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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)	СР
Monday	9.45am - 11am	Comberton Walkers	ВС
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 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
Tuesday	6.45pm - 7.30pm	ChaSamba Adult Fitness	MS
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	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 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
BC = Baptist Church
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 https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/decisions-meetings/agendas-and-minutes

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 5th December
Thursday 12th December
Blue/Green
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Blue/Green

Friday 27th December
Thursday 2nd January
Thursday 9th January
Thursday 16th January
Blue/Green

Thursday 23rd January Black Thursday 30th January Blue



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From the Editor

There is plenty of shared celebration and activity to keep us cheery during the festive season, in spite of the dark evenings and often miserable weather. Whether you fancy singing carols in our pub or churches, walking around the village viewing the advent windows or joining the Comberton Twinning Winter Party to shake off the January blues, our village has plenty to offer.

On a more serious note, don't forget to attend the East-West rail consultation meeting in the Village Hall on 10th January - this is our chance to have a say. For further information see the Parish Council bulletin on page 15.

It would also be helpful if you could complete the Parish Council nature recovery wildlife survey on pages 20-21.

With best wishes for the festive season.



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Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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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

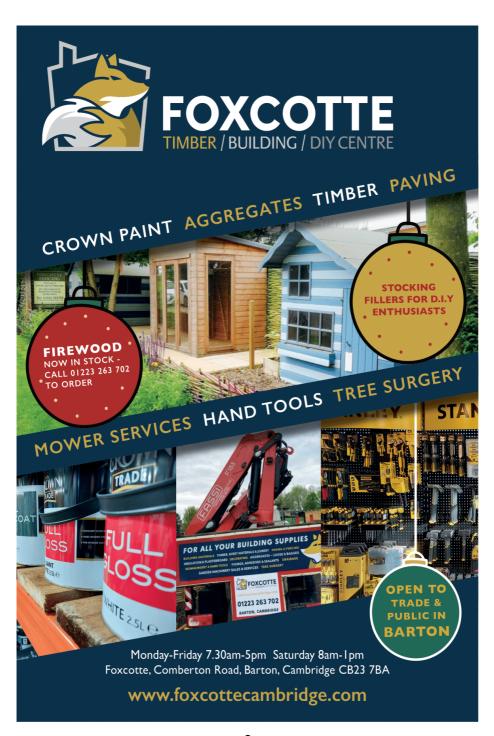


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13 December 2024 - Hare & Hounds, Harston (Christmas Lunch) 31 January 2025 - Red House, Arrington

All lunches are at 12:30 pm

Please feel free to join us - just call Frances on 01223 264230



The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

In the Benefice of The Lordsbridge Team



Christmas Eve at 3.00pm



Crib Service

Come dressed as your favourite nativity character!

Activities



Every Wednesday (not 25th or 31st) at 11am - **Men's Shed** at Madingley Hall
Sun 29th Dec at 8.30am - **Lordsbridge Team Morning Praye**r at Dry Drayton
10.30am - **Lordsbridge Team Holy Communion** at Barton

Christmas Events



Sun 1st Dec at 3.00pm - **Christingle Service**Sun 15th Dec at 6.30pm - **Candlelit Carol Service**Christmas Eve at 11.15pm - **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day at 9.30am - **Christmas Communion**Christmas Day at 10.00am - **Lordsbridge Zoom Worship** (link below)

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building



Sun 1st Dec at 9.30am - Holy Communion
Sun 8th Dec at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sun 22nd Dec at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion 9.30am - 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



Quiet Prayer

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

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Morning Prayer

On-line Tuesdays at 9.30am (See link below)



Compline

On-line Wednesdays at 8.00pm (See link below)



Activities

Every Wednesday (not 1st) at 11am - **Men's Shed** at Madingley Hall Thursday 23rd Jan at 2.30pm - **Oasis Teas** in Comberton Village Hall



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 5th Jan at 9.30am - **Morning Worship** Sun 12th Jan at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sun 19th Jan at 9.30am - Holy Communion
Sun 26th Jan at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion
9.30am - Holy Communion



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The list below shows where a new window will be revealed on each day. If you have missed the list but would still like to take part, please display a window at any time through December to join in the fun.

