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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School

### JUNE 2009

5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Comberton Players 'The Real Inspector Hound' and 'Last Tango in Comberton'
6th June	2.00 to 5.00 p.m. Meridian Summer Fete
7th June	2:30pm Countryside Service Barton Church
9th June	7.45p.m. Village Hall WI meeting 'Antique Quilts'
10th June	7.30p.m. Parish Council meeting Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Village Supper in the Village Hall
20th June	Visit to RHS gardens at Hyde Hall Essex, leaving at 8.30a.m.
23rd June	Antiquarian Society - Hand Made Bricks and A History of Their Use
28 June	CCSC Members Fun Swim 4-5 pm * Free Swim Vouchers accepted followed by BBQ with Comberton Scouts
28th June	Jazz in the Garden

### JULY 2009

3rd July	from 2pm The Meridian 40th Anniversary Open Afternoon.
4th July	The Marmotte
7th July	Comberton Brownies Caribbean Cafe
11-12 and 18-19 July	11.00am till 6.00pm Open Studio 18 Harbour Avenue
18th July	Allotments & Gardens Association BBQ
26 July	CCSC Members Fun Swim 4-5 pm * Free Swim Vouchers accepted

### AUGUST 2009

30 Aug	CCSC Members Fun Swim 4-5 pm * Free Swim Vouchers accepted
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### SEPTEMBER 2009

19th September	Allotments & Gardens Association Autumn Show
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

We have colour!! - and will have for July and September as both back and front covers are booked for those issues. Now I am looking to set up links with the Village website to give fuller coverage between us.

Many of you are regular contributors to the Contact, for which, many thanks. It is great to have regular news of what is going on in the village. I am, however, aware that our coverage is not as wide as it could be. Many organisations could be represented in Contact if they wished but may not have thought of contributing. I am thinking of Comberton Playgroup, The Army Cadets, The Community Choir, The Community Association, Keep-fit, Monday Studio, The Old-Time Dance Club, Parlons Francais, Comberton 'Ten Sing', Upholstery Club and Young Farmers. It may well be that some of the groups are no longer functioning. If anyone has any information about that I would be pleased to have it. There are also many sporting groups in the village (Badminton, Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, Tennis, Bowls, Cricket, Football, Golf, Judo, Hockey, Squash Netball, Shuttles, If you are involved with one of these groups, or any I haven't mentioned, please do contact me so that we can include your news and activities in our Village magazine.

Contact is an easy way for the Doctors' practice, The Dental Clinic, The Vet's Clinic, Recycling, Lift-sharing and the Library to communicate information to the village. Finally, if anyone would like to advertise in full colour on our back cover from October onwards, please let me know. I'd be delighted to hear from you.  
Enjoy the sunshine!

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, Comberton and St Andrew's, Toft:

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email: [contact@combertonchurch.co.uk](mailto:contact@combertonchurch.co.uk)

Curate: Rev. Matt Watts tel: 01223 264089

Churchwardens: Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215

Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

### Services and Events at St Mary's in June

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
Trinity Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Illumin8 Youth Service in Harlton
Sunday 14th	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Andrew's Toft
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special - open air service and picnic

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St Mary's Church building is open all day every weekend, not only when there are services. Please feel free to come in at any time, to sit, pray, think or simply enjoy the quiet.

Children are very much part of our church family at St Mary's. At the 9.30am service we have a welcoming group, called 'Xplorers', for children which meets in the church. Last Sunday Special happens at 3.30 in the afternoon of the last Sunday of each month. It is especially geared towards families and children, and the 9.30am service that Sunday is usually quieter, with more space for prayer.

Illumin8 is our youth service for young people in the area. Illumin8 Café is on the third Sunday evening of each month, and always meets in Harlton - Contact Rev Matt Watts for more details.

Home groups through the early part of the summer are looking at Hymns and Heroes - getting to know some of the people, the faith and the stories behind our well-loved hymns. We are also starting Engage, a monthly small group looking at topical issues in life. Please contact Mike Booker or Matt Watts if you would like to find out more.

