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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 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	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 <https://comberton-pc.gov.uk/decisions-meetings/agendas-and-minutes>

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 1 st May	Black
Thursday 8 th May	Blue & Green
Thursday 15 th May	Black
Thursday 22 nd May	Blue & Green
Thursday 29 th May	Black
Thursday 5 th June	Blue & Green



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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 June magazine by 15th May 2025. Submissions will only be acknowledged if requested and this may take up to a week.

From the Editor

Once again there is plenty to do this month in the village and also some dates for your diary in June and July.

Thank you to Aidan for the lovely picture below of a recent Comberton Easter delivery!

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk



Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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Village Help Scheme

Volunteer Drivers Schedule

There has been a change in the way the Comberton Driving Scheme operates. Due to data protection rulings and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, we now have a mobile phone number for you to contact the coordinators of the Driving Scheme; our individual phone numbers will no longer appear in Contact magazine.

The system will remain the same, where Gill, Joan, Barbara and Angela will help you find drivers for your journeys but you will have to ring just one number. It remains the same system where one of us has the phone and book for two weeks at a time.

If the phone is not picked up by one of us, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

I would suggest that you keep an old "contact" magazine initially until everyone is used to the new phone system.

To book transport please call the number below

28 April 2025	Gill Redman	07939915321
05 May 2025	Gill Redman	07939915321
12 May 2025	Barbara Mitton	07939915321
19 May 2025	Barbara Mitton	07939915321
26 May 2025	Angela Donnelly	07939915321
02 June 2025	Angela Donnelly	07939915321

Please Note

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

For enquiries about volunteering to drive or offering to assist in coordinating the drivers and journeys , please contact Gill and Barbar on 07939915321 one of us will pick it up and there is an email address-

Combertondrivingscheme@gmail.com



Comberton Luncheon Club

2 May - La Pergola, Harlton

30 May—Green Man, Shepreth

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Activities

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

Thurs 22nd May at 2.30pm - **Oasis Teas** in Comberton Village Hall



Lordsbridge Team Event

Thurs 29th May at 7pm - **Ascension Day Service** at St Mary's, Comberton

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building



Sun 4th May at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 11th May at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Morning Worship**

Sun 18th May at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sun 25th May at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Holy Communion**



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Quiet Prayer

Our church building is usually open from
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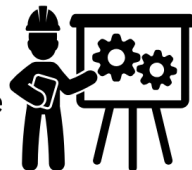
Comberton Parish Council

Bulletin - May 2025



The Annual Parish Meeting will happen on **Wednesday 14th May at 7pm in the Village Hall**. This is the annual event at which parishioners can obtain information on initiatives funded by the Parish Council and updates on Parish Council work. We hope many of you will attend.

The Parish Council invites all residents to a public meeting on **Wednesday, June 4th at 7 pm in the Village Hall**. This meeting will provide important information about the East West Rail (EWR) project. Join us to learn about the proposed route and understand the potential impact on our village from this significant infrastructure development.



Please ensure that you keep up to date with developments on this project by checking the Cambridge approaches website regularly: <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>

Organisers of the **Comberton Summer Festival (Saturday 5th July, 2pm-11pm)** are looking for a final

5 stall holders and event sponsorship.

If you are interested in any of the

above, please contact us clerk@comberton-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Claire Michel, Vice-chair

In May, the Parish Council will meet on Wed 21st May 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.

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Audition Dates

Sunday 1st June Old Village Hall, Green End, Comberton	5.00pm-6.00pm	Children currently in school Y6-Y8
	6.30pm-8.00pm	Adults + children currently in Y9 and above
Tuesday 3rd June Old Village Hall, Green End, Comberton	6.30pm-7.30pm	Children currently in school Y6-8
	8.00pm-9.30pm	Adults + children currently in Y9 and above

No booking necessary.

The audition will include some acting using a script and some singing & dancing which will be taught on the night so there's no need to prepare anything.

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Comberton Village College 1979-99 and its impact on the village

A series of reminiscences by Terry Wall

It is worth remembering that Village Colleges were planned during the Great Depression when Cambridgeshire was the second poorest county in England. I feel that they have effectively been destroyed in the name of "economy". Anything outside the school has to be a "commercial" venture. Look at the college facilities. How many are run by and for the community?

Youth clubs and youth workers are seen as a luxury and community education can come from the internet. Personally I feel that there has never been a greater need for a "community" in this village. Most people do not even realise that the building by the squash courts is, or was, The Youth Centre. It was open seven days a week.

In 1979 Keith Foreman wanted me to put a youth club once a week in every village in our catchment area. "Choose different days so that kids can see their friends at different clubs." He suggested, but did not say how I should do it. I had a small budget but I was astonished that when I put an advertisement in magazines like Contact people came forward to volunteer. Haslingfield, Barton, Eversden, Bourn, Caldicote, Hardwick, and lots of others, even Dry Drayton, soon had thriving youth clubs run mostly by volunteers.

