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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
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 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.

SEPTEMBER 2009

7th Sept	Comberton Community Choir at Village College
8th Sept	7.30 p.m. AGM Comberton Players
9th Sept	7.30pm Parish Council meeting at Village Hall
11th to 13th Sept	Open Cambridge weekend
12th Sept	10.30.to.12.00 Friendship Club Charity Coffee Morning
13th Sept	CCSC Members Fun Swim 4-5 pm
13th Sept	Bourn to Run
13th Sept	Bridge the Gap
15th Sept	6.30 & 7.45 Auditions for Pantomime
19th Sept	Allotments & Gardens Association Autumn Show
26th Sept	2 - 5pm Comberton Playgroup 40th Anniversary at the Playgroup
27th Sept	Back to Church Sunday at St Mary's Church

OCTOBER 2009

7th Oct	Cinema Comes to Comberton
12th Oct	3 - 6pm Children's Hospice Open Day
21st Oct	Cambridge Festival of Ideas begins

NOVEMBER 2009

14th Nov	7.30pm Comberton Twinning Association Quiz Night at Village Hall
18 Nov	7.00 Comberton Panel Meeting at Meridian School, Comberton

DECEMBER 2009

18th Dec.	7.30 p.m. Snow White in the Village Hall
19th Dec	3.00p.m. & 7.30p.m. Snow White in the Village Hall

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am happy to be able to tell you that the back cover of the magazine has been sold to the end of the year! The front cover has, likewise been taken up to the end of the year with the exception of the November front cover. If you have something happening in November and would like to promote it in full colour on the front cover, please let me know. As always it will be first come, first served. Just for reference, the covers have to be sent to the printer earlier than the inside pages so that a proof can be sent back to me for approval before printing. The deadline for the covers is, therefore, 10th of each month.

I was passed a cutting from the local paper of July 6th this year which said:

Looking Back Computer Vision **From the Cambridge Evening News of 1984**

Children at Horler's Pre-Preparatory School in Comberton are being given an early introduction to the computer age. They are being taught the whole range of computer skills from the age of four to help them deal with the demands of the next century. Anne Horler, the Principal, said 'Small children are not inhibited on a computer - they are going to be the first adults of the 21st century and computers will be to them what ballpoints are to us.' Well I never!

We have, caught up in the rose on our wall, a bunch of balloons, the proudest of which says 90. May we add our congratulations to whoever they were for.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

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Churchwardens: Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215

Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with the Priest-in-Charge.

Services and Events at St Mary's in September

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th	BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY	
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special

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think or simply enjoy the quiet.

Welcome David! Through the month of September we will have a trainee vicar with us. David Redfield will be our unpaid curate for the month, and joining in everything that's going on.

Back to Church Sunday. Churches across the country are making September 27th Back to Church Sunday. If you have got out of the habit recently, or lost touch with church a long time ago, this is a chance to come back and join in - you won't be the only one doing so. At 9.30am our service is quieter, and the sermon will be looking at the question: "Does Prayer Work?". At 3.30pm our Last Sunday Special service is short and family-friendly, with the chance to chat afterwards over tea, squash and biscuits.

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The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (OLEM) serves much of the south and west of Cambridge.

Detailed below are the normal times of masses at weekends.

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne (In the Vine School)

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 September 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

COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Green End, Comberton

You are Welcome at Comberton Baptist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our morning services begin at 10.30 am - 12 noon and feature a mixture of traditional and contemporary music, engaging topics and a variety of speakers. Refreshments are served after the service. This season our theme is: "The



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Book of Acts – Mission United”. Children stay for the first part of this service and then have the opportunity to go to their groups in the ‘The Mix’!

PARENTS WITH INFANTS: At CBC we want to make everyone feel welcome, this includes our youngest guests. We have a crèche available during the service where parents with young babies can go if their children become restless – there is also a monitor so you can see and hear and still feeling part of the service.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: The Mix @ CBC are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years. For the under 2’s there is also a crèche available. S.E.F is a group for teenagers aged 14-17 which meets every Sunday evening. Here young people can make friends and explore their faith together.

