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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR DATES

Every Tuesday		Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday		Table Tennis in Village Hall
Every Tuesday	2.00pm	Slow 'n' Low in Village Hall
Every Wednesday	10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesday	evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
Every Wednesday	12.25 - 1.10	Lunchtime Badminton at Village College
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month		S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
1 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm		Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month	8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at V. H.
4th Thursday of each month	2.30pm	Service & Social at Village Hall
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist Church
1st Wednesday of each month	10.30am	Reading Group at the Library

NOVEMBER

3rd Nov	10,30am	Christmas Gift Fair at Village Hall
8th Nov	12,00 -2.00pm	Crafty Fair at Village Hall
13th Nov	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
14th Nov	2.00pm	Comberton Friendship Group meeting at V. Hall
15th Nov	7.00pm	Bingo Party at Village Hall
16th Nov	7.30pm	Twinning Ass. Quiz Night at Village Hall
18th Nov	2.30pm	Comberton Village Help Scheme AGM at V, Hall
22nd Nov	12,00 -2.00pm	Crafty Fair at Village Hall
20th Nov	7.30pm	Film at Village Hall
25th Nov	2,30pm	British Legion AGM
27th - 30th Nov		Barton Drama Group at Barton Village Hall
30th Nov	10.30-12,00pm	St Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning at V. Hall

DECEMBER

1st Dec	6.30pm	Cantabile Advent Concert at St Mary's Church
7th Dec	11.00	CVC Christmas Fair at CVC
7th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Fayre at Village Hall
13th Dec	7.30pm	Dick Whittingdon at Village Hall
14th Dec	2.30 & 7,30pm	Dick Whittingdon at Village Hall
31st Dec	8.00pm	New Years Eve Ceilidh at Village Hall

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The first thing I must do is to apologise for last month's issue. The truth is that I put the magazine together with 36 pages, sent it off to the printer and went into hospital for a total knee replacement. On my return five days later there were several messages from the printer saying there were 37 pages including a blank page. Although I deleted the blank page and sent it off again it was too late. The printer had already increased the pages to 40 and filled the extra with duplicate advert pages. I hope you will find this issue more pleasing. The second thing I must tell you is that I shall not be volunteering abroad in January next year. Please make a note that there will be a Dec/Jan and a Feb issue of Contact, but no issue in January. Please arrange any contributions by the deadline of 10th of previous month for covers and the 15th for inside pages

COMBERTON CINEMA At the Village Hall

Wednesday 20th November

An adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel
starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan



The Great Gatsby



Tickets £3.50 on the door

Doors open 7.30, Film starts 7.45

For further information, or if you need transport
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Comberton Village Help Scheme

**Our AGM will be held on Monday 18th November at 2.30pm
in the Community Room at the Village Hall.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Christmas Swag Making Workshops

back by popular demand

Thursday 28th November

11.00am – 2.00pm

and 7.00pm – 10.00pm

at Foxton Village Hall

Please identify which workshop you would like to attend when booking.
Tickets are £17 to include all the materials you will need to make your swag.



Comberton Crafty Cafe

Friday 8th and 22nd November 2013

12-2pm

Comberton Village Hall

Note the new day and time!

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

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

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at 2.30pm

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Hon. Sec. Mrs S. Diplock



CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

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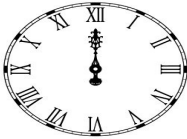
Meet up with friends or make new ones

Families welcome!

Hope to see you there soon.

Welcome in 2014
at a New Year's Eve

Ceilidh



**31st December
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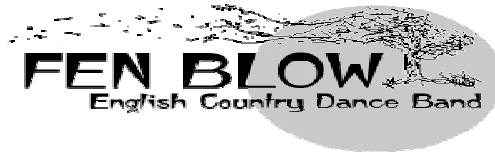
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The meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November in the Comberton home of one of our members and a soup supper will be served. A donation of £5 is suggested. To arrange an invitation please contact the Conservative Office on 01954 211444.



