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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	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
1st Wednesday of each month	10.30am	Reading Group at the Library

JUNE

9th June	10.00	The Big Walk
10th June	10.30am	Comberton Crafty Tea at Village Hall
11th June	7.45pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall
12th June	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
13th June	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship Club at Village Hall
14th June	9.00-11.30am	ComberTea at Comberton Playgroup
15th June	7.30pm	Quiz Night at Village Hall
15th June	7.30pm	Pulsatillas at Melbourne Village Hall
17th June	12.00 noon	NSPPC Ding Club
19th June	7.30pm	Film at Village Hall
20th-23rd June		Flower Festival at Ely Cathedral
21st June	7.00pm	Bingo in Village Hall
22nd June	2.00-5.00pm	School Fete at Meridian School
23rd June		Allsports Day at CVC
28th Junw		Charity Golf Day at Meridian Golf Club
28th - 29th June		Comberton Players at Village Hall

JULY/AUG

2nd-27th July		Comberton Library Roadshow
5th July	7.00	Comberton Playground Project at V. Hall
8th July	2.30	British Legion Meeting at Village Hall
28-29th August	10.00-2.30	Oasis at Baptist Church

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I was visited a fortnight ago by a lovely man from the charity, Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme. He reviewed all the security on my house and then he implemented his recommendations, which were not many but effective. The old part of the property was pretty secure he told me. It was the newer extension which was less secure and where the burglars got in. He fitted window and door alarms, renewed bolts and padlocks, gave me a personal alarm for my handbag and a secure hook for hanging it on in restaurants and a pen for marking valuables with my postcode. Due to my age all this was free but I was happy to make a donation. He also recommended some other measures I could take. He made me feel so much better and so much safer.



Charity golf day at meridian golf Club, toft June 28th 2013

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For further information, or if you need transport
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Hope to see you there soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

COMBERTON PLAYERS' SUMMER PRODUCTION

Friday 28th June and Saturday 29th June at 7:30pm

Comberton Village Hall

Two linked plays:

Nick Warburton's **Easy Stages** and **Distracted Globe**

These two brief and hilarious plays by Nick Warburton, Cambridge's noted playwright, pull back the curtain on a production of Hamlet, as arguments break out during a set change, and the stress levels soar at the after-show party.

Marvel at the confusion that a neurotic stage manager and a dozy stage hand can create between them, while everyone else runs in circles. **Tremble** as a valuable loaned antique lurches on the very edge of catastrophe. **Squirm** as the group's Don Juan targets an innocent young actress. **Lose count** of the dizzying and ever-changing affairs between the members of the group...



Holiday Club for 60+

Run by Comberton's Anglican, Baptist and Catholic communities at
Comberton Baptist Church, Green End

Wednesday 28th August to Friday 30th August 2013 10.00am – 2.30pm

Cost £15 for the three days, including lunch, refreshments and materials

There will be a choice of activities: arts and crafts, music, flower arranging, woodwork, gardening, croquet, boules, Christian meditations or just relaxing with a jigsaw or the newspapers

Each day there will be entertaining, illustrated talks on the theme of water.

These will be followed by a short time of Christian worship.

Each day ends with a hot lunch!

Space is limited and places are "first-come, first-served". Further details and application forms are available from the churches, or call 01954 212842 / e-mail oasis@c-b-c.org.uk and we will pop one round to you.

Caldecote & Comberton District Royal British Legion

BRANCH MEETING

Village Hall, Comberton
Monday, July 8th at 2.30pm
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BINGO PARTY

Comberton Village Hall

Friday 21st June, 7 for 7.30 pm £1 Admission

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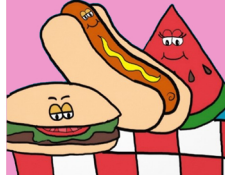
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3rd - 27th July 2013

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- ▶ **Your Life, Your Choice** - adult social care information leaflets
- ▶ **AskSARA** - guided advice to make daily living easier
- ▶ **advice and access to services** for people over 65
- ▶ going into a **care home** and **paying your care home fees**
- ▶ **Direct Payments** for social care
- ▶ being a **carer**



Roadshow when it visited Burrell Library in March 2013

Come along and find out more

Unable to visit the roadshow? Find out more about staying independent, safe and well by:

- ▶ visiting www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk Cambridgeshire's adult social care website
- ▶ phoning adult social care enquiries at Cambridgeshire Direct on **0345 045 5225**
- ▶ visiting your local library where you can pick up copies of the Your Life, Your Choice information leaflets or book a session with a computer buddy to help you find information online.