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Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne (In Vine School)

6.00 pm Bar Hill

6.00 pm OLEM

Sunday Masses at OLEM

8.00 am

9.30 am (Children's)

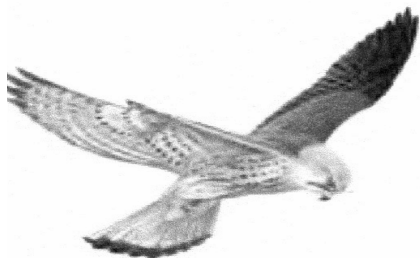
10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

Further details of these and all other services for May for the entire parish including Sawston may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)



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# COMBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

## Green End

### *You are Welcome at Comberton Baptist Church*

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Our morning services begin at 10.30 am - 12 noon and feature a mixture of traditional and contemporary music, engaging topics and a variety of speakers. Refreshments are served after the service. This season our theme is: "The Book of Acts – Mission United". Children stay for the first part of this service and then have the opportunity to go to their groups in the 'The Mix'!

In the evening from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Emmaus Bible Study @ the Church Centre is both friendly and relaxed. Our evenings begin with reflective inclusive worship, opportunities for discussion groups and refreshments are served afterwards. Our theme this term is "The Book of Romans: Good News to the World."

**PARENTS WITH INFANTS:** At CBC we want to make everyone feel welcome, this includes our youngest guests. We have a crèche available during the service where parents with young babies can go if their children become restless – there is also a monitor so you can see and hear and still feeling part of the service.

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Mix @ CBC are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years. For the under 2's there is also a crèche available. S.E.F is a group for teenagers aged 14-17 which meets every Sunday evening. Here young people can make friends and explore their faith together.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** Junior Church is an exciting new programme for children and young people aged 2-13 years, with a newly formed group for 11-13yrs. Packed with great activities, craft, bible stories, singing, games and lots more...

Where: Comberton Baptist Church (in the centre behind the church)

When: Every fourth Sunday of each month

Time: Doors open at 10.15am with activities starting at 10.30-11.45am

For more information please call Donna on 01223 264707 or 01954 211259

**ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY:** of every month running alongside Junior Church we will be having special short services between 10:30 - 11:45 am followed by refreshments in the church center. We'll be looking at a range of issues – our theme this season is Vintage Jesus: What did Jesus look like?

**PRAYER & COUNSELLING:** After each morning service members of CBC's Prayer Team will be available at the front of the church to pray with you regarding any needs you may have. CBC also offers confidential counselling on an ongoing basis, please contact the church office for more information.

For further information on any of the above please contact the church office on 01223 264707 or [admin@c-b-c.org.uk](mailto:admin@c-b-c.org.uk)

Our minister the Rev Stephen Henderson can also be contacted on 01223 264707 or [minister@c-b-c.org.uk](mailto:minister@c-b-c.org.uk). The Comberton Baptist Church website is: [www.c-b-c.org.uk](http://www.c-b-c.org.uk)

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 13 May 2009

## *Casual vacancy*

Notice is hereby given that a casual vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Following the resignation of Julie Horne if no ten electors call for an election the Parish Council will be able to co-opt someone on to the Council.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please write to or email the Clerk.

## *Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, committees working groups and member responsibilities*

In May each year the Parish Council reviews this and Chris Westgarth was re-elected Chairman and Janet McCabe Vice-Chairman for another year.

The Parish Council has one committee; its Planning Committee which meets on average twice a month to consider all planning applications received.

In addition the Parish Council has several working groups to research and monitor certain areas or projects and these currently include (Convenors' names in brackets)

The Tree Group (Robert Cook)

The Affordable Housing Working Group (Janet McCabe)

The Recreation Ground Working Group (Ted Halford)

The Focus Group (Andrew Hollick)

The Transport Working Group (Tom Serby)

## *Flooding Issues, Watercourses and Ditches Group (Andrew Hollick)*

For a copy of the committee's or working groups' terms of reference please contact the Clerk or the Convenor.

