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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
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 Village Hall

MARCH 2011

3rd March	8.00p.m.	Does the Devil Wear Prada? at St Mary's Church
8th March	7.30pm	WI Meeting at Village Hall
9th March	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
11th March	10.00 - 12.00	Big Brew at St Mary's Church
12th March	7.15p.m.	Quiz Night at the Meridian School
16th March	7.30pm	It's Complicated - Film at Village Hall
21st March		Video on Wine at Village Hall
23rd March	10.30-12.00	Easter Celebration in Village Hall
23rd March	2.30-4.30	Bingo in Village Hall
27th March		National Census Day

APRIL 2011

6th April	7.30pm	Comberton Village Hall AGM at Village Hall
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MAY 2011

4th May	7.00pm	Pink Rose Craft Evening at Viillage Hall
14th May	10am	Spring Plant Sale

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After a very early cold winter it seems to be turning into a mild and wet one. It's fooling the flowers. I have a tulip out in my courtyard garden! It's half term again and I am on Granny duty as I expect many of you are. I'm not sure how much our small ads website is catching on. Do let me know if you finding it useful and productive. I have again been sent the entry form for the Cambridge Building Society Local Magazine competition. If you have any suggestions for improving our Contact do tell me (politely).

COMBERTON CINEMA

presents

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When attending their son's college graduation, a couple reignite the spark in their relationship, but it's complicated as they're divorced and he's remarried..... It's all happening on

Wed. 16th March at the Village Hall

Doors open 7.30
Film starts 7.45

Tickets £3.50
On the door

What the critics say: *It's Complicated is the best middle-aged romcom since **Julie & Julia**. If you loved Meryl Streep in that or **Mamma Mia!** you will like her in this.*

For further information Sandra Hyde Tel: 262075
This event is sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees

COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 6th April 7.30pm

Wine Reception

Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of Trustees to serve on Village Hall Committee

Any other business

Following the meeting one of the Trustees, Penny Cook, and her husband Robert will give a short illustrated talk on their recent visit to Chile.

All Welcome



PINK ROSE CRAFT EVENING
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Wednesday 23rd March

2.30 – 4.30 pm

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What's on at the Children's Centre

Monday: Speech and Language Drop-in. 4th Monday of the month –
12:30pm-2pm at the Children's Centre

Tiny Talk Baby Signing. Beginning 28 February at Toft Village Hall 1:45pm-
2:45pm. 6 week course. Please ring to book

Tuesday: Additional Needs Group 9:30am-10:30am at the Children's Centre.
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Stay and Play 2pm-3:30pm at Caldecote Playgroup

Wednesday: Childminders Group 10am-12pm at the Children's Centre

Thursday: Stay & Play for Under 2's 10am-11:30am at the Children's Centre

Ante Natal Clinic with Gillian Harrington 9:30am-12:30pm at the Children's
Centre

Saturday: Working Mum's Café 10am-11:30am at the Children's Centre. 1st

Saturday of the month.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 9 February 2011.

Letter to the Editor in last month's Contact

While the Parish Council respects the right of residents to have articles included in Contact and indeed welcomes the debate and interest in local government that might arise from such articles, it has mixed feelings about the Letter to the Editor in the last edition of the Comberton Contact as printed on pages 15 and 16.

The resident is correct that the Parish Council has increased the Precept this year and yes, the meeting was attended by a low number of Councillors and yes, a report has been received indicating approximately £144,000 might be required to turn the recreation ground extension into sports pitches. However, let me attempt to expand on and clarify some of the information in the article. As indicated in my last report a copy of the Council's budget is available and if you would like one just contact me. A copy will be published in full in the Annual Report which will be delivered to each home in May.

Firstly, the decision to increase the precept was not taken lightly by your Parish Council and while it is the first increase in four years it is still an increase; however, the proposed expenditure for the next financial year has been budgeted to be similar to the current year. Regrettably the Parish Council was unable to budget against income such as bank interest or planning contributions on new build housing that had been, in part, relied on previously as both of these have been affected by the current economic climate and as such the Council is unable to predict with any certainty what might happen in the next 15 months.

