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See panel on page 9 for transport bookings	
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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> 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 (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> Thursday	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday (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

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Blue/Green
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Black
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Blue/Green
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Black
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Blue/Green
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Black



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## From the Editor

Ruth and I very much enjoyed the twinning visit to Le Vaudreuil - it was a great opportunity to get to know others in the village as well as to meet our super friendly French hosts. As well as practising our franglais over a delicious supper we were taken to Giverny to see Monet's garden, a fabulous array of colour around the lilypond. The high point of the long weekend was the pot luck dinner where old friends who have been twinning for up to 25 years reunited, stories of exciting day trips were exchanged and the evening finished with a wine fuelled session of bilingual karaoke. Thoroughly recommended !



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

## Summer Celebration



**Sunday 2nd  
July  
at 2.00pm**

### Activities



Sun 18th June at 12 noon - **Bring & Share lunch**

Thurs 22nd June at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea in the Village Hall**

Sat 24th June at 12 noon - **Diocesan Festival Eucharist at Ely Cathedral**

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



Sun 4th June at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 11th June at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Informal Morning Worship**

Sun 18th June at 9.30am - **Morning Worship**

Sun 25th June 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**



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12 June 2023	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
19 June 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
26 June 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
03 July 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283

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For more information please contact

Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073



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**Spring Plant Sale:** This event was a great success and our fears that the change of day and venue would affect the stock and visitor numbers proved unfounded with both appearing in abundance. Thanks to all those who donated plants to and purchased plants from the sale, we hope that they all grow on successfully; the profits will help to subsidise the Autumn Show.

Our surplus stock was donated to be sold on behalf of St Mary's Church.

Our next events are:-

**Summer BBQ:** Saturday 8th July - 6pm 'till late, held on the Long Road allotment site.

**Autumn Show:** Saturday 16th September - 3pm in the Meridian School. More details and subjects for the photography classes will be in the next issue of Contact

**Best Kept Allotment:** A reminder to plot holders that the competition this year will be judged on the Long Road allotment site only and we anticipate this will take place during July.

*Robin Worship (CA&GA secretary) robin.worship7@gmail.com*

## Comberton Twinning Association

A French-English twinning trip is an interesting way to explore two different cultures at the same time. The recent coach/ferry trip allowed my sister and I to practice some of our French and become a little more confident. We and our mum enjoyed our stay with a lovely French family who hosted us and took us to some quaint villages including a picnic. One of the highlights of the trip was when we were taken to a laser game which was great fun followed by a French banquette (they really are good at making desserts). We met some new people on the coach and had fun experiencing French culture. On one of the outings we couldn't resist stopping by a French bakery and sampling their baguettes and almond croissants! We also saw some rather unusual wildlife in a nature reserve (green frogs and a Mustelidae (which is like an otter). All of us enjoyed visiting a couple of cute villages and seeing different architecture and learning some French history. Going to France on a twinning trip is an easier way to learn French and our French host family spoke very good English, this made speaking French much easier. Lastly, we came away from France with a phone full of photos and some good memories to remember.

Caitlin and Shannon Meadows

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# May Challenge Solution

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BKJYFQSLJ CNNQWBS XONEL BHWHIEMCB IP QTIPB CFBFHZQKT  
CLKZFRMTK DOORXCT YPOFM CIXIJFND C JQ RUJQC DGCGIARLU  
DMLAGSUNL EPPSYDU ZQPGN DJYJKGOED KR SVKRD EHDHJBSMV  
ENMBHTVOM FQQTZEV ARQHO EKZKLHPFE LS TWLSE FIEIKCTNW  
FONCIUWPN GRRUAFW BSRIP FLALMIQGF MT UXMTF GJFJLDUOX  
XEO/KN

YFP/LO

ZGQ/MP?

AHR/NQ

BIS/OR

COMBERTON CONTACT APRIL CHALLENGE IS DIFFICULT YES/NO

In my opinion the answer to my question was NO. ( Not ignoring the fact that in reality this was the May puzzle !!!!!!! )

The winner is **Mary Jenkins** of West Street.