Junior Church is an children and young a newly formed group activities, craft, bible more...



exciting new programme for people aged 2-13 years, with for 11-13yrs. Packed with great stories, singing, games and lots

Where: Comberton Baptist Church (in the centre behind the church)

When: Every fourth Sunday of each month

Time: Doors open at 10.15am with activities starting at 10.30-11.45am

Comberton Baptist Church,
Green End
Comberton

For more information please call Donna on 01223 264707 or 01954 211259

ALSO ON THE 4th SUNDAY: of every month running alongside Junior Church we will be having special short services between 10:30 - 11:45 am followed by refreshments in the church center. We'll be looking at a range of issues – our theme this season is Vintage Jesus: What did Jesus look like?

PRAYER & COUNSELLING: After each morning service members of CBC's Prayer Team will be available at the front of the church to pray with you regarding any needs you may have. CBC also offers confidential counselling on an ongoing basis, please contact the church office for more information.

For further information on any of the above please contact the church office on 01223 264707 or admin@c-b-c.org.uk Our minister the Rev Stephen Henderson can also be contacted on 01223 264707 or minister@c-b-c.org.uk. The Comberton Baptist Church website is: www.c-b-c.org.uk

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 15 July 2009

Casual vacancy

Notice is hereby given that a casual vacancy has now arisen on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please write to or email the Clerk. The Parish Council hope to fill the vacancy at its September meeting.

Chairman's Delegation Procedure (Planning)

Comberton Parish Council finds the present system of the Chairman's Delegation Procedure unsatisfactory and wishes to see it changed or abolished. The Chairman's Delegation Procedure makes decisions behind closed doors with three or four people present and no observers. Parish Council's are not directly represented. Comberton Parish Council does not agree that this system satisfies any reasonable interpretation of the District Council's Corporate objectives. Presently 93% of all applications are determined by a planning officer. While applications of up to 10 dwellings are determined by the Chairman's Delegation meeting. For more information or to read the full text of the Parish Council's letter to SCDC please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council members contact details:

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr. Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
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Mr. Richard Rowlands	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 9 September 2009 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 comments and observations on Comberton matters.

NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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By the time you read this, we will be back at school and fully immersed in the new school year - the summer holidays a distant memory. We have welcomed 39 children into our Reception classes this year, together with a few other newcomers across the school. We are sure that they will settle quickly into new routines and relationships

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and hope that they enjoy school life with us.

There were a couple of staff changes at the end of last term. Miss Christine Winterbottom has returned from her secondment at a school in the city and we are pleased to welcome her back. This did mean, however, that we had to say goodbye to Mrs Su Medlock who was taking Miss Winterbottom's place temporarily. We wish Su every success in her new post at The Meadow School, Balsham. We also said goodbye to a very long-standing member of staff. Mrs Margaret Leader retired at the end of last term after 38 years (yes, you read that right!) as a lunchtime supervisor at Meridian. We, of course, wish her a very happy, restful and well-deserved retirement.

Once again, we have had building work going on in school over the holidays. Our entrance has been completely redesigned to allow for two sets of doors. This creates an entrance 'pod' which visitors can enter freely; further access to the school is prevented, however, until office staff have welcomed the visitor and ascertained their identity and reason for calling. The major reason for this work, of course, is to enhance security for our children, though it will have the added bonus of creating more efficient and attractive access to the school.

This month the children will be enjoying a 'compost assembly' prior to the setting up of our own compost bins in the school grounds. The children will take part in composting their own fruit peelings (the fruit provided by the Government's 'free fruit scheme') and the kitchen staff will use the bins for some of their waste. Later in September, our KS2 children ('the juniors') will take part in a morning of recycling workshops, which have been funded by the PTA. This all forms part of our Eco-school work and recycling is our major project for the gaining of the Silver Award. We'll let you know how we get on!

