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Sept 5th	2.00pm	Comberton Bridge Club at Village Hall
Sept 9th	9.30am	Bridge the Gap Walk at Jesus Green
Sept 11th	7.45pm	Comberton WI at Village Hall
Sept 13th	7.30pm	FOCAL AGM at Comberton Library
Sept 17th	7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers at Village Hall
Sept 19th	7.30pm	Cinema at Village Hall
Sept 21st	7.00pm	Bingo at Village Hall
Sept 22nd	-	Comberton G & A Club Autumn Outing
Sept 28th	10.30-12.30	Coffee Morning at Orchard House, Church Lane
Sept 28th	Noon	Deadline for SCDC Consultation Questionnaire
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Comberton Luncheon Club at Dry Drayton
Sept 30th	3.30pm	Autumn Benefit Concert at Bourn Church
Sept 30th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Celebration for all ages
Sept 30th	12.30pm	Shared Family Lunch, at St Mary's
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#### OCTOBER

Oct 15th		Comberton Winemakers AGM at Village Hall
Oct 21st		Comberton Market at Meridian School
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Comberton Luncheon Club at Harlton

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



On 5th July I went to the Cambridge Building Society's Community Magazine Awards at the Cambridge Rugby Club. Refreshments were served at round tables where we were seated for the awards. I am pleased to be able to tell you that Comberton Contact won a Silver Award Certificate in the High Frequency category for magazines produced monthly for most of the year. This entitles us to have the logo on our front cover this year and I have already put it there. There were several new categories this year and awards were given to

magazines from villages, colleges and charity groups. It was an enjoyable evening and I was proud to represent our village magazine. I do apologise for the lateness of this issue. Some months it all falls together really well. Occasionally it doesn't. Regrettably this was on of those. Late copy combined with very welcome but time consuming friends and family as staying guests are reasons, not excuses and I grovel in apology. Will do better next month. Maybe we need an assistant editor to work with me. Just a thought!



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This year we are very pleased to announce that Mark Foster, the Olympic awimmer, will be with us at the start and during the walk.

The event starts and finishes on Jesus Green, taking in a number of colleges, often into areas not normally accessible to the public. Walkers can also take the opportunity to drop into The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology which opens its doors to all Bridge the Gap walkers.

Adulta pay a £15 registration fee but all under eighteens can take part free of charge, so long as they are accompanied by a paying adult.

The route is wheelchair and pushchair friendly and is suitable for all eges and ablittles.

For more information go to <u>www.bridgethegepwalk.org</u> You can register online or pick up a registration form from any branch of The Cambridge Building Society. Alternatively call us on 01223 434378

Info@bridgethegapwalk.org www.arhc.org.uk www.pressrellef.org

### Comberton Market,

Meridian School, Harbour Avenue, Comberton, CB23 7DD in aid of Stroke Association October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16th Refreshments by Meridian School PTA If anyone would like to have a one-off stall to recycle anything that is surplus to their requirements they can ring 01223 208529 to book a table for £5.00 (limited number of stalls each month).

# Conberton Winemakers

Autom 2012 Open Meeting Monday September 17th at 7-30pm Conberton Village Hall. The these for the Open Meeting is South America. As usual please bring any contribution to the Buffet related to this theme. The Competition for the John Hyde Trophy is for any overet home-made Wine. Conberton Winemakers AGM Monday October 15th Club Competition will be for Sweet Strawberry Wine and Dry Blackcurrant.

Comberton Cuncheon Club The following dates have been booked for our Friday 12.30pm luncheons: September 28<sup>th</sup> The Black Horse. Dry Drayton October 26<sup>th</sup> The Hare and Hounds. Harlton November 30<sup>th</sup> The Blue Cion. Hardwick. Please do telephone Frances on 01223 264250 at least 4 days prior to the date on which you wish to join us.

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We think our volunteers are exceptional and you could be too! We give training and support, but it's the young people who make it all worthwhile. Rob said "I'm so glad I got in touch about volunteering. If you're thinking about volunteering; just do it, you'll never regret it." Like to know more? Contact Pat Scott on 01223 883 140 or email pat@cambridgeshiremancap.co.uk

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Comberton Players: Christmas production on December 7th, 8th & 9th

# Alice in Wonderland

### Auditions: Monday 24th September

95-155: 5.15 - 6.45 in the Village Hall. Lots of parts, including Young Alice (Yr 6+) and older Alice (Yr 10+) among the speaking parts. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings from 5.15 - 6.45).

