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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
Monday	4pm - 6pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
Monday	7pm - 9pm	Tang Soo Do	MS
Wednesday	10am - 11:30am	Comberton Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm	U15 Football Club	CVC
Wednesday	7pm - 9pm	Tang Soo Do	MS
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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Please supply copy via email in a plain text format and images in jpg, png or pdf with 300 dpi. Please send any submissions for the November 2021 magazine by 15th October 2021. Submissions will only be acknowledged if requested and this may take up to a week.

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/

Advertising rates for Comberton Contact

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Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 29 th September	Black
Wednesday 6 th October	Blue/Green
Wednesday 13 th October	Black
Wednesday 20 th October	Blue/Green
Wednesday 27 th October	Black
Wednesday 3 rd November	Blue/Green



Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

04 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
11 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
18 October	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
25 October	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
01 November	Gill Redman	01223 262246

More drivers needed - please contact Gill Redman on 01223 262246

From the Editor

The days are starting to have an autumnal feel with chill mornings and leaves collecting untidily the garden. But even as we head towards October we often enjoy warm sunny days as well, and the day of the Comberton Show was just such a day. I hope you managed to see the variety of produce and handiwork on display - if you missed it there are a few pictures on the front and back of this edition.



Once again I'd like to appeal for new content and new contributors - remember this is your magazine produced for your village and it needs your input and ideas to sustain it.

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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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District Councillors	Ian Sollom 07722 065475 Cllr.Sollom@scambs.gov.uk
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	Tony Mason 07432 779551 Cllr.Mason@scambs.gov.uk
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County Councillor	Lina Nieto 07402 351821 Lina.Nieto@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
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The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Church, Comberton

Vicar: Revd David Newton, 92 Swaynes Lane, Comberton, CB23 7EF,
01223 665654, 07736944396, davidnewton@lordsbridge.org

Churchwardens

Michael Edwards, 01223 262748, michael@kentings.co.uk
Teresa Taylor, 07717 001429, ptc.taylor@btinternet.com

Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.

Special Services and Activities

10th October at 3pm **Wild Church** (outside)

31st October at 3pm **All Souls Remembrance Service**

31st October **Lordsbridge Team Services**

(no morning services at St Mary's)

8.30am **BCP Holy Communion** at St Andrew's Church, Toft

10:30am **Lordsbridge Team Service** at Dry Drayton Church

Comberton Churchyard Planting Project Mornings

Wednesday 13th October & Saturday 16th October from 9am

- Bring your own tools!

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

3rd & 24th October at 9.30am – **Morning Worship**

10th and 17th October at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

10th & 24th October 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:-

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On-line Giving

We can now accept on-line donations;
please see our website for more information.

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

Comberton Adult Mixed Keep Fit

Every Tuesday evening 6.30 to 8.00pm in Comberton Leisure Sports Hall.

Adult Mixed Keep Fit sessions have resumed their normal programme at CB3 sports hall.

A typical session includes warm up and aerobic exercises (each 15 minutes) followed by circuit training and basketball (each 30 minutes). The cost is £2.50 per session.

This is a self-managed friendly group with no pressure to perform, we work at our own pace: no music or shouted instructions.

The group has been going for over 30 years now, originally in Comberton Village College gym and now in the spacious accommodation of Comberton Leisure's sports hall. Some of our members date back to the early days, showing how beneficial regular exercise is.

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Village Pond Update

The pond is a central and much-loved feature of the village and over the years has had various working parties involved in maintaining it. The most recent pond working party was created in October 2020 to organise maintenance of the pond and to resolve the longstanding issue of water retention. Various investigations have taken place and reports have been drawn up to develop a solution. There may be an issue with the water source and blocks in the drains, which is being further investigated. The clay puddling has been damaged, leaving about 50-80cm of silt. Most recently, the pond has become overgrown and in need of a tidy up. This year has seen a good number of ducklings and moorhens born, but it is concerning to see them without enough water.

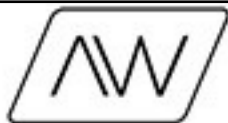
At the recent September Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that remedial work needed to the pond must be carefully timed, to use the window of opportunity whilst the pond was empty while minimising disruption to wildlife.

A sum of money from the Parish Council has been set aside to carry out this work. The job was far too large for a team of volunteers, so professional pond contractors have been approached to clear the deep layer of silt and remove the overgrown vegetation. The job is likely to include the temporary removal of the island to facilitate the setting down of a strong pond liner. Some of the vegetation will also be reinstated or replaced.

We hope that the village will once again enjoy the asset of a beautiful pond, that is well cared for whilst retaining the wildlife.

A couple of past pictures from 1953 and 2017 to inspire everyone!





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Comberton CC finished 6th in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior 3 West Division in 2021 winning 8 and losing 8 games. There were numerous close and exciting matches that were decided only in the final over. We welcomed several new and returning players to the club this year and it was great to enjoy a full season of cricket.

27 games in total were played including friendlies and midweek games. We hope all who have both played and watched this summer have enjoyed it. A big thank you must go to Ken Gifford and Tom Preece for preparing the square and organising the teams each week.

