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from June 2009

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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

JUNE 2012

4th June		Jubilee Beacon & Picnic at St Mary's Church
8th & 9th June		Comberton Players
12th June	7.45pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall
13th June	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
14th June		Friendship Group Strawberry Tea Village Hall
14th June	6.30 - 8.30pm	Party in aid of Bourn Mill at Mill Cottage, Bourn
15th June	7.00pm	Evening Bingo in Village Hall
20th June	7.30pm	Film 'The Help' at Village Hall
18th - 24th June		Miles for Smiles Week
24th June	12.30pm	Luncheon Club at Queen Adelaide, Croydon
24th June	3.00pm	Meridian Fun Run
30th June & 1st July		Monday Studio

JULY 2012

8th & 9th July	7.30pm	Tomb with a View at Village Hall
8th July		Big Bike Ride
15th July	11.00 - 3.00	Garage Sales
23rd - 27th July		Jungle Games at CBC
30th July - 3rd Aug.		Jungle Games at CBC

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for taking up the front and back cover spaces. I have only July/August and October back covers free and then from December onwards both are free. May I remind you that the next issue will be a combined one for July and August so think ahead when sending in copy. The Jubilee celebrations are coming up fast and the Olympic torch is on its way. All we need is some good old summer weather to make 2012 a very special summer to remember and enjoy.

COMBERTON CINEMA At the Village Hall

Wednesday 20th June

The Help

Wednesday 18th July

War Horse

Tickets £3.50 on the door

Doors open 7.30, Film starts 7.45

For further information, or if you would like transport,
please contact Sandra Hyde Tel: 262075

This event is sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees

EVENING B I N G O PARTY

Comberton Village Hall

Friday 15th June 7pm for 7.30

£1 Admission

Tea/coffee and Biscuits available

Bring a bottle if you wish.

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For further information contact Andrew on 263089 or Michael on 262748

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Comberton Garage Sales

- Are you overloaded with items you do not use - old bikes, furniture, children's unused toys, small kitchen appliances, books and ornaments?
- Would cash come in handy for your summer holidays or Christmas?

We have the answer! Comberton Playground Project is arranging a HUGE Village Garage Sale. Each interested household can register for a minimum donation of £5.00. (Donations in aid of Comberton Playground Project) and keep the profits of their own Garage Sale.

We do all the advertising to bring customers to your doorstep all you have to do is register your household and put out your stall on the day.

Sunday 15th July 2012

11.00 to 15.00 in Comberton

Interested?

Start by having a sort out!

**To register your household
please contact:**

Emma on Tel: 01223 264738

or Angela Tel: 01223 262039

**Last date for household
registrations is Sat 7th July**



COMBERTON PLAYGROUND PROJECT

VILLAGE CAFÉ at the VILLAGE HALL

Open every Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon

Coffee/Tea/Squash

Meet up with friends or make new ones

Families welcome!

Hope to see you there soon.

Diamond Jubilee Picnic and Beacon Lighting

Monday 4th June from **7.30pm** at **St Mary's Church**

Bring your own **jubilee picnic**, bring your chairs and picnic rugs.

Come and celebrate this historic event in the grounds of St Mary's,

There will be **live music** and plenty of community spirit.

The beacon on the church tower will be lit at approx **10.20pm** as part of the national beacon event (over 4000 beacons will be lit between 10-10.30pm)

The Queen will light the last one in London at 10.30pm)

(The churchyard, The Causeway and Church Lane will be dark at the end of the evening, so please make sure you have a torch or jubilee lantern)



Monday Studio

On the weekend of Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Monday Studio, a village art group, will be hosting an Art and Craft exhibition in the Village Hall. We would like to invite other village people, or members of village-based groups, to join in with us to show off our combined skills in the arts and crafts world. This can be art work in any medium and craft work in any material as an amateur or professional. It is not necessary for the work to be for sale, but it would be expected that a percentage of any sale will go to the Village Hall funds.

