

# COMBERTON CONTACT

## MAY 2023

### COMBERTON OPERA

At the Village Hall

### Comedy Double Bill



#### Gianni Schicchi

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Glyndebourne Opera



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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 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Monday | 7pm - 9pm                        | Carpet Bowls  | VH    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday  | 7pm - 9pm                        | Comberton Winemakers  | VH    |
| Tuesday   | 10.30am - 12 noon                | Cafe  | VH    |
| Tuesday   | 1.30pm - 4pm                     | Fabric and Yarns  | BC    |
| 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   | 2pm - 3:30pm<br>(term time only) | Bumps & Babes   | BC    |
| Wednesday   | 5.30pm-6.30pm                    | Pilates Class - book via <a href="http://www.faybpilates.co.uk">www.faybpilates.co.uk</a> | 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 <sup>nd</sup><br>Thursday                                   | 2.30pm                           | Comberton Friendship  | VH    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday<br>(not Dec & Aug)                   | 2.30pm - 4pm                     | Oasis Teas  | VH    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Thursday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> May  | Blue/Green |
| <b>Thursday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> May | Black      |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May       | Blue/Green |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May       | Black      |
| <b>Thursday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Blue/Green |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June       | Black      |



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## **LARGE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COMBERTON**

Public meeting on 24th May, Comberton Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Please come for an update on the proposed development of a large retirement village in Comberton.

Discussion on impact to Comberton and the surrounding areas, including: ecology, medical services, drainage and roads.

Comments and questions to Angela Bridges, Comberton Parish Council Clerk :

[parishclerk@comberton.org](mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org)

## **From the Editor**

Thank you to all our contributors this month - I had no shortage of material for the magazine, please keep those notices and articles coming !

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**

|                      |  |              |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| Parish Council Chair | Mr Tim Scott   | 01223 263434 |
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# The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry



## Friends of St Mary's Rogation Walks - 'Beating the Bounds'



**Sunday 14th May  
at 1.00pm**

### Activities



Sun 14th May at 1.00pm - **Friends of St Mary's Rogation Walks**

Thurs 18th May at 7.30pm - **Ascension Day Communion at Gt Eversden**

Thurs 25th May at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea in the Village Hall**

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



Sun 7th May at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 14th May at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Morning Worship**

Sun 21st May at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 28th May at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

### 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.



Find us on Facebook:

St Mary's Church, Comberton

### On-line Giving

We can now accept on-line donations;  
please see our website for more information.

**Vicar:** The Rev'd David Newton

01223 665654

davidnewton@lordsbridge.org

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chris.westgarth1@btinternet.com

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

For the following weeks:

|               |                 |              |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 24 April 2023 | Angela Donnelly | 01223 263283 |
| 01 May 2023   | Angela Donnelly | 01223 263283 |
| 08 May 2023   | Gill Redman     | 01223 262246 |
| 15 May 2023   | Gill Redman     | 01223 262246 |
| 22 May 2023   | Joan Wells      | 01223 262746 |
| 29 May 2023   | Joan Wells      | 01223 262746 |
| 05 June 2023  | Barbara Mitton  | 01223 262073 |

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

19 May - Three Horseshoes, Comberton

23 June - Duncombe Arms, Waresley

28 July - The Teacake, Shepreth

All lunches are at 12:30 pm

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The composers were:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
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| SCARLATTI    | ALBINONI     |
| HANDEL       | BEETHOVEN    |
| PAGANINI     | SCHUBERT     |
| ROSSINI      | GLINKA       |
| MENDELSSOHN  | CHOPIN       |
| RESPIGHI     | SCHUMAN      |
| OFFENBACH    | FRANCK       |
| SMETANA      | BRUCKNER     |
| MASSENET     | JANACEK      |
| HUMPERDINCK  | DEBUSSY      |
| NIELSEN      | BARTOK       |
| WALTON       | KHACHATURIAN |
| SHOSTAKOVICH | RACHMANINOV  |
| MONTEVERDI   | GABRIELI     |

For the record four of the above composers all had alternatives which were of course accepted:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Massenet or Gassmann | Bartok or Carter   |
| Albinoni or Robinson | Smetana or Fontana |

The winner is **Robert Barnes** of Nursery Way.

## 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.

Topic: **Monday, 15th May – A Wine Making Hints and Tips Session.**  
This replaces the event advertised in April's Contact Magazine.

