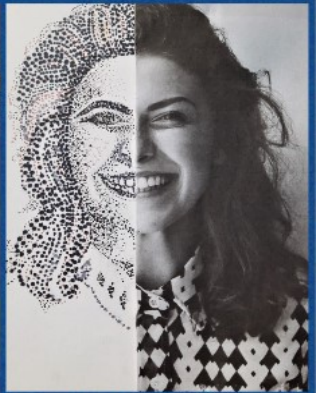


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Regular dates for your diary

If you are restarting regular events please contact the editor with the information below.

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.45am - 11am	Comberton Walkers	REC
Wednesday	10am - 11:30am	Comberton Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm	U15 Football Club	CVC
Thursday	5.45pm-6.45pm	U8 Football Club	CVC

VH = Village Hall CVC = Comberton Village College
BC = Baptist Church MS = Meridian School
REC = Recreation Ground Car Park

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Parish Council

For those of you who eagerly follow the Parish Council meetings, you will know we are currently meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month by Zoom, to discuss topics that affect our village, the facilities and services that our village offers. You can attend as with previous meetings in the Village Hall. The agendas, minutes and meeting zoom details can be found on the village website at comberton.org/parish-council/meetings/

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Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 3 rd June	Blue & Green
Wednesday 9 th June	Black
Wednesday 16 th June	Blue & Green
Wednesday 23 rd June	Black
Wednesday 30 th June	Blue & Green



Village Help Scheme Volunteer Drivers Schedule

To book transport please see the dates below and call the appropriate number.

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14 June 2021	Joan Wells	01223 262746
21 June 2021	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
28 June 2021	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
05 July 2021	Gill Redman	01223 262246

From the Editor

As we continue the steady progress out of lockdown there is much to be enjoyed with events resuming in the village and surrounding area. This issue has a bit of an “Art Attack” theme - the front cover shows some of the work of the Monday Studio Art Group, who are hosting the arts and crafts exhibition in the village hall on 3rd and 4th July. For a wider art experience why not visit some of the Cambridge Open Studios being held in July (page 29). Art can also improve your mental health - Cambridge Community Arts offer a range of courses (page 35).

On a more serious note, Comberton now has a community defibrillator; whilst we all hope never to need it, being prepared and informed is the sensible thing to do. Free online awareness training is being provided on 8th June - see page 33.

Please let me know about your regular activities and events so that everyone can be made aware of them; remember that the front and rear covers can be booked with the editor for village organisations so why not promote your event in glorious colour!

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

Local Government Contacts

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Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.

Special Services and Activities in June

13th June at 3pm **Wild Church** (outside)

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

6th and 13th June at 9.30am – Holy Communion

20th June at 9.30am – Morning Worship

27th June at 8.00 am - BCP Holy Communion

27th June at 9.30am - Outdoor Worship followed by refreshments

Regular Service in St Andrew's Church, Toft

6th and 20th June at 8.30am – BCP Holy Communion

All face-to-face worship will follow government guidelines. If the situation changes, new information will be posted on our website or Facebook page.

On-line Services

We hold our weekly on-line Zoom services at 11am each Sunday. These feature a time of prayer, scriptural reading and reflection and last 30-40 minutes. If you would like to be part of this new way of worshipping, please join us using one of the following ways:-

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Everyone is welcome, and if you have any comments, please contact Rev David Newton and he would be happy to discuss them with you.

Hedgehog Campaign

Bennell Farm, Comberton

I am very keen to support hedgehog conservation within Comberton and establish a hedgehog population within our village. Over the past two decades over 50% have been lost in rural areas through loss of habitat, chemicals and road traffic.



Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity Hedgehog Hospital have been to visit my wildlife area and will support me but they need data of past and current hedgehog activity over the coming 6 months, so if anyone has seen a hedgehog within Comberton I would be grateful if they could email Judith Large at judith.large62@gmail.com with the location, date of sighting and dead or alive.

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- Black sweet town ?
- Dionne?
- Noddy drove one
- Singing sisters
- A new edition of poems ? (anagram)
- Where to find the Canal Turn
- Scene of Wood Pit disaster 1878
- Graham Green's Rock ?
- Marquis at Longleat
- Type of necktie
- 2016 Premiership winners
- "Made glorious summer by this sun of ?"
- Home of the Festival of Speed
- Matt Dillon's deputy in Gun Law
- Sounds like a kitchen appliance
- Card game
- A tie knot
- Home of Ladies College
- Current hit musical
- Not scared ? (anagram)

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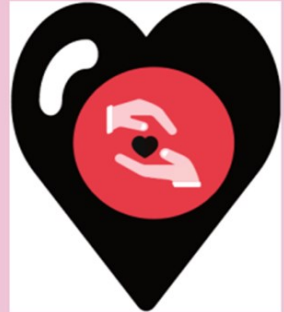
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Barton Drama Group

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Like so many groups, we have suffered from a lack of new people joining us. Like all groups, we all need new people, with new ideas and attitudes to keep a group alive.

