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### Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.45am - 11am	Comberton Walkers	ВС
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (except Aug)		Comberton WI	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8pm - 9:30pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society	VH
Wednesday	10am - 11:30am	Comberton Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wednesday	5.15pm-6.15pm	Pilates Class - book via www.faybpilates.co.uk	MS
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

BC = Baptist Church MS = Meridian School

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### **Parish Council**

Upcoming meetings at the village hall: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October / Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November / Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (No September meeting was held due to the period of National Mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II).

The Parish Council would like to give their thanks and gratitude to our current handyman, who is sadly leaving the area. He has made a huge difference to Comberton and has worked hard to keep the village well maintained during the last few years.

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

### **Wheelie Bin Collection Dates**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Blue & Green
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Black
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Blue & Green
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Black
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Blue & Green



### Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

03 October	Gill Redman	01223 262246
10 October	Joan Wells	01223 262746
17 October	Joan Wells	01223 262746
24 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
31 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
07 November	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283

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

For more information contact Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246 or Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073.

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### From the Editor

If you, like me, value having a regular bus service into Cambridge then you may not be aware that as of the end of October as part of Stagecoach's cutbacks the No 18 bus will cease to operate, leaving us with no bus service in Comberton.

We should ask why there are no alternatives such as reducing the frequency of buses, diverting some or all of the No 4 service through Toft and Comberton or putting in place an alternative operator. And why is all this happening when only a few weeks ago there was to be a grand plan increasing bus use in view of the likely congestion charge in Cambridge?

I'd encourage Comberton residents to register a protest by contacting Anthony Browne MP, your District Councillors and the Parish Council (contact details below). You can also sign up to online petitions against the closures - both the Lib Dem Save Our Bus Services campaign <a href="https://www.cambridgeshirelibdems.org.uk/save\_our\_bus\_services">https://www.cambridgeshirelibdems.org.uk/save\_our\_bus\_services</a> and a petition on change.org (search for "Stagecoach 18"). You could also write to the Mayor of Cambridge, as the Mayor is responsible for buses.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 <u>editor@combertoncontact.org.uk</u>

### **Comberton Village Website**

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

### **Local Government Contacts**

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# The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

St Mary's Church Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

# All Souls' Day Service of Reflection



Sunday 30th October 3pm at St Mary's Church

Remember and reflect on the lives of those we have loved



### Activities

9th October at 11am - Zoom Harvest Festival (link below)

9th October at 3pm - Wild Church (outside)

Thurs 27th October at 2.30pm - Oasis Tea in Village Hall



### **Lordsbridge Team Services**

30th October at 8.30am BCP Holy Communion at Toft Church 30th October at 10.30am Holy Communion at Toft Church with WCCYM

### Services in St Mary's Church Building



2nd October at 9.30am - Holy Communion 9th October at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

at 9.30am - Morning Worship

16th October at 9.30am - Holy Communion 23rd October at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

at 9.30am - Informal Morning Worship



### **On-line Services**

Zoom Church: Sunday at 11am - ID: **8231 1473 640** 

Tuesday Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.30am - ID: 495 061 1016

Wednesday Compline on Zoom at 8pm - ID: 899 215 191



### Quiet Prayer

Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.

### On-line Giving



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If you have visited St Mary's Churchyard in recent weeks, you may have noticed that there are quite a few memorial stones which have been laid flat. Don't worry, we have not had vandals! The stones have been carefully laid down by the Church Wardens as they have been found to be unstable and therefore would pose a risk of injury if they were leant on.

We, the wardens carry out a wobble test every year prior to the fête. It is also a requirement of our insurance policy that the gravestones are tested at least annually, for stability. This year, we were surprised by how many stones had become unstable and can only assume that the unusually warm, dry summer has affected the mortar which was used to secure the monuments to the ground.

Anyone who tends a grave where the memorial has been laid down, should arrange for a stonemason to visit, and re-set the stone. Unless the memorial is to be altered in some way, no permissions from the incumbent would be required for this.

Teresa Taylor and Michael Edwards St Mary's Church Wardens

### **Comberton Celebrates Remembrance Day - 11th November**

There will be an opportunity to display anything that reminds you of this time on the Playgroup fence, from the 4th November.

This could be handmade poppies, poems, drawings, photographs, anything that you would like to share with others. Please put items that may be affected by the weather into plastic wallets. There will be a net to attach poppies to and I have knitting patterns for them if needed.

