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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	
1st 2nd and 4th Mond	ay Evenings at 7.00pr	n Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.	
4th Tuesday of each month 8.00pm		Comberton Antiquarian Society at V. H.	
4th Thursday of each	ch month2.30pm	Service & Social at Village Hall	
Tuesdays	10.00-11.00am	Sign and Cuddles at Comberton Baptist	
-		Church	

### **OCTOBER**

Oct 6th	10.30am	Friendship Club Coffee Morning V.illage Hall
Oct 9th	7.30pm	WI Meeting at the Village Hall
Oct 10th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
Oct 11th	6.30-8,30pm	Open Evening for CVC's at CVC
Oct 15th	_	Comberton Winemakers AGM at Village Hall
Oct 17th	7.30pm	Cinema at Village Hall
Oct 20th	2.00-4.00pm	Jumble Sale at Meridian School
Oct 20th	7.30pm	Twinning Association Quiz Night at Village Hall
Oct 21st		Comberton Market at Meridian School
Oct 26th	12.30pm	Comberton Luncheon Club at Harlton
Oct 27th	5.00pm	Halloween Twilight Walk at Milton Country Park
Oct 29th	2.00-3.30pm	Half Term Event at Library

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am extremely grateful to Victoire printers and our team of distributors who pulled out all the stops last month and saved my face. It did make me realise however that I am helpless, meaning without help, and if something causes a hiccup I can only burn the midnight oil to cope with it - not good at my age. If anyone would like to learn the ropes and give valuable assistance I would bite their hand off.

On another personal note I have a young Colombian man who does my cleaning once a week. He is very thorough, honest and willing. He has a degree in theology and was a priest in Colombia before he met and married his wife. His dream is to set up a foundation for street children in Colombia for which he has found a house. He is looking for more cleaning work to fund this project. If anyone is looking for a good, reliable cleaner I can thoroughly recommend him. He has never let me down and is always willing to go the extra mile. Hasn't the late summer been glorious!

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November 30th The Blue Cion, Hardwick.

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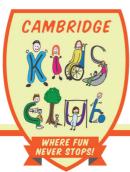


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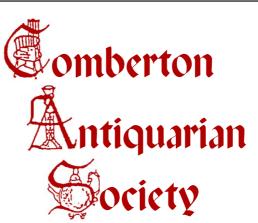
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**27th November** Sturbridge Fair: *Honor Ridout* 

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#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 13th August 2013

# South Cambs District Councils Local Development Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Parish Council Meeting. 119 members of the public attended the meeting and had an opportunity to give their views on the District Council's proposals. The Parish Council adopted in full the recommendation from its Working Group. More details on this response can be read on the website <a href="www.comberton.org.uk">www.comberton.org.uk</a>. In addition the Parish Council gave its support for a change in the village framework on the northern side of West Street on a site which is adjacent to the current village framework which is in the parish of Toft.

The Council refused to give its support to the Heeseom Green Partnership who had written asking the Parish Council to support it getting the South Street Allotments Site

#### Vacancies on the Council

Two vacancies have occurred on the Council following the resignation of Cllrs Veronica Sutherland and Anthony Bateman. The Parish Council is waiting to hear if there is to be an election or if it may co-opt to fill the vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Council or in its work please contact the Clerk.

### The Valley affordable housing development

The land has now been transferred to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will receive a sum of money to maintain the open space after May 2013. There is no play equipment planned for the area as the Parish Council will receive some money which will go towards the existing recreation ground.

The Parish Council has agreed to accept the land "...for use as public open space as defined by the Open Spaces Act 1906 or for part as allotments for the benefit of residents within the Parish of Comberton.." There is a covenant on the land which prevents the seller constructing or permiting to be constructed an access to the land to the north of the site without the Parish Council's prior written consent.

## Village Hall

Mr Philip Peacock from Cambridgeshire ACRE attended the meeting to outline the history and background to the two village halls and give guidance to the Parish Council on it role and responsibilities as far as the Village Institute Trust was concerned.

#### Fields in Trust

Mr Peacock also explained why Fields in Trust were asking the Parish Council to dedicate as a trust the recreation ground and land extension and the safeguards that this would provide should an attempt ever be make for compulsory purchase of the land.

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#### Audit conclusion

Moore Stephens have concluded the Parish Council's audit for FY ending 31 March 2012 "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".

