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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 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at V H
4th Thursday of each month	2.30pm Service & Social at Village Hall

### NOVEMBER 2011

2nd November	7.30pm	WI Group Meeting for Choir at Village Hall
7th November	2.30pm	Village Help Scheme AGM at Village Hall
3rd November		Consultation Meeting re Affordable Housing
5th November	6.30pm	Scouts Bonfire at the Drift
8th November	7.45pm	WI Meeting at Village Hall
9th November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
14th November	7.30pm	FOCAL Meeting in the Library
16th November	7.30pm	Film: Eat Pray Love at Village Hall
18th November	7.00pm	Evening Bingo at Village Hall
19th November	7.30pm	Cambridge Concert Orchestra at Village Hall.
23rd November	7.30pm	Comberton G and A Ass. AGM at Village Hall

### DECEMBER 2011

2nd December	6.30pm	Christmas Lights at the Duck pond
2nd December	8.00pm	Comberton Cantabile Christmas Concert at Village Hall
3rd December	10.30am	Christmas Fayre at Village Hall
3rd December	5.30pm	Reindeer Evening at Bird's Farm
5th December	5.00pm	Reindeer Evening at Burwash Manor
9th December	7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty at Village Hall
10th December	2.30 & 7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty at Village Hall

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Liz has given me a breakdown of the responsibilities of Treasurer for Contact Adverts

- 1st of each month send invoice to advertisers when renewal due
- Any new advertisers send invoice
- Always get payment before advert is put into Contact
- Send the editor an email by 15th for all the adverts that are either due to come out or go in to the following months edition
- Have the accounts audited ready for the Comberton meeting in April.
- Keep the bank book with Cambridge BS, pay in advert income and keep record of accounts.
- Write cheques for expenditure and donations to Village clubs and groups.

I cannot stress strongly enough how invaluable Liz's contribution to the production of the Contact has been. After six years she feels that it is more than time for her retirement from the job. Please don't be shy in coming forward in volunteering to replace her.

Please don't forget that there will be a December and a January issue of Contact but NOT a February one.

**We desperately need your help**

**Without a new Contact Treasurer**

**we cannot go on producing YOUR Contact.**

Liz is definitely retiring next month and without a treasurer December will be the very last Contact the village will receive.

**Please consider taking her place.**

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COMBERTON CINEMA

At the Village Hall

Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> November

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**EAT, PRAY, LOVE (2010)**

Julia Roberts stars in a romantic drama based on a true story

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## **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**6.30pm**

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Christmas Carols  
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*Venue by kind permission of Comberton Playgroup.*

*Please bring a torch or lantern*

*Parents and carers are respectfully asked to ensure that  
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**COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 3rd December**

**10.30 a.m.**

# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

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*A Pantomime at Comberton Village Hall*  
*Sleeping Beauty*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30, Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 & 7.30*

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***£3 under 16s***

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***Malcolm Wright 01223 262960 or***

***Jane Winney 01223 263355***

***Early Booking is Advisable***

***The orchestra will be playing a mixture of light orchestral favourites from films and the shows plus some hidden gems.***

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**Bring your own wine**, glasses provided.

Tickets will be limited and **none will be available on the night**.  
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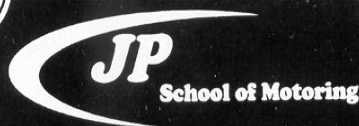
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There will be no February 2012  
issue of Contact

**BUT**

there will be a January 2012 issue

Deadline for covers is

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

and for the inside pages is

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**

# **Village Help Scheme**

Our AGM will be held  
on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
at 2.30pm  
in the Community Room  
at the Village Hall.

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 14 September and 12 October 2011.

Firstly, I apologise that there was not a report in last month's Contact; I missed the deadline.

#### *Co-option to fill the vacancies left by insufficient candidates at the elections*

Mary Richards of Barrons Way, Hywel Griffiths of Barrons Way and Tim Scott of Green End have been co-opted on to the Parish Council.