Adults and over 15s: from 7pm in the Old Village Hall. Rehearsals will be arranged to suit the cast.

This is an ideal production for those who would like to experience the fun of being on stage without a heavy time commitment as many of the parts are small cameos. If you can't make the 24<sup>th</sup>, or would like further information please contact Terry Wall at <u>terrywall01@gmail.com</u>

And if you would like to be involved backstage, contact Glynis Ellis at glynisellis@talk21.com

If you would like to meet the people behind the productions, or would like the chance to influence your local drama group by becoming part of the team, then come along to

### **Comberton Players AGM**

Tuesday 4th September at 7.45pm in the Old Village Hall

### **COFFEE MORNING**

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### FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

At Orchard House, Church End, Comberton

### 10.30am to 12.30pm

stalls including cakes, produce, bring and buy and a raffle. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

### FOCAL - THE FRIENDS OF COMBERTON AREA LIBRARY.

The Friends AGM will be held in Comberton Library on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm.

All welcome especially if you have ideas of future events.

The reading group meets in the Library on the first Wednesday of each month at  $10.30~{\rm am}.$ 

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Suzan Griffiths, Chair FOCAL

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### COMBERTON RESPONSE TO SCDC

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### What... where... why... Do I bother?

The SCDC future decades Local Plan is undergoing consultation. So what? You might say that or even how does it affect me or my children? Well quite simply a lot and we mean A LOT.

So far four sites from the eight proposed by developers in 2011 have got through to this second round and, if not opposed, would result **in over 300 new dwellings** to add nearly a third more houses to Comberton. That means MORE traffic, sewage, and urbanisation and LESS heritage and less rural character. They might **possibly** provide some affordable housing for South Cambs (**but actually not just for Comberton**). .... You might think that the sites aren't close to you but they WILL impact our entire village dramatically - and so that means you too!

Given the new Localism Bill, responses from residents are supposed to have a greater weight than those from outside interests (developers). Of course the local SCDC councillor- ours is Stephen Harangozo - plays a significant role in getting any village viewpoints across to SCDC and championing their adoption.

### What's happening??

SCDC have provided questions relating to what they consider to be the top ten significant generalissues which you should have seen as a question naire in August. In addition they have 116 detailed questions ranging from...

- Assuming the basis for the number of homes increasing is due to jobs growing from 700/ year to 1500/year...
- Suggesting the use of brownfield sites, like Waterbeach and Bourn Airfield, over eroding the Green Belt...
- And dramatically increasing the number of houses/site that could be proposed...
- To changing the number of car parking spaces per dwelling from 1.5 to 2-2.5 on new developments.

These questions are all relevant to where South Cambridgeshire could be in the coming decades in respect to jobs and its communities. They need answering from all parts of the community. Your Parish Council has had a working group of councillors and residents evaluating possible responses to these issues on your behalf - as taken from a Comberton perspective. They have produced draft responses to the key issues and are consulting with you the residents, to limit site developments around the current 8 dwellings/site and to resist any re-classification of the village from being a 'Group Village' (as at present) up to a 'Minor Rural Centre' (like Bar Hill or Melbourn). Such changes would open the village up to development of numerous sites with many tens of houses on them, thus reducing the green and rural feel throughout the whole of our village. Your Parish Council also



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CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED EXCEPT AMEX & DINERS CARD suggests that alternatively Comberton could encourage affordable housing on appropriate 'exception' sites to meet purely our village needs. You should have seen some of the responses by now in our recent leaflet complete LDF2012 drop. The ones are on the section of the village website where you can see the 'Full Monty' at www.comberton.org.uk/ldf2012/

Please do give feedback to the council whether you agree or disagree so we can respond to SCDC on behalf of the whole village. As an example here is a quote summarising views on the plan:-

"Be cautious about overly-optimistic growth forecasts. South Cambridgeshire might be in better shape than other parts of the UK - but the UK/European/ World economy is much weaker than anticipated when the SCDC plan underlying forecasts were originally made (so we might not need so many houses so soon).

