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| See panel on page 9 for transport bookings | |
| Wood Green Animal Shelter | 01480 830014 |
| Stray dogs (South Cambs DC) | 443000 |

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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 | BC |
| Monday | 6pm - 7pm | Tang Soo Do Junior 6-11 | MS |
| Monday | 7pm - 9pm | Tang Soo Do | MS |
| 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th Monday | 7pm - 9pm | Carpet Bowls | VH |
| 3 rd Monday | 7pm - 9pm | Comberton Winemakers | VH |
| Tuesday | 10.30am - 12 noon | Cafe | VH |
| Tuesday | 1.30pm - 4pm | Fabric and Yarns | BC |
| 2 nd Tuesday | (Except Aug) | Comberton WI | |
| 4 th Tuesday | 8pm - 9:30pm | Comberton Antiquarian Society | VH |
| Wednesday | 10am - 11:30am | Comberton Baby & Toddler Group | VH |
| Wednesday | 2pm - 3:30pm (term time only) | Bumps & Babes | BC |
| Wednesday | 5.30pm-6.30pm | 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) | CP |
| Thursday | 5.45pm-6.45pm | U8 Football Club | CVC |
| 2 nd Thursday | 2.30pm | Comberton Friendship | VH |
| 4 th Thursday (not Dec & Aug) | 2.30pm - 4pm | Oasis Teas | VH |
| 3 rd Friday | 7pm (7:30pm start) | Bingo Party | VH |

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

BC = Baptist Church

MS = Meridian School

CP = Comberton Playgroup

Parish Council

Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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 29 th March | Black |
| Wednesday 5 th April | Blue/Green |
| Friday 14 th April | Black |
| Thursday 20 th April | Blue/Green |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Black |
| Thursday 4 th May | Blue/Green |



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From the Editor

As I put this issue to bed the daffodils are definitely blooming and spring is fast approaching, albeit a little wetter than we would probably like.

Thank you to our contributors this month - as always I would love to hear from anyone who has a story to tell, about their life in or connections with Comberton.

There is much going on in our village, so why not spring into a new activity or pastime?

For example, Ruth and I are joining the twinning visit in May, a great opportunity to make new friends in the village and experience some French company and culture.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk



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

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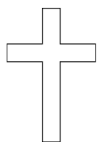
**Sunday 9th April
at 9.30am**



Activities

Sat 1st April at 10.30am - **Easter Coffee Morning in the Village Hall**

Thurs 27th April at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea in the Village Hall**



Holy Week and The Easter Weekend

Sun 2nd April at 9.30am - **Palm Sunday Morning Worship**

2nd to 5th April at 8.00pm - **Compline (An ancient Beautiful Service of Night Prayer)**

Thurs 6th April at 7.30pm - **Maundy Thursday Service (with foot-washing)**

Fri 7th April at 9.30am - **Good Friday Reflective Service**

at 11am - **The Easter Story Children's Trail** (St Andrew's Toft).

Sun 9th April at 8am - **Traditional BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Easter Celebration Holy Communion**



Other Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 16th April at 9.30am - **Informal Morning Worship followed by APCM**

23rd April at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 30th April at 8.30am - **Lordsbridge Team BCP Holy Communion at Toft**

at 10.30am - **Lordsbridge Team Holy Communion at Harlton**



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.



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St Mary's Church, Comberton

On-line Giving

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| 27 March 2023 | Joan Wells | 01223 262746 |
| 03 April 2023 | Joan Wells | 01223 262746 |
| 10 April 2023 | Barbara Mitton | 01223 262073 |
| 17 April 2023 | Barbara Mitton | 01223 262073 |
| 24 April 2023 | Angela Donnelly | 01223 263283 |
| 01 May 2023 | Angela Donnelly | 01223 263283 |

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

For more information please contact

Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073



Comberton Luncheon Club

28 April - Green Man, Shepreth
19 May - Three Horseshoes, Comberton
23 June - Duncombe Arms, Waresley
28 July - The Teacake, Shepreth

All lunches are at 12:30 pm

All welcome - please telephone Frances (01223 264230) a few days before to join us

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1:Ayeaye. 2:Baba. 3:Coco. 4:Dada. 5:Dodo. 6:Gigi. 7:Haha. 8:Isis. 9:Juju**. 10:Kaka. 11:Kiki. 12:Kuku. 13:Lili. 14:Mama. 15:Mimi. 16:Nana. 17:Nono. 18:Papa. 19:Pipi. 20:Rara. 21:Roro. 22:Ruru. 23:Sasa. 24:Soso. 25:Susu. 26:Tata. 27:Tete. 28:Toto. 29:Tutu. 30:Tuktuk. 31:Weiwei. 32:Yoyo. 33:Zeze. 34:Zizi.