December... Location

1st 15 Harbour Avenue 2nd 16 Green End

3rd 3 Milner Road

4th 82 Swaynes Lane

5th Three Horseshoes, 22 South Street

6th 55 The Valley
7th 61 Long Road
8th 89 Barrons Way
9th 2 Fox's Way
10th 55 Hillfield Road

11th 1 St Thomas Close12th Comberton Playgroup, Green End

13th 44 Morris Close 14th 8 Burdeley's Way 15th 20 Tebbit's Way 16th 116 Barton Road 17th 7 Thornbury

18th20 Burdeley's Way19th91 Barrons Way20th93 Swaynes Lane

21st Berry Cottage, 7 West Street

22nd 25 The Valley 23rd 49 Bush Close 24th 85 Barton Road

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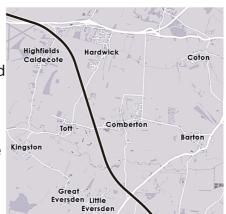
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A non-statutory consultation on East West Rail opened on 14th Nov, closing on 24th January.

Please visit https://
eastwestrail.co.uk to review
the consultation materials and
fill in a feedback form.
This project will have a
significant impact on the
village and it is crucial you are
fully informed and you get
your views heard.



Below is a list of consultation events.

- Local in-person consultation events: Great Shelford, Shelford Rugby Club, 22/11/2024, 2pm - 7pm Cambourne, Cambridge Belfry, 3/12/2024, 2pm - 7pm Comberton, Comberton Village Hall, 10/01/25, 2pm - 7pm Cambridge, The Clayton Hotel, 18/01/25, 12pm - 5pm Cherry Hinton, St Andrews, 21/01/25, 2pm - 7pm
 - Online events (links on EWR website):
- 20 November 2024, 2:30pm 4:30pm
- 10 December 2024, 6pm 8pm
- 9 January 2025, 10am 12pm







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Parish Council Bulletin (continued)



Cllr Michel and Cllr Haslop met with two Police Community Service Officers (PCSO) to discuss recent occurrences of crime and anti-social behaviour. Most issues we reported had already been investigated and acted upon.

The PCSOs would like to remind residents that all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police by calling 101 or visiting www.cambs.police.uk. The police does not monitor social media and cannot act if incidents are not reported directly to them. Similarly, the Parish Council can only consider matters raised directly via the clerk's email address or Parish Council meetings. If someone is seriously injured, in immediate danger, or if there is a threat to public safety, please call 999.

It is likely that the Endurance/retirement village planning application for 200 dwellings in Comberton will be considered at a District Council Planning Meeting on 15th January 2025 at the South Cambridgeshire Hall in Cambourne. We have been told that the Planning Committee takes note of strong public attendance at such meetings.



There will be a series of road closures on Swaynes Lane and South Street end January and early February to install Fibre-to-thehome. Please refer to our website for details.

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Parish Council Bulletin (continued)

Congratulations to Millie Bigam, pictured right, who has been awarded our star litter picker, as part of the Litter Pick Scheme! She was awarded her prize during November's Parish Council meeting. Rubbish hoops and pickers can be borrowed from the Parish Council. Contact the clerk for more details.



SPEED LIMIT 20

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Comberton residents interested in running a Community Speedwatch in the village should get in touch with the clerk.

In cold weather, the village pond surface might freeze. If this happens, it is crucial that nobody, particularly no child, steps on the frozen surface as the ice could crack and they may fall through.



Cllr Claire Michel, Vice-chair

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

Parish Council clerk: clerk@comberton-pc.gov.uk
Website: https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/

Nature Recovery; Parish Survey

The Parish Council has established a working group to support nature recovery in the village. The initiative is a response to the Environment Act 2021 which imposes a statutory duty on local government to help nature in England and Wales. Our group is working in the community with farmers, landowners, schools and local businesses.

One of the most important habitats in the village is our gardens. This survey aims to find out about garden wildlife in Comberton and how residents feel about nature. Could you please fill it in? **and return to the Village Hall mailbox** (which is by the entrance to the car park) **by 15**th **December**. All replies are anonymous, although we invite you to give us your contact details if you want to stay in touch with the initiative. To expand your answers, please attach a separate piece of paper.

1. Wildlife in your garden

The village supports a wide variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects and plants. What is the most exciting wildlife that you have seen in (or from!) your garden within the past two years? (please tick all that apply and add any others that excite you).