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the end of each term at the college, we celebrate with a final assembly for all pupils. At one point, this was held in one venue (the sports hall) for every pupil in the school. More recently, both due to increased pupil numbers and the building of the new performance hall, two assemblies are held simultaneously in two venues. In this way, all pupils are comfortably accommodated at the same time. The assemblies celebrate some of the achievements of the term as well as including items of music, dance and drama.

We always aim to make the final assemblies as interesting as possible. At the end of last summer term, we were able to go rather further than usual. Lord Coe, better known to most of us as Seb Coe (the name he still prefers), visited the college on our last day of term. It was all part of his work in helping towards preparations for the Olympics in 2012. He wished to visit a school that has an involvement in the Olympics and Comberton Village College was deemed an appropriate choice. In particular, the suggestion from Mozambique that they might wish to use Comberton as part of their training preparations for 2012 was of interest. Of course, it was a wonderful opportunity then for all pupils to hear from one of Britain's greatest ever athletes (two of his world records have still only been beaten by one other person to this day). He spoke very



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impressively and told of how he had been inspired by his school to purchase his first ever running shoes and how this had, as we all now know, such a huge impact on his life. His message to all pupils to find what they are good at and then to give it their all was itself an inspiring message.

The year ahead promises to be a particularly significant one for the college. As well as all the plans for the development of the new Sixth Form, we are celebrating our fiftieth anniversary. There is much to celebrate in the remarkable history of our village college and we want to try to do it justice. Particular events are set to take place around Friday 5th and Saturday 6th March in the coming year. We hope to include a music concert, a dinner/dance, various events, a publication and a display of the college's history. We would particularly welcome anyone who feels able to contribute anything to these events, notably the display of items of interest relating to the college's history. If you feel able to contribute in any way, then please do not hesitate to contact the college. You are very welcome to drop in, telephone or email. The general college email is thecollege@comberton.cambs.sch.uk. Any contributions or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Stephen Munday

COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee would once again like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our annual supper and entertainment another happy event. Printing invitations, cooking, giving lifts, our willing kitchen helpers, the great entertainment, and any other way, we thank them all for enabling our 100 guests to enjoy the evening. Thanks also, of course, to our guests for coming and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

FREE STARTER SESSION AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees would like to see the hall used more during the day. In an attempt to encourage new community groups and activities, we are offering up to 4 starter sessions per individual or group free of charge for new community activities. We hope that this will make it easier to test out new ideas and build a nucleus of participants to allow the sessions to continue when the free offer finishes.

The free sessions should be started before 1st November and will include insurance cover and use of the kitchen. Bookings are subject to availability and should be arranged with the Lettings Secretary, Mrs Stephanie Young, on 262365.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CUB

The Comberton Friendship Club meeting was held on Thursday 9th July. Our talk and chat was by a representative of Wilkin and Son of Colchester. They had owned Tiptree Jams since 1885 which Tiptree themselves started in 1757. In 1911 Wilkin and Son received the Royal Warrant. There is now a 1000acre estate of fruit and they export to 60 countries. There are 100 varieties of jams, 14 of which are marmalades with some sauces as well. In the future we can look forward to cakes and ice-cream under the brand name of TIPTREE.. It is well worth a visit to their factory and coffee shop.

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Our charity coffee morning will be held on Saturday morning September 12th 10.30 to 12 o'clock. Everybody is most welcome.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN SHOW 2009 SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 3.00pm MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This year's show promises to be our best ever. Every household in the village has had a Show Schedule. This includes (on the last page) an entry form. Please get the forms returned to our Show Secretary by Thursday 17th September at 75 Barrons Way. Entries can also be accepted on the morning of the show and exhibits should be staged between 8.30am and 10.45am. New entrants will be very welcome and advice on staging is available. *Please don't be put off if your onions are not giants or your beans are not monsters.* Our judges look for quality not size! The more entries received the better the show.

