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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	VH
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 changed to Thursdays from 21st September.

Thursday 2 nd November	Black
Thursday 9 th November	Blue/Green
Thursday 16 th November	Black
Thursday 23 rd November	Blue/Green
Thursday 30 th November	Black
Thursday 7 th December	Blue/Green



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From the Editor

Many of you will have noticed that the October edition of Comberton Contact was printed in full colour whereas normally just the covers are in colour. This was due to an error by the printers so unfortunately it was a one-off; whilst it would be lovely to have the magazine in full colour it would increase the printing costs considerably and we can't cover these without an additional source of funding.

Please take a look at the article from the Parish Council on the important local topic of Comberton Greenways and consider attending the information event at the village hall on Wednesday 8th November (see pages 33/35/37).

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

Local Government Contacts

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St Mary's Annual Art Exhibition



Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November

Activities



Sun 5th November at 3pm – **All Souls Service of Prayer & Reflection**

Sun 12th November at **10.50am** – **RBL Remembrance Service**

Thurs 23rd November at 2.30pm – **Oasis Tea** in the Village Hall

Sat 25th November at 10.30am – **Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall



West Cambridge Churches Ecumenical Service

Sun 26th November at 10.30am at Comberton Leisure or on Zoom ID
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Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 5th November at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

Sun 12th November at 8.00am – **BCP Holy Communion**

Sun 19th November at 9.30am – **Informal Morning Worship**



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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30 October 2023	Joan Wells	01223 262746
06 November 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
13 November 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
20 November 2023	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
27 November 2023	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
04 December 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246

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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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15 December 2023 - The Hoops, Bassingbourne

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Comberton Women's Institute

At our September meeting our speaker was Pat King who kept us very entertained with some fun science experiments. There was much laughter and conversation round the room as we all had a go at the experiments she had prepared for us to try out. A very memorable evening!

At our October meeting our speaker was Carol Pook who spoke about Vita Sackville West. Carol gave an excellent and informative talk about this very intriguing lady which focused on her life and work.

The speaker at our next meeting on 14th November will be Fiona Symonds talking about The History of Gin. Another date for your diary is 12th December when we will hold our Christmas Party.

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

Everyone is very welcome.

Sue Lewis

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1	A	First letter of the Phoenician language.
2	AT	Monetary unit of Laos
3.	ART	Simon's partner in song.
4	STAR	Heavenly body (not mine then !)
5.	TARSI	Bones in the foot.
6.	SATIRE	Irony, sarcasm, invective, wit & humour
7.	RETSINA	Resin flavoured Greek wine.
8.	SENRITA	A young lady from Barcelona.
9.	NOTARISED	Attested/ Authenticated.
10.	PATRONISED	Encouraged/supported.
11.	DESPERATION	Disregard of danger/Fury.
12.	IMPERSONATED	Assumed voice/ character of someone
11.	REDEMPTION	Atonement.
10.	INTERPOSED	Mediated/interfered/came between.
9.	REDEPOSIT	Put money back into bank.
8.	PORTSIDE	Larboard.
7.	STEROID	Vitamin D for example.
6.	EDITOR	Perry White was one.
5.	TRIED	As one might be for murder.
4.	RITE	A ceremony.
3.	TIE	A railway sleeper.
2.	IT	Italian Vermouth.
1.	I	The ego.

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Wednesday 15th November 2023

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Once we had struggled through the long, long walk with our camping gear to the campsite, we all helped to put up our tents. Once we were all unpacked and settled, we went off to Leslie Sell Centre for our first activities. These were caving (actually just dark tubes we had to crawl through) and a walk around the woods, which had go karts at the end! They were great fun. The rest of the day everyone was busy doing their jobs and preparing for dinner...yummy fajitas! On the second day, we spent most of the morning and some of the afternoon on a hike to the Windmill. It was soo hot and muddy from rain the previous day! After a bit of a break we had archery, lots of people managed to get a bullseye! Then, we went on a DIY slip and slide made from a massive tarpaulin and a hose. Once we packed that away it was a race to see who could get into the showers first! Most guides would say that the next day was the best, box end water park! If you don't know, it's an inflatable obstacle course in the middle of a lake. We got there quite early, so some of us passed the time by watching people fail at the water skiing! It was very cold on the day we went but we didn't mind because we would be getting wet anyway!

