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## Regular dates for your diary

Mon	9:30-13:30	Fun for 1's & 2's	Playgroup
Mon	9:45	Comberton walkers	Baptist Church
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	19:00	Carpet bowls	VH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	19:30	Wine Makers	VH
Tues	10:30-12:00	Village Café & Crafts	VH
Tues	13.30– 16.00	Fabric & Yarns	Baptist Church
Tues	18:30-20:00	Keep Fit	CVC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	19:45	Women's Institute	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	20:00	Antiquarian Society	VH
Wed	10:00-11:30	Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wed	12:25-13:10	Lunchtime Badminton	CVC
Wed	14:00	Bridge Club	VH
Wed	18:30-21:00	Tennis Mix in Session	Tennis Club
Wed	20:00-22:00	Shuttles Badminton	CVC
Wed (term)	14:00-15:30	Bumps & Babies	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	19:30	Parish Council	VH
Thurs	9:30-11:30	Fun for 1's & 2's	Playgroup
Thurs	9:30-1:15	Tumble Tots	VH
Thurs (term)	16:00-18:00	EDGE Youth Club	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14:30	Friendship Club	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	14:30	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	18:00-21:00	TaeKwon Do	Meridian Sch.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	20:00	Comedy Club	CVC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	19:00	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10:00-11:00	Park Tennis	Park
Sat	9:00-12:30	Junior Squash	CVC
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	9:00	Selah	VH
Sun	15:00-18:40	Adult Squash	CVC
VH = Village Hall		CVC = Comberton Village College	

# Upcoming events

## October

2	Comberton Opera—Don Giovanni	Village Hall
6	Cambridge Breast Cancer Charity Walk	Milton Country Park
10	Friendship Club AGM	Village Hall
12	Friendship Club Coffee Morning	Village Hall
12	St Mary's Church Harvest Supper	St Mary's Church
16	East Anglian Air Ambulance Open Day	11 West Walk, Bottisham
16	Comberton Cinema—Green book	Village Hall
17	Friendship Clun Pub Lunch	Long Melford
25	Comberton Luncheon Club	Duncombe Arms, Waresley

## November

20-23 Barton Drama-Woman of No Importance The Village Hall, Barton

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## From the Editor

Unfortunately we have not had a single enquiry regarding our request for someone to help with the production of Contact. If you feel you could help please get in touch. In the meantime we will do our best to keep the magazine as relevant and informative as possible.

We popped in to the Comberton Show a few weeks ago and were hugely impressed with the displays of fruit, vegetables, baking and craftwork, the amount of time and effort this must have taken the exhibitors is commendable. Well done also to Robin and his team for their efforts in producing the event.

We have made a significant change to our pages of advertisements this month. We allocate the even numbered pages, from page 6 onwards, to commercial adverts. The revenue from these are our only source of income and all advertisers pay the same subscription according to size. Previously these pages remained mostly unchanged, the same ones appearing in the first few pages with others always on later pages. In the interests of fairness we will in future rotate monthly the last couple of pages to the front so that all adverts appear on the first one or two pages over a one year period. We appreciate that most of you flip through these pages most months but they are a valuable source of trusted and reliable tradespersons and professional services, many of which are our neighbours or just up the road. If you don't currently use the services of our advertisers we would ask you to seriously consider them in future as they are the lifeblood of this publication.

Best Wishes, The Contact Team

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### **Services and Events in October (at St Mary's Church, Comberton unless otherwise noted)**

Saturday 5 October	9.00 am	Selah in the Village Hall
Sunday 6 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 12 October	7.00 pm	Harvest Supper in the Village Hall – tickets £10
Sunday 13 October	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 20 October	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24 October	2.30 pm	Oasis Tea in the Village Hall
Sunday 27 October	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion

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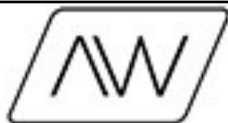
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## From Rev. David Newton

### **Fruits of the Earth**

I recently read a book called 'Beyond Growth' by Herman Daly. Written in the 90s it can only be regarded as prophetic; Daly – an economist who at one time worked at the World Bank – makes a strong case for shifting to a new paradigm which accepts ecological limits and so also accepts than endless economic growth (that comes about in part from consuming natural resources) is an impossibility.

