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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis in Village Hall
Every Tuesday 2.00pm	Slow 'n' Low in Village Hall
Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesday evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at Village Hall

## MAY 2010

11th May	7.45pm	WI Meeting
12th May	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
15th May	10.00 a.m.	Comberton Gardens and Allotments Plant Sale at Nursery School
15th May	2pm - 4pm	Scouts Jumble Sale at Meridian School
15th May	2.30pm	St Mary's Church Spring Sale in Village Hall
19th May	7.30pm	Film: An Education at the Village Hall
17th May	7.30pm	Comberton Winemakers in the Village Hall

## JUNE 2010

4th June	10.30am to 12.00	Talk at the Library
5th June		Comberton & Gardens visit to RHS Wisley.
16th June	7.30pm	Film: Young Victoria at the Village Hall
19th June	2.00 - 5.00pm	Meridian Fete at the Meridian School

## JULY 2010

10th & 11th July	Monday Studio
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Liz and I went to Marshall's Airport for the Cambridge Building Society Community Awards last week. The magazines on display were very impressive. We did not win any award this year despite the changes we have made to Contact. Comberton Village College won a silver award for their magazine. Well done them! It was an interesting and enjoyable evening. I must congratulate the Cambridge Building Society for running this event so successfully.

I had hoped to be able to tell you that the small adverts website would be up and running by now. Regrettably there have been some technical hitches in registering and finding a host for the website. Although there is a small annual charge for hosting the website, we shall absorb this cost and the small adverts will be a free service to Comberton residents. We are moving towards launching it very soon. It is coming! Watch this space!

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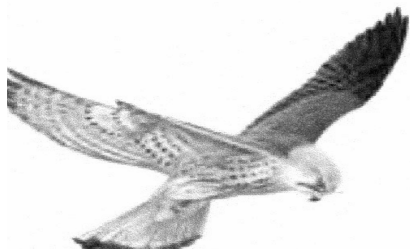
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There are speakers, tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to change books while the library is closed.

On the 4th June, Chris Jakes will be talking on,

### **“Local History and the Cambridgeshire Collection”.**

As this is a very popular speaker we may have to limit numbers for this first session, so book your place by speaking to us in the library or call 0345 045 5225

Future sessions:

2<sup>nd</sup> July, local author Donna McLuskie on, “Creative writing, career changes and Murder”

6<sup>th</sup> August, Sue Williamson – “What makes us read”

3<sup>rd</sup> September, Suzie King – “Meditation and its benefits”

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Proceeds from the sale go towards supporting the village  
Autumn Show.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Our annual garden visit will be on Saturday 5th June.**

This year we are returning to RHS Wisley.

Tickets for travel and garden entry will be about £14.

(Reduction for CA&GA Members.)

**The Autumn Show will be on 18th September.**

The subjects for the photography are.

A Season in the Village.

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 14 April 2010

## *S137 Donation applications*

Each year in the autumn in Contact the Parish Council invites applications for grants from village groups and organisations. At its next meeting the Parish Council will be considering applications from:

Comberton Bowls Club, St Mary's Church (churchyard upkeep), Victim Support, Red2Green (help for those suffering from Learning Disabilities), Comberton Brownies (towards transport costs for an event in the summer), Comberton Scouts (Fireworks display), Cambs County Council (Summer Reading Challenge) and Comberton Village College Trust (towards a piano). Only requested a specific amount.

## *Annual Parish Meeting*

The meeting will be held this year at 7.30pm on Weds 26 May in the Village Hall. In addition to the usual reports from village groups, organisations and charities there will be short presentation on street lighting and its impact on the environment. How do you feel about street lighting? Should it be turned off? Should the number of lights be increased or reduced? Come to the meeting and join in the discussion. Everyone welcome.

## *Village Litter Pick*

Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the village litter pick. An amazing 18 large sacks of litter were collected on the day. The Parish Council is very grateful also for all Colin's help at the Three Horseshoes for suggesting the idea and for kindly supply refreshments afterwards. Thanks also go to the District Council for loaning the litter picking tools and giving us the refuse sacks.

The village looks much tidier. Please help us keep it like this all year. If you see any litter please don't walk by please help by picking it up and putting in a nearby litter bin. Thank you.

## *Comberton Village College parking*

The Parish Council's working group continues to look into a proposal for housing, open space and parking on land opposite the village college and will be arranging a meeting with the landowner to discuss the proposal further.

## *Annual Audit*

The Audit will be carried out again this year by Moore Stephens of Peterborough. All residents have a right to inspect the Council's accounts. Further information is available on the notice board and includes the dates for public inspection.

## *Parish Council members contact details*

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
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Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
Mr Tom Serby	Home Farm, 250 Barton Road	262303
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

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Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

Please contact Mike Booker about arrangements for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the readings of Banns.