Yes, the comprehensive feasibility study indicated that it could cost approximately £144,000 but this would only be necessary if it was intended to have three full-size and three half-size football pitches and a cricket square and cricket pitch on the land and also have a project manager to assist with both planning and implementing the project and also the landscaping design. This is not the Parish Council's intention!

Undoubtedly it will cost quite a lot to change the land from what is an agricultural field into a recreation ground. So how is this to be achieved? Already your Parish Council's Tree Group has prepared the landscaping plan required to satisfy one of the planning conditions and the trees have been ordered and will shortly be planted. You will have seen in the last edition of Contact the Parish Council's invitation to residents to fund a tree. Many thanks to the residents who have already kindly indicated they would like to do so.

True, the Parish Council has budgeted £22,000 in financial year ending March 2012 on the recreation ground land extension and a large proportion of this is expected to go towards the repayment on a proposed new government loan; the current two loans taken out five years ago to help build the village hall and also for the purchase of the recreation ground land extension having now been repaid in full.

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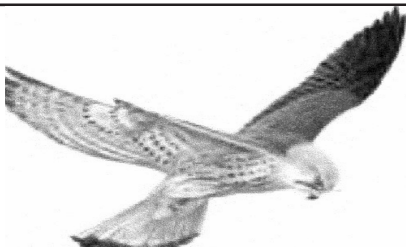
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Yes, the Parish Council is advertising for a Recreation Ground Manager, Cleaner and Litter Picker but these are not new positions and it is envisaged that these employed posts will result in savings overall and give the Council more control and open up opportunities for more income from the pavilion.

The Parish Council has already contacted the Sports Clubs with a view to enter into an agreement for the long term management of the pavilion and sports facilities. The Council believes that this partnership would be beneficial not only to the Sports Clubs but also to the village. The sports pitch drainage is unlikely to happen without the Football Clubs' support with grant applications to the Football Foundation and other funders. Until then it is the Council's aim to satisfy the planning conditions for change of use at its earliest opportunity.

So, the Parish Council with the support of its Tree Group volunteers is managing the recreation ground extension project itself at the moment and thus keeping costs to a minimum although the Parish Council still would like the support and involvement of the Sports Clubs for grant applications. Residents can assist and get involved too and the Parish Council welcomes all offers of help.

Yes, as indicated in the resident's letter there will be an election in May and the Parish Council would be delighted if more people were to stand at the election. There are thirteen seats on your Parish Council and every elector could stand for election and have some involvement and say in what the Parish Council does and how your money is spent! Nomination forms will be available from the Clerk or District Council from early March.

You should consider standing for election and becoming a Parish Councillor if:

You Want To Do More for Your Community

You Want To Spend Your Time Productively

You Want to be Involved in Setting the Budget

You Can Think, Listen and Act Locally

Effort required:

TIME - As with most things, the more you put in, the more you (and your community) will get out.

The Council employs a Clerk to support the Council in its work both at meetings and also between meetings. Comberton Parish Council meets each month on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All members are encouraged to take on an area of responsibility to help share the workload and to ensure that the Council maximises its efficiency. The Council has one committee (Planning) and several working groups which offer members a chance to use their skills and knowledge for maximum benefit or to review a matter in more depth before a decision is reached. Sometimes these Committees or Working Groups will meet in between the meetings of the full Parish Council.

COST - Being a Councillor should cost you little. There is usually cover for subsistence and travel allowances if your duties take you out of your local Council's area. These allowances will be within a maximum laid down by the Government.

Finally, please remember if you do not stand for election and the Parish Council



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hopes that you do, you can still let your Parish Council know of your views and opinions. The recent Parish Plan Questionnaire delivered to each home sought your views on a wide range of village matters. If you still haven't completed it you have one last chance to complete and return yours. Also remember that the first part of each meeting is open to residents and public to come along and ask questions or put forward views.

The Valley Planning application

Cllr Harangozo reported that this will go to the April District Council's Planning Committee.

Connections Bus

The bus visits the recreation ground most Tuesday evenings, weather permitting and the Parish Council has just agreed to extend the contract for a further 12 months from April.

