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# Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.30am - 11am	Messy Play (term time only)	CP
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
Tuesday	10.30am - 12 noon	Cafe	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
Thursday	9.30am - 11am	Messy Play (term time only)	СР
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

CP = Comberton Playgroup

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# **Parish Council**

Upcoming meetings at the village hall: 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 will hold a special meeting to discuss the prospective planning application from Endurance and Inspired Living on November 17th at 7.30pm. This meeting will be for residents to give their views on the plans.

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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Blue & Green
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Black
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Blue & Green
Wednesday 23rd November	Black
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Blue & Green



# Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

31 October	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
07 November	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
14 November	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
21 November	Gill Redman	01223 262246
28 November	Gill Redman	01223 262246
05 December	Joan Wells	01223 262746

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

The autumn season and darker evenings are now upon us, but there is still plenty going on in the village to keep us entertained. For example, tickets for the Comberton Players Pantomime go on sale on 5<sup>th</sup> November - check the back cover for details.

Comberton Parish Council has opened an online survey regarding recreation facilities in Comberton, including the recreation ground, the walking paths, the swimming pool and the pavilion. This survey aims to gather the thoughts and wishes of all users of our recreation facilities, whether they are residents of Comberton or not. The Parish Council welcomes a response per person, including children (parental supervision is encouraged for children under 11 years old). The survey link and QR code can be found on page 23.

All groups using the facilities are invited to send a letter to the Comberton Parish Clerk (<u>ParishClerk@Comberton.org</u>) with their thoughts about the recreation facilities.

The survey will close on 22nd December 2022.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

# **Comberton Village Website**

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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# The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

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# Tear Fund Big Quiz



# Sun 19th November 7.30pm Comberton Village Hall



### **Activities**

Sun 13th November at **10.50am** – Remembrance Sunday Sun 13th November at 3pm – **Wild Church** (outside) Thurs 22nd November at 2.30pm – **Oasis Tea** in Village Hall



# West Cambridge Churches Ecumenical Service

20th November at 10.30am at Comberton Leisure



### Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

6th November at 9.30am – Holy Communion 13th November at 8.00am – BCP Holy Communion 27th November at 8.00am – BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am – 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 guiet prayer.

# On-line Giving



Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Church, Comberton We can now accept on-line donations; please see our website for more information.



Vicar: The Rev'd David Newton 01223 665654

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Every  $\pounds$  raised at the Big Quiz Night will help transform the lives of people living in poverty.

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Greetings Neighbours,

We have had a busy and enjoyable first half term of this academic year.

Both Y3 and Y4 have taken part in Team building days. Y4's activities included Stone Age orienteering and a Midnight crossing. Y3 enjoyed crossing the swamp and Detective squad amongst other activities. A number of children were able to join other schools from the South Cambridgeshire Partnership at CVC in an exciting Outdoor Adventurous Activity Challenge Event.

Our Meridian Fun Run had a route starting on the recreation ground and ending up on the school field. An amazing £187.53 was raised and this together with £50 donated from the Y6 Enterprising Day in July will be given to the Lisa Kent Trust to sponsor two children to pay for their school fees so they are able to access an education. The determination and resilience of all the runners was brilliant.

We held our annual Harvest Festival assembly in October with Reverend David Newton visiting us for a time of reflection for all the people who work in the food industry. Meridian children took part in the assembly by creating a harvest display of foods, prayers, singing and learning about harvest and drought around the world. Thank you to all our parents/carers in their generosity in donating food items to Jimmy's Shelter.

At Meridian School, we strive to provide all pupils with opportunities to appreciate, make and discuss music in different forms. We believe in inspiring children to make and develop a love of music giving them a lifelong gift of creativity, as well as a wealth of practical skills, such as concentration, dexterity, co-ordination and memory. We are currently offering lessons in piano, clarinet, cello, recorder, flute, drums, violin, saxophone and brass and we run a number of groups for children to play together – a KS2 choir, a school orchestra and a Music Makers Steel Pan orchestra.

