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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
Every Wednesday	12.25 - 1.10	Lunchtime Badminton at Village Hall
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

MAY 2011

1st May	2.00pm	Bowls Club Roll-up at Recreation Ground
4th May	7.00pm	Pink Rose Craft Evening at Village Hall
5th May		Comberton Friendship Group at Village Hall
10th May		WI Meeting at Village Hall
11th May	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting at Village Hall
13th May		Comberton Cantabile's Spring Concert at St Mary's Church
14th May	10am	Spring Plant Sale
14th May		Swimming Pool opens for the Summer
14th May		Deadline for Challenge
15th May		Oxfam Walk at Wimpole Hall
15th - 21st May		Christian Aid Week
16th May	7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers at Village Hall
18th May	7.30pm	'Nowhere Boy' at the Village Hall
21st May	2.30pm	St Mary's Spring Sale at the Village Hall
25th May	7.00 - 9.00pm	Library Public Meeting at Village Hall

JUNE 2011

12th June		Fun Run at Meridian Primary School
18th June	7.15pm	Scout Group Quiz Night at Meridian School
19th June	1.00pm	Winemakers BBQ at Toft

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you all had a happy Easter and Royal Wedding weekends. Now we could do with some heavy nighttime rain for the gardens. I do hope that this issue of the Contact does not get to you too late. The double bank holiday weekends coincides with the would-be printing of the magazine and may therefore cause some delay. Enjoy it when you do receive your copy.

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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.
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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.

Comberton 1st Scout Group Quiz Night

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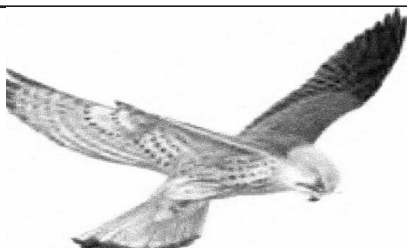
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 13 April 2011.

Parish Council elections

Only six members of the electorate put their names forward for the Comberton Parish Council Elections 2011. Congratulations to the residents named below who have been returned uncontested and therefore are your Parish Council from May 2011.

This leaves seven vacancies on the Council so if you would like to apply please contact the Clerk to express your interest and for an application form.

The Parish Council recorded its thanks to cllr Dorothy Morison, a very active member of the Council for over forty years for all her hard work and efforts. Thanks were also recorded to Cllr Richard Rowlands whose term of office is ending.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242
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Dr Janet McCabe	3 Westcroft	263387
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Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
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Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
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Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
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Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
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Hillfield Road damage of grass

In response to the two articles in Contact the Parish Council has received mixed responses from residents. Some don't want the bollards and other support their proposed installation. The Parish Council has agreed that members of its Transport Working Group will meet with interested residents to discuss the proposals and consider alternative options and comments from Hillfield Road residents

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before considering the matter further. Details for the site meeting will be hand delivered to all Hillfield Road homes shortly. If you would like to be involved in these discussion and don't live in Hillfield Road then please contact Amanda Bacon (contact details below).

Memorial Bench

In response to the clarification on the design and stability of the proposed bench and a petition supporting its installation the Parish Council approved the design and installation of the bench. Over the next couple of months the old bench on the recreation ground by the play area will be relocated and the new bench installed.

Graffiti in the village

There has been a spate of graffiti in the village. Thanks are expressed to the District Council for arranging the removal of some of this. The Police are to be asked to patrol the areas.

Buses

Despite representations the county Council is going to stop its subsidy for the late night Friday bus.

Primary School Bus

The Parish Council shares the Meridian Primary School's concerns about the County Council's proposed loss of the Toft to Meridian School transport route. The Parish Council does not consider it safe for young children to walk. There are many reasons for these concerns one of which is the anticipated increase in traffic that will result from the Village College Sixth Form opening shortly. It will be writing to the county Council to urge it to reconsider its proposals.

Tree works

The Parish Council is responsible for a lot of trees throughout the village and it is very grateful to its Tree Warden and other volunteers who assist the Parish Council monitor and maintain the trees throughout the year. All trees from time to time need routine maintenance and on occasion a tree will need to be removed. The Parish Council regrets that it is not always possible to give advance notice of works or tree removals in the Comberton Contact.

The Parish Council is very grateful to the five residents and Comberton Contact who have all sponsored new or replacement trees either on the Recreation Ground land extension or in Green End. Thank you.

