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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR DATES

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

SEPTEMBER 2011

6th September	Comberton Players Auditions at Old V. Hall
7th September 2.00pm	Comberton Bridge Club at Village Hall
11th September 9.30am	Bridge That Gap Walk at Jesus Green
11th September 10.00-4.30	Charity Antique Fair at Orwell Village Hall
11th September 11.00am	Harvest Open Day at Bird's Farm
13th September 7.45pm	Comberton Players AGM at Village Hall (MR)
13th September 7.45pm	WI meeting at Village Hall
14th September 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
17th September 10.30am	Comberton Litter Pick at Village Pond
17th September 3.00pm	CAGA Autumn Show at Meridian School
18th September 3.30pm	NSPCC Benefit Concert at Bourn Church
19th September 7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers at Village Hall
21st September 7.30pm	'Casablanca' at the Village Hall
22nd September 7.00pm	NSPCC Dinner at Corpus Christie College
23rd September 7.00pm	Evening Bingo Party at the Village Hall
24th September 10.00am	WI Table Top Sale at Village Hall
26th September	CAGA trip to Kew Gardens

OCTOBER 2011

15th October 7.00pm	St Mary's Harvest Supper at the Village Hall
20th October 2.00-5.00pm	Help at Hand at Village Hall

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am delighted to welcome Marion Dymott and Mary Richards to the Contact team as co-ordinators of the distribution of Contact. I am sure they will do a very good job as soon as they feel they have got to grips with the routine set up by Jenny Brown and carried out by her for so many loyal years. Our free small ads website is not generating as much trade as I would have hoped. Ebay and other sites are extremely successful but the main drawback is the transfer of goods. Our website is for village residents only and, therefore, transfer is not a problem. It is also *free!* So why not give it a go. Without more buyers and sellers it will seem a lost cause.

You will see that this month's issue is larger than usual due to the August rest. It will be back to its normal size next month. Please be diligent about making the deadlines for submitting copy for the Contact. Waiting for contributors to contribute delays putting the magazine together and late delivery is a knock-on effect. Having said that I hope you will enjoy this issue and that you have had a good summer break.

COMBERTON CINEMA

At the Village Hall

Wed. 21st September

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Michael on 262748

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Comberton Players Annual Panto

Sleeping Beauty

Auditions

Tuesday 6th September at the Old Village Hall

Under 12s: 6.45 - 8pm

Adults & over 12s: from 8pm

All are welcome to join in the fun with a friendly village group. There is a range of parts from small to not so big and pantomime is an excellent way to find out if there really is an actor in everyone!

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings and performances will be December 9th & 10th

For further details contact Gillian Gresham on 01223 262867

(who will also be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining the backstage team - scenery, lighting, props, front of house etc.)

St Mary's Church, Comberton

Harvest Supper

Saturday 15th October

7.00 to 10.00 pm

In the Village Hall

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Tel: 01954 230604

Harvest Open Day

11th September, 11am – 5pm

Please come and visit our Wild Farm. There will be autumn fruit picking, trailer rides, molly dancing and homemade cakes.

Plus a Church service (St Peter's in Barton) at 2.30pm with the television presenter and author Rev. Peter Owen-Jones.

Bird's Farm, Haslingfield Rd, Barton, CB23 7AG.
FREE entry.

For more information please visit our website

www.countrysiderestorationtrust.com

Comberton Players AGM 2011

Tuesday 13th September at 7.45 in the Village Hall

Meetings Room

Are you a regular supporter? Have you been involved in our productions? Would you like to join us in future productions, on stage or behind the scenes? Are you interested in how the village drama group is run? If any of the above then we hope to see you at the annual general meeting.

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Dame Norma Major has kindly agreed to attend the event as the Guest of Honour.

Sue Minto, Head of the ChildLine organisation, will be giving an inspirational talk at the Celebratory Benefit Dinner.

The arrival drink will be served in the college reception room at 7.00 p.m. The 3-course dinner commences at 7.30 p.m. and each course is accompanied by a glass of college wine. The evening concludes after coffee or tea around 10.00 p.m. During the meal there will be a musical interlude by 'Full Score' and the meal closes with an inspirational talk by Sue Minto, Head of ChildLine. There will be a luxury hamper raffle.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 13 July 2011.

Membership of working groups and individual member responsibilities continued to be reviewed.

Proposed affordable housing development Long Road approximately opposite Highfield Farm

Mr Simon Sommerfield-Large and Mr Mike Lee of Laragh House Developments expanded on their correspondence which outlined a proposal for an exception site in Long Road in conjunction with Hundred Housing Society.

