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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis 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
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School
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	Village Hall Comberton Antiquarian Society

NOVEMBER 2009

7th Nov	6.15p.m. Scout Group Bonfire and Firework display
8th - 29th Nov	Cambridge Music Festival
10th Nov	7.45pm in the Village Hall WI meeting
11th Nov	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
12th Nov	8.00pm Village Help Scheme AGM
14th Nov	Farmers Market at Wimpole Hall
14th Nov	7.30pm Comberton Twinning Association Quiz Night at Village Hall
15th Nov	4.00pm Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church.
16th Nov	Meeting of Comberton Winemakers
18th Nov	7.00 Comberton Panel Meeting at Meridian School, Comberton
18th Nov	7.45pm Gardens & Allotments Association AGM at Village Hall
19th Nov	2.30 - 4.30p.m. Afternoon Tea Dances
22nd Nov	Art & Craft Exhibition
24th Nov	8.00pm Antiquarian Society
25th Nov	8.00pm The City of Cambridge Brass Band at Village Hall
28th Nov	10.30-12.00 St Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning

DECEMBER 2009

4th Dec	Christmas Lights
5th, 8th & 12th Dec	Reindeer Evenings at Burwash Manor
5th Dec	Christmas Fair
12th Dec	Farmers Market at Wimpole Hall
18th & 19th Dec.	7.30 p.m. Snow White in the Village Hall
19th Dec	3.00p.m. & 7.30p.m. Snow White in the Village Hall

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It is with a sense of shock and sadness that I have to tell you of the death of Brian Cook only a few weeks after the death of his wife, Margaret. He died unexpectedly in his home on Friday 16th October. This is a huge blow to his family and to the village. Brian was Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees. At the moment details of his death are not known and there are no funeral arrangements yet. Brian will be greatly missed by the community for which he did so much.

I am grateful to the Comberton Allotments and Gardens Association for allowing me to set up a charity stall at the Annual Show, to sell Queen of the Night cactus plants. I was able to send £60 to the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

1st Comberton Scout Group

Bonfire and Firework Display

Saturday 7th November – Gate open 6-15 pm

Comberton Drift – next to the mini roundabout.

Refreshments – raffle – coconut shy – suitable for all ages.

Entrance Adults-£4 Children-£2

Farmers Market at Wimpole Hall

Plenty of parking.

Starts on October 10th and runs from 11am to 3pm.

The market is free so no National Trust entry fee

Located near the stable block.

The next two dates: 14th November
and 12th December.

PANTOMIME

Comberton Players Annual Pantomime this year is Snow White
Written by Rick Nelms and Directed by Judith Bowen