If anyone else would like to sponsor a tree on the land extension, please contact the Clerk.

S137 Donations

Each year in the autumn in Contact the Parish Council invites applications for grants from village groups and organisations. At its next meeting the Parish Council will be considering applications from: St Mary's Church (churchyard upkeep), Comberton Play Group/Comberton Village Hall (storage shed), Victim Support (ongoing development of work and support of people in local community whose lives have been affected by crime), Comberton Scouts and St Mary's



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The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 May 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.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

Team Rector - Rev Mike Booker

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Churchwardens	Mr M.R. Evans	82 Green End	Tel 263215
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Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with Rev Mike Booker

Services and Events at St Mary's in May

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 7th	9.30-1.00	Churchyard tidy up - all helpers welcome
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 13th	7.45pm	Comberton Cantabile concert in St Mary's
Saturday 14th	10.30-5.00	St Mary's Day away at St Mark's College, Audley End
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 21st	2.30pm	Spring Sale in the Village Hall
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	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.

This month we have St Mary's day away at St Mark's College, Audley End. It will be a chance to relax, enjoy one another's company, to be creative or active as the mood takes you, and to think about what God wants to do in and through us each. There will be special activities for children. It is a wonderful location, and the day should be great fun. Even if you don't get to services at St Mary's very often you will be very welcome. There are booking forms in the church building, or please give Mike Booker a call to find out more.

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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)

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

COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Hu'ta' QISt! Hu'bejta'!

Before I translate the mysterious title, I ought to apologise to you all for being rather late. My excuse is the formula for the dating of Easter which, due to the intricacies of the lunar calendar on which it is based - a throwback to the Sumerian calendar system, I'm afraid - this year placed Easter nearer this issue of Contact than the previous.

Easter is such an unpromising title for this premier event in the Church's calendar. According to St Bede, the medieval monk and first historian of England, *Eostre* was the Saxon name of the month of April. Somewhat unfortunately, *Eostre* was a Germanic name of the pagan goddess of the Dawn, whom we also know as *Eos* (Latin), *Aurora* (Greek) and *Ishtar* (Babylonian and Assyrian). Scandalously, the Babylonian version was the goddess of fertility, love, war and sex. More sensible languages than ours call this time Pascha, based on the Hebrew *Pesach*, meaning Passover.

Putting embarrassing historical labels aside, its message is startling. God came to earth as a human being. Human beings killed him for claiming to be God. That human being was resurrected and now lives forever, and is inviting all human beings to trust Him, love him as He loves them and so eventually join him. This, though sounding to modern ears as fanciful, is claimed as fact.

I have a couple of confessions to make concerning this.

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First, being a scientist, or more precisely an engineer, I have consequently spent the majority of my 55 years on this earth trying to demonstrate that this fact must be false and a fabrication, a damned lie in fact.

My second confession is that I have completely failed, to the point that I am forced to believe it or declare myself dishonest.

The consequences of the event of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are universal. All people everywhere are included in the invitation to 'believe, so that they might have life.' It is so universal that one wag decided that the internationally recognised Paschal greeting, 'Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!' should be translated into Klingon (the language of the frictional warrior race in the TV series *Star Trek*), which for all the Trekkies out there I have duly reproduced as the title to this piece.

I wish you all a belated but happy Easter.

Graham Ford.

Comberton Baptist Church has a service every Sunday at 10:30 in the morning, to which you are all warmly invited. Reassuringly, the services are in English, although simultaneous translation into

Klingon* could perhaps be offered if there were sufficient demand.

www.c-b-c.org.uk or call 01223 263422.

*According to The Guinness Book of Records, Klingon is the most popular fictional language by number of speakers. I have absolutely no idea why.

MARKING LIFE'S BIG OCCASIONS – YOUR PARISH CHURCH IS THERE FOR YOU

When something really big happens in life, it's only natural that most people start to think more deeply about what really matters in life, about where they are going and why. For centuries, like other ancient parish churches, St Mary's Church has seen the baptisms, weddings and funerals of all sorts of people from Comberton.

A parish church is not a private club! St Mary's is there for everyone, because God is there for everyone when they reach out to him at life's moments of big changes, of new directions, of celebration or of sadness. Everybody is always welcome for Sunday service - they are probably a lot more interesting than most people expect - but marking special times in life is not only for people who come regularly to Sunday worship.