Any development should seek to produce sustainable solutions for the ENTIRE community being served - and avoid negative impacts on existing residents (including traffic congestion and overloading existing infrastructure). This seems best served by creating new housing developments on brown-field sites accessible to the location of jobs which then means them having access to good transport links, ability to provide modern, high quality infrastructure built from scratch so that they are sustainable by modern standards.

Retain the Green Belt wherever possible and avoid urban sprawl that could destroy the character of the villages that surround Cambridge City and of Cambridgeshire.

Preserve the historic rural heritage of our South Cambridgeshire villages and countryside."

Richard Elleray

Comberton Parish Council LDF2012 working group

### **EVERYONE'S VIEW COUNTS**

so please respond to the SCDC consultation by filling in their questionnaire, or going online to www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan (you need an email to register your responses) Copy and paste your responses into an email to us so that we know what YOU think. Feedback is most welcome and can be given to Comberton Parish Council (email: ldf2012@comberton.org.uk) and Comberton's Local District Councillor (email: s.harangozo@btinternet. com) or post to Comberton Parish Clerk, 30 West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7NY

The deadline for comments directly to SCDC is 12 noon on the 28 September 2012 Jo Mills Director of Planning and New Communities, South Cambridgeshire District Council Offices, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, CB23 6EA Email: LDF@scambs.gov.uk or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan/





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Arrangements for **Baptisms**, **Funerals**, **Weddings** and the readings of Banns at the Parish Church should be made with Rev Mike Booker

Services and events in September

Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	
	9.30am	Holy Communion, and start of our Xplorers	
		group for children.	
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Thursday 13th	8.00pm	Understanding Dementia. A talk and	
	-	discussion, at St Mary's	
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)	
	9.30am	Morning Worship	
Saturday 22nd	8.00am	Men's Breakfast, in the Village Hall	
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 27th	8.00pm	Food, the Future and Our Planet. A talk for	
	-	harvest season, at St Mary's	
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Celebration for all ages	
-	12.30	Shared Family Lunch, at St Mary's	

It's September. The holiday season is over, and we are getting back into the swing of things with a lot going on.

Our normal pattern of children's groups, Illumin8 and WCCYM youth events, home groups and Sunday worship will be getting under way. We will also be hosting an important evening looking at dementia, how we understand it and how we can better care for those affected. Later on, we will have the first of what should be a series of men's breakfasts. Towards the end of the month we will be focusing on harvest. Some of that will be serious, thinking together how we respond to the need to feed our world, and some will be celebration, with a special service and shared lunch.

Everybody is welcome to join in, especially if they have not been to church for a long time.

St Mary's building is open every weekend. Please come in to look round, think, pray and enjoy the quiet!

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We are a small, friendly and cheerful team of volunteers. Our aim is to provide friendship and support to those residents of Comberton who would enjoy having someone visit them regularly. The volunteer would provide a confidential commitment and offer friendship/companionship with, if needed,

practical, social and personal support.

We are not in competition with any care support or other organisation already in place but would hope to compliment these.

The volunteer scheme is fully supported by Comberton Baptist Church but there would be no religious involvement unless requested.

If you wish to know more please contact Sylvia Divall on 01223 263193.

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6.00 pm Bar Hill

6.00 pm OLEM

Sunday Masses at OLEM

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Full information is on the parish website <u>www.olem.org.uk</u>

### THE OTHER REVOLUTION

Some of my more hot-headed friends are cross and think of revolution. They are, by and large, relatively young, generally unemployed, often dyslexic and pretty broke. They feel stuck, they are single and they live with little hope. They battle with their own addictions, emotional pain, loneliness, insecurity



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and uncertainty, and they generally do so with considerable courage. But they have developed a profound sense that the world is very unjust and that it is not their fault. To be fair to them, revolution is more joked about than plotted. Nevertheless, I can hear the edge in their voice.

They have no manifesto, no plan, no leaders and no resources. They are friendly, nice guys, honest and law abiding. But do they feel angry. Politics of any colour has not worked for them and in that lies a danger – there is no relief valve in their pressure cooker and the steam is building.

For them, and for us all, I have both bad news and good news. First, the bad news. Politics will never provide the answer, neither party politics nor street politics: it has neither the means nor the vision. It is now clear that any uplift of so called living standards in the last generation has been funded by a mountain of debt rather than by the success of our own efforts, and the creditors would now like their money back.

Now for the good news, and it is in three parts.

