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Village Help Scheme (Chairman Barbara Mitton), See panel on page 7 for transport bookings	262073
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Stray dogs (South Cambs DC)	443000

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Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
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	9.30am - 11am	Messy Play (term time only)	CP
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 Heritage Society	VH
Wednesday	10am - 11:30am	Comberton Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wednesday	9:30am - 12:30	Comberton Shed	Pavilion
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 October	Black
Thursday 8 th October	Blue/Green
Thursday 15 th October	Black
Thursday 22 nd October	Blue/Green
Thursday 29 th October	Black
Thursday 5 th November	Blue/Green



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From the Editor

As you probably know, Comberton Contact is delivered by a number of volunteers, who each cover a small section of the village. We need a new volunteer to take on part of the Barton Road round (Woottens Close to the mini-roundabout, around 62 copies to deliver). If you could spare the time for a healthy walk towards the end of each month (10 months per year), please contact Marian Dymott on 01223 263292.

The Comberton Shed is planning to host an Older Drivers Workshop run by Cambridge Fire & Rescue - it will be on a November Wednesday morning in the Pavilion, date to be confirmed so please look out for this if you are interested.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

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Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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Village Help Scheme

31 August 2026	Angela Donnelly	07939915321
07 September 2026	Angela Donnelly	07939915321
14 September 2026	Barbara Mitton	07939915321
21 September 2026	Barbara Mitton	07939915321
28 September 2026	Gill Redman	07939915321
05 October 2026	Pauline Grounds	07939915321

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Activities and Special Events



Every Wednesday at 9.30am - **Men's Shed** at The Pavilion

Thursday 22nd Oct at 2.30pm - **Oasis Teas** at Comberton Village Hall

Saturday 31st Oct at 7.30pm - **Elsa & Gary in Concert** at St Mary's

Lordsbridge Team Events



Sunday 25th Oct at 8.30am - **Team BCP Holy Communion** at Toft Church

Sunday 25th Oct at 10.30am - **Team Holy Communion** at Dry Drayton Church

Services at St Mary's Church



Sunday 4th Oct at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

Sunday 11th Oct at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

9.30am - **Informal Morning Worship with baptisms**

Sunday 18th Oct at 9.30am - **Service of Healing & Wholeness**

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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
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For information about Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals,
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COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Report on the 73rd Comberton Autumn Show

Once again the Show, held on 12th September, proved very popular and successful; it was attended by around 150 adults plus their children. Entries at 550 from 73 adult and 31 junior exhibitors, were the highest since the Covid disruption and we were pleasantly surprised that 230 of those exhibits were in the Vegetable, Fruit and Flowers classes; quite amazing considering the summer drought. Additionally we had paintings from the Comberton Playgroup and a few from the Meridian School; hopefully paintings will be back in full next year.

Cookery entries remained steady at 52, half of them jars of preserve, but there were only 5 entries in the Mens' Cake competition; even so our judge still had plenty of tasting to do.

The Handicraft section boasted 73 entries, up a third from last year and all of an amazing standard; I certainly didn't envy the judge having to decide the winners across such varied entries. Unfortunately we only attracted one painting from an adult but we know from years past that there is a wealth of artistic talent in the village, so please come and fill our display boards at future shows.

Homemade wine entries were similar to last year with 21 bottles in the various classes and, as every year, very little of the wine remained at the end of the afternoon by the time the Judge and the visitors had given the bottles a thorough sampling!

Photography entries maintained the increase we saw last year at 66 but sadly we still only had 3 in the childrens photo class, it is so difficult to pick new subjects every year that challenge but are topics that are familiar to daily life.

Childrens entries are once again the great success story having increased significantly every year from the 50 entries we had in 2023 to this year's magnificent total of 115; also some children bravely put further entries into the adult classes. Hopefully we can continue to inspire the young people to enter and our thanks go to their parents for giving encouragement to them.

We are always keen to receive constructive feedback and suggestions for keeping our classes up to date and relevant to current trends (any ideas can be emailed to me).

....and most importantly we need to thank the people without whom there would not be a show:

- the Team at the Meridian School for allowing us to hold the Show in the school and for their co-operation and help with planning and staging.
- our Judges from around the County who give their time, travel and expertise freely and every exhibit due consideration.
- the Exhibitors who share their achievements with us, be they in growing or crafting in the widest sense.
- the small CA&GA committee who start planning the Show in the early Spring and work very very hard particularly on the Friday evening and all day Saturday to make the show a success, not forgetting those family and friends who are roped in to help.

...and of course you, the visitors, who come along in the afternoon and support us – thank you all.

