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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	ВС
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	8pm (Except Aug)	Comberton WI	VH
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	ВС
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 <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 C BC = Baptist Church N CP = Comberton Playgroup CVC = Comberton Village College MS = Meridian School

### **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 <a href="http://parish-council.comberton.org/decisions/meetings/">http://parish-council.comberton.org/decisions/meetings/</a>

### **Wheelie Bin Collection Dates**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Black

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Blue / Green

Thursday 21st March Black

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Blue / Green

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Black



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Please supply copy via email in a plain text format and images in jpg, png or pdf with 300 dpi. Please send any submissions for the April magazine by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Submissions will only be acknowledged if requested and this may take up to a week.

### From the Editor

Whilst I had no problem filling the magazine this month I would be interested in your feedback on the balance of advertisements and articles - would you like to see more articles about our local area?

We rely on our paid advertisers for covering the cost of printing the magazine, but we also place advertisements free of charge for local events and organisations.

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# Village Help Scheme Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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### For the following weeks:

26 February 2024	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
04 March 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
11 March 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
18 March 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
25 March 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
01 April 2024	Joan Wells	01223 262746

### **Please Note**

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# **Saturday** 9th March at 12 noon



# **Lent Soup** Cafe in the Church

### Activities

Every Wedneday at 11am - Men's Shed at Madingley Hall Sat 23rd March at 10.00am - Easter Coffee Morning in the Village Hall Thurs 28th March at 2.30pm - Oasis Tea in Comberton Village Hall

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



Sun 10th March at 9.30am - Mothering Sunday Communion Sun 24th March at 9.30am - Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Sun 24th, Mon 25th, Tue 26th at 8pm - Compline

Thurs 28th March at 7.30pm - Holy Communion with Foot Washing

Fri 29th March at 9.30am - Good Friday Reflections

Sun 31st March at 9.30am - Easter Day Holy Communion

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



Sun 3rd March at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sun 10th March at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion Sun 17th March at 9.30am - Morning Worship

Sun 24th March at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion



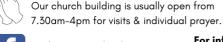
### **On-line Services**

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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# 'PERIODIC' Table scraps.....

1.GOLD (4) Naughton's comedy partner.2.SILVER (6) The Lone Ranger's horse'

3.PLATINUM (8) 'Little Silver' in Spain. White gold in Ancient Egypt.

4.COPPER (6) Jack Warner was one in Dixon of Dock Green.

5.LEAD (4) Angela is the major source. (Anagram)6.IRON (4) Many wheeled 'horse' in America once.

7.COBALT (6) A German miner's demon.

8.TUNGSTEN (8) The answer is a snug tent.(Anagram).

9.TANTALUM (8) Named after first husband of Clytemnestra.

10.MERCURY (7) A year here is only 88 Earth days.

11.IRIDIUM (7)Rare element found in the Chicxulub crater.

12.KRYPTON (7) Superman's home planet.

13.NIOBIUM (7) Daughter of (9) above.

14.TIN (3) The end of Rasputin.

15.XENON (5) Greek stranger?

The winner is **Dennis Coe** of Westlands.

## **Comberton Antiquarian Society**

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 26th March 2024 when Stuart Orme will give a talk entitled

### Flag Fen to Must Farm

Peterborough has some of the most remarkable Bronze Age archaeology in the world, from the amazingly preserved prehistoric causeway at Flag Fen, to the incredible find of a burnt village dating back some 3,000 years at Must Farm.

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The meeting will be at 8pm in Comberton Village Hall.

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### Comberton library

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### Coming Up!

Science Week event on **Wednesday 13**<sup>th</sup> **March, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.** Come along and discover what Comberton Library is doing in Science week? A chance to explore science in a fun way.

### Weekly activities

**Knit and Natter** group continue to meet in Comberton Library, 10.30am – 11.30am. February dates; 19<sup>th</sup>. March dates: 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and then every other Monday onwards. Newcomers are warmly welcome.

Come and sing along, **Rhymetime**, 10.30am - 11.00am for children between 0 to 4 years of age. March dates: 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, come and join the First Steps Library Club, aged 0 - 4 years.

**Its Lego Time**, every Saturday with Duplo. Come and have fun building. All children accompanied by an adult. It is a free event.

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Greetings Neighbours,

Hope your year has started well.

Meridian Primary School has had an enjoyable few weeks leading up to the February half term.

### Year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum Trip and Meridian Ancient Egyptian Museum

Year 3 students explored Ancient Egyptian artefacts at the Fitzwilliam Museum on 12th January. Guided by a museum educator, they learned to decipher these artefacts, from sarcophagi to tomb items, gaining insights into Ancient Egyptian beliefs and life. Inspired, they created their own artefacts for a Meridian Ancient Egyptian museum on 14th February, which all classes visited.

### Meridian won in the CB23 Public Speaking Competition on Thursday 18th January

Year 5 children wrote speeches on "Space exploration or deep-sea exploration?". Nicholas was put forward to represent the school in the Public Speaking Competition Final organised by CB23 Network and Peterhouse, University of Cambridge, clinching the Best Speaker title in the Year 5 and 6 group among 18 participants from 10 schools in Southwest Cambridge. A great achievement!