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PRESENT

Dick Whittington

A traditional pantomime by Gillian Gresham

Friday December 13th 7.30

Saturday 14th 2.30 & 7.30

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Comberton Village Hall
Saturday 7th December
10.30am

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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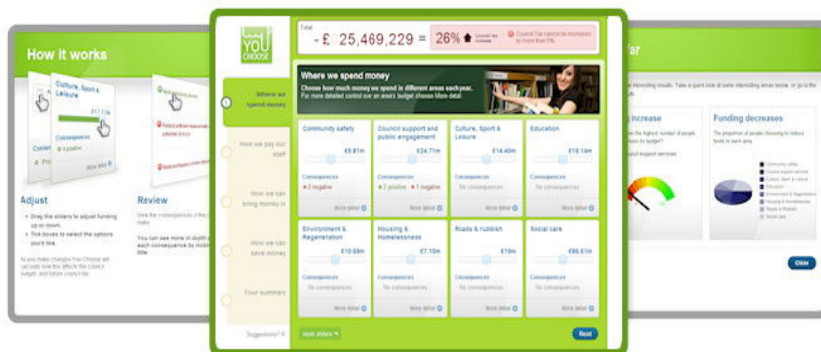
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 9th October 2013

South Cambs District Council's Local Plan 2011-2031: Publication of Proposed Submission Local Plan

The Parish Council's approved its response and this has been submitted to the District Council. This is available on the website www.comberton.org.uk

Bennell Farm proposed development

In response to an offer from Mr Arnold for money towards a Comberton facility in lieu of the football pitch on the site the Parish Council agreed that the vice-Chairman should meet and discuss the proposed development and offer with the Chairman of Toft Parish Council before discussing the matter with the District Council Planners.

Birdlines Manor Farm proposed development

In response to a question from the Parish Council about the Birdlines Manor Farm proposal being submitted at this stage in the LDF Consultation the District Council has replied as follows "new sites can be proposed to us at this time, but before they could be included in the Local Plan there would have to be public consultation."

Recreation ground

The Parish Council still awaits the outcome of its grant application with Sport England for £50,000 towards the project to install drainage and prepare pitches on the recreation ground land extension.

Assets Walk

In November the Council's Vice Chairman and some members will walk the village and review the condition of the Council's assets so that any maintenance work can be put in hand.

Parish Council Government Loan towards the new pitches on the recreation ground

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An order signed by three members has delayed the loan application until the outcome of the Sport England grant application is known at which time the Council shall decide if the application to the Secretary of State for a loan is still required or not.

Transport Working Group

The working group will consider residents concerns about the speed of traffic on South Street near the Church and review speed limits throughout the village. The working group will bring a recommendation to a future Council meeting on this and also whether the Parish Council should purchase any grit bins for the village.

Village Sign refurbishment

The village sign is to be taken down and refurbished. The work is expected to take a couple of months to complete.

Littlejohn Annual Audit FY ending 31st March 2013 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”

CCC- South Cambridgeshire Parish Council Grants for Bus Facility Improvements

The Parish Council will apply for a grant for real time bus information signs.

SCDC Review of Polling Districts and Places

“As part of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the District Council is required to carry out a fresh review of its parliamentary polling districts and places. The last review of this type took place in 2011. A dedicated page on the Council website which can be found here: <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/polling-district-review>

This page explains the background to the review, and also provides further information on existing polling districts and places. Questions or comments should be directed to the elections inbox at elections@scambs.gov.uk by 13th November 2013.

Vacancy on the Council

The Parish Council still has one vacancy. If you are interesting in joining the Council please contact the Clerk or speak to any of the Council’s members. For an application form please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council contact details

Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council, 30 West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NY

Email parishclerk@comberton.org.uk

Tel: 01954 210241

Fax: 0870 705 2759

Miss Amanda Bacon (Chairman) Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane

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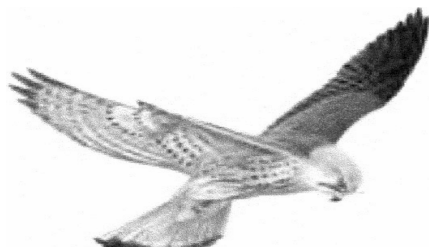
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Dr Janet McCabe	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mr Ben Pemberton	35 West Street	262445
Mrs Jill Preston	45 Long Road	263077
Mr Tim Scott	Moat House, 65 Green End	263434
Mr Nick Taylor	41 West Street	263419
Miss Chris Westgarth	85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

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter might be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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Churchwardens Mrs Debbie Spencer, Tel 264287
Mrs Mary Jenkins, 80 West Street, Tel 263751

Please contact Mike Booker about arrangements for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the readings of Banns of marriage.

Services and Events at St Mary's in November

(Check carefully - there's a lot going on!)