## Comberton Antiquarian Society

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th June at 8pm in the Village Hall when Kate Harwood will talk on the **HISTORY OF ALLOTMENTS**.

The allotments movement grew in the 19th century when it was aligned with votes for all, with poverty prevention and the self-help movement. The variety of reasons for allotments and the variety in allotments across the country culminated in the Homes for Heroes initiative after the First World War and the measures taken to feed the nation in the Second World War.



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## Monday Studio



is hosting Comberton Village

Art and Craft Exhibition in July.

**Get your diaries** ready.

This is a **reminder** that on the **8<sup>th</sup> and 9th July 2023** we will be hosting the Art and Crafts Exhibition in Comberton Village Hall. This is giving local artists and crafters an exciting arena to show their imaginative and creative works of art/craft to exhibit and sell, and for local people to view and enjoy the local talent in the area.

Previously we have accommodated artists working in every medium; paintings in watercolour, oils and mixed media; wood turners; quilters; knitters; jewellery makers; card makers; candle makers; photographer; gift makers and much more .....

This is open to all artists and crafters that live in Comberton or belong to a Village College Art or craft group.

**Contact Angela Donnelly 07731875664 or email [combertonmondaystudio@gmail.com](mailto:combertonmondaystudio@gmail.com)** if you need further information.

**Saturday 8th July 10-5 and Sunday 9th July 10-4 2023**

**Comberton Village Hall, CB23 7DY**

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This event is sponsored by The Village Hall Trustees.

## St Mary's Church

### Summer Celebration

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

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### RANK STUPIDITY

When compiling this puzzle I had a block as regards the rank which should be part of each of the following. Please correct my oversight by replacing the missing ranks concerned. The following are what I hope are useful classification guides. F(Film) FC(Film character) TV(TV!) Act(Real life) NC(Novel character) P(Play)

- |                    |                               |                      |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| F .....            | Courageous                    | F .....              | York               |
| F .....            | Dundee                        | F .....              | Benjamin           |
| ACT.....           | Parker( Elvis)                | F.....               | Corelli's Mandolin |
| ACT.....           | Carne VC (Korea)              | F.....               | On Parade          |
| TV.....            | Hall (Bilko)                  | F Night of the ..... |                    |
| P.....             | Lives                         | ACT.....             | Billy Wells        |
| ACT.....           | Blimp (Cartoon)               | F.....               | Three              |
| F Master and ..... |                               | F.....               | Barbara            |
| F Saving .....     | Ryan                          | F A.....             | Function           |
| F The.....         | 1927 Film                     | F.....               | Progress           |
| ACT.....           | Sanders (KFC)                 | FC.....              | Walter E Kurtz     |
| F.....             | Pulver                        | F The .....          | Wore Skirts        |
| NC.....            | Etienne Gerard. (Conan Doyle) |                      |                    |

Tie Break - Who was the voice of Major Bloodnok ? .....

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Before the start of the season we had a very successful recruitment drive where we welcomed many new players. They have all now played at least one competitive game for the club and are settling in very well and this despite some horrendous weather conditions!

## WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW BOWLERS



Please see below our home fixtures list for June where your support would be most welcome!

Team	Venue	Date	Time	League
Little Shelford	HOME	MON 5.6.23	6.30pm	MDL
Histon	HOME	WED 7.6.23	2.30pm	Foxton
Meldreth	HOME	WED 14.6.23	2.30pm	Foxton
Great Shelford	HOME	THURS 15.6.23	6.30pm	C & D
Coton	HOME	TUES 20.6.23	6.30pm	MDL
Longstanton	HOME	THURS 22.6.23	6.30pm	C & D
Barton	HOME	WED 28.6.23	2.30pm	Foxton
Coleridge	HOME	FRI 30.6.23	6.30pm	MDL

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We are beginning to think ahead to the School Summer Holidays when we will be running our Summer Reading Challenge for children again and the theme this year is Sports – Ready, Set, Read! As usual the challenge will be to read six books over the summer, as well as collecting weekly activities and stickers. There are two sign up dates for the challenge: **Saturday 8th July** and **Saturday 15th July** from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