A few reminders: The Photography topics are

1. My Personal Paradise.
2. Through the Garden Gate
3. A Riot of Colour.

The "Men Only" set recipe is for Chocolate Brownies.

The extra class for Winemakers this year is "Flower Wine".

Our thanks to everybody supporting the Show: volunteers, judges, advertisers, exhibitors and visitors.

David Ellis, Secretary

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

This year's collection for Christian Aid raised over £ 1,500. This is well over last year's figure. Many thanks to all who contributed and a special thankyou to all who helped with the collection.

COMBERTON PLAYERS

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 8th. Any residents who are interested in participating in productions either on or off stage are cordially invited to attend. We are keen to attract new members.

After the business of the AGM is finished at approximately 8.15pm there will be a read through of the forthcoming Pantomime – see below for details.

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If you are interested in taking part in the Pantomime but cannot attend either the read through on September 8th or the Auditions on September 15th please telephone the Director Judith Bowen on 262186 or the Secretary Glynis Ellis on 262214

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See you there!

Alison Crossley

COMBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As from 1st September 2007 I agreed to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the Village of Comberton. My predecessor, Julie Caine notified the Parish Council, Police and ALL the area coordinators of the time, requesting they each passed to me their email addresses or let me know if they did NOT have a computer. Only two members contacted me and the whole NBHW scheme seemed to fall by the wayside!!

I have now been speaking to Trudy Newman-Hart, our local (and I must say enthusiastic) PCSO, who is very keen to get this scheme actively operating again, especially in the current climate where some houses have recently been burgled.

If you were a coordinator previously but now no longer wish to be one, due to commitments or moving away etc, please let me know and, if possible ask another person in that area to take the role on. YOU only have to make ONE phone call or send an email. I would have to make several phone calls (at my expense!!) so I'm not asking for much. I would also suggest you find a 'deputy' for cover when you are away or unable to attend the odd meeting!

If you live in an area of the village NOT covered by NBHW and are interested in becoming a coordinator, again, please let me know.

Once I have this all in place a meeting can be set up, by myself and Trudy, to brief you all on what's involved and how to pass on information that may be useful to the police.

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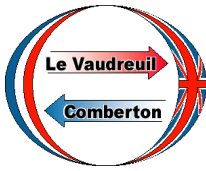
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In April , we entertained around forty of our French visitors to a celebration dinner in the Village Hall, and the return visit will take place in September when the celebrations will continue , no doubt!

We welcome new members, especially families. Speaking French is certainly not a requirement ; many of the French speak very good English indeed, If you would like further information, please do contact me, or the Secretary, Mary Catlin on 263905
Peter Mitton

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Further information available at: www.bridgethegapwalk.org or telephone 01223 723115.

FLU BUDDY SCHEME

NHS advice is to establish a network of “flu buddies”. Under this scheme, if someone is diagnosed with swine flu and is prescribed antiviral medication, their flu buddy can collect the medication on their behalf from a distribution centre. For people living in Comberton, the local distribution centre is Chesterton Medical Centre, 35 Union Lane, Cambridge.

St Mary’s Church, Comberton, would like to organise a group of volunteers to act as flu buddies for those people in the village who do not have family or friends in the area.

Flu buddies will need to:

- collect the patient’s ID from the patient’s home;
- pick up antiviral medication from Chesterton Medical Centre;
- deliver the antiviral medication and the patient’s ID to the patient’s home.

In most cases this will need to be done at short notice.

