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See panel on page 5 for transport bookings	
Wood Green Animal Shelter	01480 830014
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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	BC
Monday	4pm - 6pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
Monday	6pm - 7pm	Tang Soo Do Junior 6-11	MS
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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Parish Council

For those of you who eagerly follow the Parish Council meetings, you will now know we are back to in person meetings and we are meeting at the village hall on on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to discuss topics that affect our village, the facilities and services that our village offers.

We welcome public attendance and the agendas and minutes can be found at <http://parish-council.comberton.org/cisions/meetings/>

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Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 3 rd November	Blue/Green
Wednesday 10 th November	Black
Wednesday 17 th November	Blue/Green
Wednesday 24 th November	Black
Wednesday 1 st December	Blue/Green



Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

01 November	Gill Redman	01223 262246
08 November	Gill Redman	01223 262246
15 November	Joan Wells	01223 262746
22 November	Joan Wells	01223 262746
29 November	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
06 December	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073

More drivers needed - please contact Gill Redman on 01223 262246

From the Editor

By the time you read this the clocks will have turned back and the warm summer evenings will be a distant memory.

Early November of course brings bonfires and fireworks - please be considerate of your neighbours and their pets if you plan to celebrate Guy Fawkes night.

It is wonderful to see more happening in the village now that the Covid restrictions have relaxed; let us hope that this situation continues throughout the winter.

James Gilbert 07768 421049
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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

14th November at 10:50am **Uniformed Remembrance Service**

14th November at 3pm **Wild Church** (outside)

21st November at 10:30am West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service

- join us in person at Comberton Leisure on online at

www.woces.online.church

(no in person or Zoom services this week)

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

7th November at 9:30am - **Holy Communion**

14th & 28th November at 8:00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

28th November at 9:30am - **Informal Morning Worship**

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.

Comberton WI

Comberton is now really up and running after a time which has been difficult for all. This month we celebrated belatedly our 80th anniversary.

It was a good evening enjoyed by all. We began by also celebrating the award of the British Empire Medal to one of our members Dr Pam Fisher.

Pam told us of how she first heard about her award in her usual self effacing and unassuming manner but we all know how well deserved her award was. She was followed by Barbara, our president, who told us about how she joined Comberton and highlighted some of her activities such as running the Garden Club for us and raising money for Arthur Rank with her Coffee mornings which are famous for the cakes she bakes.

Claire reminisced about the time when there was a young mums morning WI, known as Comberton Mill, as well as the evening one. This was followed by Sandra who told how the Pancake Race began 42 years ago and still continues and will be on in February 2022 once more. The only time it missed was last year. There were lots of photos and albums of our activities available for members to look over.

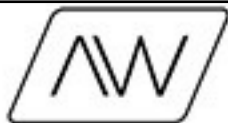
There were, of course, refreshments and a celebratory cake, baked by Barbara's granddaughter, iced in WI colours. The toast was proposed to Comberton WI, long may it last, by our guest Sally Kingman who is on the NFWI Board of Trustees was CFWI president until recently. We are always happy to welcome new members.

Wendy Timbs

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Stage 2: Simply add the 24 numbers. (Total is)

Stage 3. Using the total in 2 discover the Asteroid name associated with that number. CLUE: It's not in the Beano !

Please note that there is considerable debate regarding 95,96,99,495,496 and 499 as to whether to convert them in classical or "modern" way. In the case of 499 for example the two answers would be either CDXCIX or ID. These six numbers therefore are to play no part in the puzzle.

ASTEROID NAME.....

Entries please to Costcutter, no later than the 14th November. The first correct list out of the hat wins the prize of Wine and Chocolates generously donated by the store.

Please include your name and address with your entry.

Comberton Village Festival

2nd -5th June 2022

As many of you will now know, one of the May bank holidays has been moved to the beginning of June, so that we can have a 4 day weekend to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and being part of an awesome society.

As part of the celebration, communities are encouraged to get together for the 'Big Lunch' and a number of other festivities. It is with this in mind, that we are considering holding a Comberton Village Festival, where all our village groups can get together, to show what they are doing in the village, recruit members, fund-raise and generally have a nice festival of activities to get involved in.

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The longer autumn and winter evenings make this an ideal time to read a novel or teach yourself a new skill. We have a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction available for you to browse at Comberton Library, and if we don't have the book you are looking for, it is very easy to reserve a title, which will be delivered to the library for you to collect. Reservations for adults are just 50p per item and free for children and young people with their own library card. If you are not already a library member, it is very easy to join, either in the library or online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library. Library membership is free and open to all.

