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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 <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 Village Hall

#### OCTOBER 2010

2nd October	7.30pm	Recital at Friends School Saffron Walden
8th October	7.30pm	AGM Comberton Winemakers
10th - 12th October		Open Cambridge Weekend
12th October	7.45pm	WI Meeting
13th October	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
20th - 31st October		Festival of Ideas
22nd October	3.00pm	Opening of Habitat Garden at Meridian School
23rd October	7.30pm	Film    Sherlock Holmes at Village Hall
29th October	2.00pm	Bridge Drive at Village Hall

#### NOVEMBER 2010

6th November	6.30pm	Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks at The Drift
17th November	7.30pm	Film    The Ghost at Village Hall
24th November		Comberton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at CVC
24th -27th November	8.00pm	Barton Drama Group at Barton Village Hall

#### DECEMBER 2010

10th & 11th December	Aladdin
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Our small adverts Contact website is attracting more sellers than buyers which is the way it usually happens at first. There are some very good quality and attractively priced items offered for sale. Do look at the website if you are looking to buy something or, if you have anything you wish to sell, do send it to me by email or over the 'phone or by a note, and I will include it on the website.

I have to apologise most profusely for inadvertently omitting this message from last month's Contact.

### DONALD OXER

Donald Oxer passed away on 13th June 2010. Don's wife Margaret, his daughters Maxine and Sallie and his brother Derek, would like to say how much they appreciated all the cards and messages of condolence which they received. Don was a very quiet and unassuming person and he would have been very surprised to know that so many people thought about him and attended his funeral. Thank you very much for the donations to the British heart foundation and for all the support received during this very sad time.

# COMBERTON CINEMA

PRESENTS

Robert Downey Jr. & Jude Law in

## SHERLOCK HOLMES 12A

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> October

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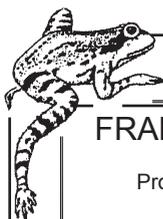
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Tuesdays 2-3.30pm **Stay & Play** Caldecote Pre-School (term time only)

Thursday 14 October 10.30-11.30 **Soft Play** Caldecote Village Hall

Saturday 16 October 10-11 **Dads Messy Play** Caldecote Village Hall

Monday 1 November **Parents Forum** New Building (if complete)

Saturday 6 November **Working Mums Café** New Building (if complete)

**All sessions are free**

**UPDATE - Our new building is nearly complete!**

Little Footsteps – Caldecote Children's Centre  
Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7ZH, 01954 211289/284672  
caldecotechildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

## ARTHRITIS RESEARCH UK LOCAL BRANCH

is holding a Bridge Drive on Friday 29th October 2010 at the Village Hall, Green End, Comberton, commencing at 2.00pm. A delicious tea will be served and Arthritis Research UK Christmas Cards will be on sale and there will be a raffle.

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 8 September 2010

### ***Comberton Parish Plan - Your chance to say what you want to see happening in Comberton!***

The previous questionnaire in 2001 was instrumental in production of the Parish Plan in 2003. Comberton was one of the first parishes in South Cambridgeshire to complete a parish plan. This resulted in several successful grant applications for facilities such as the Skateboard Park, the Safer Routes to School Path, the Recreation Ground Extension and also a contribution to the Village Hall.

Please ask everyone in your house to help filling in the questionnaire that will be delivered to you very soon. All deliverers and collectors will carry Parish Council identification. Your views matter!! We need your ideas in order to develop priorities for action. Please fill in as many of the questions as possible.

### ***Parking problems associated with CVC – B1046 road including junction with Kentings***

In response to the Parish Council's letter to the County Council it has replied as follows

"I note the request for waiting restrictions in Comberton, however at this time budget cuts have meant that we have had to focus funding where it is most needed and this is primarily accident remedial schemes. There is the potential for third party funding of minor traffic management schemes of this nature if the request is deemed appropriate. Should the Parish Council be in the position where it could potentially fund the provision of the waiting restrictions, if they were deemed appropriate by the highways department, then I would suggest that we meet on site during term time (preferably when the children are being collected) to discuss the matter further. A rough guide to the estimated cost of the potential work is £1500 - £2000."

Would you like to have a yellow line in Kentings for restrictive waiting during certain periods of the day when the children are dropped off and collected from the Village College?

Do you think that the time should be extended or indeed that there should be no parking at all and that double yellow lines should be introduced?

Do you think that any introduction of lines will just push the problems into other areas of the village?

Should the Parish Council pay for this work or not?

The Parish Council is keen to hear your views on this matter. Emails or letters to the Clerk before the next meeting please.