We are lucky to welcome an external company into our school to provide dodgeball and gymnastics clubs after school. Their coaches are also attending school two lunchtimes a week to lead on sports and team activities and these sessions are provided by the school. We also continue to run a football club with another external company.

We will be holding an Open Morning for children looking to join us in reception next academic year 2023-2024 on Thursday 24th November.

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="mainto: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 <a href="mainto:office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk">office@meridian.cambs.sch.uk</a>

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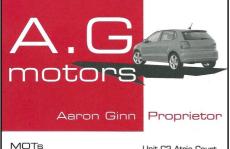
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**A Group:** We need a small group – or one individual – who loves the idea, and is willing to put the work in to make The Shed a reality.

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Most people have a hazy memory of being told that yew trees in churchyards were used to make the Long Bow of England; famous for centuries as the most fearsome war weapon. So the story goes on that all parts of yew being so poisonous to cattle, the only place to keep these trees in order to equip the army, is in the churchyard because that has a wall around it which keeps the cattle out.



It's a good story but it doesn't hold up well to scrutiny. For many reasons. The English yew species is notorious for having gnarled and twisted branches compared with foreign species of yew, from which English bowyers could make better bows. This was reflected in the costs of using the foreign wood - a matter of about three times as expensive. One English tree at any one time might with luck produce four bows – enough maybe in a churchyard of several such trees to satisfy the local requirements of the community – but many British sovereigns down the centuries had to import yew staves from all over Europe and the East by the tens of thousand to satisfy the needs of their archers.

Furthermore many of these churchyard trees were thousands of years old, and another theory says that many churches were deliberately built on sites of earlier pagan religions where yew trees were worshipped. Certainly the Pope instructed St Augustin to do this as he introduced the Church to Britain. This would indicate many trees were there before the churches. This is but the tip of the iceberg of theories about yew trees in graveyards, but you get the drift.

And the walls? From their first building, the area around a church was usually enclosed by walls made from local material and the enclosure, often used for village activities from fairs to archery practice, also accommodated the graves of departed villagers, and was always a place of Sanctuary. It is estimated that there have to be many thousands of now-unidentified bodies in graveyards such as ours: bodies long since buried over with later interments. It is unsurprising that some churchyards are higher than their surroundings or that churchyard walls bulge outward under the pressure of bodies and the often excessive quantities of soil brought in to accommodate new burials.

The boundary walls of our churchyard are mainly flint and some parts are likely to have been in place many centuries. Over this time many repairs have been carried out and in places whole sections have been rebuilt. Currently there is serious deterioration in the western boundary, especially near the entrance to the north door. The Friends of St Mary's have underwritten the repointing and repair of this section of the wall which will commence at the end of this month.

Godfrey J Curtis

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Deterioration at foot of earlier repair in part of west churchyard wall



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# **Comberton Antiquarian Society**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd November at 8pm in the Village Hall when Tamsin Wimhurst will give a talk on "Queen Victoria's Jubilee in Cambridge"

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# **Comberton Playgroup Autumn Term News**

Hello Parents, neighbours and friends!

For the first half term at Playgroup we have been welcoming back our children and their families after the summer holidays, going on Autumn walks and learning about different modes of transport.

The children have been making shape vehicle pictures, rockets and space stations out of junk modelling, and creating vehicles such as trains and tractors out of large loose parts outside, such as crates, tyres, planks of wood and cardboard boxes.

For the last week before half term we are hoping to take the children for a trip on the bus (fingers crossed!)

In Pre-school the children have been exploring the world, learning about different countries and their traditions. Some of the activities have included cooking, singing, craft activities and counting in other languages. We would like to say thank you to Natalie Mansfield who came in to make clay pots with the Pre-schoolers, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Alongside of our curricular activities we have started our 'Outdoor Explorer Sessions'. Every week each room will spend a whole morning outside. During our Outdoor Explorers sessions, we will be using only natural, repurposed or upcycled resources. The children will benefit from outdoor curriculum linked learning, which will cover all the Early Years Foundation Stage seven areas of learning as well as supporting the Characteristics of Effective Learning in an outdoor environment. These sessions should inspire a love of nature, provide enriching, meaningful learning and improve children's mental health and wellbeing by encouraging them to be more active outdoors. We have taken inspiration for these sessions from many places including 'Forest School' and 'Muddy Puddle Teacher'.

