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6th August,	8:00-10:00pm	An Evening with Batman & Robin				
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Bridge the Gap Charity Walk

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The Comberton Contact small adverts website is up and ready to run. You can now send your free adverts to editor@combertoncontact.org.uk in Word format with or without a picture. Fuller details as to how to set up your adverts can be found on the website: www.combertoncontact.org.uk. I am very grateful to Richard Ellerary who helped me to overcome the technical difficulties I encountered in setting up the website. I do hope that you will find this a useful extra facility for the village and feel that you want to use it. Adverts will be posted for one month. If you wish to run your advert for another month you will need to tell me so by email before the deadline. Let's hope this new venture is successful and good luck to all who sail in her. Our back covers are taken until September. If anyone knows of someone who would like advertising space in colour on the back cover in the Autumn, please pass the news on to them.



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 12 May 2010

Annual Business

The first business at any Annual Meeting is the election of Chairman and Chris Westgarth was re-appointed Chairman. Janet McCabe was re-appointed the Vice- Chairman.

In addition the Parish Council has one Committee and also several working groups to research and monitor certain areas or projects and these currently include (Convenors' names in brackets)

The Tree Group (Robert Cook)

The Affordable Housing Working Group (Janet McCabe)

The Recreation Ground Working Group (Ted Halford)

The Focus Group (Andrew Hollick)

The Transport Working Group (Tom Serby)

Flooding Issues, Watercourses and Ditches Group (Andrew Hollick)

For a copy of the committee's or working groups' terms of reference please contact the Clerk or the Convenor. Other areas of responsibility were allocated to other members.

Policies including the Council's standing orders were reviewed and a the new model standing orders adopted after it had been tailored to meet Comberton Parish Council's requirements.

Recreation Ground

Roger Abraham who helps manage the recreation ground and bookings has discovered a water leak and emergency work is to be put in hand.

The arrangements for the long term management of the recreation ground will be an agenda item for the next meeting along with a proposal for all inclusive lettings fee.

Herringland Charity Trustee Appointment

Every four years the Parish Council appoints the trustees to the Charity as it did at this meeting.

Comberton Village Institute Trustee Appointment

Sandra Hyde and Andrew Hollick were re-appointed to the Charity.

Grass verge in Green End by the Doctors

The wooden posts and the verge along a stretch of verge in Green End are badly eroded and the County Council will be asked to attend to this. In addition the Transport Working Group will also be asked to bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

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 hope to fill the vacancy at the earliest opportunity.



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The Council awarded the following donations at its meeting:

St Mary's Church (churchyard upkeep) £750,

Comberton Brownies (towards transport costs for an event in the summer) £50,

Comberton Scouts (Fireworks display) £300,

Cambs County Council (Summer Reading Challenge) £40

As in previous years these beneficiaries will be invited to the next Annual Parish Council to report on how the money was specifically spent.

The Council thanks all the other groups and organisations who also applied and who weren't successful on this occasion.

Overhanging hedges & trees

A plea goes out to all residents adjacent to a road to check for any overhanging trees or hedging that might make it difficult for other residents to walk along the pavement or restrict drivers' visibility. Thank you.

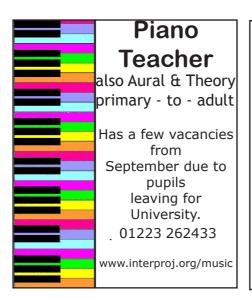
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The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations 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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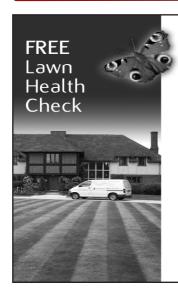


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•	9.30am	Holy Communion: God's Call
Sunday 13th	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at
•		St Andrew's Toft
	9.30am	Holy Communion: Springs of Living Water
Sunday 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
·	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Stewardship - Giving in
		God's Service
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Different people,
·		Different Gifts
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special

In June and July our sermons on Sunday mornings will be looking at gifts, givingand serving. We will be remembering just how much God has given us, thinking what He calls us to give, and how He lots for us to use the gifts we each have.

