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<b>Village Help Scheme</b> (Chairman Barbara Mitton),	<b>262073</b>
See panel on page 5 for transport bookings	
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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	6pm - 7pm	Tang Soo Do Junior 6-11	MS
Monday	7pm - 9pm	Tang Soo Do	MS
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7pm - 9pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7pm - 9pm	Comberton Winemakers	VH
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship	VH
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/decisions/meetings/>

## Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Black
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue & Green
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Black
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Blue & Green
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Black



## Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

28 March 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
04 April 2022	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
11 April 2022	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
18 April 2022	Gill Redman	01223 262246
25 April 2022	Gill Redman	01223 262246
02 May 2022	Joan Wells	01223 262746

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

For more information please contact Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

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## From the Editor

There is much talk of the rising costs of living and we are seeing the effects of this in Comberton. The Village Hall lettings charges are being reviewed and are likely to rise, and we have also had to increase our advertising rates for this magazine for the first time since 2008.

The increase is necessary for a number of reasons. Printing costs have risen in recent months, with paper alone rising by 40%, and we can no longer absorb these costs. Also, the number of copies we print each month has increased to cater for the new houses being built in the village. For example, the recent development at Bennell Farm has added nearly 100 homes to our circulation.

The Comberton Contact is produced and distributed by volunteers; we receive no funding from the Parish Council (unlike many other village publications) and are reliant on our advertisers to fund the printing costs. Please mention the Comberton Contact when you use their services.

James Gilbert      07768 421049      [editor@combertoncontact.org.uk](mailto:editor@combertoncontact.org.uk)

## Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at [www.comberton.org](http://www.comberton.org)

## Local Government Contacts

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# The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton



In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

## Activities



2nd April at 10.00am - **Easter Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall  
10th April at 3pm - **Wild Church** (outside)  
24th April at 12.30pm - **Bring & Share lunch** at St Mary's  
27th April at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea** in Village Hall



## Holy Week and Easter

14th April at 7.30pm - **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion**  
15th April at 9.30am - **Good Friday reflections**  
17th April at 9.30am - **Easter Celebration**



## Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

10th & 24th April at 8.00 am - **BCP Holy Communion**  
3rd April at 9.30am - **Morning Worship with Baptism**  
10th April at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**  
24 April at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**



## On-line Services

Zoom Church at 11am each Sunday.  
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## Quiet Prayer

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## On-line Giving

We can now accept on-line donations;  
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# Have you heard the Easter Story?

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## Can you find the Egg pictures and crack the code

Starting the **week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April...**

Look out for the large images of Eggs which will be around the village...

There will be 7 in total...

each will have a QR code that links to a video/music/activity.



## Can you decorate a stone or make a flower to add to the Easter Garden?

The Easter Garden will appear in the Churchyard...

The final activity will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the morning service at

**St Mary's Church on Easter Sunday... (17<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am)**

*~ Hope to see you there and happy code breaking...*



## Comberton Bowls Club

Comberton Lawn Bowls club is located on the recreation ground near the children's play area, we are a small club of around 30 members who are a very friendly bunch and we play Bowls during the summer between May and August competing in three different leagues. Players of all abilities are welcome and we are actively looking to encourage new members. Please feel free to come down to one of our roll ups on Sunday 10th April at 2pm or Wednesday 20th April at 6.30 pm. Just come along, we will provide the equipment you just need to wear flat shoes. Look at our Facebook page for details of upcoming events and matches. Anybody who would like to have a go who can't make the roll ups please contact Irene on 262084.



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The pool is open to members generally for 2 hours on all days except Thursday and will be open from May to September. We welcome families as well as individual members of all ages.

If we have another hot summer, you won't want to miss out. Sign up as a member. Family membership is only £70 for the whole family giving all members unlimited access. Individual membership is £55. Members are expected to 'do their bit' to keep the club running for everyone. There are 2 types of duties that members can choose to take on; either safety officer or an admin officer. Members who choose to help out as safety officers will receive comprehensive training.

Comberton Community Swimming Club is really friendly and offers different activities, such as lane swimming and the occasional water polo game. We will also organise at least one of our traditional pool parties this year.

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Easter Opening Hours:

Good Friday 15th April	closed
Easter Saturday 16th April	open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Easter Monday 18th April	closed

We are delighted to announce that Comberton Library have restarted rhymetime; our next session will be on the 25th April from 10:30 am until 11:00 am.

School Holiday Craft Event: on Monday 11th April from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm; please join us for an Easter themed craft session. (The session will be dependent on covid restrictions). Look out for the posters, which give you more information.

As the weather slowly starts to improve, come and see our selection of spring books here at the library. We have a great selection for adults and children waiting to be taken home to hopefully bring some sunshine to your day.

