by barriers again. The police officers on duty were all unfailingly kind and helpful, and this time we were taken to a point right at the front so the children had a fantastic view of the Queen again as she drove off. As we waited one female police officer showed the children all the equipment she has to carry and its uses, and a police motorbike rider explained his role on the day. As a result, more than one child offered the opinion that they would like to be police officers when they grow up.

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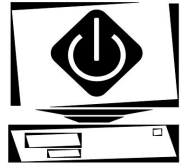
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The final excitement of the day was a fly-past by the Red Arrows followed by the most stunning aerobatic display. The children ran backwards and forwards, determined to get the clearest view as the planes swooped and twisted, sometimes hanging in the air in a heart-stopping way.

Having seen the news, I know that the visit to Burghley House was only one small part of the Queen's busy schedule that day. However, she gave all the waiting children a lovely smile and wave – something they will no doubt remember for many years to come.

Today the children are planning the letters they will write to the Queen, thanking her for their fantastic day – a great real-life example of formal letter-writing! As for me, I was extremely proud of our children. Their behaviour was impeccable and they showed an innocent enjoyment and excitement for all that was on offer. Long may it last.

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

COMBERTON PLAYERS

Our next production is Terry Wall's Alice in Wonderland on December 7th & 8th. Most roles will be short cameos – less line learning and fewer rehearsals, an ideal introduction to all you busy people who would like to join in the fun. Look out for further details in the September Contact and on posters. But if you would like to release your creativity making costumes, props, scenery etc. or treading the boards and would like advance notice of auditions etc. please contact the secretary, Glynis Ellis on 262214 or glynisellis@talk21.com

COMBERTON WI

The speaker for our June meeting was Jane Lynch and her talk was entitled 'Bags from Madagascar' which proved to be a most interesting and lively talk with a very colourful display of bags and hats.

She told us how a period of ill health had made her take stock and how she came to be involved in selling these bags from Madagascar after starting out as a successful and very busy Pension Fund Manager. She explained how the raffia is dried, dyed and woven and made into bags & hats by natives of Madagascar and then imported here through 'Fair Trading' principles. A percentage of each item sold goes back to Madagascar to build community projects such as health centres and schools. Jane also does a lot of fundraising for charities and projects here through selling the bags. As well as telling us a little about Madagascar and her first trip to see that beautiful island, planned for later this year, she ended the evening by using some members to model the hats and bags and quite stunning they were too!

Our next meeting is on 10th July at 7.45pm in the Village Hall 'Birds & Pits' a year in the life of a gravel pit (Paxton Pit) with Trevor Gunton. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

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COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group met on Thursday 14th June 2012.

This afternoon we held one of our annual events, 'The Strawberry Tea' Approximately fifty people attended enjoying various sandwiches, strawberries and cream, cakes and other refreshments. The whole event was organised by our excellent committee members who purchased and prepared the food, decorated the tables and served the food to the tables. Well done committee members. You did us proud. Our chairlady, Sue, organised a general knowledge quiz to see what table had the most brainy members, All I can say is that it was very hard. My brain still hurts. After the tea a raffle was held with lots of prizes to choose from. £84 was collected which helped to finance the tea.

Next meeting is Thursday 12th July at the Village Hall.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Exhibit your Handicraft at the Comberton Show:

Did you know that we have a Handicraft section in the Show? Classes cover Woodwork, Needlecraft, Knitting, Jewellery, Dressmaking, Greetings Cards, Painting, Drawing and many others. Watch out for the Show Brochure to come through your door for the full list. Meanwhile finish off those creations, they may win a prize! Don't forget that there are creative classes for the children too.

Photography:

The Summer is a great time to capture your entries for the photo classes in the Show –

'A Celebration of Colour' and 'On the Move' give plenty of scope for your special interpretation; hopefully you already have 'A Winter Scene' tucked away in the camera!

With more events to come in 2012 opportunities still abound for the children to snap 'Our Celebration'- or maybe that great Jubilee Party shot is already saved!