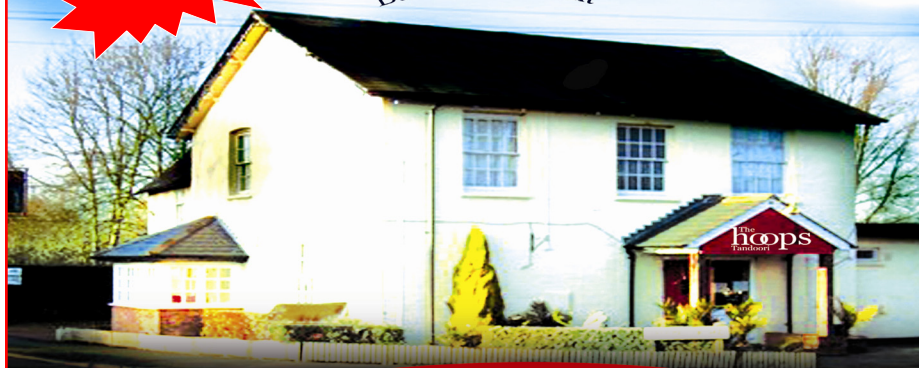
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COMBERTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Comberton Community Choir meets on Monday evenings during the Autumn and Spring terms in the Music Room at Comberton Village College from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The choir is part of the Cambridge Choral Society and joins with other choirs in the Society for a major concert each year with professional soloists and conductor. There are also some Saturday afternoon rehearsals with all the choirs at Comberton Village College. This season's concert to celebrate 50 years of the Society will be in King's College Chapel on Saturday 6th February 2010 when we shall be singing:

Parry - 'I Was Glad' and 'Blest Pair of Sirens'

Fuizi - 'Intimations of Immortality'

Rutter - 'Gloria'

and a newly commissioned work by our conductor Andrew Parnell.

We have 25 to 30 members in the choir at Comberton and we'd really love to see some new faces (....? voices!?) especially men. There is no audition, just come and sing.

Starting date: Monday 7th September - do join us!

Details from Sue Allin tel: 262990

BRIDGE THE GAP

4.5 MILE CHARITY WALK AROUND THE COLLEGES

Sign up now for the annual Bridge the Gap Charity Walk! Taking place on **Sunday 13th September** and one of the most popular charity walks in the region, Bridge the Gap is a lovely opportunity to meander through the sites of Cambridge and its colleges. And at just 4.5 miles, it's something the whole family can enjoy together.

Set to raise thousands, this year's walk will be in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Press Relief: The News Community Fund, as well as being partnered by the University of Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, the Cambridge News and Headline Sponsor -Cambridge Building Society.

As well as seeing the Colleges and bridges, walkers also have the opportunity to visit the Zoology Museum and The Pitt Building. There will also be Tourist guides on hand to talk about the history of the colleges and other local sites.

Entry Forms are already being received following our launch on 18th June. To make sure you don't miss out, download an entry form from www.bridgethegapwalk.org or call 01223 723 115. Registration costs £8 in advance (£14 from 1st September) for adults; entry is free for children 16 and under.

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Notes to editors:

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<http://www.arthurrankhospicecharity.co.uk/>

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PROFILE UPDATE
COMBERTON PANEL
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Several prosecutions have been made at court over the last panel period which has seen a Division wide reduction in burglary. An overall reduction has been felt across the panel area.

Most note worthy for the Comberton area is a young person convicted of a dwelling burglary in Hardwick. This is his second conviction which has again been assisted by information passed to PCSO Newman-Hart. The neighbourhood team are currently seeking an anti-social behaviour order on conviction (CrASBO) in youth caught on Wed 19 August to prevent further offending. The offender has committed offences whilst door knocking and offering to provide services.

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Comberton Ward (Comberton)

- Total crime for Comberton has decreased from 21 offences in the previous period to 18 in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 26 offences.
- There were 4 burglary other offences in this period compared to 5 in the previous period and 1 in the same period last year. Three of these offences have occurred within the same time period and in two of the offences, offenders have gained access to agricultural buildings and caused damage
- Violent crime offences have increased from 2 offences in the previous period to 5 offences in this period. In one of the offences the victim was attacked by two youths whilst attending a party at Comberton Recreation ground.
- There were 3 criminal damage offences in this period compared to 4 in the previous period and 12 in the same period last year. In one offence a derelict barn in an isolated location has been deliberately set alight.
- ASB incidents have increased from 14 in the previous period to 18 in this period. This is an increase compared to the same period last year when there were 11 incidents.

