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Village Help Scheme (Chairman Barbara Mitton), See panel on page 5 for transport bookings	262073
Wood Green Animal Shelter	01480 830014
Stray dogs (South Cambs DC)	443000

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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 2 nd September	Black
Wednesday 8 th September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 15 th September	Black
Wednesday 22 nd September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 29 th September	Black



Village Help Scheme Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

30 August	Gill Redman	01223 262246
06 September	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
13 September	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
20 September	Joan Wells	01223 262746
27 September	Joan Wells	01223 262746
04 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073

From the Editor

Despite the unreliable weather of the summer break I hope you managed some holiday time in the UK or further afield for the more adventurous, and have once more been able to enjoy the company of family and friends now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been eased.

Let us hope that there are no new variants to upset the return to normality as we move into Autumn; it is wonderful to see village organisations restarting their regular events, many of which are announced in this edition - please go out and support them and take the opportunity to refresh relationships with your friends and neighbours in the village.

As always I would welcome new contributors for the Comberton Contact - how about telling us about your lockdown project (mine was building a garden railway), or share some insights into the history of our village?

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

Local Government Contacts

Parish Council Chair	Mr Hywel Griffiths 01223 263390 18 Barrons Way, CB23 7EQ
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Parish Council Clerk	Angela Bridges 07735 908030 parishclerk@comberton.org
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The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

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Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.

Special Services and Activities in September

12th September at 3pm **Wild Church** (outside)

19th September at 9.30am **Harvest Festival**

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

5th September at 9.30am – **Morning Worship**

12th & 26th September at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

12th & 26th September at 8.00 am – **BCP Holy Communion**

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:-

Use the link below. It will then direct you to open zoom and the service should then load automatically. You do not need to create an account.

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The good news is that our 68th Show will be going ahead this year and we thank the Meridian school for accommodating us.

We will be making some changes to protect the health of everyone attending in view of the continuing presence of Covid 19.

The most significant change is that **all exhibit entries must be pre-booked by the evening of Friday 17th September**, thus the Saturday morning will be for staging only, further entries will not be accepted.

To make this easier **all entries will be free and you will be able to email them to combertonshow@gmail.com** or deliver them to the Show Secretary as in previous years.

As exhibit entries are free there will be no monetary prizes paid out but the prize cards and trophies will be awarded as usual.

Exhibitors can stage their entries between 8.30 and 10.30am on the Saturday; the exhibit space will be slightly different from previous years but stewards will be on hand to guide you to the appropriate area. The show is open to the public from 3pm.

Photography subjects for the adult classes will be:-

‘Lockdown Memories’

‘On the Water’

‘A Celebration of Colour’

for the children's class it will be: **‘It's Green’**

We encourage a wide interpretation of the subject matter.

Please see the 2021 Brochure for full information, a copy will be delivered to every house in Comberton by the end of August, further copies will be available in the village shops or from myself.

AGM: Wednesday 24th November in the Village Hall

We hope that life will be back to normal by then and our AGM can proceed with Cheese and Wine (*or fruit Juice*) beforehand.

Keep the enthusiasm for horticulture and handicrafts, kindled in lockdown, alive for 2021 and display your achievements at the Autumn Show!

Robin Worship (CA&GA secretary) robin.worship7@gmail.com

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Comberton Twinning Association

The twinning of Comberton with Le Vaudreuil in Normandy is still active after more than twenty years. Although group visits to and from France have been postponed due to Covid, we English met for a successful BBQ at Manor Farm (thanks to Godfrey and Pauline Curtis) on the nearest Saturday to Bastille Day to celebrate continued friendships. We still plan that the French will come to Comberton in May 2022, and that we will go to France, either in September 2022 or the following spring. We are always eager to welcome new members into the association, so if any newcomers (or long-timers) have an interest in France, then see www.combertontwinning.org.uk or contact secretary@combertontwinning.org.uk.

Comberton Paths

Covid lockdowns have highlighted the importance to us all of walking in the countryside for exercise and particularly for mental health. It has also highlighted that Comberton is woefully lacking in local paths and circular walking routes. Compared with local villages like Toft, Eversden or Bourn, we have about a third of the rights of way that they do. We do have a few very useful permissive paths (and many thanks to the landowners for providing them), but they could be withdrawn at any time. We have a deadline of January 2026 to reclaim missing Lost Highways based on historical evidence – see <http://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk/>.

As one Covid lockdown project, I have researched a particular route which was historically available for centuries and walked regularly by villagers until it was ploughed up in the 1980s as it had never been added to the county's definitive rights of way map in the 1960s. This is the Lot Way running East from the church. We currently have a permissive path parallel (thanks again to the landowner), but we owe it to our children to try to re-establish a permanent route – which could be along the route of the current permissive path.

As a second project, I have put together a set of blue sky ideas of what a good path network for Comberton might look like. Not to be walked now, but as something perhaps to aim for over the next few decades. You can read more about both these at www.pghardy.net/comberton/paths/. I'd like to hear from anyone who has ideas about how either of these projects could be moved forward. My email address is paul@paulhardy.net.