Do come and join us in the Village Hall and learn more about our activities and social events.



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**Website : [www.combertonsa.org](http://www.combertonsa.org) or Please call : 01223 264444**



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Comberton Players



# Audition Notice

## *The Snow Queen*

*Written & directed by Rachel Nielsen*

Comberton Players will be holding auditions for this years Christmas Pantomime on the dates listed below. If you're interested in being on stage then please come along to one of the auditions (no booking necessary).

There are parts big and small for both young and the young at heart!

In this adaptation of a classic tale we are journeying to Scandinavia where a fearless team of curious characters set out on a quest full of fun, peril and puns...

All are welcome, whether you have had oodles of experience on the stage or none at all!

### Performance Dates

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Audition Dates

|   |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June<br><br>Old Village Hall<br>Green End<br>Comberton    | 5.00pm-6.00pm | Children aged 9 by the date of 1 <sup>st</sup> performance, up to those in year 8      |
|   | 6.30pm-8.00pm | Adults and children in year 9 and above by the date of the 1 <sup>st</sup> performance |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June<br><br>Old Village Hall<br>Green End<br>Comberton | 6.30pm-7.30pm | Children aged 9 by the date of 1 <sup>st</sup> performance, up to those in year 8      |
|   | 8.00pm-9.30pm | Adults and children in year 9 and above by the date of the 1 <sup>st</sup> performance |

*Our usual rehearsal nights are Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting in September. You will not be required for every rehearsal, but we ask members to keep those evenings free until we issue a detailed rehearsal schedule in September. We also have occasional Sunday rehearsals which are important to attend.*

*The Membership Fee is £10 flat rate (includes all rehearsals and performances)*

*The audition will include some acting using the script and some singing and dancing which will be taught on the night (you do not need to bring anything). Being able to sing and dance is not compulsory as some roles will not need it. If you would like to find out more or have any questions please contact*

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# St Mary's Church, the deposed Monarch and the foreigner King

The Friends of St Mary's hope very much that you will come to St Mary's Church at 2 pm on Sunday May 14th, to Beat the Bounds. There will be 'tea and cakes' to follow! Please visit our website for more information. We will be gathering outside the Church, or inside if it's raining! Will you walk the longer or the shorter path? We will be handing out guide booklets. Perhaps you will pass the edge of the Herringland and return, going into church to read the Benefactor board on the west wall of the North aisle. Perhaps you will look up at the Royal Arms inside the church, high up on the West end wall of the Nave and see the Royal Arms of King William III, better known in his marriage as William and Mary.



Here is his Royal Arms on our church wall. The motto is in French - the motto of the Royal House of Orange - once a little Principality in middle France. King William was Prince William of Orange before he came to our throne in 1688 and clearly reckoned that it applied well to his new role!

Our painting of the Royal Arms motto is not correctly spelt! When I contacted the Royal College of Heraldry, my Email was answered by 'Portcullis Persuivant of Arms'! He confirmed that it should say 'Je maintiendrai' - which means 'I will maintain it'. You could find a better example, 'freshly conserved,' if you made a trip to London to the Old Royal Navy College at Greenwich and entered the Great Hall. The restoration is spectacular!

But back to our Comberton Parish Church and its Royal Coat of Arms. Why is it up there? Well, we have to go back all the way to the last year of King Henry VIII's reign. He, or possibly his son, soon to be King Edward VI, decreed that every church in the land must display the Royal Coat of Arms in a prominent place. Let's call it 1547 - Henry died in the January. From then on, as I understand it, the Parish priest made decisions about displaying a Royal Coat of Arms and it was the Church Wardens who had to pay for looking after it!

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King William III and Queen Mary II centre ceiling in the Great Hall in the Old Royal Naval College Greenwich.



If you visit St Andrew's Church Orwell, which has strong connections with Trinity College, you will find on display the Royal Arms of James II. I have read that only 6 churches in the land display a King James II's Royal Coat of Arms. So, why are we still displaying the Royal Arms of William III ? A good question! If you look at one of the main pillars in the Nave of St Mary's church you will find a record of the Parish Priests in charge down the years. Did each of them, after 1688, think that continuing to display these Arms of William III was right and proper?

St Mary's Church Comberton has a special connection to Jesus College, as do six other Cambridgeshire churches – but that is another story. The Jesus College Archivist has been most helpful but there is so much more to discover!

