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## Regular dates for your diary

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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 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)	СР
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

- CVC = Comberton Village College MS = Meridian School

VH = Village HallOBC = Baptist ChurchMCP = 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 <a href="https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/decisions-meetings/agendas-and-minutes">https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/decisions-meetings/agendas-and-minutes</a>

### Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 7th November Thursday 14th November Thursday 21st November Thursday 28th November Thursday 5th December Blue/Green Black Blue/Green Black Blue/Green



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# Christingle Service

1<sup>st</sup> December, 3pm

## at St Mary's Church



All Welcome!

## From the Editor

Thank you for all your contributions this month, and apologies if I had to edit or couldn't fit your article in at all.

If you are short of something to do during the longer dark evenings why not consider creating an advent window - see the article on page 35.

There are plenty of other evening activities going on too in our village.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk



## **Comberton Village Website**

Regular updates are available at <u>www.comberton.org</u>

### **Local Government Contacts**

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For the following weeks:

28 October 2024	Joan Wells	01223 262746
04 November 2024	Joan Wells	01223 262746
11 November 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
18 November 2024	Gill Redman	01223 262246
25 November 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
02 December 2024	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073

### Please Note

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

More drivers are **<u>URGENTLY</u>** required for this essential service.

For more information please contact

Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073



29 November 2024 - The Black Horse, Dry Drayton 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

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# Christmas Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Comberton

### Activities



Every Wedneday at 11am - **Men's Shed** at Madingley Hall Saturday 2nd Nov at 7.30pm - **Caledonia in concert** at St Mary's Church Sunday 10th Nov at 10.50am - **Remembrance Sunday** Fri 22nd-Sun 24th Nov - **Art & Craft Exhibition** at St Mary's Church Sunday 24th Nov at 10.30am - **West of Cambridge Evangelical Service** at Comberton Leisure Thursday 27th Nov at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea at** Comberton Village Hall

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 3rd Nov at 9.30am – **Holy Communion** Sun 17th Nov at 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** 

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### 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; more information on our website.



Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Church, Comberton For information about Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals, please contact The Rev'd Chris Westgarth

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### Meridian Primary School Learning for Life; Striving for Excellence

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Greetings Neighbours,

Meridian Primary School has enjoyed a fantastic few weeks leading up to the Half Term, with some enriching learning experiences taking place off-site,

### Year 3 Team Building on Wednesday 18th September

Year 3 had a fantastic team-building morning. They participated in fun activities like Crossing the Swamp, Detective Squad, Light it Up, and a duck rescue. They displayed excellent teamwork skills. They were also excited for an orienteering course where they learned about mountain animals. Well done, Year 3!

#### A Heartwarming Harvest Assembly on Monday 30th September

In Harvest Assembly, we said thank you to for all the hardworking individuals who provide our food. Reverend Barnabas Leeke from St Mary's Church, Comberton joined us for this special occasion, sharing a meaningful message that encouraged us to reflect on the importance of others and the seasonal cycle of harvesting our food. It was a truly uplifting experience for our children.

#### Years 5 & 6 Play Leaders Training on Tuesday 1st October

Our Play Leaders plan and lead playground activities. They also work with House Captains on inter-house competitions. To become Play Leaders, Year 5 and 6 candidates applied and were selected to undergo training conducted by Mrs Alison Osborne, the South Cambridgeshire School Sports Partnership Play Leader Training Delivery Officer. We are proud of our Play Leaders for their dedication and commitment to making our school a positive place.

#### Outdoor Adventurous Activity Challenge on Thursday 3rd October

Twelve Meridian children from Years 3 and 4 competed in an exciting Team Challenge Event at Comberton Village College. Eighteen schools participated, organised by the South Cambs School Sports Partnership. Our children showcased their problem-solving and teamwork skills in five activities: Team Score, Vortex, School Games Orienteering, Problem Solving-Roller Ball and Battleships. They had a blast and demonstrated exceptional determination and teamwork.