Other sites had been explored by them but had been dismissed following discussion with the Planning Authority. A question was raised regarding the provision and allocation of housing. It was noted that the Parish Council and village had not supported a similar proposal on the same site several years ago. It was agreed that the Affordable Housing Working Group would meet with the gentlemen from Laragh House Developments to discuss the proposal and bring a recommendation to the next meeting in September. It is stressed that the Parish Council has not formed an opinion on the proposal as yet.

A notice advertising this item was placed on the parish notice board and also on the website advising all residents that Laragh House Developments would be attending the meeting. If you are interested or want to know what is being proposed then please take time to look the notice board and attend Council meetings.

Village Pond

The village pond has again become infested with blue green algae and all residents are urged to stay clear of the signs and respect the signage as the pond was infested with blue green algae which is harmful if ingested. The Council had been advised by the Environment Agency to leave the pond until the algae is cleared later in the year.

Proposed Jubilee commemoration

A proposal for Jubilee tree planting on the recreation ground extension and consideration was given to linking the other commemorative areas including the sensory garden, and Watts Wood into a Jubilee walk. The Tree Group and the Focus Group are to look into this and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Recreation Ground car parking

The Parish Council has decided to increase the size of the car park. Tenders are invited for this work. For the specification please contact the Clerk.

Recreation Ground Working Group

A working group has been set up to initially review the facilities and their use and to make recommendation to the next meeting when the terms of reference are expected to be extended.

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Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane
Dame Veronica Sutherland	12 Hines Lane
Miss Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road 263242
Mr Antony Bateman 262243	19 Bush Close

There are still 5 vacancies so if you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Clerk or any member.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry Revd. Michael Booker tel: 01223 260095

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Churchwardens	Mr M.R. Evans	82 Green End	Tel 263215
	Mrs M Jenkins	80 West Street	Tel 263751

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

Summer services and events in September

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion, and start of our Xplorers group for children. WCCYM Sunday
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Baptism
Saturday 17th	7.30pm	Turkey Street Band in Concert, in aid of Samaritan's Well
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion. Introducing the Samaritan's Well Charity
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service
	6.00pm	Illumin8 Cafe re-launches for young people, Harlton Village Hall

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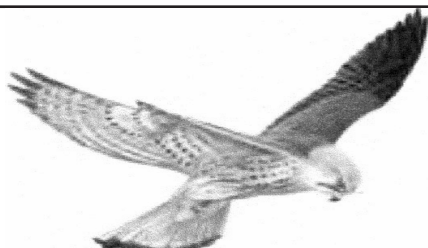
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Over the weekend of 17th-18th September we will be focusing on the work of Samaritan's Well, providing water supplies for villages in North India. St Mary's is aiming to fund the digging of a well over the next year. Don't miss the Turkey Street Band's concert, raising funds for Samaritan's Well, on the evening of Saturday 17th.

The last Sunday in September is Harvest. Please come to celebrate God's goodness!

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Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

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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)

Full information is on the parish website www.olem.org.uk

THE RESOURCE WE NEED IS AT HAND

As I write this, the English City Riots has prompted a great deal of public soul searching and political argument. I certainly would not wish to contribute to yet more of that. But these events do, I think require of us all to ask some deep questions and discover some sensible answers.

The question I asked myself was, 'Does morality matter?', only to discover Socrates has asked the same question thousands of years ago: 'What is the good for the city and man?'

I feel we in the West have for many years engaged in an attempt to persuade ourselves that the question need not be asked, or at least too closely, for it can be terribly inconvenient. As the philosopher Leo Strauss once wrote: "[There is] a gentle nihilism expressed in Western liberal democracies . . . a kind of value-free aimlessness and a hedonistic permissive egalitarianism."

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ice of leadership, seems to carry a price, and we all saw it starkly portrayed. It is significant to me that the democracies of Ancient Greece were unable to create anything that looked like a moral foundation, for all their rationalism. That moral foundation came not through rational enquiry but through revelation, for example:

‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’

‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’

‘Love your enemies.’

Even when we see this revelation mirrored in the noble hearted attitudes of those who do not come from a Christian tradition, we still instinctively recognise the universal foundation it truly is, and without which we find ourselves all at sea.

All of us can rediscover these rich seams of moral strength in the pages of the Bible. Turn, for example, to the Gospel of Luke and just let the words of that man Jesus of Nazareth speak to you.

I do hope they will end up being as treasured as much by you as they are now by me.

On a lighter note, we greatly enjoyed being host to 70 children at the Comberton Baptist Church Holiday Club in July. We all enjoyed it so much we hope to run it for two consecutive weeks next year. We will publish details of the Club nearer the time.