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ZGQ/MP?

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| Histon        | HOME  | THURS 27.4.23 | 6.30pm | C & D  |
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| Abington      | HOME  | THURS 11.5.23 | 6.30pm | C & D  |
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Thank you to everyone who attended our lovely cherry blossom **Watercolour & Calligraphy** event recently. I am happy to say that Ariel will be back in Comberton Library for three more sessions in May, and that this time the theme will be flowers – and we have made the sessions a little longer to make sure everyone has enough time to finish. The new sessions will be held on May 3rd, 17th and 31st, and will run from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. Please contact us at Comberton Library for further information and to book your place. Everyone welcome!



The **Knit and Natter** dates are Monday 15th May, and 12th & 26th of June from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. These sessions have proven to be really popular, so we will be continuing them throughout the summer months - it would be lovely to see you.

**Rhymetime** is a lovely and lively session for children up to 4 years old – so please do bring along your little ones for some singing and noisy play with musical instruments. The next dates will be: Monday 22nd May and 5th & 19th of June from 10.30 am – 11.00 am.

15th - 21st of May is **Dementia Action Week** so please keep an eye out for what's on in the Library that week. 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, follow the link below - or simply ask our friendly librarians: we would love to hear from you! <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries>

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## COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. The agenda and minutes are on the website and noticeboard.

### King's Coronation

The Parish Council will be giving out commemorative coins to all children aged 16 or under living in Comberton to celebrate the King's Coronation. Please come and pick up your coin on the north lawn at St Mary's church on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.30. -11.30am. Please also enjoy the floral 'Crown' floral tribute also at the church.

Alternatively, please email [chris.westgarth1@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.westgarth1@btinternet.com) if you would like to pick up the coin on another day.



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

There have been no further updates from Endurance Estates and Inspired Living at the time of writing and the Parish Council are waiting for the application to be submitted to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.

There will be a further informal public meeting, with the Parish Council, on **May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. This is a further opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and ask any questions on the prospective development.

All are encouraged to attend to help the Parish Council incorporate the views and wishes of residents when they asked to respond to any future planning application from the property developer.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Bridges - [parishclerk@comberton.org](mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org)

## Comberton Antiquarian Society

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 8pm in the Village Hall when Clare Mulley will be talking about her latest book.

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## Annual Parish meeting

The Annual Parish meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and reports were provided by Cllr Tim Scott (Chairman of the Parish Council), who firstly thanked all those who worked hard on the Jubilee celebration, which was greatly enjoyed and a great success in Comberton. Cllr Scott also thanked those who helped plan for the pond renovations, which was agreed to be a great improvement.

Cllr Scott discussed the possibility of East West Rail and the prospective retirement village planning application from Endurance Estates and how this may impact Comberton.

Cllr Scott also spoke about the newly planted Oak tree, which was hoped to be as successful and long lived as the recently felled Oak in the recreation ground, which was sadly cut down due to disease.

Lastly, Cllr Scott spoke of the increase of vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the village which had been reported to the Police. These had been especially prevalent on the recreation ground and in Jubilee Wood and residents are encouraged to report antisocial behaviour to the Police.

Penny Cook, Chairman of the Village Hall Institute Trust discussed the increased number of bookings after Covid restrictions were lifted, with two longstanding groups no longer using the hall leaving a couple of vacant sessions. Children's party bookings continued to be very popular, along with crafting and dance groups, who like the light and space of the hall.

Mrs Cook spoke of the large increase in the running costs of the Village Hall, and subsequent measures to save money, for example, the newly fitted proximity switches to the toilet lights, to prevent them being left on for long periods. Although hire fees were increased in September, the hall continues to offer good value compared to neighbouring halls.

Activities at the Village Hall include a weekly café, monthly bingo, cinema, and opera evenings and the Easter and Christmas Fairs raise important funds for the village groups and the hall.

Lastly, the team of dedicated trustees who work hard to manage and maintain the hall for the village, were thanked for all their hard work.

Robert Cook spoke of the Wildlife Trusts' Churchyard Conservation scheme, which introduced different mowing regimes, to enhance biodiversity by creating a patchwork of habitats. The Church was delighted that in May 2022, the project was given a Silver Award.

