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See panel on page 9 for transport bookings	
Wood Green Animal Shelter	01480 830014
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 changed to Thursdays from 21st September.

Thursday 28 th September	Blue & Green
Thursday 5 th October	Black
Thursday 12 th October	Blue & Green
Thursday 19 th October	Black
Thursday 26 th October	Blue & Green
Thursday 2 nd November	Black



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From the Editor

It's good to have a new contribution this month, from 1st Barton Guides. On a similar subject, please consider supporting the Comberton Scout Group by joining their quiz night on Saturday 7th October; as you may be aware, they had a fire this summer, losing about £25,000 worth of equipment. Despite being insured, they have a shortfall on replacement costs due to inflation, so this quiz is to help them to close that shortfall.

For a local family day out check out Apple Day at Burwash Manor on 14th October (page 37) which has plenty of activities for young and old alike.

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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Thurs 26th October at 2.30pm – **Oasis Tea** in Comberton Village Hall

Sat 28th October at 7.00pm – **An evening of Hebridean music,
laughter & dancing**



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 1st October at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

Sun 8th October at 8.00am – **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am – **Holy Communion**

Sun 15th October at 9.30am – **Informal Morning Worship**

Sun 22nd October at 8.00am – **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am – **Holy Communion**



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Wednesday Compline on Zoom at 8pm – ID: **899 215 191**



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09 October 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
16 October 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
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06 November 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283

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AGM – Thursday 7th December 7.30 in the Village Hall (Note the Change of Date)

The next event is our AGM on Thursday 7th December 2023 - 7.30 for 8 pm in Comberton Village Hall. Come along and enjoy some Cheese & Wine (or juice) with us; hear about our work and events during 2023; pay annual allotment rent if you are a 'Long Road' tenant or just renew your membership of the association.

Report on the 70th Comberton Autumn Show

The Show was held on 16th September and well attended by around 150 adults plus their children; entries were back to pre-covid levels tipping over the 500 mark plus around 200 paintings from the children at Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup. The tables looked magnificent with vegetable and flower entries in most classes the tomatoes and dahlias stealing the show.

Cookery was also on the up this year with over 30 entries including 6 entries in the Men's cake competition (once again I was beaten into second place, this year by Andy Baker!) but the highlight was the Preserves with over 40 jars displayed, so the judge was kept busy sampling them all.

Unfortunately last year's artists did not return again with only 4 people entering paintings but thanks to a large number entered by Liz Lawrie we were able to fill the screens with a great display alongside the high quality entries in the Handicraft section which again showcased the talent there is in the village.

24 bottles of Homemade wine were submitted in the various classes, most of which I think were drained by the end of the afternoon through sampling by the judges and visitors.

Photography was a little less popular this year but we are particularly concerned with the smaller number of entries in the Children's Cookery & Handicrafts section again this year; we would be pleased to receive feedback and suggestions for keeping these classes relevant to current trends (*any ideas can be emailed to me*).

....and most importantly thank you to:

- The Rev'd Chris Westgarth for presenting the trophies and awards; Chris has been a supporter of the show for many years and we thank her for giving her time.
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Show Trophy Winners 2023

Gentlemen's Challenge Cup (Highest points in Show)	Peter Gladders
Gentlemen's Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show)	David Warboys
Ladies' Challenge Bowl (Highest points in Show)	Brenda DeBoys
Ladies' Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show)	Naomi Holt
Storey Cup (Highest Points for Juniors)	Dandan Martin
Silver Cup & Certificate (Best Vegetable Exhibit) (Tomatoes on the vine)	Jo Johaheer
Certificate (Best Fruit exhibit) (Dessert apples)	Matt Bigam
Certificate (Best Flower exhibit)	Peter Gladders
Master Gardener Trophy (Collection of Flowers & Vegetables)	Peter Gladders
Harry Sewell Trophy (Collection of Vegetables-restricted entry)	Brenda DeBoys
WI Handicraft Cup (Highest points in Handicraft)	Brenda DeBoys
Evelyn Watts trophy (Highest points in Cookery)	Lucy Brady
Gerry Hall Trophy (Cake - Men only)	Andrew Baker
Comberton Wine Club Cup (Best Wine in show)	Sue Breeze
Mike Winney Trophy (Best Photograph in Show)	Clare Brading
Frank Hollick Book Prize (Best in Childrens' Art Classes)	Erica
Watts Salver (Best Kept Allotment- Long Road Site)	Andrew Baker