God bless each one of you richly,

Graham Ford, Comberton Baptist Church



NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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At the time of writing the children are enjoying their summer break and, I hope, having the opportunity to enjoy some sunny days playing outside. By the time you read this, however, they will be back at school, getting used to new teachers, new friends, new classrooms. For some, of course, it will be their first time at our school, for others their first day at school at all.

I always think that it's good for adults who work in schools, whatever their role, to try and think back to that experience in their own childhoods and remember just how scary it can be. It begins with the Back to School buying – new shoes, pencil case, lunch box perhaps. Then there's the gradual build-up to the 'first day back' – looking forward to seeing friends again, meeting a new teacher, finding your way round a different part of school. Each September for a child brings that mixture of excitement and trepidation – our job, whether we are parents or professionals, is to make sure that the former outweighs the latter.

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At Meridian we try to make the start of a new school year exciting and enjoyable for all the children. They will already have met their new classteacher and spent a short session with them. The first week back will be full of gentle 'lead-in' activities (including producing our art work for the Comberton Village Show, as always) and parents will be invited to Class Meetings to find out some details about their child's new year group. Our Reception children will build up gradually to full-time school, and parents will be offered a home visit by the Reception staff so that the children can meet them on 'home turf'. That first whole-school assembly is important too and one which I think hard about over the summer.

At the end of last term all our Year 6 (the eldest children) moved on to Comberton Village College and we know that the staff there too devote a great deal of thought and time to ensuring that the important transition from primary to secondary school is a smooth one. We are very proud of last year's Year 6 and believe that they will be a real asset to the College.

For those of us who work in education I believe 1st January isn't really the New Year at all. For us it's that date in early September when the cycle begins again, when there are new faces and new experiences to look forward to -- and some new challenges to face. So Happy New Year, everybody!
Glennis Virgo Headteacher

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN SHOW 2011

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 3.00pm MERIDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Every home 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 15th September at 75 Barrons Way.

Entries can also be accepted on the morning of the show. Exhibits should be staged between 8.30am and 10.45am. New entrants will be very welcome and advice on staging is available.

The more entries received the better the show!

Please don't be put off if your onions are not giants or your beans are not monsters. It has been a difficult year for everyone. Our judges look for quality not size! This year the Children's Art topics are:

Trains and Boats and Planes.

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COMBERTON WINEMAKERS

The first meeting of Winemakers following the summer break will be held in Comberton Village Hall on Monday September 19th at 7-30 pm. The Theme for this evening is Germany "Alsace". Please bring along a contribution to the Buffet to reflect this theme.

The John Hyde Trophy will take place during this evening. The wines for this competition are for Dry Red or for Dry White Wines.

The following meeting to be held at Comberton Village Hall on Monday October 17th is our Annual General Meeting.

A WINE FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Allotments Association and the Wine-Makers are planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 in a unique style. At the 2012 Autumn Show we will be adding an extra Class for a Country wine that is similar to wines that were made in 1952. Villagers keen to participate will need to start now, to make a wine fit for a Queen! Don't worry if you don't have the equipment or the foggiest idea of how to make the wine, help is at hand. Free loan of demijohns, airlocks, as well as practical support and a detailed recipe sheet are all available.

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COMBERTON CANTABILE IS RECRUITING.

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For further information ring Brenda Brown on 01223 262407.

COMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

If you enjoy a game of Rubber Bridge come and play with our small friendly, informal group at the Village Hall. We meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00pm starting on 7th September, after a summer break. Should you require further information please 'phone C 263474.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT

Once again the committee of the village would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our evening successful by printing invitations, providing desserts, giving lifts and preparing and serving meals and, of course, our popular entertainment.

Thanks also to our guests for coming and we look forward to seeing them next year.

COMBERTON WI

The speaker at our July meeting was Gerry Dodd and in his talk entitled 'What's that smell in the kitchen?' he reminisced about his career in catering. Having trained at Westminster Catering College in London, he ended his career as Head of Catering at Cambridge Regional College. Dressed in his chef's whites, Gerry entertained members with lots of amusing anecdotes from his career and interspersed his talk with recipes.

In August, members met at the Bridge, Clayhithe for an enjoyable pub meal.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday September 13th at 7.45pm 'Tai Chi' with R Miller

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- You may be eligible for a grant for major adaptations if you have a disability?
- You can get a free home check from the Fire Service?

Very often we struggle on, dealing with all sorts of difficulties simply because we don't know that the right help is out there or how to access it. Every day hundreds of people of all ages are faced with the effects of accidents, genetic disorders, illnesses or incapacities without knowing that there are ways in which their every-day lives could be improved. What can be worse is finding out after the event that something could have been done to prevent a tragedy.