Please note that we have now reverted to a three week loan period, with up to three renewals permitted. Overdue charges have been re-introduced for late returns, but only for adult loans – there are no late charges for children's books. It now costs only £1 to borrow a DVD or audio-book 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.

We are delighted to announce that the Autumn programme for The Library Presents is available now with events in libraries and online scheduled until the end of December. The Library Presents brings quality arts activities into towns and villages across Cambridgeshire. The programme is run by Cambridgeshire County Council working in partnership with Babylon ARTS and is funded by Arts Council England. You can find out more by visiting www.cambridgehshire.gov.uk/arts, or ask the library staff for more information when you are next visiting.

As part of The Library Presents programme, Cambourne Library will be hosting a Ceramics Workshop for children aged 4-10 years on Saturday 4th December at 2.00 pm. Tickets are £3 per child, accompanying adults free. Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised. Tickets can be purchased online at www.library.live/the-library-presents or in person at Cambourne Library. The staff at Comberton Library can help if you need any further details about this event.

We look forward to seeing you at Comberton Library very soon.

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Comberton Village Hall: 10th Dec. 7.30pm; 11th Dec. 2pm & 7.30pm

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Greetings Neighbours,

We were very pleased to welcome back all our families and the many new families who have joined the school and are new to the village and surrounding area in September. The children have been very enthusiastic about being back at school and we have had a very busy half term.

We held a non-uniform day towards the education fees for two children in The Gambia via the Lisa Kent Memorial Trust. The children learned about how their support and care has had a huge impact on Pa and Oumie who have now completed their schooling. The money we raised will now go towards the year fees for two children called Ba Kemo and Bintou.

We were so pleased to hear that we have been nominated by Cambridge Music to receive the Music Mark. This is in recognition of our commitment to providing high quality music education and the promotion of music within the school. We continue to offer a wide range of instrument lessons as well as music clubs and singing assemblies. Instrument lessons currently include: recorder, flute, cello, drums, piano and violin.

We were happy to accommodate The Comberton Allotments and Garden Association 68th annual show here at Meridian in September. This community event brought together members of the community for the first time since the pandemic. It was a successful day and the sunshine was an added bonus on the day which meant the outdoor areas could also be used.

There is still a lot of planning work going on behind the scenes for the habitat garden. Thank you for all the generous donations we have received from the community so far. Our habitat garden was a project initiated by our pupils to ensure they had a quiet calm, sensory and nature area to enjoy within the school. Our Just Giving page has been set up with the PTA to help us raise funds for our habitat garden and outdoor spaces. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/meridianpta> We hope to complete this project this year.

All the children took part in our fundraising 'Fun Run' in October. The children started their running route on the recreation ground and ended up on the school field and all the money raised will go towards the habitat garden. The determination and resilience of all the runners was outstanding and it was a wonderful atmosphere with every one cheering each other on. We were so proud of all our children.

The children are learning some songs including a song in Swahili in time for our

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special harvest festival which will include a time of reflection for all those who work in the food industry. We will be creating a harvest display of foods and these will be given to Jimmy's Shelter.


Mrs Ann Webb retired from the school office in July after 22 years and sent the following message:

'I would like to thank families past and present for their lovely messages and their generosity for the retirement gifts that I received at the end of term. I was very touched by your kind thoughts. I have visited lots of National Trust properties over the summer with the membership and have signed up for some sewing classes to help me get the most of my machine. The garden vouchers will wait for the Spring. I have many happy memories of all the families that I got to know over the years at Meridian and I look forward to seeing many of you again as I walk around the village in my free time!'

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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Following our very successful Comberton Celebrates Easter and Spring, earlier this year, it is planned to 'Celebrate Remembrance/ Poppy Day' in November by having a display on the Playgroup Fence of all things that remind us of this special time. They could be knitted, stitched or crocheted Poppies, poems, drawings, photographs, really anything appropriate that can be displayed, and a time again that Comberton residents, young and older can come together to share and celebrate in this way.

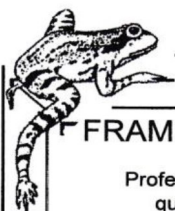
So, let's get creative and make this a lovely display of Remembrance arts and crafts in the centre of our village that can be enjoyed by many people.

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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Cheese and Wine (or Juice) at the AGM

Our next event is the AGM on Wednesday 24th November 2021 - 7.30 for 8 pm in Comberton Village Hall. Come along and enjoy the refreshments; hear about our work and events during 2021; see the newly engraved trophies re-presented to the Autumn Show winners; pay annual allotment rent if you are a 'Long Road' plot holder and/or renew your membership of the association.