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News from 1st Barton Guides

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1st Barton Guides would like to thank Comberton families for their great support over the recent years. Many parents of our Guides have given their time to help out. Last year Barton Guides took 24 girls to camp for two nights just outside Whipsnade Zoo at the start of May, and in August we took 8 girls to a county camp in Norfolk (as seen on TV news). Some of our highlights this school year have been decorating Christmas cakes for the Cambridge Women's refuge, fund-raising over £800 for families and children in Ukraine (donated to Save the Children, UK) and an evening at Milton Country Park, doing canoeing or kayaking and fire-lighting/toasting marshmallows. In July this year we had a successful camp at Mollivers in Bedford, surviving wind and rain, and drying out in gorgeous sunshine.

We are now trying to future-proof our leadership team, as Liz Bland will be retiring in July 2024. Please can you spread the word that we are actively recruiting leaders and helpers to start training as soon as possible. Come along to one of our Monday evening meetings to see what we do.

Enquiries to 1stbartonguides@gmail.com or phone 07889 271166 for more information.

The Girlguiding website has information for volunteers <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/>

and for girls interested in becoming a Guide. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

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| 1. | First letter of the Phoenician language |
| 2. | Monetary unit of Laos |
| 3. | Simon's partner in song |
| 4. | Heavenly body (not mine then !) |
| 5. | Bones in the foot |
| 6. | Irony,sarcasm,invective,wit & humour |
| 7. | Resin flavoured Greek wine |
| 8. | A young lady from Barcelona |
| 9. | Attested/ Authenticated |
| 10. | Encouraged/supported |
| 11. | Disregard of danger/Fury |
| 12. | Assumed voice/ character of someone |
| 11. | Atonement |
| 10. | Mediated/interfered/came between |
| 9. | Put money back into bank |
| 8. | Larboard |
| 7. | Vitamin D for example |
| 6. | Perry White was one |
| 5. | As one might be for murder |
| 4. | A ceremony |
| 3. | A railway sleeper |
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Anyone for Tennis?

This note went into last month's Contact and there has been a positive response so it is being posted again.

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.

If you are interested please email terrywall01@gmail.com



The poster is designed in a comic book style with three panels at the top showing superhero silhouettes. The first panel shows a female superhero with a pink cape flying against a background of blue and yellow vertical stripes. The second panel shows a male superhero with a blue cape running against a purple background with yellow polka dots. The third panel shows a female superhero with a red cape running against a yellow background with orange polka dots. Below these panels is a large red banner with yellow text that reads 'LIGHT PARTY' in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath this, in a smaller yellow font, is the text 'A fun filled evening with games, crafts, hot dogs, doughnuts and more'. To the right of this text is a yellow speech bubble containing the text 'YEAR R-6'. At the bottom of the poster are three separate boxes. The first box on the left is a yellow starburst shape containing the text '5.00-6.30PM'. The middle box is a white rectangle with a black border containing the text 'Tuesday 31st October 2023'. The third box on the right is a white rectangle with a black border containing the text 'Comberton Baptist Church info and booking: www.c-b-c.org.uk'.

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Community Energy programmes often start with reducing energy needs in the first place, so we'll also have local retrofitting experts on hand who can answer your questions about transitioning to comfortable, cost-effective homes that are good for us and the planet.

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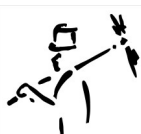
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Take a ride on a miniature steam train, have a go on the fairground, try your hand at the pony riding or the Rodeo Bull or watch displays of many traditional activities – from willow weaving and bee-keeping to basket weaving. And there will even be some less traditional treats – a nerf shooting range and the assault course spring to mind!

There's plenty to keep little ones occupied – peeling an apple (how long your peel could be?), apple tasting, face painting and the ever-popular tractor and trailer rides around the farm.

And don't worry if you start to get peckish – there are plenty of food vans, refreshment stops and, of course, ice cream!

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