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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	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)	СР
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 30th October Black

Thursday 6th November Blue & Green

Thursday 13th November Black

Thursday 20th November Blue & Green

Thursday 27th November Black

Thursday 4th December 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 December/January magazine by 15th November 2025. Submissions will only be acknowledged if requested and this may take up to a week.

From the Editor

As you will see in this edition, there is plenty to do and see in the village in the run-up to Christmas.

Thank you to all the contributors, once again I did not have enough space for everything so am building up a good reserve for the quieter months ahead.

Our next edition will be combined December and January, with usual copy deadline of 15th December.

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Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

Local Government Contacts

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Village Help Scheme

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? We're looking for **volunteer drivers and coordinators** to help community members get to important **medical appointments**. This service will soon become to difficult to run without more volunteers.

Roles available:

- Volunteer Drivers: Use your own vehicle to provide safe, friendly transport for people
 who otherwise struggle to get to appointments.
- Volunteer Coordinators: Help schedule rides and match drivers with those in need —
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- Compassion and a desire to help others

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To book transport please call the number below.

Volunteer coordinators schedule

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17 th November 2025 Joan Wells		07939915321		
24 th November 2025	Angela Donnelly	07939915321		
1 st December 2025	Angela Donnelly	07939915321		
8 th December 2025	Barbara Mitton	07939915321		
15 th December 2025	Barbara Mitton	07939915321		

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Activities and Events



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

Sun 2nd November at 3pm - All Souls Service

Sun 9th November at 10.45am - Service for Remembrance Day

Thurs 27th November at 2.30pm - **Oasis Teas** at Comberton Village Hall
Sat 29th November at 10am - **Christmas Coffee Morning** at Comberton Village Hall
Sat 6th - Sun 7th Dec from 11am - 3pm - **Nativity Festival** at St Mary's Church

Lordsbridge Team and wider Events

Sun 23rd November at 10.30am – **West of Cambridge Churches Ecumenical Service** at Comberton Leisure

Sun 30th November at 8.30am – **BCP Team Holy Communion** at Toft Church at 10.30am – **Lordsbridge Team Service** at Hardwick Church



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

Sun 2nd November at 9.30am – **Holy Communion** Sun 9th November at 8.00am – **BCP Holy Communion**

Sun 16th November at 9.30am - Holy Communion

On-line Services



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Quiet Prayer

Our church building is usually open from 7.30am-3pm for visits & individual prayer.

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For information about Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals,

please contact The Rev'd Chris Westgarth



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(B)	Kurt Carlsen	(G) Queen Anne's Revenge
(C)	Edward Smith	(H) The Matthew
(D)	Captain Flint	(N) The Santa Maria
(E)	Ellen MacArthur	(C) Titanic
(F)	Sir Francis Drake	(A) The Black Pig
(G)	Blackbeard	(K) Ark Royal
(H)	John Cabot	(B) Flying Enterprise
(I)	Lt. Comm, Philip Queeg	(P) The Pequod
(J)	William Kidd	(E) B&Q/Castorama
(K)	Sir Walter Raleigh	(R) Satisfaction, or Oxford
(L)	Thor Heyerdahl	(O) The Nautilus
(M)	Benjamin Spooner Briggs	(I) HMS Caine
(N)	Christopher Colombus	(J) Adventure Galley
(O)	Prince Dakkar	(Q) The Black Pearl
(P)	Capt Ahab	(M) Marie Celeste
(Q)	Jack Sparrow	(F) The Golden Hinde
(R)	Henry Morgan	(L) Kon-Tiki
(S)	Sir Francis Chichester	(T) Bismarck

The winner was **Steve Beech** of Barrons Way.