#### Farewell to Teacher Trainee Students from Beijing Normal University on Friday 4th October

Five Chinese trainee teachers from Beijing Normal University completed a four-week placement at Meridian. They brought knowledge and enthusiasm to our school. Their contributions were invaluable, and we are grateful for their time here. They shared their experiences and insights, which will benefit new classroom practices. We wish these talented individuals all the best in their teaching careers.

#### Welcome to the House Captain Team

Every child at Meridian is part of a School House Team. Our four House Teams, named after space rockets, are Challenger (Red), Discovery (Green), Explorer (Purple) and Voyager (Sky). These teams are used for various activities and sporting competitions, including leading assemblies and Sports Day. Six House Captains were selected by Year 6 class teachers this year.

#### New School Councillors Onboard

The Meridian School Council is an essential body within our school that ensures every voice is heard and valued. Our school council is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views. Comprised of two students as Chairs from Year 6 and two students as members from each class, the council meets every Thursday with our Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher.

### CB23 Careers Convention for Year 5 on Tuesday 8th October

Our Year 5 children attended the CB23 Careers Convention at The Great Barn. They explored various careers, asked questions, and gained valuable insights. Thirteen primary schools participated, with 536 Year 5 pupils attending. There were 15 exhibitors, including 12 physical and 3 virtual stands. This event was a valuable learning experience.

Kind regards

Mrs Laura Summerfield and Everyone Interim Headteacher at Meridian

(Please visit our website - pupil section <u>https://www.meridianprimary.co.uk/topic/pupils</u> for full list of Play Leaders, School Councillors and House Captains.)



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# November Challenge

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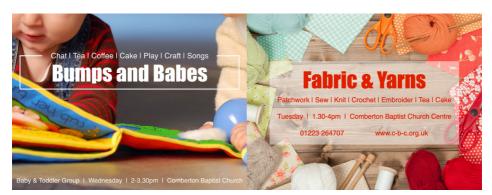
### You are halfway there already.....

I fully appreciate that you will all be very familiar with Nyke Champflower, Sheepy Magna and Wormelow Trump but can you complete the following? The vast majority can be described as local but one or two are situated further afield. Alternatives exist and will be accepted.

Mountfitchet	Piggots	Hatley
Parva	Abbey	Bonhunt
Orcas	Abbot	Everard
Wells	Gransden	Grey
Sudbury	Ongar	Walden
Morden	Теу	Drayton
Darcy	Ditton	End
Hadham	Bottom	Bulbeck
Prior	Lodge	Poges
Colville	Cum-Quy	Bumstead
Camps**	Ripton	Pelham
Norton	Ambo	Auckland
Abbots	Hill	All Saints.
Camps**	** Not a duplication	

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

Name/Address..





# **COMBERTON OPERA**

## At the Village Hall

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Andrina Baldock, Foot Health Practitioner, SAC Dip. FHPP FHPT Register for Foot Health Practitioners Member

# Comberton Parish Council Bulletin - November 2024



Andrew Hollick has recently left the Parish Council. We are extremely thankful for his many years of contribution, his extended knowledge of Comberton and, more recently, his work on improving the village pond.

The Parish Council has submitted its response to the Endurance planning application. You can read it on the Greater Cambridge Planning Portal (application 23/01448/OUT). Many thanks to all those that have contributed!

The Parish Council wants sewage issues to be resolved in Comberton. Recently, in the context of the Endurance Estate planning application, we have made an Environmental Information

Request with Anglian Water. The results of that request show that over 230 reports of sewage issues were made to Anglian Water in the past five years in Comberton. Please continue to report all such incidents to the water company to ensure there is a record of these issues.



The Parish Council has decided to have a Christmas tree with lights at the village pond this year. Together with Comberton Playgroup, we are making plans for a switch-on event. Please pencil in the 30th November at 5pm and check our website for updates.