At the last exhibition we were thrilled at the number of villagers who joined in but we feel sure that there are more people who could show their skills.

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

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We are seeking a provider who will be able to match our school ethos and provide an environment in which all the children feel valued and cared for and that enables them to participate in enjoyable and stimulating activities.

In return we will provide excellent facilities within the school, support from the head teacher and governors and, of course, lovely children.

Please contact office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk 01223 262423 for an application pack. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing date: Friday 15 June 2012.

Interviews are expected to take place week commencing 9 July 2012.

Meridian Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check.

In the autumn I intend to apply for a place as a
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The volunteer places cost £1,000 each and with spending money I need to raise £1,500 to be able to afford to apply for a place. The places are limited, so if I am not selected this round, I'll apply again next year. The money I raise will be used for Back Up.

- To raise the money I have been selling items on eBay at <http://shop.ebay.co.uk/nikkwilliams/m.html> Please take a look and make a bid.
- Is there a chore I could help you with in exchange for a donation to my fundraising?
- Would you like to order a rich fruit cake or a large madeira cake for an upcoming celebration?

Please get in touch to discuss how you would like to help me in my fundraising efforts.

Avril Williams 01954 782431 avril.williams1@btinternet.com

Meridian Primary School



Family Fun Run

2km course

Sunday 24th June

opens 2pm

Run starts at 3pm

£5 per adult / £3 per child

Registration forms from Meridian School Office

Raffle

Refreshments

Stalls



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Week A: 23 July-27 July, 2012

Week B: 30 July-3 August, 2012

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Registration forms available at
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They will also go out through schools
and will be first come, first served.

For more information contact adrian@c-b-c.org.uk



MILES FOR SMILES WEEK
18-24 June 2012

How would you like to do ANY sporting activity or exercise of your choice ANYwhere at ANY time on ANY day in Miles for Smiles week and raise much needed funds for Blue Smile?

All you have to do is register on www.bluesmileproject.org. There is no fixed fee, just make a donation or raise sponsorship for your activity.

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Any kind of sporting activity is welcome, give your dog an extra walk, ride with friends, swim more lengths, play an extra round of golf, go on a Blue Smile ramble, organise a tennis match or row -the list is endless! Get together with your friends, family, running group, tennis and golf partners, local school, gym and exercise class to take up the challenge.

Blue Smile is a registered Cambridgeshire children's charity(1139279) which provides counselling and support in schools to help children fulfil their true potential and have happier childhoods.

Advanced Notice of OASIS, a Holiday Club for the 60+

OASIS is for 'seniors' who would like a short break from daily routine.

The daily programme will be relaxing and as refreshing as possible! It will be different each day, but will include:

- Entertainment – this will consist of illustrated talks, music, and some surprise items.
- Optional activities include various crafts, painting, music, carpentry, games, competitions...or just chatting.
- A short time of worship.
- There will be refreshments and lunch

The Oasis Holiday club, run by the Anglican, Baptist and Catholic communities will be held at Comberton Baptist Church from Wednesday 29th August to Friday 31st August 2012 ; 10.00am – 2.30pm each day.

The cost will be £5.00 per day. This includes the cost of activities, refreshments and lunch.

More information and booking forms in next month's Contact.

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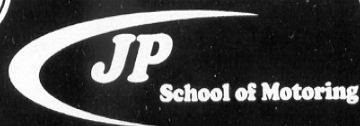
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The Big Bike Ride charity cycle event is being staged on Sunday 8th July – the day after the Olympic torch arrives in Cambridge – and, in keeping with the theme, there will be a silver route of 20.12 kilometres (12.5 miles) and a gold route covering 201.2 kilometres (125 miles).

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.

For more details and to register online, go to:

www.cambridge-news.co.uk/the-big-bike-ride

Tel: 01223 434378

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 9 May 2012.

Annual business

The first business at the Annual meeting was the election of the Chairman and appointment of members to committees and working groups.