- 1. You are not forgotten about. There is a rescue plan and it is being put into effect.
- 2. The plan is to continue building up the new community, a community of grace, whose objective is the welfare of every member of the community: their wellbeing mental, physical and spiritual.
- 3. The community of grace is accepting, non-violent, non-judgemental and is open to all and all ages. Its core value is brotherly (or sisterly) love. Its power arises from its confidence in its founder and its hope flows from the truth of its founding covenant. Its policy is the transformation of the individual through their learning within their founder-centred life. While its ultimate destiny is beyond time, its political destiny is to make irrelevant every empire and centre of power and instead have the world healed to be a just and peaceful place for all, united in heart and in full accord. However imperfect the community is, it is always capable of getting back to its mission through taking seriously its founding charter, which has so far always been proved right. The community of grace seeks the answers to the big 'Why' questions and to live out those answers in practice in every area of life.

The community of grace is a quiet revolution. It has infiltrated institutions at every level and its founder's character can be seen whenever someone sacrifices his own interests in favour of another and is pleased to call them his friend. Sometimes, thank God, churches are heavily infiltrated by this movement. If this could be the revolution you want to be a part of, there are several local branches in the area, working together towards the common goal.

God bless you all, Graham.

Comberton Baptist Church. <u>www.c-b-c.org.uk</u>. Our next revolutionary gathering will be 10.30 am on Sunday. Do bring the family and come as you are.





### NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL Opportunity - Creativity - Challenge Excellence for All

After a miserably wet last half term at school, it was lovely to know that the children will have enjoyed a warm and sunny week at the beginning of the holidays. As I write it's become very changeable again – but there's still hope for more sunshine!

As you may know, there has been for many years now a debate about the long summer holiday in this country. It is currently six weeks

approximately – though I hasten to add, that is what the children get. Staff continue to work, either at home or at school, for a large part of the time. It is certainly true that children tend to slip back slightly in their learning over that period, and so there is clearly an argument for reducing the length of the summer holiday and redistributing the holidays more evenly across the year. Proponents of this view quite rightly point out that the long summer holiday was originally a way of making sure that the children in the countryside were available to gather in the harvest. In my own village there is a fascinating entry in the school log from Victorian times where the Headteacher bemoans the fact that there is enormous absenteeism in the last few weeks of the summer term while the children help out on the farms!

However, I must admit that I am not in favour of reducing the length of the summer break. You only have to see how utterly exhausted the children are by the time the last day of term arrives (particularly the very youngest) to realise that they need a substantial break before returning to the challenge and excitement of learning at school again. I would also maintain that there is a different type of learning which children engage in over the summer break which is equally important to their development. It is at this time that children can get outside for substantial periods of time. They may challenge themselves physically by running, jumping, climbing trees, for example, or perhaps enjoy building sandcastles, rock pooling or hunting for minibeasts.

At Meridian we understand the value of this type of learning, and are trying to incorporate it into school life. Mr Carl Spicer, our Reception teacher, is in the process of becoming an accredited Forest School Teacher. This approach to learning involves taking children once a week to a safe outdoor environment (Watts Wood, in our case!) and, after setting rules in collaboration with the children, enabling them to learn in the outdoors – whatever the weather! This learning is structured up to a point but allows children to challenge themselves. We have seen great benefits this year for our Reception

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and Key Stage 1 children (the Infants) particularly in the area of increased confidence and self-esteem. Our plan is to extend this approach to learning into Key Stage 2 (the Juniors) next year.

Finally, two new teachers will be joining us in Key Stage 2 next year. We look forward to welcoming Miss Rebecca Wild and Mr Patrick Nielsen to our school team! Glennis Virgo Headteacher

### COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, the Comberton Academy Trust was informed by the Department for Education that its Free School proposal to establish a new secondary school in Cambourne had been successful. This thus confirms the path for Cambourne Village College to be opened as a new Academy of the Comberton Academy Trust in September 2013. It is the first Free School to be established in Cambridgeshire, but not at all the first Village College to be established in the mould of the vision of Henry Morris earlier last century.

Cambourne Village College will be set up in a very strong partnership with Comberton Village College. Both will be overseen by the Comberton Academy Trust. There will be shared leadership and much shared staffing. The curriculum will be the same. The intention and the expectation is that the quality of education will be of the same very high standard in both schools and both will be characterised by very high pupil achievement. The Comberton Sixth Form will be available to pupils of both schools.

