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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 Village Hall
4th Thursday of each month	2.30pm Service & Social at Village Hall

### OCTOBER 2011

15th October	7.00pm	St Mary's Harvest Supper at the Village Hall
11th October	7.30pm	WI Meeting at Village Hall
17th October		Comberton Winemakers AGM at Village Hall
19th October	7.30pm	Film 'True Grit' at Village Hall
20th October	2.00-5.00pm	Help at Hand at Village Hall
21st October	7.00pm	Evening Bingo at Village Hall
23rd October	10.00-12.30	Comberton Market at Village Hall

### NOVEMBER 2011

3rd November		Consultation Meeting re Affordable Housing
5th November	6.30pm	Scouts Bonfire at the Drift
19th November		Cambridge Concert Orchestra at Village Hall.

### DECEMBER 2011

2nd December	6.30pm	Christmas Lights at the Duck pond
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Liz, who has been our treasurer for 6 years feels that is time to retire. I have enjoyed working with her and she will be sorely missed. For personal reasons, I shall not be able to produce an issue of Contact for February 2012. However I am very willing to produce an issue for December and one for January instead of a December/January issue. I hope that you will bear with me on this. My reasons are very good and I will share them with you in the New Year.

Can you? Would you? Will you?

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The CCO is looking forward to performing in the Village Hall when it will be playing a mixture of light orchestral favourites, film and show tunes and some hidden gems. Definitely something for all the family!

The Concert will be held on the evening of **Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to make a note of this in your diary. Further details will be given in the November Contact including information on ticket availability.

All proceeds from the concert will be used to help fund the new storage facility for the Village Hall to be erected behind the Hall.

*Malcolm Wright*

## **Comberton Market**

Sunday 23rd October 10am - 12.30pm  
at Comberton Village Hall.

Come along and support this new initiative.

We would like to make this a regular event and look forward to your support.

We are hoping to follow this with a Christmas Fair on November 27th.  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Comberton Scout Group

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### **New Autumn Programme**

#### **'What's On' at Little Footsteps**

##### **Monday**

Stay & Play Walkers to 5 at 9:30-11:00am

##### **Tuesday**

Parenting course 'Keeping up with children' starting 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9:15-11:30am

##### **Wednesday**

Childminders Club 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month at 10:00-12:00noon

Le Leche 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month starting 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00-12:00noon

##### **Thursday**

Baby Club at 10:00-11.30am

##### **Friday**

We are open for help & information or

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**Why we are contacting you**

The majority of bus services in Cambridgeshire (about 80%) are provided by commercial operators without subsidy. However, the County Council subsidises some bus services which bus operators are unable to operate on a commercial basis. In the future, this may not be possible due to reduced overall grants to councils from Government and increased costs of services. The County Council needs to make savings of around £540 million over the next five years and some of these savings have to come from the transport budget.

The County Council's Cabinet has agreed that a review of last year's budget decision to cut the £2.7 million that is currently spent on subsidising bus journeys in Cambridgeshire over the next four years should take place. This review is being carried out as part of this year's budget planning process, ensuring that we consult widely, seek views on not only the principle of making the cuts but also on the impact of specific route changes. We are also looking back at the routes that have already been cut, gathering feedback on how this has impacted communities in these areas.

Alongside this work, we are working hard with operators, community transport providers, local councils and businesses to see if we can find alternative and viable ways of meeting the transport needs of communities as much as possible and looking for other alternative solutions to help reduce the impact of these changes. This is through a project called Cambridgeshire Future Transport. This aims to look at innovative ways of providing transport and to focus this more on community and local needs. This could be through the expansion of community transport or developing completely new forms of demand-led transport.

Your views are an important part of this process to help us decide on how we implement the financial savings and where possible find local solutions.

