

# COMBERTON CONTACT SEPTEMBER 2024



## Harvest Thanksgiving

*at St Mary's Church*

**15 September**

*9.30 am  
a service for all ages*

*Followed by  
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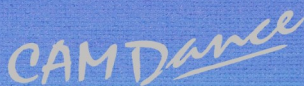
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The logo for CAM Dance features the text 'CAM Dance' in a stylized, handwritten font. 'CAM' is in a light blue color and 'Dance' is in a darker blue color, with a thin blue underline beneath the word 'Dance'.

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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	3.40pm - 5.35pm	Children's Street Dance Classes	MS
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
Tuesday	6.45pm - 7.30pm	ChaSamba Adult Fitness	MS
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	BC
Wednesday	5.30pm-6.30pm	Pilates Class - book via <a href="http://www.faybpilates.co.uk">www.faybpilates.co.uk</a>	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                      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 <https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/decisions-meetings/agendas-and-minutes>

## Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Blue/Green
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Black
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Blue/Green
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Black
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Blue/Green
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Black



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## From the Editor

The somewhat intermittent summer seems to be coming to an end and the days are starting to shorten. I do hope you've had an opportunity for a break over the summer and are refreshed for the months ahead.

There's plenty going on in Comberton, including the 71<sup>st</sup> Gardens and Allotments Association Autumn show on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. And there's still time for young people to participate in the Comberton Litter Pick - with the top three pickers being awarded vouchers in the October Parish Council meeting. See the Parish Council bulletin on page 25 or the rear cover for more details.

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## Comberton Village Website

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# Village Help Scheme

## Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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09 September 2024	Joan Wells	01223 262746
16 September 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
23 September 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
30 September 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
07 October 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073

### **Please Note**

With the closure of the Butchers payments should now be made at the pub.

More drivers are **URGENTLY** required for this essential service.

For more information please contact

Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073



## **Comberton Luncheon Club**

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St Mary's Church  
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**Sunday 15th  
September  
at 12.30pm  
in the Church**



**Bring & Share  
Harvest lunch**

## Activities



Every Wednesday at 11am - **Men's Shed** at Madingley Hall

Sunday 15th Sept at 9.30am - **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Thursday 26th Sept at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea** at Comberton Village Hall

## Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 1st Sept at 9.30am - **Holy Communion & Baptism**

Sun 8th Sept at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 22nd Sept at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**



## Lordsbridge Team Services

Sun 29th Sept - 8.30am - **BCP Holy Communion** at Toft Church

Sun 29th Sept - 10.30am - **Intergenerational Team Service** at Haslingfield



## 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**



## Quiet Prayer

Our church building is usually open from  
7.30am-4pm for visits & individual prayer.

## On-line Giving

We can now accept on-line donations;  
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St Mary's Church, Comberton

**For information about Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals,**  
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http://

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# September Challenge

## Sponsored by the Comberton Co-Op

All of this months answers have a close affinity to water (sea, river or pond).

- Sam ..... Calamity Jane's friend (4)
- Amy ..... Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael and Donatello are all one of these (8)
- Frank ..... "Stupid Boy" (4)
- ..... Sky Caballa in Barcelona (8)
- James ..... Monstro (5) Clue: Talk Radio
- Ted ..... 's A laugh on 1954 radio (3)
- John ..... St. Pierre or Peter's fish (4)
- Albert ..... A BB opera (7)
- ..... Mark of the third son in heraldry (6)
- ..... Front end of a French Horse (5)
- ..... Jet's rivals in West Side Story (6)
- ..... The under-surface of a golf club (4)
- ..... Ray Barrett commanded this in 1964 (8)
- ..... Sprattus Sprattus (9)
- ..... Creature with three hearts and blue blood (7)
- Julian ..... Famous classical guitarist (5)
- Nicola ..... Ex first minister of Scotland (8)
- ..... A cleaner (4)
- ..... Bird weighing up to 77lb and up to 3'7" tall (7)
- ..... and to finish, chance a lot (10) Anagram

Entries please to CO-OP store no later than 14th September. The very 'norty' prize of wine and chocolates generously donated by the store goes to the first correct entry out of the hat.

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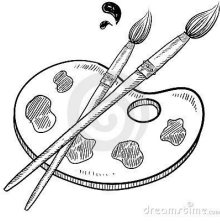
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It's 'Comberton Autumn Show' time again! Our 71st Show is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Meridian Primary School.

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 Local Post Offices*), 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](mailto:combertonshow@gmail.com) or delivered to the Show Secretary, they must be pre-booked by the evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** A mixed bag of weather again, this year we went from deluge to drought, a complete reversal of last year, but a lot of plants are looking very healthy, some maybe a bit later than usual which should be good for the Show. However, prime condition or not, try an entry, the weather has been the same for everyone and 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 without any outside competition.

**Cookery and Preserves:** There are **11** cookery classes including one set recipe for a '*Chocolate & Sultana Tiffin*' 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 '*Coffee & Walnut Cake*' to a set recipe.