Finally congratulations to all Trophy and Prize Winners; commiserations to all those who didn't have a coloured card placed on their entry, but be assured it was considered carefully by the judges in making their decisions. It's great that we have some new names on trophies this year, but many of the winners are familiar names to us which, in the highest points categories, is generally a reflection of the large number of exhibits they stage and we are very aware of how much poorer the show would be without their contributions.

Show Trophy Winners 2026

Gentlemen's Challenge Cup (*Highest points in Show*)
Gentlemen's Silver Cup (*2nd Highest points in Show*)
Ladies' Challenge Bowl (*Highest points in Show*)
Ladies' Silver Cup (*2nd Highest points in Show*)
Storey Cup (*Highest Points for Juniors*)
Silver Cup & Certificate (*Best Vegetable Exhibit*)
Certificate (*Best Fruit exhibit*)

Peter Gladders
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Harry Sewell Trophy (*Collection of Vegetables-restricted entry*)

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Evelyn Watts trophy (*Highest points in Cookery*)

Gerry Hall Trophy (*Cake baking - Men only*)

Comberton Wine Club Cup (*Best Wine in show*)

Mike Winney Trophy (*Best Photograph in Show*)

Frank Hollick Book Prize (*Best in Childrens Art*)

Watts Salver (*Best Kept Allotment – South St Site*)

Cecelia Hollick (*Plant in container*)

Peter Gladders

Brenda DeBoys

Hilary Clark

Jane Reed

Quin Hollick

Sue Breeze

Maureen Birch

Alfie Harvey-Easton

Liz Fursse

AGM – Thursday 20th November

The next event is our AGM on Thursday 19th November - 7.30 for 8 pm in the Village Hall. Come along and enjoy some Cheese & Wine (or juice) with us; hear about our work and events during 2026; pay annual allotment rent if you are a 'Long Road' tenant or just renew your membership of the association.

Robin Worship – Secretary (email: robin.worship7@gmail.com)

Bands in the Park 2027 – Join Our Team!

Planning is under way for next year's Bands in the Park, and we're aiming to make it our best event yet! To help realise our ambitions, we are looking for two enthusiastic volunteers to form a small fundraising team. You'll be taking the lead on reaching out to local charities, trusts, and grant providers with a goal of raising £2,000–£5,000. If you'd like to lend a hand and play a vital role in bringing the community together, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Jane (janezreed101@gmail.com), Dan (dan.edwards@comberton-pc.gov.uk), or Jen (jen.martin@comberton-pc.gov.uk) for a quick chat.



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The movie delivers plenty of style, clever humour, and nostalgia. Beneath the glamour, it also explores friendship, ambition, and the bittersweet passage of time.

Cast: Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt.

Wednesday 21st October 2026

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Excuse me I appear to have lost my grip, snaking around the grid below are a total of 16 novels by a distinguished author together with a character from one of the novels. Please highlight the novel in which the character appears. Also tell me why one of the novels should not strictly be included and highlight.

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Comberton is prominent among the villages of the Bourn Valley and shares with them much of their prehistoric and early general historic heritage. Although much of this has been described and lies in published literature, there is much unpublished material ranging from museum collections to observations and collections in private hands. This is especially important now where personal recollection and family/friend reminiscences present an important and vulnerable source. Some of this, particularly the unpublished material, is in danger of being permanently ignored, forgotten or destroyed as time moves on.

A group has been founded in association with Comberton Heritage Society to begin to tackle the daunting task of listing and eventually indexing and cataloguing all these sources of information regarding our heritage. We feel the highest priority ought to be given to those such as the elderly and their friends and families who hold information in the form of art, paperwork, collections and memories which should be noted and recorded where possible. This more recent material will range from family histories through rural activities, maps, travelling routes and transport, to educational material and natural history on the one hand and experience of wars and wartime, political and social activities including housing, fashion, food and shopping on the other. And much else.

A Basic Task Will Be To Digitise And Begin To Archive This Material.

So, we are particularly interested in making contact with people in the village and surrounding area who may be able to help us with material for this enterprise. We would not normally be expecting to take up actual material but would try in all cases to take photographic, scanned or similar records.

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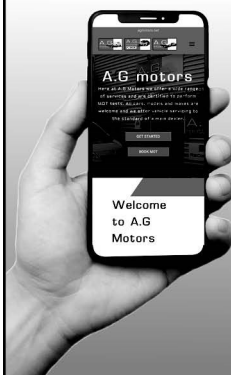


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Resistance Training: Don't Resist, Start Now

I decided to focus on resistance training this month because I want to encourage more people to make this form of exercise part of their lives.