#### *Parish Council members contact details*

Miss Amanda Bacon (Chairman)	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr Antony Bateman	19 Bush Close	262243
Mr Hywel Griffiths	18 Barrons Way	263390
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Mary Richards	38 Barrons Way	262180
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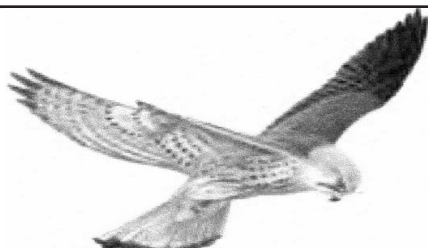
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There are still three vacancies so if you would like to apply to join the Parish Council please contact the Clerk for an application form.

### ***Resignation of Mrs Sandra Hyde***

Mrs Hyde has resigned from the Parish Council due to personal commitments after approximately 30 years of service to the community. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her. She has been a hard working member of the Parish Council and her experience and knowledge of the village has been invaluable.

### **Recreation ground and village manager vacancy**

This post includes helping the Parish Council look after the recreation ground, pavilion and the village open spaces and Council's assets. If you have basic DIY skill, are able to work unsupervised outdoors, take pitch and pavilion bookings keep the pavilion clean and undertake essential weekly checks then please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form. The hours are approximately 17.5 per week

### ***Proposed affordable housing development Long Road***

I firstly must apologise for a comment in the last Clerk's report where I said 'It was noted that the Parish Council and village had not supported a similar proposal on the same site several years ago' It should have read 'on an adjacent site'. The Parish Council's September meeting was well attended and a petition was presented opposing any development on this site and several residents also expressed their opposition to the proposal.

Several residents also complained that they did not know about the proposal. A notice advertising this item was placed on the parish notice board and also on the website advising all residents that Laragh House Developments would be attending the July meeting.

The public consultation that was advertised in the last Contact has been cancelled as the developer has pulled out. Hundred Housing the housing association is still interested in providing housing in the village and to be involved in any public consultations. I stress that the Parish Council has not reached any decision or view on this proposal. The purpose of the public consultation is to seek the views of residents, take into account the housing need in the village and make an informed decision.

If you are interested or want to know what is being proposed then please take time to look at the notice board and attend Council meetings.

### **Jubilee Oak**

The village has been given a Jubilee oak by the District Council and this will be planted north of the tennis courts on the old grass courts.

### ***Recreation Ground Land extension request to lease***

Comberton Crusaders have written to the Parish Council seeking to lease the land to use as football pitches. The Parish Council's Recreation Ground Work-

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ing Group will meet to consider the Crusaders' request and will report to the next meeting.

### ***Emergency Parish Planning***

Lawrence Green from South Cambridgeshire District Council attended the September meeting to outline how the Parish Council and Local Authority can work together to improve our response should a major incident occur that affects the village. At the October meeting the Parish Council agreed to complete an emergency plan with appropriate contact details and to send this to the District Council Officer.

### ***Queen Elizabeth II challenge***

The Parish Council will be making an application to permanently protect the recreation ground and land extension and also Watts Wood as part of a national challenge. The programme is to create permanent, tangible and relevant legacy from the two major events scheduled to occur in the UK in 2012; Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics.

The Challenge will permanently protect a network of 2012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012 – the Queen Elizabeth II Fields.

### ***Comberton Pond***

As you may be aware the pond has been cordoned off for most of the summer due to a blue/green algae outbreak. All residents are urged to observe the warning signs. There is also very little water in the pond at the moment and litter and other debris can now be seen in the pond. The Council is making arrangements for this to be cleared and is also considering having the silt taken out of the pond.

### ***SCDC - Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - Publication of List of Sites***

The review and update of the District Council's planning policies is now underway. One of the first actions is to identify potential housing sites for inclusion in the new plan which will be the subject of a public consultation on Issues & Options next summer. This has taken the form of a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Call for Sites whereby in June and July a general invitation was issued for landowners, developers, agents, organisation or the public to put to the District Council sites that they would like to be considered for inclusion in the new plan.

The District Council has received a large number of sites suggested for housing development, many more than will be needed to add to our existing plans in order to provide for the growth of the local economy and to meet housing needs. The sites to be registered and assessed are available to view on the District Council's website: [www.scamb.gov.uk/ldf/shlaa](http://www.scamb.gov.uk/ldf/shlaa), either as a list or using an interactive map.