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion for All Saints' Day
Sunday 10th	10.45am	(note change of time) Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service.
Sunday 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21st	2.30pm	Thursday Service and Social, in the Village Hall
Fri 22nd-Sunday 24th		Art Exhibition in St Mary's
Sunday 24th November	10.30am	Joint Churches' Service at Comberton Leisure
Saturday 30th	8.00m	Men's Breakfast
	10.30-12.00	Christmas Coffee Morning, in the Village Hall

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Friday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints

Saturday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls

Sunday 24th November is the Feast of Christ the King

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)

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

COMBERTON'S NEW MINISTER

Comberton Baptist Church is delighted to announce that we have appointed a new minister. Rev. Keith Tarring will be joining the church at the start of the New Year. On the 12th January at 3 pm we will hold an induction service to welcome him into the church and the village, and we invite you all to come.

Keith was formerly the minister of a Baptist Church in Edgware. He is very much looking forward to serving the community.

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NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I am sure many of you are aware of Operation Christmas Child, run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. In case you haven't come across it, the purpose is to give children in other countries who will not receive Christmas presents (because of poverty, war or natural disaster) a small box of presents from people in Britain.

The idea is to decorate a shoebox with Christmas paper and then fill it with items a child in such circumstances would love. The items have to be new and age-appropriate (you choose whether to give to a girl or a boy and which age group you would like to give for). The charity gives lots of good ideas about what is suitable – a toothbrush and toothpaste, for example, can be extremely welcome – and also what is not. Clearly, toy guns are not an appropriate gift for children who see far too many of the real thing.

Each year around the middle of October I hold an assembly for our children about this very good cause. Sometimes, we watch a short video provided by the charity. This year I showed the children the items I had already bought for my shoebox and they gave me some good ideas for more things I could buy for a girl aged 10-14 (my chosen recipient this year). At the end of the assembly I always tell the children that this is a special Christmas present they will be sending. They won't receive a 'thank you', they won't see a smile on someone's face, they won't even know who receives it – but they will know that it will be very much appreciated.

However, this year the children have had a greater insight into the power of their gifts. We recently had a supply teacher in for a day when a member of staff was off sick. In passing, we discovered that she came from Romania and had received two of these shoeboxes as a child, one when aged 7 (when she received her very first teddy bear) and one when aged 12. She was able to explain to the children her emotions on receiving the shoeboxes and what a huge difference they made to her life.

I know that several organisations locally also take part in Operation Christmas Child and we are delighted to be part of this. The children become very excited as they see the pile of colourful boxes grow in the entrance foyer. If you don't already take part may I commend this act of charity to you? I always think of it as adding another child to my Christmas list – and it is really good fun stuffing the box with as many items as will fit!

Glennis Virgo

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COMBERTON ACADEMY TRUST: A BRIEF HISTORY TO DATE

Background

The Comberton Academy Trust (C.A.T.) was officially formed at the beginning of 2011. In the first instance, it came to exist in order to allow Comberton Village College to convert to Academy status. This move was judged by governors at Comberton Village College to be the best thing to serve the needs the school and, after consultation, it was pursued. Comberton Village College thus converted to academy status in February 2011.

Developments in 2011

Soon after its formation, the C.A.T. was asked to take on significant further developments. Comberton Village College had already had approval to open a new Sixth Form due its high-performing status as an 11-16 school. This major development was thus taken on by the C.A.T. and the new Comberton Sixth Form was opened in new premises at Comberton in September 2011.

Soon after its formation, the C.A.T. was also asked to sponsor an Academy development for a school that was in challenging circumstances. This reflected a strong theme of recent Government education policy, seeking to link schools as Academies through trusts to secure improvements in education. After careful reflection, trustees decided that the C.A.T. should be prepared to do this. This led to the sponsorship of the Voyager secondary Academy in Peterborough. The Voyager is now firmly established as an Academy within the C.A.T.

Further developments in 2013

Comberton Village College governors had long been in discussions with Cambridgeshire Local Authority regarding the need for a long-term solution to ensure secondary places were available to all with the on-going development at Cambourne. Comberton Village College could not forever accommodate the growing numbers of pupils from Cambourne. Under new Government legislation, an opportunity arose for the C.A.T. to take forward this agenda by proposing to set up a new 'Free School' (i.e. a new Academy) at Cambourne. This proposal was backed by the Local Authority as providing an appropriate solution to the issue. The proposal was approved by the Department for Education in summer 2012. After a rapid building programme, Cambourne Village College opened in September 2013 as part of the C.A.T.