It's a sharp rebuke to Western Politics which assumes without question that growth is good. Daly also makes a bold case for a certain kind of benign nationalism (a sense of community and belonging), and with it a case against free trade and unfettered globalisation. It made me think again about Teresa May's famous line: 'If you believe you are a citizen of the world, you are a citizen of nowhere.' Wiser words, perhaps, than I saw at the time.

Daly's point is that free trade without caveat leads to a race to the bottom. Production will move to where costs are lowest, and costs are lowest where there are poor employment rights and terrible environmental standards.

As I understand it, much of the debate about protecting UK farming in the wake of Brexit is about maintaining this country's high environmental standards and animal welfare laws.

With this year's harvest over, the wheat and barley are stored, the hay has been made whilst the sun shone, and the fields are ploughed ready for new crops. But none of this is possible without the good gifts of the natural world, the sun, the rain and the soil. It is the 'givenness' of these – the gifts of nature – which have led people throughout the generations to give thanks for what we cannot make and upon which we are reliant. Hence the idea of a Harvest Festival.

To speak of and give thanks to God is about recognising that we are dependent upon gifts that come beyond us, and that – just maybe – we need to look after these precious gifts. As our nation continues to re-figure its post Brexit identity, I hope that we will be able to remember that we are not gods, but rooted in land and space and dependent on their gifts.

Rev. David Newton



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Meridian's 50th year was wonderful; and it had the most perfect ending... being awarded a 'gold' award for our sports provision! A Gold Sports Mark in our golden year! This is a remarkable achievement dedicated to all the staff and children who have contributed in widening participation in sports for the past three years.

Once again, we were delighted to receive the data for our Y6 SATs outcomes this year. Our Y6 results, alongside all our key phase outcomes across the school, continue to match or exceed national outcomes. I am very proud of the children's achievements which reflect their hard work and determination.

We are now looking forward to our upcoming 'Reading and Research' week and our annual Harvest Assembly.

You may have seen the extensive work being carried out on our roof during the summer holidays.

Given the age of the school and the condition of our roof, we were one of a few schools selected by county to have a full roof replacement. Whilst we are appreciative of this, we are reliant on the contractors to complete the job which is now set to finish at the end of September.

If you are interested in volunteering at our school on a regular basis or becoming a school governor, we would love to hear from you. All regular volunteers and school governors are subject to the necessary DBS checks. Please do get in touch with the office staff on [office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk) or our chair of governors on [chair@meridian.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@meridian.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,  
Mrs C. Etchie, Headteacher

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Recycling Centres E permit scheme for vans and trailers set to be introduced

Back in May, Councillors approved plans to introduce a van and trailer e-permit scheme across Cambridgeshire's nine household recycling centres (HRCs).

The scheme, which will be commencing in October will allow the Council to better regulate the use of vans and trailers at HRCs helping to ensure only household waste is delivered to sites.

Any resident planning to visit a HRC with a van or trailer should obtain an e-permit using an online system beforehand. These e-permits will be limited to 12 visits per year. To allow larger household and garden jobs, there will be an exemption to the scheme for trailers up to 1.5m (5ft) in length (excluding the towing mechanism bar) and 570 litre capacity.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Chair of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Mathew

Shuter said "We're seeing more and more pressures on our HRCs, between 2012/13 and 2016/17 there's been a 20% rise in waste collected at them and this increases the pressure on our already strained budgets.

We want to prevent unlawful trade waste being disposed of at our HRCs, which is ultimately at a cost to the council tax paying residents of Cambridgeshire. With population growth and changes made by neighbouring authorities affecting us now is the right time for us to bring in a scheme that will not only address this issue but to allow us to monitor who uses our sites and ensure we can cope with rising demand on the service."

Additional site staff will be available to help at all nine HRCs in the early months of the scheme being introduced.

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To extend the support we receive, EAAA would ask anyone considering organising an event to include us as a worthwhile beneficiary. Please contact us at Melbourn or Norwich with ideas – there is lots of support available.

Too soon to think about buying your 2019 Christmas cards ? Of course not. Then why not come along to an 'open day' on Wednesday 16th October – 10am to 6pm - at 11 West Walk, Bottisham ( garden gate entrance ) where East Anglian Air Ambulance cards and diaries will be available – AND teas, coffees and home-made cakes ! (subject to availability) All proceeds from the £2 entrance and card sales will, of course, go to the charity, so please make a date in your diary. Too far away ? - then please contact us, details on the website, to obtain your cards or organise an EAAA Christmas card day ?