Let's make this a colourful display for all to enjoy.

Further information, and patterns, from Sylvia Divall, tel 263193.

### **Comberton Antiquarian Society**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October at 8pm in the Village Hall and our topic will be:

The Young Charles Darwin in Cambridge - talk by Murray Jacobs.

Murray Jacobs is a Green Badge Guide - his talks are both entertaining and informative.

It should be a very good evening - All visitors most welcome.

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### **Come and Meet the Church Mice!**

We tend not to visit churchyards in the middle of the night, lest we disturb those laid to rest. With all my senses on alert, I recently went for a late stroll.... but was I alone?

What was that rustling in the dry leaves over by the wall? Whose pattering feet did I hear disturbing the gravel path? In the light of the moon, a silent shadow flew across on gossamer wings, landing in the Trinity trees. A barn owl on the lookout, but for what?

The team running the *Habitat and Wildlife Project* at St Mary's Church has already found that our churchyard can be a busy place at night, but with small mammals, and with owls and foxes on the hunt for them, nothing more sinister! Our local mammal expert, Roger Featherstone, organised a very successful overnight survey last April (see Managing St Mary's Churchyard, Contact March 2022, p.11) and now we are planning another one, but this time with more opportunities for you to come along and get involved.

We will lay a dozen Longworth live small mammal traps at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th October, and take them in again at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday 27th October. Families, and particularly children, are very welcome to come along for the experience. Don't worry, the wee beasties are released unharmed and well-fed after we have identified them!

We expect to find quite a few bank voles and wood mice that have been enjoying the tasty bait and warm bedding inside the traps. We also know there are shrews in the churchyard and there is the possibility of seeing one of these, our tiniest mammal predators.

Our project aims to learn what hidden wildlife treasures we have in God's acre at St Mary's, so that we can be sure to foster an environment in which they can thrive. Why not come along and help unravel the churchyard's secrets?

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Greetings Neighbours,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year, 2022-2023. We ended the 2021-2022 academic year with a great send off for our Y6 pupils – we would like to thank all of them for their amazing contributions to Meridian Primary and we continue to wish them success as they have embarked on the next phase of their education.

The children have settled in well after the summer holidays and the number of children attending the school has grown over the holiday period and we have around 200 children on roll.

It was with great sadness that we learnt about the loss of HM The Queen, we have held assemblies and have adapted lesson time to reflect over her life and legacy.

The children enjoyed making their contributions to the Comberton Show and we have a special Harvest assembly planned for October with Reverend David Newton.

Our school sponsored fun run is scheduled for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and some of the funds will go towards two children's school fees in The Gambia.

We are so pleased to be able to welcome parents and carers back into our school for key events. We held a picnic for parents of the new reception children at the end of their first week with us and we have started holding class community assemblies again.

We are delighted that music provision is expanding with much more on offer including tuition and whole-class musical experiences and we will soon start a new steel band morning club. The school has been offered additional brass instruments from the music service for whole class teaching. This further supports an emphasis on team-building and well-being.

We are also offering a number of clubs at the school including football clubs, dodgeball and gymnastics.

We will be holding an Open Morning for children looking to join us in reception next academic year 2023-2024 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November (time TBC).

We are always pleased to hear from members of the community who would like to serve the school as governors. If you would like to know more about the role please contact the Chair at <a href="mailto:chair@meridian.cambs.sch.uk">chair@meridian.cambs.sch.uk</a> Should you prefer to serve as a regular volunteer, e.g. listening to children reading and sharing their own personal interests related to some of our topic work, please do contact the School office office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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3.	1954FIRST SUB 4 MINUTE MILE
4.	1969FIRST MAN ON THE MOON
5.	1666GREAT FIRE OF LONDON
6.	1967WORLD'S FIRST HEART TRANSPLANT
7.	1805BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR
8.	1883KRAKATOA ERUPTION
9.	1945FIRST LETHAL USE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB
10.	2003QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE
11.	1959FIRST UK MOTORWAY OPENED
12.	1851THE GREAT EXHIBITION OPENED
13.	1963ASSASSINATION OF J.F.KENNEDY
14.	1780FIRST RUNNING OF THE DERBY
15.	1966ENGLAND WIN THE WORLD CUP
16.	1965DEATH OF WINSTON CHURCHILL
17.	1961FIRST MAN IN SPACE
18.	1940BATTLE OF BRITAIN
19.	1912/SINKING OF THE TITANIC

The winner is **Suzanne Beaumont** of Morris Close.

