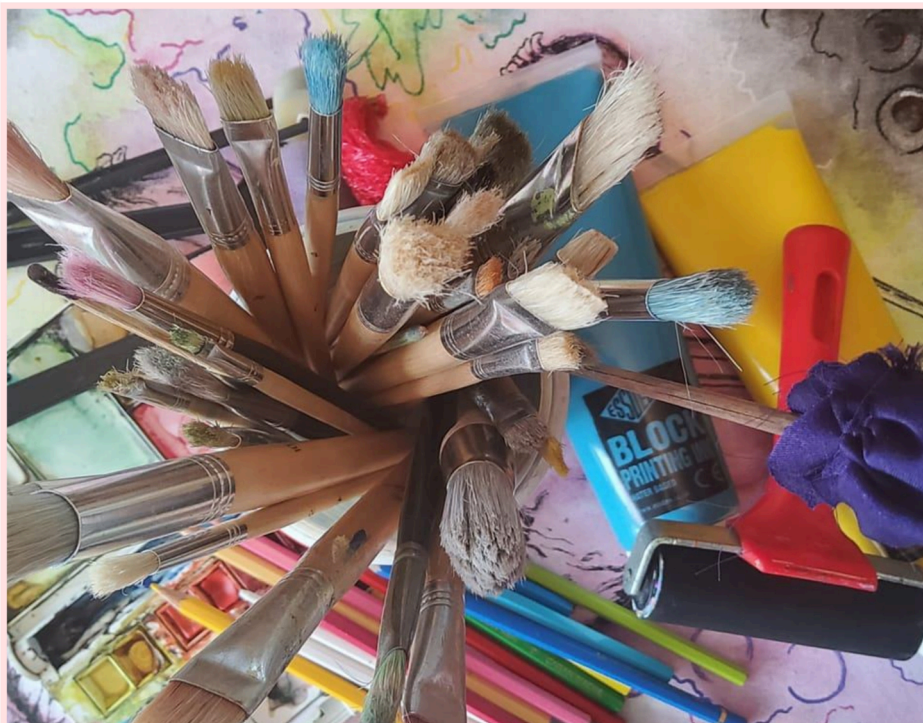


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Regular dates for your diary

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 5 th July	Black
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Wednesday 9 th August	Blue/Green
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Wednesday 23 rd August	Blue/Green
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From the Editor

Many of you will know that the one remaining pub in Comberton, The Three Horseshoes, closed a couple of months ago. I was pleased to learn recently that a group of local people with a community focus are hoping to re-open the pub early in July. As most of you are aware the pub is in need of improvement in many areas and the new tenants would



love for people to get involved, host events and help improve the pub to make it a great hub for the village. Comberton should be able to support at least one thriving pub with the right team behind it so please visit it when it re-opens and if you want to get more involved you can contact the group at three.horseshoes.comberton@gmail.com I will follow up with a more in-depth article on the plans once The Three Horseshoes is open again.

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Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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Summer Celebration and Big Thank You Tea Party



**Sunday 2nd
July
at 3.00pm**



Activities

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

Sunday 2nd July at 3pm - Summer Celebration and Big Thank You Tea Party for all who contribute to the life of St Mary's, in ways big and small. (at St Mary's)

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 2nd July at 9.30am - **Morning Worship**

Sun 9th July at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

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Sun 16th July at 9.30am - **Morning Worship**

Sun 23rd July at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**



Sun 30th July - Lordsbridge Team Services

8.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Toft

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's Church, Barton

On-line Services



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

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

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**Bank Holiday
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Activities

Bank Holiday Monday - St Mary's Church Fete

Tues 29th August - **Oasis Holiday Club** at Comberton Baptist Church



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9.30am - **Healing & Wholeness Service**



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RANK STUPIDITY..... JUNE SOLUTION AND WINNER

F Captains Courageous	F Sergeant York
F Major Dundee	F Private Benjamin
ACT Colonel Parker (Elvis)	F Captain Corelli's Mandolin
ACT Colonel Carne VC (Korea)	F Privates On Parade
TV Colonel Hall (Bilko)	F Night of the Generals
P Private Lives	ACT Bombardier Billy Wells
ACT Colonel Blimp (Cartoon)	F Sergeants Three
F Master and Commander	F Major Barbara
F Saving Private Ryan	F A Private Function
F The General 1927 Film	F Privates Progress
ACT Colonel Sanders (KFC)	FC Colonel Walter E Kurtz
F Ensign Pulver	F The Lieutenant Wore Skirts
NC Brigadier Etienne Gerard. (Conan Doyle)	

Tie Break - Who was the voice of Major Bloodnok ? Peter Sellers

The winner is **April Pennick** of Harbour Avenue.

Note: It comes as no surprise to me that despite any amount of research there are always alternatives. This month is no exception, e.g. whereas the expected answer to 1927 film was THE GENERAL, the Buster Keaton classic, someone came up with Captain Salvation !!

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“STEADY THE BUFFS “ - One for the real film fans amongst you...

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SUZANNA/MICHAEL	? MARTITA/HELEN.....?
JULIA/RACHEL.....?	VANESSA/MICHAEL.....?
JANE/BRIDGET.....?	HUGH/CARY.....?
DEMI/JULIANNE.....?	JULIE/HARRY.....?
CHICO/HARPO.....?	GIG/LORETTA.....?
HAYLEY/JOHN.....?	JAMES/PATRICK.....?
BETTE/GEENA.....?	GEORGE/ROSEMARY.....?
JANE/ROSALIND.....?	BO/JOHN.....?
STROTHER/DEAN.....?	KIRK/MICHAEL.....?
DEBBIE/BURT.....?	MARTIN/MICHAEL.....?
NANETTE/PAUL.....?	MORGAN/MARTIN.....?
ELIZABETH/ROBERT.....?	YVONNE/WARREN.....?
JAMES/CHARLES.....?	GARY/JACKIE.....?
JOAN/BRODERICK.....?	AUDREY/KATHERINE.....?
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We are a very friendly group -- all retired and of all ages and we would love to see some new members, subscription is only £10 per year for 12 meetings including a buffet lunch, various talks --we have just had a Hearing Dog for the deaf with a fascinating talk by the owner!! and also a great Christmas Lunch.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Ready, Set... Read! Sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Comberton Library from **Saturday 8th July** (from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm) - it's free to join!