During 2013, another local Cambridgeshire Village College approached the C.A.T. to request the possibility of joining. Melbourn Village College had for a number of years worked in some partnership with Comberton Village College. A move to join the Trust would greatly strengthen the partnership and ensure fuller and further benefits could be gained. After a careful review, trustees decided that it was in the interests of all to pursue this development. Melbourn Village College thus joined the C.A.T. in September 2013

As of the end of 2013, the C.A.T. thus oversees the following educational establishments:

- Comberton Village College
- Comberton Sixth Form (part of Comberton Village College)
- The Voyager Academy
- Cambourne Village College
- Melbourn Village College

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Sara Rowland

Comberton Village College

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

I am contacting you as an Assistant Principal at Comberton Village College with the responsibility for the Extended School. My role is to support the students of the college in accessing local opportunities, to allow them to offer support, volunteering or service. For example, a group of senior students at the Village College recently supported the Bourn to Run event in marshalling and parking steward type roles.

Equally, I am very keen for the community to access the opportunities at the Village College and for this to be communicated as broadly as possible. This could be the regular social events like Custard Comedy at the Leisure Centre or the upcoming Christmas Bazaar scheduled for early December. I hope that this information is something which would be valuable and worthwhile for your readers and therefore would like to establish regular communication with you as editor.

Sara Rowland will be forwarding details of upcoming events on a monthly basis to ensure that you have sufficient information for your publication. It is anticipated that the first of these emails will be shared by the end of this week.

I hope that the sharing of this information will support you and the community you have contact with. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any queries or proposals for improvements around this work.

Sean Sycamore

Assistant Principal for Extended School

Senior Staff link for Year 11

Comberton Village College

COMBERTON W.I. REPORT

There were concerns that the current American shutdown might have implications for our meeting as the speaker was Arthur Brookes from the American War Cemetery at Madingley. Indeed the cemetery had been closed to visitors but Arthur was continuing with his speaking engagements. He told us about the history of the cemetery and about its upkeep. Apparently every headstone is washed weekly and the grass is irrigated and fertilised nightly as needed. The cemetery is beautifully landscaped with 3812 burials and over 5000 names on the wall of those who were lost in action. A decision was taken not to record the ages on the stones, just the name, state and unit. Madingley is the American cemetery for the Second World War; Brookwood in Surrey was used for victims of the First World War.

Staggeringly, 80% of those commemorated at Madingley died in accidents or through illness but not directly in combat. There were over a hundred American hospitals and air bases in the UK. Arthur meets with the visiting families of American veterans and he shared some of the stories of the names on the graves. It was a real privilege to see the photos and hear about the backgrounds of the people and consider the impact of their loss on their families.

There is a new visitor's centre being built at Madingley and this will introduce more people

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to the individuals in the cemetery and help to commemorate their lives. As General Pershing said, "Time will not dim the glory of their deeds".

Date for the diary: "The pharmacy that is your garden" with Ray Richardson at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We met at 2.30pm on Thursday 10th October for our A.G.M. The meeting started light heartedly with a Quiz, Raffle, Stall plus tea and biscuits, then proceedings started. It was agreed that the year had been very interesting and enjoyable. Our existing committee were happy to be re-elected once again also our Chairlady Sue Allin, who then thanked everyone for their support and help throughout the year. Proceeds from our charity coffee morning which was held on Saturday 28th September were donated to the following:-

£100 to The Breast Cancer Unit at Addenbrookes.

£100 to The East Anglia Childrens Hospice.

£ 60 to The 6th Form Young Carers Group at Comberton Village College

Next Meeting will be Thursday November 14th. Please note winter starting time of 2pm.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

I should like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning at Orchard House last month in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. It was a beautiful morning and a very large number of people supported it and I am delighted to say we raised £1054.05. Gill Redmond

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Comberton Show Trophy Winners

Once again, a big thank you to the exhibitors, judges, committee and visitors who contributed to making the 2013 show the biggest ever, with 715 entries plus 210 paintings entered by the children from the Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup.

The Show is our main event of the year and does require a significant effort to stage by our small committee; we are always looking for new committee members but would also welcome anybody prepared to help with the annual events but who does not want a committee commitment. If you feel able to do so please let myself or a committee member know or come along and see us at the AGM.