## *Transport Working Group*

The Group made several recommendations regarding speed reduction schemes and with Village parking problems

The Parish Council's Transport Working Group continues to seek solutions for the parking problems in Hillfield Road and in addition will be considering how to progress a '20s Plenty Scheme' near the three education establishments and also a 40mph limit along Barton Road.

*Comberton Parish Council* has already decided to undertake a new parish plan and is sure that you will agree that the last one brought significant benefits and enhancements to the village in all areas of village life. Specific questions within the proposed Parish Plan questionnaire will invite residents views on the Hillfield Road parking problems.

## *S137 Donation requests for financial support from village groups and organisations*

The Parish Council awarded a donation of approximately £130 to the Comberton Crusaders.

## *Overhanging hedges & trees*

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## *Affordable Housing*

Thank you everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and expressed their views on the two sites i.e. north of 82 Green End and adjacent to the Herringland Drift. Please take time to read the Parish Council's summary of its affordable housing project printed elsewhere in this edition of Contact.

The meeting was very well attended some residents came to discuss the affordable housing topic while others came to hear reports from the numerous village groups and organisations in the village and also from the two schools.

### *Parish Council members contact details*

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The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting.

## A PLEA FOR HOUSING.

We are residents in the village of Comberton who at present are having to live in rented accommodation as there are not enough affordable houses. I believe that to encourage and allow the younger generation to stay in the village we need to have more affordable houses built. I am aware that many will disagree with this view, however I urge you to take into consideration the less fortunate people who struggle to afford to live in this beautiful village.

Louise Bateman

## GOOD NEWS ON ENERGY SAVING FOR COMBERTON RESIDENTS

The Parish Council has agreed to be one of six to eight Parishes to pilot the South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership, an innovative community-based energy-saving programme funded by SCDC. By assisting residents understand their home energy use and the many affordable options for managing it better, the Project aims to:

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We would like to hear from all residents and village organizations interested in knowing more about the Partnership and perhaps willing to help with some projects and events in Comberton. We would also like to hear from anyone who may have difficulty keeping their home warm in winter.

Residents interested in installing solar water heating panels or photovoltaics to reduce their energy costs can already apply for substantial grants towards these from SCDC. Please contact us for information.

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## NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It's that time of year when 'learning outside the classroom' really comes into its own. We have trips planned to Linton Zoo (for our youngest children). Bewilderwood in Norfolk, Duxford Museum for an engineering project, The Fitzwilliam to study the Tudors, and an afternoon of bowling for Year 6 to celebrate the end of SATs.

Year 5 returned recently from an exhausting, but clearly exhilarating, residential visit to Hilltop Activity Centre in Norfolk. The adults who took them were astonished at their bravery, particularly when it came to climbing considerable heights!

Meanwhile we are still working hard to create a permanent outdoor learning experience for the children in the form of a Habitats Garden on the site of the old swimming pool. After consulting children and parents, it was decided that a quiet garden full of a variety of habitats (meadow, bog garden, dry garden etc) would be a very valuable resource both for the school and the whole village community. It was a pleasure to talk about this project at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, and we do hope that a wide range of village groups will be involved both in creating and enjoying the garden. At present, finance is the issue and we are busily preparing a lottery bid for funding. I'll let you know how we get on...

We are thrilled with the success of our girls' football team this season. Not content with winning the local primary school trophy, they then went on to win the District and finally the County Cup! You may have seen an item in the Cambridge Evening News about them. Meanwhile, our netballers and cross-country runners have also been acquitting themselves extremely well. We are especially proud of the way our children conduct themselves at these events – they are excellent ambassadors for our school.

The week beginning 18 May is Walk to School Week. This is a national initiative aimed at encouraging children to walk all or part of the way to school. We have had an assembly (led by the Eco-Action Team, of course) to get us thinking about the benefits,

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P.S. We have our Eco-Schools Bronze Award! Next stop, Silver...

