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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	8pm (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

Note that Comberton bin collection dates change to Thursdays from 21st September onwards.

Thursday 31 st August	Black
Wednesday 6 th September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 13 th September	Black
Thursday 21 st September	Black
Thursday 28 th September	Blue & Green
Thursday 5 th October	Black



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From the Editor

As the summer holidays draw to a close I hope everyone has managed to enjoy a break and made the most of the somewhat variable weather.

There is plenty to enjoy in September in Comberton, one of the highlights being the 70th Comberton Show on Saturday 16th September.

I'm also pleased to report that The Three Horseshoes has re-opened; to find out more about the new team and their plans see the article on page 33, and pay them a visit - you can be sure of a warm welcome!



Finally, I'd like to repeat my appeal for material for the magazine - if you have an idea for an article that might be of interest to other readers it would be gratefully received. If you don't have time to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard then give me a call - perhaps I can help with writing it.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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Activities

Sun 17th September at 9.30am - **Harvest Festival**

Thurs 28th September at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea** in Comberton Village Hall



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 3rd September at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 10th September at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 24th September at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**



On-line Services

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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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DEMI/JULIANNE - MOORE	JULIE/HARRY - ANDREWS
CHICO/HARPO - MARX	GIG/LORETTA - YOUNG
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JAMES/CHARLES - COBURN	GARY/JACKIE - COOPER
JOAN/BRODERICK - CRAWFORD	AUDREY/KATHERINE - HEPBURN
DANIEL/MICHAEL - CRAIG	THANDIE/ROBERT - NEWTON

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Comberton Allotments and Gardens Association

It's 'Comberton Autumn Show' time again! Our 'Platinum' Show is on Saturday 16th September in the Meridian Primary School.

This year is our 70th Show and by now every house in Comberton should have received a copy of the Show Brochure (*if you haven't, pick a copy up at the Post Office or Cruickshank Butchers*), please look through it and plan your entries, there is a class for everyone! Again this year all exhibit entries are free and can be emailed to combertonshow@gmail.com or delivered to the Show Secretary, they must be pre-booked by the evening of Friday 15th September; no entries will be accepted on the Saturday.

Staging is between **8.30 and 10.30am** on the day; you simply collect your entry cards and display your exhibit, stewards will be on hand to guide you to the appropriate area.

As the entries are free there will be no monetary prizes but prize cards and trophies will be awarded as usual. The Show opens to the Public at **3pm..**

Our judges give their time voluntarily to come and officiate so please enter; we like to give them a sufficient number of entries to ponder over and make their trip worthwhile!.

Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers: What a mixed bag of weather we have had this year, from drought to deluge and many of you, gardeners and allotment holders alike, will be despairing of your crops, but, as I say every year, it is the same for all of us and although your produce may not be of the size or quality you would like, enter it anyway it could be your year for the prize.

Remember the 'Harry Sewell Trophy', it is a restricted class, in this otherwise open show, for **residents of Comberton** or holders of an **allotment in Comberton**; this display of 3 different vegetables (*from a very long list*) gives you a better chance of winning with no outside competition.

Cookery and Preserves: There are **11** cookery classes including one set recipe for a 'Golden Apple Teacake' and **7** different preserve classes; try your hand at winning the 'Evelyn Watts Trophy' awarded for highest points in cookery.

Of course there is also the eagerly contested **Men only Cake** class for the 'Gerry Hall Tankard', the challenge this year is for the men to bake a 'Salted Caramel Cake' to a set recipe; I lost out last year so will be trying hard to win it back!

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Handicraft: Again **11** classes for adults and **11** for children covering a full range of skills; so still time to finish that crafting, woodwork or needlework project and also time to set the youngsters on a creative path!.

Painting & Drawing. Last Year we had a magnificent display of artwork in our adult classes, the most entries I can ever remember and the recent exhibition in the Village Hall showed what a wealth of talent exists in our area. So all you accomplished and budding artists please give us another wonderful display for this Platinum Jubilee show.

Childrens' Art: There are **5** subjects for your children to choose from: 'My Pet'; 'My Football Team': 'Friend and Family Portrait': 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' or 'Climate Change'. Paintings are judged in 5 different age categories so they will always be competing with their own age group. The Childrens' art will be displayed in the Main Hall alongside the entries from Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup. The artwork judged best in show will be awarded the *Frank Hollick Book Prize*.

Photography: This year the 3 categories for adults are "Bridges"; 'Through a Garden Gate' & 'Movement'; and for the children "Transport"; as always we encourage a wide interpretation of the subject.

Have you taken a picture that fits? if not there's time to get out there with the Camera or Phone.

The Best Photograph in the show will be awarded the 'Mike Winney Trophy'.

Home Made Wines: There are **6** classes and the public will be lining up in the afternoon to taste the entries. Sadly since the last show we have lost Alan Armstrong; he and Jenny have been stalwarts in judging this class for many years; this time we are pleased to welcome Peter Allerton as judge, stepping up from being a regular exhibitor and prize-winner over many years.

Full details of the Show, entry procedure and classes are in the **Show Brochure**; but whether or not you enter, please come along and see the Show, there's plenty to inspire!

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Anyone for Tennis?

When I came to Comberton to teach at the Village College many years ago there was a thriving tennis club on the rec. It later moved to The Village College but there is now no tennis club there.

The two courts at the rec. are used, but I thought perhaps people might want to find others to play with. I'm not suggesting a "club" with subscriptions and committees and matches, but simply an opportunity to play. If you've never played this might be a chance for adults to learn.