If anyone has some spare time over the summer holidays and would like to help out as a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer we would love to hear from you. Volunteers need be over 12 years old - more information can be found in the library or by accessing the following link: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-&-culture/libraries/library-news/summer-reading-challenge/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-&-culture/libraries/library-news/summer-reading-challenge/)

## Upcoming Comberton Library Events:

Ariel is back by popular demand and will be showing us how to create wonderful **paintings** using traditional Chinese watercolour brushes and paints, and the next sessions will be on **Wednesday 14th** and **21st June** from 10.30 am – 12.00 pm. Please book in advance.

**Dino Day** – a day for all dinosaur lovers! Why not pop along and discover lots of dinosaur games, puzzles and stories on **Friday 11th August** from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. You may even get to meet a T Rex too.

On **Monday 14th August** we will be having an **outside games event** from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm – open to all.

Come along and complete some **jigsaw puzzles** with us on **Wednesday 23rd August** from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. There will be puzzles suitable for adults and children.

The **Knit and Natter** dates for the summer are: **Monday 12th** and **26th June**, **Monday 10th** and **24th in July** and **Monday 7th** and **21st August** from 10.30 am – 11.30 am. Please come and join us.

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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.

We look forward to seeing you in the Library very soon!

## **Friends of St Mary's May Report**

I love Choral Music – especially of the church kind. For me, the Coronation of King Charles III was a real music fest. There were the great historic pieces like Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Parry's 'I was Glad', and others. The Contemporary compositions and singing were thrilling. To mark the Coronation, the church of St Mary's Comberton created its own floral tribute! Inspired by the Reverend Chris, on a drawing by Mrs D and a pallet by David, Jane and Chris set the plants in two 'Grobags'! Did you see it? Like the May-fly, blink – and its gone!

Eight days later we held our second annual Beating the Bounds event on the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. As I add up the Friends who came for the Walks, different music drifts into my head – 'Green grows the rushes, O!' Do you remember singing that song on long journeys or at camp? Similar in structure to the Twelve Days of Christmas only definitely for Summer! Well, instead of Six Proud Walkers we had 15 – but not 'clothed all in Green – O'. They also had a dog! A good time was had by all! Perhaps a new trail has been born. Refreshments were provided by Jane and her team – Sue Lewis and Susan Royce. Kirsten Jacks also joined in and helped. Our thanks to them all.

Altogether, we were about 20 and we made some new Friends. Donations amounting to £47 were gratefully received. We also welcomed three visitors from Cambridge who had chosen to visit and learn more about St Mary's, Comberton.

*We did not arrange for an electronic credit card reader, so I think we may have lost a few donations. Many people no longer carry any cash!*

David Hughes, Chairman of the Friends of St Marys Comberton.  
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# Comberton Players Audition Notice

*The Snow Queen, written and directed by Rachel Nielsen*



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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

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> Old Village Hall, Green End, 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
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Old Village Hall, Green End, 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

*Rehearsals: Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting in September plus occasional Sundays.*

*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.*

*Membership Fee: £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 (though being able to sing and dance is not compulsory).*

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## Pam goes East

As many of you will know, Pam Fisher has moved from Comberton to Beccles in Suffolk. What is written here is my personal reflection on Pam and her husband Don and also an acknowledgement of the huge contribution they have made to village life in Comberton.

Pam, Don and their two daughters came to Green Gables, Barton Road in 1968. The Meridian School had just been built and their younger daughter started on the first day it opened. Pam was a Doctor and involved with the Women's Institute as well as the Trefoil Guild (part of the Girlguiding family). She became District Commissioner and in 2021 was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Don was a Chemical Engineer, initially working in the steel Industry and later in power stations across Europe. Both Pam and Don were active supporters of St Mary's Church where Don was Treasurer and installed the heating and sound system. He was also involved with the new Village Hall and the church porch extension. Don was awarded the Etheldreda Medal in 2018 for generous and outstanding service to the community.