Once again, a huge THANK YOU from EAAA.

Michael White

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## Volunteer Drivers Scheme

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7 October 2019	Gill Redman	01223 262246
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4 November 2019	Margaret Storey	01223 262748

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## Comberton Baby & Toddler Group

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We are looking forward to a busy year at toddler group with weekly crafts, playdough and tuff tray activities, as well as toys, books, singing and a baby area. Please do come along and meet other local families. It is £2 per family, which includes tea/coffee for adults and an optional snack for the children. New families always very welcome. There is plenty of parking at the village hall, and space in the foyer for buggies/scooters etc.

Our crafts and tuff tray activities will be loosely based on themes

for each month, which are listed below:

October - Autumn (we will need dry Autumn leaves for each sessions if you are able to collect some to bring in)

November- The Zoo (Nov 27th sock puppet making, if you have a particular sock you would like to use please bring it in otherwise we will have some odd socks for you!)

December - Winter & Christmas

Future dates:

30th October - half term, no group

December- toddler group  
Christmas party come and meet  
Father Christmas

TBC - parent Christmas social

If you would like to find out more about helping with the baby and toddler group, we are always looking for new people-for example: helping set up or tidy away; make refreshments or anything else you feel you could offer. Please chat to Alice, Vicki, James or Cathy when you come along.

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## Comberton Winemakers

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As the nights are really beginning to draw in, it is a good time to settle down indoors with a good book. We have a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction titles to borrow at Comberton Library. However, if we don't have what you are looking for, you can always reserve the book you wish to read and it will be sent to the library for you to collect. There is a modest reservation fee for this service for adult library members and it is completely free for children and young adults under the age of 18. If you don't already have a library membership card for Cambridgeshire Libraries, we will be happy to join you; just call into the library with proof of your name and address. Alternatively, you can apply for library membership online on the Library Service website.

Just a reminder that booking is now open for the new season of The Library Presents; full information about the performances and workshops taking place in Cambridgeshire Libraries is available in The Library Presents brochure,

available to pick-up in Comberton Library..

The events taking place at Cambourne Library are:

World Textiles Workshop  
(suitable for age 12+) **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10.30- 12.30 pm**  
£5 (£2.50 concessions)

Devious Minds (suitable for age 8+) **Wednesday 16th October 6.30 – 8.30 pm** £7 (£4/£5)

Silhouette Portrait Workshop  
(suitable for age 12+) **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30 – 12.30 pm** £5 (£2.50)

Mahajanaka Dance Drama  
(suitable for age 10+) **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9.30 pm**  
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We have some items of lost property, particularly items belonging to young children. If you were visiting the library over the summer and think you may have left anything behind, please do call in to ask the library staff whether we have what you are missing.

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Our upcoming Rhymetime Sessions are **on Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November**, from 10.30 -11.00 am. Although these sessions are aimed at very young children, we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

If you haven't been to a session before, do come along with your baby, toddler or pre-schooler and give it a try. It is lots of fun for both children and adults and a great way to meet other young families.

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## Comberton Cricket Club

Following on from 2018 which resulted in promotion from CCA Junior 4 West we embarked on our 2019 campaign full of optimism. The playing squad was bolstered by off season signings including Ben Storey and Rory Hannam, which brought extra depth to both batting and bowling departments.

For the meteorologically inclined this season had it all: single digit temperatures and hail in our first game, biblical downpours affecting play, high winds leading to bail-less cricket along with a baking 30+ degree heatwave! After another slow start to the season, our form picked up and we consolidated to finish 4th in Junior 3 West. Competitive cricket was the norm with the majority of our league encounters decided by less than 2 wickets or 25 runs. We were never quite consistent enough to challenge the top 2 but we will aim to improve on this in 2020. The 1st XI batting and bowling awards both went to Dip Patel who had a supreme season

scoring 577 runs at an average of 38.47 and taking an incredible 35 wickets at 12.29. We also reached a CCA Cup final for the first time in many years before losing to a strong Sawston & Babraham III side by 8 wickets.

We were successful in the midweek Business House League Division 3 and, although not yet confirmed, look to have secured promotion for next year.