Your Life, Your Choice

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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COMBERTON PLAYGROUND PROJECT



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OPEN MEETING

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Friday 12th July

(most probably last one)

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Book a table or join a team, share a fun evening with friends and raise funds for the upgrade of our playground.

Saturday 15th June

7:30pm in the Comberton Village Hall

£6 per ticket, 8 people per table

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To book a table or join a team call:

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Tracy: 01223 262445



COMBERTON PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Comberton Crafty Cafe



Monday 10th and 24th June 2013

1-3pm

Comberton Village Hall

Come along if you are into crafting of any kind or think you might like to try something out or just come and join us for a coffee!

It will be very informal, bring along a current project or just future ideas from card making to knitting, cake decorating to crochet.

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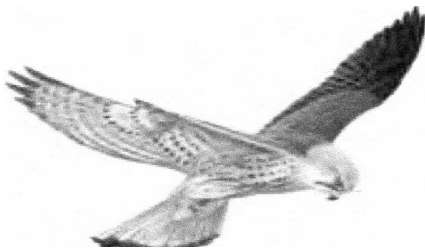
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TIMETABLE

Time	Football	Rounders	Tennis	Badminton	Climbing	Trampolining	Other
10.00	Official opening and warm up						
10.00	Year 7		Year 9 & 10 V Parents	Year 7 & 8 V Parents			10.15 am – Under 5's fun run
10.30					Session 1		Under 10's fun run
11.00	Year 8	Rounders tournament	Year 7 V Parents	Year 9 & 10 V Parents	Session 2	Session 1	Swimming session 1 (must be a competent swimmer or accompanied by an adult)
11.30		V Parents (all years)				Session 2	
12.00	Entertainment: Dance/ Cheerleading displays/ Musical items						
12.30							
1.00	Year 9 & 10		Year 8 V Parents		Session 3	Session 3	Swimming session 2 (must be a competent swimmer or accompanied by an adult)
1.30					Session 4	Session 4	

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ALLY BRENNAN FAMILY SPORTS DAY – BOOKING FORM

Name	Year Group Or Parent/ Sibling	Football	Rounders	Tennis	Badminton	Climbing	Trampolining	Swimming	Run	U10's Fun Run	Activity Prices	Total Cost
											£5.00 per individual allows entry to two activities (football, rounders, tennis, badminton)	
											Climbing - £3.00 (min age 10)	
											Trampolining - £3.00 (min age 4)	
											Swimming - £1.00	
											Fun Run – £2.00	
											Please state which session you would like to book for climbing & trampolining by writing the session number in the box	

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from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 8th April 2013

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 Hywel Griffiths was appointed the Vice Chairman. There then 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. A new Code of Conduct was adopted.

Parish Council Annual Audit

The Parish Council received and considered the internal auditor's report and following this it approved its annual accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2013. The accounts will be sent to Little John, the external auditor by 6 June.

Tennis courts

The tennis courts have been refurbished and all residents are welcome to use the tennis courts free of charge. There isn't a booking system. If the courts are empty then please feel free to use and enjoy them. When you have finished playing please slacken the nets slightly.

Vacancy on the Council

The Parish Council still has one vacancy. If you are interesting in joining the

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Council please contact the Clerk or speak to any of the Council's members.