Now with life starting to return to normal after the last awful year, we are reaching out to anyone who would like to be part of this friendly group. We try to do two plays a year, and have numerous social events throughout the year for all member. We need actors, backstage, committee members, directors, stage managers, anything you feel you would like to be part of.

We have our annual AGM in July to plan the next year of the group, so if you would like to join us to keep this local group growing and have an interesting hobby and make new friends, please contact us on info@bdg.website.

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The Silence of the Lambs
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Out of Africa
The King's Speech
On the Waterfront
The Bridge on the River Kwai
The Lord of the Rings
The Deer Hunter

Dances with Wolves
From Here to Eternity
Rain Man
To Kill a Mockingbird
All Quiet on the Western Front
The English Patient
Shakespeare in Love
No Country for Old Men
Chariots of Fire
In the Heat of the Night

The winner is **Brenda Brown** of **Swaynes Lane**.

Eighteen entries this month!

Many thanks to you all.

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Greetings Neighbours,

We are all so happy to be back into the summer term, a term that is beginning to feel more like the terms we are used to. The children are enjoying a number of school clubs in addition to the school day and we are holding parent consultations for all year groups. We were so happy to welcome our early years foundation stage parents into the classroom to see their children's environment. This was particularly important to us as our youngest children and their parents have only ever operated from distance remotely and have not been in school.

The school council and a team of staff are keen to make the vision of our habitat garden a reality. This is a small project but one which we were not able to complete last summer. We are looking forward to seeing the developments take shape this term. Our vision is to create a calm and peaceful space for children to enjoy and we are busy with designs. The children have shared so many ideas for possible features in this garden including sensory and wildlife areas and our school councillors are writing to companies to help source items.

We are now looking at ways we can fund all outdoor areas of the school including the attention required for the KS1 playground. We have had the vision for years, the children wanted to create a quiet tranquil part of our outdoor area for sitting, reflecting, imagining and reading but we were unable to start this last year. This year, it is especially important that we create the space for the health and well-being benefits for our community. Many local companies have agreed to help us: Thank you! Please do get in touch if you are able to support this project.

The whole school took part in a Friday skip this term (staff included). This was part of the Cambridgeshire School Sports Partnership and many other schools took part. It was great to see that so many children were able to improve their skipping skills, learn new sophisticated skips and improve personal achievements.

The children in Year 6 are working on a project about plastic in collaboration with Cambridge United, The Premier League and Sky. The Sky Ocean Rescue Project is encouraging social action to increase



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We are delighted that our Hilltop residential will still go ahead! We have two very excited year groups soon off to Hilltop in Norfolk.

We are trialling a bus service from and to Toft after half-term for our children who live there. If it is a success, we hope to put it into full time service from September.

May I take this opportunity again to thank again all the staff, children, families and governors for all their hard work. As always, thank you for your support and keep well.

Kind regards,

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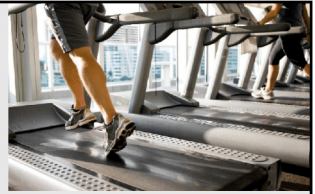
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There are several ways you can access rapid testing. You can take a test at one of the rapid testing sites locally. Your employer may be offering testing in the workplace.

You can also collect tests to complete at home or order tests to be delivered to your home. Secondary school pupils are also being asked to take a twice-weekly test.

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It has been lovely welcoming our customers into the library, and hope that many of you have enjoyed the opportunity to browse and choose your own books. Managed browsing is ongoing, whilst we await the Government announcement on the next, and, hopefully, final step on the road to normality. The Library Service is still planning for the return to our full library offer, so please do keep checking the website and the Libraries social media platforms for the latest news.

Access to the public computers continues to be available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45-minute appointment per day per customer still in place. However, I am pleased to confirm that computer access is no longer limited to essential use only, so do make an appointment if you need use of a computer for any reason.

The much-anticipated Summer Reading Challenge for children will be back again this year. I am delighted to be able to announce that the Challenge will be running in the library throughout the school summer holidays. Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, in partnership with The Reading Agency. The Reading Agency has teamed up with the WWF for this special nature-themed Challenge and it promises to be another brilliant challenge, a chance for the children to read some amazing books, collect some awesome stickers and learn more about how they can look after the planet! Children will be able to join-up to take part from Saturday 10th July. Further information will be available in the library, and online, Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook Family page @CambslibFamilies, so please do keep an eye open for the details.

Brochures for the latest The Library Presents programme are available in the library, so do collect a copy when you are next visiting. The full programme is also available online. We are delighted to be able to tell you that **The Opera Dudes – Codfathers of Croon!** will be performing at Upper Cambourne Amphitheatre, Sterling Way, Cambourne on **Saturday 12th June at 4.00 pm**. Tickets are £5, £4/£3 concessions and can be booked online at www.library.live/the-library-presents, or in person at Cambourne or Comberton Libraries. The Opera Dudes are an amazing duo, ‘a little bit classical, a little bit swing and a whole lot showbiz’. If you have seen them perform before, you will know that you are in for an amazing hour, or so, of entertainment.