Ernst Lindemann



(T)

Comberton Luncheon Club

(D) Walrus

14 November - The Hare & Hounds, Harlton12 December - The Hoops, Bassingbourn31 January - The Red House, ArringtonAll lunches are at 12:30 pm



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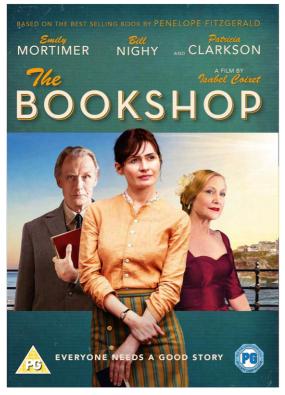
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Wednesday 19th November 2025

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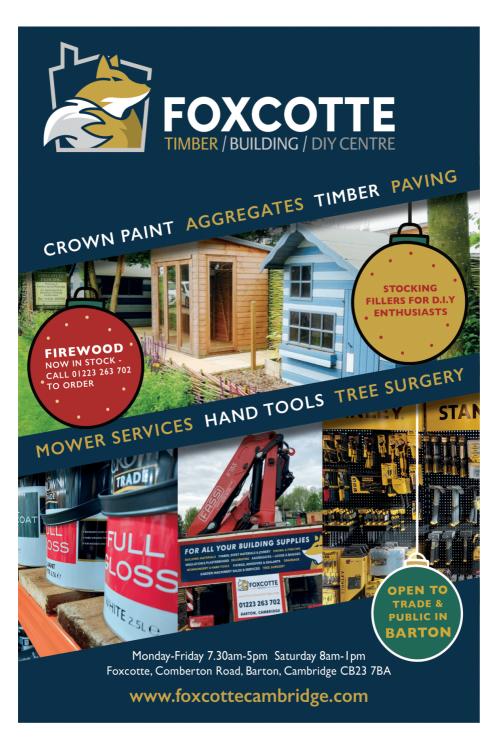
Entries to CO-OP please by 14th November. First correct entry out of the hat wins the prize of wine and chocolates generously donated by the store.

Name / Postal Address	
Email	Telephone

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for supporting my Macmillan coffee morning, on Saturday 20th September at The Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground Barton, we were very lucky with the weather, we managed to raise £2000.50.

Barbara Segrave





What's New



Christmas Light Switch-On - 29th November

Festivities will begin at 5:00 pm, with the lights being switched on at 5:30 pm. Enjoy live music from CVC, delicious Korean food from the Manna Seoul food van, mulled wine from The Three Horseshoes, kids' crafts, and mince pies!

The event will take place by the pond and in the Playgroup's playground on Saturday, 29th November. We can't wait to see you there as we celebrate the start of the festive season together!

Could You Help Make a Difference in Comberton?

We currently have vacancies for new councillors and are looking for local residents who want to help make Comberton an even better place to live. Becoming a councillor is a fantastic way to have your say on local issues, support village projects, and represent your community.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Installation of Communication Board

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Your cooperation helps keep Comberton safe, accessible, and pleasant for everyone.

Bench Donations

We'd love to add more benches around the village for everyone to enjoy, and the Parish Council is inviting residents to consider donating a bench as a lasting gift to the community.

Thanks



The Parish Council would like to extend a big thank you to our Maintenance Officer for spreading huge amounts of wood chip around the Jubilee Wood – this will help prevent it from getting boggy as the weather turns wetter!

Reach Out



For any questions contact **clerk@comberton-pc.gov.uk** and we'll be in touch.

The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Agendas and minutes are always available on our website. Residents are warmly invited to attend the full meeting, with a dedicated 15-minute slot at the start to share thoughts, ideas, and concerns

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Comberton Advent Windows

For the past five years we have had an advent trail in Comberton. Each day of advent a new window is revealed somewhere in the village. It's a bit of brightness on dark December days and a good reason to leave the house and explore the village in the lead up to Christmas.

All you need to take part is a window that can be seen from the street and the willingness to create a display featuring your allocated number. You don't need to be 'artistic' and if you are stuck for ideas there are lots of great examples online. So, if you've thought about it before but never signed up why not have a go this year?

If you would like to join in please email <u>julietdb@googlemail.com</u> with your house number and street name by November 14th. And look out for the list of windows to discover in December Contact magazine.

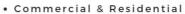




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Lights up in the Village Hall

Comberton Players and the Trustees of the Village Hall have been working together to bring an exciting new lighting system to Comberton Village Hall.

The existing lighting system was put in around 2007, and was getting hard to maintain, with spare parts being scarce. It was also not energy efficient, and so a project was started to replace the system.

Although largely used by Comberton Players for their performances, the lights are also available to other hirers of the hall. The old system was difficult to use, whereas the new system is designed to be accessible to all.

As well as replacing the lights with state-of-the-art LED theatre lights, that will be more energy efficient, the project also includes a new lighting desk.