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.

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

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This month I wanted to tell you about some of the things which we believe make our school special. In our front entrance at the moment we have a large display headed 'Shakespeare School'. This is because we have been working this year on using Shakespeare in the curriculum across the whole school. Our youngest children listen to Shakespeare's stories and perhaps write simple sentences to describe their own illustrations of them, while older children begin to grapple with themes and language. Some of the drama and written work which has resulted has been very impressive. Next year we hope to extend this aspect of the children's learning and integrate it fully into the curriculum so that we truly are a 'Shakespeare School'!

Another focus this year has been the development of our outside areas. As you may be aware, learning outside the class room is a real focus in education now. We are very lucky that our school is already in a lovely setting and we are spending time, energy (and money!) enhancing that. Our Habitats Garden has, as you may know, been created in a derelict walled area with the help of a lottery grant. The basic structure is now there and we intend to fill it with a variety of habitats to attract wildlife – meadow flowers, wet-loving plants, dry loving plants, climbing plants, log piles, nesting boxes, insect homes etc.etc. It will have several uses – to support learning about a wide range of living things, to be a quiet, restful area in which to read a book or chat to a friend at playtime, and to be a resource for the whole community. We intend to have a proper opening ceremony in September and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come.

We have also been developing our Foundation Stage outdoor area (a learning facility for the very youngest children in Reception), extending it and including a mini-allotment, for example. The Key Stage 1 (infant) playground is also getting a facelift courtesy of our active and committed PTA.

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Glennis Virgo Headteacher

SPRING CELEBRATION REMEMBERING BRIAN AND MARGARET COOK BY COMBERTON

CANTABILE ~ A REVIEW

On Friday 14th May the Village Hall was packed for this very special concert. Brian and Margaret Cook's daughter Rachel Good and Samira Tabraue played a wide variety of music from flowing Fauré to remind us of the Cook's membership of the Twinning association and friendship with the French to dramatic and sparkling *Czardas* by Monti which showed off her technical virtuosity. Her playing was much enjoyed by everyone and was a fitting tribute to the Cook's who must have been very proud of their daughter's musical accomplishments. Rachel's son James Good charmed the audience with his humour, honesty and talent for playing the French horn, Nocturno op. 7 by Franz Strauss. He also revealed his desire to become a jazz trumpeter and mentioned his grandparents love of Jazz.

The choir was also on very good form-:

Madrigals at the start conveyed the poignancy of 'Weep o mine eyes' and the lighted hearted fun of the Sweet Suffolk owls with all its too-wit a woos. Reminders of the Cook's admiration for Margaret Sutherland were heard in a beautifully blended 'Blow the wind Southerly' by the ladies voices.

In 'Dance to your Daddy' the men excelled themselves with a buoyant rendition of this Newcastle folksong and in this song and the French 'Il est bel et bon' by Passereau the choir's diction and ensemble was excellent.

The lighter second half reflected the Cook's love of Gilbert and Sullivan (a new venture for Brenda) and *The three Little Maids from school* (Avril Taylor, Joan Mead and Clare Tunstall) dressed in their school uniform's (complete with hockey sticks), thrilled the audience with their interpretation of this song. *The Modern Major General* (Richard Winski) looking very dapper impressed the audience with many cheerful facts about the square of the hypotenuse.(!)

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Brian McCabe's excellent rendition of the slightly amended topical version of 'When all night long' was 'either a little Liberal or else a little Conservative!' In 'When I was a lad' from HMS Pinafore there was much enthusiasm (and bobbing up and down) by the land lubbers in the choir.

Everyone enjoyed the excursion through various musicals in the last item by the choir, finishing off with 'You'll never walk alone'.

The whole evening was a resounding success because of the enthusiasm and dedication of Comberton Cantabile and their indefatigable musical director, Brenda Brown.

All in all a fitting tribute to the memory of Brian and Margaret Cook.