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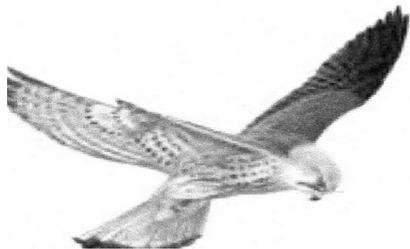
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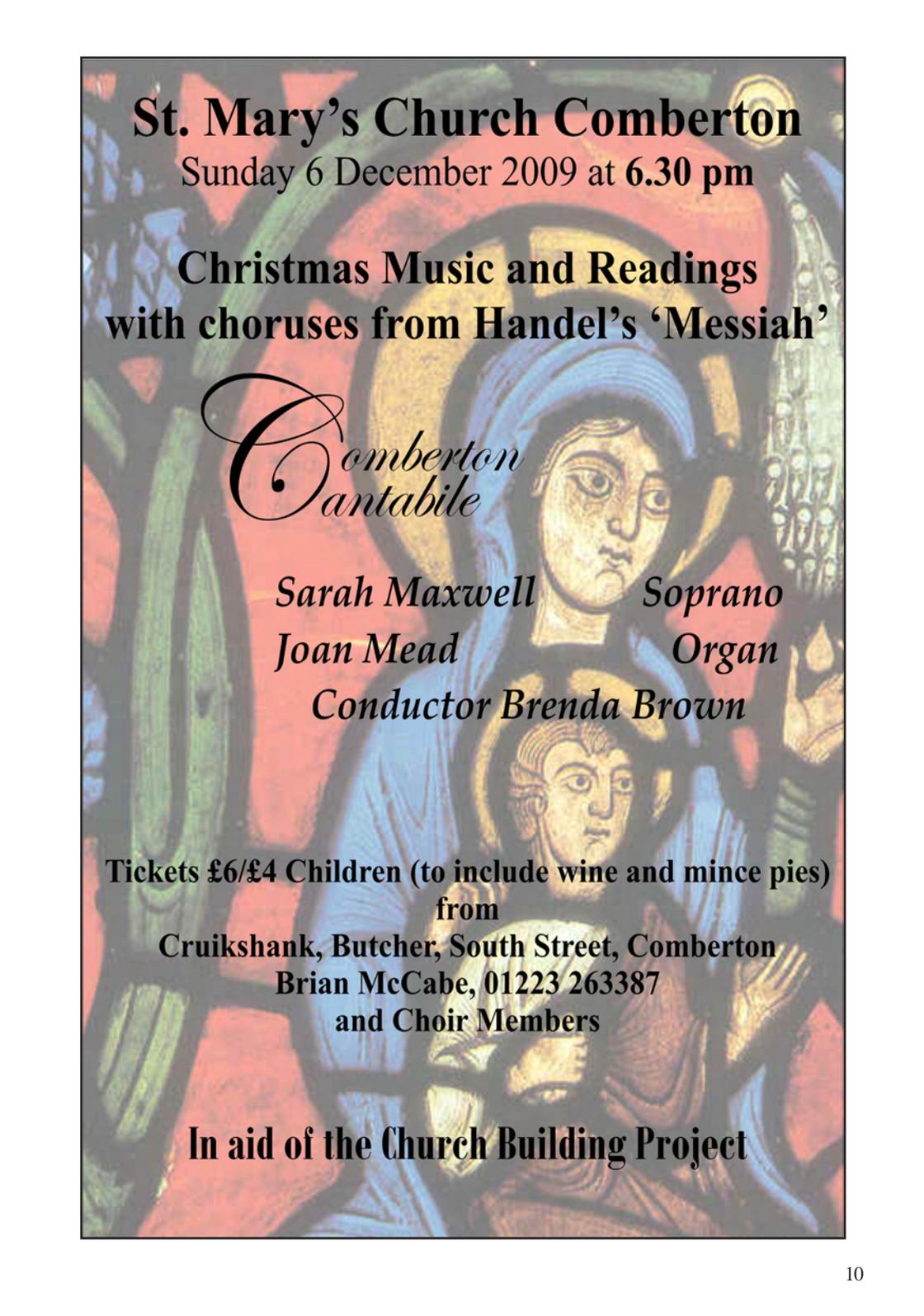
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Co-option to fill casual vacancy

John Cornell of 16 Barrons Way has been co-opted on to the Parish Council. He will be invited to join committees and working groups at the next meeting.

Co-option on to the Transport Working Group

Robert Rintoul has been co-opted back on to the working group.

Other

Donations and grants

Each year the Parish Council is able to support village groups and clubs which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.

If your Group, Club or Society would like to be considered for a grant please write to the Clerk with details enclosing a copy of your accounts by 4 December. Grant applicants will be informed in February 2010 if they have been successful and the money released in April or May 2010.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr John Cornell	16 Barrons Way	263566
Dr Charles Chambers	16 Green End	264638
Mr Ted Halford	69 Swaynes Lane	262531
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 Tom Serby	Home Farm, 250 Barton Road	262303
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters. If the matter is or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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Reference: BB/EJM/85
25th September 2009

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If it would be convenient, could you convey this request via any Parish e-mail alert or in a Parish Newsletter, asking those affected to write to me at the below address or to email me via lansleya@parliament.uk.

Yours truly,

Andrew Lansley

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Arrangements for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with the Priest-in-Charge.