Hillfield Road damage of grass

In response to complaints about the ongoing damage to the grass in Hillfield Road the Parish Council has asked its Transport Working group to look into options to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb and damaging the grass. This might result in the installation of wooden bollards.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Dorothy Morison	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

A LETTER TO COMBERTON CONTACT

I am glad to read Mr Banyard's letter and wholeheartedly agree with the need for a proper election. Having now been a Parish Councillor for thirty years, only the last Parish Council was properly elected because enough people stood to fill the seats, so in all that time I have never felt properly elected. I will not be standing again this time. The increase in Budget is equivalent

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to approximately £7 per household and is necessary to proceed with the proper use of the Parish Council's major asset, namely the Recreation Ground (which includes drainage for at least two pitches, not the seven for which we have the costs mentioned in Mr Banyard's letter) and also maintain the other services that the Parish Council assists directly or indirectly in. The most recent example being a major contributor to the Village Halls, new and old, used by many members of the Parish. The extension to the Recreation Ground was purchased nearly twenty years after the original decision to do so. Past Parish Councillors will be aware that some decisions made at that time, contributed to make this process more protracted and expensive than it needed to have been. Another factor in the increase in precept is the need to employ people to do the jobs that tended to be done by volunteers in the past, this is a matter of fact as any voluntarily supported organisation will agree. May I conclude by urging the residents of Comberton to consider standing for election to the Parish Council in May, the more the merrier, to ensure you continue to have the best Parish Council possible.

Dorothy Morison

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

Team Rector: Revd. Mike Booker tel: 01223 260095

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

Churchwardens Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215
Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** should be made with the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Mike Booker. Please also ring Mike if you have any needs which you would like remembered in prayer.

Services and Events at St Mary's in March

Thursday 3rd	8.00pm	Does the Devil wear Prada? An evening with Joanna Jepson from the London College of Fashion
Sunday 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion. Sermon theme: Seeing God's glory
Wednesday 9th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion, at St Andrew's Toft
Friday 11th	10.00-12.00	Big Brew Fairtrade Coffee Morning at St Mary's
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion. Sermon theme: Facing temptation
Sunday 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
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NB The last Sunday of March is not all-age - Xplorers meet in the Barn as usual. Our next all-age service will be Mothering Sunday, April 3rd.

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. We meet and pray especially for people in the village at Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.15am - everybody is welcome to ask for prayer, and to come and join the short service any Tuesday. If you hear the church bell ringing, on a Sunday morning or on a Tuesday morning remember that your village is being prayed for.

St Mary's is a Fairtrade church. The Big Brew Coffee Morning is part of a national initiative to mark Fairtrade Fortnight. Everybody is very welcome to come and join the fun on the morning of Friday 11th March - there will be an entry charge of £1, with refreshments, a raffle and a wide range of Fairtrade products on sale.

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The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (OLEM) serves much of the south and west of Cambridge.

Detailed below are the normal times of masses at weekends.

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne (In the new church)

6.00 pm Bar Hill

6.00 pm OLEM

Sunday Masses at OLEM

8.00 am

9.30 am (Children's)

10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

Additional Services during Lent:- Each Friday, 7.30 pm stations of the Cross

After Wednesday's 12.15 Mass Hunger Lunch –with proceeds for CAFOD

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

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COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH A LITTLE SOCIETY

There has been a bit of a hoo-ha recently about The Big Society. It got me thinking about our church, which seemed might be called a **Little Society**.

Like the Big Society, it can be a little hard to grasp what this Little Society is about.

Who comes to it? Well, we have men and women, babies, children, young people, couples, families, retired, senior citizens and the infirm (we go to them). We have several unemployed and several business leaders and people in between, as it were; about a hundred in all at the moment.

We have a **Bumps and Babes** group, a Sunday school (**The Lighthouse**), **youth group** (run by our new excellent Youth worker Adrian) several **Life Groups** for people to come and enjoy each others' company, pray and study the Bible. There is a **men's breakfast** and of course we all come together Sunday morning at 10:30 to learn more about God, for worship and prayer and to be together.