### ***Mobile Library service***

The County Council has written to say that the current provision will be retained i.e. Nursery Way, arrives 14.40, departs 15.20. monthly on a Tuesday, dates avail-

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### ***Connections Bus***

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### ***The District Council's Licensing policy consultation***

The draft licensing policy is available to view <http://www.scamb.gov.uk/Business/Licensing/default.htm>

and is also available at local libraries including Bar Hill and Cambourne, and at the SCDC offices in Cambourne. The deadline date for the consultation response is 4 October.

### ***County Council gritting schedules***

The Parish Council has written to urge the County Council to include Green End and also South Street and Royston Lane to its schedules.

### ***NHS notification of application for pharmacy in Hardwick***

Responses from the Surgery and others who have response to the consultation were considered and the Parish Council will be writing to object strongly to the proposals.

### ***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
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	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Richard	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 13 October 2010 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

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Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

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### Services and Events at St Mary's in October

3<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest Festival Service  
10<sup>th</sup> October Holy Communion - Start of our sermon series on the Bible  
17<sup>th</sup> October Morning Prayer  
Wed. 20th October. 7.30pm Licensing Service and launch of the Lordsbridge Team, Childerley Barn  
24<sup>th</sup> October Holy Communion  
31<sup>st</sup> October All Saints Day All-Age Communion

**Is the Bible a closed book?** Sometimes we can be inspired by the message of the Bible, but other times frankly, confused. There are so many authors, different styles of writing, different ways of understanding what it means. Through October and November, our sermons will be looking at the wonderful, varied, and fascinating range of writing found within the Old and the New Testaments. On the evening of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we welcome Rev Dr Mike Thompson, lecturer in New Testament at Ridley Hall, speaking on **Making Sense of the Bible**. He's an excellent speaker, so please book the date.

**A big 'thankyou'** to everybody who helped to run and who came to support this year's church fete. It was a crowded, happy and very successful occasion.

**St Mary's Church building** is open all day every weekend, not only when there are services. Please feel free to come in at any time, to sit, pray, think or simply enjoy the quiet.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE

We would like to give a very big thank you to everyone who supported St Mary's Annual Church Fête on Bank Holiday Monday. We are delighted to report that the amount raised was in excess of £4000. This will help to pay for our children's barn and the new servery in church that has only just been completed.

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This year the clothing was bagged up for a charity collection, boxes of books were passed on to other charities and most of the rest was collected the following day by Walton and Clark and subsequently sorted and recycled by them. Nothing was simply thrown away.

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8.00 am

9.30 am (Children's)

10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

The Feast of All Saints is celebrated this year on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Further details of these and all other services for October for the entire parish including Sawston may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newsheet and other parish information. [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

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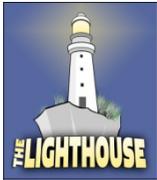
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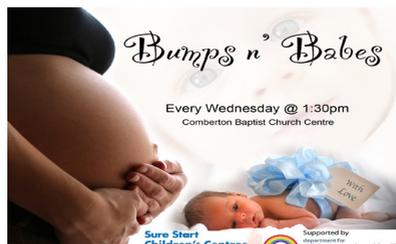
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It always astonishes me how quickly children and staff settle back into the new school year. Within days it was as though we had never been away. By the time you read this all our new reception children will be with us fulltime, after a programme of home visits and gradual staggered entry (not sure who's doing the staggering here!) The PTA put on a lovely picnic welcome lunch in mid-September for new children and their parents, and by the time you read this I am sure the little ones will be old hands at school routines

We are particularly excited about a special event taking place this half term. Although there is an invitation elsewhere in this publication, I would like to take this opportunity personally to invite the whole village to the grand opening of our Habitats Garden. The Eco-action Team are busy planning the event and would love you to join the whole school on **Friday 22 October at 3pm**.

You may recall that the Habitats Garden was our chosen way of redeveloping the walled area which was previously the disused school swimming pool. The aim was to produce a quiet garden with a range of habitats for wildlife which could be used in a wide variety of ways. We want the children to see it as a place to use at breaktimes for quiet contemplation, chatting with a friend or reading a book. We also intend to use it as an outdoor classroom for lessons of all kinds. But, just as importantly, we would like the whole village to feel that it is a resource for them, which groups of all ages can book to use.

A large part of the funding for the garden came from the Big Lottery Fund – and, in fact, the project would have been impossible without that. The school PTA have also provided funding, for which we are extremely grateful, and contractors have given us very preferential rates. It would be impossible to list here all the people who have helped us, but I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this vision a reality.