Cllr Amanda Bacon was reappointed Chairman and Cllr Veronica Sutherland was appointed the Vice Chairman.

There followed the annual review of the committee, working groups and member responsibilities. All members were appointed to either a committee or a working group or have an area of responsibility. Many serve on one or more working groups.

All the Council's policies were reviewed and the standing orders updated to reflect current practice.

The Valley affordable housing development

The Parish Council has been notified that the first residents, all with Comberton connections, should move into the new homes in late May. The public open space together with a sum of £10,000+ will be transferred to the Parish Council by the end of May. The money is for the future maintenance of the land.

Herringland Charity Jubilee Bench

The Council considered an offer from the Charity who wanted to provide a bench for the village to mark the Queen's Jubilee. The Parish Council has accepted this kind offer and will take over responsibility for the bench's maintenance once installed.

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Parish Council Annual Audit

The Parish Council received and considered the internal auditors report and following this it approved its annual accounts. The accounts will be sent to Moore Stephens the external auditor by 6 June.

Recreation ground

At the request of the Council the Clerk briefly summarised the history of the recreation ground land extension. Over the years the Parish Council had attempted to purchase the field to the north of the recreation ground (the land extension). As the years went by each time an approach was made to the owners the price had risen.

Once the Parish Council had had a valuation undertaken by the District Valuation Services it made an offer to the land owners based on that valuation which was turned down. They stated their price which was £10,000+ higher. The release into the public domain of the Council's confidential minutes from that period would clearly demonstrate that the Council acted in good faith and in the interests of the village and its residents as a whole striving to obtain the land for both sports pitches and also for recreation and public open space. The Parish Council's aim and desire was to have the additional land for the use and benefit of the village as an additional recreational area.

When the restrictions on the land use as "sports pitches" as a condition of the sale were raised the Council resolutely negotiated to have these removed and ensure that the land could be used not only for sport but also for other recreational uses.

These negotiations lasted several years and finally despite the restrictive covenants below the Council went ahead with the purchase firmly believing this was in the interest of the village as a whole; its intention remaining that it would be available for the maximum number of residents, i.e. all user groups to use and benefit from. The Parish Council is very aware of the risk associated with the tree planting and has been exploring ways to mitigate this. As reported in the last Contact the Council has written to Messrs Topham and Banks about the trees and at the time of writing await their reply.

The Parish Council will be reviewing its confidential minutes from that period and will make a decision shortly on how much can be released into the public domain. Residents are assured that the Council will release as much as possible. It may be however, until the matter of the covenants have been resolved that some of the information has to remain unpublished. Advice is being sought on this.

"Covenants by the Transferee

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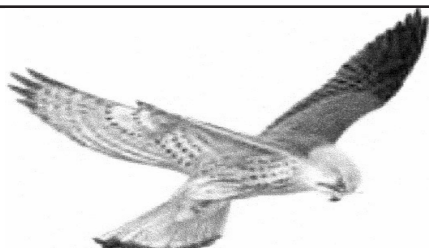
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- 13.5.2 Not to use the Property or permit or allow the Property to be used other than for agricultural grazing land or sports pitches and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing not to use the Property or permit the Property to be used as public open space
- 13.5.3 To erect at the Transferees reasonable expense within four months of the date of this transfer a good and sufficient stockproof fence or hedge not less than 1.8 metres high between the points marked 'X-Y' and 'Y-Z' on Plan 1.
- 13.5.4 Not to plant any trees on the Property other than any hedge along the northern boundary between X-Y and Y-Z referred to in the previous subclause"

Streetlighting

The Parish Council has received information that the street lighting in the village will be upgraded. The works are scheduled to commence between July to December 2013,

CCC Surface Dressing Programme

The County Council is about to begin a £2 million project to ensure hundreds of kilometers of Cambridgeshire roads are maintained and improved. The surface dressing programme, using a thin film of bitumen and stone chippings, keeps the road surface in good condition and improves safety for all road users. The technique costs around 20% of conventional asphalt resurfacing, enabling a far greater length of road to be treated from within the available financial resources. Starting from May 8 work will be carried out in all areas of Cambridgeshire (full list available from the County Council).