Folk in the church support some local services. There is a practical youth service team (called **Isaiah 58** after the Bible chapter that inspired it), the **Comberton Team** for visiting older people in the village who cannot get out and about and may need a bit of support; folk in the church are active in both local and international charities (at least 6 at the last count, I think): a **counselling charity**, one building schools in The Gambia, one helping poor families in Nicaragua, one supporting missionaries around the world, one helping Jews trapped in poverty in Eastern Europe and Russia, and a few others.

But none of this really conveys the concept, the Big Idea behind the Little Society. **The Big Idea** is simply that Jesus the Messiah showed us who God our creator is like (answer: he is like Jesus) and that he showed us that through real events that were real and historical and evidential, not fake or myth or make-believe, and that This Changes Everything, including how we see ourselves and each other.

We are certainly not any better than anyone else, because we are not. A friend of mine described the church to me recently as The Chumps Club. She said at one time or another in our lives we have all made real chumps of ourselves, only now, we found out that we are not blamed for being chumps, only loved. Which I think is an encouraging thought.

Finally, we do not exist for just ourselves, for this Little Society is for everybody, including you.

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Graham Ford, on behalf of Comberton Baptist Church. <http://www.c-b-c.org.uk/>

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This month I thought you might like to hear something about the role of the Governing Body in a school. At Meridian our full complement of governors is 14. Some are parent governors, some staff governors, and some represent the community. We are very fortunate in rarely having vacancies on our governing body for long. However, we do at present require a new community governor and it is for this reason also that I am telling you a little about the role of the governors.

The governors help to determine the strategic direction of the school, in collaboration with the Headteacher. They do not act as individuals, but as one body – a critical friend which supports the school but also challenges it. The role is a very important one (as the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, has recently recognised in the education white paper) and demands commitment. It is, however, very satisfying.

Our Full Governing Body has an evening meeting once each half term. In addition we have two committees (a governor will be on one or the other) which also meet half termly. There are, of course, papers to read in preparation for these meetings, as well as training requirements from time to time. Governors take as active a part in school life as they are able and undertake governor visits to focus on particular aspects. Recently at Meridian, governors have focused on school lunches, by creating a parent questionnaire and eating with the children; had a tea party with teaching staff to discuss their particular area of curriculum interest; looked at a week of assemblies to see what goes on each day; and even judged the Christmas talent show!

We are extremely lucky at Meridian because of the quality, commitment and enthusiasm of our governors. As I said, we have a vacancy at present for a community governor and would love to welcome someone else to the team. If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact the Clerk to the Governors via the school office on 01223 262423.

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

ONE hundred lots will be up for grabs when Comberton's South Africa Volunteers host an **Auction of Promises** at Comberton Leisure later this month.

On March 24th a huge selection of items will go under the hammer to help raise money to pay for 12 students to go to work in Comberton's African partner

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schools in Pretoria, South Africa, and Maputo, Mozambique, after their GCSE exams this summer.

Included in the auction is a week in a holiday home in Spain, a year's membership of Cb3, the chance for two people to play a round of golf at the Gog Magog Club with CVC Executive Principal Stephen Munday and Deputy Principal Phillip Evans, a range of sports-related lots, a tempting selection of hampers and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along – doors open at 7.15 – and there will be the opportunity to make sealed bids (more details on the CVC website). If you feel able to donate something to be auctioned, please contact Rachel Hawkes at CVC or e-mail publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk

The week before the auction, two casts of pupils will share the thrills and pressure of performing **Comberton Village College's annual musical extravaganza** later this month

Rehearsals for the 'Barry' and the 'Manilow' casts in Audacious Productions' interpretation of **Copacabana** by Barry Manilow have been on-going for months as the four-day run at Comberton Leisure draw closer. In a collaboration between CVC's Dance and Music departments, the show is full of striking music and dazzling routines.

This is a show not to be missed. It takes place on March 16-19 with tickets from £4.00-£7.00 available now through WisePay if you have a child at the college, or from the Finance Office or Cb3 reception.

This is only one of the fantastic shows at your local arts venue this spring. See below for more details of what's on.