If you would like to join us at nets this winter or play some games in 2022 please check out our website <https://comberton.play-cricket.com> and get in touch with us!

1st XI Batting Award: Dip Patel 454 runs @ 37.83

1st XI Bowling Award: Nigel Cook 20 wickets @ 10.20

A close-up photograph of a baby's hands and face. The baby is wearing a red and black striped sweater. They are holding a colorful, folded-up toy book with a blue cover that has the words 'rub her' visible. Next to the book is a blue ball. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

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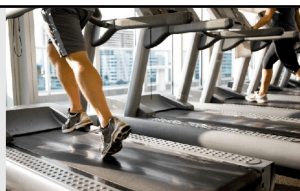
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October Challenge

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Each of the items below are lines from a well known song of the past.
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Twenty easy pieces ?

1. Where honey bees hum melodies
2. You git a little drunk an you lands in jail
3. Oh the shark, babe, has such teeth, dear
4. No pot-bellied baggy eyed bully'll toss him around
5. I traveled each and every highway
6. You'll always sound precocious
7. Well, it's down at the end of Lonely Street
8. Where she's narrow she's as narrow as an arrow
9. But they ain't got whut we got, no Siree!
10. Got run down by an avalanche
11. Now you don't talk so loud
12. Give me a smile I can keep all the while
13. Strange days indeed – most peculiar mama
14. I thought the sun rose in your eyes
15. Oh dear, act your age and try another year
16. ...and drop them into the muddy water of the Tallahatchee

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The week of 4th-10th October is Libraries Week - the perfect time to visit Comberton Library, borrow a book and discover all the other services we offer. If you are not already a member, it's easy and free to join. If you are already a library member, please use Libraries Week to tell a friend or neighbour why it's great to have a library card! If you haven't visited the library recently do come along and see the changes we have made to the layout, which we hope make the library welcoming and interesting for all ages.

Libraries have lots to offer online, too. Download library eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks and more, and find fun and interest by joining our live online events. Visit Library online - Cambridgeshire County Council (<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-online>) or call 0345 045 5225 for more information.

Get Online Week is 18th-24th October. Comberton Library, and all Cambridgeshire Libraries, offer free WiFi, and we also have free computer use, together with printing, scanning and photocopying facilities. You can access free Learn My Way courses, which are a great way for beginners to teach themselves digital skill.

Please note that from 27th September overdue charges have been re-introduced for late returns, but only for adult loans – there are no late charges for children's books. Reservation request fees remain at 50p per item for adult borrowers and free for children, and it now costs only £1 to borrow a DVD or audiobook for 3 weeks. Free services are available if you are housebound or visually impaired. Do ask library staff for more information about our charges and concessions.

If you have a concessionary bus pass, and need help with renewing it, or are applying for the first time and would like some assistance with the application, we can help you at Comberton Library. We can also take a photo as part of the application process, so no need to provide one separately. Please make an appointment with library staff no more than six weeks before you need your bus pass.

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So, let's get creative and make this a lovely display of Remembrance arts and crafts in the centre of our village that can be enjoyed by many people.

Our thanks again to the Playgroup for letting us use the fence and items can be attached there from the beginning of November.

Any further details from Sylvia Divall tel. 01223 263193.



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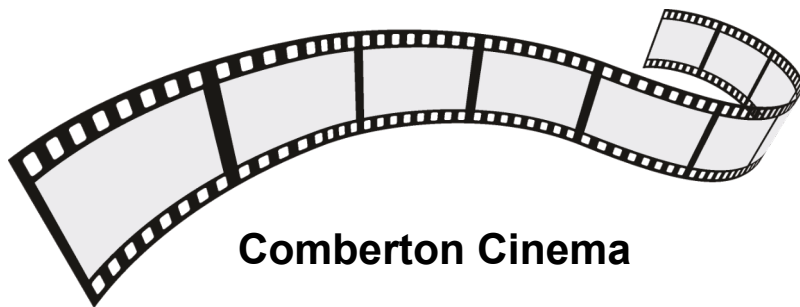
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East Anglian Air Ambulance Ongoing Fund-Raising

Regular readers of this magazine will be well aware of the operation of East Anglian air Ambulance and its role in saving lives across the region, and sometimes beyond. In the last issue I reported on the 30th June landmark of achieving true 24/7 capability – by RRV and now, at last, by helicopter. A lot of people, not least of which our crews, support staff and you - our 'on the ground' supporters, have put a huge amount of effort into this. However, having now been operating at this level for three months the message remains the same – we need to encourage support wherever it can be found.

The Covid 19 pandemic has stretched our Nation's financial resources to an extent probably never before seen outside wartime – and now playing 'catch-up' ! EAAA too needs to replenish reserves through continuing to draw upon the generosity of everyone – individual and corporate.

Wherever you are employed, please ask the question – if we have a 'charity fund' please can we support EAAA through it? And if you don't why not start one with us?