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

Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 8th	10.00am onwards.	Church yard tidy up
Sunday 9th	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Andrew's Toft
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 13th	7.30pm	Joint Lordsbridge Team Ascension Day service, Dry Drayton parish church
Saturday 15th	2.30pm	St Mary's Spring Sale in the Village Hall
	- 4.00pm	
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Pentecost Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Holy Communion
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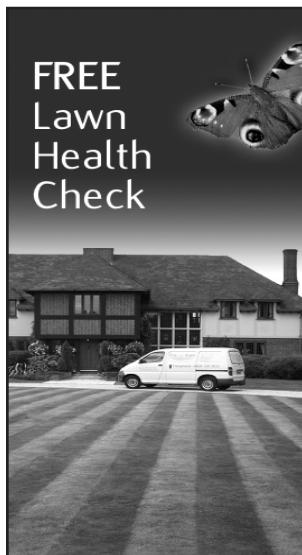
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ALSO ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY: of every month running alongside Junior Church we will be having special short services between 10:30 - 11:45 am followed by refreshments in the church centre. We'll be looking at a range of issues – our theme this season beginning January will be Why? 7 Difficult Questions.



**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 [Dan@c-b-c.org.uk](mailto:Dan@c-b-c.org.uk) Our minister the Revd. Stephen Henderson can also be contacted on 01223 264707 or [Stephen@c-b-c.org.uk](mailto:Stephen@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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As I write it is the last day of the Spring Term (not that we've seen much Spring yet) and children and staff are very ready for a break. We are having a non-uniform day today and, it being April Fool's Day, the theme is 'wear something silly', followed by the important caveat 'with sensible shoes'! We don't want anyone falling over unnecessarily...

In the last couple of weeks children have been learning about the important messages of this time of year. A Christian organisation called GenR8 presented a lively assembly reminding children of the real message of Easter, and I delivered an assembly on Passover, its history and background, and the importance of the seder meal to Jewish people.

As I mentioned previously, we also celebrated Earth Hour by following the advice to 'wear something, turn off the light'. Children were invited to wear a bright accessory for assembly (a hat, tights, scarf, jacket, for example) – the hall was a positive riot of neon



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and fluorescent pink! Then in the afternoon we turned off all the electricity for an hour and lessons were taught without any modern technology. I admit to one failure – we had to keep a computer on in the office to sort all the dinner money etc. – but otherwise we did very well.

The PTA also ran Pyjama Parties that same Friday evening at the end of March. The idea is to come in your pyjamas with a cuddly toy or blanket and enjoy a film while drinking hot chocolate. A fun occasion as well as a fund-raiser. We are very fortunate in having an active and creative PTA Committee who come up with a huge range of activities to provide enjoyment for children and adults alike, while raising funds for those extras which enhance children's learning and experiences.

Another example in March was 'Mother's Day Secrets' where children can bring in £1.50 and choose from a wide range of lovely, acceptable gifts for their Mums or carers.

Next time I write we will be well into the Summer Term – let's hope the weather lives up to the name!

Glennis Virgo     Headteacher

## COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The meeting held on Thursday April 8th was a talk by Arthur Brooks, on the Cambridge American Cemetery. The ground from Madingley Hall was given by Cambridge University in 1943 to be used as a memorial to Americans who had perished in World War Two. There are about 3,800 buried there, each one having an individual burial. Each marble cross is washed and inspected every week and the grass watered every evening from April to October. As we can see this keeps the grounds in pristine condition. At the end of May, during the Bank Holiday weekend, there is a commemorative Service in tribute to the American servicemen buried at Madingley Cemetery.

## COMBERTON WI

Our speaker in April was Mr Andrew Jackson, who gave an interesting talk on 'Inn Signs of Town and Country'. Mr Jackson is a keen amateur photographer and has made a hobby of recording unusual or eccentric inn signs up and down the country. It was remarkable to see the quality of the artwork and also the creative ironwork. Most breweries employ their own team of painters but there are still freelance painters about, including Stanley Tew from Devon. Many signs provide visual puns and are used to set the tone for the pubs.

As pubs seem to be going out of business with alarming frequency nowadays, these signs and wonderful pub names will be lost. Pubs are undoubtedly part of our cultural heritage and WI members will certainly take more notice of their signs in the future.

Date for your diary: May 11th at 7.45p.m. in the Village Hall 'IResolutions' Competition - A Garden Flower.

## CAMBRIDGE BUILDING SOCIETY

Due to significant refurbishment work, scheduled to take place over the summer holidays at the Village College the branch needs to be closed during this period. The last day



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## COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL

The Easter Celebration on April 3rd raised a record £494 for village hall funds exceeding the previous highest total (in 2009) by £90. A big thank you to all those who helped on the day by running stalls, serving tea/coffee and hot cross buns, donating raffle prizes and cakes and of course all those who attended .