Parish Council contact details

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Mr Andrew Hollick 73 Swaynes Lane 263089
Dr Janet McCabe 3 Westcroft 263387
Mr Simon Moffat 86 Swaynes Lane
Mr Ben Pemberton 35 West Street 262445
Mrs Jill Preston 45 Long Road 263077
Mr Tim Scott Moat House, 65 Green End 263434
Mr Nick Taylor 41 West Street 263419
Miss Chris Westgarth 85 Barton Road 263242

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12th June 2013 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.

COMBERTON

I hereby give notice that the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Dated this 3 May 2013

Cllr Amanda Bacon, Chairman

Time AGENDA

- (7.30) 1. Approval & signing of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on 23 May 2012
- (7.32) 2. Matters arising from the minutes
- (7.35) 3. Report of the Parish Council for the year from Cllr Amanda Bacon, Chairman
- (7.50) 4. Report from Gail Stoehr, Responsible Financial Officer, and presentation of the last audited accounts
- (7.55) 5. District Council report
- (8.00) 6. County Council report
- 7. Reports on the work and activities of groups and organisations including those which have either received a grant from the Parish Council or which have Parish Council

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 - St Mary's Church (grant)
 - CCC Library Services (grant)
 - Comberton Scouts (grant)
 - Comberton Play Equipment Project (trustee appointed by the Parish Council)
- 8. Questions on any of the above reports
- 8. Reports from other village groups and organisations on their activities
- 9. To consider resolutions of which advance notice has been given (If you have an item or resolution for the meeting to consider please let the Clerk know before the meeting)
- (9.00) 10. Any other parish matters).
- 11. Closure of meetin

Please Note: The above timings are approximate and may vary if the needs of the business require it. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting will not be read out at the meeting. Copies are available for viewing by arrangement with the Parish Clerk. Copies will also be available at the meeting. Written reports from the meeting will be available on request following the meeting and the Parish Council's annual report will be delivered to each home.

This meeting is open to all residents and electors of Comberton who may by Law discuss all parish affairs, ask questions, put forward views and pass resolutions at the meeting.

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COUNCILLOR FROST

Can I through your magazine thank all those who supported me at the recent County elections. I am pleased to say I was elected to represent everyone in Comberton for the next four years. It is early days yet at the Council as everyone finds their feet and a new administration to run the Council is formed. I hope to be reporting back to you on a regular basis on aspects that affect residents here in Comberton.

In the meantime, my contact details, should you need to get hold of me are:

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With many best wishes, Stephen Frost County Councillor

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Services and Events at St Mary's in June

Sunday 2nd 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 8th 8.00am Men's Breakfast in the Village Hall

Sunday 9th 9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 15th St Mary's Away Day at Buckden Towers

Sunday 16th 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th 2.30pm Thursday Service and Social, in the Village Hall

Sunday 30th 9.30am All Age Worship

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 St Mary's goes away for a day of teaching, relaxation and fun at Buckden Towers on June 15th. There is still (just) time to book a place.

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The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd June
Sunday 30th June is the Feast of St Peter & St Paul.

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

THE SIGNAL AND THE NOISE

If, like me, you are a bit of book worm, I would recommend to you a book by Nate Silver, 'The Signal and the Noise.' It is a bit geeky, but in it Silver sets out to describe how to go about forecasting, and why we get forecasting so wrong. Now, why is a church leader writing in a village magazine a book recommendation about forecasting, I hear you ask? Because it turns out the parallels between believing in God and forecasting are striking. First and foremost, it seems humans are very bad at forecasting because we are generally very committed to the beliefs we already hold, and we tend to interpret events in terms of our current beliefs. We really are unwilling to say to ourselves, 'Wait a minute, I may have got all this wrong. Perhaps I need to rethink everything I thought I knew.' Even when we do that, we still have a habit of then interpreting everything along our belief, only now it is along our new belief. Objectivity, that capacity to evaluate information without being unduly influenced by our dearly held opinions, is remarkably difficult for people to do and do well. But when we do, it yields real dividends. My own personal experience of continually searching and checking my beliefs is, I realised, very similar to the process Silver describes in his book. Far from belief being blind, it turns out that belief should be based on data and testing ones beliefs against that data. In the case of belief in Christ, the data comes from what is presented in the Bible, in history and in the lives of Christians we know. Like all data, it is 'noisy': the Bible presents the occasional challenge of real or apparent contradictions, and people who say they are believers often are not as good as we would like them to be or think they should be. Nevertheless, careful examination has for me left me with the abiding confidence that I really am not fooling myself when I believe in the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth. That then only leaves me with the challenge of becoming what I know I should be. No pressure!