**We welcome your comments**

The County Council welcomes any comments you may have about the above proposals. A questionnaire is available on the following link: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview)  
If you do not have access to this online questionnaire, paper copies are available by contacting us using one of the following means

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**By post** Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

The closing date for the questionnaire is **16:00 on Friday 9th December 2011.**

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Mac McGuire,  
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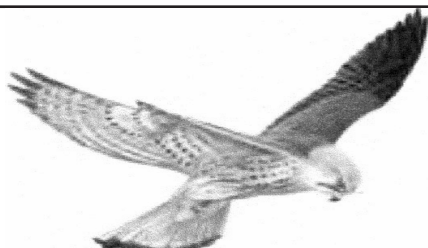
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### Summer services and events in October

Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 15th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper in the Comberton Village Hall
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Illumin8 Café for young people, Harlton Village Hall
Thursday 27th	2.30pm	Thursday Service and Social, in the Comberton Village Hall
Sunday 30th	9.30am	All-Age worship for All Saints

Through the month of October our sermons on Sundays will be looking at St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. A letter to a little church in northern Greece in the first century AD can seem an awful long way from our situation, but people have not changed very much, and God has not changed at all! The letter has a lot to say to us today.

Don't miss the harvest supper, and if you are retired, you are very welcome to come and meet friends, and to share in a simple service at 2.30 on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. St Mary's will be joining with Comberton Baptist Church and the local Roman Catholic community in this

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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 October for the entire parish 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)

## PRESSURE RELIEF COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

A local charity, the Relationships Foundation, publish what they call the Family Pressure Gauge. They compare how family friendly the UK is compared to the rest of Europe. It seems only Romania and Bulgaria are harder on families than the UK. The main pressures are economic and unhealthy influences on children, made worse through the high levels of family breakdown. In other words, the pressure we experience begets more pressure.

In 2007, the United Nations Children's Fund ranked the UK bottom of list of 21 industrialised countries in terms of children's wellbeing. But what caught my eye was that the scores had little to do with how wealthy a country was. Spain scored much better than the USA, Ireland much better than the UK.

What the UNICEF report did show very clearly was that if a country is or recently has been a world power, or part of one, it was a poor place for kids. The Relationships Foundation report suggests a similar pattern. It seems power has a price. If empire building is about competition, then its flip-side is cooperation.

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These reports suggest that when more people think that way at all levels in a society, the children thrive. It seems the way of Christ really does have deep lasting consequences.

Comberton Baptist Church meets regularly Sunday morning at 10:30 to learn as a community more about, and try to practice, the way of Christ. You are always most welcome to join with us, whoever you are, whatever you may believe. We are all on this journey together.

As a church we regularly pray for all who live in the village. May God bless richly.

Graham Ford, CBC



## NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It looks like October is going to be a busy month at Meridian! Early in the month we will be welcoming a representative from the Lisa Kent Memorial Trust to one of our assemblies. Our children will be given the task of coming up with a simple but effective logo for the new school they are building in The Gambia. The colours are to be red, green and white, and our visitor will give us some images to set the children's imaginations going. This will be our Harvest Festival competition (which has become something of a tradition in the past few years). There will be prizes! Our harvest collection will also benefit the charity.

Soon after that, it will be 'photos day' when all the children (not to mention staff) have an individual photograph taken by a professional photographer which parents can buy, if they wish. There are many grandparents, I'm sure, who look forward to receiving one of these as part of their Christmas present. (If you're wondering where the staff ones go – we need them for the 'who's who' board in the front entrance.)

Later in the month the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 ('infants' as was) will have a morning of drama workshops on the theme of Animals. This will fit in very well with their topic of Families -- both human and not!

There is another important assembly we always hold in October. This is to encourage the children and their parents to fill shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity to deliver to children much less fortunate than ours across the world. Last year our boxes went to the Ukraine. The idea (if you haven't come across it) is to imagine a child of a specific age and gender and fill a decorated shoebox with new toys, stationery, toiletries etc. which that child might enjoy. Many families and staff in school take part and the front entrance hall always

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sports a huge pile of boxes which are collected by the charity and delivered abroad. Samaritan's Purse provides a charming DVD of children receiving their shoeboxes and it is this which I use as a focus in the assembly to encourage the children to take part.