Services and Events at St Mary's in November

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion - All saints' Day
Sunday 8th	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Andrew's Toft
	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday Service with the Royal British Legion (Please note time change)
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	A service of thanksgiving for all who have died
Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd.		Art Exhibition in St Mary's Church building
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Joint Churches' Service at Comberton Leisure
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion - a quieter service
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special - Christingle Service

This is a month for remembering. On the morning of November 8th we have the annual British Legion Remembrance Sunday service, as we remember with gratitude people have served in our forces and especially those who gave up their lives in the service of the country. The next Sunday, November 15th, there will be a service to remember all those we have lost, whenever they died and whether or not they are buried in St Mary's churchyard. Everybody is welcome to come, to light a candle, to remember those they have loved, and to seek God's comfort.

It is also a month of celebration! We praise God with all the saints in glory on the first Sunday of the month, and look forward to our Christingle service at the end. Everybody is very welcome, even if you have not been to church for a long time. November 22nd is a joint churches service when Christians from all over the area will be worshipping together. Our preacher is Bishop Graham Cry - not to be missed.

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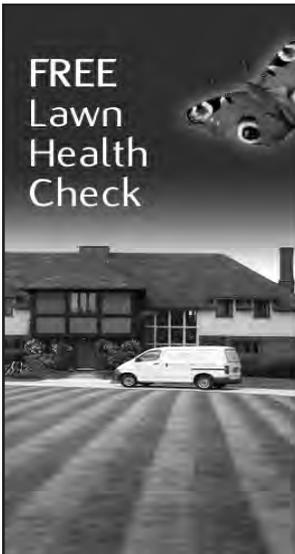
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Sunday 22nd November is the Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 29th November is the First Sunday of Advent

There is a chance to 'view' the new church in Cambourne on Saturday 28th November.

Detailed below are the normal times of masses at weekends

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne (In the Vine School)

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 November for the entire parish including Sawston may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. www.olem.org.uk

The Cambridge Music Festival takes place from 8th to 29th November and features a wide variety of music everyday at various venues throughout Cambridge – colleges, concert halls, etc., and including several of the churches. OLEM is hosting two lunchtime events:- Wednesday 11th November a Lunchtime Concert with musicians from Hills Road Sixth Form College and Monday 16th November an Organ Recital with Nigel Kerry, OLEM's Director of Music both from 1.00 to 2.00pm. Free admission, but there is a retiring collection towards concert costs. The full programme of the 70 events may be found on www.cammusic.co.uk

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Unfortunately Dan was unable to send in a report on the activities of the Baptist Church this month due to illness. We hope he recovers soon.

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The garden will have a variety of habitat areas in it – for example, a bog, a meadow and a dry area – as well as lots of habitat boxes for wildlife, and a pleasant seating area for humans. We are particularly keen that the garden should be for the benefit of the whole community and intend to open it for visits to a wide range of groups.

As well as the Big Lottery funding, our PTA have very kindly earmarked £1000 for plants, and we have used our supermarket vouchers to obtain lots of nestboxes, bee houses and butterfly homes. The Eco-Action Team are, of course, thrilled by this development and have decided that it will be one of their major projects towards the Silver Eco-Schools Award.

Also on an eco-theme, our Harvest Competition this year is to make a doll-sized scarecrow out of recycled materials. If it's anything like previous years, entries will be of an extremely high standard. Judging the competition is a role usually reserved for governors – and I have to say I don't envy them this particular job! This year, as part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting for the charity Seeds for Africa, which helps schools in Africa both by teaching children how to cultivate crops, and providing seeds and fruit trees. Our children, in turn, will learn about this work during a special assembly.

The week beginning 16 November once again brings the national focus on anti-bullying. Our children in KS2 will experience a morning of drama workshops on the theme (funded by the PTA), and the School Council will consider an anti-bullying charter which, once agreed, will be prominently displayed.

Next month I will, no doubt, be telling you about Christmas preparations!

Glennis Virgo,

Headteacher

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Brenda Brown

COMBERTON ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

The Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Comberton Village Hall.

Meetings start at 8.00pm Each meeting consists of an illustrated talk by various speakers on a wide selection of topics.

At the next meeting on 24th November the topic of the talk is :

The 17th Century – Change and Innovation in the English House. The speaker is Alan Eade.

In addition Social events and Outings to places of interest are arranged from time to time.

New members are very welcome. The subscription is only £7.

Alternatively non-members can attend meetings at a cost of £2 for each meeting.