God bless Graham

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After my somewhat downbeat contribution last month (concerning the new National Curriculum) I wanted to share with you something uplifting which happened in our school recently. Following a 'walkabout' around the outside of the school, my Deputy Headteacher and I realised that there was a lot we could do to improve the outdoor environment for the children. New playground markings were needed, for example (numbers, letters, hopscotch, the netball court etc.). There was also a lot of gardening work to be done. Some fences and panels needed painting too. We are very lucky to have a large and attractive site (and a committed Site Manager) but it does need an awful lot of upkeep! We made a list of everything we would like to tackle, and then narrowed it down to our real priorities. School budgets being what they are (especially in Cambridgeshire) we had to find a very cost-effective way of getting things done. So we fixed the date of Sunday 21 April for our Enhance the Environment Day and asked parents, governors and staff to help if they were able. A lot of forward planning was involved – buying paint and brushes, jet-washing playgrounds, gathering equipment, and my Deputy and I had the odd crisis of confidence about whether it would all go as planned. But we needn't have been concerned, because on the day a positive army of helpers turned up, all willing to lend a hand in whatever way they could. We were very lucky with the weather and an enormous amount was achieved in just one day. At one point I remember looking around and being quite amazed at what I saw: in the front entrance a small group was busy getting templates ready; some artistic people were drawing a caterpillar on one playground prior to it being painted; one family was determinedly digging over the old compost heap (now planted with shrubs and plants to attract wildlife); other families were painting a multi-coloured fence, while the panels under each window were gradually turning bright 'Meridian' blue; another group was marking out a netball court and a 'road'; others worked on painting the play-shop, the shed and the train; those with green fingers were busy cutting back shrubs and weeding. Even older children were involved. It was a wonderful illustration of what can be achieved through teamwork and, as I told the children in assembly the following day, everyone was there because they wanted to make things better for them.

It was a lovely day – hard work but convivial and enjoyable. Thank you very much to all those who helped out – and I hope we didn't wear you out entirely, because we are planning another Enhance the Environment Day later in the term! Glennis Virgo Headteacher

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COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

ON Sunday 23rd June Comberton Village College is hosting a family sports day to help raise money for the Ally Brennan Trust. This is an event we are planning to turn into an annual occasion.

The aim of the day is for families to attend and enjoy taking part in a variety of different sports and even for parents to take up the challenge of playing against their children in different sports.

Activities on offer will be an Under-5s fun run, Under-10s fun run, football, tennis, badminton, rounders, trampolining, swimming and climbing.

There will also be entertainment, a bouncy castle, refreshments, cake stalls, raffles and lots of physical challenges to take part in. The entry form is also on the Comberton website at: www.combertonvc.org/pdfs/family_sports_day.pdf

Activities will cost £5.00 per person (this will enable you to enter two tournaments), £3.00 for a climbing or trampolining session, £2.00 to enter the fun run and £1.00 to swim. Please put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there for lots of entertainment and fun.

The Trust was established in memory of popular CVC PE teacher Ally Brennan who died of cancer last year. It aims to support to support teachers, children and young people who attend Comberton Village College and Hinchingsbrooke School in Huntingdon – where Ally's sons went, her husband works and she was a governor – develop their potential in PE and sport.

During the Easter holidays, Comberton Assistant Principal Nigel Carrick took part in the Marathon des Sables – a 140-mile race in the Sahara Desert and raised more than £2,000 for the Trust. You can read more about this in the latest issue of Comberton's Sport@Com magazine, which is available on the school website at www.combertonvc.org

More information about other events at Comberton Village College this summer is detailed below:

Thu 6th June Countryboy's Struggle.