**NB. Two possible answers for 9 were Juju and Jeje. Both accepted.

*** Think about it. (C in Double ie Seeing double)

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

Comberton Winemakers Club

The Comberton Winemakers Club meets in the Village Hall on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. We are a friendly group with the aim of encouraging the appreciation and enjoyment of winemaking.

Topics:

Monday, 17th April – Tasting of homemade wine with winemaking hints and tips

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Wednesday 19th April 2023

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St Mary's Churchyard – Habitat and Wildlife

Many people will have noticed changes in the way the churchyard is managed over the past couple of years as we have tried to improve opportunities for wildlife. The churchyard was given the Silver Award of the Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation scheme in May last year; a significant achievement considering the changes were implemented for the first time in the season 2020-2021.



During 2022, two bat surveys were made, which identified the two common pipistrelle species and barbastelle. Additionally, we have a healthy population of wood mice and voles, as demonstrated by the overnight trapping (followed by release unharmed) in the spring and summer.

Come and Meet the Church Mice

We will be setting some traps overnight in April to see what lurks in the long grass. These will provide warm accommodation and a good meal for any occupants, which will be released unharmed the next morning.

Traps will be set between 6.30 pm and 7.00 on 4th April and checked to release any captives from 8.30 the following morning, 5th April.

Do come and see what we find.

More information from stmaryhabitatproject@gmail.com

The village Brownies helped build and prepare the Bug Basecamp to encourage nesting small birds as well as hibernation of insects and installed hedgehog boxes to support their hibernation around the churchyard. A bank of swift nesting boxes has been made and will be installed in the tower in March, well before the birds arrive in May. A number of activities were also organised for children during the year, including an innovative wildlife and churchyard family quiz and a species identification sheet for children to colour, during the church fete. A publicity leaflet has also been produced.

Robert Cook for St Mary's Churchyard Group

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Comberton Antiquarian Society

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April at 8pm in the Village Hall.

There will be no lecture as it is our Annual General Meeting to be followed by a social get together.

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This is a glorious weekend event for village people and visitors and is very well supported, taking place one of the weekends of "Open Studios".

The ethos of the exhibition is to give artists and crafters the opportunity to display and show off their wares, and if you desire, to sell them. The participating criteria is that you live in or are associated with a group active in the village of Comberton. Maybe you paint at the Village College, do calligraphy or do craft skills at other venues in the village.

Don't be shy we know that every village has a wealth of talented artists and crafters and now is a wonderful opportunity for you to showcase your talents. Previously we have accommodated artists working in every medium; drawings; painters; wood turners; quilters; knitters; jewellery makers; card makers; candle makers; an iconographer; gift makers and much more

Please help us to make this a very special village event and contact Angela Donnelly or Janet Mancuso, if you are interested in showing others your talents.

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Village Help Scheme

Life sometimes is a 'full circle'

I retired from teaching and decided to do something with time on my hands.

Reading the advert in Contact wanting drivers to join the team of volunteers to drive people to hospital/dental appointments or similar I applied and was taken 'on board.'

I was a driver for 10-15 years. I chose to drive when it was convenient and made friends with lots of people who needed lifts.

Now that I am too old to be a driver I am sometimes in need of a lift from the Village Help Scheme and realise how beneficial the scheme can be to people such as myself.

If you are a driver with time on your hands why not volunteer You will benefit as much as your passengers certainly will. More drivers are **urgently needed**.

Nerys Wright

Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Fisher Parish

Contact Details: Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07754-227468. Email: cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk Website: www.Cambournrc.com

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm, Sunday 5pm, Mon -Wed 12.30, Thurs – Fri 6.30pm in the Church Building Cambourne.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cambourne.Sawston. YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish

Please use our Facebook page for more information on social events. Please join us for a Bollywood Night Fundraiser later this year, if you want more details, please contact Liz Christy via the email address above. Everyone welcome!!

Please contact Fr John Minh on the email above to register for First Communion and Confirmation Lessons here in Cambourne.

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Easter, as spring is here, we continue to prepare ten children for their first communion. The families have shown a great commitment to supporting their children on their faith journey. We enjoy learning about Jesus by singing, acting, and of course praying.

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Due to Easter and the many bank holidays in April and May, **Rhymetime** will be on Monday 24th April and Monday 22nd May from 10.30 am – 11.00 am, so come along and join us for some fun.

The **Knit and Natter** dates for April and May are Monday 17th in April, and Monday 15th and 29th in May – both will be from 10.30 to 11.30 and it would be lovely to see you.