October also brings our first round of Parent Consultation Evenings, when parents can discuss their child's progress with her/his classteacher. Then, before we know where we are, it will be half term!

Glennis Virgo - Headteacher

## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

are proud to present Grease later this term. A huge cast of pupils is hard at work rehearsing for what promises to be an all-singing, all-dancing smash hit of a musical. The shows take place from December 1-3 and more details on tickets and times will be available nearer the time. Just book the date in your diary now.

Grease is just one of a number of events scheduled to take place at the college this term and some are listed below. More details of all our events can be found on the college website [www.combertonvc.org](http://www.combertonvc.org) or the Comberton Leisure website at [www.combertonleisure.com](http://www.combertonleisure.com)

We look forward to seeing you at the college soon.

Frid. 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Custard Comedy</b>	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<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)
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>Custard Comedy</b>	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Thurs. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	<b>Grease</b>	TBC	TBC
Frid 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Winter Dance Showcase</b>	7.30	£5/£3
Frid. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>Custard Comedy</b>	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door

## COMBERTON WI

Our speaker in September was Richard Miller who gave members a taster of @Tai Chi'. Richard demonstrated different moves and told us a little about the background of Tai chi in China and more recently in the UK. It is though to channel the energy in the body and the exercises certainly strengthen the core. Members were enchanted by the graceful moves which had delightful names



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and most joined in and tried out different sequences. It was surprisingly relaxing and many members felt they would like to try it again.

Date for the diary: October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – ‘Beekeeping and the Gardener’ with Stephen Peyser.

## COMBERTON WINEMAKERS

The Winemakers Meeting in October is on Monday October 17th. This is our Annual General Meeting. We are holding our Annual Club Competition which this year is for a Dry Tropical Fruit Wine and a Sweet Elderflower Wine.

In November our Annual Dinner is on Friday November 11th at the Meridian Golf Club, Toft at 7-00pm for 7-30. Cost is £23-00.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE

Thank you so much for supporting the Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday. We are always grateful to have the help of so many people before, during and after the event. It was a delightful occasion despite the cold weather. Many people came from far and wide and it was lovely to meet up with friends that one may only see a few times a year.

We are still trying to trace the winner of the Lucky Programme, so if you have programme number 151, please bring it to 82 Green End, Comberton and you will receive your prize. If this is not claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> October, the prize will be added to the Fête's total.

JezO's Magic Show was a great success and the children's fancy dress was fun. Congratulations to Pippi Longstocking and St George.

The event raised nearly £2,900, which was a grand amount. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

P and M Evans

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their many cards, letters, and love and kindness shown to us during the very sad loss of our dear son, Gordon. We appreciate it so much. Thank you also to Revd. Mike Booker for his support, love, and understanding. We would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to all the ladies of St Mary's Church, Comberton, who made such wonderful meals for us every day for so many weeks. We cannot thank you all enough for such kindness.

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The Parish Council have agreed to establish a small area of woodland on the extension to the recreation ground to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of H M Queen Elizabeth II, next year. We intend to establish an area of mixed woodland with native broad leaved species, representative of woods in this part of England. The wood will also contain small groves of apples and pears. We hope that planting will commence this autumn.