A one man show from Manchester's Contact Theatre as part of the rural touring programme. The show has gathered rave reviews across the country.

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Sun 9th Jun Alzheimer's Research Big Walk

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Fri 14th Jun Custard Comedy

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Sun 23rd June` Ally Brennan Family Sports Day 10am-2.00pm

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Fri 5th July	Summer Dance Showcase	7.30
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Sun 7th July	Jill Bridger School of Dance showcase	
Sat 13 & Sun 14th July	Helen O'Grady Drama Showcase	
26th July	The Three Belles The Three Belles are a 1940s vocal trio inspired by The Andrews Sisters www.thethreebelles.com www.combertonsa.org	

WI REPORT

I understand that the last WI report caused some controversy as it contained a candid appraisal of the speaker. All WI members present were unanimous in their feelings about the meeting and I felt the report reflected this sentiment accurately. I know that other organisations and societies often look to these reports to find speakers of their own and I would not like anybody else to pay a significant amount of money for a disappointing evening. Comberton WI is extremely friendly and speakers frequently comment on the pleasant and relaxed atmosphere and the welcome they receive. Our talks are usually stimulating and enjoyable and we would be delighted to welcome new members or visitors. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Next month's meeting on 11th June is on Antiques and Collectables with Peter Edwards. May's meeting is traditionally the Resolution meeting when we discuss and vote on an issue that will then go forward to the Annual WI Conference. If it is adopted, then the WI will throw their considerable lobbying weight behind it. Past resolutions include Keep Britain Tidy in 1954 and more recently focused on the plight of the honey bee. This year's resolution urges members to support their local shops and halt the decline in the high street and town centres. After debating the resolution, we enjoyed cheese and wine and learnt a little more about how members came to be living in Comberton.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our MAY speaker was Frances Dewhurst, Director of Camtab.(Campaign for tackling acquired deafness) This is a registered charity with volunteers who help and advice people on different way's and equipment available to help deal with hearing loss. They also enjoy the full support of NHS Audiology and Cambridge County Council Sensory Services Dept. A very informative talk enjoyed by all.

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May report

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The Reading Group meets in Comberton Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30. The book for 5th June is Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier. The next book will be The Third Man.

The library has a box for magazine donations. Library at Home volunteers will take them to residential homes and sheltered accommodation. If you are interested in this role (previously called the Doorstep Service) please speak to library staff.

The Your Life, Your Choice roadshow with a range of leaflets on staying independent, safe and well is coming to Comberton Library between 3rd to 27th July.

Suzan Griffiths

Chair FOCAL

COMBERTON CRICKET CLUB

SEASON 2013

The 2013 cricket season is now upon us and the following matches will be played on the Recreation Ground in Comberton starting at 1.30 p.m.

Saturday, 1st June v. Barley CC

Saturday, 8th June v. Saffron Walden CC

Saturday, 22nd June v. Abington CC

We also play in the mid-week Business House League and the next home game is on Wednesday, 12th June at 6.00 p.m. We welcome all spectators to these matches and we keep our fingers crossed for a better season weather-wise.

Ken Gifford Comberton CC Chairman and Secretary.

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June 21st The Tea Cake, Shepreth

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Cambridge Open Studios exists to promote local artists of all mediums and their work to the public. More than 250 artists from Cambridge and the surrounding towns and villages participate each year over a number of summer weekends, opening their doors to the public to allow a unique glimpse into the world of art. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase original works of art, and in some cases prints, greetings cards or postcards. They can also speak with artists about their work, or even see them at work to discover their techniques. Our aim is to demystify the world of art, bringing artists together with local people, and offering an unusual insight into a fascinating unseen world.

When is it?

Cambridge Open Studios always run on Saturdays and Sundays in July, from 11am-6pm.

The dates for this year are 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 July. If you wish to see a specific artist please check the guidebook or website for details of when they will be exhibiting as not all artists will be available on every date.