As we move into autumn and winter, with shorter days and often lower activity levels, resistance training can be a particularly valuable addition to your health routine. Starting, or continuing, to train with an emphasis on becoming stronger can help support your metabolism, maintain muscle and improve bone health.

The great thing is that we all have different starting points, and resistance training can be adapted to almost anyone, at any age. Yes, people in their 70s and 80s can still improve their strength. Research in older adults, including studies involving people with low bone density and osteoporosis, has demonstrated that appropriately programmed strength training can have a positive effect on bone density as well as strength and physical function.

For an older or previously untrained individual, resistance training might begin with something as simple as repeatedly standing up from a chair and sitting back down, while gradually reducing the amount of assistance needed from the hands. For someone with more training experience, it may mean progressively increasing the weights used in familiar exercises or moving from general group exercise towards a more structured strength programme.

Group classes involving weights can be a fantastic starting point. They are social, enjoyable and can help establish a regular exercise habit. However, training specifically to become stronger is different. It should be progressively programmed, appropriate for the individual and include adequate rest between exercises and sessions.

If we want to remain independent for as long as possible and add more healthy, active years to our lives, maintaining strength and muscle should be a priority. Thankfully, the old fear that lifting weights automatically makes you "bulky" is gradually disappearing. Building and maintaining muscle is not simply about appearance, it plays an important role in how well we function, move and age.

From around our 30s onward, we gradually begin to lose muscle if we do nothing to maintain it, with the rate of decline tending to increase as we get older. Resistance training is one of the most effective tools we have to slow this process.

Just some of its benefits include:

- Supporting bone health
- Supporting hormonal and metabolic health
- Improving strength and physical function
- Supporting metabolism and body composition
- Improving mood and well-being
- Supporting cardiovascular health
- Helping maintain muscle during weight loss
- Supporting long-term independence and healthy ageing

For women approaching or moving through menopause, maintaining muscle and bone strength becomes particularly important, as hormonal changes can influence both. Ladies over 30, this is worth paying attention to now, rather than waiting until later.

As with any health or habit change, start small. Commit to one session a week.



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You don't need to start with heavy weights, complicated programmes or several sessions each week.

You simply need to start.

Don't resist, start now.

Liz Fursse (Level 5 Health and Nutrition Coach)

Is your landline your life-line?

Landlines are changing. By January 2027 traditional landlines will be upgraded with digital technology. This national upgrade is known as the "Digital Switchover" and will mean that landline calls will be made over the internet instead of the old telephone network. It's important to check how the digital switchover will affect you, especially if you rely on personal alarms or telecare devices (like fall detectors or lifelines), which may stop working. For many the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your land-line phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket.

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Green Libraries Week is 21-28 October. You'll find a wide range of books in the library to inform and inspire you about climate change, sustainable living and supporting nature.

October is Black History Month. We'll be highlighting books by Black authors for you to discover and enjoy.

Digital Buddy Assistance -Need any assistance want to get online? with uploading photos, bus pass renewal/new application, general printing or even accessing your emails. Digital Buddy will be here to assist you at Comberton library, on **Mondays, 11am-1pm**, every week. Come and book an appointment with our digital buddy.

Digital Buddy on Monday 5th October - will demonstrate how to manage your library account on Spydus (online service) between **11am – 12.30pm** Please bring along your IT device.

Comberton Library Bookworms: Looking for the next great book? A monthly list can be found here. The Comberton Library Bookworms will handpick a selection of titles recently enjoyed by our readers. There is something for everyone, whether you favour fiction, nonfiction, or something new!

1. A thousand years of good prayers by Yiyun Li
(Short stories)

2. Lillian Boxfish takes a walk by Kathleen Rooney (Fiction)

3. Captain Corelli's mandolin by Louis De Bernières (Fiction)

4. Water by John Boyne (Fiction)

5. The Rush by Beth Lewis (Fiction)

6. Chocolat by Joanne Harris (Fiction)

Weekly activities

Knit, Sew and Natter group continues to meet in Comberton Library at **10.30am – 11.30am**; **September** dates: 14th and 28th. **October** dates: 12th and 26th. **November** dates: 9th and 23rd. **December** dates: 7th. Then every other Monday onwards. Newcomers warmly welcome. There are 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. **September** dates: 7th and 21st. **October** dates: 5th and 19th. **November** dates: 2nd, 16th and 30th. **December** dates: 14th. Also, come and join the First Steps Library Club, aged 0-4 years. So, don't forget every visit to the library, attending events like Rhymetime your child will get a special stamp, towards getting a certificate.

It's Lego Time with Duplo. **Saturdays** starting at 10.30am. Come and have fun building and exploring your imagination. Every child needs an adult to accompany them. **This is a free event.**

Opening hours (excluding bank holidays etc.)