Glennis Virgo, Headteacher

## THE MERIDIAN SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

Calling all ex-pupils, parents, staff members, governors

You are invited to:

The Meridian 40th anniversary open afternoon, Friday 3rd July from 2pm

An opportunity to look around the school, reminisce and remember the happy days of school life, meet old friends and look at the plans for the Habitats Garden and much, much more!

For more information please contact Chris Westgarth (01223 263242) [chris@comberton.org.uk](mailto:chris@comberton.org.uk)

## COMBERTON WI

Members met in May for the annual 'Resolutions' meeting. At the starts of the meeting we sang 'Jerusalem' and remembered Midge Seal, who had sadly died recently. Midge had been a member of Comberton WI since 1973 and had attended regularly. She was a co-founder of our popular Gardening Club and had been a real inspiration to us all.

The only 'Resolution' for discussion this year was to urge the Government to invest more money into research on the demise of the honey bee. As the fate of the honey bee as a major pollinator is linked so closely to the fate of humans, this really should be a government priority.

Members also had the opportunity to meet Trudy Newman-Hart, our Police Community Support Officer, who told us about her role in the ten villages she serves.

Date for your diary:

Tuesday 9th June at 7.45p.m. in the Village Hall 'Antique Quilts and Their History' with Margaret Johnson. Visitors are always welcome.

## COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CUB

The May meeting on Thursday 14th was a talk and slide show by Brenda Disbrey on her holiday to the Rockies. This journey took her from Vancouver to Alaska by land and a sea cruise of seven days. The tour included such sights and activities as whale watching, white water rafting and Kicking Horse Falls and a few glaciers.

Our June meeting is the annual Strawberry tea. Members only this time.

## COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION Plant Sale

Thank you Comberton

Many thanks to the record number of villagers who donated plants for our annual sale. We received a very wide range of donations from orchids to radishes. Thanks to your generosity and to the many shoppers with an eye for a bargain we made a profit of £308.40. With a magnificent £225.70 coming from plants alone. As most plants were sold at 25-30p each you can imagine how hectic the selling was. David Ellis (Secretary)

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## BIRDS FARM PUBLIC OPENING

Bird's Farm opens to the public at 2pm (Friends of the CRT can come from 10:30am – phone or see website for details). Attractions include: guided farm walks & trailer rides round wildlife-friendly Lark Rise Farm, bird of prey demo from the Raptor Foundation, farmer's market (tbc), country craft stalls & displays, children's activities & refreshments. We are delighted to welcome Rev. Peter Owen Jones & Prof Sir Brian Heap as speakers at the Countryside Sunday service at St Peter's Church, Barton on Sunday 7th June at 2:30pm to which all are invited.

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## LAWN CARE IN SUMMER

### Weed Control

It is essential to get the weeds actively growing before applying a selective herbicide either as a spray or admixed with the fertiliser. Spraying is by far more effective and longer lasting.

### Disease

Look out for bleached areas within the lawn. This could be red thread which may need treating.

### Ants

An ever increasing nuisance. We can treat nests with an insecticide.

### Irrigation

In hot dry spells water lawns before they look brown. It is easier to keep a green lawn green than to turn a brown lawn green. Water once a week and soak the lawn

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to the local businesses who donated wonderful raffle prizes. The raffle was organised by and held at the Three Horseshoes and raised a fantastic £130.00

As yet I do not have a final figure as to the amount raised for APEC (Action on Pre-Eclampsia), but it is well on the way to reaching the £1,000 target.

Thank you all again. It has been an amazing experience and one which I would love to do again!!

Carrie Spight

## WANTED

Comberton Guides are currently trying to find new leaders. The current leader is leaving in July and we want to keep the unit going for the dozen or so girls who currently attend. They are a very happy bunch and working with them would certainly benefit the leader as well as the girls! Applicants need to be between 18 and 65 years old and would need to have a CRB check done. Information, advice and support would be given from the guiding team locally, so if you feel you could help please contact Linda Warner, District Commissioner on 01223 262854 or email [chris.warner@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.warner@btinternet.com)

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Gill Redman 262246 or Janet McCabe 263387

## THE MARMOTTE

Dr Andrew Clark is riding 'The Marmotte' on the 4th of July to raise money for the Anaphylaxis Campaign (AC). The AC provides information and support to the growing number of people at risk from life-threatening allergic reactions, particularly to foods. The Campaign also works vigorously to educate schools, health professionals and the food industry to achieve a safer environment for all those with severe allergies. Dr Clark cares for children with food allergy at Addenbrooke's Hospital and was responsible for the recent 'peanut allergy trials' in the news.