### ***Boundary Commission - initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England***

The Boundary Commission for England has published initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England and is consulting on the proposals

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until 5 December 2011. Under the new proposals Comberton would become part of the new St Neots Constituency. Further details are on their website <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/> The Parish Council will object strongly to the proposals. Please take the time to give your views to the Commission.

#### ***Moore Stephens audit conclusion***

‘On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission’s requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met’.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 November 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.

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#### **Services and Events at St Mary’s in November**

**Sunday 6th November** 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 13th November** 10.45am (note change of time) Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service.

**Friday 18th - Sunday 20th November.** Art Exhibition in St Mary’s Church

**Sunday 20th November** 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Joint Service at Comberton Leisure. We join with all the churches of the area to worship God together.

**Sunday 28th November** 9.30am Holy Communion  
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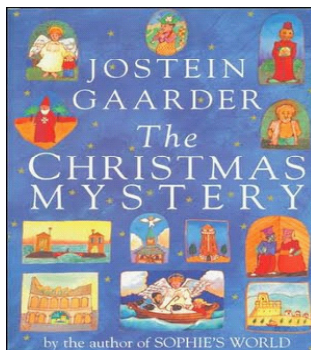
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So, whoever you are, you are most warmly invited to come and join with us at CBC, Green End, 10.30 am every Sunday morning from the 27<sup>th</sup> November to the 18<sup>th</sup> December. There is a friendly welcome for all ages. We run a crèche have children's clubs and run a teen's group, all supervised by proven, experienced staff and volunteers. Also, if you are around Christmas Day, you are also warmly invited to join us for an hour on Christmas Day at 10 am.

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Detailed below are the normal times of masses at weekends

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne

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)

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## NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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You may recall that, at around this time last year, we had an official opening of the Habitats Garden in school. This project had taken about two years to bring to fruition and was partly funded by the National Lottery. The space had previously been a walled area housing a freestanding small swimming pool and changing rooms. These had not been used for several years, however, and the area was turning into something of a dumping ground. After a lot of consultation with children, parents and staff, we decided to turn it an educational garden. Although it was opened last year, work has continued and we now have added seating and a small stage area. There is a pergola with vines beginning to create shade, a raised dry garden, a little meadow and lots of bird and insect boxes.

As always with something new, it takes a while for people to remember it's there and to utilise it to the full. However, I have been delighted recently to see its use extending. Our younger children (in Foundation and Key Stage 1) have a very tricky problem to solve at the moment. Their teachers have introduced them to three garden gnomes who are homeless (they are brothers who have fallen out, apparently!) The work coming from this scenario is wonderfully cross-curricular. The children receive letters from the gnomes and have to consider how to help; they write back to the gnomes; come up with solutions (how do you get gnomes to make friends again?); and are now designing and making 'gnome homes'. And where better for gnomes to live than in our lovely Habitats Garden? But first, of course, you have to find out who else lives there. A great excuse for finding, drawing and researching 'minibeasts'. As you can see, the possibilities are endless...and are being fully exploited by the teaching staff.

Meanwhile, older children have discovered the joy of being read to whilst sitting outside in a beautiful environment. And plans are afoot to use the little stage I mentioned for outdoor drama work, in particular for becoming immersed in some of Shakespeare's plots and language.

So, a big 'thank you' to the governors for their support of this project, to the PTA for funds and ongoing maintenance, to our Site Manager for lots of additional building work, and to the staff for embracing its use. Now it's over to you! We have always wanted the Garden to be a community space. Perhaps you are involved with a group who would like to come and visit – young or more senior, all are very welcome. Just get in touch with the office. We look forward to seeing you!

Glennis Virgo Headteacher

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## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE:

### A Note from the Principal

One of the 'Big New Ideas' from the Coalition Government regarding education relates to 'Teaching Schools'. This is the suggestion that some schools nationally should be designated with this title. The notion and the terminology are based on the model of 'Teaching Hospitals'. Some schools are to be seen as beacons of good practice and should take the lead in the training and the professional development of the teaching profession.