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Comberton Heritage Society

Our meeting in October will be a talk by Jeanette Moser and is entitled

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Jeanette will be telling the fascinating story of her family history; Her mother and father's escape from Nazi Germany to Israel then South Africa, where she was born in 1938. Her own life growing up as a six-year-old Jewish girl, as a boarder in a Catholic convent.

Her aim is to encourage everyone to preserve memories for generations to come.

The meeting will be on Tuesday October 27th in Comberton Village Hall at 8pm.

September Challenge Solution

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What's New



Village Groups & Community Showcase

We're delighted to announce the Village Groups & Community Showcase, taking place on Sunday the 10th of January 2027 at the Village Hall.

Organised by the Parish Council in partnership with the Village Hall, the event will bring together local groups, clubs, societies and organisations to showcase the fantastic range of activities, interests and opportunities available within our village.

The event aims to:

- Raise awareness of the wonderful local groups and societies in our community.
- Help groups attract new members, volunteers and supporters.
- Inspire residents to discover new interests, hobbies and activities.
- Create opportunities for people to meet others and make new social connections.
- Strengthen connections between local organisations and community groups.
- Celebrate our village community and the incredible variety of activities available locally.

Whether you're already involved with a local group or are simply curious to see what's on offer, we hope you'll come along, meet some friendly faces and discover something new!

Christmas Lights Switch On

Our annual Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on the of 5th December, starting from 5pm.

Come along and join us for a festive evening with live music, a food truck, children's activities and, of course, a very special visit from Father Christmas! 🎅 And this year, we may even have a donkey joining us for the celebrations! 🦏 🎄

More details will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for further information. We look forward to seeing you there and getting the Christmas celebrations underway!

Supporting Biodiversity in Comberton

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Whether you have a small or large garden, there are many simple, quick and low-cost ways to support nature. These could include putting up bird or bat boxes, creating log shelters for small mammals, insects and amphibians, planting wildflowers or adding a pond.

If you would like to get started, or develop something you are already doing, our Nature Recovery Advisory Group has a wealth of knowledge and would be happy to offer advice. Please get in touch to tell us what you are already doing or if you would like some ideas.

Notices



Fly tipping

We have received several reports of fly tipping recently. While we appreciate residents keeping us informed, we encourage everyone to report incidents directly to the appropriate service so they can be dealt with as quickly as possible. Fly tipping can be reported online here: **www.greatercambridgewaste.org/litter-in-public-spaces/report-a-fly-tip-south-cambs/**

Watts Wood – No Fires

Please remember that fires and BBQs are not permitted in Watts Wood. Fires pose a serious wildfire risk and can harm wildlife, trees and the wider woodland. Please help us protect this valuable community space by not lighting fires, using disposable BBQs or burning any materials.

Thank you for helping to keep Watts Wood safe.

Join The Parish Council

Comberton Parish Council has vacancies! Would you like to get more involved in your local community and help shape the future of Comberton? We currently have vacancies for Parish Councillors and would love to hear from local residents who are interested in making a difference.

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Comberton Ladies Make Strong Start in First League Season

Comberton Squash Club's ladies team completed their first season in the Cambridgeshire Winter League 2025/26, finishing a very respectable 4th place in the ladies division.

For a newly formed team, this was a positive and encouraging start. The team finished with 62 points, recording 2 wins, 6 losses and 4 draws across the season. The number of drawn fixtures shows how competitive many of the matches were, with Comberton often pushing more established teams all the way.

Across the campaign, the ladies won 52 games, gaining valuable match experience against clubs including Swavesey, Hunts County, Cambridge and Cambridge University. Swavesey finished top of the division, with Hunts County second and Cambridge third, but Comberton showed they are already capable of competing well at this level.

The main aim of the season was to give more women the opportunity to play team squash, represent the club and enjoy competitive matches in a friendly environment. The team has done exactly that, creating a strong foundation for future seasons.

Comberton Squash Club is keen to continue growing ladies squash and encouraging more women and girls to get involved. Whether players are experienced, returning to squash after a break, or completely new to the sport, the club offers a welcoming place to play, improve and meet others.

After such a promising first season, the future looks very positive for ladies squash at Comberton.

New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome.

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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. **Local/Non-franchised Community Commercial lettings can be reduced at the discretion of the Trustees if the event is for a suitable charity. Groups should write to the Lettings Secretary with their request, including information on the charity, and this will be considered by the Trustees.**
- 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 £15 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 07435 324408 (9 am to 9 pm). Please note that this is a part-time role. If it is not possible to answer your call, please leave a message and we will contact you.

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