If you would like to join the Society contact the Membership Secretary Sue Parker Tel. 01223 207344 or just turn up to one of the meetings.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Thursday October 8th was the AGM of the Comberton Friendship Club. The existing committee were voted back to run for another year, with the additional help of another of our members, Pat Day, who will try to arrange some day trips in 2010. The coffee morning sale held on September 12th raised £350. This will go to the Village Hall itself to help towards the cost of the air conditioning. Members are reminded the November to March meetings start at 2 o'clock.

COMBERTON WI

Our October speaker was meant to be Dr Carrie Herbert, founder of the Red Balloon Learner Centres. However, Dr Herbert was visiting potential new premises in Liverpool and so her colleague, Ruth Aply came in her place.

Dr Herbert had researched bullying at schools and realised that a number of children were so severely bullied that they stopped going to school and were missing out on their education. She initially set up the first Red Balloon centre in her home in Cambridge and was able to take up to 15 secondary age pupils. In 2003 the 'school' moved to new premises in Warkworth Terrace but has remained small. Children are encouraged to develop strategies to overcome bullying and build up their self-esteem. They are also given the opportunity to learn in a safe and friendly environment. The Red Balloon Centre aims to return children to mainstream education as soon as possible.

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The Annual Dinner of Comberton Winemakers will be held at the Meridian Golf Club, Toft. Please be there at 7.0pm for Dinner at 7.30pm, Cost £22.00. The November Meeting in Comberton Village Hall is on Monday November 16th. At this meeting the Guest Speaker is Mr Doug Brown who is a specialist in Bees.

COMBERTON HELP SCHEME

With regret, the Help Scheme Committee has decided that the Mobile Warden Scheme is no longer viable. This was a difficult decision after operating successfully for 15 years but the number of clients has fallen in recent months to a level that grant applications cannot be justified. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Scheme in the past, particularly the Parish Council, SCDC, the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and the four wardens.

This has no impact on other aspects of the Help Scheme; in particular there is no change to the Volunteer Car Scheme which remains as busy as ever. If you feel you might be able to offer occasional lifts we would be pleased to hear from you. (Expenses are paid) More information from Gill Redman 262246 or Joan Wells 262746.

The Help Scheme Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Thursday 12th November in the Meeting Room, Comberton Village Hall, followed by a glass of wine.

Everyone welcome.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Comberton Show 2009

A fine autumn day welcomed over 200 people to the Comberton Show 19 September. This was the culmination of much hard work from the committee members of the Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association who organize the show each year. Over 700 exhibits were catalogued and displayed, including vegetables, fruit, flowers, cookery, wine, handicraft, and including 250 pictures by children. The head Gardener at Wimpole Hall, Philip Waite presented the Cups and Awards.

GENTLEMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP: Highest points in show PETER GLADDERS

GENTLEMEN'S SILVER CUP: Second highest points in show DAVID ELLIS

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FRANK HOLLICK BOOK PRIZE : Best in Children's Art classes	BEN HARDY
CERTIFICATES OF MERIT:: Best Fruit Exhibit	JOHN BOOTMAN
Best Flower Exhibit -	SARAH COOK
WATTS SALVER : Best Kept Allotment	DAVID CLARK
TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION: Height 9' 9"	DENIS O'MULLOY

Congratulations go not only to the winners but also to all the exhibitors who found the time and the energy to display the exhibits. Thanks go to all the Judges, The show helpers who will have organised, prepared, set up and assisted on the day. In particular Robin Worship the show secretary who ran the event. Also, thanks to the people who came to support the show. Without all of the above there would not be the village event known as The Comberton Show.

The Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association A.G.M. will be held on Wed 18 November. Comberton Village Hall 7:45. Come and enjoy a glass of wine, nibbles, and a chat. Catch up with last year's events and think about next. It's also a good opportunity to pay allotment rents and to join the association. Come onto the Association Committee! We are a friendly bunch and always welcome more members. We hope to see you there.

Quin Hollick (Chairman CA&GA)

LAWN CARE IN NOVEMBER

Aeration Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion. For optimal effectiveness the lawn needs aerating in autumn/winter. Over sow additional grass to help any bare areas re establish before weed and moss do!