The Marmotte is a 100 mile bicycle ride over a Tour de France mountain stage, with over 5,000m of climbing in one day, finishing on the legendary Alpe D'Heuz climb. It is recognised as the toughest amateur road cycling event in the world. Training is well underway, I can often be seen grinding up and down the long road hill in preparation! I have paid all expenses for the ride, so all donations will be forwarded directly to the AC.

If you would like to sponsor me, please visit my webpage:

<http://www.justgiving.com/acbike> or drop a cheque made payable to 'The Anaphylaxis Campaign', into 10 West Street, Comberton.

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The school gets 40p per kilo and raised £208 last collection. This money went towards PTA projects such as school trips and fun class purchases such as digital cameras, bean bags etc.”

## MERIDIAN SCHOOL TABLE TOP SALE

Many thanks to all who supported this event, either by having a table or coming along to buy. I hope that all the sellers felt it was a worth while event, and that buyers are happy with their bargains. We hope to see you all at our next event - the summer fete! Meridian PTA

## COMBERTON CANTABILE – “SPRING INTO SUMMER”

A packed Village Hall on a sunny late spring evening was the perfect venue for the latest in the concert series by the Comberton Cantabile choral group and its friends. Brenda Brown conducted the choir in an introductory set of English madrigals starting with “Summer is a-coming in” from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. The first of the ‘Friends’ was young treble voice Philip Needle who appropriately sang ‘O for the wings of a dove’ on the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the composer Mendelssohn, and later showed his versatility by playing some Eric Satie ragtime on bassoon. Another friend – Elizabeth Booker – entertained us with two very different pieces on flute. The choir then showed its scope by including pieces from Bach to Lloyd Webber, and from the USA, South Africa, France and England.

In the second half they let their hair down and romped through a variety of 20<sup>th</sup> century set pieces, including one “Hall right on the night” with words written for the occasion to the tune of the “Teddy bear’s picnic”. Jay Richardson (another young treble) sang “Where is Love” from Oliver, and appeared the perfect urchin. Members of the choir then showed their versatility by singing solos from Noel Coward, including “There are bad times just around the corner” in which Brian McCabe did a creditable impersonation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Alastair Darling! A round of poems with a choral theme led into the triumphant finale of “Orpheus in the Underground” – a cross between “Orpheus in the Underworld” and “Mornington Crescent”! All in all, it was



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## COMBERTON COMMUNITY SWIMMING CLUB

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Whilst good swimmers are welcome to train as Safety Officers, it is not a requirement. The club trains Safety Officer volunteers to a recognised standard, so common sense and physical fitness are as much a prerequisite. Safety Officers are responsible for starting off and controlling each session, and keeping swimmers safe throughout.

The 2009 season begins on 16 May and ends on 13 September. This year Family membership is £45, and we have introduced a Single membership for just £35. With almost 100 swim sessions each season, it makes a summer fitness programme very cost effective.

Pool opening times are listed below. If you have never experienced the fun – look out for our Free Swim coupons. Bring the whole family and try it, without joining first.

Roger Thorogood, Chairman, CCSW

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to drape over a shed or a trellis to hide a mundane utilitarian structure.

In June we tend to think of clematis and honeysuckle. Varieties of *Clematis montana* appear in May as harbingers of the more sophisticated flowers of the clematis species. There is something exquisitely luxurious about the modern hybrids with their saucer-sized flowers and large palette of colours. Recent breeding has produced some very good double flowers. My favourite doubles are ‘Duchess of Edinburgh’ with arresting pure white flowers, and the lavender blue flowers of ‘Vyvyan Pennell’. This last variety is probably the strongest of the double clematis plants and the flowers can be cut for arrangements. Both of these double-flowered varieties flower from late May through to August.