Given the lateness of the hour many items due to be discussed at the meeting had to be carried forward to the October meeting or referred to a working group to bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

## Comberton Parish Council's October meeting to be filmed

A Japaneese film company will be attending the next meeting and filming for a production of educational material for the Open University of Japan. The Open University of Japan is similar to the Open University in the UK and its aim is to promote higher education in Japan. Like the Open University it provides distance learning by means of televised material and lectures.

NHK Educational is currently producing a series of programmes entitled 'Local Government Governance' They will be including the work and role of Comberton Parish Council as one of good examples of parish councils in the programme. Since there aren't equivalent bodies to parish councils in Japanese local political system they hope to introduce the English unique system to Japanese students.

#### 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

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Mr Peter Crossley	59 Barons Way	262517
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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
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

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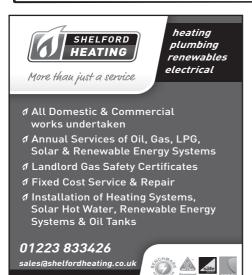
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first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

## Planning applications

The Parish Council has a Planning Committee which meets once or twice a month depending on the timing of the planning applications received. The Committee is delegated to consider and respond on all planning applications on the Parish Council's behalf. Large applications or applications for multiple dwellings are still considered by the Parish Council. All Planning Committee meetings are open to the public in the same way as Council meetings are. The agenda for the meetings are posted on the village notice board in South Street. For information on any application or to make a representation please contact Cllr Janet McCabe.

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Please contact Mike Booker about arrangements for Baptisms, Funerals,

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#### Summer services and events in October

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
		Did Jesus know everything?
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
•		Mental illness - what's going on?
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
•	9.30am	Morning Prayer
		Are we really free to choose?
Thursday 25th	2.30pm	Thursday Service and Social, in the Village Hall
Sunday 28th	9.30am	All-Age worship

Questions....Questions. There are so many things in life that can leave us feeling pretty puzzled. That's true of the Christian faith too. There are lots of questions out there, and not always so many easy answers as we might wish for. This month, most of the sermons on Sunday mornings at St Mary's will be looking at questions people have been puzzling over. That's not to say that every sermon will have all the answers, but we'll do some serious thinking together.

In November we'll be looking at questions to do with whether we can really hear what God is saying, and at how we find hope in a frightening world. There will also be a special evening talk on November 7th, on how we make sense of why there are so many religions in this world. More details in November's Contact.

You're very welcome at all St Mary's services, especially if you have not been to church for a while. You will find a warm welcome, with fun each week for children as well as adults.

St Mary's church building is open to everybody all through every weekend, for quiet and peace. Why not drop in?

# ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE

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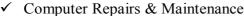
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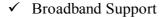
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The weather may not have been spectacular, but the atmosphere throughout the day was fantastic. As usual, people came from far and wide and it is lovely to see them return year after year.

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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 newssheet and other parish information. <a href="https://www.olem.org.uk">www.olem.org.uk</a>

## PERILS OF PAIN

However much I seek to experience pleasure and avoid pain, life has a way of taking me where I did not want to go. When I was growing up, I did not dream of one day getting wrinkles, yet here they are.

When it all goes wrong, my mind not only tells me it hurts, it also tries hard to tell me why it is happening. One storyline it has invented for me is that I am just a random blob of matter and Mother Nature happened to step on me.

Another common one is that God takes perverse pleasure in punishing me because he hates me. Yet another is that I am bad and deserve it all and worse.

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Fortunately for me, none of the above has withstood rational scrutiny in the light of what Jesus said and did, which is perhaps why they called it good news.

Slowly, ever so slowly, my mind got to realise that God is good, he gave me forgiveness and that Jesus is there with me. He knows pain well and we therefore have a connection that can only come through such a shared experience. He came through it and so will I in similar fashion. It still hurts, though.

God bless you, whatever is happening to you.

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### NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Well, here we all are again! And that is no small thing. I am always extremely happy to see all the children safely back with us at the beginning of the new school year. As I write we have been in school for barely two weeks but already lots of exciting learning has happened.

Our Foundation Stage children (the very youngest) have been in for part-days in small groups this week, getting to know their classteacher and Teaching Assistants. Apparently this involves a lot of 'playing doctors' and bandaging the staff! Today they are all in together for the first time for a morning, and then they join their parents for a lovely picnic lunch, organised by the PTA. A great way to start this exciting new stage in their lives. Next week they will all be in full-time- so there will be some very tired children when we get to Friday, I suspect.