Here's your opportunity to learn more about some of the services that are dedicated to making our lives easier. We have gathered together a range of experts to talk about the services they provide and the ways in which help really is at hand. **Representatives from the Fire Service, Home Aid, Assistive Technology/Telecare, the Lifeline Service and finally Colin Pettit who owns and runs Cambridge Mobility will be at the Comberton Village Hall on Thursday 20th October 2011 between 2pm and 5pm.** They will each give a short talk on what their service can do to help people retain their independence at home, support carers, prevent tragedies and enable us all to get the best possible quality of life.

Come along and find out more – you never know when you or a friend may need it! Entrance is **FREE** and all are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

This event has been sponsored by Comberton W.I

STAYING INDEPENDENT, SAFE AND WELL IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Your Life, Your Choice Article 1

New website gives adults choice and control over their social care

Information about adult social care in Cambridgeshire is now available on a new, easy-to-navigate website, developed by the County Council, called 'Your Life, Your Choice' – www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

The aim is to ensure that everyone in Cambridgeshire who is: looking for information about adult social care; already receiving support; or caring for a friend or family member; has access to information at a time and in a format that suits them. In addition to the website a set of Your Life, Your Choice branded leaflets, providing information about adult social care in the county, will be available from libraries. Access to the Your Life, Your Choice website is also available in libraries together with help on hand for anyone requiring assistance with sourcing information.

Provision of universal information and advice is a requirement of the government agenda for Transforming Adult Social Care and a key element

of Cambridgeshire's 'Shaping our Future' vision which aims to transform adult social care in the county by personalising support and care services.

The hope is that the information, which has been developed with the support of partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors, will encourage people to think more

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widely than just traditional care services when planning the support they need. The Your Life, Your Choice website provides information about sources of available help and support – including independent financial information, and information about care homes and housing options. It can also help with: keeping independent; getting out and about; keeping safe; health and well-being; employment and volunteering opportunities; and being a carer. A self-help guide about equipment and adaptations will be available soon.

Look out for the Your Life, Your Choice logo in libraries and CAB AdviceHubs or access information and advice directly at www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk . Information about the 'Shaping *our* Future' vision can be found on the County Council's website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

COMBERTON RAMBLERS

Join our friendly group for wonderful walks

Comberton Ramblers' Association walks an average of 5-6 miles every fortnight on a Sunday morning. We are a very friendly group who totally enjoy the lead walks in our beautiful countryside. There's time to take a rest break if needed or to simply stop and enjoy the view or visit places of interest along the way. Our members come from many local villages and from within Cambridge itself.

Go on, give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people.

Membership is £7.50 per person for the year and people under 18 are free.

For more information and a further list of our walks, please contact the Secretary, Eileen Marsh on 01223 262940 or email eileen@thecovert.fsnet.co.uk

Autumn Programme 2011

Start time - All walks start at *** 10:15 *** unless noted

Date	Walk
18/09/11	<u>Ashwell 5.5 miles</u> A combination of quiet lanes & field paths over gently undulating countryside. Wide expanses & extensive views. Meet at The Three Tons Hotel Tel: 01462 742107 (book 2 weeks earlier) Sunday roast £10.95 but also jackets, risotto, omelettes etc cheaper
02/10/11	<u>Clayhithe/Baits Bite Lock 5 miles.</u> Lovely riverside walk. Meet at The Bridge Hotel Clayhithe Tel: 01223 860622
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27/11/11	<u>Castle Camps 4.5 miles</u> gently undulating, pretty farmland. Meet at The Cock PH Tel: 01799 584207. Sunday roast £10 2 course or £7.50 1 course. Veg option or fish also
11/12/11	<u>Wimpole 5.5 miles</u> Undulating farmland dotted with small woods. Meet at The Hardwick Arms Tel: 01223 208802. Carvery which is very good.

OPEN CAMBRIDGE AND FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

I am writing from the Community Affairs team at Cambridge University to publicise two of our upcoming events. These are Open Cambridge (9-11 September) and the Festival of Ideas (19-30 October). The first is run as part of Heritage Open Days and opens up many of our Colleges, gardens and areas of the city which would otherwise be closed to the public. The Festival of Ideas is a free festival celebrating the arts, humanities and social sciences offering hundreds of free talks, hands on activities, film screenings and workshops for all ages.

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OPEN CAMBRIDGE WEEKEND

9-11 September 2011 – a free weekend of discovery for families, local residents and community groups

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On Friday and Saturday, our pre-bookable tours cover topics such as the history, architecture, art and gardens of the University, College and City buildings, whilst College and University departmental libraries will open their doors, allowing you to explore exciting collections and manuscripts.