With thanks to various supporters and profits from the Comberton pantos in the last few years, the project is now 75% finished. We are very grateful for support from Comberton Parish Council, the South Cambridgeshire Council Community Chest fund and Meridian Theatre for their very generous contributions.

Work goes on to raise the remaining money needed. Barefoot DJs are hosting a fundraising 'Dancing Through The Decades' evening on 8th November (tickets now on sale through barefootdjs.co.uk) and there will be other fundraising activities over the next year.

We hope everyone who enjoys productions at the Village Hall will notice the new and exciting things we are able to achieve with the new lights. Even at 75% complete, you will notice a real difference at the next Comberton Players production, 'Once Upon A Murder', coming to Comberton this December

See you there!

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Comberton Bowls Club Autumn Quiz

A big thank you to all who came to our Autumn Quiz on Saturday 11th October. It was a very enjoyable evening where, in a hard fought quiz, the "Usual Suspects" came out on top, so congratulations to them. We have already set 28th February 2026 as the date for our Springtime Quiz; please contact Irene our President on 01223 262084 to book your team in and avoid disappointment!

We are aiming to have taster sessions or roll-ups as we like to call them, well before and during next season. So, if you would like to come and see what it's all about we would be delighted to see you. You never know, you might enjoy it! Dates to be advertised here in Contact.



Comberton Heritage Society

Our meeting this month will be be Tuesday 25th November and will be given by David Oates. His talk will be on

The Man who Moved Two Windmills

The Man who moved 2 windmills was Jordan Ison (1890 -1965), a Histon carpenter, undertaker and builder. In 1936 he moved a derelict windmill from Ellington, Hunts onto a property at Madingley Hill. He subsequently moved and restored the fen pumping mill at Wicken Fen, the last of its kind.

Our speaker, David Oates, was brought up In Histon. After a career spent as a university lecturer in mathematics, David returned to the district to follow his parents interests and to place their extensive collection of local material into safe keeping. His parents, Ken and Dellas Oates, were among the founders of the Village Society, with a great interest in the local history. Jordan Ison was a family friend.

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

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Comberton WI

The Speaker at our September meeting gave a very clear and informative talk on The Mystery and Magic of Egyptian Hieroglyphs.

In October, Comberton WI celebrated their 85th birthday. To mark the occasion we had cake and a celebratory drink. As our speaker for October was unable to attend we played Bingo which was enjoyed by all!

Our next meeting will be held on 11th November starting at 8pm. Our speaker will be Honor Ridout talking about The History of Father Christmas.

Our WI meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Comberton Village Hall. All are very welcome

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That's why we're reaching out to you — yes, you!

If you enjoy using the village hall, or simply value its place at the heart of our community, please consider whether you could spare a little time to help keep it going. Becoming a trustee doesn't require special qualifications; just a willingness to get involved and work as part of a friendly, supportive team. Trustees find this crucial and worthwhile role very rewarding and we are sure you would too.

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- Some have experience in areas like finance, legal work, HR or property maintenance and others have lots of good old-fashioned enthusiasm; whatever you can bring, we'd love to hear from you.

Whether you work and have only a couple of hours a month or are retired with a bit more time to give, there's a role for you. If you are new to the village it is a great way to meet lots of new people.

Why is this so important?

Put simply: without enough trustees, the trust will be unable to continue running the hall. None of us want this and we can avoid it but **only with your help**.

We know it's easy to assume someone else will step forward but the reality is, in the last five years we've had only two new trustees join, while four have stepped down. There is no "someone else" and we *really* need some new faces to carry things forward and be part of the hall's future.

Want to find out more?

There's no pressure or commitment; why not phone for a friendly chat or email to find out more. Please get in touch with our Chairman, Brian McCabe, at **combertonvh.chairman@gmail.com** and he'll be happy to answer any questions.

Comberton Village Hall has been at the centre of our village community for over 100 years; let's keep it thriving - together.

Thank you.

The trustees, Comberton Village Institute Trust



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	Community Room		Commun	ity Room	Community 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).

A refundable deposit of £50 is required at the time of booking.

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*Additional information for groups:

- Affiliated Community groups holding evening group social or fundraising events will be charged the residents
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 Local/Non-franchised Community Commercial lettings can be reduced from £145 to £70 at the discretion of
 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 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 combertonvillagehall@gmail.com 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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