The garden looks super already and will, no doubt, mature into something even more lovely. I do hope you will be able to join us for the opening so that you can see it for yourselves.

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher



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## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We all tend to have a picture of the school summer holidays as a long stretch of time when school sites are abandoned and children enjoy the freedoms of missing the school routine. It may or may not be associated with 'summer weather'! However, the truth is rarely precisely that. Two particular major exceptions to this picture are worthy of note from this summer holiday at Comberton Village College.

Throughout the summer, anyone passing by the college will have been well aware that very major building work was going on. In practical terms, the summer holidays are a crucial period of time for school building projects. They allow work to take place that would probably be impossible during term time due to its disruptive effect. One example of this was the work that took place to enable ground source heating to be developed for the large new building that is at the front of the school. This has meant that the green area at the front of the school has been dug up and is currently very unsightly. I am pleased to confirm with readers that this is due to be re-instated as a green area in the near future. All the building work has proceeded very well over the summer and is, we are assured, fully on schedule for completion by Easter 2011. This will mean that everything should, as planned, be ready well in advance of September 2011, the date when our first Sixth Form students are due to start with us. As the buildings now begin to take shape around the site, we can see properly the scale and shape of what is coming. It confirms quite what significant and excellent new facilities will be opened soon, especially for our new Sixth Form.

The other specific time over the summer when the school is anything but empty is on the day when public examination results are collected by those who have completed their final examinations and assessments earlier in the summer. This year, GCSE results were distributed two days earlier (on a Tuesday rather than the traditional Thursday) as schools were asked to print out results sent through on-line. This new development did not change the long tradition of excellent GCSE and other Key Stage 4 results for Comberton Village College students. Readers will probably already be aware that every single way of measuring the results (and there are a number different ways of doing this now) indicated that this was a year of new school records. The results were very clearly the best in the school's history at every level: 95% achieved 5+ A\*-Cs; 82% achieved this measure when including English and Maths; and 46% of all grades were either A\* or A. Very few all-ability schools nationally match those exceptional levels of achievement. We are delighted for all the young people and their families who did so very well and wish them all the best for the future.

While the summer vacation is certainly a break for us, it is certainly not a time of inactivity!

Stephen Munday

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# THE GRAND PIANO APPEAL AT COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

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One of our current major projects is to raise money for a Grand Piano.

- The Comberton Leisure Performance Hall is a magnificent concert venue, which a Grand Piano will enhance enormously
- It will allow the School and Village to attract groups such as choral societies, orchestras and other high quality artists without incurring the expense of hiring such an instrument
- The grand piano will be a wonderful asset to the cultural life of the College and the local community

Our forthcoming fundraising events for the Piano Fund include:

**October 8 – Orchard Ensemble** – This established local chamber-music ensemble offers an evening of relaxing classics featuring the music of Mozart, Dvorak, Chopin and Gordon Jacob. 8.00pm

**October 16 – The Combertones** - our local Dixieland Jazz band, who would like to invite you to an evening of musical entertainment. Supporting music in schools was one of the strong interests of our late band-leader, Keith Jackson, who we would like to remember in this way. 7.30pm

**October 21 – 23 – Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.** A stART Arts production, directed by Ella Lyons. A stranger returns to Victorian London burdened with the weight of the world on his shoulders. Desperate for revenge he sets up his barber's shop above Mrs Lovett's Pie Shop and 'together it was murder'! The cast and crew, made up of people aged 10 to 18, had rave reviews when it was previewed in August and four performances are planned. We will be selling Mrs Lovett's 'special' meat pies in the interval...try them if you dare!  
7.30pm (2.30pm matinee Saturday only)

**November 13 – The Cambridge Concert Orchestra** – a varied programme of orchestral music. 7.30pm

**December 4 – Capriccio** (singer, pianist, violin and cello). Music will be a selection of songs from around the world by composers such as Gershwin and Weill as well as instrumental arrangements of Schubert, Piazzolla and Gershwin. The second half of the programme will include some Christmas music including community carol singing. 7.30pm

**December 14 – CVC Christmas concert** - Pupils and staff celebrate Christmas with a range of performances from pop to jazz to classical. 7.30pm

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Please do visit <http://www.info.combertonvc.org/events.cfm> for further and up to date information.

## COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The last meeting of the group was on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> and was our annual Harvest Festival which is always good fun. Members donate produce which is auctioned off for us to but back again! As there was a shortage of vegetables this year a lot of the members did baking instead, which was most welcome. A very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

The next meeting is the AGM in October.