Whether you have recently become a parent, are facing bereavement, or are planning to celebrate a marriage, your parish church is there for you. If you have not been married in church, but would like to have the marriage blessed, or are approaching an anniversary and would like to mark it in God's presence, you are very welcome too.

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By the time you read this we will be back in school after a very strange start to the term. Because of the way the Public Holidays fell this year (plus, of course, the Royal Wedding) the children were only in school for two days before they were off again for another long weekend! However, we decided to make the most of this 'two-day week' by having a couple of days of activities focused on the wedding. The younger children designed and made wedding hats (after a demonstration from a real milliner) and older ones made mini wedding cakes and designed pretty boxes to hold them, or created commemorative painted plates. Only our oldest class (Year 6) sadly had to keep going with the Literacy and Maths, as their SATs tests were only a matter of days away. However, parents and staff kindly always organise some fun activities for them once the SATs are over, so they don't miss out entirely.

While the Year 6 children do their SATs, Year 5 are off on their residential trip to Hilltop in Norfolk. This is an activity centre which specialises in lots of challenging activities (many of which appear to involve great heights!) The children will be accompanied by four adults from school and there are several instructors on hand too. Judging on past experience, the children will have a fantastic time, and come back just that little bit more confident and independent. The adults will also have a fantastic time -- and come back exhausted!

Later in May we hold a welcome meeting for parents whose children will be joining us in Reception class next year. It is always a rather daunting experience when your child starts school (especially if it is your first) but we try to make the transition as easy as possible for both children and adults alike. Later in the summer the children will visit in small groups to get used to us. Meanwhile the Year 6's will be taking part in various activities, including a Science Challenge and an Athletics Festival at Comberton Village College prior to their transition. And the wonderful cycle begins again...

Glennis Virgo

Headteacher

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May 15th to 21st is Christian Aid. Every year we organise a house to house collection to raise money for Christian Aid and last year we collected nearly £1500. Christian Aid is an inter-denominational organisation with a vision to end to poverty by working globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of

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COMBERTON WI

Our speaker at the April meeting was Sarah Harrison, local author. Sarah, whose novel 'Flowers of the Field' was published thirty years ago. Has had a successful writing career and has written many further novels. She is also a highly entertaining speaker and kept her audience amused with her many anecdotes about her past, from life at boarding school to village amateur dramatics. She exudes a real sense of fun which infected the whole audience.

Date for the diary: May 10th 7.45pm in the Village Hall 'Resolutions'

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our speaker for the April meeting was Gillian Bane who is a puppy walker for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. She told us about the various stages of training that puppies go through before they are fully trained and able to live with and help visually impaired people. Her talk was very interesting, at times moving, and also hilarious. Her present puppy named Buckie aged 5 months is a Labrador Retriever cross and as well as being absolutely gorgeous, is very well behaved and demonstrated some of his skills very well.

Our next meeting is on May 5th and our speaker will be Sally Maynard, one of our own members, who will be speaking about her life as a theatre sister at Mill Road and then at the Rosie Maternity Hospital. This meeting will start at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

COMBERTON LUNCHTIME BADMINTON

Comberton Lunchtime Badminton offers a friendly group of mixed ages and ability. Beginners and experienced players are always welcome. The club meets each Wednesday from 12.25 to 1.10 (term time only) in the Village College Sports Hall. People of all ages and standards play their best in a friendly but competitive atmosphere. For further information contact Jane on 263138 or Janet on 263383.

COMBERTON WINEMAKERS

The next meeting of Comberton Winemakers will be on Monday, May 16th at 7-30 pm at Comberton Village Hall. We shall be welcoming members of Buckden Wine Club. We will be holding a Quiz on home-made & commercial wines plus a raffle.

On Sunday June 19th we will be holding our Annual club B.B.Q. at the home of Alan & Jenny at Toft. Arrive any time from 1 o'clock. Food will

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COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Annual Plant Sale Saturday 14th May.

The Annual Plant sale will be held in the Playgroup (at the crossroads) on Saturday May 14th at 10.00 a.m. All proceeds go towards supporting the Autumn Show. The show costs over £1,000 to put on, therefore support of our events is vital to keep this grand tradition alive. The Association welcomes donations for the plant sale so this year why not fetch along your spare plants and seedlings. Donations can be made from 9.00 a.m.