Thank you to everyone who has played or supported us this year, including all our Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents. We are yet again grateful to Club Captain Tom Preece and Chairman, Secretary and Welfare Officer Ken Gifford for their efforts on and off the field, and also to Grace Anderson who has kept the Comberton fanbase updated during the season with her postings on social media!

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### Upcoming Stall dates this summer

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## Heidi Allen MP Newsletter

Well, nobody can accuse politics these days of being boring! The events of the past month have certainly tested our parliamentary democracy to the full.

As a result of the fast-moving national situation, I spent the month of August holding pop-up surgeries at various locations in and around the constituency. I am enormously grateful to the café owners, publicans, supermarkets and my team for facilitating these. It is always so important for me to hear the opinions of my constituents and gauge and idea of what the feeling is on the ground. So, in an effort to hear from all of you, in alphabetical order, thank you to the constituents of Bar Hill, Bourn, Cambourne, Dry Drayton, Fowlemere, Gamlingay, Girton, Grantchester, Great Eversden, Guilden Morden, Queen Edith's, Sawston, Shelford, Shepreth and Swavesey who turned out in droves to express their opinions and share their concerns. If I haven't visited your patch yet, please keep an eye on my website as I'll be holding more meetings shortly.

It is my responsibility to represent these concerns on the national stage and consequently, I have been working extremely hard to ensure that our parliamentary

process is upheld and that my constituents are placed front and centre of any future decisions that impact the United Kingdom. By the time you read this, events will have moved on again but please keep talking to me to express your opinions and ideas as we navigate uncharted territory.

Roads were a focus this month for me, as I attended the Duxford Road Safety Day, arranged by one of the families in my constituency whose lives have been devastated by dangerous driving. Since becoming aware of the laws surrounding dangerous driving, I have worked with several families in the constituency (for over two years) to try to get the law changed; meeting with the then Secretary of State, Rory Stewart to ask when the legislation to make the law tougher would be brought forward. In spite of consulting on this and preparing a response which toughens up dangerous driving punishments, the government have not yet brought this before the House. We urgently need to ensure that this law is changed, so that more lives are saved. I will continue to push for action on this important reform issue.

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## Heidi Allen MP Newsletter Cont'd

I returned to Duxford at the tail end of August to celebrate the Duxford Soap Box Derby which is always one of my favourite constituency events. This brilliant event raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and brings out the clowns in all of us! Residents career around a grand prix track in any sort of improvised go kart vehicle – I think I even saw someone travelling in a bath! The power of the South Cambs community to do good should never be underestimated. I'm looking forward to hearing the total amount raised.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries - <https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01223 830037. My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns.

I look forward to sharing more news with you next month



Heidi and Phil Allen at the Duxford Soap Box Derby on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

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## Comberton Friendship Club

September 12th Thursday, our Harvest Festival was well attended. There was a wonderful selection of fresh produce grown by some of our members together with bought produce. Great fun was had in it being auctioned off, members bidding against one another. Peter and Jenny Brown were presented with a basket of flowers from the club by Sue Allin, for their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

There will be an outing on Thursday 17th October to Long Milford, for a Pub Lunch.

All are welcome to our Coffee Morning at the village hall 12th October 10.30am. Proceeds going to our chosen charity.

Next Meeting Thursday October 10th AGM, 2.30pm.



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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 11 September 2019.

### *Community Defibrillators*

The Parish Council welcomed Joe Joskow of the Community Heartbeat Trust to the meeting in order to learn more about Community Defibrillators. Mr Joskow gave an interesting presentation and outlined the benefits of having a defibrillator in a central position in the village.

Defibrillators enable vital early assistance to be given before the emergency services arrive, and this helps increase survival chances for people suffering a sudden cardiac arrest, by restoring heart rhythms. The equipment is usually kept in a high visibility weatherproof cabinet on an external wall in public places such as a village hall or post office.

Under the Community Heartbeat Trust scheme, public awareness sessions and a community training programme can be arranged to ensure that everyone is aware of the equipment's location and how to use it in case of emergency. When a defibrillator is used on a patient a sequence of voice commands and screen messages guides the user through the process. This means that the machine may be used safely by people with no medical background or training.

The Parish Council is seeking the views of residents as to whether they think there should be one in the village, where it should be sited, whether they would welcome a community training session and, if arranged, whether they would be interested in attending.