Don't forget the film evening on Wednesday May 19th when the recently released award winning film 'An Education' will be shown using the newly acquired audio/ visual equipment. Tickets £3.50 on the door. Film starts at 7.45 (doors open 7.30.)

Malcolm Wright

Chairman

## COMBERTON WINEMAKERS MAY & JUNE MEETINGS

The May meeting of the Comberton Winemakers Club will be on Monday May 17th in the Village Hall at 7-30pm. On Thursday May 27th members of Comberton Winemakers are going to Buckden Wine Club, meeting to start at 7-30pm.

On Sunday June 13th we will be holding the Summer Barbeque at Toft. Members and friends should arrive at 1-00pm --food will be served at approx 2-00pm. There will be a raffle and the Murcott Cup competition - the wine recipe was circulated at the March meeting. Please bring your own plates and cutlery. Entry cost £8-00.

## STOP DOG EXCRETA IN COMBERTON

Once again I am writing regarding people who do not clean up after their dogs. Most dog owners are brilliant and clean up but unfortunately there are still a few who don't bother. Twice in recent months I've found dog excreta on my front lawn and drive!

It's against the law to have a dog out of control, off the lead, beside a road. If your dog is on a lead in the village, you will notice when it poos. This morning, 5<sup>th</sup> April, I saw dog excreta on the grass opposite the dog poo bin on the footpath leading from Barton Road to Milner Road! I have also seen it in other parts of the village.

You lazy people know who you are and should be totally ashamed. No matter who you are, you MUST clean up.

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## DID YOU MISS A TREAT?

You certainly did if you missed Kiss me Kate on the CB3 stage from 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March. This was superbly staged by Bourn Players and congratulations to Mike Sharpe (Director), Des O'Brien (Producer) and Nick Wareham (Musical Director) for bringing all their talented supporters and cast together for this feast of a show. The band, the singing and the acting was brim-full of enthusiasm and skill right from the expectant dimming of the lights to the final curtain.

It is almost invidious to pick out particular talents but the two ladies were delightfully contrasted by Tahlia Marvin (Kate/Lilli) and Alison Wareham (Bianca/Lois) with their quality voices and acting. Vocal and acting skills distinguished their male opposites Des O'Brien (Petruchio/Fred) and Denis Orchard (Lucentio/Bill). And the rest of the supporting cast gave able contrast to the more individual performances. Several of those taking part are known from their association with Comberton Players. Terry Wall (Stage Manager) put together the skilful designs and scene changes with his usual skill. He has, of course, produced, sang and acted in a lot of our recent local productions. Paul Thorpe (Aide to Kate and 1<sup>st</sup> Gangster) brought us his usual top performing skills to his parts as we remember him from our pantomimes and plays. Jane Bowden has taken part with Comberton Drama Group and Cantabile in the past and she lent her skills to Wardrobe and Make Up for this production. And what of all the other performers and supporters too numerous to mention - thank you for sharing your talents and enthusiasm and enjoyment with us. I must confess to losing the plot of this complex play within a play several times but there was an excellent programme (by Jane Tanburn which explained everything. This also contained a memoir, by Mike Levy, of Cole Porter's life. Without him there would have been no Kate to kiss us all with those great songs. Thanks to all the musicians, singers, actors and dancers and all the supporting team for this great entertainment and your support for the Alzheimer's Society

Michael Thompson.

## LAWN CARE IN MAY

### Weed Control

In most seasons this is the best month for weed killing with either a selective weed killer or a weed and feed fertiliser. Selective means that the weed killer will only affect the weeds and leave the grass unharmed. This is by far more effective and longer lasting. As the weed recedes and dies back so the grass that it was previously strangling can branch (tiller) out to take the place of the weed.

### Fertiliser

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predominately Nitrogen, but it may also need Phosphate, Potassium, Magnesium and other trace elements.

### Mowing

Continue mowing, and increase the frequency. The grass will look and grow better if cut little and often, rather than one big cut. This month cut no lower than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (2 cm).

### Irrigation

Whilst there is usually plenty of moisture around in the soil, the grass will grow vigorously. However we are due a hot and dry spell, and this can sometimes occur in May, which could cause drought conditions in our lawns. If you do plan to water your lawn (I have mixed views on whether it is or isn't the right thing to do) then make sure it is watered properly. By this I mean let the water soak in at least 7-10 cm (3-4"), other wise you can do more harm than good by literally only wetting the surface. It is better to water once a week and to do it properly than 2 or 3 times poorly.

### Actions required in May

- Feed lawn with Nitrogen fertiliser
- Treat weeds with herbicide once actively growing.
- Mow lawn lightly. Don't cut shorter than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches (2 cm) this month. Grass will respond better if cut little and often.
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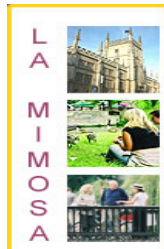
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Self-Directed Support involves identifying and allocating a Personal Budget – an up-front allocation of funding for eligible individuals to plan how to meet their social care needs and to achieve their personal goals.