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Comberton Playgroup: Summer Term News

Hello neighbours, parents and friends! We are writing this in early July, having nearly completed another very successful term at Playgroup. Our activities have included working together on a giant Elmer elephant artwork, creating Father's Day cards, learning about empathy, parachute games, lava lamps, observing shadows, making fizzing volcanoes, and listening to different genres of music from classical to jazz, country to rap, then making up our own tunes and beats in a band! You may also have noticed our celebrations of World Bee Day in May, we all had great fun dressing up and learning how important bees are.

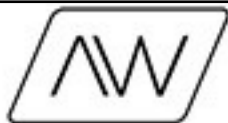
Although we have not been able to round off the year with our usual summer BBQ, we have been enjoying planning a party for children on the last day of term, to say goodbye to those leaving us and moving up to "big school". We are also hoping to offer a few coffee mornings for parents and children during the summer holidays as restrictions ease.

Our covid precautions have continued to develop and operate in line with government guidance. Although some adults and individual children have had to isolate, we have been grateful that we have managed (so far!) to avoid closure of our "bubble". Thank you to all our families for continuing to keep everyone at playgroup safe by following the government guidelines for testing and isolation.

Our plans for next term remain flexible, but we know we can operate safely to meet the challenges of any future lockdowns. We were so proud of all the children with how well they have adjusted and coped with the changes throughout the last 18 months, now a significant proportion of their young lives.

If restrictions allow, we are hoping to start new Messy Play groups and a coffee morning every week from September. These will be for parents and carers to attend with their young babies and toddlers. Messy play encourages healthy development, allowing children to experience and explore different textures in their own unique way. These sessions will allow children to have fun getting messy, without the mess at home! Parents should bring their children in old clothes and bring spare clothes and a towel to clean them up with. We will confirm arrangements in early September, but our provisional plan is:

Mondays: 9.30am - 11am: Messy Play for babies (0 – 1 years old). 1 hour of messy play followed by half an hour to get cleaned up! £5 per session.



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We also have spaces available, which qualify for the 30-hours free funding for those who are eligible. If you have a child aged 2 to 5, please get in touch to find out more! We will be able to show parents around the playgroup setting again this summer, but can also arrange zoom tours if you are more comfortable with that. We know starting playgroup can be anxious time for parents and children. We will be doing everything we can to make each child's transition as smooth as possible. Please contact Rachel at combertonplaygroup@btconnect.com for more details.



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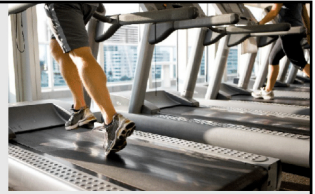
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| 1..... | ? and Andy Show | 1950's USA TV comedy |
| 2..... | Tony Banks; Mike Rutherford; Phil Collins | |
| 3..... | ? Berlin | Composer |
| 4..... | Cambridge college | |
| 5..... | ? Oates | Popish Plot leader |
| 6..... | Leon Uris novel | |
| 7..... | ? Barrington | Mr Squash |
| 8..... | ? Slope | Barchester Chronicles |
| 9..... | Anaesthetics !!!!!!! (What are anaesthetics?) | |
| 10..... | Short familiar sayings or maxims. | |
| 11..... | of Riddick ? | |
| 12..... | ? Pound | Poet/Critic |
| 13..... | ? Johnson | Robert Redford film/ character |
| 14..... | ? Benjamin | Poet |
| 15..... | Gizza ? Yosser Hughes's favourite remark ? | |
| 16..... | Phleum Pratense | |
| 17..... | ? Williams | Film Star/Swimmer |
| 18..... | ? Grey | MC in Cabaret |
| 19..... | ? The Obscure | |
| 20..... | The only one with an Israeli port at it's centre | |

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	Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Since the beginning of August we have been able to open for our full weekly hours, and we have enjoyed welcoming back increasing numbers of customers to the library. For everyone's safety and comfort we continue to manage the numbers of customers in the library at any one time and encourage everyone, who is able, to wear a face covering and to maintain social distancing. We are still providing hand sanitiser and wipes for your protection too.

Public computer access is now available without prior booking, as long as a computer is available when you come along. The session lengths have also been restored to the full two hours, if required, but we do have only one computer available to ensure that we can maintain social distancing. If you wish to guarantee a slot please do continue to book, either online or with the library staff.

We hope that your children have enjoyed this year's Summer Reading Challenge, **Wild World Heroes**, and especially all the books they have read. We have been delighted with the numbers who signed up to take part, after such a difficult year, or so, for everyone. We also enjoyed two Wild World Heroes related events, and hope that, if you managed to come along to the Sow a Seed Storytime, your seeds are growing happily at home!

Well done to everyone, who completed the Challenge; at the time of writing, we are busy making arrangements for the children to receive their well-deserved certificates and medals and will be in touch very soon to confirm the details. We are hoping to have an awards ceremony during September, but need to make sure that anything we do is safe and comfortable for all.

Tuesday 14th September is National Reading Group Day. Belonging to a reading group is a great way to make new friends and to discover books you otherwise might not think of reading. If you are interested in joining, or starting a reading group, please do come along and chat to the library staff, who will be pleased to help. There are a number of successful reading groups already supported by the Library Service, and we would be very happy to help you too.