Comberton Show is on 15th September in the Meridian School.

Plant Sale:

Thanks to all those who supported our Plant Sale in May and went away with some great bargains which, with all the rain, should now be growing apace. We raised £280 to support the cost of the Show.

Summer Barbecue - 14th July 6.00pm 'till late

Our next event is the Summer Barbecue on the Long Road allotment site – tickets are £5 - available from Quin on 264410.

Autumn Outing – Saturday 22nd September – Maldon & RHS Hyde Hall

Following the success of the visit to Maldon and Hyde Hall in June 2009, we propose to repeat the format but this time in September. We have planned our

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visit to coincide with Hyde Hall's Plant Sale so that we can gain inspiration for our Autumn planting!

Provisional timings are:- Coach departs Comberton Village College 9am, arrive Maldon 11am, leave Maldon for Hyde Hall 1.30pm, leave Hyde Hall 5.30pm, arrive CVC 7pm.

The trip is open to everybody - Cost will be £15 for CA&GA members (Non Members £17 or Concessions £16 - includes membership)

Book your tickets with Quin on 264410.

Robin Worship – Secretary 01223 263304.

JUBILEE WALK PROGRESS

Thanks to a very generous donation from Comberton Contact, the Jubilee Walk booklet has been funded to allow 1 copy for every home in the village.

Creation of the booklet has been started and should be completed shortly. Other donations from village organisations and groups mean that we can fund the waymarker posts and discs.

Thank you to all the children who entered the competition to design a logo for the Jubilee Walk. The quality of entries was very high and we are pleased to announce the winning designer...EMMA HATHERLY (aged 8), a pupil at Meridian Primary School and resident in the village. Emma's design features a crown with 6 jewels, one for every decade of the Queen's reign and a variation on the union flag. The design will now be screen printed onto the discs and mounted on the posts. The posts will then be installed at various locations around the village...So watch this space and well done Emma!

COMBERTON RECREATION GROUND UPDATES

Comberton Recreation Ground Working Group is actively seeking to progress the area for sports/recreation pitches and a plan has been drawn up by Agrostics (Turf/sports consultants) allowing 4 pitches of varying sizes).

The Sports pitch area has been cut as have the hedges on southern and eastern side of new recreation ground. Ragwort continues to be a problem and was sprayed off last year and will require further spraying.

The landscaped Jubilee wooded area is taking shape and the trees planted in the north eastern corner as part of the planning consent conditions and donated by residents appear to have survived the extreme weather conditions. Natural areas of regrowth were protected over winter.

The car park has been extended and improved as part of the planning consent conditions for change of use from an agricultural field to recreation area (S/1833/08/F) and it was necessary to complete this before the sports pitches could be started (a further condition of the planning consent)

The tennis courts will soon be swept and cleaned and quotes are being sought for some refurbishment works (line painting etc).

Comberton Playground Project is working hard to raise funds for new playground equipment and also carrying out surveys of residents, please take a

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moment to respond. The next fund raising event is *on 15th July when there will be the HUGE Comberton Garage Sale* – for more information see www.combertonpp.org

If you would like to get involved with any aspect of the Recreation Ground Project please contact Hywel Griffiths – hywel.griffiths@talk21.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Countryside Restoration Trust and The Wildlife Trust have joined forces to try to improve the wildlife and environmental conditions of the Bourn Brook, which flows through our parish.

The Bourn Brook has suffered from a typical range of problems faced by many watercourses in lowland England; runoff from farmland adding silt, fertilisers and pesticides reducing the water quality, engineering of the channel has removed habitat variety and non-native species have invaded it and upset the ecosystem. A lack of traditional management has also changed the character of the brook. As a result, much wildlife interest has been lost.