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Council due to the resignation of Mary Richards. Details for the procedure for filling the vacancy can be found on the notice board. If anyone is interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council contact details

Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council 30 West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NY
Email parishclerk@comberton.org.uk Tel: 01954 210241 Fax: 0870 705 2759

Miss Amanda Bacon (Chairman)	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr Antony Bateman	19 Bush Close	262243
Mr Peter Crossley	59 Barons Way	262517
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Mrs Jill Preston	45 Long Road	263077
Mr Tim Scott	Moat House, 65 Green End	263434
Dame Veronica Sutherland	12 Hines Lane	362050
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th June 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.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

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Rev Corin Redsell - curate 01954 212970

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Churchwardens Mrs D Spencer, Tel 264287
Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street, Tel 263751

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

Services and Events at St Mary's in June

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Monday 4th		Jubilee Picnic, followed by lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at 10.20pm
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion

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	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th	9.30am	All-Age Worship
Thursday 28th	2.30pm	Thursday Service and Social, in the Village Hall
Saturday 30th	3.00pm	Ordination of Rev Corin Redsell at Ely Cathedral

Children of all ages are very welcome at all our 9.30am services - when the service is not all-age, there are always children's activities in the Barn. 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.

This month there are two very special events to look out for.

On the evening of Monday 4th June, the Jubilee Beacon will be lit at 10.20pm. Bring a picnic and come to enjoy an evening on around the church from 8.00pm onwards.

Saturday 30th June sees the ordination of Rev Corin Redsell at Ely Cathedral. Corin has finished his first year as curate, and will be ordained priest. There is lots of room, so please come and join in.

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The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 10th June

Friday 29th June is the Feast of St Peter & St Paul.

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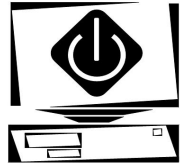
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NEVER A DULL MOMENT

I was listening to the Desert Island Disks interview with the brilliant Tim Minchin, who has won lots of awards for his fantastic musical 'Matilda'. Towards the end of the interview, the bit where he is offered the Bible and the complete works of Shakespeare, Tim said he would rip pages out of the Bible to use to light fires, because it was all as dull as dishwater.

I roared with laughter, thinking about the week I was having as an elder of a little village chapel, living an exciting life I would not have dreamed of if my life had not been utterly transformed by That Book, for it answers that thorny question, 'Why are we here?' It has lots to tell us about things like love, trouble, rescue and reconciliation. It even mentions God.

Take the story of Joseph: young favourite son, a bit of a dreamer; hated by his eleven jealous brothers; sold into slavery having narrowly avoided being murdered by them. They all lie to Joseph's grieving father saying Joseph has been killed by wild animals. The handsome young Joseph resists being seduced by his employer's wife who then falsely accuses him and he is arrested and thrown into prison. There he languishes in the dungeons for years. Two newly imprisoned servants of Pharaoh are thrown into his cell. On successive nights each has a dream. God gives Joseph the interpretation of their dreams and as Joseph predicted in three days the butler is restored to Pharaoh but the baker is executed. Joseph is forgotten. Pharaoh starts having recurring nightmares. He cannot understand them nor can any of his advisors. His butler finally tells his master about Joseph. A desperate Pharaoh has Joseph quickly brought before him. Joseph tells Pharaoh the interpretation – a national crisis will happen and there is only one thing that can be done to save the nation. Joseph is obviously the man to lead the nation through the crisis and he does so brilliantly as Vizier to Pharaoh. Finally, he is reconciled with all his brothers and restored to his overjoyed father.