What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios?

With nearly 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, sculptors to jewellery designers, textile artists to photographers, whatever your tastes or preferences, there will be something for you.

The artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios, workshops or homes to show off their beautiful works of art. It's a fantastic opportunity to gaze at amazing treasures and if you wish, speak to the artist that created it, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

You may even like to pick out a few artists from the guide who are exhibiting and create your own 'studio tour'. Remember the villages too; often members are exhibiting within range of a good pub lunch or tempting teasop, so you can plan a route to make the perfect day out. Entry: FREE

Find out More

- Look out for the free yellow guide book distributed in May/June to local libraries, galleries, tourist information offices and shops, among others.
- Visit our website: www.camopenstudios.co.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter: @CamOpenStudios

Cambridge Open Studios is a fantastic showcase for local artists and a thoroughly enjoyable day out. Keep an eye out for the yellow flags flying to indicate an Open studio.

STAY INDEPENDENT, SAFE AND WELL

Visitors to Comberton Library will have the chance to find out about local services to help themselves and people they care for stay independent, safe and well when the Your Life, Your Choice adult social care roadshow comes to the

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library from 3rd – 27th July 2013.

The roadshow features a display of information to help people remain in their own homes for as long as possible and, for those needing support, provides details of local services and support. The display will be available at the Library during opening hours.

If you are unable to visit the roadshow the Your Life, Your Choice website www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk provides information about local services and support to help you stay independent, safe and well. You can also get help and advice by contacting adult social care enquiries at Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202. The roadshow is visiting a number of libraries during 2013. The full schedule is available on the Your Life, Your Choice website.

NSPCC CAMBRIDGE DINING CLUB

Monday, 17th June 12.00 noon £16.50 2-course meal and coffee at La Mimosa Restaurant, Cambridge

Friendly Dining Club welcomes both men and women.

Speaker author and presenter, Liz Frazer of “Yummy Mummy” fame!

Details: cfm.armstrong@gmail.com 01954 719745

Facebook: NSPCC Cambridgeshire Branch

All funds raised go towards projects in this region to help support vulnerable children and young people.

Kate Armstrong NSPCC Cambridgeshire Branch

FIRE STATIONS COMBINE

A public consultation into plans to combine Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck fire stations has been launched today. The consultation will run for eight weeks, ending on July 2. The results will then be collated and evaluated, prior to being presented to the Fire Authority at its meeting in October for a final decision. If approved the building works could start by the end of 2013. Leaflets containing a survey have been distributed to all residents in the Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck areas. The survey is also available online via our website – www.cambsfire.gov.uk

If you have any queries, need further information, or would like a copy of the leaflet in large print, Braille, audiotape or another language, you can contact us by email feedback_web@cambsfire.gov.uk or phone 01480 444555. This will be an answer phone, please leave your name, number and comments and we will get back to you.

Chris Strickland

Deputy Chief Fire Officer

JUNE BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

BARBECUE SAFETY: The sun has finally arrived so I'm sure some residents will enjoy a tasty barbecue – but all barbecues can get out of control if care is not taken. Follow our top tips for a safe barbecue:



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- Place your barbecues on level ground where it will not tip over.
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- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave barbecues unattended.
- When cooking is finished, ensure the barbecue is cool before moving it
- NEVER pour petrol or other highly flammable liquids over any barbecue.

For more advice about coal or gas barbecue safety, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety.

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

We would like to thank you and residents throughout Cambridgeshire for recycling 54% of your waste. This puts us well above the national average of 39% and on track to meeting our target of 60% by 2020.