Pam and Don each had something of a rebel in them. Their life together began in Newport, Monmouthshire when the dentist they both attended cancelled their appointments and Don offered to take Pam home riding pillion on his motorbike. Later, when they were married Pam was one of only three doctors working in the old Addenbrooke's A&E department (now Brown's restaurant). While Pam was working as a GP visiting rural patients, Don would keep in contact using CB radio; Pam would reply from the nearest old fashioned phone box. Pam and Don also enjoyed camping, caravanning and gardening together, Don mowing not only their own lawn, but also their neighbour's.

Pam and Don's generous natures and a desire to do what is right, supported the community with respect, integrity and basic human kindness. All this was underpinned by their Christian faith.

Sadly, Don died in 2021 and Pam has moved to an "all singing and dancing" apartment close to one of her daughters. She now has a choice of four supermarkets and four churches to attend, WI and Trefoil to connect with, the River Waveney to enjoy, the Public Hall for meetings and theatre and a good bus service to Lowestoft and Norwich.

There is much more that could be written about them both, such as Don's boyish sense of humour and Pam's absolute professionalism as a GP, but It is impossible to encapsulate all this in just a few words. A couple of instances may go a little way though.



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The first was when Don was admitted to hospital on a squeaky trolley, critically ill and in pain. Despite his condition he had not lost his sense of humour, suggesting that next time he would bring some oil.

The other instance is when I asked Pam if there was anything she would like me to write in this article for Contact. Practical as ever, she wanted to encourage people to join the Village Help scheme as drivers.

Pam and Don were greatly respected in the village, admired and loved and will be deeply missed.

Clare Crang



Pam and Don painting church downpipes with anti-theft paint after loss of lead from the roof.





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The Society have organised a coach trip to this exhibition in Norwich on Saturday September 9th, leaving Comberton Village College at 9am and arriving back at 6pm.

The cost of the coach is £25 each and entry to the exhibition is £7 for seniors/concessions.

The Society is offering this trip to non members so anybody who would like to join us is most welcome. If the Museum is not of interest, a day shopping in the splendid city of Norwich is an alternative.

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It has therefore regrettably become necessary to increase hire fees to help offset these increases so that the hall can continue to be the clean, warm and safe venue that we know is valued by so many in our community. The running costs have been examined in detail alongside predicted income and have been adjusted to a level which is felt necessary to help to reduce the otherwise inevitable shortfall whilst trying to minimise the impact on the people and groups who use it. The increase will be effective from 1st September 2023. As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the trust does not set out to make a profit but merely to cover regular expenses as well as to build up a small reserve for the unavoidable medium term repair and replacement works which become necessary to the hall as a result of daily wear and tear and as the building ages. In the last couple of years, for example, we have replaced windows and doors, undertaken internal and external redecoration and replaced light fittings with energy saving alternatives, and are budgeting for future maintenance or replacement of essentials such as elements of the fabric of the building, the furniture, the heating system and projection equipment. The decision to raise hire fees has been a difficult but considered one and we can assure you that the increases have been kept to the minimum level necessary to continue to run this valuable community asset.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and continued support and look forward to continuing to welcome you to the village hall, which we believe still represents excellent value for money both in its own right and when compared to other local venues.

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- Affiliated Community groups holding evening group social or fundraising events will be charged the residents evening rates. Non-affiliated groups holding similar events will be charged the non-residents evening rates.
- 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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### Mrs Harris goes to Paris



**Starring Lesley Manville**

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris tells a humorously heartwarming tale about London housecleaner Ada Harris (Lesley Manville), who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a Christian Dior gown. Saying goodbye to friends like Archie (Jason Isaacs) won't be easy, and neither will be winning over elite people in Paris from Madame Colbert (Isabelle Huppert) to idealistic accountant André (Lucas Bravo). But Ada's irrepressible charm just might end up saving the whole House of Dior in this uplifting story of how an ordinary woman becomes an extraordinary inspiration by daring to follow her dreams.



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

**Doors open 7.30 Film begins 7.45**

**Tickets £4 on the door**

For further information or if you would like a lift please  
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