The Council encourages residents to respond with their views, and to write in to the Council to demonstrate their support of the scheme, if they would like this life-saving equipment to be available in Comberton.

### *Planning application for 16 new dwellings on land behind 40 West Street*

S/2456/19/FL – Land to the rear of 40 West Street, Comberton – Proposed 16 No. dwellings including affordable housing, with access and landscaping

The Parish Council considered the above application and has recommended refusal, for the following reasons, in brief:

The majority of the site is in the Green Belt and development would have an adverse impact through loss of enclosed farm land close to the village, causing a loss of rural character.

Part is in the Conservation Area and close to listed buildings. It would have a major adverse effect on the settings of listed

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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk continued

buildings at 38, 40 and 54 West Street and on the Manor House in Green End.

There are protected species on the site.

There are concerns about the inadequate sewage network.

The Council believes that the site is not potentially capable of providing residential development, taking account of site factors and constraints. It was not allocated for development, is outside the Development Framework and in the Green Belt. It will cause additional traffic on West Street which is already congested at rush hours. There are already concerns about the volume of traffic from the Bennell Farm development of 90 houses which is just being built. Many pupils walk and cycle to the Village College along this stretch of road.

There are already problems with sewage drainage from the village which is likely to be exacerbated. Mature trees and hedging were removed from the proposed access in the Conservation Area of West Street and a fence erected without the required permission.

Section 106 payments if the application is agreed – the guideline is for a total of £43,000 but the Parish Council questions whether this should be higher. The pond is an important focal

point of the village – the Council suggests that money could be spent on enhancing this area. Other possibilities would be additional play equipment on the Recreation Ground and improvements at the Pavilion.

### *Bennell Farm S106 agreement*

The Parish Council is to write to South Cambridgeshire District Council to seek to vary the S106 agreement to provide funding for the projects as previously identified by the Council. In order of priority these are:

Pavilion extension and improvements

Pitch drainage on the current

football pitches and work on

levelling the current pitches

Tennis court resurfacing

Fitness equipment

Basketball equipment

Skateboard extension

### *Bowls Club – new water tank*

The Parish Council was pleased to support the Bowls Club by raising no objections to its proposals for replacing the existing water storage equipment and housing with a new tank and new housing and storage.

### *CCC Winter gritting scheme*

The CCC winter gritting scheme enables local volunteers to help with gritting specific footways and footpaths in the village (previously agreed with the County Council)

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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk continued

using a spreader. This is carried out according to the local conditions and weather and is a valuable service in the winter. If anyone is interested in volunteering alongside the existing volunteers, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible so that training can be arranged.

### *Dog fouling in the village*

A complaint was received at the meeting that there is a lot of dog fouling in the village. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who already clears up after their dog and to make a plea to others to please do so. The Council will be considering this issue further at its next meeting.

### *Vacancies on the Parish Council*

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council. If any members of the public are interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Clerk at the address below.

### *Parish Council meetings*

The Parish Council would like to make everyone aware that all its meetings are open to the public to attend, all agendas are available on the website ([www.comberton.org.uk](http://www.comberton.org.uk)) and on the notice board at the cross roads.

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## Parish Council Report from the Clerk continued

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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 might be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

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### Comberton Autumn Show Report

The 67th Comberton Show was held on 14th September and again proved to be a very successful event. Entries were 15% up on last year at 523 with a further 200 or so paintings entered through the Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup.

It has turned out to be a better growing year than last season with Vegetable and Fruit entries up 50% although I'm sure the dry spell in the run up to the show prevented some crops from reaching their best. Particular success stories are tomatoes with 35 entries across 3 categories and 6 'Collections of Three Vegetables' for the Harry Sewell trophy against the single offering last time (mine!)

The Prizes this year were presented by Dr Vince Lea, Wildlife and Monitoring Officer for the Countryside Restoration Trust

(CRT), now a nationwide organisation but formed and still based in Barton. Vince explained the aims of the Trust and related some of their local success stories in returning Water Voles to our Bourn Brook and Skylarks to the Trust land and we thank him for giving up his time to join us.

A very big thanks goes to the Meridian School for allowing us to hold the Show there but especially so this year for their enormous cooperation in helping us to operate around their roofing work. Thanks also to our judges who give their time freely, to the advertisers who sponsor our show schedule, to the 250 or so visitors to the Show and, of course, to you the exhibitors without whom there would not be a show!