You may have heard recent news of problems at the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant in Waterbeach. This machine was built to separate and process 'black bag' waste in Cambridgeshire. When working, the plant pulls out items which can be processed to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill by half, whilst also capturing greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, part of the turning equipment for this machine suffered serious mechanical failure in September 2012. Work is underway to manufacture the new parts required to rebuild the machinery and to prepare the plant for installation, which is due to be completed before the end of 2013. In the meantime we'd like to remind you that the breakdown at the MBT only affects how 'black bag' waste is dealt with. Therefore we urge you to continue to recycle as much as possible through your normal household recycling service, which is collected and processed in the usual way. Recycling as much as possible reduces both the amount of waste going to landfill and demand on natural resources. We would like to reassure you that the PFI contract the County Council has in place with the MBT contractor means the authority, and therefore council tax payers are protected from any additional costs incurred because of the breakdown. You can find out more about the Journey of Waste at the annual Recycling Open Day on Saturday 13 July from 10am to 4pm at AmeyCespa's Waterbeach site, just off the A10 between Cambridge and Ely. At the event you can take a guided coach tour of the site; join a walking tour of the new Materials Recycling Facility; enjoy plant and vehicle displays; find out how to reuse and recycle more of your waste and take part in activities for all the family. Entry is free.

If you would like more information about the MBT, please contact the AmeyCespa Press Office on 01865 713240 or email press.office@ameycespa.com. For more information about the Recycling Open Day phone 01223 861010 or visit www.recap.co.uk.

OPEN JULY

This is one last reminder that we'd like to help promote any events you are organising or know of that are due to take place in July - as part of the county's 'Open July'. There is no specific theme this year as we'd like to enable as many organisations as possible to be a part of this, and for the event to be open to all. Therefore the range of events and activities will be wide - Sports, Arts, Culture, Community Games, Recycling, Access to Countryside, etc. Events that have worked well in the past have been family activities, taster sessions, accessible and participatory events. One year on from an excellent Olympic and Paralympic Games, it is essential that work continues in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough to ensure that the County benefits from the value that legacy development can bring. We will post the Open July events on Cambridgeshire.net, and will promote it widely through our communications team at the County Council.

Please send information on any event you'd like included as part of Open July by completing the attached spreadsheet and returning it to me at charlotte.wilson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The deadline for this is 7th April 2013. If you would like to send any photographs or pictures to accompany our promotion of your event we will endeavour to include it wherever possible.

Finally, if your event has sporting and cultural elements you could apply to be part of the Community Games, with funding of up to £250. For more information about the Community Games in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough contact Jim Hill at jim.hill@livingsport.co.uk or 01487 841559 or see <http://www.communitygames.org.uk/organise-games>

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Charlotte Wilson Businesses and Communities Officer

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PRESS RELEASE

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Police warn thieves by postcard

POLICE are getting closer to prolific shoplifters in the county by delivering postcards to offenders as part of a force wide campaign. The postcards are being delivered to repeat offenders in the county to warn them of the consequences of theft. On the front the postcards state, "Shoplifters – we're watching you", and on the reverse explain how police are tackling shoplifting by working closely with retailers and arresting those responsible. In the 12 months from April 1 last year to the end of last month, there were 4357 reported shoplifting incidents in Cambridgeshire – a slight rise on the year before when there were 4319. Last month there were 374 incidents. The postcards are part of the force's 'Get Closer' campaign which raises awareness of crime trends. Hundreds are expected to be delivered to offenders across Cambridgeshire. Community safety officer Julie Hanrahan said: "The postcards are one of a range of measures we are taking to tackle this type of crime, which has a huge effect on the business community and ultimately impacts on other shoppers. "Shopwatch and Business Against Crime schemes are running across the county so information is shared and prolific offenders can be identified and banned from premises. We also work closely with CCTV operators and businesses and stay in contact by radio to ensure we can respond to incidents quickly. Our message to thieves is, 'You're being watched so don't risk a trip to custody by shoplifting'."

Other activity being carried out as part of the Get Closer campaign this month includes radio adverts, Facebook adverts aimed at young people, shelf-edge artwork for supermarkets and posters provided to schools bearing the message: "It doesn't matter how many A*s you get if you're caught shoplifting. No one wants to employ a thief".

More information on shoplifting and the consequences of offending or to listen to the radio adverts, go to the force website: <http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/GetCloser/Shoplifting.asp>

Puppies stolen

POLICE are appealing for information after thieves stole two puppies in South Cambridgeshire.