## COMBERTON WI

Our July meeting welcomed back Mrs Sandra Barker, who is a basket maker. Sandra gave us a short history of straw hat making and its economic importance in the local area. We then tied our hand at straw plaiting, which gave us an insight into the difficulties of producing even the simplest design of hat.

The summer outing was a guided visit around Wimpole gardens with the head gardener. Members discovered more about the history of the gardens and also found out about the future plans for the development of the garden. Members were pleased to see that our 'Goth Girl' scarecrow had survived the summer but looked rather jaded!

Our speaker in September was Bridget Flanagan who spoke about 'Artists along the Ouse'. Bridget has researched the many artists who visited the area between Huntingdon and St Ives between 1880 and 1930. Artists were attracted by the river which had become used for leisure since the advent of the railways. Houghton Mill and various churches featured heavily in the many attractive watercolour and oil paintings. The area became popular as a good place to sketch and some artists moved in, attracting others to visit and stay. Many artists sold their works locally and some paintings are still in private hands in the

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area. The Norris Museum in St Ives holds some. They usually represent bucolic rural scenes, much loved by the Victorians who had moved to cities, and still very popular today.

Date for diary: October 12<sup>th</sup> 'Wildlife Nature Through the Eye of the Camera' with Barry Kaufman-Wright at 7.45 in the Village Hall. This will also be our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## CHILDREN'S CINEMA AT COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL

The monthly Village Cinema evenings at the Village Hall have been welcomed by many as an important source of local entertainment and have quickly established a loyal following. The hardworking cinema committee are committed to maintaining the momentum they have built up and to booking further high quality, popular films for our enjoyment.

Feedback is always welcomed for future films and one of the early suggestions was that of a children's cinema on a Saturday morning. This suggestion certainly struck a chord with those Trustees who spent their childhood Saturday mornings at the cinema. While today's generation of children have countless more entertainment opportunities than in the past, a village cinema for children would provide a unique opportunity for a wide range of children to come together and enjoy the experience of watching films with their friends.

The hall Trustees would welcome any initiative by parents in the village to start such a venture and will provide any technical back up required. A licence would have to be obtained at a cost of £90 to 100 for each film shown and this cost would have to be funded by those attending.

Interested parties should contact the cinema co-ordinator, Sandra Hyde, on 262075.

## COMBERTON WINEMAKERS

The Annual General Meeting of Comberton Winemakers will take place in Comberton Village Hall on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7-30 pm. At this meeting we will hold our Cup Competition, Wines this year are Dry Sherry and Sweet Parsnip.

On Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Dinner will be held at the Meridian Golf Club, Toft at 7pm for 7.30pm, Cost is £23.00.

At the November meeting on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> we welcome Kate Edge, well known Wine Judge and Chairman of the NAWB committee. She will be talking about selecting wines for competitions. Bring along any wines you consider suitable for competition and find out if you are entering the correct class for your wine.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF COMBERTON:

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the majority of you will have no idea what I am talking about - thank goodness. However this Bank Holiday Sunday afternoon I met a nice young lady with a Scandinavian accent at the allotments carrying an empty carrier bag. She had, I think, intended to fill it with the produce all of us who have allotments had worked very hard to grow. She left the rhubarb she pulled behind when she saw someone watching her. I did not see this but I did see her run after she left the site. We had a conversation whilst she was there and I made the mistake of pointing out my allotment to her. Can I now say to her, and the others who visit in the evening expecting not to be seen, that I have a battery operated camera set up to film the wildlife around my allotment so I suggest she does not join the other people who fill their bags with our produce as already two of us know her.

Incidentally, it is the wrong time of year to pick rhubarb - its means there is none for you to steal next year as the plant is weakened if it is picked now. And you are a lousy liar as well as capable of stealing from pensioners...had you considered that on your quite adequate income judging by the cut of your clothes?

To the others who help themselves to our goods I just want to say that stealing is a crime and last year we involved the local police and will not hesitate to do so again.

Yours sincerely

Marian Gibbens

### BARTON DRAMA GROUP

Barton Drama Group's autumn production is, Plaza Suite, by Neil Simon. It is a comedy set in a room in The Plaza Hotel in New York

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### CYCLING THROUGH BARTON?

#### **A request from Barton Parish Council.**

Many of you may cycle through Barton and will realise that there is no official cycleway in the central part of the village. However, we fully understand that for safety reasons you might decide to cycle on the footway between the Duck Pond area and Kings Grove. May we ask you to make sure that you give precedence to pedestrians and give them absolute priority? We want to avoid injuries to both our elderly and younger residents.