### Year 6 Cambridgeshire English Challenge 2024 on Thursday 25th January

Four Year 6 children represented the school in the Cambridgeshire English Challenge 2024. Competing against 10 schools, Meridian came third. The children showcased teamwork, knowledge of books, poem recitation, grammar, and text comprehension. Well done Team Meridian!

### Years 3 and 6 Bikeability

Our Years 3 and 6 children received bikeability cycle training, a national programme fostering cycling skills and confidence. Year 3 children practiced level 1 training on 26th January, mastering pedal control, braking, and road safety basics. From 29th January to 1st February, Year 6 children underwent four-day level 1 and 2 training, learning road cycling essentials. The instructors were very impressed with the children's dedication and good manners!.

#### Peruvian Students Visit on Wednesday 7th February

We had the pleasure of hosting a special visit by 15 Peruvian students and 2 teachers who are learning alongside students at Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges. They brought the vibrant culture of the Republic of Peru to life with a delightful assembly, featuring traditional music and joyful dances, enjoyed by all our children. Additionally, they took the opportunity to share insights into their heritage and customs from their country with our KS2 students. During their visit, they spent time interacting with children from Years 1 to 6 in classes, fostering cultural exchange and global understanding. It was a truly enriching experience for everyone involved, and gave us a glimpse of wonderful country.

#### Special Pancake School Dinner

Our children enjoyed a special pancake menu for school dinners on Shrove Tuesday 13th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs Carole Etchie and Everyone Headteacher at Meridian



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### **DATES FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY**

Our first event of the new season will be the Spring Plant Sale in May where we hope to sell you lots of fine plants to nurture and then perhaps to exhibit in the Autumn Show! The Sale will again be on a Sunday morning and in the Village Hall.

Our full diary is set out below:-

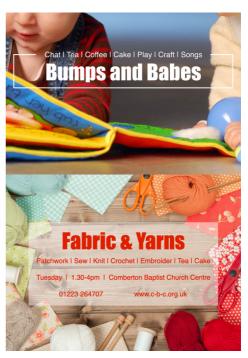
**Spring Plant Sale** – Sunday 12th May 10.30 am – Village Hall **Summer Barbecue** – Saturday 6th July 6.00pm – Long Road Allotments

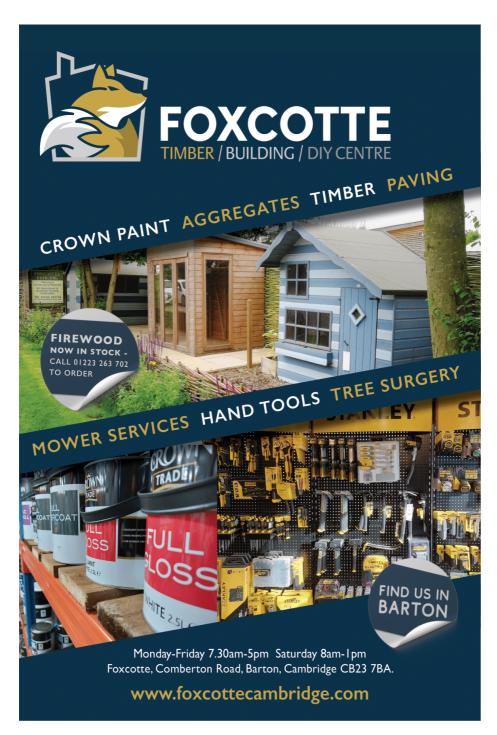
**Autumn Show** – Saturday 14th September - Meridian School **Annual General Meeting** – Friday 22nd November 7.30pm – Village Hall

**Best Kept Allotment** – Our policy is to alternate the award between the two allotment sites, so this year the trophy will be awarded to the Best Kept Allotment on the South Street patch.

Robin Worship; CAGA Secretary (<a href="mailto:robin.worship7@gmail.com">robin.worship7@gmail.com</a>)







## A Roof-top View

The lead on St Mary's church roof is 100 years old - and it leaks! According to a survey paid for by the Friends of St Mary's (FOSM), and carried out by H. Austwick Ltd in mid-December, water can get in because there are several kinds of faults.

As a result of age, linear weaknesses in the lead have fractured and so have some welds. Lead flashings have detached from the parapet walls because the lime mortar and flintstones have loosened or broken up.

See photo: When a lead sheet overlap was lifted during inspection, wet roof timbers were revealed.

As weather becomes more violent, we can expect this water ingress to worsen. The survey concluded that the roof could be made to last 15 to 20 years more\* if work is carried out now. The repair work will start on the Tuesday after Easter ( 2nd April).



Austwick also recommend

that a direct inspection of the roof be made as part of each five-year inspection of the Church Fabric. This Quinquennial Inspection itemises any faults in the fabric of the Church building and ranks the urgency of repair. An Inspection is due in April this year. Will there be any unpleasant surprises?

So, the clock is now officially ticking. Members of FOSM are being alerted. A new nave roof would cost around £200,000. Will we want to have solar panels? The matter has not yet been researched or discussed.