Help is available at every stage, from completing the initial assessment to producing a support plan to show how the money will be spent and managing the budget. This can be taken as a Direct Payment or left with the County Council to manage on behalf of the individual service user.

Self-Directed Support is being introduced over a two-year period. By March 2011 all new and existing users of social care services who are eligible for support will have been moved over to the new system and will be more in control of the support and services they receive.

If you think you are eligible for social care support you should call Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202.

More information about Self-Directed Support is available on the County Council website at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social) or by calling the number above.

## MAY PLANTING

With spring in full flow, it will be interesting to see how quickly the plants catch up with normal flowering times after the long delay of a cold winter. This winter was the 14<sup>th</sup> coldest in Britain in the last 160 years. Although most of my frost-tender plants are well and truly dead, it has been a brilliant year so far for camellias; the shrubs are laden with flowers. Once they have finished flowering, it will be a good time to feed them for next year. Keep the shrubs well watered; if the soil round them dries out, bud growth for next year will suffer and this makes the plants susceptible to bud drop next spring. If you are tempted to buy camellias, you will need to grow them in ericaceous compost to reduce calcium levels that are too high in Comberton soils. Those with the largest flowers belong to the species *C. reticulata*. My favourite red-flowered one is 'R.L. Wheeler'.

A good white-flowered shrub for May is spiraea. It looks like a hawthorn in flower but has a more delicate growth and arches down to the ground. The stems are covered in clusters of white flowers, looking as though heavy snow has fallen. A fine variety is *S.*

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vanouttei. It can grow nicely through an open fence to soften the fence edges.

### Good colour contrasts

These are very good perennials and form excellent colour contrasts. For example, *Erysimum marshallii* has orange flowers and is usually out at the same time as the pale blue spikes of camassia. Plant the wallflowers in groups with the taller camassia behind. If you have a swath of purple alliums, let the Siberian wallflower wander through them to liven up the colour scheme. A mauve wallflower is *E. linifolium* and this contrasts well with yellow or orange tulips. Another blue-flowering plant that is also low growing, with a long flowering period and an alternative to forget-me-nots, is *Brunnera macrophylla*. This plant will grow well in partial shade. Make a note to buy bulbs of the late Pheasant's eye narcissus for next spring; these flower towards the end of May and are beautifully scented. If you have a damp patch in the garden, then the globe flower *Trollius europaeus* will flourish well, normally these are golden but there are some orange-flowered varieties available.

### Splash out on bedding plants

Now is the time to buy your summer bedding plants. Decide on a good contrasting or complementary colour plan, dig the ground well and add garden compost to give a good texture for the roots. Add a little fertilizer with a good potassium content to encourage flowering. Similarly, plant up tubs so that the tub has height at the centre to give it visual structure. Choose some cascading plants to tumble over the edge. This hides unsightly pots. Remember pots and hanging baskets need daily watering on hot summer days. Use slow release pellet feed to initiate constant flowering. Remove the dead heads constantly.

R.T. Choke

## BOURN TO RUN 2010

Calling all runners, young and old, fast and slow, fighting fit or cracking apart at the seams. It's time to dust off those trainers and prepare for action.

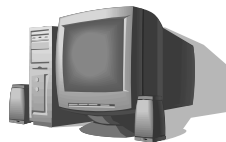
Bourn and its surrounding area will again echo to the sound of pounding feet in 2010 as 'Bourn to Run' returns on Sunday September 26. There are two runs to choose from – 10km or 3km – depending on levels of spirit, fitness, ambition or boundless enthusiasm. Both events will take place on an improved multi-terrain course through beautiful scenery, starting at Bourn Sports Pavilion at 10.30am. There will be medals and goodie bags for all runners.

Last year's stunning debut raised £5,000 for the Bourn School swimming pool fund and 2010's proceeds will be split between equipment for the school and new facilities for teenagers at the village recreation ground.

You can register online at [www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk) with early bird discounts for anyone entering before July 31. Further details can be found at [www.bournschool.co.uk/bourntorun](http://www.bournschool.co.uk/bourntorun). For donations or sponsorship information head to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/bournschool>.

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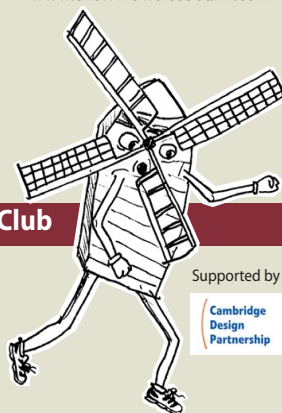
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