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### NOTES OF THE COMBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

Excerpts from the meeting held at Comberton Village College,  
18 August 2010

Inspector Savage introduced Sergeant John Capes who has recently joined the

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### **Tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in villages linked to the bus route between Comberton and Cambourne (continuation plan)**

PCSOs have continued to travel along the bus route to act as a visual deterrent and to reassure passengers and staff. Special Constables have travelled in plain clothes along the route. They have intervened in a number of minor incidents on the bus, ranging from bad language to “excitable” behaviour. Evening and afternoon patrol over the weekends have been carried out on the following recreation and green spaces, both in plain clothes and in uniform. Officers have patrolled on foot to reach the more isolated areas of the recreation and green spaces: Comberton Rec. and around both schools, Hardwick, Barton, Toft, Caldecote and Bourn recreation grounds.

### **Vehicle Related Offences**

This action plan has been approached on 2 levels:

- 1) Day by day approach, tackling the hot spot areas with short bursts of enforcement during patrol times.
- 2) By a dedicated day of action over a 10 hour shift, officers specifically targeted the highlighted problems.

### **Speeding over the last period.**

Barton Road Comberton- 2 tickets – 1 letter

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The majority of locations suggested by the panel have netted very few prosecutions. Locations within villages mean that officers are very visible and whilst this is a good preventative measure it produces very few prosecutable offences.

Insp. Savage mentioned the new Cambourne Police Station was now open to staff and various teams are now working from there, however, it would not be open to the public until at least the end of September. There will hopefully be an Open Day later in the year.

Insp. Chris Savage went through the current and emerging issues; more details can be found in the Neighbourhood Profile Update document.

**Comberton:** ASB continues to be a bit of a problem but thanks were conveyed to the team for all their work. A car left in the recreation car park had to be locked in after closing time, the following morning the chain had been cut and both chain and padlock have never been found. Incidents like this happen mostly at weekends.

Priorities Agreed:

- Tackle anti-social behaviour at Recreation Grounds in Bourn, Caldecote and Comberton.

### **Dates of Future Meetings:**

- 24 November 2010 at Comberton Village College
- 23 February 2011 at Cambourne Church

John Fuller reiterated that road safety is the People’s Priority.

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## PLANNING FOR SPRING

This is the one time of year when gardeners really have to plan six months ahead. Spring bulbs need to be planted now. This year I intend to make a specific area dedicated to spring flowers. The Royal Horticultural Society London show in February inspired me to try something new. Instead of just having bulbs strategically placed round the garden, I will make a special bed under an old tree by creating two levels using logs to hold layers of soil behind them. This approach should create zones for the plants. The planting scheme will be determined by two factors; contrasting colour and expected flowering time. No doubt, a hard winter may interfere with the best laid plans.

### **Small spring flowers**

My planting area is small, in partial shade and approximately arc-shaped. This restriction means that the plants need to be low growing but at the same time cover the soil area effectively. The bulbs that I have chosen would also do well in a rock garden. There will be a mixture of old favourites such as snowdrops and clumps of white, yellow and purple crocuses; these will flower early. Crocuses always have a problem with mice, so I will have to buy more than needed. *Narcissus* 'February gold' will be early and look good with its backswept petals. These will be planted close to the blue *Chionodoxa forbesii* 'Blue giant' which grows up to 10 inches tall with a dozen flowers per stem. I particularly like the look of the small *Iris reticulata* 'Gordon'; the flowers are light blue, tipped with mid-blue on the petal falls and with a nice orange blotch for contrast. I have chosen *Anemone blanda* 'White splendour' for its white daisy-like flowers to appear in March-April. *Scilla siberica* 'Spring beauty' has deep blue flowers that are bell shaped; it will do well in shade and flowers in April-May. I hope to place it close to two *Narcissus* species that flower in April, a small one called *N.* 'Hawera' with small cups and swept back petals, and the larger *N.* 'Pipit' with yellow flowers that then turn white; four flowers are carried on each stem and they are fragrant. *N.* 'Rip van Winkle' will be a bit of fun with unusual spiky petals.

### **Autumn work to be done**

The dry summer followed by a wet August and September has held back the autumn flowers, but they are now providing a good show. Once the flowering is over and the plants have started to die down towards the end of October, the garden will need attention. Cut back the dead material and open up spaces for the spring bulbs to come through; don't leave it until spring. Hedges will need their final cut of the year. Decide which trees need trimming back before leaf fall, make a note of them and prune in January. Small gardens can easily get overgrown. If plants have under performed, are they really worth keeping? I will throw away two weak rose bushes and re-work the bed where they were. Sometimes it is kind to your garden to be ruthless.

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