The older children have got stuck in to their curriculum themes. Lower KS2 (the younger Juniors) are basing their work around Roald Dahl. As a result we have BFGs (Big Friendly Giants, of course!) drawn in chalk all over the playground. This is the result of a Maths activity to practise scaling up. They have also celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday, after researching his life. Later in the month we will all enjoy a Dahlicious Dress-up Day when children dress as their favourite Roald Dahl character and we collect money for the children's charity he set up.

Younger children, in KS1, have a theme of You, Me and Everybody. This involves lots of work on the body and how to be healthy. An important investigation is taking place currently into whether older people have bigger feet than younger people. Much measuring required! Later in the term the

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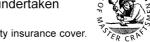
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children will experience a visiting music workshop which will involve lots of songs about the body, no doubt.

Meanwhile some of our older children are finding out about the rainforests. It's important to research the climate first so weather forecasts from distant places are being accessed. Later in the term they will be going to the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge to investigate plants of the rainforest.

Year 6 (our oldest children) are doing lots of work on electricity – but with a twist. Half are making model funfair rides (which have to work!) and the others are creating miniature haunted houses in shoeboxes.

This is all very far removed from my own primary school experience – and perhaps yours too. How glad I am that the world has moved on! Glennis Virgo Headteacher

## COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Building work at the site of the new Village College at Cambourne is now under way with the school set to open in September 2013 with its first intake of 150 Year 7 pupils. Cambourne Village College - the first new village college in Cambridgeshire for 30 years - will work in close partnership with Comberton Village College and Stephen Munday will be Executive Principal of both schools and Claire Coates, currently a deputy head at Comberton, will become head at Cambourne. Many staff will initially teach at both schools and the curriculums will be similar.

An Open Evening for prospective pupils at both schools, and their parents, will take place at Comberton on Thursday October 11 (6.30-8.30) and anyone with a Year 6 child is welcome to attend. There will talks about both establishments and the chance to look at the various subjects that are taught, with demonstrations and guidance from existing Comberton pupils.

The Open Evening is one of a number of events taking place at Comberton this term.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar on December 1 (11.—2.00pm). Anybody wishing to book a stall is asked to contact Judy Czylok in the first instance by e-mailing her to

publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk

Last year's stall-holders should automatically receive a booking form this year if we have your e-mail address.

A fuller list of events is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, <u>www.combertonvc.org</u> or <u>www.combertonleisure.com</u>



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11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening	6.30-8.30pm. www.combertonvc.org
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Custard	With Andrew Bird, Chris Stokes, Luke Graves
Oct	Comedy	and Compere Craig Murray - £8 adv £10 door
Oct	Conicay	www.combertonleisure.com
10th	C 1 : A :	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Armit	Sylvia Armit School of Dance's students show
Oct	School of Dance	their talent.
20th &	Charity	A new venture for us here at Comberton Lei-
21st	Wedding Fair	sure – our very first Wedding Fair organised by
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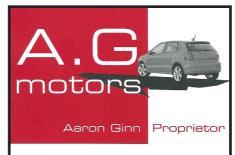
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# COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

## **Comberton Show Report**

A big thank you to the exhibitors, judges, committee and visitors who contributed to making our Jubilee Show the biggest for 16 years. We had 632 entries (496 last year) from 98 exhibitors including 150 entries from under 16's; additionally another 220 paintings were entered from the Meridian School and the Playgroup.

Every area of the Show, the Cookery, Winemaking, Children's and Adults' Handicraft, Painting and Drawing, Photography, Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers, was well supported.

Melanie Sadler from Oakington Garden Centre presented the prizes and was really impressed with the extent and quality of the exhibits.

I will prepare a more detailed report for the next edition of Contact.

Robin Worship - Secretary 01223 263304.

## COMBERTON WI

The speaker for the September meeting was a return visit from Geoff Evans for his talk, "This, that and the other". He is a keen amateur photographer and gives illustrated talks on all manner of subjects relating to his travels, hobbies

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Date for the diary: "Honey from Flower to Table" with local beekeeper, Stephen Poyser at 7.45pm in the village hall on Tuesday 9th October. New members and visitors are always welcome.

### COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club met on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012. We held one of our annual events – "The Harvest Festival". Everyone who attended brought vegetables, fruit, flowers, etc. All the items were displayed on covered tables. After the general business had been completed and teas and coffees had been served an auction was held selling all the items on the tables. All monies from the auction would go into the club funds to help subsidise our Christmas lunch and any other future events. Well done committee members overseeing the auction.

The Friendship Club will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday  $6^{\text{th}}$  October 2012 starting at 10.30am. there will be the usual stalls – tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, jewellery and cards. Admission £1.00 including refreshments. Children are free. Everyone is welcome. Committee members are setting up the tables and stalls at 9.00am.

# FRIENDS OF COMBERTON AREA LIBRARY REPORT SEPT 2012

The first FOCAL AGM was held on Thursday 13th September when members met with Library staff and discussed forthcoming events and activities. Friends will continue to promote Comberton library within the community by updates in Parish magazines, provide assistance with events and activities such as **EngAGE** which hopes to relaunch a programme of speaker meetings in the autumn and fundraise for equipment. Volunteer roles include delivering books to the housebound (the Doorstep Service) and providing story time sessions and supporting other children's activities, including the summer reading challenges. Please contact library staff for further information or visit http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/community.htm. Over the summer Library staff ran the Story Lab summer reading challenge. A donation from Comberton Parish council paid for extra staff and craft activities during the school holidays. 67 children registered for the scheme and 46 finished it (double the numbers from last year). A celebration and awards ceremony was held on Saturday 15th September when those who completed the challenge received certificates and medals.

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### Businesses warned after break-ins

RESIDENTS and businesses in Hardwick are being urged to be vigilant after three burglaries on Saturday night (September 8). Offenders broke into a parade of shops along St Neots Road at just after 11.30pm. The Madeline florists and the Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery had their front windows smashed and had money stolen while the burglars attempted to smash the window at the Hair Care Bunch but were unsuccessful. Detectives are linking the burglaries and urging people to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. Detective Constable Andy Bates said: "We are linking the burglaries and would urge anyone with information about these break-ins, or knows who may be responsible, to contact police.

"At a couple of the premises windows were smashed so I would appeal to local residents who may have heard something on Saturday night.

"We have received great support from local businesses and residents in Hardwick who have provided CCTV footage and other information which is helping our investigation."

Anyone with any information about the burglaries should call DC Bates on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. *Issued by Sarah Redman on 10/09/2012 16:15:23* 

## OCTOBER LAWN CARE

## Autumn Feed

This feed is another important part of any lawncare programme. Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look.

## Aeration

Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion so we recommend aerating in autumn/winter; over sow with seed to help any bare areas re- establish before weeds and moss do!

## **Worm Casts**

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

### Moss

Moss will start to encroach now and it is advisable to treat now before it competes with the lawn. Our fertiliser contains extra iron to help reduce the moss problem.

Actions required in Autumn

Autumn feed/Moss Control Improves colour and controls moss

Aerate lawn Relieves compaction and prepares soil for

sowing extra seed

Worm Casts Brush off when dry or treat with a pesticide

Moss Treat moss

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; other tasks may

need some professional intervention

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September result and winner

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STILES (1966 England Football Team) KNOX (The Crazy Gang)

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(C) South Pacific	( ) Send in the Clowns
(D) Carousel	( ) Come What May
(E) Evita	( ) I Don't Know How to Love Him
(F) Oh What a Lovely War	( ) Happy Talk
(G) A Little Night Music	( ) Circle of Life
(H) Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	( ) Pinball Wizard
(I) Jesus Christ Superstar	( ) If Ever I Would Leave You
(J) Annie	( ) Don't Cry for Me Argentina
(K) Calamity Jane	( ) The Music of the Night
(L) Tommy	( ) Have yourself a Merry Little
	Christmas
(M) Phantom of the Opera	( ) The Lonely Goatherd
(N) Hair	( ) Tomorrow
(O) Cats	( ) The Moon Shines Bright on Charlie
	Chaplin
(P) Les Miserables	( ) Bless Your Beautiful Hide
(Q) The Lion King	( ) Aquarius
(R) Meet Me in St. Louis	( ) My Boy Bill
(S) Moulin Rouge	( ) Memories
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