Congratulations to those of you who completed this puzzle. When compiling it I concentrated on the events only subsequently amending the date list. This I failed to do on my final draft and as a consequence 1962 and 2002 should have been 1953 and 2003. My sincere apologies to those of you who wrestled with an impossible task. Please no more pins in the doll!







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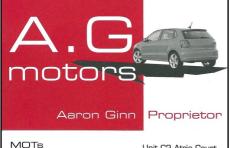
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Comberton Autumn Show Report

The 69th Comberton Show was held on 17th September and well attended by around 150 adults plus their children; entries at 345 were higher than last year but still only two-thirds of pre-covid levels. Vegetable and flower entries were significantly affected by the lack of rain and we thank Peter Gladders in particular for somehow finding an entry for nearly every vegetable class, also thanks to all the other entrants who gave us some competition and the judge a few difficult decisions to make; tomatoes and chilli peppers were particularly well represented.

This year's success story was the art class for adults which had more entries than we have seen for a long time and gave visitors some fine displays of paintings and drawings to admire, these were displayed alongside some amazing items of handicraft which never cease to amaze.

For some reason, entries in the usually popular childrens' classes were very low, but credit must go to those teenagers who entered paintings and photographs with success in the adult classes.

In the last issue I challenged the male bakers to take the Men Only cake trophy away from me and that duly happened; congratulations to a very happy Steve Webb who beat me into second place!

We are hoping that by our Platinum Jubilee Show in 2023 more normal times, as regards weather and national events, will be prevail so that we can build entries back to previous levels.

As always we give special thanks to the Meridian School for their enormous co-operation in allowing us to hold the Show in the school and for all their help with the planning and staging of the Show; a particular thank you to the Headteacher Carol Etchie for presenting our trophies.

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!

We are always trying to keep the show relevant so if you have any helpful comments or suggestions please email me.

### **Show Trophy Winners 2022**

Gentlemens' Challenge Cup (Highest points in Show) Peter Gladders
Gentlemens' Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show) =Jo Johaheer/Robin Worship
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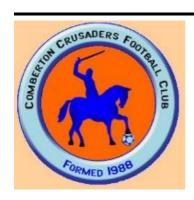
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**U15** 

### **PLAYERS**

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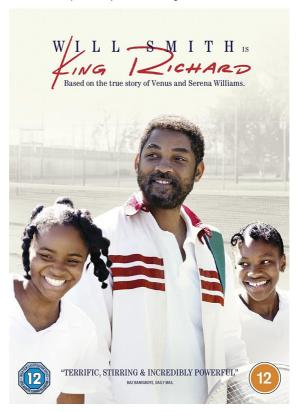
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So maybe following up on Paul Hardy's article in Contact a few months ago, how about this autumn we set out to rediscover the potential of our footways by cutting back vegetation to well behind the highway boundary, so that the full width of the paths can be enjoyed by pedestrians. For this is clearly the responsibility of the property owner.

Maybe you could have a look at the boundaries of your property where they abut footpaths or footways and cut the trees, plants and bushes well back, and make sure that anything hanging over leaves a good clear space below of at least 2.5 metres. And maybe your neighbour has not noticed how their hedge and bushes have grown! – and you could kindly point this out, and encourage them to take action too.

Some things might not look great initially, and of course we don't want to look like a neat town, but next spring they will all surely green up again.

And maybe it is too big a job for you, and you need help. Perhaps we could gather a task force to help you .

And then we could go to the County Highways Department and have a good case for some serious repairs and improvements underfoot.

John Simpson

### THE COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL SUPPER

On Friday  $22^{nd}$  July, over 60 guests were welcomed to the Village Hall for the annual supper after a 2 year break due to covid.

The weather was fine and not too hot. After enjoying a lovely meal, they were entertained by the excellent Jude Simpson reading her poetry and playing her guitar.

The trustees wish to thank everyone who helped make it another big success and to our Guests, thank you for coming. See you next year, probable date is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, keep the date free.