Our two main events in the year are the Village Autumn Show and the Spring Plant Sale and they do require considerable effort from the committee to arrange and stage so we welcome new members to join us, learn the ropes and bring in new ideas to ensure that these successful village events continue.

As always we welcome new ideas for classes in the Show, particularly in the Handicraft, Cookery and Photography sections and certainly in the Children's section as we need to keep them fresh and relevant to current trends.

Comberton Autumn Show Report

The decision to go ahead with the 68th Comberton Show on 18th September was made with much uncertainty; would we have very few entries and visitors or would people be so keen to come out that the space would be overwhelmed?

In fact neither of those extremes occurred and we had a very successful show with over 300 entries spread across all the classes (an average show is around 500 entries) and in addition 200 paintings were on display entered by the children of the Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup. The handicraft section in particular was well supported with some amazing work, I guess thanks to all those long days of lockdown.

We were so pleased that 150 paying adults plus their children came along to see the exhibits and enjoy refreshments in the courtyard, thanks to the beautiful autumn sunshine.

Dispensing with exhibit fees and prize money enabled a significant number to enter by email and we will consider continuing with this next year; any views you have on this and the show in general would be of interest.

We thank the Meridian School for their enormous co-operation in allowing us to hold the Show there under the current circumstances and for all their help with the planning and staging of the Show.

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As always we have to thank our judges who give their time freely, the visitors to the Show and, of course, to you the exhibitors without whom there would not be a show!

.....and a special thanks to James Gilbert for those great photos of the Show exhibits on the cover of the October edition of Contact!

Show Trophy Winners

Gentlemens' Challenge Cup (<i>Highest points in Show</i>)	Peter Gladders
Gentlemens' Silver Cup (<i>2nd Highest points in Show</i>)	David Warboys
Ladies' Challenge Bowl (<i>Highest points in Show</i>)	Mavis Symonds
Ladies' Silver Cup (<i>2nd Highest points in Show</i>)	Claire Worship
Storey Cup (<i>Highest Points for Juniors</i>)	Ceri Tickle
Silver Cup & Certificate (<i>Best Vegetable Exhibit</i>)	Jo Johaheer
Certificate (<i>Best Fruit exhibit</i>)	Ralph Bloomfield
Certificate (<i>Best Flower exhibit</i>)	Peter Gladders
Master Gardener Trophy (<i>Collection of Flowers & Vegetables</i>)	David Warboys
Harry Sewell Trophy (<i>Collection of Vegetables</i>)	Duncan Scott
WI Handicraft Cup (<i>Highest points in Handicraft</i>)	Mavis Symonds
Evelyn Watts trophy (<i>Highest points in Cookery</i>)	Peter Gladders
Gerry Hall Trophy (<i>Cake - Men only</i>)	Robin Worship
Comberton Wine Club Cup (<i>Best Wine in show</i>)	Wayne Price
Mike Winney Trophy (<i>Best Photograph in Show</i>)	Quin Hollick
Frank Hollick Book Prize (<i>Best in Childrens' Art Classes</i>)	Luke Chapman
Watts Salver (<i>Best Kept Allotment- Long Road Site</i>)	David Burman

Robin Worship – Secretary (email: robin.worship7@gmail.com)

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank You

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held on Saturday 25th September at The Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground in Barton raised £649! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

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2. You git a little drunk an you lands in jail	Old Man River
3. Oh the shark, babe, has such teeth, dear	Mac the knife
4. No pot-bellied, baggy eyed bully'll toss him around	My Boy Bill / Soliloquy
5. I travelled each and every highway	My Way
6. You'll always sound precocious Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious	
7. Well, it's down at the end of Lonely Street	Heartbreak Hotel
8. Where she's narrow she's as narrow as arrow	Honey Bun
9. But they ain't got whut we got, no Siree!	Windy City
10. Got run down by an avalanche	Well did you ever!
11. Now you don't talk so loud	Like a rolling stone
12. Give me a smile I can keep all the while	Wish me luck
13. Strange days indeed – most peculiar mama	Nobody told me
14. I thought the sun rose in your eyes	First time I ever saw your face
15. Oh dear, act your age and try another year	Salad Days
16. And drop them into the muddy water of the Tallahatchee Bridge	Ode to Billy Joe

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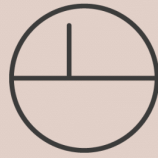
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