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St Mary's Church (Vicar David Newton)	665654
Street Light Failure reporting helpline	01954 233330
Village Help Scheme (Chairman Barbara Mitton),	262073
See panel on page 5 for transport bookings	
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	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.

Please note that due to a clash with another VH booking our December meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 7th December and will include discussion of the Parish Precept.

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

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 1 st December	Blue/Green
Wednesday 8 th December	Black
Wednesday 15 th December	Blue/Green
Wednesday 22 nd December	Black
Friday 31 st December	Blue
Saturday 8 th January 2022	Black
Friday 14 th January 2022	Blue/Green
Thursday 20 th January 2022	Black
Wednesday 26 th January 2022	Blue
Wednesday 2 nd February 2022	Black



Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

06 December	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
13 December	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
20 December	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
27 December	Gill Redman	01223 262246
03 January 2022	Gill Redman	01223 262246
10 January 2022	Joan Wells	01223 262746
17 January 2022	Joan Wells	01223 262746
24 January 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
31 January 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073

More drivers are **URGENTLY** needed for this essential service.

For more information please contact Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

From the Editor

On behalf of the Comberton Contact team I would like to wish all our readers, advertisers, contributors and distributors a peaceful and safely sociable Christmas and New Year. We will be back with our February edition and as always new ideas and contributions are welcome.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Advertising rates for Comberton Contact

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Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

Local Government Contacts

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St Mary's Church, Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

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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

12th December at 3pm - **Wild Christingle** (outside)
19th December at 10.30am - **Carols & Coffee**
19th December at 6.30pm - **Carol in the Churchyard** (outside)
Christmas Eve at 3pm - **Nativity Service**
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm - **Christmas Midnight Mass**
Christmas Day at 9.30am - **Christmas Holy Communion**
Christmas Day at 11am - **Christmas Zoom Worship** (see below for link)

**There will be no services either in person at St Mary's
or on Zoom on Boxing Day.**

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building
Join us every Sunday at 9.30am

Other services...

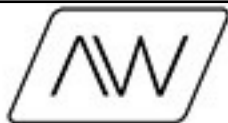
12th December + 9th & 23rd January at 8.00 am – **BCP Holy Communion**
9th January at 3pm – **Wild Church (outside)**
30th January at 10.30am – **Team Service at Haslingfield**

On-line ZOOM Service each Sunday at 11am

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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24th December

3.00pm

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- 2.What is Paddington's favourite food ?
- 3.What is the name of the SHEEP-PIG?
- 4.Who are the main characters in the Faraway tree?
- 5.What did Princess Smarty Pants ride ?
- 6.In the Gruffalo what animal does the mouse meet in the wood?
.....
- 7.What do the letters BFG stand for ?
- 8.What is the name of the headmistress in Matilda?
- 9.Who is Winnie the Pooh's owner ?
- 10.What did the Grinch steal ?
- 11.Who is Peppa pig's boyfriend ?
- 12.Who is the main character in Where The Wild Things Are?
.....

Good luck and a very Happy Christmas to everyone, even the Grinch !

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	Friday	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Tel: 0345 045 5225

Help us to find Christmas!

Cambridgeshire Libraries are holding a Treasure Hunt for children and families in December – use your mobile phone to scan a barcode and get a video clue. Find all of our lost items and you'll get a certificate. Just ask library staff for the clue sheet and then scan the QR code to get you started. If you don't have a mobile phone don't worry, there's a paper version too.

In the midst of all the Christmas preparations, we hope that you may find time to relax with a good book. If you like a festive read, do come and browse the titles available in the library. We have picture books and some longer chapter books for children and a range of adult fiction titles on display too. All are available to borrow.

We will also be holding a big book sale in the library from **Monday 6th December**, during library opening hours, where there will be a range of good quality second-hand adult and children's books to purchase at bargain prices. You may find just the right book for yourself, or as a stocking filler present!

Just a quick reminder 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 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.

Comberton Library will be open as normal on **Wednesday 22nd December** and then closed for Christmas and New Year, re-opening on **Wednesday 5th January**.

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blanket or chair to sit on.

Refreshments



ChaSamba Adult Fitness Classes

This partner-free Dance and Fitness class uses popular Ballroom and Latin dances. This class is for all ages, fitness levels and ability. So come and join in and have fun learning the Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Salsa, Quickstep and more.