Annual Garden Visit Sunday September 25th

The visit this year will be to the **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**, the world's largest collection of living plants. The living collections include more than 30,000 different kinds of plants, while the herbarium, also one of the largest in the world, has over 7 million preserved plant specimens. The Kew site includes four Grade I [listed buildings](#) and 36 Grade II listed structures in an internationally famous setting. The autumn colours are widely praised for their beauty.

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David Ellis, Secretary

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OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING BUS SERVICE CHANGES FOR 17 APRIL 2011

May I take the opportunity to inform you of the outcome of the recent consultation conducted with regard to changes and reductions being made to some bus

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services which are supported by financial contributions from Cambridgeshire County Council funds. The consultation period closed on Friday 11 March 2011 and we would like to thank everyone who responded and encouraged others to do so.

Why the consultation came about

The majority of bus services in Cambridgeshire (about 80%) are provided by commercial operators without any subsidy from the Council. However, the Council subsidises some bus services where bus operators are currently unable to operate commercially. There is no statutory duty for the Council to provide this, nor do we receive specific funding from Government to do so.

Due to reduced overall grants to councils from Government coupled with increased costs of, and for, services it will not be possible to continue the subsidy. The County Council needs to make savings of around £160 million over the next five years and some of these savings have to come from the transport budget. Consequently, Full Council agreed to phase out funding for subsidised bus services over the next four years and agreed to a reduction of £654,000 in subsidised services in 2011 / 2012. We therefore sought views on the proposed changes and wanted to hear proposals from local communities, voluntary groups and bus operators.

How we went about the consultation

Cambridgeshire County Council sent a consultation request to every County Councillor, District Councillor, Parish Chair and Parish Clerk across the county. Some 806 requests were sent out on 22 February 2011; 654 by email and 152 by post. The consultation request outlined the proposed services under threat of cut from 17 April 2011 and invited a response.

The Council also informed the county's media (print and broadcast) and placed the consultation request on the Cambridgeshire County Council website. Again, the council invited a response and published contact details for doing so and the responses were duly logged.

Responses received to the consultation request

A total of 97 responses were received; 8 from county or district councillors, 19 from parish councils and 70 from residents. In addition, a petition was submitted with around 200 signatures about the removal of the evening service 9 journeys to Milton and was received by the County Council's cabinet on 15 March.

The largest number of individual responses (22) were for service 33, although these were commenting on a change that has not actually been proposed and had been reported incorrectly in local media. Eight services received no comments.

The comments received were largely around limiting independence; in particular

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for the elderly and children, impact on evening and Sunday workers and that a public service should be retained.

Results from the consultation

The consultation results having been given careful consideration and the inconvenience likely to be caused to some users is fully recognised. However, on balance it has been decided that the necessity to achieve savings due to reduced budgets outweighs this reduction. Therefore, the proposed changes have been ratified.

However, I wish to assure you that we will continue to work with communities and our partners to search for ways to mitigate any adverse effects wherever possible.

Please refer to the attached list for details.



Yours sincerely

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In addition to the above, the evening (after 20:00) and Sunday journeys on the following services have also been deregistered from Sunday 17th April 2011

Contractor	Service	Journey
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You can loan a copy of the film from your local library. The stories featured are also available on the County Council website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/selfdirectedsupport/

If you think you may be eligible for social care support you should phone Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202, or if you have a mental health need speak to your GP.

THE FUTURE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S LIBRARY SERVICE

As part of the strategy for the future of library services in Cambridgeshire, 13 libraries have been highlighted as a priority for review, in response to the need to meet tough savings targets. Linton library is one of the libraries highlighted as a priority for review and a public meeting has been arranged to provide an opportunity for you to ask questions, make suggestions and feedback on the strategy, in order to help shape the future of your local library. This meeting will consult specifically about the proposals and how they affect Linton library.