For more information about these and other events due to be held in Comberton and other Cambridgeshire Libraries, please pick up our latest What's On brochure or check the library website, Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page, posters and literature in the library - or simply ask our friendly librarians for further details.

If you'd like to contact a member of staff you can use the online contact form on our website, or simply follow the link below - we would love to hear from you! <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries>

We know that many people are worried about the high cost of living at the moment, so if you need advice or support we can help you find useful information or direct you to organisations that offer support. Please ask in the library for more details - the library is a great place for anyone looking for information on all kinds of local services, events and activities. We will be pleased to help.

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SpringTime Quiz Result



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Green Opens for the 2023 Season

After several work parties before and after Christmas the hard work is now beginning to show. **On Wednesday 19th April from 6pm - 9pm and Sunday 23rd April from 2pm - 4pm the green will be open to all - comers to come and have a go**

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Pavilion upgrade

The Parish Council are starting to work on plans to redevelop the pavilion and are keen to hear from any residents who want to have a say in ideas for a new pavilion. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved and help to make it a space for all to enjoy.

Recreation Ground

Sadly, there have been increasing amounts of damage to items on the recreation ground and in Watts Wood in recent months. There has also been a large amount of littering and fly tipping of large items around the play equipment and pavilion.

Please do report any suspicious activity to the Police and let the Parish Council know of any concerns, so we can keep the recreation ground a pleasant space for all to enjoy safely.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Bridges at parishclerk@comberton.org

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The Gateway is more than the way into church and churchyard. Many members of our community park here to walk, run and dog-walk. They may simply come for peace and quiet.

As **Paul Hardy, our Map Specialist** says, "St Mary's stands at the crossing of two ancient routes. Church Lane is part of the Lot Way, an east-west ridgeway trading route from the bronze age and used by the Romans. The Causeway running south from the village past the church is also more than a thousand years old!" The Gateway leads into a churchyard with a difference! In 2022, the churchyard re-wilding project received the Silver Award from the 'wildlife Trusts Cambridgeshire Conservation Award Scheme'. By mowing different sub-areas of the churchyard at different times, or only once a year, biodiversity is greatly encouraged. And then the bugs and insects come, and then the little animals.

On 18th February we held our first fundraiser of 2023 – a Harp and Organ recital in St Mary's Church. A report has gone into the Church Bulletin. When I asked asked for comments from members of the



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community, the first remarks came from Penny and Pauline & Stephen. Here's what they said. 'We were treated to a delightful concert in the church, beautiful sounds from Lucy Bunce singing and playing her harp and an organ recital by Joan Mead playing well chosen pieces. Both superb performers added to the enjoyment with interesting and amusing facts about the music and the harp and organ.' 'The FOSM's first fund-raising concert of the year took place on the evening of Saturday 18th February. We were entertained in the first half by Cambridge based harpist Lucy Bunce who played a variety of well-known modern classics and some of her own compositions. She explained how she had been drawn to harp playing and the mechanics - much more complicated than we would have guessed - of the instrument itself. The second half, after very generous and delicious refreshments, consisted of organ music played by a former organist of St Mary's, Joan Mead. She began with familiar classical pieces and then followed these with a piece-de-resistance in the form of a number of compositions for liturgical use by John Bell of the Iona community. We found his music quite haunting and it was surprising how well it matched the tonality of the organ at St Mary's. A gem of a concert.'

The Event was the brainchild of our Curate, Revd. Chris Westgarth and the support team included Jane Hughes, Sandra Hyde and Susan Royce. We are so grateful to them. Thank you, it was wonderful! The concert raised £733 for FOSM once Gift Aid is included.

Looking to the future, on Rogation Sunday, Sunday 14th May. For the second year in succession, we will gather at St Mary's for 'Beating the Bounds'. We have prepared two walks, each one making a kind of a circle round the village. You can walk further or not so far and after both you will find yourself back at the church in time for Tea and Cake!

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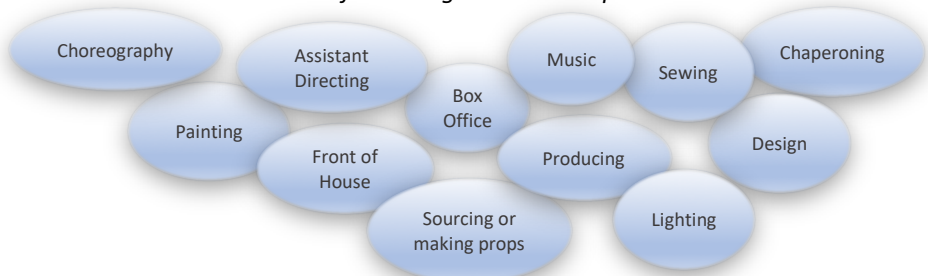
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