This development represents really good news for the local community. As the number of secondary-school aged pupils is set to continue to rise in coming years, it means that there will be the capacity locally to enable local pupils to attend a local secondary school of choice. This was not set to be possible from 2013 without this development. The admission number for Comberton Village College will be reduced, but the joint capacity across both of the Village Colleges will be considerably higher than now in order to accommodate the growing number of pupils.

The new school is also good news for the local community in a further sense. From the perspective of the Comberton Academy Trust, there was never any doubt that it should be established as Cambridgeshire's newest Village College. The ethos of the Village College is at the heart of the Academy Trust's vision for education. Not only must a school provide outstanding education for all of its pupils, but it must also be at the heart of its community and be available for that community. The new Village College at Cambourne will provide a strong community resource that will strengthen social capital and be available for social and educational purposes for the whole community. We hope and believe that Henry Morris would be very pleased. Stephen Munday



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### COMBERTON WI

Our July speaker was Mr Trevor Gunton who gave an illustrated talk on 'Birds and Pits' at Paxton. He related the history of the gravel pits and explained how industrialisation had had a really beneficial effect on wildlife. The pits, north of St Neots are on the Great Ouse and form part of the north/south migration flyway. The pits are noted for their nightingales which visit for about two weeks in April. They were first recorded at Paxton in 1974 and now attract 110,000 visitors a year. Volunteers run the reserve which is full of flora and fauna at all times of the year. It was a very enthusiastic presentation and has inspired many members to visit or revisit.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in the Village Hall – 'This, That and the Other' a photographic adventure with Geoff Evans. New members and visitors are always welcome.

### COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Cookery Trophy could be yours at the Jubilee Comberton Show if you enter your culinary creations; there are 17 classes in cookery and preserves to choose from.

The Men only cake baking class is eagerly contested and this year the men have a Jubilee Delight Cake recipe to challenge them; besides collecting the Gerry Hall trophy, the winner will receive a voucher for a *'meal for two'* at the Three Horseshoes, kindly donated by Colin & Lindsay.

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Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers have had a difficult time again this year but everybody is affected in the same way so, although your produce may not be of the standard you would like, enter it in the show, it may win a prize!

This year is our Jubilee show and we have restricted one class to Comberton Allotment Holders, in an otherwise open show; the Harry Sewell Trophy is a display of 3 vegetables and we have extended the choice to encourage competition. So come forward all you allotmenters and try to beat my entry, I want the judge to be on his mettle separating out the winner!

The Jubilee Comberton Show is on 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Meridian School, every house in Comberton should have received a Brochure (if not pick one up at Costcutter or Cruikshank), please look through it, there is a class for everybody to enter. But whether you enter or not come along to the show and be inspired for next year!

**Autumn Outing – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Maldon & RHS Hyde Hall** Seats are available for this coach trip so secure yours now with a call to Quin on 264410.

Full details can be found towards the back of the Jubilee Show Brochure or in the last issue of Contact.

Robin Worship – Secretary 01223 263304.

### COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club met on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012. our guest speaker for the afternoon was Antonio Brickell, a representative from MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practice Accident Service). Antonio gave a very interesting talk on how this very important charity, which is now 40 years old, operates, saving lives night and day. Many professional medical staff, ranging from surgeons to doctors and nurses, give their spare time attending serious

accidents 24/7. This charity gets no funding from the Government but relies on donations from the general public, a MAGPAS lottery and revenues from special events. The charity has its own fast response ambulances as well as a helicopter based at Wyton (Hunts).

Date to remember:

October 6<sup>th</sup> –Coffee morning in the Village hall 10.30am to 12 noon. There will be a raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, cakes, books etc. Entrance £1.00 to include coffee, tea or squash and biscuits. Children free.

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Our main works this season are David Fanshawe 'African Sanctus' in West Road Concert Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and Faure 'Requiem' and Vivaldi 'Gloria' in St John's College Chapel on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

No auditions are needed – we sing because we love to. Do join us. We need new members, men and women – but especially men!