Many villagers have expressed support for the project. This appeal is aimed at anyone in the community who would like to give a tree or trees for the wood to contact either

Chris Westgarth (263242/[chris@comberton.org.uk](mailto:chris@comberton.org.uk))

Robert Cook (262590/[pandrcook@waitrose.com](mailto:pandrcook@waitrose.com))

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Extracts relevant to Comberton

### <Priority> *Misuse of open spaces*

- Patrols have been conducted at public green spaces and recreation areas, in support of this priority, including the following locations; Bourn Rec; Greenhaze Park, Monkfield Ln Rec and the Cambourne Lakes Nature Reserve; Comberton Rec; Byron's Pool and Grantchester Meadows; Millers Rd Toft and Caldecote Rec.
- Generally few issues encountered during these patrols, including those undertaken in an unmarked car.
- Youths drinking alcohol – Comberton Rec, Grantchester Meadows and Monkfield Ln Rec - have been dealt robustly by confiscation and Guardian Awareness Programme letters.
- Comberton Village College surgeries have proved to be increasingly popular and have been used to promote awareness of the impact of ASB on the Community

#### **Comberton Ward** (*Comberton*)

##### *Crime*

- Total crime in Comberton has increased to 14 offences reported during the last three month period. This is still comparably low and is consistent with the previous period.
- Two of the 3 violent offences reported were related to the same domestic dispute.
- No further trends noted due to low level of offences reported.

##### *ASB*

- Only 7 ASB incidents reported were reported over the three month period.
- Two incidents reported on the same day in May, were youth-related, including 1 report of a rave occurring on Hines Lane and another incidents where a group of youths were throwing stones at passing vehicles on Barton Road. A further incident was reported on Hines Lane in July, referring to youths starting a fire underneath the skate ramp.

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May 10 – Jul 10	10	23	45	1	4	21

	T h e f t from Shop	Criminal Damage	O t h e r Crime	T o t a l Crime	Total ASB
May 11 – Jul 11	4	30	48	159	145
Feb 11 – Apr 11	4	23	39	139	143
May 10 – Jul 10	1	32	32	182	225

		Abandoned vehicle (Not	Criminal Damage	Domestic	Malicious/ Nuisance Communication	Neighbour Dispute	Noise – All Types	Prejudice Incident	Rowdy/ Nuisance Incident	Suspicious Circumstances	Vehicle Related Nuisance	Violence	Other Call Types	Grand Total
Comberton Area	May 11 – Jul 11	6	2	2	10	7	8	4	66	2	27	7	6	147
	Feb 11 – Apr 11	12	1	0	16	1	6	0	68	1	21	9	10	145

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### **Note plants to buy**

October is the best time to decide on new trees for the garden. If you are

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wanting trees that fire up in autumn, visit gardens that have good shows. The Cambridge Botanic Garden and Anglesey Abbey are a great resource for ideas. Make sure that you write down the precise names so that there will be no mistake when buying. It is also good to have a few specimen grasses that flower well in October; the dwarf variety of pampas grass, *Cortaderia selloana* 'Pumila' is good for small gardens with its upright plumes of flowers. *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Zebrinus' bears silver flowers that can grow on long stems to 6 feet; it has the great advantage that its deep green leaves are cross-banded with cream stripes.

I have lost three trees this year due to honey fungus. Specialist advice will be sought for fungus-resistant trees to replace them. If you need to replace trees that have died, look out for alternative replacements. Make sure that the planting hole is of sufficient size, break up the sub soil in the bottom of the hole, add well rotted compost and fix a strong stake to which the tree can be tied. If the tree is pot bound, loosen the roots and spread them out in the planting hole and then add good quality soil. Firm in the tree and then water well.

R.T. Choke

## THE CHALLENGE RESULTS

September result & winner

Tobacco	-	plant of the genus nicotania
Accentor	-	hedge sparrow now called prunella
Borneo	-	island which incorporates Brunei
Bassoon	-	brass wind instrument
Booster	-	first stage of a multistage rocket
Rome	-	European capital city
Bomber	-	Lancaster or Wellington
Stammer	-	the problem with the King's speech
Cocoa	-	the seed of the chocolate tree
Boston	-	scene of a 1773 tea party
Somme	-	WW1 battle (or Mons)
Moroccan	-	a rif?
October	-	a word to replace Russian in the Russian Revolution
Oberon	-	King of the Fairies (mnd)
Cobra	-	cabinet office briefing room 'a' emergency committee
Cartoon	-	Tom & Jerry
Carbon	-	dating element?
Scooter	-	Vespa or Lambretta
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## CONNECTIONS BUS

An extract from the Newsletter

### Comberton

Members from the youth bus in Comberton were keen to meet with some Parish Councillors to show them around the bus and to share some of their concerns. Two councillors agreed to visit and had an excellent evening viewing the bus and its facilities and talking with the young people.