In Comberton Ken Gifford, my next door neighbour said , "If you're desperate I'll do a few weeks until you find someone." Ken was an outstanding youth leader for more than twenty years as well as being involved in many other things in our village including the cricket club. Suzanne Brunning and Barbara Deal are other terrific youth leaders whose names come to mind.

The houses by the college were "staff houses" to rent before many staff bought or rented houses in the neighbouring villages. I lived on the corner of West street. Keith lived close to the school and Barbara Dennis the deputy had the house on the corner of the college grounds. Many staff were youth leaders in the evening. Kelvin Simmonds actually did three evenings a week. "You look like you need a bit of help young Wall !"

Discos raised money which I used to pay "expenses" for those few who would accept them. Matt Wheeler, another teacher, ran the discos with me. I wandered from place to place during the week saying hello.

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The swimming pool was a big problem for me. It had been built with money raised by the community with Tony "Mac" McEvoy at the front. It was being run as a public pool but was losing a lot of money. A paid life-guard and heating bills were the main eaters of cash. In the school term the heating could be paid by the school but not in the school holidays. It was not well attended. I did the maths. It had to close unless something radical were to happen. I called a meeting and tried to explain the problem. It did not go well at first. "We raised the money for the pool . It's your job to run it." seemed to be the chosen line from the community. Finally I said, "If we don't think of something quickly, it will be a rose garden by next Summer!" not my best bit of diplomacy.

Fortunately a cooler head than mine told us of another village college pool which was run by the community. He came up with a plan. Family membership paid in advance. A parent had to be with primary age children. You had to either do a " duty" on the door or even serve as a life-guard. Ian Rigg the head of P.E. agreed to train people and Harry Brown was our first chairman, quickly followed by others who I regret to say I've forgotten their names.

That Summer the pool was very busy every day of the holidays. It became a social meeting place for parents too. I did very little other than to go for a swim. Perhaps someone will write in an article about how the swimming pool continues to thrive as a community pool.

My next article will be about "Sunday Sports" and how it developed from a bit of badminton to skiing, windsurfing, hiking in England and Wales and lots of away weekends for families from Comberton. I'm sure there are families still around the village who can tell a story about Sunday Sports.

Comberton Cricket Club

Comberton Cricket Club is looking for new members for the 2025 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 now thanks to funding from the Parish Council we will also be holding outdoor net sessions at the rec this summer on a Thursday evening 7-8pm.

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Sunday 12noon-4pm

EVENING

FRIDAY FISH & CHIPS 5PM-8PM

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March Challenge Solution

A COMPLETE CHANGE OF DIRECTION (Kemi to Kier ??)

The task was to provide 24 word/pairs which show a clear change of direction by swapping cardinal points eg, whip and ship where west becomes south. Please note that a minimum of 2 of the 24 must contain a double change eg Granny/Grassy and a further 2 must comprise 6 letter pairs/ words.

BASE/BANE WEST/NEST WATER/EATER WHIP/SHIP SHOP/SHOW
SON/WON NOW/SOW DARE/DARN WARN/WARE NEVER/SEVER
GRASSY/GRANNY NERVE/SERVE WING/SING NIGHT/SIGHT
SET/WET NEIGH/WEIGH WIT/SIT WORE/SORE SNORE/SWORE
SEWER/NEWER SENDING/WENDING SINNER/WINNER WINE/WISE

and last but not 'leased' SINE/WINE.

... with apologies for late publication.

April Challenge Solution

The elusive W could be found in row 9 in column 5.

"Who was your mother ?" "Never had none!" said the child. With another grin'. "Never had any mother ! What do you mean? Where were you born?" "Never was born!" persisted Topsy.

Followed by Uncle Tom's Cabin and HBS for Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The winner was **April Pennick** of Harbour Avenue.

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Coming Up!

Local author, Bhanu Kapil will offer a poetry workshop on **Wednesday 30th April** from 11.00am -12.30pm. Come with something to write on. The event is free, open to all, regardless of age or background, though donations to the library would be very welcome. Come and book in at Comberton Library or follow this link cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Weekly activities

Knit, Sew and Natter group meet in Comberton Library at 10.30am – 11.30am. May dates: 19th. June dates: 9th and 23rd. Then every other Monday onwards. **Newcomers** are most welcome to complete your own projects, start a new or participate in group activities. There is always tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Come sing along and have fun, **Rhymetime**, 10.30am – 11.00am (except during the school holidays) for children between 0 to 4 years of age. May dates: 12th. June dates: 2nd, 16th and 30th. Then every other week. Also, come and join the **First Steps Library Club**, aged 0 – 4 years. Free event.

It's Lego Time with Duplo. Every Saturday from 10.30am. Come and have fun using your imagination. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **This is a free event.**

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May Challenge

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The Skipper warned those new on board over and over again that they must haul evenly, if not tears in the nets were inevitable. They were also cautioned that when in the Red Sea area they must not get distracted by watching a missile scud overhead, fired by pirates

All fish were held in a refrigerated container together with a concoction suitable for internal consumption. Chips? Protocol on board was very tight and had to be to ensure discipline was maintained. Ten gentlemen in a confined space is asking for trouble.