Do contact me for further details. Sue Allin 01223 262990

### COMBERTON TENNIS CLUB AUTUMN/WINTER TENNIS

The Olympic Legacy is obviously fresh in our minds and many of us will keen to get out and take part in a sport. This is where our Tennis Club can help meet your needs; we offer the opportunity to get involved in a sociable and enjoyable sport. We can accommodate many different levels of fitness and abilities and give the opportunity to meet new friends and as we are often told, it's never too late to learn (or relearn). We also have competitive teams playing in local leagues and team practice sessions for those wishing to play at a higher level. Again this season we have been very successful with our two ladies and one mixed teams winning their divisions in the Cambs. League. We play Tennis all year round on the courts at Comberton Village College so please do not think Tennis is only played in the summer months. Mix-in adult social sessions are held every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a few games of tennis. To start with all you will need is a pair of trainers; we can provide racquets and balls. Coaching can be arranged for those who wish. Our Coaching Team will be running junior sessions so please look on the website for details. If you are interested, please either come along to one of the mix-in sessions, look on our website for more information – www.combertonltc.com. contact Andv Weise on or 01223 263219. We look forward to welcoming you at the courts, go on come down and give it a try.

### COMBERTON BRIDGE CLUB

We re-start after our summer break on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you enjoy a game of Rubber Bridge do come and join us or if you would like further information please contact Mrs Robertson on 01223 263474.

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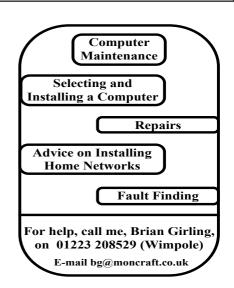


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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE AWARDS CEREMONY Local editors and publishers came together last night as The Cambridge Build-

ing Society hosted its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Community Magazine Awards.

The awards ceremony, which adopted a traditional tea party theme, took place at the Cambridge Union Rugby Club.

Guests were greeted by music played by students from Bottisham Village College.

Fifty local community magazines entered this year's awards and they were judged over ten individual categories.

Two new categories had been added to help recognise local charities and colleges that have been producing magazines and newsletters during 2011.

All ten categories had been formed to recognise the wide variety of community magazines in East Anglia. The categories included: Best Charity, Best College, Best Photo, Best Editorial, Best Front Page, Best Specialist Magazine, Most Improved Magazine, Previous Winner, High Frequency Magazine and Low Frequency Magazine.

Judges, Chris Elliott, Senior Reporter at The Cambridge News and Louise Bateman, Head of People at The Cambridge were joined by three new judges this year; Rob Bryant, Managing Director at Mobas, Phil Robinson, Lecturer in Marketing at Anglia Ruskin University and Anne Bullman, Federation Treasurer for the Cambridge Federation of the Women's Institution.

Andy Lucas, Commercial Director at The Cambridge who opened the awards said: "We're pleased to once again support these awards and recognise the work going on our local communities. This year we decided to refresh the awards and we feel they have been enhanced with the inclusion of new judges and categories.

"The annual awards have become an important event in the calendar and prove very popular every year. The magazines that these editors and publishers produce are really important to the local communities and we are pleased to be able to recognise this as part of our commitment to the communities that we operate in."

### The winners of the awards were as follows:

- Best Front Page The Link
- Best Editorial The Phoenix (Hills Road Sixth Form College)
- Best Photo Fen Drayton Magazine
- Best Charity The Voice (National Childbirth Trust)
- Best College The Phoenix (Hills Road Sixth Form College)
- Best Specialist Magazine Bronze: Village Voices

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Andy Lucas adds: "I would like to personally congratulate all of the winners and thank everyone who entered the awards, the judges for their support and colleagues from The Cambridge Building Society who helped out at the ceremony."

For more information, please contact Suzanne Hazell, PR Officer at The Cambridge on <u>shazell@cambridgebs.co.uk</u>, 01223 727653 or 07423432851

### VILLAGE HALL SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT

Once again the Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make our evening successful – printing invitations, providing desserts, serving meals, giving lifts and helping to put tables and chairs away at the end of the evening. All on what must have been the hottest day of the year so far! The Ladies Choir was enjoyed by all – and, of course, thanks to our guests for coming. We look forward to next year.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR MY FUNDRAISING.

The total I have raised has reached £150 but I need to raise 10 times that amount before Christmas.