THE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT

This year's annual supper will be held on Friday 23rd July in the Village Hall. If you or your partner are aged 65 yrs or over and have not received an invitation by July 9th and would like to join us please contact Anne Collins for further details: tel 262067 or 33 Harbour Avenue.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Comberton Friendship Club meeting held on Thursday May 13th was a talk by David Wherall with his version of a History of Recorded Music. His talk, slides and demonstrations started around 1840 with barrel organs until now, 2010, wit the latest iPod. We heard a lot of good music, from all sorts of recording machines so it was a very cheerful and sometimes noisy afternoon!

The June meeting is our Annual Strawberry Tea. Members only this time please.

WI REPORT

In May, members traditionally discuss a resolution to be discussed at the WI AGM in June. This year's resolution urged Her Majesty's Government to legislate on clear labelling of food products to indicate the country of origin. Currently food produced abroad can be labelled British if it is packaged in Britain. The WI is a serious lobbying group and has had huge success with its national campaigns.

After approving the resolution, members enjoyed tea and cakes. The second part of the evening was devoted to making a scarecrow for Wimpole Hall's walled garden. This proved to be quite a challenge but members succeeded in producing a rather alarming looking Goth creation.

Date for Diary: 8th June at 7.45pm.m in the Village Hall 'Warships to Olympics' – a history of the Lower Lee River valley with peter Lawrence.

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A TRIBUTE TO HELEN LORD FROM THE VILLAGE Helen's funeral was on 10th May 2010.

The collection in aid of Emmaus, Waterbeach amounted to £215. From the start I remember Helen as a kind, generous person who was ready to help anyone and never said 'No'. I first met her when our children played together. How tolerant and patient she was! She later worked at the College at lunchtime and at the primary School with myself and Cath. Adams helping out. She always saw the funny side of children's mischief.

Over the years she took part in or instigated many charity functions. There were her marathon Walks around Midsummer Common, collection of items to make up parcels for the nuns to help the needy in London at Christmas, provisions of drinks for the youngsters at the Baptist Thursday Club, fundraising for *Emmaus* where she was thrilled to meet Terry Waite, and she helped *Magpas*, but closest to her heart was her wish to help Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Helen was also involved in fundraising for the Friendship Club in the village and worked hard to get the Old Schoolhouse project up and running. This involved her in bingo sessions, coffee mornings and cream teas.

Mary Lilly

Helen was concerned that teenagers in the village should have a drop-in centre and so gave up her time to setting one up, including tuck and tea, pool, music, bingo and 'heart-to-hearts'. Many youngsters remember this with pleasure. She was also always a helper and fundraiser at church fetes at St Mary's especially on the cake stall.

For my part, I can only say how much our family loved her, especially when our boys were young. She was also a great neighbour and friend to my mother who lived nearby.

Helen spoke lovingly of her visits to Ireland but was delighted to go to Rome and the Holy Land, which she never tired of talking about.

Because of her declining health, we have all for a few years been deprived of her loving, caring and cheerful presence around the village. We will never forget her shining, Christian witness, which overflowed to all of us, We can only thank God for Helen's life.

Sue Horne

COUNTRYSIDE SUNDAY

Sunday 13th June, 11:00am - 5:00pm

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EVENING WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN

Friday 6th August, 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Join Dr. Robert Stebbings, formerly of the Nature Conservancy Council, and Robin Page on an evening safari of Lark Rise Farm, Barton in search of bats, owls, badgers and moths. Places limited so please telephone 01223 262999 to book your space. Bedtime drinks and snacks at the end of the walk.