# Parish Council Bulletin (continued)



Cambridgeshire County Council funds several Local Highway Improvement projects each year. The fund covers 90% of the costs of projects up to £25,000. Each Parish Council

can make one application per year. We would like the opinion of Comberton residents to prioritise a project for an application in 2024.

The four proposed projects are

- two Mobile Vehicle-Activated Signs to encourage decreased driving speeds,
- the reduction of the speed limit on Royston Lane from 60 mph to 40 mph,
- the installation of parking spaces on South Street to decrease on-road parking,
- the installation of white gateways at two entrances to the village.

Detailed information is available on the Parish Council website. You can vote until 15th Nov for your favourite project on https://forms.gle/ax6X9aTL2pWHqr5s6 or using the tear-out in Contact and bringing



it to a collection box at the Co-Op, pub, post office or in the Village Hall letter box.

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



Local Highway Improvements in Comberton Please circle your answers, tear out this page and drop it into a survey box at the pub, Co-Op, Post Office, or the Village Hall letter box. Thank you.

Are you a resident in Comberton?YesNoIf not, please let us know:<br/>Your residence town/city: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Do you travel to Comberton for work?YesNoDo you travel to Comberton for school drop-off/pick-up?NoYes, at Meridian Primary SchoolYes, at PlaygroupYes, at Comberton Village College

Do you support:

A- The purchase and installation of two Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) (flashing speed signs)

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

B- A reduction in speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph on Royston Lane, from St Mary's Church to the A603.

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

C -The installation of parking spaces on the eastern side of South Street from Swaynes Lane to Barton Road

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

D - The installation of white gateways at the entrances to the village on Barton Road and West Street.

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

How would you prioritise the	above projects (A-D)?
Top priority:	Third:
Second:	Fourth:

Do you have any comments?

Full details in transport section: https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/



### OR

Call the number above to speak to one of our friendly staff

## **Comberton Antiquarian Society**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th November at 8pm in the Village Hall when Allen Packwood will give a talk entitled

### **Churchill and D-Day**

Allen Packwood is a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, and the Director of the Churchill Archives Centre. He is recognised for his expertise on Churchill and has lectured extensively in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

## **Poppy Appeal Collection**

There will be a collection for the poppy appeal at the Duck Pond on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November. 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. There will be a small WW2 RAF display and the jeep will also be there. Please come along and support.



### SAVE THE DATE!

The Comberton Village Hall Christmas Fayre will be held on the morning of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

More details to follow next month but please put the date in your diary and come along.

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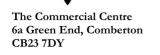




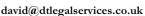


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SF	Small Faces	SD
BCR	Bay City Rollers	BF
GD	Grateful Dead	ELO
BG	Bee Gees	DD
CCR	Credence Clearwater	Revival
DS	Dire Straits	DP
FM	Fleetwood Mac	JT
BJ	Bon Jovi	DM
RB	Righteous Brothers	TH
DL	Def Leppard	GA
TFF	Tears For Fears	BEP
RS	Rolling Stones	HH
IM	Iron Maiden	EB

New Kids on the Block One Direction Led Zeppelin Black Sabbath **Red Hot Chilli Peppers** Steely Dan Bucks Fizz **Electric Light Orchestra** Duran Duran Velvet Underground VU Deep Purple Jethro Tull Depeche Mode Talking Heads Girls Aloud Black Eyed Peas Hermans Hermits **Everley Brothers** 

The winner is **Paul Deal** of Fox's Way.

West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service

Springs in the wilderness

All are welcome to join us for a morning of sung worship, prayer and a talk from our guest speaker Clare Miles on welcoming the stranger. A session for primary aged children will be run by GenR8.



Sunday 24th November 2024 10.30-11.45am Comberton Leisure, CB23 7DU

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Email Stella.hardwicke2274@hotmail.com

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came and bought cakes and raffle tickets. The coffee morning was held at The Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground in Barton on Saturday 28th September and raised £1634.50.