There are also two Open Cambridge talks taking place in the Pitt Building at 10.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 10 September. These talks will be given by Honor Ridout and Tony Kirby. Further details can be found on p15 of the programme.

For a chance to visit several Colleges in one day, you might want to take part in the Bridge the Gap charity walk which takes place on Sunday 11 September.

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Throughout the Festival, we will debate some of the biggest questions in modern times. As the population hits seven billion, we ask can the Earth sustain this many people and is reproductive freedom a fundamental liberty? Is Wikileaks causing a net revolution or setting the stage for net censorship? What is the future of communication; will the English language ever become extinct and why are so many other languages under threat? We are delighted to welcome world-renowned speakers to take part in this year's Festival including Holly Walsh (Mock the Week and Never Mind the Buzzcocks), Professor Marcus du Sautoy from the University of Oxford and the University's own Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz.

The main day of the Festival, on Saturday 22 October is bursting with free events for the whole family to enjoy. There will be talks by world-famous children's authors Marcus Sedgwick and zombie-loving Charlie Higson; debates by pioneering academics and dozens of hands on activities for adults as well as children.

The full programme is available from August and can be requested by phoning 01223 766766. Please visit: www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas

Bookings open on Monday 5 September.

FOCAL GROUP

Friends of Comberton Area Library report.

The Public Library housed in the Village College is under review.

People from Comberton and surrounding villages attended a consultation meeting in Comberton Village Hall on 25th May and heard that the County Council will be encouraging greater community participation in the management and running of library services through volunteering and acting on Friends' Groups and Community Management Boards.

The Library opened in 1960, and the 2010/11 library profile shows that the number of active borrowers (836) increased by 22% over the last 4 years and that 49% of all issues were of children's books. An enthusiastic group of users from Comberton and surrounding villages want to keep the library open in the face of budget cuts and have been meeting regularly in the Library. There is now a Friends Group, a poster and publicity campaign including a presence on Facebook, and a blog <http://friendsofcombertonlibrary.wordpress.com/>.

The County Council Cabinet will discuss the future of the Library on 27 September 2011 and the Friends have been meeting with Parish, District and County Councillors to express their desire to maintain library services in the area and have had support and advice from Council and Library managers. The FOCAL Group (Friends of Comberton Area Library) welcomes further support.

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- Join the Friends : we hope to arrange a programme of talks and events in the Autumn and are gathering ideas for the programme (if you know of a local author willing to visit please contact the group)
- Volunteer to support the library service by supporting existing activities such as the Doorstep Delivery service to the housebound or providing expertise in fundraising
- Attend Parish Council meetings if the Library is on the agenda, contact your councillors
- If you know of grants or funds supporting community projects let the Friends know FriendsofCombertonLibrary@gmail.com

There will be funding cuts but if the community takes more responsibility for the running of the library we should be able to retain it and improve what it can provide for local families and visitors.

Suzan Griffiths

Chair of the Friends

NB The Women's Institute launched a Love Your Libraries campaign in June, and recently set up an petition. To login and sign use this link: I, the undersigned, believe that libraries are an essential local educational and information resource.... <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/1269>



TRADING STANDARDS – A SPOTLIGHT ON ENERGY

We all want to do our bit to save energy around the home - to be 'green' and to save money. However, at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we have seen an increase in queries from residents about 'cold callers' selling energy saving schemes, particularly loft insulation and solar energy, so below we offer some advice to help you.

Solar Energy

Before you start it's worth taking a look at the information provided by the Energy Saving Trust on www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or speaking to an advisor on 0800 512012.

For supplier/installer information, the Microgeneration Certification Scheme can provide a list of members online or by calling 0207 0901082. Membership is not compulsory, but you will need to use a member if you plan to use the Feed-in Tariff scheme (a government-backed initiative paying you for the electricity you generate).

Obtain three quotes to ensure the price and projected savings are competitive and realistic. Arrange a technical survey, rather than a sales visit, so the quote is accurate, and ensure all quotes are in writing, detailing what's included. Once you've chosen your installer read the contract carefully and ensure their claims about savings and maintenance costs are included before signing so that you have evidence of what you were told.

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When it comes to insulation, the Energy Saving Trust can provide information on grants and offers that can help you cover the cost of it. They can also provide a list of installers. It is advisable to use a member of the National Insulation Association, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency or the British Board of Agreement, ideally who has signed up to a professional code of practice and provides a 25 year guarantee.