The supper was funded by the Easter & Christmas Fayres at the Village Hall. This year's guests are automatically sent an invitation next year. If you or your partner are a villager & 65 or over, & would like to join us next year, please look out for July 2023 'Contact' for details or contact Marian Dymott on 01223 263292 before then.



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"But what", I hear you cry, "has this to do with Comberton?" A good question, because in that year Comberton Antiquarian Society was inaugurated. Largely inspired, it would seem, by Antique Dealer John Lankester. He was at the time Chairman of the local Saffron Walden antiquarian society (by 1972 re-named as a Historical and Archaeological society) which had been founded in 1933. Lankester later bought the Sun Inn in Saffron Walden which ran as an antique shop until 2015.

He modelled the new Comberton society on these experiences and for the first year, 1972, set up the programme of two lectures and four visits: all of which he ran himself. The record does not show exactly how long he remained associated with the Comberton Antiquarian Society. The record however is a good one, and it shows that Mrs Elizabeth Harrison was in the Chair from 1973 until 1986. She was followed by Mrs J Gardner who seems to have remained in the Society until 1995 when an exceptional meeting was held in her name. This was a Charity Lecture given by David Battie of Antique Road Show fame. Tickets cost £5 each and the proceeds, augmented by sponsorship from local organisations and companies, reached £1620 (c. £22,500 today) This was divided equally between Macmillan Nurses Charity and the Cancer Research Campaign. Many readers will remember this time and will know more about Jo Gardner's battle with cancer.

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Excursions were the primary focus in those early years and intrepid members visited places of historic interest, usually by coach, from Kent to Cumberland and from Norfolk to North Yorkshire, frequently taking in London and its environs. From 1986 all the finances of these excursions are recorded. Coach hire ranged from £200-£300 in the early days to well over £1000 for some trips in the later years (Carlisle cost £1822 and made a small loss) Excursions were financed individually by those who went on them and for the record were well attended. Almost all of the coach trips were one day only. With the adoption of computers somewhere along the way all hand-written records finish in 2011 and it is assumed that what data have been kept are now stored digitally.

This is not to overlook the lectures. Over the years it is clear that there was always a programme of high calibre speakers each year. They usually volunteered their time and knowledge for small reward. Annual subscriptions to the Society were £2 for a single and £3.50 for double membership and guests could contribute 50p per meeting attended (decimalisation had occurred in 1971).

The record reflects just how high a level of excellence has been maintained over fifty years. Not only in the speakers and the excursions but in their recording. One highlight was Archibald Howard Gill. It isn't quite clear what his rôle in the Society was, but he contributed regularly to writeups of excursions and other meetings. This was in the



mid 80s and his summaries and reports are beautifully typed, rather than hand-written. Rather unexpectedly, many of them are in verse; sometimes blank, sometimes rhymed couplets, sometimes more complex metres. They are quite long: one 12 stanza poem requiring two sheets. In 1973 a notable lecture on Eighteenth century silver and its Hallmarks was given by one, Dr C R Lattimore, who subsequently

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And so this brings us to the present and to mention briefly two of the meetings this year when the Society met to celebrate its halfcentury: the first in a Garden Party at Manor Farm Green End and the second at a tea-party in Madingley Hall. The Garden Party was held 2nd August as the successions of heat waves were coming to an end. A large marquee housed flower-decorated tables and members and their quests were offered seeminaly unlimited fizz and cake. The cake, the inspiration of Sandra Hyde the retiring chairman, was delightfully decorated as the photograph shows. The Tea Party was held indoors on 10th September. In the somewhat subdued atmosphere of the Nation's mourning, members rose in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and toasted King Charles III. We felt privileged to be able to hold such a celebration



and to drink to our own first fifty years in such sad times.

In October now we have already started our new programme for the year which runs though to July 2023. We have been priced out of the market for the moment for large coach excursions but have a varied and interesting list of Speakers. This month (on Tuesday 25th) we have Murray Jacobs talking about The young Charles Darwin. Murray is among other things a well-known Cambridge Guide. Darwin, Father of evolutionary biology, was supposed to study at Christ's College. He is officially described as a young, innovative and enthusiastic student, destined initially for a life in Holy Orders. We understand the lecture may shed a slightly different light. He left Cambridge to join HMS



Beagle, on the voyage which led eventually to On the Origin of Species, published in 1859.

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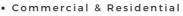
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