We took a ride on the bus to Bedford and followed a map around the Town, stopping at the park for our lunch before getting back on the bus. After dinner we had a Campfire and songs in the evening, all wrapped up in a blanket to keep warm.

Packing up our tents is sad, but coming home to your own bed is the best.

We all had a wonderful time and if you are thinking of joining Guides, I would say to give it a try!

Caitlin Roberts

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Opening hours (excluding bank holidays etc.):

Monday 10am – 1pm

Wednesday 10am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Friday 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 1pm

Comberton Library Events:

Its Lego Time - come and have fun creating! Dates to be confirmed. Every Saturday between 10.30am – 11.30am. All children accompanied by an adult.

There is also the season “for the love of books” as there is Cambridge Literary Festival between **16th – 19th November**.

Where do I Fit?

Your precious place in the body of Christ

All are welcome to join us for a morning of sung worship, prayer and a talk from our guest speaker, Revd Amy Bland, on where we each fit within the church - the body of Christ.

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CITY PEOPLE.....are , for the purposes of this puzzle, those whose full name contains a conurbation of some kind (eg. City, town or village). I fairly quickly discovered 50 examples so it seems reasonable for you to list 42 of which 27 should be masculine and 15 feminine. For the record I did come across one in the second category whose first and second names both met the criteria. Should you come across the person in question please note that the answer is worth two points:-

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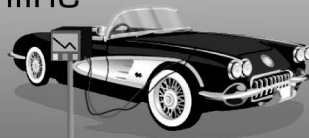


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Churchyard Maintenance

There was a lot of grass in the churchyard this year and some visitors may have felt it looked 'untidy'. The change was intentional; the churchyard is now managed for nature and nature abhors tidiness.

We are now in the third year of changing the mowing regimes in the churchyard to try to establish distinct habitat types to encourage greater diversity in the species which visit each year. The biggest change is that the vegetation is allowed to grow during the summer and different areas are uncut either until July, to emulate a hay meadow, or until autumn to encourage later flowering perennials. We also allow the grass beneath the larger trees to grow throughout the year. An area of short grass is maintained around the church building for amenity use and to provide a third, contrasting style of vegetation.

The changes mean that the churchyard may be seen to act as a hub with a series of paths and hedgerows radiating as corridors down to Bourn Brook, to the south, the causeway and Tit Brook then through the fields in the centre of the village to the north, the Drift and Watts Wood to the East and towards Toft through the Meridian Golf course to the west. This network highlights the importance of corridors along which plants and animals may spread. It demonstrates the biodiversity resource in and around Comberton as an essential part of the Green Belt and a buffer against inappropriate development.

In the spring of 2023 we installed some swift nest boxes in the west side of the church tower from which we broadcast swift calls in the morning and evening during May and June. We hope that in two or three years some swifts will settle and use the boxes to raise young.

Some of the nature enthusiasts in the village are helping us to record species of animals and plants that use the churchyard. The causeway from the Church to South Street and the allotments is an important part of this diversity as it provides opportunity for hedgerow birds and insects. We can already demonstrate how important the changes we are making to churchyard management are to local wildlife. There are about 130 species of plants in the churchyard. We also have healthy and diverse populations of birds (29 species), butterflies (16 species) and mammals including bats (six and five species respectively, including the rare Barbastelle) using the area regularly.

During the autumn and winter we will do some general tidying up and prepare to make a fresh series of observations next summer.