Reducing your energy bills

Start by checking with your current gas and electricity supplier that you are on their best rate. Then compare the prices of other suppliers in case you can get it cheaper – switching supplier could save you around £237 a year if you haven't changed before. You can compare prices on Consumer Focus's weekly pricing factsheets at www.consumerfocus.org.uk or by contacting Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506 for a paper copy. Also, most suppliers offer cheaper tariffs for 'vulnerable' customers, so it is worth enquiring about these 'social tariffs' if you are over 60, are on means tested benefits or are on low income. In addition, your District Council could offer you advice on how to reduce the amount of energy you use in your home by offering a home visit, or you can get tips by calling the Energy Saving Trust.

Support if you are struggling to pay your energy bills

If you are struggling to keep on top of energy bills, seek help from your local Citizens Advice Bureau, either in person or on the phone on 08444 111 444. Finally, if you feel that you have been mis-sold any product or service – energy or otherwise - or have any other kind of consumer issue, contact our partner Consumer Direct for advice.

CHARTER TRAVEL 28 SERVICE

The County Council has received registrations to start the above service. We have taken this opportunity to break down the changes and their impact into the table below.

Service Operator	Date of Change	Route	Days of Operation
28 Charter Travel	05-09-11	Guilden Morden – Cambridge	Mon - Fri *
Description of change New service linking The Mordens, Litlington, Bassingbourn, Whaddon, Kneesworth, Royston, Meldreth, Shepreth, Barrington and Orwell with Comberton Village College and Cambridge			

* Runs once a day in each direction

* Timetables can be obtained from the operator directly

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Passenger Transport Team

Phone : 0345 045 0675



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

Tel: 0845 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

COMBERTON RECREATION GROUND GATE ROTA, February to June 2011

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

February 21st	to	March 6th	Raymond Sewell
March 7th	to	March 20th	Mick & Barbara Waters
March 21st	to	April 3rd	Alan & Mary Clarke
April 4th	to	April 17th	Martin & Ingrid Sims
April 18th	to	May 1st	Raymond Sewell
May 2nd	to	May 15th	Mick & Barbara Waters
May 16th	to	May 29th	Alan & Mary Clarke
May 30th	to	June 12th	Martin & Ingrid Sims
June 13th	to	June 26th	Raymond Sewell
June 27th	to	July 10th	Mick & Barbara Waters

Access on foot is not affected

Email : passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Post : Passenger Transport Team, Box CC 1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

GOT BETTER THINGS TO SPEND YOUR MONEY ON THAN ELECTRICITY BILLS?

Borrow an energy meter from any Cambridgeshire library free of charge and find out how you could cut your electricity bills by as much as 15%. The meters are easy and safe to use and show how much electricity is being used in your home at any one time. Using a meter can help you see just how much energy is used, for example, by lights in empty rooms, appliances on stand-by or boiling a full kettle. Armed with this information, studies show that households can reduce their bills by 5 - 15% by making small changes to use less electricity. Ask to borrow a meter at your local library today and start planning what to do with your savings!

Fiona Riggall - Environment and Climate Change Officer
Environment Management and Climate Change
Cambridgeshire County Council
Direct line: 01223 715673

Address: Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1312, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

Green Tip: We all have an impact on the environment through our use of resources and burning fossil fuels for everyday activities such as driving cars and heating our homes. For various tips on how to reduce carbon emissions in the home, check out the Environment Agency website at the following address:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/climatechange>

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS

Solar photovoltaic cells (also called PV cells or panels) generate electricity through harnessing the energy of sunlight. The stronger the sunshine, the more electricity is produced. They provide a green and renewable way of powering the appliances in your home. And are currently an exceedingly good financial investment – read on!

PV cells come in a variety of shapes and colours, from grey “solar tiles” that look like roof tiles to panels and transparent cells that you can use on conservatories and glass. The lifetime of solar PV panels is about 25 years.

The strength of a PV cell is measured in kilowatt peak (kWp). That’s the amount of power the cell generates in full sunlight. The amount of electricity generated is measured in kiloWattHours (kWh - the units used on your electricity bill).

The government has introduced Feed-In Tariffs (FIT) to encourage homeowners and companies to install PV panels. Energy companies will pay homeowners

VILLAGE CAFÉ at the VILLAGE HALL

Open every Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon

Coffee/Tea/Squash

Meet up with friends or make new ones

Families welcome!

Hope to see you there soon.