The Challenge is designed to keep children reading all summer, with rewards along the way and a medal and certificate for everyone who finishes. It's fun and relaxing to read, plus the Summer Reading Challenge will help keep reading skills in shape during the long break from school. Don't forget, if you are travelling on holiday you can pack a mobile device with library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics to keep your luggage light!

To add to the Summer Reading Challenge fun, on **Monday 14th August** we will be holding an **outside games event** from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm – open to all.

For more information please visit the library or follow this link:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-&-culture/libraries/library-news/summer-reading-challenge/

Upcoming Comberton Library Events

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.

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Our popular **Rhymetime** sessions will be on **Monday 3rd and 17th July** from 10.30 am to 11.00 am, and although they will stop for the summer we will restart the sessions again in October.

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!



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We are run entirely by volunteers, and are always pleased to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved with the Café, whether you live in Toft or in the villages around. It's a great way to get to know people if you're new to the area.

Helpers can choose to either help with serving food and drink, or with setting up and clearing up, or baking cakes or making soup in their own homes. Both regular team members (working once every 4 weeks) and occasional helpers are very welcome. If you might be interested, please come and speak to one of the Team Leaders on a Wednesday or email Gill Pugh on gill.ppugh@gmail.com.

Comberton Women's Institute

At our May meeting we held a street party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in the Village Hall. Members provided food and drink and we raised a toast to King Charles and Queen Camilla.

We also said goodbye to Pam Fisher, one of our longest serving members. We all wish Pam well as she moves to Beccles.

We are pleased to say the Resolution 'Cleaner Rivers for People and Wildlife' was approved.

The speaker at our June meeting was Jonathan Clough with An Introduction to Astronomy. Jonathon took us through a fascinating and very interesting night time sky tour.

Our July meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 11th July. The speaker will be John Flood talking about - Cleaning up Victorian Cambridge and the Riverside Pumping Station.

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.

Everyone is very welcome.

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COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Endurance and Inspired Living prospective retirement village application update.

The Parish Council had a very successful meeting on May 24th to discuss the planning application with 171 residents and County Councillor Michael Atkins in attendance. The meeting explored the concerns about the size and location of the proposed retirement village, the added strain this would add to the GP surgery, the threat to the ecosystem on existing green belt land and the concerns that residents from the new development would not integrate with the existing community.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Marshall and all the working group for their time and hard work to ensure that Comberton residents were well informed on the potential development.

Community Pantry JustGiving

Due to the rising costs of everything the community pantry was created. It has been very successful and is used by many local families. Unfortunately it hasn't survived the British weather too well. To keep the pantry going it needs to be replaced with something a lot sturdier and preferably bigger. To fund this we have setup a JustGiving appeal at:



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/community-pantry?utm_term=A67eyBkaj

If this is successful we should be able to provide the community with not one but two pantries which can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week by anyone in the village. Any money left over will be used to add supplies to the pantry. We hope that residents will continue to use and support the pantry for many years to come.



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May Plant Sale

This year the event was held on a Sunday in the Village Hall and was very successful; we thank all those who donated plants to and purchased plants from the sale, we hope 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.

Autumn Show: Saturday 16th September, Meridian School

By the time the next issue of Contact comes through your door the Autumn Show will be almost upon us. We will continue with the same format as the last two years with free entry for all exhibits and the option to submit your entry by email. There will be no monetary prizes just certificates and trophies for the winners and runners up. The schedule giving full details of classes and the full entry rules will be distributed to all houses in Comberton in early August.

Whilst you are out and about this summer think about taking pictures for the Photography classes; the subjects for adults are:-

'Bridges' or 'Through a Garden Gate' or 'Movement'.

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This Mural reads, "Prince of Orange, July 1690, King William III, 'King Billy's on the Wall', Williamite Forces". Although deposed King James II of England had fled to France in 1688, he showed up again in Ireland the following year. So, in the fighting season of 1689 and again in 1690 he led an army of Irish and French Catholics against William's Generals in

Ireland. By the second year King William III realised that he must himself go over to Ireland to subdue these Irish Catholics if he was to be free to fight French King Louis 14th on the Continent.

In July 1690 there were several engagements between the two armies. When they met at the 'Battle of the Boyne', James had 21,000 soldiers to William's 35,000. It was the Protestant Infantry that won the day and James II fled once more to France. Orangemen celebrate the battle of the Boyne on the 12th of July. They also regard their Ancestral home as Scotland!

The river Boyne rises in the Bog of Allen in County Kildare and flows north-east into the Irish Sea. On the way, it flows through Slane, a place intimately connected with St Patrick and with the introduction of Christianity to Ireland and to nearby Tara – the Seat of Irish Kings. So, if you are going to have a really-long-lasting religious Feud, it's a good place to start!! And Tara was the name of the Plantation in 'Gone with the Wind', wasn't it?

Anyway, back to business! **The Friends of St Mary's Church** are still fund-raising to pay for the Church car park and Disability Parking Upgrade. Please make a note of these up-coming dates in your Diary and watch for timings:

Tuesday 15th August 6 pm, the Friends of St Mary's Church Garden Party, Manor Farm, 51 Green End, Comberton.

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