The full list of Trophy winners is as follows:-

Gentlemen's Challenge Cup (Highest points in Show)	Peter Gladders
Gentlemen's Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show)	Phil Smith
Ladies' Challenge Bowl (Highest points in Show)	Mavis Parcell
Ladies' Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show)	Sarah Cook
Storey Cup (Highest Points for Juniors)	Jonathan Hulett
Silver Cup & Certificate (Best Vegetable Exhibit)	Sarah Cook
Certificate (Best Fruit exhibit)	David Hughes
Certificate (Best Flower exhibit)	Sarah Cook
Master Gardener Trophy (Collection of Flowers & Vegetables)	Peter Gladders

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Harry Sewell Trophy (Collection of Vegetables)	David Warboys
WI Handicraft Cup (Highest points in Handicraft)	Gillian Gresham
Evelyn Watts trophy (Highest points in Cookery)	Peter Gladders
Gerry Hall Trophy (Lemon Drizzle Cake - Men only)	Leo Poll
Comberton Wine Club Cup (Best Wine in show)	David Ellis
Mike Winney Trophy (Best Photograph in Show)	Quin Hollick
Frank Hollick Book Prize (Best in Childrens' Art Classes)	Cara Chivers
Watts Salver (Best Kept Allotment)	Michael & Mavis Parcell

Autumn Outing – Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Gas Street Canal Basin

The coach was joined by 38 people for the trip enjoying the morning around the Botanical Gardens and the afternoon either on a canal boat trip or a walk around the impressive civic buildings and extensive shopping areas and markets of Birmingham city centre.

Wine or Fruit Juice and Cheese at the AGM.

Our next event is the AGM on Wednesday 27th November 2013 - 7.30 for 8 pm in Comberton Village Hall. Come along and enjoy the refreshments; hear about the work of the Association in 2013; see the newly engraved trophies re-presented to the winners; pay annual allotment rent if you are a 'Long Road' plot holder and/or renew your membership of the association. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Robin Worship – Secretary (tel: 01223 263304; email: robin@worship.freesevice.co.uk)

COMBERTON TENNIS CLUB

Congratulations are in order!

Many congratulations to the Comberton First Ladies Tennis Team: Tamryn Saby (Captain), Rilla Molnar, Liezl Norval and Jane Serby, for bringing home the Cambridgeshire Gray's Cup to Comberton for the third consecutive year. Comberton is the only Club in recent history to have won this prestigious award three years in a row! The Comberton First Ladies Team played an exciting final on October 5th at Hills Road watched by members of the LTA, coaches and trainers, other Cambridgeshire team players and members of Comberton Tennis Club. The Team played some hard and skilful tennis to beat Cambridge in the final by 6 sets to 2, having already beaten Saffron Walden and Buckden to get to the last round. The Team received the Gray's Cup from Vernon Dudley from Cambridgeshire's Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). A big thank you to the team players, Comberton Tennis Club Supporters and the LTA.

Coaching

Just a reminder that Comberton Tennis continues throughout the Autumn and Winter months. Coaching will start again after the October half-term. Tuesday evenings are Adult Nights with ladies and mens coaching from 7pm and 8pm respectively. Friday night starts off with a range of Junior Coaching from 3.30pm followed by Adult Match-Play Coaching from 6.30pm. Our coaching programme is delivered by a fully trained and experienced coach from 'OverandIn' who also works alongside Shelford and Cambourne Tennis Clubs. For details about coaching please see the OverandIn website or call Dan Valentine directly on 07557912743. We have a new notice board in CB3 which also has details on our current tennis and coaching programmes.

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Why not try our new short tennis facility, every Friday evening (4.45-5.45pm), in CVC sports hall. The cost is £2.00 per person and we use foam balls and smaller racquets on smaller courts. Do let Mel Collins (262458) know if you are interested in coming along.

Mel Collins (Chairman)

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Gill Redman 262246 or Janet McCabe 263387

WATCH YOUR WASTE, NOT YOUR WAIST THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is traditionally a time for generosity, indulgence and feasting. We love to give beautifully wrapped gifts, feed family and friends and eat our own bodyweight in festive fodder.

It's not only our waistlines that gain weight at Christmas, festive bins are the heaviest and fattest of the year, with an extra 750,000 tonnes of waste in England alone compared to the rest of the year. That's an increase of around 30 per cent and is generally made up of food waste, glass bottles, packaging and gift wrap.

To make it as easy and convenient as possible for you to recycle and compost your festive waste, here are a few tips:

Blue Bin

Most packaging can be placed in the blue bin, including;

- Glass bottles and jars
- Tins and cans
- Cardboard

(large pieces can be flattened and placed next to your blue bin for collection)

- Greeting cards
- Gift wrap (all types)
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic film (all types as long as clean)

If your blue bin is full, extra recycling can be placed out for collection in a cardboard box or returnable container.