In truth, this big new idea is a further move along a direction of travel that has been taking place for some time. This is not entirely uncommon in educational policy: Academies were, of course, a Labour Party policy (even if many in the Labour Party did not like the policy). The philosophy behind Teaching Schools is that of 'Schools leading Schools'. It is rooted in the belief that the expertise and the capacity to help all schools to improve lies within schools themselves. External experts and policy directives from on high are not the most powerful means by which to drive forward educational standards in our schools. The most powerful thing to do is to engage this school-based capacity and expertise and ensure that it is used for the benefit of all schools and for the effective training and development of all staff.

Comberton Village College has been asked to become one of the first Teaching Schools in the country. We are happy to do this. It fits with our belief in the philosophy of 'by Schools, for Schools'. It also strongly fits with much of the work that we have been doing in recent years to work with other schools to secure mutual improvement and with work in the areas of training and professional development. The application was not difficult to complete: it was largely a matter of confirming how we already significantly work in the ways suggested.

One important part about our approach is that we do not want to take on this role in isolation. In some ways, it would be a contradiction in terms to try to do so. We have thus sought from the outset to form a partnership with other secondary and primary schools in the area that are in a position to take on this work and meet the required criteria laid down by the Government. By doing this, we hope to be able to create a great deal of capacity to make a real difference in this role.

In one sense, this can be seen as part of the enduring remit of the Village College. If one community that we seek to serve is the educational community, then playing a role as a 'Teaching School' is seeking to be at the heart of that community. Henry Morris might have liked it.

Stephen Munday, Comberton Village College

## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE EVENTS

COME and enjoy a packed day at Comberton Village College on Saturday December 3.

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grand raffle. There'll also be a café offering a range of delicious lunch-time food, which means you'll have time to refuel before hot-footing it to the Performance Hall for the matinee performance of Grease at 2.30pm. Tickets for that performance cost £6 for adults and £4 for concessions. If you'd like a more leisurely day, why not take in one of the other performances of Grease, our all-action musical featuring pupils from all years. Tickets are now available from the Finance Office at the college (and on WisePay if you have children at the school) for all shows, which are:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm: £6 adults and £4 concessions;

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 7.30pm: £6 and £4;

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 7.30pm: £7 and £5;

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Matinee 2.30pm: £6 and £4, 7.30pm: £7 and £5.

If you would like to run a stall at the bazaar, pitches (approx. 6ft x 2ft6in) cost £12 each and will be allocated strictly on a first-come, first served basis. Please e-mail Judy Czylok on [publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk) in the first instance or phone her on 01223 262503 ex 221.

We would also be grateful for any donations of corporate or individual raffle prizes. Please drop any items off at the college reception or contact Judy Czylok to arrange collection. Many thanks for supporting this long-standing community event.

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Delusions of Time</b> A fusion of dance and illusion	7.30	£12 Adults £10 Concessions £35 Family ticket (to include at least one child)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Custard Comedy</b>	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Grease</b> <b>All-action musical</b> <b>with pupils from all</b> <b>years.</b>	7.30 (plus 2.30 mati- nee on Sat- urday)	£6 & £7 (adults); £4 & £5 (concessions)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Christmas Bazaar</b>	11.00- 3.00pm	Free admission
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Concert</b>	7.00pm	Tickets from Finance Office (Prices TBC)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Winter Dance</b> <b>Showcase</b> A chance to see the outstanding work that our pupils have been doing in dance this term	7.30	£5/£3



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Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Custard Comedy</b>	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
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## COMBERTON WI

Our October speaker was Stephen Poyser who gave an excellent intro into beekeeping. Stephen has been keeping bees for 25 years and now runs courses for people who wish to take up the hobby. It is incredibly popular with a long waiting list. Members were amazed to learn about the sophistication and organisation of bee colonies from the dances to communicate location of pollen to the methods to keep the hive at a constant temperature all year. It is also quite a ruthless society where the males all die out in autumn and the workers only live for six weeks. Each bee will only go to one type of flower and beekeepers have a colour guide to identify the pollen from each flower. Bees are very efficient and will travel further if the nectar is high in sugar content. To produce a pound of honey the bees will fly 43,000 miles and make 56,000 visits to flowers. It certainly makes one more appreciative of honey. Many thanks to all who supported the table top sale. This was a new venture and every table was taken with a range of goodies on sale. Sadly there was a disappointing turnout from the village but we may try again next spring when there are fewer alternative attractions. Date for diary:

2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm Group Meeting Choir.  
8<sup>th</sup> November 7.45pm Scottish Islands, Mull, Skye, Harris and Lewis.  
All welcome.

## COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

### **Autumn Show 2011 Report**

The Show continues to be a popular village event thanks to the participation of you, the public, the hard work of the committee and the financial support of our local brochure advertisers.

Entries in the vegetable category were slightly down on last year, not surprising given the unusual seasons; other classes in fruit, flowers, handicraft, cookery, winemaking, art and children's classes maintained their numbers with photography going from strength to strength.

Around 200 adults and lots of children visited the show enjoying the exhibits, prize giving and refreshments, many coming away with good prizes from the raffle and bargains from the auction of uncollected produce.

Most satisfying were the 122 entries from children in the classes above together with 245 entries in the Children's art classes and we thank the Meridian School and Comberton Playgroup for their enthusiasm.

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Ladies Challenge Bowl (highest points in show)	Sarah Cook
Ladies Silver Cup (2 <sup>nd</sup> highest points in show)	Barbara Wallace
Silver Cup & Certificate of Merit (Best Vegetable exhibit)	David Warboys
Master Gardener Trophy	Peter Gladders
Harry Sewell Trophy	Peter Gladders
Comberton WI handicraft Cup (highest points in Handicraft)	Kate Pennock
Evelyn Watts Trophy (highest points in Cookery)	Angela Nightingale
Comberton Wine Club Cup (best wine in show)	Barbara Wallace
Storey Cup (highest points in show-junior)	Kirsty Sheppard
Frank Hollick Book Prize (best in Children's Art)	Hattie Stevens
Gerry Hall Trophy (Men only cookery class)	Richard Kingshott
Watts Salver (best kept allotment)	Michael & Mavis Parcell
Mike Winney Trophy (best photograph in show)	Rory McCann
Certificate of Merit -Fruit (best fruit in show)	Jane Winney
Certificate of Merit-Flowers (best flowers in show)	Peter Gladders
Tallest Sunflower	Annie & Evie Crossley

### **The trip to Kew Gardens**

A merry band of 34 boarded the charabanc a week after the excitement of the show. In less than two hours we were strolling in the beautiful Victorian gardens. With a bit of effort we had climbed the steps to the 90ft high arial walkway through the canopy of the magnificent trees and visited the wonderful green-houses where we could enter different climactic zones from lush tropical rain forest to arid desert and alpine climes. The weather was kind and we returned exhilarated with many ideas for the garden. Many thanks to Kate Pennock for masterminding the day.

### **AGM**

#### **Will be held in the Village Hall. 23 November 2011 7:30 for 8pm**

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The Comberton Allotments and Gardens Association manages the Parish Council allotments off the Long Road. It also encourages an interest in gardening in the broadest sense of the word. Events are arranged with this in mind. The Comberton Show, the village event of the year, A Plant Sale in the spring and a Barbecue in the summer and an annual excursion.

The AGM is an opportunity to exchange ideas and to put forward thoughts for next year. The Committee work tirelessly to keep things going. We welcome new members and would keenly encourage you anyone to join the committee as there are now positions available. Do come and support us.

My thanks to the committee, undaunted by the task in hand.

Quin Hollick (Chairman)

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Minutes of previous meetings, information about the library and the campaign to support it in the future are on the website <http://friendsofcombertonlibrary.wordpress.com/>

Self service technology will be installed in the library in November and it will be shut for the week beginning 7th November. During the closure work will also be done on the windows and heating.

The FOCAL group is working on a programme of activities to make the most of the library as a community resource, author visits and talks, supporting the EngAGE project for the over 50s and activities for children. Please contact [FriendsofCombertonLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofCombertonLibrary@gmail.com) with ideas.