We are very excited to share that we are now open until 5pm and have started holiday club sessions for every Half Term, the Easter holidays and the first 3 weeks of the Summer holidays. These sessions are for Playgroup children and any siblings up to the age of 8 years old. For more information email <a href="mailto:comberton.playgroup@btconnect.com">comberton.playgroup@btconnect.com</a>

We will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November 10am-1pm. If you are interested in purchasing a table for this, please get in touch.

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### **Recreation Ground Oak Tree**

As most of you will have seen, the beautiful old Oak tree in the recreation was recently cut down after it was assessed as a possible safety risk. It had Acute Oak Decline and sadly this was the only option. The main trunk remains situated in the same area and we would like to turn the wood into a feature, so the tree can be preserved for the future years to come. We would welcome any ideas on this.

We are also looking for a volunteer tree warden to help the Parish Council maintain Comberton's many trees. Training will be provided.



# Endurance Estates and Inspired Villages a proposal for a new retirement development

The Parish Council have re-arranged an Extraordinary Meeting with Endurance Estates and Inspired Living, who have submitted a pre application to SCDC for a retirement village, on the land off Branch Road. The previous meeting was cancelled due to the official mourning period of HM Queen Flizabeth.

This meeting will now be at 7pm on November 3rd 2022 in the Village Hall and aims to explore the details of the developers proposal.

There will be a representative from SCDC attending and there will be a short session (10 minutes) at the beginning of the meeting for questions from the public.

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# **Comberton Parish Council Parish Councillor vacancies**

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic potential Parish Councillors to help represent the views of residents in Comberton

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and can fulfil the eligibility criteria, then please contact the clerk via email <a href="mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org">parishclerk@comberton.org</a>. The closing date for submissions is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### For information:

We meet for 11 meetings each year, usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

We encourage all Parish Councillors to undertake training for their new role, which is provided remotely.

All members are encouraged to take on an area of responsibility to help share the workload and to ensure that the Council maximises its efficiency.

**Eligibility criteria to be a Councillor**: To be eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and be 18 years or over and:

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- b) You have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of the cooption, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
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or

d) You have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

For any further information or assistance, please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Bridges on <a href="mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org">parishclerk@comberton.org</a> or 07735908030



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Autumn has well and truly arrived at Comberton Library so please pop in and choose an autumnal book and turn over a few leaves. Talking of leaves, we are inviting visitors to colour in a leaf for our autumn wall display - and we are hoping to fill the whole wall with them! Collect a leaf from Comberton Library and give it some much-needed autumn colour.

Recently we launched a 'book of the week' and it is proving to be very popular. Our book of the week picks are always based on reader recommendations - so if you have read a library book that you think others would enjoy please do let us know and we will add it to our selection.

Our Autumn programme for The Library Presents is now available until the end of December with lots of amazing events to choose from. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.library.live/the-library-presents">www.library.live/the-library-presents</a>.

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# **Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association**

# AGM Thursday 1st December 7.30 in the Village Hall (Note Change of Date)

The next event is our AGM on Thursday 1st December 2022 - 7.30 for 8 pm in Comberton Village Hall. Come along and enjoy some Cheese & Wine (or juice) with us; hear about our work and events during 2022; pay annual allotment rent if you are a 'Long Road' tenant or just renew your membership of the association.

Unfortunately we will not be able to re-present the Show Trophies, sporting the names of this year's winners, as our engraver has recently fallen and broken his arm; it will probably be into the new year before they are ready!

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

We particularly like to hear new ideas for classes in the Autumn Show, especially in the Handicraft, Cookery and Photography sections and certainly in the Children's sections to ensure we keep them fresh and relevant to current trends.

Robin Worship – Secretary (email: <a href="mailto:robin.worship7@gmail.com">robin.worship7@gmail.com</a>)

# Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank You

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