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We look forward to seeing you in the library very soon.

Comberton Cinema returns!

'The Good Liar'

Wednesday 15th September doors open 7.30pm, film starts 7.45pm Tickets £4 on the door

The Good Liar is a 2019 crime thriller film directed and produced by Bill Condon and written by Jeffrey Hatcher, based on the 2015 novel of the same name by Nicholas Searle. It stars Ian McKellen as a career con artist who meets a wealthy widow (Helen Mirren) online, and then discovers that his plan to steal her fortune has unexpected roadblocks.

The film premiered at the BFI Southbank in London on October 28, 2019. It was released by Warner Bros.

In 2009 London, Roy Courtney is an aging British con artist who, along with his business partner Vincent, uses false identities to deceive people into giving him access to their finances. His latest target is Betty McLeish, a former history professor at Oxford University who lost her husband a year ago and has savings in excess of £2 million. Feigning a bad knee, Roy manipulates Betty into allowing him to stay at her house.

If you like a film with superb acting that gets you absorbed in it right from the beginning, this is an excellent choice. The Good Liar is a suspenseful thriller that moves along nicely and is full of twists and turns. Right from the start we know that Ian McKellen's character is bad news, a con man up to no good in every aspect of his life.

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It was so lovely to be able to re-open in April and meet again, albeit with face masks and in reduced numbers. Having a local indoor play space to go to felt like a huge luxury after the winter of walks in all weathers and chilly playdates at the park! It's great to see the toddlers playing together again and watch our lockdown babies learn their first social skills. By the end of term we were pretty much back in full swing, and enjoying meeting again without the need to sign up in advance.

If you are looking after pre-school children or are on maternity/paternity leave with your baby, we'd love you to join us! We meet on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall, from 10 am to 11.30 am. It's £2 a session per adult, no matter how many little ones you have in tow! Whether your kids are into dinosaurs, cars, stacking toys, play kitchens, dressing up, drawing, singing, crawling around on a big wooden floor, or just looking around at everyone else, there's something for everyone - and lots of chatting for the parents and carers!

Our first session after the summer holidays will be on Wednesday the 8th of September. We'd be really grateful to anyone who is able to come along early (at 9.15-9.30), and/or stay a bit longer at the end, to help with set up/clear up. We are also looking for a new treasurer - please ask Alice for more details if you think you might be able to help.

Looking forward to seeing you and your baby/toddler(s) there soon!

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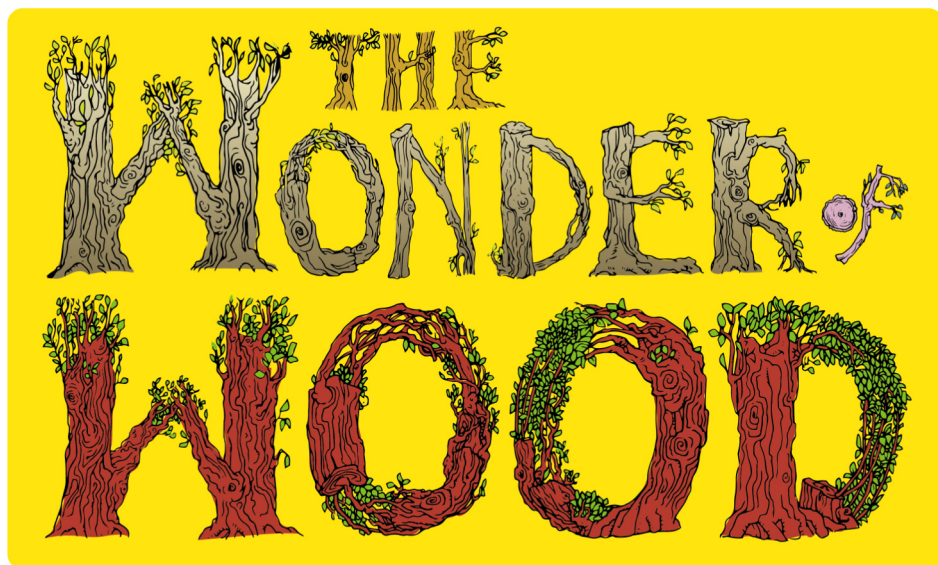
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In May 2021, I asked for help through the Contact to try to get Mini Music up and running again. I had only one kind offer from someone willing to help each week but no one has come forward to take over the running of the group.

I'm sorry to say, therefore, that Mini Music will not be re-starting in September. I still have all the instruments etc required to run the group if anyone was able to take it on now or in the future, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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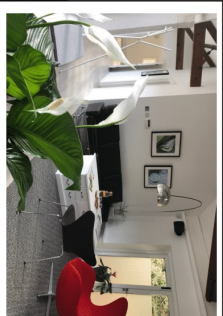
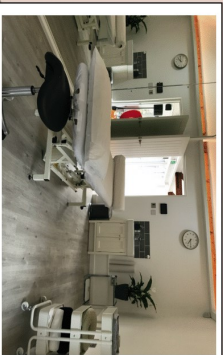
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