Fallen leaves Leaves should be cleared away as they fall. If left for more than a few days, then grass may become damaged. Compost the leaves and then use on borders etc.

Worm Casts This month will probably see the appearance of worm casts (small mounds of earth brought to the surface by worms). Treatments can be applied to stop the casts occurring in the first place.

Disease With damp dewy days ahead diseases such as fusarium can kill patches in your lawn. If you see white mould or dead patches please call us for an accurate diagnosis as it may need treating with a fungicide.

Moss Moss will start to encroach now and it is advisable to treat now before it competes with the lawn.

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- Remove fallen leaves
- Brush off worm casts (or treat the cause of the problem)

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Gill Redman

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PAINTED LADIES

As I write in mid-October, I have been watching a painted lady butterfly on an ivy flower, gorging on the nectar with its wings outspread; its large size and the lack of blue spots on the hind wing suggested it was a male. I reported the sighting to Butterfly

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Conservation and was surprised to find that only 2 had been spotted in the Cambridge region during the fortnight to mid-October, the other was seen in Shelford. This has been a vintage year for painted ladies in Britain with millions arriving in May. In contrast, the newspapers now reveal that winter has come early in the northern hemisphere. Huge snowfalls have occurred across North America already, snow arrived in Poland killing 4 people, and in Austria at the ski resorts in southern Styria, the slopes are open to skiers for the earliest start on record. It remains to be seen what will happen in Britain. For me these news reports are always a reminder, that at the first sign of snow in Europe, I should bring all my frost tender plants indoors and cut the dahlia flowers for the last vase of the year.

Tidying and taking stock

November is a good time to clear away unwanted plants from the garden and make way for the spring bulbs to show through without any restrictions. This can be a lot of hard work and for those with joint problems, take your time, a couple of hours a day may be enough to get most of the heavy work done. It is good to rake leaves off the lawns frequently to stop wet clods of leaves forming and creating bald patches on the grass. If plants have not performed up to expectations, be ruthless and think what would be more appropriate. Deciduous hedges can be cut back and thinned out if they have become overgrown. Replacement plants are always a bit of a worry, what should we choose? This is where a gardener's diary comes in handy for referring to notes and plant names that you have come across during the year. Where possible, go for bold plants that can make a statement.

New trees

Winter is a good time to plant small trees since most young trees go into a dormant state for the winter. Be sure to water in, given that the ground has been dry this autumn. Use a good strong stake to attach the tree to; fix the tree with flexible and expandable straps to allow the trunk to grow without constriction. I have mentioned before that my favourite winter flowering tree is *Prunus subhirtella* 'Autumnalis'. It is suitable for very small gardens and opens its pale pink flowers from November to the end of March. Shrubs present a good choice for November. *Viburnum tinus*, with white clusters of small flowers that age to pale pink, is good value and can be a mass of flowers through the winter. The flowers also have a honey scent and can be cut for a Christmas display. The other group of shrubs that are of great use in the winter months are the Mahonias; try *M x media* 'Lionel Fortescue' or 'Charity' for good spikes of yellow flowers with dramatic evergreen leaves and a nice scent.

R.T. Choke

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One Voice Sings comprises a programme of song, with vocal works written, arranged and performed by Anne L Ryan. She is joined on this occasion by Stuart Russell, electro-acoustic sound composer. Together they have composed *The Necessary*, a light-hearted vocalised reflection on the current recession, offering a little gentle advice for posterity.

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Winner: April Pennick, Harbour Avenue

THE CHALLENGE

October Result And Winner

The Only Correct Statements Were:-

4. Wash Bears (Common Racoon) were given their nickname because they wash both their food and their paws before eating it.
5. Foggy Bottom is a district of Washington DC.
6. The raw meat hors-d'oeuvre, Carpaccio was given its name by Guiseppe Cipriani at Harry's Bar in Venice because the colours of the dish reminded him of paintings by the artist Carpaccio.
9. Peterhouse was the first Cambridge college, founded in 1284.
10. There has been only one English Pope, his name was Adrian.
12. Hsing-Chia P'o Kung-Ho Kuo is the official name for Singapore.

Winner: Mrs M Story, Westlands

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