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Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported us and we look forward to seeing you at our annual Jumble Sale in April and at our other fundraisers. With very best wishes to all, Theresa Healy Secretary 1st Comberton Scout Group

### COMBERTON RAMBLERS

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### ROSES: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The origin of our modern garden roses was a mystery until the twentieth century. Their genealogy was explored by geneticist Charles Chamberlain Hurst from 1922-1947 here in the Botanic Garden. Hurst attempted to disentangle their complex ancestry by crossing rose species and examining the genetics of the resulting hybrids. He proposed a scheme of rose evolution from these studies.

This is demonstrated in the design of the Rose Garden, the work of legendary plantsman and Garden Adviser to the National Trust, Graham Stuart Thomas, who was a horticultural trainee here. The Rose Garden straddles the South Walk: on the south side are the rose species and the primary hybrids arising between them. The radiating island beds on the north side show the influence of new species crossed with traditional European varieties, including the China roses, the Damasks, and the Bourbons.

The garden forms of roses do not grow particularly well in the chalky, dry soil of the Botanic Garden, so a really thick mulch is applied each autumn to enrich the soil and conserve moisture. Many species and primary hybrids, however, flourish. Hurst created many beautiful hybrids during his experimental work and he named two after the Botanic Garden – the single pink Rosa 'Cantab' and the beautiful yellow shrub *Rosa x cantabrigiensis*. Another hybrid commemorates the Botanic Garden benefactor Reginald Cory, and is known as *R. x coryana*.

The diversity of colour and form of the many different roses in the Rose Garden is counterbalanced by a classic underplanting of lavenders and geraniums so throughout the summer, the Rose Garden is a magnet not just for visitors but for myriad of bees and butterflies. At its heart are two back-to-back, yew-enclosed benches that offer scent-infused vantage points over the history of the garden rose, a lovely spot to sit at the height of summer. The Botanic Garden is open 10am - 6pm July – September, October 10am - 5 pm, November- January 10am - 4pm. Adult admission is £4.50 (Giftaid admission £4.95) or join the Friends, get free admission & help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at <u>www.botanic.cam.ac.uk</u>

# HEATING OIL AND GAS – getting the right measure

At the time of writing we're having a mini heatwave, so you might not thank me for turning your thoughts to the winter months! But sometimes time flies far more quickly than we like, and in our British climate who knows how early a cold snap will arrive. Some of you may therefore be considering buying in your fuel for those cold months.

In Cambridgeshire, Trading Standards work closely with heating oil and bulk gas suppliers to help them ensure their tankers are measuring and dispensing fuel accurately. This helps to ensure that you, the customer, can be sure you're getting what you've paid for. When it comes to bottled gas, local Trading Standards services check the meters at the bottling plants to ensure they are accurate. We provide support for businesses to make it easier for them to meet regulations and provide good customer service too.

However, for added peace of mind there are a few checks you can make yourself, at the time of delivery, to ensure you are getting the fuel you paid for.

### Heating oil and bulk gas

On most tankers there is an automatic ticket printer that records and prints the quantity of fuel dispensed into your tank. You should be given a copy of this delivery ticket. If you want to make absolutely sure it is correct, you can take the following steps:

- For heating oil, observe the fuel being dispensed from start to finish. (For safety reasons we do not advise this for bulk gas).
- Inspect the ticket before it is put in the printer and before the fuel is dispensed to make sure it is yours and that it remains in place until it is printed again on completion.
- When the ticket is inserted, make sure the meter shows 'zero'.
- At the end of the delivery, check the reading on the meter is the same as on your ticket.

A small number of oil tankers still use a dipstick to measure fuel being dispensed. This is harder for you to check as your own dipstick or sight tube may not be as accurate.

### Bottled gas

Bottled gas is sold by the weight of its contents which should be clearly marked on the cylinder. If you want to be sure that you have received the

correct amount of gas, you can take the following steps:

- Check the amount marked on the cylinders adds up to the amount on the delivery note and both match the amount ordered.
- Where fitted, check the plastic seals are in place and that the essential safety information is stamped or painted on the side.