Paper Caddy

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We wish all our residents a very merry and very green Christmas and New Year!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN YOUR AREA

Connecting Cambridgeshire has developed a new online tool to help people look up 'where and when' they can expect to get superfast broadband in their area of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

New 'my area' pages have been added to the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at with an A-Z list of 267 areas across the county. The 'my area' pages are designed to help people to see broad timescales for how their area or parish fits in to multiple phases of the broadband roll-out plan.

The project is on track to deliver better broadband countywide by 2015 but the roll-out is still at an early stage, so more information will be added to the 'my area' pages when it becomes available for each area. Read the news release [here](#).

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NOVEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FIREWORKS and bonfires can be plenty of fun for all the family to enjoy. CFRS recommends going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home, however, if you do use fireworks or light a bonfire at home, we would ask residents to take on board our safety advice to ensure it is just their fireworks that go off with a bang:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions.
- Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Don't light bonfires in unsuitable weather, particularly in windy conditions.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedge.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

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THE CHALLENGE SEPTEMBER RESULT & WINNER

AEGIMNRST.	People leaving the country	EMIGRANTS
	Gaining control over	MASTERING
	Dividing pupils by ability	STREAMING
AEINORSST.	A positive statement or declaration	ASSERTION
	Authenticates (a document)	NOTARISES
	Young ladies from Spain	SENIORITAS
CEEIPRS.	Makes a hole in	PIERCES
	Definite/accurate	PRECISE
	Directions for making a cake	RECIPE
EGORSU.	Game bird/grumble	GROUSE
	Rascals/pranksters	ROGUES
	Reddens the face	ROUGES
EGINST.	Take food into the body	INGEST
	A seal or ring	SIGNET
	Slightly colours	TINGES
BELORST.	Long pillow or cushion	BOLSTER
	People taking flight/escaping	BOLTERS
	Large edible crustacean	LOBSTER
BEEORSV.	To watch	OBSERVE
	Head side of a coin	OBVERSE
	Wordy	VERBOSE
EHIRTW.	Paler	WHITER
	To fade/become dry	WITHER
	To twist in agony	WRITHE
CEELORST.	Protective body covering (cuirass)	CORSELET
	Persons who have the vote	ELECTORS
	A person choosing a Test team	SELECTOR
BELMRSTU.	Someone moving unsteadily	STUMBLER
	Acrobats	TUMBLERS
	Guillotine victim's transport	TUMBRELS

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THE CHALLENGE OCTOBER RESULT & WINNER

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| 1. The day we went to BANGOR | 2. LONDON pride has been handed down to us |
| 3. I belong to GLASGOW | 4. Over the sea to SKYE |
| 5. Oh Mr Porter... CREWE | 6. In DUBLIN's fair city |
| 7. It's a long way to TIPPERARY | 8. WINCHESTER cathedral |
| 9. Pretty Little Polly Perkins..... PADDINGTON GREEN | |
| 10. The Wombles of WIMBLEDON COMMON | |
| 11. April in PARIS | 12. GEORGIA on my mind |
| 13. NEW YORK,NEW YORK | 14. OKLAHOMA |
| 15. CHATTANOOGA choo choo | 16. The girl from IPONEMA |
| 17. By the rivers of BABYLON | 18. Tulips from AMSTERDAM |
| 19. Midnight in MOSCOW | 20. Road to MANDALAY |

WINNER: JENNY BROWN. BARTON ROAD

THE CHALLENGE

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|----------------------------|--|
| Captain Jack..... | Pirates of the Caribbean character. |
| Leighton..... | A Bedfordshire town. |
| Trevor..... | Jim Trott in The Vicar of Dibley. |
| The Maltese..... | A Dashiell Hammett novel. |
| Florence..... | A pre NHS Crimean nurse. |
|Cousins. | A man never on thin ice ! |
| Sir Christopher..... | Founder of The Royal Society |
| Jonathan | A Travel Writer ? |
| Peter..... | He starred in A Town Like Alice. |
| Alan..... | “Knowing me, knowing you” |
| Jonathan Livingstone | A work by Bach ? (Not that one) |
| Fred..... | A character in I'm All Right Jack. |
| Nottingham.....Fair | Begun in 1284 ? |
| Angela..... | One of two sisters in Parliament. |
| Clarice..... | A Hannibal Lector pursuer, an FBI agent. |

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