Suzan Griffiths

Chair of the Friends

## COMBERTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Comberton United Football Club, to express our sincere thanks to everyone connected with the Comberton Contact for the very kind donation to the football club. The monies will be partly spent replacing goal nets that were recently stolen from outside the pavilion on the Recreation ground.

Without such support, clubs such as ours, find it extremely challenging raising the funds necessary to run the club.

It is the club's aim to provide football for the villagers, both to spectators and to players.

There is no better media for the villagers of Comberton to find out about what has and is happening in the village than the Comberton Contact.

It is the club's wish to utilise this media to raise it's profile, so if there is anyone wishing to find out more about the club please contact; Andy Marsh 01223 264731

## COMBERTON TENNIS

### Ladies Success and New Coaching Programme

Comberton Ladies first team have had great success again this summer winning both the Grays Cup and division 4 of the Cambridgeshire League. This continues our great run of form, winning both summer and winter leagues last year and gaining promotion in both. Congratulations must go to all the ladies involved in the team.

Comberton Tennis Club has other teams in local competitions, including mixed, men's and ladies 2, so we provide the opportunity for everyone to compete at some level. We also ran a highly successful singles league this summer alongside our regular Wednesday evening and Saturday morning Club 'Mix-in' sessions.

This summer saw the start of a new coaching programme for both adults and



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juniors with sessions on Wednesday afternoons for juniors and Monday evenings for adults.

It may seem strange thinking about Tennis in November, but we don't stop for the winter. Competitions, coaching and Club 'Mix-ins' continue. We also have some indoor sessions arranged at Hills Road

If you would like to play tennis, learn to play, or for more details about the Club

Contact Andy Weise – [andyweise@btinternet.com](mailto:andyweise@btinternet.com) Tel 01223 263219

## OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Laragh Housing Developments, acting for Hundred Houses Society, has approached the Parish Council with a proposal for an Affordable Housing development off Long Road.

The Parish Council wishes to consult with the Village before making a decision on whether to support the proposal in principle. We hope to arrange a Consultation session on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November but unfortunately have not been able to confirm this with the Housing Association before the October issue of Contact goes to print. Details will be posted on all the notice boards in the Village as soon as arrangements are made.

## JOAN WHITBY

It is with deep sadness that Comberton United Football Club have learnt of the passing of Joan Whitby, and the club wish to pass on it's condolences to her family. Joan was associated with the club for many decades, from the early 1960's to the late 1990's, and served the club in many different roles ranging from Tea Lady, Fundraiser to Club Secretary. Joan really was a corner stone on which the club was built. Even after she finished as secretary, she continued to aid our fundraising by continually selling her quota of Christmas draw tickets for the club each year. Certainly a true example to all of us currently holding posts in the club, and certainly a breed no longer seen today.

My first memories' of Joan was as a tea lady on match days, and later as secretary when I became treasurer. Joan was very efficient in the way she performed this role, and helped me enormously in my early stages of my treasurers' post.

Andrew Marsh

Comberton United F.C

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

I should like to thank everyone who helped and came to support the coffee morning at Orchard House in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, and to let everyone know that we again raised a record sum of money. This year it was £864.45 which is about £30 more than last year, which was also a record.

Gill Redman

## RELIEVING WINTER GLOOM

November is a difficult time for appreciating garden beauty; autumn is nearly over and winter has not yet set in. For those who want an all-year garden, then

now is the time to take stock and see what is available to brighten up gloomy areas. Shrub and berry colours are most valuable and can make a magnificent contribution to early winter shades. For a fail-safe shrub try *Viburnum tinus*; this is an evergreen very leafy shrub with large clusters of tiny white flowers with a light scent of honey. It grows well in our area and has a long flowering season right through the winter and into late spring. The other useful viburnum is *V. farreri* with pale pink clusters of very fragrant flowers. Twigs of these can be brought into a cool room and provide an enchanting perfume. The old standby for growing against a wall or fence is the winter jasmine, *Jasminum nudiflorum*; this climber will produce yellow flowers until March. It is best to prune it after the flowers have finished since it flowers on new wood. Powerful yellow flowers come from the Mahonias. These form quite large shrubs, up to 2 meters in height, and are at their best in late November. To stop them from growing leggy, the shrubs can be pruned after flowering. *M. media* 'Charity' has multiple long spikes of golden yellow flowers, whereas *M. media* 'Lionel Fortescue' has lemon-coloured flowers. Place Mahonias where they can reflect the low-angled winter sun.