Mr Cook stated that although the church is about ½ mile south of the village, it resembles the hub of a wheel, with paths and hedgerows radiating into the surrounding farmland and towards the village. These have the potential to act as corridors which are vital to allow wildlife to move from one area to another in a fragmented environment. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre provided baseline data which show that 84 species of national biodiversity importance have been reported within 1 km of the churchyard, so the biodiversity work has already been a great success.

Reverend Keith Tarring sent his apologies, and a written report was shared. He thanked the Parish Council for its donation to the EDGE Project. Rev. Tarring confirmed that the average number of young people in each session was now almost 30.

Rev. Tarring also wrote about Comberton Baptist Church hosting the Comberton Warm Hub until March 2023. This was supported by the local authority through ACRE and was two, three hour sessions each week. For many, it was the social aspect rather than heating and warm drinks that was the main attraction, and the Warm Hub has now transitioned into a Community Hub – open once a week, on Mondays from 3-5pm.

The speakers were all thanked for their contributions to the meeting and Comberton before a short question and answer session was held.



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# Comberton Women's Institute

The speaker at our March meeting was Pat King who got us all doing Chair Based Exercises. It was great fun and we all joined in with much enthusiasm.

At our April meeting Jacqui Fuller came along to talk about Spinning and Weaving. Jacqui provided a very interesting insight into her hobby, since retiring, of spinning and weaving. She explained how she sources the wool she uses and provided examples of the many items she has made.

On May 9th it will be our Resolution meeting. We will be discussing the Resolution 'Cleaner Rivers for People and Wildlife' in more detail at this meeting. This is the Resolution going forward to the National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting and put to the vote. Also at this meeting we will be proposing a toast to King Charles III and the Queen Consort following the Coronation. If you have any items from previous Coronations, please bring with you.

Our meetings start at 8pm and are held in Comberton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month, except August when we have an outing.

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## Recollections of Beating the Bounds 2022

Did you know that there's a stretch of footpath between Comberton and Toft where the field has been ploughed away from the path uphill on the north side, downhill on the other, creating a change in level, called a lynchet, which indicates the path has been continuously in use for over 1000 years? That the main routes, running east-west, include Mere way, Port way and Lot way, named after the allotment of parcels of land? That a hedgerow line, which if extended would end up somewhere near the kebab van, marks the Anglo-Saxon hundred boundary between parishes, dividing up the catchment areas for the church courts? Or that a local parishioner buried in the churchyard has been marked out for ever more by the feat - recorded, alas, upon his tombstone - of attempting to jump a toll-gate on horseback?

This information, and much else, was vigorously described by Paul Hardy during one of the two boundary walks offered on Rogation Sunday in May 2022, and to be repeated this year (details in advert...). The walk's scope and terrain was a mixture of field-paths, sections of road, an arc of the recreation ground and the lately-examined church car-park. Traditionally the entire village boundary would have been traversed, but the current layout of paths permits only sections, giving glimpses of our Comberton ancestors' experiences. I have since explored further, as suggested by Paul, and taken two friends on a semicircular loop from opposite the Arbory Trust burial ground in Barton to - you've guessed it - the kebab van.

A second, more local and pushchair-friendly second route was offered, together with maps and illustrated walk guides for both. Despite the lack of a suitable trajectory to the north of the village, this year's course may include the new housing estate opposite CVC. Much information was informally provided by our leader, plus the tantalising prospect of siting possible new paths...(see Paul Hardy's article in September 2021). For the longer walk you need to be comfortable crossing fields and passing through livestock-proof gates. I recommend the event to anyone with an interest in history, geography, natural history or maps. It is perfect for Guides, Scouts and students studying GCSE Geography.

Kerry Maunder

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| <b>SESSION</b> | Main Hall           |               | Main Hall          |                | Main Hall            |                      |
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| Weekend eve.   | £65                 | £75           | £15                | £25            | £130                 | £150                 |
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| All sessions   | £15                 | £20           | £15                | £20            | £25                  | £27.50               |
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- Groups working with children and/or vulnerable adults will need to have child protection and vulnerable adult policies & procedures in place.
- Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

More information, including hall availability, can be found at [www.combertonvillagehall.org](http://www.combertonvillagehall.org)

To make a booking contact the Village Hall Administrator, Janice Sutton at [combertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:combertonvillagehall@gmail.com) or on 07435 324408 (9am to 9pm).

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