Our biggest challenge this year is to tackle Himalayan balsam, a garden escape that has run riot along the watercourse. We want to improve the habitats too, but to get funding for that we have to demonstrate that this problem plant has been brought under control. Each plant can grow to six feet high and will produce hundreds of seeds by the end of summer, so you can see why it has run amok. It is possible to control it by pulling the plants out before they set seed, but we can't do it without YOUR HELP. We have some volunteers already lined up ready to start work on this, but we need more!!!

As a volunteer you will be equipped with a highly desirable and rather fetching pair of waders! We need teams of volunteers to help clear the brook of this plant, which will then allow the native vegetation to thrive – better food for water voles and a greater variety of native plants should result. The balsam can also grow in shallow parts of the brook where normally the water would be free-flowing, so removing it will help increase the flow and will benefit fish and other parts of the food chain. We'd love to hear from you if you can spare a few hours to help us rid Bourn Brook of Himalayan balsam and work towards improving the habitat.

We have organised some volunteer sessions for the following Sundays in June – 10, 17 & 24th, so if you want to come along to one of these or can offer help on other occasions which we will organise as the summer progresses, please contact Vince Lea of the Countryside Restoration Trust at vincelea@btinternet.com or on 01223 263962/262999

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The Knit and Natter event at The Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey was brilliant with 9 of us enjoying the atmosphere and nattering while we made some stock and bunting.

The SPARC Activity Afternoon had a poor turnout because of the weather but we still sold some raffle tickets

The Summer Fete, at Cambridge Nursing Centre, Chesterton, Cambridge sold lots of raffle tickets as well as bags, jewellery, teapot cosies and toys

Remaining Stall dates for the summer

Summer Fete Saturday 14th July 1pm to 4pm

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IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM CCTV

POLICE have released CCTV footage of a ram raid at the Imperial War Museum. Offenders used a stolen red Land Rover to ram their way into the Visitor Centre, in Duxford, on Wednesday, May 30, at 1.40am. They attempted to remove an ATM before making off in another vehicle, believed to be an Alfa Romeo. Three men, dressed in black and wearing balaclavas, left the Land Rover at the scene along with the ATM and made off towards Royston. Nothing was stolen in the incident and detectives are keeping an open mind as to whether it is linked with the ram raid in Papworth on May 18. Detective Inspector Ian Simmons, investigating, said: "We are keen to speak to anyone with information about the offence or, who is responsible. "Hopefully the CCTV footage will remind people of the incident and encourage them to come forward to assist our investigation." Anyone with information should call police on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Issue Date: 01/06/2012

CONFIDENTIAL DRINK DRIVE NUMBER LAUNCHES

A CONFIDENTIAL number to report drink drivers and those driving under the influence of drugs launches today (Friday June 1,) to coincide with the force's summer campaign. The enforcement campaign runs until the end of June, while the confidential hotline will be piloted for three months. Using the 0800 032 0845 number, which is available 24/7, people can get involved in the campaign by supplying police with information about drink and drug drivers. Inspector Chris Skepper said: "We know there are people out there who still feel it is acceptable to drive under the influence and there are also people who

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know who these offenders are. "They may not feel comfortable reporting drink and drug drivers so the confidential line is available to allow people to do this without having to leave their details. We will act on the information immediately where possible or through targeted action." Last year 1201 people were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence; of those 86% were men and 14% women. Insp Skepper added: "As the weather warms up and the days get longer we traditionally see an increase in the number of people driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

"People tend to be out socialising and celebrating and may not think about how they are going to get home. "It is simply not acceptable for people to risk the lives of others because they've had too much fun and may have drunk too much. We are urging drivers to organise their transport home before becoming impaired and make what could be a fatal decision. We will also be targeting drivers the morning after the night before as many people don't realise the length of time the effects of alcohol can last."

Clair George, road safety officer for Peterborough City Council, said: "More than 100,000 people are arrested each year in the UK for drink driving and drivers should be aware that any collision they are involved in will result in an automatic breath test. If convicted of drink driving you will receive a minimum driving ban of at least 12 months, an endorsement of your driving licence for 11 years, criminal record, a fine of up to £5,000.