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Comberton Village Sign

The Village Sign at the pond was erected to commemorate the late Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

It was constructed by Harry Carter who was responsible for most of the many town and village signs in Norfolk and a fewer number in neighbouring counties. He was the Arts & Crafts teacher for about 30 years at Hamonds Grammar School in Swaffham, Norfolk. He carved his first sign in 1929 which was for his home town of Swaffham. By the time of his death in 1983 he had carved over 200 signs. Each one illustrates some historical fact and/or an interesting feature of its location. Comberton's sign depicts on one side the distribution of herrings which were traditionally given to the poor just before Easter. The windmill on the other side of the sign illustrates the relationship of the village to agriculture. Comberton originally had two windmills.

Another **very** interesting fact is that Harry Carter was cousin to Howard Carter who discovered the incredible tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt in 1922. As well as being an archaeologist he was also a very good artist so this clearly ran in the family.

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NB Answers in the adjectival form e.g. French Toast are acceptable, but not French Toast. I regret to say that cheeses are not acceptable, there are just too many.

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On Friday 21st July, over 75 guests were welcomed to the Village Hall for the annual supper.

The weather was fine and not too hot. After enjoying a lovely meal, the 'Toft Session Group' entertained them with a mixture of folk & popular music & singing.

The trustees wish to thank everyone who helped make it another big success and to our Guests, thank you for coming. See you next year, probable date is Friday 19th July, keep the date free.

The supper was funded by the Easter & Christmas Fayres at the Village Hall. This year's guests are automatically sent an invitation next year. If you or your partner are a villager & 65 or over, & would like to join us next year, please look out for July 2024 'Contact' for details or contact Marian Dymott on 01223 263292 before then.

Comberton WI

At our July meeting our speaker was John Flood talking about Cleaning up Victorian Cambridge and The Riverside Pumping Station. He talked about what it was like in Cambridge in Victorian times.

Our outing in August was an afternoon at Bourn Windmill. We went last year when the Windmill was having work carried out. This year everything was up and running so we were able to turn the sails and go inside the Windmill. Our guides explained how the Windmill works and how the grain is milled. This was followed by a delicious tea sitting in the garden next to the Windmill. The sun shone the whole time - we were very lucky.

The speaker at our next meeting on 12th September will be Pat King talking about Fun Science to Share.

Our meetings start at 8pm and are held in Comberton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month.

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Sue Lewis
Comberton WI

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Thirty-two Friends enjoyed wine & canapés, good company & conversation, all in a wonderful garden setting. Inevitably there was a Raffle which featured more bottles but also plants and ready-to-cook fresh French beans! What fun.

Thank you to those who helped, attended and gave so generously.

Jane & David Hughes

PS Note for your Diary

Saturday 28th October "An evening of Hebridean music, laughter and dancing."



Comberton Antiquarian Society

After a Summer break, the Antiquarian Society will start its 2023/2024 programme on Tuesday September 26th 2023.

The first talk will be by Mary Dicken who is the former Head of History at the Perse School for Girls, Cambridge and will be on

The Social Impact of Industrialisation on Sawston from 1850 until 1930.

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Many of you may have noticed that the Three Horseshoes has reopened its doors and we have really enjoyed welcoming our first customers.

But if you haven't had a chance to come in, let us answer the question that has been circulating the village for the past few weeks: what is going on with the pub?

A team of families from the village (plus one interloper from Toft!) have taken over the lease. Over the past few weeks we have been busy repainting, gardening, becoming license holders and creating spreadsheets, amongst the many tasks that reopening a pub entails. There really isn't as much beer tasting as you might think!

Realising that we had beer and a till ready, we started serving customers last week and it has been a real pleasure to welcome regulars, new faces and friends. None of us wanted to see the village pub go, and we are determined to create a place where everyone feels welcome, somewhere we ourselves would want to go, and a hub for our community.

We are open for drinks - including a good range of non-alcoholic drinks. Once set up, we will be offering coffee and cake during the daytimes and eventually we will add traditional pub food into the mix.

And don't worry, we are planning a celebration to mark the official reopening on September 8th.

Check our signs, social channels or call us for more details. Better still, pop in and say hello!

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Fundraising success for Village Voices

Village Voices would like to thank everyone who came along to our 'Music for a Summer Evening' event in June. There was standing room only in Comberton Baptist Church, and a great buzz through the whole concert. We sang a range of songs, from music from the movies, to adaptations of Lord Byron poems, to everything in between. I even got a deputy conductor when one of the children joined me directing the choir.

Donations to Maggie's Cambridge totalled £615, and it was great to support such an important cause. Village Voices takes a break now, as so many of us are involved in the panto, but rehearsals will start again in 2024 for our next concert.

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Beth Walthew, Musical Director, Village Voices

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I'm Cambridge born and bred, so I know something of the area already. My formative years were spent in the villages of Huntingdonshire before moving back to Cambridge for work. It was at this time that I went a little off the rails and was a long way from the church and my childhood faith, but when I moved back to Cambridge I met Laura (who had come from Milan to study English and prepare for university) and together we encouraged each other in faith and seeking God's will for our lives. We are now married with one daughter, Noemi.

For Laura, living out her faith means night time patrols on the streets of Cambridge as a Street Pastor, looking after those in the night economy who need a helping hand. For me it has meant embarking on a long journey of theological training and discovery, that journey continues and I look forward to discovering more as I minister in this beautiful, friendly and welcoming part of Cambridgeshire.

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