Three key concerns raised by the young people were the lack of lighting by the pavilion, the lack of goals for them to play football and the bus not visiting during the summer holidays. The councillors were impressed with the young people's questions and one councillor said she found it a "very humbling experience".

Discussions are still ongoing but one positive result was the donation of some football goals that can be stored at the pavilion and accessed by the bus users during the bus visits.



Would you appreciate help with small jobs around the home, garden or in the wider village?

Isaiah58 involves young people from local churches helping out in the village community.

We have moved furniture, trimmed hedges, weeded gardens, swept leaves and painted bus shelters....

No project too small!!

If you have a possible project for the team please call  
Jonathan Catley, 01223 263508  
07971 758041  
jonathan.catley@hotmail.co.uk

We don't charge or ask for any donation for the help.  
It is part of us putting our faith into action.

*Isaiah58 is a project run by WCCYM  
(West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries)*

### COMBERTON LIBRARY

Monday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	Closed

The Village College, West Street, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

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### RECREATION GROUND GATE ROTA

September 19th to January 8th 2012

Open 8-30 pm, Close 1/2 hour after lighting up time, Monday to Sunday inclusive

September	19th	to	October 2nd	Jon & Jo Callan
October	3rd	to	October 16th	Raymond Sewell
October	17th	to	October 30th	Mick & Barbara Waters
October	31st	to	November 13th	Alan & Mary Clarke
November	14th	to	November 27th	Jon & Jo Callan
November	28th	to	December 11th	Raymond Sewell
December	12th	to	December 25th	Mick & Barbara Waters
December	26th	to	January 8th 2012	Alan & Mary Clarke

Access on foot is not affected

## THE CHALLENGE

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Each of the co-ordinates in column 1 has a namesake in column 2. One pairing, however, appears incorrect at first sight but is in fact in order, but why? Answer below list please.

Match column 2 items with the column 1 letters i.e. AA,BB etc.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (A) 30.03.53.07 N<br>31.14.58.23 E   | ( ) 52.02.53.39 N<br>00.01.26.61 W  |
| (B) 50.49.10.28 N<br>00.08.11.11 W   | ( ) 33.39.39.38 N<br>95.33.19.85 W  |
| (C) 26.08.31.33. N<br>81.47.41.32. W | ( ) 17.49.45.19 S<br>31.03.14.26 E  |
| (D) 41.53.25.87 N<br>12.29.39.30 E   | ( ) 37.00.19.18 N<br>89.10.35.26 W  |
| (E) 44.26.04.21 S<br>171.12.28.58 E  | ( ) 39.59.06.94 N<br>104.49.13.90 W |
| (F) 34.17.13.38 N<br>83.06.36.53 W   | ( ) 38.39.53.33 N<br>83.22.44.66 W  |
| (G) 48.51.23.81 N<br>02.21.08.00 E   | ( ) 40.50.24.35 N<br>14.15.05.89 E  |
| (H) 13.03.37.52 N<br>80.14.58.50 E   | ( ) 44.38.00.43 N<br>121.07.46.15 W |
| (I) 56.23.43.21 N<br>03.26.04.78 W   | ( ) 54.54.16.02 N<br>01.22.53.23 W  |
| (J) 44.15.44.84 N<br>79.04.04.74 W   | ( ) 31.57.08.00 S<br>115.51.32.00 E |

Because.....

Entries to Costcutter, Library or Green End surgery by 14<sup>th</sup> October please.  
The prize, £5 generously donated by Nayna & Vijay is to be spent in store.

Name.....

Address....

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