Dull as dishwater indeed. God bless you all. Graham

Comberton Baptist Church meets in Green End at 10.30 am every Sunday. All are welcome, and please don't feel you have to be a 'believer' in order to come along. The natives are generally friendly.



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It is certainly going to be a summer to remember for all of us. I am no youngster but I have never seen the Olympics in this country – nor a Diamond Jubilee come to that! I think it is worth remembering that, for our children too, this could be the only experience of such events in their lifetimes.

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It seems to me important that they feel part of both events, even if they do not have a chance to see either at first hand. With this in mind, we are planning our own special activities to mark the occasions.

Our Diamond Jubilee celebrations take place in the week before half term (and that special Public Holiday). There are going to be several parties of a very traditional nature (think street party in the playground, for example). The staffs are being a little secretive about their plans but I have heard whispers of cucumber sandwiches and elderflower champagne, jelly and gingerbread crowns, bunting and Morris dancers. We are also taking the opportunity to teach the children a little about the Queen and the British monarchy.

We have also received a rather special honour! We are one of only ten schools in the County invited to send the Headteacher, 30 children and accompanying staff to the nearest Garden Party which Her Majesty the Queen will attend (in our case, that is Burghley in Lincolnshire on 13 June). It is very exciting. The only problem will be choosing the 30 children – and perhaps a new hat!

As for the Olympics, we have decided to change the format of our Sports Day this year. Usually, we have two separate Sports Days – one for the younger children and one for the older ones. This year, we have set aside one day in late June. We will start with a grand Olympics-style opening ceremony, involving a procession, flags etc. Then the younger ones will take part in their sporting activities and races, while the older ones watch or help out. Then, in the afternoon, the older children will hold their events. We will end with another grand ceremony and perhaps some children on podiums. Now all we need is the weather...

Still on a sporting theme, we have a special request to make of local businesses. We would very much like our school football team (currently top of our local mini-League – just thought I'd drop that in!) to have a smart new strip. Would any business out there be interested in sponsoring it? The cost would be just a couple of hundred pounds and would be a super way to support your local primary school. Do get in touch if you are interested.

Let the festivities commence!

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

COMBERTON students are busy rehearsing for their latest spectacular show, You Can't Stop the Beat. This is an event featuring all your favourite songs from all your favourite musicals brought together by Audacious Productions. Musical numbers include: All That Jazz, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, The Circle of Life, You Can't Stop the Beat, and a whole lot more.

There will be two performances, both at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday June 29th and 30th.

Tickets are £6 and £4 (concessions) from the college Finance Office and Comberton Sports and Arts. It's another not-to-be-missed Comberton event in a busy summer programme at CSA!

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Saturday 16 th June	City of Cambridge & Eversden Brass bands	TBC	TBC
	Red Cross Talent Competition	TBC	TBC
Saturday 18 th June	Cambridge Choral Society	Workshop and Performances. Details TBC	
Saturday 23 rd June	Rhubarb Cabaret	8.00	£10 adv/£12 door
Friday 29 th & Saturday 30 th June	You Can't Stop the Beat	7.30	£6 £4 concessions)
Sunday 1 st July	Red Cross Talent Competition Regional Final	TBC	TBC
Friday 6 th July	CVC Summer Dance Showcase	7.30	Adults £5, conc £3
Saturday 7 th & Sunday 8 th July	Helen O'Grady Drama Academy summer Show	For more information, please visit: www.helenogrady.co.uk/	
Friday 13 th & Saturday 14 th July	Rock Choir Cambridgeshire Showcase	TBC	
Saturday 14 th July	Jigsaw Showcase	TBC	
Sunday 15 th July	Jill Bridger End of Term Show	TBC	
Thursday 26 th July	Blood Donors	All day	
Tuesday 24 th - Friday 27 th July	Daytime Drama Workshop for children	For more information please contact: richard@start-arts.org.uk	

COMBERTON WI

In April, Comberton WI hosted a successful group meeting for other local WI groups. Our speaker was Eliza McLelland, an actress with a passion for beading. Her talk entitled 'To bead or not to bead' was an engaging description of Eliza's life in repertory theatre combined with examples of her beautiful beaded work. Eliza began beading as a useful pastime whilst waiting for performances. She travels around the country in rep. And is inspired by the architecture and art she encounters. Members were able to buy starter kits and begin their own beading projects. In May we combined our annual 'Resolutions' meeting with a coronation quiz, a jubilee cake and reminiscences about previous jubilee occasions and the 1952 coronation itself.