Barbara Segrave

### MINI ALLOTMENT

A small allotment, located behind the old village hall, approximately 4m x 3m, may be available for rent from January 2025.

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# Colin R Lattimore (1934-2024)

Colin never lived in Comberton, but his membership of the Comberton Antiquarian Society which he supported and promoted for several decades, ensured him many close friends in the village, which might have led some to believe otherwise. For many of those years he was the diligent and kindly President of the Society, retiring only relatively recently. Sadly, after a short deterioration in health, he died on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in Needingworth in the house to which he had lately moved to share with his son and family. The Society will miss him and in expressing their condolences, remind us here of some of his many achievements.

Dr. Colin Lattimore OBE JP BSc(Lond) MB MFPHM FSA DARCS, retired in 2017 as Director of Public Health in Huntingdon. He continued to work as a magistrate and Deputy Coroner for South and West Cambridgeshire until the last few years when ill health overtook him. He had been awarded his OBE in 2004 for services to English Decorative and Applied Fine Arts and for community services in Cambridge. Over the course of this varied and successful life he had been Master (1999) of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and Keeper of the Company Silver. Other appointments included President (1999) of the British Horological Institute and Keeper of Clocks and Watches at the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge, and he valued very much his election to Fellow of the Society of Antiguaries in 2017. His major interest lay in clocks which led to his well-received lecture "The History of the Long Case Clock" which he gave on numerous occasions. He wrote several books on subjects relating to antiques, including a definitive reference study "English Nineteenth Century Press-moulded Glass" (1979). He was an active member of the Bookplate Society who published his "Erotic Bookplates" (1990) as well as two further titles "The Bookplates of Miss C Helard and Other Related Matters" (2012). and a history of Ducal bookplates "Strawberry Leaves: an Account of Some Ducal Families and their Bookplates" (2017). He was struggling at the time of his death to complete a definitive reference work on antique tie pins of which he had a collection of well over 1000 examples. His collections in fact reflected his ubiquitous interests. From pop-up books to fine 18<sup>th</sup> century porcelain, from early 19<sup>th</sup> century bone rulers to carefully selected watercolours: a huge collection of watches and much more. A lot of his antique *miscellanea* were housed in two impressive vitrines which invited hands-on investigation.

He was an engaging and interesting speaker who over the years was a regular lecturer for a variety of societies. He was listed by the Arts Society, until recently known as NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies), for whom he travelled across UK over many years visiting various of the many societies in the association. Never a member of NADFAS, the Comberton Antiquarian Society was founded independently just over 50 years ago. From soon after Its inauguration Colin became involved, giving many lectures from his wide knowledge of antiques and eventually becoming, as noted above, President of the Society. Despite his many other activities he continued to give unfailing support to the Society's activities well into his last decade until his refirement two years ago. His wife Isobel predeceased him on Christmas Eve 2020. She had been an equally staunch supporter of this Society and equally qualified in her own right in fields similar to Colin's, being a Liveryman of not only the Clockmakers Company but also of the Worshipful Company of Broderers. Together they had been deeply involved in the preservation of these ancient Companies and the associated skills within the City of London. They leave two children Ian and Angela, their eldest daughter Fiona having died tragically some forty or so years ago.

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# Walking to our Twin Village in France!

To mark the 25th anniversary of the twinning of Comberton and Le Vaudreuil in Normandy, Comberton resident Daniel Clark walked from England to France. An experienced long distance walker Daniel said "there is no organised walking route between our two villages, so it took a bit of time to create something, but it was a good walk and hopefully it added a little something to the event in Le Vaudreuil".