The cocker spaniel puppies were stolen from a house in Station Road, Quy between 10pm on Thursday (April 18) and 7am the following day. The offenders grabbed a golden female and a black male before making off. Detective Sergeant Sarah Gaylor, investigating, said: "If anyone is offered puppies for sale, which are not from a registered breeder and believed to be stolen, to call police. Investigations are underway to determine who has stolen these puppies and I would urge people to report any suspicious activity. Anyone with any information should call police."

Anyone with any information should call DS Gaylor on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

ED STAFFORD CHAMPIONS GRAFHAM WATER MARATHON

Adventurer and first man to walk the length of the Amazon River encourages people to get involved in the 2013 event. Grafham Water Marathon is still recruiting runners for this unique and vibrant event, which is to take place at the beautiful Grafham Water Visitor Centre, Cambridgeshire on Sunday 15th September 2013.

A truly inspirational figure, Ed Stafford, who was the first man to walk the length of the Amazon River in 2010, recently spoke about the Grafham Water Marathon. "The educational projects that Amantani run up in the Andes of Peru struck a chord with me after walking over the entire Andes range during my two-year Amazon walk. The people who benefit are the kindest, happiest and yet poorest on the planet and with Amantani's help many children no longer have an 8-hour walk to school!"

"Amantani organises the Grafham Water Marathon (and half marathon) and those who fundraise for the charity can enter for free. I encourage everyone to join in and help this worthy cause (and get in shape yourself!). Best of luck to everyone involved."

This motivational event is organised by Amantani UK, (recent winners of "Human Rights Organisation of the Year" at the prestigious LUKAS awards) who support indigenous children in Peru, bridging the gap between home and school with boarding houses. Entrance fees to the race will go towards these invaluable projects. Grafham Water Marathon is fun for all the family. With a Latin American atmosphere of live music, Alpacas, food and much more, it promises to be a day filled with laughter, achievements and solidarity.

Sign up today, challenge yourself and join us in what will be another fantastic fundraising event for all the family!

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THE CHALLENGE

MAY RESULT & WINNER & APOLOGY

The missing words in clue order were:-

PEGASUS.	SAUERKRAUT !!!!	COLOSSUS	COSMONAUT.
SIOUX	BILLET-DOUX.	EUCALYPTUS.	CHOUX.
TERMINUS.	PORTMANTEAUX.	MUU-MUU.	SARCOPHAGUS
CAMPUS.	MAHOUT.	STRADIVARIUS.	HALIBUT
BORDEAUX.	HIPPOPOTAMUS.	ARGONAUT & PASSEPARTOUT.	

Sauerkraut is not of course a sausage. It never was nor will it ever be. Despite my proof reader (wife) pointing out the error prior to going to print I completely forgot. My sincere apologies to those of you who racked your brains in a futile attempt to find an answer. As a consequence I have accepted any answer to GERMAN SAUSAGE, even TWIT!! This has been undeniably my worst puzzle ever.

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THE CHALLENGE
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Branson at La Scala, subtitled "A Knight at the Opera....."

.....the audience is hushed, the auditorium lights are dimmed and the members of the orchestra file to their positions. DISASTER (No 1)...

their instruments have been laid out alphabetically. Please help by reuniting the players with their chosen pieces. Let the music begin..

DISASTER (No 2)....An instrument has gone missing. What is it and who has lost it? The answer is not a German sausage!!!!

Cello.	Clarinet.	Double bass.	Drums.
Flute.	Guitar..	Harmonica.	Harp.
Organ.	Piano.	Sitar.	T r o m b o n e .
Trumpet.	Violin.	Xylophone.	Zither. (?)

Vladimir Ashkenazy.....

Shirley Abacair.....

Gene Krupa.....

James Galway.....

David Oistrakh.....

Jacqueline Du Pre.....

Eddie Calvert.....

Larry Adler.....

Harpo Marx.....

Patrick Moore.....

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