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Come and join us at Kingston Local Nature Reserve for a butterfly and moth hunt as part of Butterfly Conservation's 'Save our butterflies week'. We'll be walking around the reserve with sweep nets looking for butterflies and moths and identifying what we find. Weather permitting we hope to have a moth trap too. So come down to the reserve which is the old railway track between Toft and Bourn off the B1046 on Wednesday 28th July 10am-12pm. For more information please contact Charlotte

Lowry, Greenspace & Community Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council on 01223 715557 or charlotte.lowry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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To join in the celebrations and do your bit for the environment at the same time, you can get a discounted compost bin at http://www.ccc.getcomposting.com. You can pick up free compost from a number of sites across the county and you can learn how to do it yourself. For more information on an event near you, go to http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/waste



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- "In the UK there is an estimated shortage of 10,000 foster carers and it is very important to address this and get these children into a safe and supportive environment. In our experience some of the most successful applicants have been thinking about fostering for years, but have held back from applying for one or a number of reasons. For some, there is a belief that they simply could not afford to foster but the days of meeting expenses from out of your own pocket have long gone.
- "Foster carers come from all walks of life and have a range of life experiences to draw on. Some may have a natural vocation towards becoming a carer, others possessing transferable skills gained from a variety of work ranging from caring for the elderly, or people with disabilities, teaching assistants, retired police officers or coming from a background in the armed services.
- "Being a foster carer can be challenging work, but with it can come great satisfaction. Some of our carers have enjoyed a very good life and feel they want to give something back to society, others come from difficult backgrounds and have overcome adversity and now want to help others in a similar situation.
- "However, before you rule yourself out please see below some of the most common myths about fostering:
- 1. I can't afford to foster. Carers through Pathway Care receive good Remuneration for their services and all expenses are met.
- I am too old to foster. People often rule themselves out because of their age. Pathway care doesn't have an upper age limit, but applicants are required to undergo a full medical and need to be fit and active.
- 3. We've never had children of our own, we won't be considered. This is a total misconception. We are looking for people who have experience of children so if you have been very involved with children from your wider family or friends this may count. Perhaps you work with children through your job, or have been actively involved with youth groups etc.
- 4. I'm a single carer, I can't possibly be considered. Yes you can, but it is recognised that being a single parent is tough and you would need to be able to demonstrate a good support network is in place through family and friends.
- 5. I've only heard negative feedback about foster children and this has put me off finding out more. The public perception of foster children is that they can be very difficult and likely to be troublesome. Whilst recognising that these children do come with issues and can be challenging, they respond to support and care and the level of satisfaction you can gain from helping them can be immense.

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- 7. I live in a social deprived area, I can't possibly foster. If you have the necessary skills to foster and your accommodation is suitable a child must have his or her own bedroom then don't rule yourself out.

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Sunday 12th September 2010.

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She joined the friendship club with Connie Wickham and in those days meetings were held in a wooden hut in Green End. Ivy is still very active. She makes cards and knits proactively for Rumania. She is bright and cheerful, living independently at home. She receives visits from the church visiting schemes which she values greatly.

Cathy

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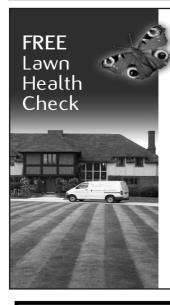
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County Council Cabinet Member for Economy and the Environment, Councillor Tony Orgee, said: "I would urge everyone to take part in this consultation. It is an excellent example of the County Council seeking the views of local residents to help shape the services they deliver. I would encourage all residents to voice their views in order that we can deliver the very best service to Cambridgeshire communities."

Leon Livermore, Head of Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service said: 'We look to deliver services in a way that is responsive to local needs. Never before have we undertaken such an extensive survey at Trading Standards, and I believe that by doing so, we will gain a clear picture of exactly what communities want from our Service."

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TANG SOO DO CLUB SUCCESS

The martial arts club Comberton Tang Soo Do, which is based at the Meridian school in Comberton, has celebrated great success over the last few years in National and European competitions but were particularly pleased at the most recent national competition, held in Birmingham in April, when club member Kaitlin Sabnis Thomas secured the Junior Gup Grand Champion trophy. Local village college student Kaitlin was the highest scoring under 17's colour belt (non black belt), achieving a 1st in forms and 2nd's in weapons and sparring. Kaitlin's brother Kalen and their parents also competed successfully, together with fellow club member Kira Nelms.

Tang Soo Do is a traditional Korean martial art where students are taught to defend themselves with a full combination of hand and foot techniques as well as weapons. Students also enjoy a good workout and improved fitness and reactions. You can find out more at www.gbtsda.com.