If you have concerns or issues with any products that you have purchased, you can contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506 for advice. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

### PRESS RELEASE

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### Look out for each other to beat burglars

RESIDENTS are being urged to report suspicious behaviour after 16 burglaries across South Cambridgeshire in two weeks. Operation Nix will focus on tackling burglaries in rural villages in the districts. Since June there have been 16 burglaries in South Cambridgeshire and different villages are being targeted on each day. Detective Inspector Ian Simmons, leading the operation, said: "Over the past couple of weeks we have noticed this increase in rural villages which we believe is part of a linked series. We will continue to increase patrols, as well as investigative and forensic work to target those responsible. It is important that we raise awareness as the public play a vital part in helping us to prevent further offences as well as catching those responsible." A large number of offences have taken place during the day and often targeting isolated premises in rural areas or on the edge of villages. DI Simmons added: "We are working closely with other forces and crime teams across the county to share information about these offences. It's important people remain alert to activity in their neighbourhood, reporting anything out of the ordinary or suspicious to police. I urge people to look out for one another, strong communities are a deterrent for burglars." Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

### LAWN CARE IN SEPTEMBER

The Autumn Renovation Programme begins this month; thatch and compaction are two of any lawns major problems and now is the best time to tackle them. Scarification and Over Seeding **(Special Offer - 25% off this month)** 

### September's Scarification

Remove the thatch, the dead and the weak grass, and open up the surface to allow the lawn to breathe and over seed with a quality grass seed.

#### Autumn Aeration

Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion; this is the process whereby 10 - 15cm (4-6") holes are "mechanically punched" in to the lawn allowing air in to the roots of the grass encouraging a more vigorous and greener lawn. Autumn Feed

This feed is another important part of any lawn care programme. Our fertiliser is high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look and moss prevention. Actions required in September

- Raise cutting height to 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches (3.5-4 cm)
- Scarify lawn
- Aerate lawn and over seed
- Combine an Autumn feed with an early moss control

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; other tasks may need some professional intervention.

For more information about ProLawnCare Ltd services on offer

Ask for a quote for a Lawn Renovation- 25% off this month

Call Deborah or Richard on 01480 812393

e-mail- info@prolawncare.co.uk

Got a Question? Ask the Lawn Ranger\_

www.prolawncare.co.uk/lawnranger.asp

Lawn Fact: The turf laid for the Olympics will remain a legacy to the games and provide recreational and environmental benefits in London.

### THE CHALLENGE

July result and winner

CHURCH-URCHIN TOGETHER-THERAPY SECOND-CONDIMENT CINEMA-NEMATODE **INSECT-SECTION GUNFIRE-FIRELIGHT** CLAIMING-MINGLE PEACOCK-COCKEREL PLACE-LACEWING SMALL-MALLARD WINNER. JENNY BROWN. BARTON ROAD

VILLAGE-LAGER CHANGE-ANGEL WELCOME-COMET AIRLINE-LINEN BRAIN-RAINCOAT FRIENDSHIP-SHIPSHAPE SPENT-PENTHOUSE **BREAD-READABLE** PARENT-RENTAL **RECENT-CENTURY** 

Ranger

(1 OF 12 ENTRIES)

### THE CHALLENGE

### Sponsored by costcutter stores

Each of the sets below has a vital element withheld. Your task is to fill in the missing links.

? Sloth.				
? Bashful.				
? Vaughn. Dexter.				
? Uranus. Neptune.				
Earth. Pluto.				
Ball. Moore. Charlton.				
Hurst. Charlton. Peters.				
Cohen. Hunt.				
Gold. M. Eddie Grey.				
Christopher Robin.				
Kanga. Owl. Rabbit.				
Piglet.				
Melanie Chisholm.				
Geri Haliwell.				
Justice. Lean and				
Slippered Pantaloon.				
Second Childishness and				
Mere Oblivion.				
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Colossus of Rhodes.				
Statue of Zeus (Jupiter)				
by Phidias at Olympia.				
Pharos of Alexandria.				
11. Arctic. Indian. North Atlantic. South Pacific. Antarctic. North Pacific.				
b. Bungo. Tomsk. Welling-				
Miss Adelaide.				

Entries please to Costcutter, Library or Green End Surgery no later than the  $30^{\text{th}}$  September. The prize of £5, generously donated by Nayna & Vijay, is to be spent in store.

Name.....

Address.....



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 Adrian Semerene Youth Worker Comberton Baptist Church Tel: 01223 264707 Mob: 07794406835 Twitter: @CBCYouthWorker & @CBCTeam Facebook.com/CBCYouthWorker www.c-b-c.org.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

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Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm Closed 10.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm Closed 2.00pm - 5.00pm 10.00am - 1.00pm Closed

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