Hedgehogs		yes/ no
Bats		yes/ no
Foxes		yes/ no
Badgers		yes/ no
Frogs or toads		yes/ no
Swifts		yes/ no
Swallows or hous	se martins	yes/ no
Butterflies		. yes/ no
Moths		. yes/ no
Bumblebees		. yes/ no
Newts		. yes/ no
Wild flowers (e.g	. cowslips, orchids)	. yes/ no
Please list other:	species you see	

Please tell us one thing that you particularly like about nature where you live

2. Actions to support wildlife Do you do anything specific to support wildlife in your garden? (Tick all that apply and add any others you can suggest). Do you watch wildlife in your garden? yes/no Do you feed birds or have a birdbath? yes/no Is there a bird nestbox? yes/no Is there a garden pond? yes/no Do you leave grass long (e.g. 'No-mow May'). yes/no Is there an old or very big tree? (what kind?). yes/no Are there other things? (please write what)
3. Additional information Do you have any ideas on how to improve 'nature' around the village.
Are you interested in joining or leading nature recovery projects in Comberton? yes / no If 'yes', what would you like to do?
Name of your road (we ask this so we can compare different parts of the village):
Please give your name and email to receive updates about the Nature Recovery Network. [NB: by completing this section you agree to the network using your personal details in open forum with other supporters]
Name Email: The Parish Council Nature Recovery group comprises Beverley Page and James Miles (Parish Council), Robert Cook, Mark Collins, Mike Crosby, Paul Hardy, Francine Hughes, Elizabeth O'Beirne-Ranelagh and Chris Westgarth.

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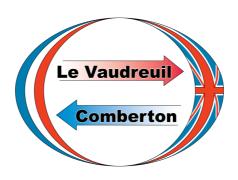
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Saturday 25th January '25 at 6.30 pm - 10.00 pm Tickets £10 per adult (children free).

As we do not have a bar, please bring a bottle.

There will be the chance to meet existing members, enjoy snacks, games, sing-a-long and musical interludes plus a raffle.

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Greetings Neighbours,

Meridian Primary School has had an enjoyable few weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday. Some great learning experiences has been off school site.

Netball Tournament on Thursday 17th October

Fifteen members of the Years 5 and 6 Meridian netball teams participated in a tournament at Comberton Village College on Thursday 17th October. This event provided them with a valuable opportunity to compete against other local teams. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the tournament. There were seven teams in League A, and Meridian placed fifth (red vest team). In League B, there were four teams, and Meridian secured second place (yellow vest team). Congratulations to the Meridian netball teams on their achievement!

School Fun Run - Fundraising for The Lisa Kent Trust and Meridian on Thursday 24th October

What a fantastic morning we had at the Meridian Fun Run on Thursday 24th October! All classes participated in the event, starting their run on the rec and finishing on the school field. An amazing £290.05 was raised. A portion of these funds will go to the Lisa Kent Trust to sponsor our two children, Ba Kemo and Alasan Keita, who attend 'The Lisa Kent Meridian Cycle School'. Additionally, we will be using some of the money to improve our school playground equipment. The aim of the Fun Run was to promote enjoyment and wellbeing while encouraging children to be active. It was a fantastic event filled with excitement, laughter and lots of encouragement. A huge well done to all the Meridian children who took part!

Non-school Uniform Day on Friday 8th November

The School Council brought us a fantastic Non-Uniform Day on Friday 8th November! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. The funds £172.68 raised will be split, with half going towards an end-of-year treat for the children and the other half being donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. Thank you for your support.

Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11th - Friday 15th November 2024)

We had a busy and meaningful Anti-Bullying Week. We were delighted to welcome Ewan Tester from Cambridge United Community Trust, who delivered a fantastic assembly on the theme of 'respect'. This assembly aligned perfectly with our Anti-Bullying Week focus. We also celebrated Odd Socks Day, where children wore their oddest socks to school. This fun activity encouraged individuality, kindness and a positive school environment.

Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 20th November

On Wednesday 20th November, forty Meridian children from Years 3 to 6 went to Wimpole to take part in the Big Schools' Cross Country Competition. There was lots of determination on display as the children took on the one mile course, which looped out around the estate. There were eight races on the day with a separate boys and girls' race for Years 3 to 6 with over a hundred and forty competitors in each race. All the Meridian runners really rose to the challenge, showing great determination and resilience as they ran the one mile course, which looped out around the estate. Twenty four schools took part. The Meridian team achieved some great individual and team performances. Our top thirty finishers on the day were: Daisy placed 18th in the Year 3 girls; Phoebe came 4th and Ada T came 17th in the Year 4 girls; Oliver came 33rd in the Year 4 boys; Alice came 11th in the Year 5 girls; George came 28th in the Year 5 boys; Bea came 15th in the Year 6 girls. A huge well done to the Meridian Team.