Last year Comberton Tang Soo Do put on a great display at the Meridian School fete and are pleased to have been invited back to put on another display at this year's fete on 19th June.

Comberton Tang Soo Do train twice a week at the Meridan school, please contact club instructor Mr Paul Ireson on 07956 280623 or at the fete.

Comberton Tang Soo Do were previously called Cambourne Tang Soo Do.

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July 26th - August 8th Mr & Mrs M. Waters

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June' not simply from the famous painting by Lord Leighton, but from the huge number of plants that bloom during the month. This richness in garden flowers should not make us complacent about our garden design. In fact it is a good opportunity to look out for bad design features. These problems can be divided into 2 issues: bad structural design and bad planting.

Bad structural design

This is the hardest to rectify but worth identifying by looking at your garden from different viewpoints. Perhaps the most common error is a flat garden with few vertical elements. Height can be added through small boundary trees and island beds also with small trees. Climbers make a good addition with plants rambling over small structures like a shed, garage or the house wall. Plants with significant height such as shrubs and internal garden hedges entice the viewer to walk round and explore the garden visually from different vantage points. It is worth 20 minutes every month reassessing the garden's structure; make notes and sketch drawings of what is weak design by taking observations from different points. Over a year these notes can be used to create a rethink of the garden and then, say over a 5 year period, begin a redesign. Of course, if you have the luxury of a virgin plot you should be able to plan the design effectively from the start; never begin a new garden by designing on the fly without a coherent plan.

Bad planting

Overcoming bad planting is most gardeners' problem. Gardeners have squirrel tendencies to constantly find space for some new plant acquisition. Often the free space decides where it goes. It is a disastrous mistake that we all make. Tranquil gardens make use of colour themes. There are many books that major on successful planting. Most of them take ideas of blocking out an area where a single colour dominates. The plants are then chosen to have a vibrant colour mixed with pastel shades of the same colour. That is fine but what colour block of plants do you put next to it? The answers are, either a contrasting colour from the opposite side of a colour wheel, or a complementary colour close to it in the spectrum. Remember most plants usually flower for short periods of perhaps a month. This means that plants with similar colours in the chosen area need to be selected for different flowering periods. This time dimension for flowering periods is where gardening becomes tricky. Weather can play a major role. For example, in the cooler recent years the spring plants have had their earlier flowering times shifted by as much as 3 weeks later than normal; consequently, this year spring flowering was compressed into a magnificent floral display in April. How do we rectify bad planting? Firstly label the plants to be moved, and note their flowering time. With this information it is simply a matter of musical chairs shifting them about in the autumn. Probably the best book available is Christopher Lloyd's 'Succession planting for adventurous gardeners.' R.T. Choke

THE CHALLENGE

May Result & Winner

The missing roads were:

10-17-617-619-623-6-54-534-525-494-470-40-34-41-418-505 and 10, the plus/minus exercise giving you 505.

WINNER: G. PURSE, FOX'S WAY

THE CHALLENGE

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The answer to each of the following clues is a single letter. When established, the 10 letters are to be used to form a mode of transport. The letters are not in their correct sequence only because I know you hate an easy puzzle!! Complete the exercise by writing the name of the inventor of the transport below the puzzle.

The letter representing the medieval Roman number 200.
Months contain this letter when oysters are in season.
First letter of 1.13 litre (2Pint) wine bottle.
First letter of wind name of Force 11 on the Beaufort scale.
First letter of surname of Archbishop of Canterbury 1961-1974.
First letter of element with the atomic number 76.
First letter of gift traditionally given on 15th Wedding Anniversary.
First letter of the 15th Book of the Old Testament (King James
version)
First letter of Level 8 on the Mohs scale of relative hardness.
First letter of 25 th October 1415 Battle (Where English long
bowman proved decisive).
INVENTOR
Entries please to Costcutter, Library or Green End Surgery by 14 th June. The prize of £5, generously donated by Nayna & Vijay, is to be spent in store.
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