Entries to the box in store no later than the 14th May please . First correct entry out of the hat scoops a prize generously offered by the CO-OP.

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Comberton Antiquarian Society

Our meeting this month will be Tuesday 25th May when we welcome back Stuart Orme. His talk this month is entitled

Henry VIII's Grandmother - the life of Margaret Beaufort.

The remarkable story of the matriarch of the Tudor dynasty and her local connections. Lady Margaret Beaufort was brought up in Deeping and lived at Collyweston.

Stuart Orme is an historian, folklorist, writer and the curator of the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon.

The meeting will be at 8pm in Comberton Village Hall. All visitors most welcome.



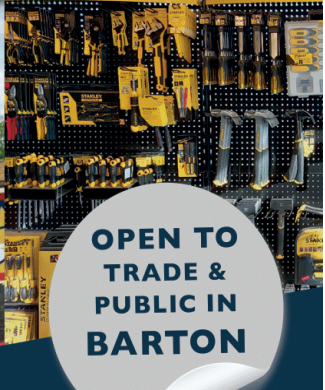
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Comberton WI

The Speaker at our March meeting was Graham Wylde who spoke about the Maggie Letters - life in Victorian Times. Graham has many letters sent by Maggie mainly to her Father. He came across the letters by chance and looked into their history which he shared with us. He spoke very enthusiastically about them and we all found his talk very interesting.

Our April meeting was a discussion about the Resolution - going forward to the National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting - which will be 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. Our discussion was around early CPR and defibrillation. WI members have been asked to work together to increase public confidence and training in delivering CPR and improve access to defibrillators. We all agreed that we will be supporting this Resolution.

Following our discussion, one of our members, Janet Sewell, displayed many of the lovely quilts she has made - all with stories behind them. This was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th May. Our speaker will be Ellie Seymour talking about The Sandringham Royal Station.

Our meetings start at 8pm and are held in Comberton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month except August when we have an outing. All are welcome to attend.



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We had a Bingo session in January, a great time was had by all. Then a Quiz in February, a bit hard going for our old Brains?

For our March meeting we had a talk on Jewellery of the Rich and Famous.

Our April meeting was a talk by Duncan Mackay on Cambridge and the wildlife of the surrounding countryside.

Our next meeting is on May 7th - do come and join us at 2.30 p.m. in the village hall.

For more information contact:

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Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association

Spring Plant Sale: Sunday 11th May - 10.30 am - Village Hall

Our Plant Sale this year will again be on a **Sunday** and in the **Village Hall**. We should have lots of fine flower and vegetable plants to sell at very reasonable prices and, if you carefully cultivate them throughout the summer, they may win you prizes at the Autumn Show!

This is a '**bring and buy**' event so if you have surplus vegetable or flower plants or shrubs please bring along and add to our stalls; or if you are sowing seeds or taking cuttings please think of us and sow or root a few extra.

Profits help to support the cost of staging the Village Autumn Show.

FREE ENTRY so come early and bag the best bargains.

Best kept Allotment Competition

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Robin Worship; CAGA Secretary (robin.worship7@gmail.com)

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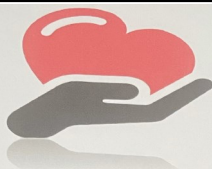
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To the Comberton Community,

The spring term has been a busy and exciting time at school. Alongside our usual curriculum, we've had many events and special days to celebrate. We took part in Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' which encouraged children to better understand their emotions and explore self-awareness. Our amazing PTA works hard to organise fundraising events throughout the year to support the purchase of essential resources. One of their highlights this term was the 'Wear What You Love Day,' which was a fun celebration of individuality, with children proudly showing off their favourite outfits! Of course, World Book Day was another highlight, where we had a fantastic day celebrating our love of reading while dressed in cosy pyjamas or as book characters.



We'd like to express our thanks to the Woodland Trust for their generous donation of new trees, which were carefully planted by our older children this week. A special thank you also goes to one of our parents, Kate Hiby, who played a key role in organising this event and took great care of the saplings before they were planted. Each child labelled their own tree and is excited to watch it grow. We planted a variety of trees, including oak, willow, cherry, and rowan, all of which will contribute to enhancing our environment and supporting local wildlife.



We aim to provide our children with a variety of opportunities both in and outside of school. Recently, many of our children have had the chance to represent Meridian at external events, and they've been excellent ambassadors for the school. Some of our Year 4 children participated in an active maths event at Comberton Village College, while our Reception class enjoyed their first school trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. Additionally, a group of Year 5 and 6 students took part in a netball tournament, competing against other local schools.



Kind regards

Miss Becky Snelling, Headteacher and The Meridian Team

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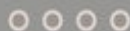
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