On the personal front – please keep on dropping your small change into the Red Collection Boxes at lots of tills – if your shop does not have one ask for the retailers support, and please let me know. I'll do the rest.

Also if you are over 18, why not sign up to our Weekly Lottery – each 'chance' is just £1 per week.

An increasingly important 'income stream' is from 'Gifts in Wills'. If your major benefactors are your family please seek their support in this endeavour but, whatever your circumstances, please include East Anglian Air Ambulance in your beneficiaries – please.

One last note – EAAA is always looking for new volunteers and now is a good time to become involved. To find out how you might help to make a difference please do contact – www.eaaa.org.uk/volunteer, or email info@eaaa.org.uk, or telephone 03450 669 999.

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Anthony Browne MP

Over the last year, I have been emphasising to the Environment Agency the water shortages in South Cambridgeshire. Therefore, I welcome the news that South Cambs has officially been designated a water stressed area. We need new, innovative thinking to overcome this serious issue and I look forward to participating in conversations to find a solution. I am, however, greatly concerned by plans to build 49,000 new homes in our area over the next twenty years, quite literally doubling the size of Cambridge. This is simply not sustainable and risks putting our local environment and resources in danger.

I had a productive meeting recently with the Mayor of the Combined Authority. Amongst other things, we discussed the importance of reliable on-road buses and the potential impact of East-West Rail's preferred route on South Cambs.

As we come to the beginning of the new school year, I have been working with my parliamentary colleagues in Cambridgeshire to lobby for additional funding for local schools. I am delighted our efforts have resulted in such substantial increases. Meridian Primary will receive an additional 4.4%, taking their funding to £ 4,409 per pupil for the coming school year, whilst Comberton Village College has received a further 3.4%, taking their funding to £5,751 per pupil. I know it has been a challenging time for many students and it is fantastic the Village College and Meridian Primary are both able to return to pre-covid teaching. I wish all of you starting at school the best of luck.

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New Year Resolutions...

As a teacher September is a time for New Year resolutions. The lovely weather and increased freedom since I have returned to school has spurred me on to try and regain my fitness and lose weight. A few weeks ago I enjoyed open water swimming in Milton Pit. Lots of ladies my age are enjoying the adrenaline rush that you get swimming outside. By going to the swimming session you are part of a group swimming in water that is actually warmer than you expect. Initially I planned to do one 400m circuit but I kept going because everyone else was and managed 2 laps. I went the following weekend and hope that I can inspire myself to go again. It reminded me of how much I enjoyed parkrun which had at that point not started. From Comberton we have a choice of Wimpole or Storeys as local events. I consulted the physio I was seeing about whether parkrun would be a good idea. He glibly said 'When did you last run?' my answer was 2 years ago. He instead suggested trying to use the Couch to 5k App. Thinking about this I realised I do not exercise well on my own. I was then inspired to try the Nextdoor App to get some running friends. This was a week ago and last night I was doing my second session running around the Recreation Field with 2 new running partners. It was fabulous to be out in the evening light and seeing it illuminate the fields in the distance.

So fingers crossed I will keep to my new resolution and be able to do a parkrun in the future. Has anyone else tried something new they can share with Comberton Contact?

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| 2 | GENESIS | Tony Banks .Mike Rutherford. Phil Collins. |
| 3 | *See below | Berlin. Composer. |
| 4 | KINGS | Cambridge college. |
| 5 | TITUS | Oates. Popish Plot leader. |
| 6 | EXODUS | Leon Uris novel. |
| 7 | JONAH | Barrington. Mr Squash |
| 8 | OBADIAH | Slope. Barchester Chronicles. |
| 9 | NUMBERS | Anaesthetics !!!!!!!!! (What are anaesthetics ?) |
| 10 | PROVERBS | Short familiar sayings or maxims. |
| 11 | CHRONICLES | of Riddick ? |
| 12 | EZRA | Pound. Poet/Critic |
| 13 | JEREMIAH | Johnson. Robert Redford film/ character. |
| 14 | ZEPHANIAH | Benjamin. Poet |
| 15 | JOB | Gizza ?. Yosser Hughes's favourite remark ? |
| 16 | TIMOTHY | Phleum Pratense |
| 17 | ESTHER | Williams. Film Star/Swimmer. |
| 18 | JOEL | Grey. MC in Cabaret. |
| 19 | JUDE | The Obscure |
| 20 | REVELATIONS | The only one with an Israeli port at its centre. |

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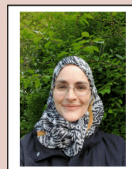
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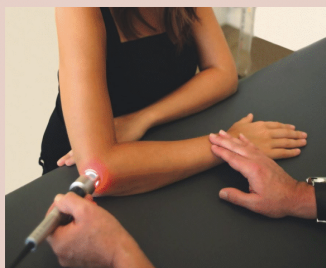
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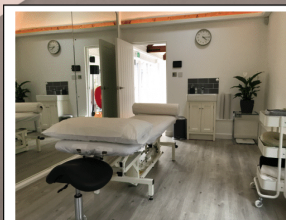
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