There are churches that raise funds by holding an Annual Beer Festival – St. Ives Parish Church and Fenstanton Parish Church are local examples. Some members of the FOSM Committee have been out to "sample" these Festivals. St. Mary's Comberton PCC is in favour of hosting a Beer Festival provided neighbours and interested parties are kept informed. However, the year 2024 may not be the best time to rally our Members and the community to help us out. The Three Horseshoes relaunch is only just beginning to get established.

It might not be long before we need a fund-raising initiative on a much larger scale than at present. We will require more people and much more energy. Often both arise in response to a crisis and we can see that crisis coming from our own roof top view!

Can we prepare for that day? Will you join us?

David R Hughes C

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### We need help with:

- helping serve refreshments
- helping taking the money and giving out leaflets
- and helping to guide groups of visitors around the mill.

Training will be given for the guiding role and there will be an opportunity to shadow experienced guides initially.

If you can only help on a few of the dates, we would still be very interested to hear from you.



Saturday 11th May 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 12th May 11am - 1p.m. and/or 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 23rd June 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th July 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th August 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 15th September 2-4.30 p.m.

Contact Kate Armstrong on <a href="mailto:cfm.armstrong@gmail.com">cfm.armstrong@gmail.com</a> or 07926 359098.

### **Comberton Cricket Club**

Comberton Cricket Club is looking for new members for the 2024 season. Whether you are new to the sport, an experienced player or would like to get back into cricket after some time away from the game our club welcomes you!

We have a Saturday team playing in a local league and are also planning some Sunday friendlies. The season runs from May to September and we will be holding pre-season indoor nets from February onwards.

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# Wednesday 20th March 2024

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# Comberton Parish Council **Bulletin - March 2024**



This is the second edition of the Parish Council Bulletin, aimed at improving our communications towards residents.

The Parish Council new website is up and running. Please visit https://combertonpc.gov.uk/ regularly for agendas and minutes of our meetings and updates on our work, as well as contact details.





vacancies!

Jessie Brewer started as our new clerk in January. She has been busy reading through hundreds and hundreds of emails received in the past few months, and significant improvements in communication are already visible.

Two new councillors have just joined the Parish Council. We still have three

Please be patient during the transition period.



We really need your help to deliver improvements to the village. Did you know you can also join one of our working groups without becoming a Parish Councillor? We particularly need help for the Pavilion and the Recreation Ground working groups. Drop the clerk an email if you are interested.

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# Parish Council Bulletin (continued)

The Parish Council is applying to extend the 20 mph proposed by the Greenways so that it covers all streets currently at 30 mph. To strengthen the application, we are looking for examples of difficulties walking or cycling on South Street, Royston Lane and Green End, and evidence of incidents involving a motor vehicle on those streets. We are also keen on any speedwatch data from the village. Please get in touch by emailing the clerk by 10th March if you have any information to share.

The Parish Council has voted its budget for 2024-25. Unfortunately, we have had higher than expected expenses this year due to vandalism on the recreation ground and increased energy bills. As a result, we have had to slightly increase our budget. This will include the installation of CCTV on the recreation ground. We have not increased the precept for several years, but with increased costs, including utilities, and the need for CCTV, we have had to increase the precept this year. This will result in an increase of about £5.70 per year (or 47 pence a month) for a Band D household.

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# Comberton Luncheon Club

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# Parish Council Bulletin (continued)

What does the Parish Council budget cover?

 The salaries of the clerk and the handyman;

• Pavilion expenditure such as utilities, insurance and maintenance;

- Grass cutting and tree maintenance;
- Maintenance of street furniture (bins, benches, information boards, etc.);
- Playground and recreation ground maintenance;
- Various service costs (website, audits, insurance, subscriptions and professional fees).

We have very little income except for the precept. Our other sources of funding include the Village Hall and Pavilion rent and grants from the County Council.

We are now collecting data regarding flooding in Comberton. An online form is available on the Parish Council website. This data will help us contact relevant agencies.

You can report any event from 1st Jan 24. Please remember to also report flooding via the County Council website (search "report flooding Cambridgeshire")

Cllr Claire Michel, Vice-chair

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Wed of each month at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Residents can attend the full meeting and the first 15 min are reserved for their comments





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The speaker at our January meeting was Becky Proctor who spoke about the History of The Royal Papworth Hospital. Becky gave a very interesting talk talking about when Papworth Hospital first opened in 1918 to the current day.

Our February meeting was our Annual Meeting with end of year reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and election of the Committee. We ended with tea and cake.

The speaker at our meeting on 12th March will be Ray Munden talking about Enchanted India.

Our meetings start at 8pm and are held at Comberton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month except for August when we have an outing.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Sue Lewis Comberton WI



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\*Additional information for groups:

- 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 1st January.

More information, including hall availability, can be found at www.combertonvillagehall.org

To make a booking contact the Village Hall Administrator, Janice Sutton at <a href="mailto:combertonvillagehall@gmail.com">combertonvillagehall@gmail.com</a> or on 07435 324408 (9am to 9pm).

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