Date	Event	Doors Open	Price
Frid 4 th March	Festival Players' Fantastical Musicals	7.00	£5/£3
Frid 11 th March	Custard Comedy	8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Wed 16 th March	Copacabana	7.00pm	£4.00-£7.00
March-Sat 19 th March	Auction of Promises	7.15pm	More details on CVC website
Wed 24 th March			
Thurs 31 st March	Bourn Players' The Wizard of Oz	For times and ticket info, please go to www.bournplayers.org.uk	
Sun April 2	The Show – an evening of fashion and Music	For more information, please go to www.combertonvc.org	
Mon 4 th April			
Frid 15 th April	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 adv / £10 Door
Sat 14 th May	Macmillan Charity Jazz Concert	For more information, please visit www.combertonleisure.com	
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COMBERTON VILLAGE TERMLY REPORT

September to December 2010

Numbers There have been 12 visits by the bus during the term and we have seen 34 young people

Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No Male	6	5	4	8	3			2		
No Female		3		2	1	1				

Session	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Attend- ance	12	6	8	16	25	18	19	19	8	16	14	Can- celled due to ice	Can- celled due to ice	7

Activities Craft activities available on the bus this term have included badge making, leather work, shrinkies, dip art, jewellery making, making helicopters, badge making, scratch art, pebble painting and Christmas crafts.

Quizzes have been held on pirates, war and peace for International day of peace, space,

child poverty, energy saving, fireworks and Guy Fawkes, Armistice, identifying logos, road safety and Christmas.

The young people have also enjoyed the computers and the games consoles.

Wood Green animal sanctuary visited with young puppy, lots of talks about animals and pets, particularly useful for one young person who gained confidence around animals.

General First week back the young people were very loud. Had to warn some young people about language, verbal abuse and bullying. An issue of alleged bullying (predominantly school based) was transferred onto the bus one week with no serious occurrences during the session but the youth workers were asked to assist the police.

Conversations have included sex education, martial arts, moving up in school, transport, families, motorbikes, skateboarding and accidents, D of E award, youth forum, allergies, school in general, addictions, different lifestyles and 'rules' specifically about travellers and how they live, Halloween and Ouija boards, parents/family relationships, anger management and autism.

There have been conversations with the travellers to find out about their way of life and with all the young people comparing their future aspirations.

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COMBERTON WI

Members held the Annual Meeting in February. After the business and election of a new committee, members enjoyed cheese and wine. Some members also gave a short talk on an item special to them.

We have many excellent speakers coming up in the year ahead and full details will be in next month's Contact. We are always happy to welcome visitors or new members.

Date for diary: 8th March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall 'How to Accessorise'
Competition: Bring your favourite accessory

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Comberton Friendship Club Meeting was held on 10th February. Our speaker for February was Linda Scoles and American lady who now lives in Suffolk. She gave a very amusing account of her childhood memories living on a ranch right through to graduation and finally marriage. It involved some community singing of well known old songs and hymns which she recalled when they had their family get-togethers. A very enjoyable afternoon.

THANK YOU FROM COMBERTON BEAVERS!

A big thankyou to the Comberton Contact for their very generous donation of £150 towards the setting up of our new Beaver Scout Colony in Comberton. Cubs and Scouts have been active in Comberton since the early 1970's, but the last time Comberton had it's own Beaver Colony was about 10 years ago. We restarted Beaver Scouts in October last year and everyone, both Beavers and leaders, have really enjoyed their time so far. Beavers are the youngest members of the Scouting movement and are boys and girls from 6-8 years old. Beavers play games, make things, have adventures and best of all make great friends.

If you are interested in Beavers then please send the name and date of birth of your child to combertonbeavers@hotmail.co.uk and we will contact you when a place become available. The colony meets on a Thursday 5.30-6.30pm.

Thanks again Contact!

Tracy Pemberton, Beaver Scout Leader

COMBERTON CRICKET CLUB

Comberton Cricket Club would like to welcome new members for the 2011 season. We are a friendly club looking for players of any ability. We have one Saturday team playing in CCA Junior League 2B and a midweek team playing in the Cambridge Business House League. We are also planning to play some Sunday friendlies.

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SUMMER Barbecue 23rd July. 7.00pm till late. Our famous annual chance to eat and drink far too much, on a summer's evening. Full details to follow. (Date depends on the availability of our specialist chef and the weather!)