THE CHALLENGE JULY RESULT & WINNER

DR.DOOLITTLE(PARROT)

ROY ROGERS(DOG)

ULYSSES(DOG)

HOLLY GOLIGHTLY(CAT)

DR.JOHNSON(CAT)

LYRA(DAEMON)

ANDREW GLEN(DOG)

WILLIAM BOYD(HORSE)

GENE AUTRY(HORSE)

DON QUIXOTE(HORSE)

POSTMAN PAT(CAT)

HARRY POTTER(OWL)

TOM MIX(HORSE)

DER HORSE

FAMOUS FIVE(DOG)

RUDD WEATHERWAX(DOG)

NAME PAL)

FARMER GREY(HORSE)(1ST OWNER)

LONG JOHN SILVER(PARROT)

BILL SYKES(DOG)

JOY ADAMSON(LION)

TARZAN(CHIMPANZEE)

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TONY THE WON-

TIMMY

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BLACK BEAUTY

CAPTAIN FLINT

BULLSEYE

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CHEETAH

WINNER. KAREN KENDALL. BARRONS WAY

a fixed amount for each unit of electricity generated irrespective of whether the homeowner then uses that electricity or exports it to the grid. Payment will continue for the lifetime of the panels. With the current price of PVs and the FIT it is possible for homeowners to make about a **13% annual return on investment**. So that's **payback** on the initial cost of the installation **in less than 8 years and then profit for the next 17 years (at least)** of the installation's lifetime!

However, the FIT for panels installed after April 2012 is going to drop. The rate will still make the installation of PVs a good financial investment but not as good as it is now. So people need to **ACT QUICKLY** to achieve the highest financial return.

A good price for a PV installation is about £3000 per kWp. Domestic installations usually range from about 1kWp to 4kWp. Each kWp should generate 850kWh over a year.

(This is the standard figure that companies are allowed to quote in the UK. From experience in South Cambs, installations here generate more like 900kWh/kwp.)

The electricity company will pay 43.3p/kWh generated. The homeowner additionally benefits by saving on bought in electricity (~12p/kWh) and being paid an additional amount (3p/kWh) for each unit exported. A generation meter is fitted to measure how much electricity the panels generate. After that the electricity company usually estimates that people use half the electricity generated and export the other half to the grid.

The income generated per kWp installed is calculated to be about £405 and breaks down as follows:-

Generation tariff paid on 850kWh = $850 \times 0.433 = £368$

Export tariff paid on half of 850kWh = $425 \times 0.03 = £13$

Savings through lower imported electricity = $200 \times 0.12 = £24$

(This figure for saved electricity is based on experience of a family with both parents working. This is lower than the estimation by power companies and is variable depending on home usage.)

So that's payback in about 7½ years (£3000/£405) or it can be thought of as a 13% annual return on investment.

PVs are a sound investment both financially and environmentally. However, the amount of money needed for an installation is out of reach of many families. Additionally families that rent rather than own their homes will probably not be able to get a PV installation.

Some people are under the mis-impression that you have to have a south-facing roof to make solar panels pay. You do get slightly reduced returns, but any pitched roof situated between east and west (through south) will make the investment financially viable. For a SE or SW roof, total energy generation is about 95% whilst for an east or west facing roof, total energy generation is about 80% of a south facing roof.

A bulk purchase group has been set up by the eCoton team supported by the South Cambs SPEG team. The group is open to homeowners in the South

AUTUMN LAWN CARE

This Autumn most lawns are in need of “A Renovation”. Time spent tending your lawn at this time of year will pay dividends next year. Compaction, thatch, dead grass and a lack of nutrients will lead to an unsightly lawn unless you take heed and act now.

Aerating A Lawn – Benefits

- Loosens compacted soil and increases the availability of water and nutrients.
- Enhances oxygen levels in the soil, stimulating root growth and enhancing beneficial bacteria in the soil to multiply and feed the grass.
- Allows water to drain away from surface reducing the incidence of moss.
- Increases drought tolerance and improves overall health.

Scarification

The autumn routine for all lawns is to scarify first to remove any lingering moss and thatch, then aerate using a mechanical aeration machine. Scarifying will open up the surface removing thatch and allowing the grass to breathe. It also provides an excellent opportunity to over sow with a quality grass seed to improve the quality of the lawn.

Top Dressing & Over Seeding

In addition to aerating, applying a sterilised turf dressing (sand: soil mixture) will help keep the holes open longer and grass healthier and cover any seed sown.

Autumn Feed

Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look.