Public Meeting regarding Comberton Library

At: Comberton Village Hall

On: Wednesday 25th May 2011, 7 – 9pm

Separate Public Information Meetings about how the proposals will affect all libraries in Cambridgeshire generally will be held in each district of the county. Your nearest Public Information Meeting will take place:

South Cambridgeshire Public Information Meeting

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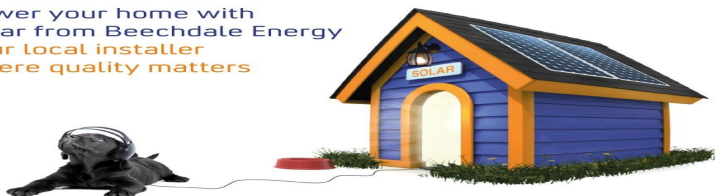
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A raised large pot draws attention to itself. If the surface of the pot is a pale colour, it will look good against a dark surface such as a hedge. The classic arrangement for a group of pots is for the largest container to be at the back, and the others arranged to create a triangle with a slightly smaller container to the side and a smaller one still to form the point of the triangle at the front. A formal arrangement of two pots placed either side of a doorway adds symmetry to the entrance.

Good planting in containers

Formal planting is in vogue for containers by a doorway. Plants grown as a standard, that is with a woody stem stripped of side branches to give a tiny tree-shaped effect, are popular. The plant might be a standard rose, a standard fuchsia, or simply a standard bay tree. They look neat, but to my mind lack the artistry that can be achieved by varied planting. I prefer an informal planting with a tall-growing plant at the centre, such as a dark leaved cordyline. A mixed planting of pink and cream flowers around the cordyline could look good, with perhaps blue flowers mixed in to break the strawberry and cream effect. A trailing leaf plant, such as helichrysum, grown round the edge of the container adds to the pot.

Keeping pots at their best

Firstly, ensure the growing medium has good quality compost mixed in the soil. This will ensure that the pots retain their water content for as long as possible. Secondly, make sure that the pots contain plenty of plant food to provide good growth and a long flowering season. Above all water the pots in the early morning so that the plants do not wilt in the noonday sun.

R.T. Choke

LAWN CARE IN MAY

In most seasons this is the best month for weed killing with either a selective weed killer or a weed and feed fertiliser. Selective means that the weed killer will only affect the weeds and leave the grass unharmed. As the weed recedes and dies back so the grass that it was previously strangling can branch (tiller) out to take the place of the weed.

When choosing fertiliser ensure that you are putting on what the grass needs which is predominately Nitrogen, but it may also need Phosphate, Potassium, Magnesium and other trace elements.

Continue mowing, and increase the frequency. The grass will look and grow

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Whilst there is usually plenty of moisture around in the soil, the grass will grow vigorously. However following a very dry winter and early spring, and with hot sunshine in Summer this can cause drought conditions in our lawns. If you do plan to water your lawn then make sure it is watered properly. By this I mean let the water soak in at least 7-10 cm (3-4"), other wise you can do more harm than good by literally only wetting the surface. It is better to water once a week and to do it properly than 2 or 3 times poorly.

Actions required in May

- Feed lawn with a balanced fertiliser
- Treat weeds with herbicide once actively growing.
- Mow lawn lightly. Don't cut shorter than $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (2 cm) this month. Grass will respond better if cut little and often.
- Neaten edges of lawn with half moon edging tool.
- Possible irrigation requirement

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THE CHALLENGE

April result & winner

As this was a puzzle with no absolute answer 123 individual names etc, from which a total of 88 is possible i.e. 37 doubles & 14 single colours. This compares with the 66 for our winner.

NB. You will have noticed it was acceptable for the colour to be part only of a Christian or Surname eg Stephen Redgrave, Oliver Hardy & Lemony Snickett. Some people are downright devious. All of the colours listed are confirmed as such in Chambers Dictionary. Others were rejected for not meeting this criteria. Such is the power of the Compiler. Many thanks for all of your entries. Clearly much time was invested, particularly by our winner who was....

APRIL PENNICK.HARBOUR AVENUE (1 of 12 entries)



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The twelve anagrams below, when unscrambled, produce related answers. (2) indicates a two word answer. Having obtained the answers you are then required to mark each of them with either a 1, a 2, a P or a C. (Solve a couple and all will become clear)

1.2.P.C

LOTTERY IN ONE (2).....

I RESELECT

ELECT SWAN.....

LOST IN LAVA(2).....

HM WASTE(2).....

COP HUNTERS.....

NOT SCARED.....

POLAR HOTEL.....

OLD REACH.....

SHARED LOT.....

P&O TRAVEL(2).....

TIN CAN CO. STRANGELY(2).....

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