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**Handicraft:** Again **10** 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.** In 2002 we had a magnificent display of artwork in our adult classes, the most entries I can ever remember but last year we had relatively few of you talented people enter. As previous shows and last year's art exhibition showed there is some amazing talent out there so please come and share it with us at the Show, be you an accomplished or budding artist.

**Childrens' Art:** There are **4** subjects for your children to choose from: *'Olympic Sport'*; *Wild Life in the Hedgerow'*; *'On the Farm'* or *'Weather'*. Paintings are judged in 5 different age categories so a child 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 *'Weather'*; *'Wild Life in the Garden'* and *Falling Water'* and for the children *'My Favourite Animal'*; 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 Plate'*.

**Home Made Wines:** There are **6** classes and the public will be lining up in the afternoon to taste the entries. Last year Peter Allerton stepped up from regular exhibitor to be the judge and we welcome him back to that really difficult role again!

Full details of the Show, entry procedure and classes are in the **Show Brochure**; but whether you submit an entry or not please come along in the afternoon and see the talent that exists in your village, there's plenty to inspire!

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# Comberton Parish Council Bulletin - September 2024



Rev'd Chris Westgarth left the Parish Council in July. Chris had served on the Parish Council for 25 years, including many years as Chair. We are indebted

to her for her time and dedication over the years. Thank you Chris!

We are delighted that several residents have been co-opted to the Parish Council in recent months, especially as these are entirely voluntary roles. As this bulletin goes to print, we have only one vacancy! Please contact the clerk if you are interested in joining us.



Parish Councillors have talked to several residents about the issues they face with sewage: toilets backing up, sewage spills in wet rooms and in gardens, and drainage issues. We are still collating evidence to build a case. If any sewage issue affects you, please fill in the online form (<https://tinyurl.com/4sud93xh>) or contact the clerk. Copies of email exchanges with Anglian Water and pictures/videos are particularly helpful.





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## Parish Council Bulletin (continued)



The first phase of the Comberton Greenway has been delivered. It included two new zebra crossings, a 20 mph limit on Barton Road and West Road, several raised tables, and some junction modifications to help pedestrians crossing roads and to reduce speeds in the village. We thank you for your patience during the roadworks.

The next phase of the Comberton Greenway will not take place for a while although speed reduction measures on Long Road may be fast-tracked. Note that from 27th of August 2024 the Greenway team will be out on site undertaking ground investigation surveys in and around Comberton. The data collected from these surveys will be used to inform the civil design of the Greenways. All landowners impacted have been made aware. The surveys will last approximately 4 weeks in total.



Please also note that, as part of the Barton Greenways, road works will soon begin on the A603 (Barton Road) between Junction 12 and the entrance to Cambridge. The works will predominately be undertaken under temporary traffic light control between 9am-3.30pm.

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## Parish Council Bulletin (continued)

The Parish Council handyman has recently replanted the sensory garden on Harbour Avenue. If you live in the area, we would be very thankful if you could sometimes water the plants during dry spells, particularly while the plants are not established. We hope you enjoy this improved area.



The Parish Council ran a litter picking scheme this summer for young people. Families or friends could collect litter picking equipment and picture themselves with their results. All participants will get a certificate, and the three pickers collecting the most litter will be presented with an Amazon voucher at the October Parish Council meeting. There is still time to participate! Contact the clerk for information.

*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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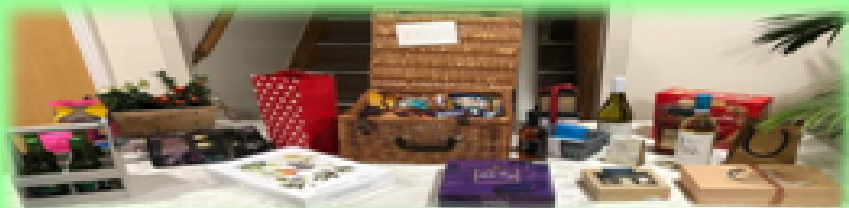


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Membership in the library is free. If you believe your library card has expired, come on over and register or re-join; there is no cost. We are very excited to see you! There are also free resources like computers in libraries, e-books, e-audiobooks, and books.

### Coming Up!



Summer Reading Challenge **TREASURE HUNT** is still on. Come drop in and enjoy the trail, searching for the Marvellous Makers characters.

Drop-in and enjoy a selection of board games on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** 3 – 4.30pm. Free event!

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August** at 10.30am – 12.30pm. Marvellous Makers, Creative Arts – **Summer Reading Challenge**. Free event.

Celebrating Summer Reading Awards Ceremony, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 4-5pm with refreshments.

### Weekly activities

**Knit and Natter** group continue to meet in Comberton Library, 10.30am – 11.30am August dates: 19<sup>th</sup>. September dates: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October dates: 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Then every other Monday onwards. Newcomers are always very welcome to complete your own projects or participate in group activities.

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Peter our current chair was joined by Hywel ( chair from 2013 -2017) to cut the celebration cake and we all enjoyed a few glasses of fizz. Long may the club continue.

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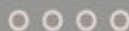
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