Keep an eye open for the evergreen early flowering species of clematis. Varieties of *C. cirrhosa* flower during the depths of winter; they produce scented cream bell-shaped flowers with red freckles and are brilliant for covering sheds. The best of these varieties are probably ‘Wisley Cream’ and ‘Freckles’. We must of course not forget the early spring *C. armandii*. This is a very strong evergreen climber and will reach the bedroom windows to assail us with heavy scent in the morning. The flowers can be obtained in white or pale pink.

Honeysuckles, from the genus *Lonicera*, are often at their best in June and can produce a big display all at once. Since many of the varieties are heavily scented, they are often grown under windows or by doorways. The flower buds have characteristic sickle shapes that were much beloved in the ornamentation of classical architecture; as a consequence these motifs are frequently found on Georgian furniture. All the honey suckles need something to cling on to and grow best when trained along a wall or trellis. Most favour a sunny position but *L. tragophylla* will grow well in shade.

Gardens to visit nearby are: Sunday 7 June, a group of 5 gardens at Stapleford (open 2-6pm), don’t miss those at 59-61 on London Road where the gardens are interlinked into an integrated design (great teas!); Sunday 21 June (2-6pm) has 11 gardens open at Whittlesford and these are well worth seeing.

R.T. Choke



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**Working Stationary Engines Day** Sunday June 28th, 10.30am-5pm

**Honey I Shrunk the Museum! A Day of Miniatures and Models.** Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-5pm. Celebrating the “Life in Miniature” exhibition there will be model boats, aeroplanes and steam train layouts to inspire you, a diecast toys display, other specialist stalls and children’s activity “Models in Motion”, get technical and make your own moving model!

**Drop-in Children’s Holiday Activity Day** at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey. July 30th, 12-4pm

**Archaeology Discovery Day at Denny Abbey.** Reconstruct pots, make a mosaic, try on costumes and have a go at our mini sand pit digs

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The Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey is open every day from 12-5pm on weekdays and 10.30am-5pm on weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays. It is situated on the A10 between Cambridge and Ely. Admission prices are: Adults £4.00, Concessions £3.00, Children £2.00 (under 5s are free) and family tickets £10, with reduced admission to the Farmland Museum for English Heritage members.



## COMBERTON PANEL April 2009

**Reduce Burglary in the Panel area** Burglary has continued to rise in the previous panel period in villages except Hardwick where there has been roughly a 33% reduction. These figures included repeat locations. Offences in the Bourn ward are mainly commercial burglaries and there appears to have been a shift from dwelling house burglary toward commercial burglary. Increases in the Barton ward are based upon there being no burglaries in the previous period. There has been a shift away from the Hardwick area towards the Bourn area as offending has been displaced. Still of note are the number of burglaries occurring from insecure premises.

**Road Safety Enforcement Day** Objective To increase awareness of road safety issues across the panel area focusing where possible on the enforcement of seat belt and mobile phone regulation.

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	VDRS 3	

Neighbourhood team plan to hold further enforcement days throughout the year in partnership with the Roads Policing Unit.

Events advice – Cambridgeshire County Council If you are thinking about holding an event in Cambridgeshire then you will need to consider the impact you may have on the road network. Your event, even if it is not directly taking place on a road, could still cause disruption to the traffic in Cambridgeshire, especially if you expect a high attendance. Cambridgeshire Constabulary will no longer provide traffic management for events or direct the traffic for you and so you need to take into consideration how you will do this. As an event organiser you are responsible for the safety of those attending your event and those who may be affected by it. Our ‘Event notification form’ will help you complete a risk assessment for the traffic management for your event and help us to give you advice. Please complete this at least 4 months before your event and return it to us, if you would like help and guidance from the Traffic Manager’s Team. For further information please go to: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/)

Comberton Ward (Comberton)