AUTUMN Show 17th September Our flagship event.

AUTUMN Garden Visit 25th September A new venture! This year we are proposing an AUTUMN visit. Currently we are looking into gardens that have special beauty in the early autumn. The time of year when many gardens start to decline. A chance to admire the experts who keep their gardens full of interest and the chance to pick up some ideas for your own plot.

And finally, in the depths of WINTER...

Annual General Meeting 23rd November Just the thing to lift you when the TV is at its worst!

Watch this space for further details of all our events.

David Ellis, Secretary.

DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER- WHEN, WHAT, HOW?

On 30th March, the BBC 2 analogue channel will be switched off in Cambridgeshire, followed by the remaining analogue channels on 13th April. From then on, if you aren't set up to receive digital, you won't be able to watch your television. This can be a worrying prospect, and at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we want to ensure that you know where to go for advice.

How will it affect me?

If you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky, Freesat or Virgin Media you don't need to do anything (but note, additional TVs in the house may be affected). If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to re-tune your television 5 times in 2011. Guidance on re-tuning can be found on Digital UK's website (below). Alternatively you can pay a trader to re-tune it each time.

If you currently have five channels or fewer, you have three options:

Option 1: get a digital box. If you get a good analogue picture through your aerial now, you could purchase a Freeview set top box.

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Option 2: buy a new Freeview recorder with twin tuners. This will receive digital television, acting as a digital box, and is also a recorder, allowing you to watch one channel while recording another. After the switchover, if you don't have a digital recorder, you will only be able to record the channel you are watching.

Option 3: buy a new television that has a built in digital tuner. Look for -

Where can I go for advice?

You can contact Digital UK on 08456 50 50 50 for advice or visit their website www.digitaluk.co.uk. If you have a hearing or speech impediment, contact the textphone service on 0845 2340380.

What is the Help Scheme?

A Help Scheme is available if you are 75 or over, have lived in a care home for over six months, get certain disability benefits or are registered blind or partially sighted. If you are eligible you should have received a letter from the Scheme, but if you are in any doubt, contact the scheme on 0800 4085900 or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk.

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This year performances will at the CVC Performance Hall on 31st March and the 1st and 2 April at 7.30, with a matinee on Saturday 2nd at 2.30. Tickets are now available online at www.bournplayers.org.uk as well as at Comberton Leisure Reception and Bourn Shop.

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Discovery of Fibromites, a Fibromyalgia support group, quite literally changed my life. It has given me the opportunity to talk to other sufferers, draw on their strengths, experiences and good humour, especially during the difficult times. The group meets twice monthly in Godmanchester, inviting speakers from a variety of disciplines, undertaking activities designed to broaden horizons, providing friendship while ensuring that everybody remains positive.

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The aim of DCATCH is to highlight that "a child with a disability and his/her family should have access to the full range of childcare options that are open to other families" *Sure Start*, 2005.

"A lack of information about the childcare services that are available, and confusion about the quality and potential benefits of using childcare, continue to create barriers for some parents". *Department for children, schools and families*, Dec 2009.

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding the principles of DCATCH; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support and guidance with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service.

Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required by the provider.

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EDITED NOTES OF THE COMBERTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL
Held at Comberton Village College, 24 November 2010

1	Welcome and Introductions
1.1	Jo Mills (South Cambs District Council) welcomed everyone to the meeting explaining that this was an opportunity to hear what actions had been taking place in response to the priorities set at the last meeting, identify new issues and agree priorities for the next period. Jo Mills introduced officers from the police, District Council and County Council. Jean Hunter new chief executive officer for South Cambs District Council, and District and County Councillors were also in attendance.
1.2	The following villages were represented: Barton, Bourn, Cambourne, Comberton, Croxton, Caldecote, Eltisley, Grantchester, Hardwick and Toft. 25 people attended.
3	Updates on previous priorities and community feedback
3.1	Tackle anti-social behaviour at Recreation Grounds in Bourn, Caldecote and Comberton 21 proactive patrols of potential hot spots and responded to one recorded incident of ASB in these areas. Nobody was found to be causing ASB during any of these patrols and, reassuringly, the groups spoken to were well behaved and interacted in a positive manner with officers. These patrols have had two additional beneficial outcomes as they resulted in 3 drug searches and a cannabis warning being issued at Byron's Pool and three door to door sellers being stopped and searched in the Hardwick area.
4	Current/Emerging issues as identified in profile update