From the 1950s, twinning aimed to help relations between European nations. After initial exploration by two Comberton families in 1998, Le Vaudreuil was chosen to be the twin village for Comberton as it is also near a university city, is of similar size and was near enough to enable long weekend visits. The first twinning ceremony took place in Comberton in September 1999 when the twinning Charter was signed. Since then, there have been annual visits from each village to the other, continuing despite Brexit! Our 2024 visit was 20-22nd September, close to when we signed the charter 25 years ago.

Whilst 29 members of Comberton Twinning Association arrived by coach, Daniel arrived by foot: "I quite enjoy A to B treks, but this one was a little different. Most long-distance walks have guidebooks or route apps that lay out the route for you and provide a lot of information supporting your walk. I had to piece together a route to take me from Comberton, south through London, across on a ferry and then onward into France. The walk took 12 days, including a half day of sightseeing in Rouen. My nights were a mixture of single night B&B type accommodations and a few wild camping nights."



"I've walked in the company of bears and snakes on the Appalachian Trail, watched daily sunrises on sea cliffs on the South West Coast Path and walked across sands at low tide to Lindisfarne; but this was a little different. There was much more walking on concrete than I was used to. Once in France my route included part of the medieval Chasse Marée fish trail. The route had fixed dates for the sea crossing and my arrival in Le Vaudreuil. Fixed dates are not something long distance hikers are used to!"

We look forward to see how the Valderoliens arrive in 2025 – maybe look out for bicycles? For more info see <u>http://CombertonTwinning.org.uk</u>.

## **Comberton Advent Windows Needs You!**

Over the past few years the village has run an advent windows event. Each day of advent a new window is revealed, creating a trail and bringing some cheer and fun in the run up to Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to create a window this year. If you would like to be involved please email <u>julietdb@googlemail.com</u> with your house number and street name by November 14th.

### Frequently asked questions

### Do I need to have a big window?

Not at all – we've seen everything from every front window of a house to just one quarter of a small kitchen window and they're all just as delightful to discover. All you need is a window that can be seen from the street.

### I'm not at all creative - I can't do a window!

That's not a question. But anyone can do a window. If you are stuck there are lots of ideas online and you can use anything from window crayons, to cut-outs, to things balanced on the windowsill. And everyone is creative in some way – sign up and you might surprise yourself.

### Does it have to light up?

Because we are entering the season of dark evenings, it's really nice if your window can be seen when it's dark. This can be achieved by adding some light or fairy lights to the display or leaving a light on in the room – it's really effective to combine tissue paper with sugar paper with a room light behind.

### How long do I have to leave it up for?

Your window should be ready from 7pm on your day until December 27th (for those who want to do the whole trail in one go).

Look out for the list of windows in the next issue of Contact and happy window spotting!

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# **Comberton Men's Shed**

This month the Comberton shedders visited the Letchworth manshed based on the Standalone open farm in a converted pigsty. The Letchworth group had several projects going including a pumpkin display rack and repairs to a horse drawn cart. We picked up some ideas for laying out our own shed plus advice on insurance, health and safety; there was also a very handy cafe on site for more tea and biscuits. A big vote of thanks to Sharon Chandler for the band saw donation, very handy.

For more information contact Steve 07926 909043 or Mike 07549 137143



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All sessions	£17.50	£22.50	£17.50	£22.50	£30	£32.50	
	Community Room		Community Room		Commu	inity Room	
All sessions	£15	£20	£15	£20	£25	£27.50	

Unless otherwise stated, charges are per session. Sessions are 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5:30pm and 6pm to 10:30pm (midnight on Fri/Sat/Sun).

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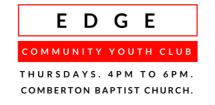
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\*Additional information for groups:

- 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.
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  the Trustees, if the event is for a suitable charity. Groups should write to the Lettings Secretary with their
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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>combertonvillagehall@gmail.com</u> or on 07435 324408 (9am to 9pm). Please note that this is a part-time role carried out around my job. If I am unable to answer your call please leave a message and i will phone you back, or send me an email.



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