1. Total crime for Comberton has trebled from 7 offences in the previous period to 21 in this period.
2. There were 5 burglary offences in this period and 1 in the previous period.
3. There were 3 violent crime offences in this period, none in the previous period. Two of the violent crimes occurred at the same address; it appears the victim and offender in both offences knew one another.
4. ASB incidents have increased from 5 offences in the previous period to 14 in this. One incident involved youths building a wall of snow across the road in front of a school and the other involved youths drinking and fighting near the school.
5. Following contact from Councillor Smith and the neighbourhood panel, Steven Hawkes, School Travel Co-ordinator for the County Council, arranged for a meeting held at Comberton Village College on 5th May at Comberton Village College. This was attended by Councillor Smith, Sergeant Paul Rogerson, County Council officers, representatives of Comberton Village College, Meridian School and Toft Parish Council. It was felt that most day-to-day parking problems arose around Meridian School, with the Village College difficulties being focused around big events. There was general agreement that an approach of education followed by enforcement activity would be the best way forward. The education element may include letters from the partner agencies

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home to parents and school children getting involved in making educational banners. School and Village College staff will meet again with the police and County Council to progress this work. The aim is for activity to happen later in the year, possibly when the clocks go back in October.

## MURPHY'S BIG DAY

Murphy felt particularly well today. Not that he ever felt unwell but for some reason he had a feeling of well-being that he could not explain.

He experienced his normal feelings of comfort, security and warmth, ever aware that the cord attaching him to his mother was his lifeline. He knew that he was growing steadily day by day but, enveloped as he was in his warm moist space, all other sensations were, as yet, denied him.

Murphy put his heightened senses down to a very strong feeling of anticipation, a thought that today might just be the day that would bring an event that would launch him into the next and perhaps most exciting phase of his life. The problem was that only minutes later he began to tell himself that absolutely nothing had happened to change his routine for as long as he could remember. Day in day out, the monotony of being held in a fixed position, and fed. No indications as to what might come next. No sense of timescale. It was possible after all that there was no next stage.

"Be positive" thought Murphy, there has to be more to life than this. Today just could be the day.

About three hours later the event that Murphy had been awaiting announced itself when he felt everything around him moving, almost seismically compared with the normal daily state of virtual stasis.

The movement became more and more violent and suddenly Murphy burst out of his cocoon state and into a light so bright, so intense that for a moment or two he was completely blinded. He felt the cord to his mother being severed, painlessly he was glad to say, and gentle hands placing him in a liquid and carefully cleaning away all traces of his previous 'home'. Murphy thought this wonderful, the whole exercise gave him a sense of freedom. 'This is indeed where my real life begins' he mused.

Minutes later Murphy felt himself placed in some more of the liquid. It occurred to him that he was not alone but, in his excitement, thought nothing more about it. Within a short while, however, Murphy experienced quite a different sensation, the liquid appeared to be warmer. Not unpleasantly so at first but, as the temperature rose Murphy went from feeling merely uncomfortable to being terrified as the now boiling liquid penetrated his skin and completely numbed his senses. The light dimmed and.....

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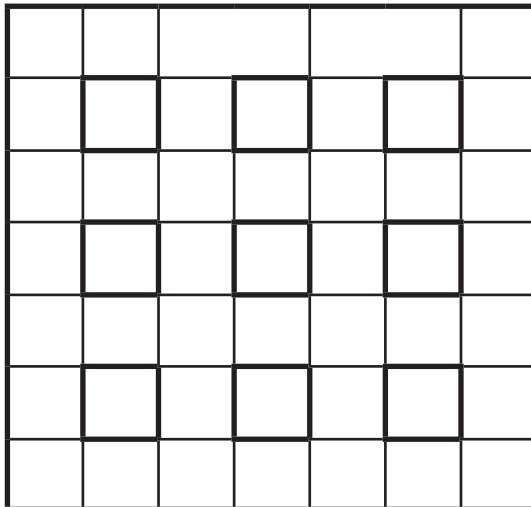
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