- Scarify lawn
- Aerate lawn by machine
- Apply a turf dressing to improve soil and over seed to improve grass quality
- Apply an autumn feed

The lawn owner can carry out some of the above tasks, other tasks may need some professional intervention. 01480 812393

e-mail info@prolawncares.co.uk www.prolawncares.co.uk

**SPECIAL OFFER: 25% OFF OF SCARIFICATION THIS AUTUMN.
CALL NOW (FIRST COME FIRST SERVED) LIMITED TO FIRST
10 RESPONSES**

Cambs villages. We will gather together a group of 50+ households to give us good negotiating power with installers. We are currently screening installers to select a reputable company that will give the best price for individual domestic installations. This will ensure system payback for participating homeowners in less than 8 years.

We need to act quickly to make the most of the investment potential before the FIT lowers in April 2012. You need to sign up for the scheme by the end of September. To register interest, or if you have any queries, please email ecoton@hotmail.co.uk or contact Amanda Fuller on 01954 211969. There will be an information meeting in Coton Village Hall on Wednesday 14th September at 7:30pm.

In the meantime if you would like to pursue your own purchase we can recommend the website www.comparemysolar.co.uk. A list of recommended installers can be obtained by emailing eon@hotmail.co.uk.

SEPTEMBER-FLOWERING SHRUBS

Late-summer-flowering shrubs are uncommon in many gardens. Perhaps we are pre-occupied with spring shrubs. This is a pity; there are some superb opportunities around. I love the new *Caryopteris clandonensis* varieties. The old standard is *C. clandonensis* 'Heavenly Blue' with tight clusters of cobalt blue flowers sprouting from the top four leaf nodes towards the end of the stems. The changes in the newer varieties retain the same blue flowers but have striking leaf variegations. 'White Surprise' has cream edges to the leaves; 'Summer Sorbet' has golden-yellow edges to the leaves, whilst 'Worcester Gold' has all yellow leaves. Some people have commented that the variegated varieties are not hardy; all that I can say is that mine survived the bitter cold of last winter and are now in full flower.

The Buddleia *B. crispa* has lilac blue coloured flowers in September. It needs a little protection from biting winds and does well when sheltered by a wall from north and east winds. Like all Buddleia shrubs, it can grow very large and may need substantial pruning to keep it manageable. The ever popular climber *Solanum crispum* 'Glasnevin' is splendid value with many clusters of flowers; it is very hardy and a strong grower. The white variety *S. jasminoides* 'Album' is less prolific in flowering, but it creates a delicate effect along a wall or over an arch. Avoid the Russian vine *Polygonum baldschuanicum*, as this is a real thug and can grow 15 feet per year. In no time it swamps everything nearby. This vigour is a pity since the pure white small flowers are beautiful and prolific.

Buy your Spring bulbs

Visit your garden centre in early September to get the greatest variety. By late September many of the best varieties will be sold out. My worst experience last year was planting 120 *Crocus* 'Spring Beauty'; all came up in March, but as soon as the flowers began to show, a small rodent, moving too quickly for me ever to identify, uprooted them all and bit the stem coming out of the bulb. None of the other crocus plants were damaged in the same way. I think that this year I will plant up a number of pots for binging into the house when they are ready to flower. The small Narcissus varieties 'Hawera', 'Jetfire', 'Pipit' and 'Rapture' should do well. Similarly the small *Iris reticulata*

‘Gordon’ has striking purple flowers and makes a good indoor show for a while. Indoor bulbs need a cool but light position if they are to last any time.

R.T. Choke

THE CHALLENGE
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COMBERTON, CAMBS...hides many secrets. These 14 letters can be used to produce many places, people and articles. For example.. Moon, Master, Tomb and Stream. Can you find the 20 clued words below?

- PLANT OF THE GENUS NICOTANIA
- HEDGE SPARROW NOW CALLED
- PRUNELLA
- ISLAND WHICH INCORPORATES BRUNEI
- BRASS WIND INSTRUMENT
- FIRST STAGE OF A MULTISTAGE ROCKET
- EUROPEAN CAPITAL CITY
- LANCASTER OR WELLINGTON
- THE PROBLEM WITH THE KINGS SPEECH
- THE SEED OF THE CHOCOLATE TREE
- SCENE OF A 1773 TEA PARTY
- WW1 BATTLE
- A RIF?
- A WORD TO REPLACE RUSSIAN IN THE
- RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
- KING OF THE FAIRIES (MND)
- CABINET OFFICE BRIEFING ROOM ‘A’.
- EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
-TOM & JERRY
- DATING ELEMENT ?
- VESPA OR LAMBRETTA
-FIDEL ? RUZ
- ? DELLA VERITA.TOURIST ATTRACTION
- IN ROME.
- DID YOU SEE ROMAN HOLIDAY ?

Entries please to Costcutter,Library or Green End Surgery no later than 14th August.

The prize of £5, generously donated by Nayna & Vijay, is to be spent in store.

Name.....

Address.....