Barton Village Hall Tuesday 9.15-10.15am

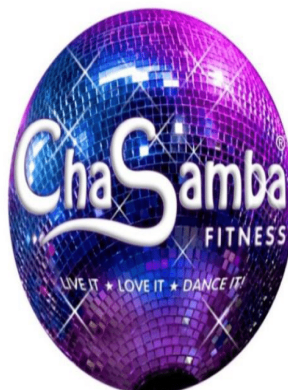
NEW class Meridian Primary School Tuesday 6.45-7.30pm

Bourn Village Hall Wednesday 7.15-8.15pm

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

Suitable for children aged 7 and over. Bar opens from 20 minutes before the performance

Tickets: £10, £8

Booking opens at 10am on Sunday 7th November

Full details and tickets at

<https://deckedinthehalls.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Plant and Produce Stall at 80 West Street

Thank you again - for the fifth year running - to everyone who has so generously donated plants, produce, gardening items and money to the stall outside 80 West Street.

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Mary Jenkins

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Greetings Neighbours,

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For Remembrance this year, classes made poppies to display in their classroom windows, we displayed the fallen soldier in the front foyer and we held a special Remembrance Assembly on Thursday 11th November. We learned about the life of Walter Tull who was both a great footballer and soldier who died in 1918.

During November, we held 'anti-bullying week'. The children focussed on many different aspects of bullying with an 'odd sock day' to celebrate individuality and diversity. The children created handprints with captions which are now all around the school and the older children helped to write a child friendly page for our new anti-bullying policy which will be ready soon.

Thank you for your generous donations to support us in funding a new reflective space for the children outside. This project has been lead by the children. Donations can be made on our PTA Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/meridianpta> or directly to the PTA/School.

Just before half term, we held an Open Morning for prospective parents for 2022. If you are keen to learn about our school for a reception place and are new to the area, do make contact with us.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of fun and exciting things coming up for the children. We will be holding a KS2 Christmas Service at St Mary's Church, a Christmas Dinner for the children with class party games during the day and there will also be a Christmas Jumper day with a 'Santa Dash' fun run within the school grounds.

We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Please do have a good, restful and enjoyable season.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Etchie, Headteacher

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December	Village location
1 st	89 Barrons Way
2 nd	Comberton Playgroup
3 rd	99 Barrons Way
4 th	30 Green End
5 th	83 Barton Road
6 th	2 Fox's Way
7 th	48 Harbour Avenue
8 th	55 Barrons Way
9 th	4 Hines Lane
10 th	18 St. Thomas Close
11 th	6 Westlands
12 th	32 Westlands
13 th	92 Swaynes Lane
14 th	4 Westcroft
15 th	15 Harbour Avenue
16 th	82 Green End
17 th	32 South Street
18 th	65 West Street
19 th	49 Bush Close
20 th	12 South Street
21 st	49 Hillfield Road
22 nd	14 Green End
23 rd	85 Barton Road
24 th Christmas Eve!	91 Barrons Way

Happy window spotting!

Merry Christmas!

Barton CE (VA) Primary School

Barton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is consulting on proposed admission arrangements for 2023/24 in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021. To view the consultation documents please visit www.bartonprimary.org.uk or contact the school office on 01223 262474. The consultation period runs from 13th December 2021 – 31st January 2022



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The Comberton Pond Working group have been working hard over the last few months to make progress on the renovation of our pond. The latest updates are as follows:

- An Environmental Survey is taking place beginning of December.
- Quotes have been received for clearing the overgrown vegetation, removing the build-up of silt and the island. A decision will be made on which company to use at the next Parish Council Meeting in December.
- Work is to be carried out in the winter months between December and end of February, when there is no chance of nesting taking place.
- There is still discussion about what sort of liner is needed to replace the damaged clay puddling. This will be decided once the base of the pond is visible.
- An application for funding has been made to The National Lottery Community Funding and we hope this is going to be successful.
- Investigations are taking place into the water flow into the pond. The main source of water is an underground pipe from the top of Green End (west side of the road) to the pond, northwest corner, running behind the houses. There may well be blockages at some point, restricting the flow.

We would really appreciate your help! Do you have any information connected with the location of the underground pipe in Green End, manhole covers, changes made by building work and history relating to this pipe and the pond?

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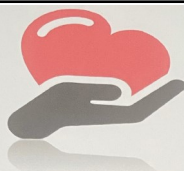
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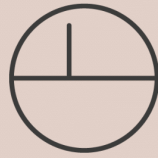
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