Kind regards

Mrs Laura Summerfield and Everyone
Interim Headteacher at Meridian

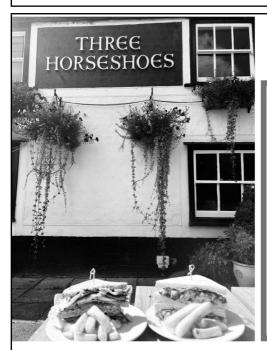


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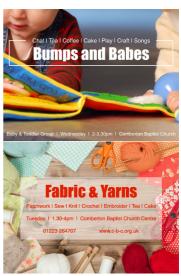
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An apology.....

Regrettably my old computer has a built in programming fault in that whenever the user attempts to enter SODBURY the computer mistakenly corrects this to SUDBURY !!! (If you believe this please be aware that I have a bridge for sale in New York. Offers?)

Regrettably again there is no CHIPPING SUDBURY with the result that any answer, or no answer, has been accepted. Sincere apologies , from the computer.

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Caledonia returns to St Mary's Church

Caledonia returned on the evening of Saturday 2nd November to give us a very special musical evening. It was their 2nd visit to St Mary's Church. Elsa and Gary opened with an amazing 'Amazing Grace' with Gary on church organ and Elsa on a set of Electronic Bagpipes! With rocking and lilting rhythms, we thrilled once again to their Western Isles originality. The



promise of dancing was realised as the nave and transept crowded with joyful promenading and spinning! Requests were invited from the floor for lesser known as well as popular songs, haunting, sad and happy.

I stood to thank Elsa and Gary for such wonderful music, instrumental brilliance and singing, and to thank the Reverend Chris Westgarth who has recently been appointed as our 'Associate Priest'. We are very proud of her! Chris organised the event and we raised nearly £800. Thank you Caledonia and thanks also to Combertonians, others from further afield - Abbots Langley, Baldock, Haslingfield – and those who made donations even though they could not attend.

I took the opportunity to explain that we were launching the New Roof Fund. The nave roof repair work was carried out in April 2024 by Austwicks. It has stopped the leaks now but they gave the old roof only 15 -20 years more. The count-down to 2040 has begun!

I hope you will visit and learn about St Mary's Church – an A* listed building – which we hope will host many more musical and social events in future. Please join the Friends of St Marys if you would like to support us.

David R Hughes, Chairman of FOSM

The Plant and Produce Stall at 80 West Street

Very many thanks to everyone who so generously donated plants, produce and money to the stall outside 80 West Street.

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Remembrance Day 2024

Thank you to the Women's Institute for the lovely display of poppies on the village sign and to the Playgroup for the amazing poppy paintings on their fence. Thanks also to John, standard bearer for the Royal British Legion, and Rex, who led the 2 minutes silence on the day. It was good to be there with the Comberton Walking Group to share in this act of remembrance of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.



Thank you to all the dedicated door to door collectors, the local businesses in Barton, Comberton and Toft, local Primary and Secondary schools and special thanks to Colin, Nathan and members of 693 Squadron reenactment group stationed at the Duck Pond. Despite the wet weather and other challenges, they raised the highest amount of £295.43, closely followed by Meridian Primary School who raised £294.30. The total raised for this district is £3,071.35. Thank you to all who supported this year's Poppy Appeal.

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Entries please to CO-OP store no later than 14th January 2025 please.

Man Shed

Firstly, may we say a thank you to Terry Jordan for the tool donations, we've already used the cordless tools to repair the church gate. The Comberton shed are planning on attending the St Mary's Church coffee morning (30/11) and the Comberton village hall Christmas fayre (7/12) with a table of items made by the shedders. If anyone requires some bird boxes or bird tables made and we are happy to undertake small items to make or repair please do come and have a chat.

Shedder Mike

Comberton WI

Our Speaker at the November meeting was Marion Leeper who spoke about Winnie Cobbs Car (first lady taxi driver).

Marion gave an excellent talk about the life and times of Winnie. Marion explained how from a very young age, Winnie was taught how to carry out car repairs and often had a spanner in her hand. Her interest in cars led to her eventually driving a taxi. Marion kept us all listening throughout due to her exceptional speaking skills.

Poppies at the Duck Pond - thank you to everyone who took the time to look at the cascade of knitted poppies fixed to our village sign. These were knitted by Members. Janet Sewell, one of our Members, led this very successful project, worked on throughout the year. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, 2 minutes silence was held round the Poppy cascade.

Our next meeting will be held on 10th December and will be our Christmas Celebration.

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

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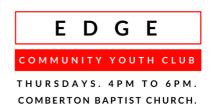
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