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Secretary  
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## The Challenge Sponsored by Budgens of Comberton

This grid is made up entirely of two passages from a single work of an eminent English writer, poet and novelist. Having unravelled the passages you are asked to name the author and the source and to write them on page 39.

NB. One passage begins with Oh and the other with Ou .The passages run north, south, east and west only, there are no diagonal movements CLUE 3 and 4 down at 10 across might help

R	G	D	E	R	'	H	E	N	Y	T	H	E	G	A	R	D	A	Y	A
E	A	R	N	E	S	W	R	U	O	F	O	Y	H	T	N	E	W	D	N
P	O	R	P	O	W	O	W	O	R	L	O	R	A	T	I	T	A	T	H
A	L	F	A	R	K	S	S	I	K	G	E	H	N	Y	A	M	S	G	E
H	T	A	H	S	I	S	F	I	S	O	R	T	O	T	P	A	S	L	O
E	E	S	T	D	O	E	I	N	H	F	Y	A	E	H	T	F	O	Y	R
S	M	I	H	E	N	E	Y	D	E	A	N	R	G	A	R	D	E	N	I
M	A	D	E	U	P	N	O	U	C	S	D	P	Y	A	W	A	N	L	T
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N	D	G	O	H	I	S	A	S	H	Y	O	U	R	P	R	E	V	A	H
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D	E	N	E	F	L	N	G	B	Y	B	U	L	R	A	G	A	S	L	E
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A	S	A	A	Y	R	C	K	S	S	T	E	N	I	T	A	H	O	E	I
W	D	A	R	D	E	O	D	N	A	R	B	S	S	F	U	L	L	W	S
M	A	H	I	L	N	C	P	A	C	R	E	R	E	D	R	O	B	F	O
Y	E	O	E	S	I	A	E	S	E	E	D	N	D	R	U	E	R	S	A
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T	S	T	R	E	T	T	S	O	H	E	W	S	N	E	D	N	N	W	D
E	E	M	N	A	H	A	T	S	H	T	I	E	U	V	A	A	S	A	L

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## The Challenge Sponsored by Budgens of Comberton Continued

AUTHOR.....

SOURCE.....

Entries please to Budgens, Green End Surgery or The Library no later than 14th October.

The prize of £10 generously donated by Budgens is to be spent in store.

Name.....

Address.....

### September Challenge Solution

Listed below is my attempt to produce an alphabetical answer. I almost made it !

ABDICATE : BIFURCATE: COMMUNICATE :DISLOCATE:

ELECTRIFICATION: FALSIFICATION: ELECTRIFICATION:

FALSIFICATION

GLORIFICATION: HERETICATE: INDICATION: JOLLIFICATION:

KARSTIFICATION: LEMNISCATE: MULTIPLICATION:

NOTIFICATION

OSSIFICATION: PREVARICATE: QUALIFICATION: RUSTICATE

SCATTER: TESTIFICATE: UNIFICATION: VACATION:

WANTCATCHER X ( couldn't find one ): YUPPIIFICATION:

ZINCKIFICATION

September Winner      J Muir, Hillfield Road

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### Barton Drama Group

Oscar Wilde's A Woman of No Importance

Wed 20 to Sat 23 November 7.45pm

The Village Hall Barton

# **Comberton Village Hall Lettings Charges**

## ***Village and Affiliated Community Group Use***

### ***Main Hall***

Private (except evening social events)	£15
Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£12.50
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£30
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£60
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£200
Meeting Room or Community Room	£10
Committee meetings in Meeting or Committee Room	£5

## ***Non-Village and Non-Affiliated Community Group Use***

### ***Main Hall***

Private (except evening social events)	£25
Non-Affiliated Group (exc evening social events)	£20
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£40
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£90
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£300
Meeting Room or Community Room	£15

Community Commercial and Commercial Letting charge on application to the Lettings Secretary

Sessions run from 9am-1 pm, 2pm-5:30pm and 6pm-1 0:30pm. Midnight for Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Premises to be vacated by end of session

Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January

Community Group Use means local groups operating on a non-commercial basis

Groups working with children or vulnerable adults will need to have Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult policies in place

Booking should be made with the Lettings Secretary Esther Chambers at [combertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:combertonvillagehall@gmail.com) or 07879 818080 between 9:00am and 9:00pm