LOOKING AHEAD

September is a time that often catches gardeners out – it is the time to buy your spring bulbs. Do not put off the day, make your choices now. If you have access to the internet, then don't miss the site <http://www.dejager.co.uk/product> for top quality bulbs. This year I am going to try to build a strong bulb display under some trees. My choice of white crocus is C. Sieberi 'Bowles' White, the yellow is an old favourite 'Goldilocks', and the blue will be C. Tommasinianus 'Ruby Giant'; it is a violet colour. With luck these could be in flower at the end of January if the winter is mild. Remember to plant some bulbs in pots to bring inside in spring and if possible try scented varieties; Jonquils are wonderful narcissi and have a fine perfume. Try J. Campnellen which has a double deep golden flower, with often four very fragrant flowers per stem.

Looking back

The wet summer has been great for runner beans even if they have been a little watery. Tomatoes have fared less well and only a few ripened outside before September; I suspect that there will be a lot of green tomato chutney being made. I look forward to that with cheese and biscuits. The weather sequence of alternative wet or fine days has been good for the large flowering begonias. They produced a lot of growth and impressive flowers. It is a pity that the ones I planted out were red. Mine had all been mislabelled as pink. That was not the only mislabelling I had to suffer this year. Five rose bushes that I had bought which all had the same label for an old pink shrub rose were mixed; two were pink and probably the correct variety, two were apricot and one was white. This sort of mislabelling is really inexcusable and is a great disservice to gardeners.

Late flowering plants

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R.T. Choke

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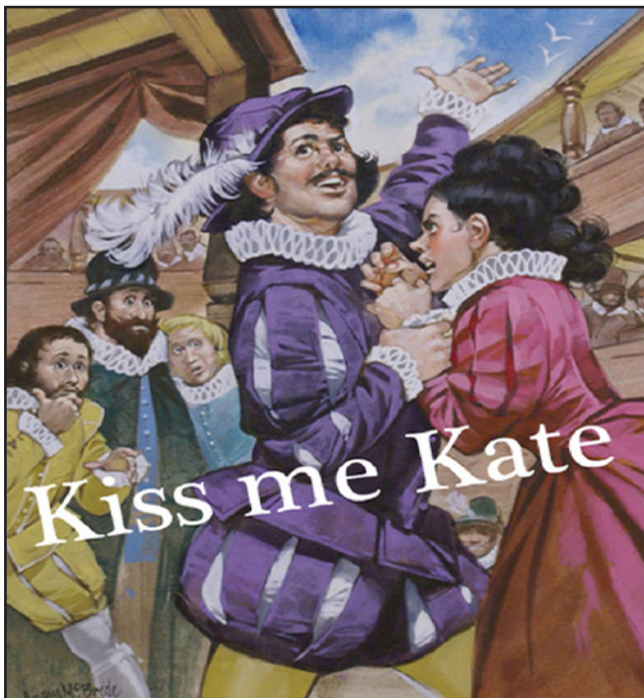
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WINNER: I plunged my hand into the hat to select the winner but entries were
THERE NONE !

THE CHALLENGE

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A simple task this month bearing in mind that we are still in the holiday season. All that is needed is an alphabetical list of FAMOUS people whose Christian and Surnames both begin with the same letter. e.g. Arthur Askey (not now acceptable) is worth two points. One point if only one of the two names begins with the correct letter e.g. Billy Askey !! Maximum score 52 points but 36+ could win. NB. FAMOUS means Famous, nationally or internationally known, living or dead. Winner of the largest carrot category at the village show will not be accepted.

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B.....	O.....
C.....	P.....
D.....	Q.....
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G.....	T.....
H.....	U.....
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K.....	X.....
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M.....	Z.....

Total Points.....

Entries please to Costcutter, Library or Doctors by 14th September.
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