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Dates for your diary:

12th June at 7.45pm in the Village Hall 'Bags from Madagascar' with Jane Lynch. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

10th May 2012

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all with our guest speakers Christopher South (well-known on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire) and his wife Janet. The talk was called 'Snap out of it' (Pictures without a camera). We were all handed a sheet of paper with a list of numbers from 1 to 36, each number giving a title for a talk on their various travels around the world. (These were the negative slides). Members were asked to call out approximately half a dozen numbers. The speakers (cameras) then gave detailed and humorous accounts that had occurred on their travels. The members (pictures) used their imagination and memory to create mental images of the events. Christopher and Janet also talked about a special project they were involved in. It was about raising money to help clever but poor girls in Tangalle, Sri Lanka, get secondary education and to qualify for University. Christopher and Janet donated their talk fee to the project and members also gave donations to support the project. Next month, on the 14th June, will be our strawberry tea all prepared by our hardworking committee members. A raffle will be held for which donated prizes will be most welcome.

COMBERTON LUNCHEON CLUB

Luncheon Club dates: The following dates have been booked for our Friday 12.30pm luncheons:

June 24th	Queen Adelaide,	Croydon
July 20th (one week early)	Three Horseshoes	Comberton
August 24th (one week early)	The Old Crown	Girton

Please do telephone Frances (C. 264230) to let her know numbers at least 4 days prior to the date on which you wish to join us. All welcome - do please contact our above number.

BOURN BROOK

I am co-authoring a coffee table book with Dr S M Haslam, Dept of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge and my project is Bourn Brook. Do you have any long-ago/childhood experiences concerning the Brook which you are willing to share. I am looking in particular at memories of how much water there was during the different seasons, what plants you remember seeing growing on the banks or in the water, the bird life, and animal life, including mammals, butterflies and insects. What is the biggest fish you ever caught, and how often you went fishing. Did you eat the fish they caught? Did you eat any birds eggs, or even eat the birds? Did you swim or boat along the water? Were there any special places with nicknames along the brook where you played? Were you allowed to roam along the banks of the brook without the landowner telling you off! Or anything else that might illustrate the

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yesteryears regarding the Brook and how it served the people in the area. I believe prisoners of war also helped with a particular dredging of the brook and it would be wonderful to learn if anyone who worked on this particular project is still living in Comberton, and would be willing to share such memories with me. I am scripting 10,000 words and my co-author 30,000. But I will also be illustrating the book.

If anyone is willing to come forward with information, I can be contacted as details below.

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- C... 4..... Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

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G	27.....	Square root of 729.
H	360.....	Degrees on a compass.
I	1760 ...	Yards in a mile.
J	7....	Wonders of the world.
K	9.....	Number of Muses(Daughters of Zeus & Mnemosyne).
L	2.....	Motorway Number -London to Dover.
M	11.....	Cube root of 1331.
N	168.....	Hours in a week.
O	8.....	Tentacles on an octopus.
P	5.....	Arms on a starfish.
Q	7.....	'Magnificent' group led by Yul Brynner.
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For the record: There were no intentional trick questions. My use of 'tentacles' in the octopus item was dictated by many years of Saturday Morning Cinema where all undersea adventures involving a battle between the hero and an evil octopus invariably referred the latter's appendages as tentacles, not arms, thus giving a more dramatic touch. Apologies

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