We love getting feedback on the books you've been reading, so if you've loved a book please let us know when you return it, it's great to be able to share with other members of the library the must reads.

Please remember we do still have a computer available for use, you can book online or just pop by to see if it's free.

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The libraries team have produced a handy What's On guide, listing events taking place at our 33 libraries across the county from mid-February to the end of April. You can pick up your copy from your local library now.

Please help us raise awareness that Cambridgeshire Libraries are safe spaces for domestic abuse victims. All libraries have contact details for appropriate support agencies. Our computers are free to use, and your search history can't be tracked.

## **Comberton Bowls Club - Quiz night**

Saturday 23rd April

Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm

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Look forward to seeing you there.

You are invited to join us this

# Easter

Good Friday | 15th April | Reflection on the Cross | 10.30am

Easter Day | 17th April | Easter Celebration | 10.30am

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Ponds are a cherished part of the parish landscape; familiar historic features found at the heart of most village centres and in the wider countryside. Sadly, due to changes in land use and agricultural practices, the UK has lost around 50% of ponds in the 20th Century. Those remaining are often threatened by pollution. This means the many species of plant and animal that rely on them are also under threat.

Excitingly, funding is now available in certain parts of Cambridgeshire for the restoration and creation of clean water wildlife ponds capable of supporting great crested newts. The funding is part of Natural England's District Level Licencing scheme (DLL), a new strategy for compensating the loss of newt habitats, which seeks to provide new ponds and bigger, better, more joined-up habitat for this orange-bellied amphibian at a landscape scale.

In Cambridgeshire there is a high demand for such wildlife ponds through the DLL scheme. Most of the 150 or so pond projects we have delivered to date have been fully funded under the scheme. You can view some of these projects at: [www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds](http://www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds).

We are seeking local farmers, smallholders, large rural garden owners, land-based businesses and parish-owned land to create and restore more such ponds. If you have a location in mind in your parish, please email [ponds@fwageast.org.uk](mailto:ponds@fwageast.org.uk) to receive further information or arrange an informal chat. Let's do something brilliant for wildlife!



The Comberton Parish Council is applying for a pond grant to help with the work to the village pond, but they encourage others to apply should you have or have an interest in having other ponds in the village.

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## Encroachment on Highways

I have a plea to householders in Comberton. While walking round the village (often during Covid lockdowns), I've noticed how in many places, garden hedges have encroached on the highways. This makes walking on the pavements and footpaths difficult or impossible, and is a real problem to mothers with pushchairs or invalids with wheelchairs.

You can see the highway boundary by looking at the line of walls and gateposts along the road. Another key indicator is lamp posts and telephone/electricity posts which were almost always set within the highway area. If your hedge comes further out than your gateposts, or any telephone posts, or next-door's wall, then you are probably encroaching on the highway. One can also consult old photos of the highway from the early 20th century (from e.g. the Cambridgeshire Collection) to see the original road and footpath widths. If your hedge is encroaching, then please cut it back to inside your property line.

In some cases it may just be that the hedge has not been trimmed or cut back enough, but in other cases, a hedge has been planted far too close to the boundary. Over decades, a hedge, even if trimmed, will grow to at least three feet thick, sometimes more. So the new hedge should be planted with its stems at least two feet inside the property boundary, so as not to encroach beyond the boundary. I've seen a couple of new hedges planted right along the boundary line, that are bound to encroach as they grow. If you have one like that, or one planted from bushes or trees that have got out of hand, then maybe it's time to grub it up and replant it further back. Many of the highways in Comberton have been used by pedestrians for a thousand years – let's not lose that usability in our generation!

Paul Hardy ([paul@paulhardy.net](mailto:paul@paulhardy.net))

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1	3	2	4	5	6
4	2	3	5	1	5
5	6	4	2	4	3
2	3	2	6	5	1
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# Beating the Bounds

Friends of St Mary's revive an old custom

In the March edition of Contact we spoke of an 'Easy Walking Event to re-enact an ancient practice'. What did we mean?



Perhaps it all began with the Roman god Terminus, the god who protected Boundary Markers and was in some way an inspiration for this custom. His Feast day was 23rd February – but things can be changed!

During the Middle Ages and into the Nineteenth Century, the Parish was responsible for its own law and order as well as care of its poor, elderly and sick. It was important for everyone to know the Boundaries of the Parish. Children and young adults needed to be taught.

To pick up on this necessity, the Church added a religious purpose to the instruction. Changing the time of year to May for an annual Parish Boundary Walk, the second purpose was to ask (Rogation) for God's blessing on the greening crops and for a bountiful harvest to come. The combination became the Custom of 'Beating the Bounds'. In the Church's Calendar, the Sunday before Ascension Day is called Rogation Sunday and is associated with 'Beating the Bounds'. This year, Friends of St Mary's will hold a Beating the Bounds on Rogation Sunday afternoon, 22nd May 2022.