"If you drive at twice the legal alcohol limit you are at least 30 times more likely to cause a road crash than a driver that has not been drinking. Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive our message is to drive safely, responsibly, and without being under the influence of alcohol - otherwise you could ruin your own life and the lives of others."

CCTV footage is available via the force 'You Tube' site at <http://youtu.be/eUqtA8DKPYc>

Issue Date: 08/06/2012

£25,000 REWARD IN RAM RAID INVESTIGATION

A REWARD of up to £25,000 has been put up for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of ram-raiders who attempted to steal an ATM from the Nisa Store in Papworth Everard. The Link Company has put up the reward in a bid to help the police investigation into the incident in Ermine Street at about 12.50am on Friday, May 18. Police have also released CCTV footage of the raid. A stolen Land Rover Defender was used to smash through the store before loading an ATM into another vehicle, believed to be a green Subaru Forrester. Four men made off along the A1198 before dumping the Subaru along with the ATM in Pyrecroft, Lower Cambourne. Detective Sergeant Sarah Gaylor said: "We are keen to speak to anyone with any information about the offence or who is responsible." Hopefully the reward will encourage people to come forward to assist our investigation." The payment of the reward is subject to information being received and



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Issue Date: 19/06/2012

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CYCLISTS are being warned to lock up their bikes and report suspicious activity after a spate of

cycle thefts on the guided busway. In the past two months, five cycles have been reported stolen,

four on the guided bus at Longstanton and one at Fen Drayton. Sergeant Paul Rogerson said: "We are working with our partners to raise awareness of this type of crime and prevent further offences, but my team and I are noticing the more expensive bikes are being left with very inexpensive, poor quality locks. "We support safe cycling and would encourage more people to use their bikes, but I really don't want them to be victims of crime so I'd urge them to invest in a suitable lock. There are simple steps people can take to reduce the chance of having their bike stolen, such as registering their bike on Immobilise and locking their bike to an immovable object and placing the D lock through the wheel and frame. We are committed to tackling crime on the busway and will deal robustly with those caught stealing." Cambridgeshire police is targeting cycle crime as part of its Get Closer campaign which aims to target certain crime trends identified through crime data analysis. If anyone has any information they should contact police on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

ELDERLY PEOPLE TARGETED IN DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

Police are appealing for information after three distraction burglaries over two days in South Cambridgeshire and East Cambridgeshire. In the latest incident three men tried to distract an elderly woman at her home in Littleport. The men, claiming to be from the 'gas board', called at her home in Upton Place, at 7.50pm last night (Wednesday). They asked to turn the gas off as there was a problem in the area, one of the men went through to the kitchen while the other two stood outside. Nothing was stolen. The men left in the direction of Parsons Road when neighbours chased the men off. The first man is described as white, about six foot and slim. He had black hair and was wearing a blue shirt. The second man was white, about 5'6", with brown hair and was wearing a brown suit. The third man is described as white and smartly dressed. A further two incidents happened in South Cambridgeshire. The first in Butts Green, Whittlesford, at 10am on Tuesday (June 19). A man knocked at the home of an elderly couple asking for a pen and paper. While they searched



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for a piece of paper the man left, the couple later noticed two handbags were missing and money had been stolen. The man is described as white, between 16 and 20, 5'11" and was wearing blue bottoms with a white stripe, a white tracksuit top and white trainers. The second incident happened shortly after 10am in Fincham's Close, Linton, on Tuesday. An elderly man opened the door to a man claiming there had been an explosion and water needed to be flushed in his pipes. The victim let him into his house but was suspicious, when he threatened to call the police the man left and nothing was stolen. Detective Inspector Ian Simmons, who is investigating, said: "All of these offences are targeting vulnerable people and are despicable crimes." I would urge the community to look out for their elderly neighbours, be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour."

Anyone with information should contact DI Simmons on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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