Robert Cook

On behalf of St Mary's Church Churchyard group

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Our November meeting will be a show of beautiful nature photographs taken by David Oates, a member of the Royal Photographic Society who lives locally. Do come and see these pictures -- we would love some new members too!! We are a lively group of retired folk of all ages and meet once a month in the Village Hall with varied speakers, lunches etc -- all for £10 per year!!!

Sue Allin (Friendship Club Chairman) 01223 262990

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Thank you to Comberton Surgery

Many of my friends and I would like to convey huge thanks to Comberton Surgery and all the staff who are working so hard to help us all with our medical issues and prescriptions. I am aware that there have been some negative comments and think it would be helpful for the staff to know that there are many people in the village who really appreciate the sympathetic, helpful friendly service they give us.

From a 40 year village resident

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Update on the Comberton Greenways from the Parish Council

Some residents may have noticed signs and received letters indicating that roadworks are starting in Comberton related to the Comberton Greenways.

Recently, a Traffic Regulation Order was issued relating to:

- New speed limits in the village
- Raised tables
- Reduction of junction width
- New pedestrian crossings.

An update on the Comberton Greenways is given below:

Works on Long Road and adjacent roads

Improvements to Long Road and adjacent roads, including speed-limiting measures, are planned as part of the Comberton Greenway. However, these works will not occur for many months, and design drawings have not been produced. As a result, while we have noted residents' comments, we will not discuss these plans until designs are available.

Speed limits

The Traffic Regulation Order proposed a new 40 mph limit on Long Road up to a point south of Branch Road, and a new 20 mph from that point down to the junction to Barton Road, and on Barton Road and West Street where the limit is currently 30 mph.

We have heard feedback from residents who wish for the speed limit reduction to encompass all streets in the village. We are therefore working with the Greenway team to obtain a 20 mph speed limit on all roads currently limited to 30 mph, and 40 mph on the Green End and Branch Road section which is currently limited to 60mph.

Works on Barton Road, West Street and adjacent roads

The proposed design includes three raised tables (similar to a speed bump but with an expanded flat surface) corresponding to essential crossing points for pedestrians:

- In front of Comberton Village College. It is a condition on the Co-Op planning application that a zebra crossing is built. The Co-op is paying for these works via what is known as Section 106.
- At the Green End/South Street junction, providing informal and safer crossing points for the dentist, GP, playgroup, pub, and village shop at this busy junction that currently has only one zebra crossing.
- Next to the junction with Harbour Avenue, providing an informal crossing point for primary school children.

In addition, it is proposed to decrease the width of junctions with side streets and add raised tables at the entrance to some side streets. This would apply to Harbour Avenue, Woottens Close, Kentings, and Barrons Way at their junctions with Barton Road.

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At the time of writing, the works to build the zebra crossing opposite Comberton Village College are planned to start on 23rd Oct.

The other works proposed for the village will be presented via detailed and simplified drawings, with an opportunity for discussion and questions, at an **information event on Wednesday, 8th November, from 2 pm to 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.**

All the proposed works aim to:

- Enforce a new 20mph speed limit across the village;
- Force cars to slow down at essential crossing points, either on the main road or at side streets;
- Reduce street crossing distances for pedestrians;
- Support street crossing for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

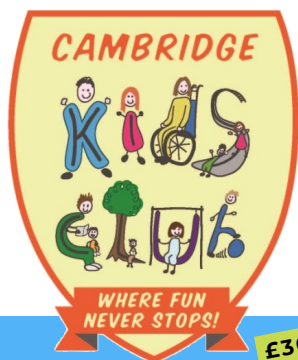
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1. Sign up for regular email updates: for a monthly newsletter on Greenway works around Greater Cambridge, please register your email at <http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/email-updates> and select Greenways.

2. Website: for more on the Comberton Greenway, visit:
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3. Contact details: If you have any concerns during the construction, you can contact Milestone Infrastructure's dedicated Customer Liaison Officer, at Greenways@milestoneinfra.co.uk.

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