Traditionally, the walking party would stop at each boundary mark, whether an ancient tree or a boundary stone, to teach the young folk. Apparently various methods were used to help them remember. There will be no sticks and no beating on our walks!

We shall gather for a Longer Walk or a Shorter Walk. You can choose which one to take. They will happen at the same time.

Comberton does not have as many footpaths as some villages - such as Toft. It is not possible to walk all the way around the boundary of our Parish, but our map specialist Paul Hardy will be on hand. The Longer Walk will turn west, finding the Parish Boundary close to the Village College. After walking a distance along this Parish Boundary, the walk will turn east and follow a figure of eight pattern. The Shorter Walk will be suitable for families and buggies and will pick up on several points of historic interest nearer the heart of the village. This walk will be circular. In both cases we propose to start at 2 pm and finish by 4 pm around St Mary's Church. We hope to have some other specialists walking with us to show and explain the Boundaries, the Church Lands, the Wilding Project, as well as inside and around St Mary's Church.

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Many people come up to the Church or into the two churchyards. Many pass through the 'gap' between car park and churchyard (north west gateway), perhaps going on through to pick up a footpath or walk the cobbled Causeway. If you look closely at this 'gap' in the wall into the car park, you will see that the churchyard wall and car park are in poor condition. We hope our Fund-raising this year can pay for an up-grade of the car park and repairs to the Churchyard Wall.

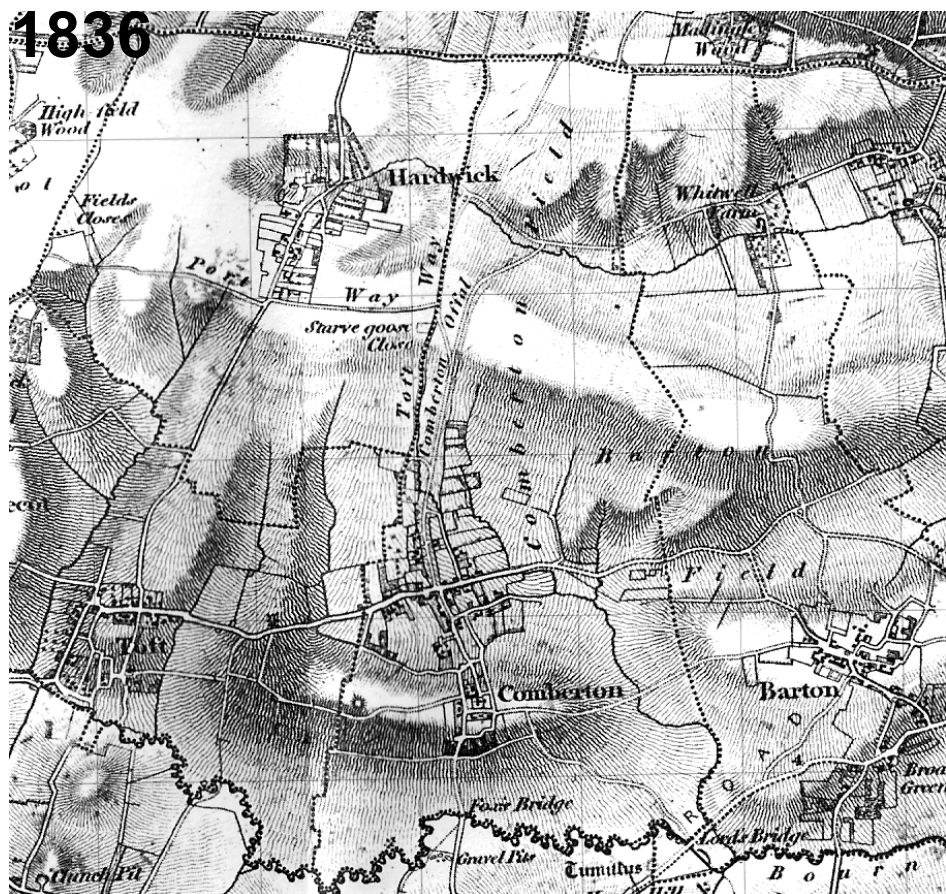
We shall all end our Walks at St Mary's Church for Refreshments. Please come along. Share your questions and researches about Beating the Bounds. If you would like to learn about the Friends of St Mary's Fund-raising projects we will be on hand to tell you!

I will write with further details in the May Edition of Contact. Look out for it!

David Hughes

FOSM Trustee

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### **Saturday**

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### **Sunday**

Local street parties as part of 'The Big Jubilee Lunch'.

The Festival is being organised by a wonderful team of villagers in collaboration with the Parish Council. However, many of the main activities are being coordinated by village groups and societies, therefore please do contact the organising committee at the email below if your group or society is keen to get involved.

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