### Conifers

Some of the golden conifers can brighten up the garden. The slow and small growing *Pinus mugo* 'Wintergold' is good value and often found in small front gardens. *Pinus Sylvestris* 'Gold coin' is excellent for gilding a late November afternoon. If you are a keen bird watcher and want to remain inside, get two or three conifers with longish needles to attract spiders and then the birds that feed on them. *Picea pungens* 'Moerheim' has glaucous needles and attracts many species of tits; with luck you might spot goldcrests that associate with flocks of bluetits.

### Berries

In the wayside, there has been a good crop of berries with many ripening in the late summer sun. The Yew berries disappeared early on, and by mid-October they had all been eaten. Nevertheless, the hedgerows are laden with hawthorn berries just waiting for the fieldfares and redwings to arrive from Scandinavia. Ivy berries are beginning to turn dark blue and will provide food for the birds in December and January.

R.T.Choke

## THE CHALLENGE

October result & winner

(A) 30.03.53.07 N	CAIRO	(F) 52.02.53.39 N	ROYSTON
31.14.58.23 E	EGYPT	00.01.26.61 W	ENGLAND
(B) 50.49.10.28 N	BRIGHTON	(G) 33.39.39.38 N	PARIS
00.08.11.11 W	ENGLAND	95.33.19.85 W	TEXAS
(C) 26.08.31.33N	NAPLES	(E) 17.49.45.19 S	HARARE
81.47.41.32 W	FLORIDA	31.03.14.26 E	ZIMBABWE
(D) 41.53.25.87 N	ROME	(A) 37.00.19.18 N	CAIRO
12.29.39.30 E	ITALY	89.10.35.26 W	ILLINOIS
(E) 44.26.04.21 S	SALISBURY	(B) 39.59.06.94 N	BRIGHTON
171.12.28.58E	N. ZEALAND	104.49.13.90 W	COLORADO
(F) 34.17.13.38 N	ROYSTON	(D) 38.39.53.33 N	ROME
83.06.36.53 W	GEORGIA	83.22.44.66 W	OHIO

(G) 48.51.23.81 N	PARIS	(C) 40.50.24.35 N	NAPLES
02.21.08.00 E	FRANCE	14.15.05.89 E	ITALY
(H) 13.03.37.52 N	MADRAS	(H) 44.38.00.43 N	MADRAS
80.14.58.50 E	INDIA	121.07.46.15 W	OREGON
(I) 56.23.43.21 N	PERTH	(J) 54.54.16.02 N	SUNDERLAND
03.26.04.78 W	SCOTLAND	01.22.53.23 W	ENGLAND
(J) 44.15.44.84 N	SUNDERLAND	(I) 31.57.08.00 S	PERTH
79.04.04.74 W	CANADA	115.51.32.00 E	AUSTRALIA

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## THE CHALLENGE

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1. I was an Italian , born in 1895 and an early screen idol who died of peritonitis in 1926. My name is an anagram of UNDO VIOLENT RALPH. (7, 9)

I am.....

2. I was an American, born in 1902. In 1927 I took a 33 hour plus non-stop trip to Paris. In 1932 my son was kidnapped and murdered. My autobiography won the Pulitzer prize in 1954. My nicknames included "Slim" and "The Lone Eagle". I died in 1974.

My name is an anagram of DRAUGHT HAS BLUE SURCINGLE. (7, 8, 8)

I am.....

3. I also was Italian, born in 1484 the son of a sign painter. In 1528 I took French citizenship. In 1557 I made the first reference to a Periodic Table precious metal, not officially discovered until 1735. My name is an anagram of CLASSIC LEISURE JAGUAR with my two christian names forming the commonly accepted full name of a major, murdered historical figure with a strong Shakespearean connection. He did have a middle name, it was Gaius. (6.6.8)

I am.....

Yes, you are right. They do get progressively more difficult. Don't give up.

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