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4.1	Insp. Chris Savage went through the current and emerging issues; more details can be found in the Neighbourhood Profile Update document.
7	Dates of Future Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 May 2011 at Comberton Village College • 24 August 2011 at Cambourne Church

LEARNING ABOUT GARDENING

How do we learn? In gardening there is a lot to learn about. Gardening books are a great source; I have very many gardening books and dip into them constantly. However, much more can be gleaned from visiting gardens and garden shows. There one can see the plants growing in a real environment and in complimentary associations with neighbouring plants. Other people's gardens give us ideas, not just in structural features and layout but in the sheer variety of wonderful plants available.

The Yellow Book 2011

This annual book is now published and gives the opening times of all gardens in England and Wales that are open within the National Gardens Scheme. They are grouped into counties and each county has a map with the gardens plotted on them together with opening dates and times. A brief description is given of each garden. Since Cambridge is right in the south of the county, it is not far from its neighbouring counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and Suffolk. A quick look at Cambridgeshire shows over 30 new gardens to visit this year. Many of these are clustered in group opening schemes where smaller gardens within a village are all open at the same time. I find that this provides a lovely variety of opportunity to assess many different garden arrangements.

Royal Horticultural Society Shows

All the available information is on the extensive website <http://www.rhs.org.uk/Shows-Events>. There are also regional events that can be useful. I love the London shows and always come back inspired by what I see. Most of the shows have plant stalls from the very best growers and so it is great to buy a plant that you have just admired in an extravagant display nearby. The next London show is on 19-20th March; it will feature orchids and botanical art.

Planning for the rest of the year

March is a good time to think of what you would like to grow, whether it is vegetables and fruit, or flowers and shrubs. Garden centres offer plug plants as a cheap way of buying some vegetables and annuals without the fuss of having to grow them from seed. Sometimes plug plants are easier to grow and once established suffer less from damping off. However, the big decisions in gardening are always strategic and require careful planning. One of my long-term goals is to extend a small area of winter garden by four-fold and to improve the planting so that it will have interest from September to April.

R.T. Choke



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LAWN CARE IN EARLY SPRING

Mowing If conditions allow get out the mower and lightly cut the lawn. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

Moss Moss has been a real threat to lawns this year, and may be affecting your lawn. Apply a specific moss treatment now, or get ProLawnCare to spray with their special Moss Control Treatment. Moss dies in front of your eyes. It is best to do it now before the spring starts.

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Weed Control Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad leaved weeds such as dandelions, daisies and clover within the grass can be applied.

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ANSWERS & WINNER

Sticks / Styx	Pooh?., a game/Across which Charon did his ferry work.
Barque/ Bark	Sailing vessel/Part of a tree.
Boy / Buoy	Tarzan's son/Marine hazard warning.
Knows / Nose	Is aware of/Prominent Roman feature.
More / Moor	What Oliver was denied/Othello was one (from Venice)
Peace / Piece	Half of a Tolstoy novel/A queen or bishop?
One / Won	Mourinho is the special ? / Came first.
Shoe / Choux	Court, Oxford or Deck?/Type of pastry.
Rite / Wright	Ceremony/Wilbur or Orville.
Arc / Ark	Part of a circle/Old floating menagerie.
Rode / Road	Was in the saddle/Hope-Crosby film series.
Sought / Sort	Looked for/A type.

Hall / Haul	Jerry who married a Stone/Proceeds of a robbery.
Reign / Rain	Victoria's was very long/What is now called precipitation.
Berry / Bury	A fruit/Inter.
Hoarse/ Horse	Rough and husky/Desert Orchid
Caught/ Court	Captured/Style of shoe.
Vain / Vein	Wind indicator/Blue liquid carrier?
Roll / Role	Swiss? or Immelman? or Sausage? / Hamlet
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