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Rhymetime volunteer, Barbara, for all the support she has given to Comberton Library over the past five years. Barbara has run our Rhymetime sessions with such commitment and enthusiasm and given our youngest children and their parent/carers so much fun and enjoyment along the way. Sadly, Barbara has decided that now is the right time for her to 'pass on the baton'. Barbara, you leave us with our sincere thanks for all you have done to support the library and we wish you good health and happiness in all you do in the future.



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That question has become increasingly important for us who oversee the management of the churchyard. We are wondering what we might be able to do to make it ever more beautiful for those who visit, as well as how we might tie this in to making it a haven for flora and fauna.

The Wildlife Trust run the Churchyard Conservation Awards and we have begun exploring whether we might be able to work towards the Bronze award.

This would involve putting a management plan in place which divides the churchyard into sections and thinks carefully about a mowing regime, about planting, and about seeding wildflower. We might imagine more bulbs, lavender borders, a wildflower meadow in an area where there are no graves, an area of grass left longer for summer flowers to appear, and so on. We would of course ensure significant parts of the churchyard are still cut short to enable us to visit our loved one's resting places.

We would love the whole community to get involved, first to hear people's thoughts, concerns, and ideas, and then later in the implementation of any plan that may evolve.

We're just at the beginning of thinking about all this and nothing is decided. Sometime in the summer we will hopefully hold a 'Walk, Talk and Tea' around the churchyard as a way for ideas and thoughts from all in the community to be shared.

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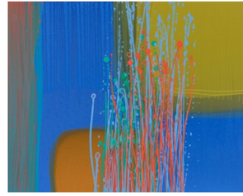
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Evolving Art - Cambridge Open Studios #COSart2021

The region's largest art event is back this July.

Cambridge Open Studios has announced the 2021 dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by over 300 artists at a selection of locations in the city and surrounding areas. This year there will be 40 new members taking part in the region.

Five Ways to Enjoy

For many artist members it will be Open Studios as usual with exhibitors opening their doors to the public over the four weekends in July. Some artists have chosen to 'open by appointment' and others have opted to participate with 'open windows' where artworks will be displayed in windows and outside spaces such as gazebos.

In addition to home studios, Cambridge Open Studios are delighted to be partnering with The Pitt Building located on Trumpington Road in the heart of historic Cambridge. The Pitt Building will be hosting a wide range of artists adhering to COVID guidelines over the course of the four weekends.

Nine art galleries in the regions will also be hosting resident Open Studios artists over the course of the four weekends. Further information can be found online, on the App and in the E-Guide Book.

Full details of how artists will be participating can be found in the artist's E-Guide Book listing and on the App.

New E-Guide Book Replaces Printed Guide & Supports App

For the first time in the history of Cambridge Open Studios there will be no printed guide - for two reasons, the planned move into the digital age, and to reduce the number of guides to save the planet has been accelerated by the pandemic and fear of possible transmission through contact.

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Both the E-Guide Book and App will be available to download from the website from late May onwards so avid art lovers can start planning their studio routes in good time.

Visit <https://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/> to download the E-Guide Book and 2021 App.

What and Where?

For many artists 2020 was a year for creating and surviving the pandemic. This year is set to be an explosion of colour and fine array of work with specialisms including fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, and more besides.

The studios are spread throughout the whole region including many villages around Royston, Saffron Walden, St Ives and Chatteris as well as Ely and central Cambridge. The distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

The weekends are: July 3/4, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25. Studios are open to visit between 11am and 6pm except those opting to take visitors via appointment.

Visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome with absolutely no pressure whatsoever to buy. All Cambridge Open Studios including The Pitt Building and participating art galleries are completely free to visitors for all ages.

Find Out More

By visiting the website you'll be able to see a full list of members along with their social handles, latest news and links to download the new E-Guide Book and 2021 App.

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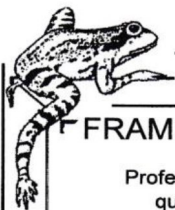
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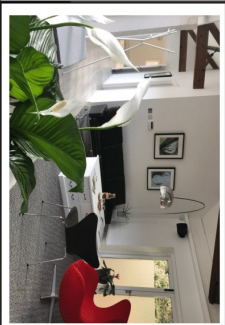
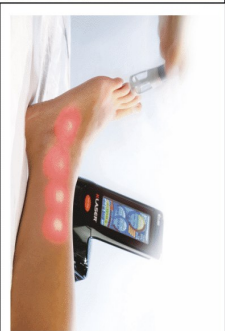
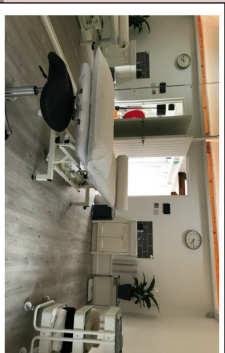
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