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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 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society at Village Hall

NOVEMBER 2010

From 3 November to 17 December Variety of events at CVC (see article inside magazine)

6 November	6.30pm	Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks at The Drift
9 November	7.45pm	WI meeting Trawler Men at Village Hall
10 November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
12 November		Clothes at the Meridian
17 November	7.30pm	Garden and Allotments AGM at Village Hall
24 November	7.30pm	Film The Ghost at Village Hall
24 November		Comberton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at CVC
24 November	8.00pm	Comberton Playgroup AGM at the Playgroup
24 -27 November	8.00pm	Barton Drama Group at Barton Village Hall
27 November	10.30-12.00pm	Christmas Coffee Morning at Village Hall

DECEMBER 2010

3 December	7.30pm	Christmas Lights at the Crossroads
3 December	7.45pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's
4 December	10.30pm	Christtmas Fayre at Village Hall
10 December	7.30pm and	11th December 2.30 & 7.30pm Aladdin at Village Hall
13 December	7.30pm	A Night of Nostalgia at Comberton Leisure Centre

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As my small grandson has told me 'It is Autumn now Granne'. He's not wrong. Suddenly so much work needs doing in the garden before we can start preparing for Spring. It's rather like cleaning the house after the grandchildren have stayed for half-term!

Our small advert website is up and running but we need more buyers. Everyone loves a bargain and there are some very good ones to be had on our website (address on page 2). The bonus is that advertising is free, no packing and posting and no paying on the internet. Go on, have a look at it.

St Mary's Church, Comberton **Christmas Coffee Morning**

Saturday 27th November
10.30 – 12.00
In the Village Hall

Raffle, Christmas Decorations, Bring & Buy, Cakes etc.

Admission £1.00 to include Coffee and Mince Pie

COMBERTON CINEMA

Ewan McGregor & Pierce Brosnan in

The GHOST₁₅

Wed. 24th November

Please note the change of date to the one previously advertised

Doors open 7.30
Film starts 7.45

Tickets cost £3.50
On the door

For further information contact Sandra Hyde Tel: 262075

These events are sponsored by Comberton Village Hall Trustees

Thank you to all those families who came and supported our Summer Roadshow.
We had lots of fun and it was great meeting new families!

New Term Sessions

Tuesdays 10-11.30am **Stay & Play for Under 2's** Toft Village Hall (not every Tuesday so please check website/poster)

Tuesdays 2-3.30pm **Stay & Play** Caldecote Pre-School (term time only)

Thursday 14 October 10.30-11.30 **Soft Play** Caldecote Village Hall

Saturday 16 October 10-11 **Dads Messy Play** Caldecote Village Hall

Monday 1 November **Parents Forum** New Building (if complete)

Saturday 6 November **Working Mums Café** New Building (if complete)

All sessions are free

UPDATE - Our new building is nearly complete!

Little Footsteps – Caldecote Children's Centre

Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7ZH, 01954 211289/284672

caldecotechildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

COMBERTON PLAYERS PRESENTS:

ALADDIN

Friday Dec 10th at 7:30pm

Saturday Dec 11th at 2:30pm

& 7:30pm

At Comberton Village Hall

Tickets: £6/£4 concessions

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Comberton Village Hall

Saturday 4th December
10.30 a.m.

Christmas Fayre

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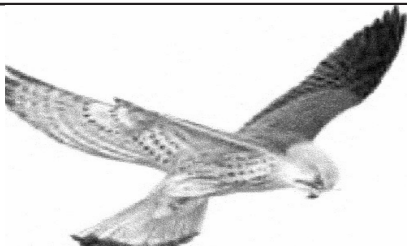


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Saturday 13 November 2010

7.30 pm

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Christmas Lights at the Crossroads

Friday 3rd December

7pm

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 13 October 2010

Comberton Parish Plan - Your chance to say what you want to see happening in Comberton!

You should have, by now completed your questionnaire and had it collected. It really is important to let the Council know your views so if you haven't completed it yet please do. If you have completed it but it hasn't been collected please contact the Clerk who will arrange this. Thanks you.

Parking problems associated with CVC – B1046 road including junction with Kentings

Thank you to all the residents who took the time to write to the Council in response to the article in last month's Contact about the cost to the village of yellow lines in Kentings. The Parish Council has considered these and decided not to pay for the lines and if the County Council still won't then the Parish Council will reconsider the matter again once CVC is at capacity.

A site meeting will be taking place in November with representatives from the Parish Council, the County Council, Bennell Farm, Toft Parish Council to discuss the proposals for yellow lines along West Street outside the Village College.

Dogs on the recreation ground

Thank you to everyone who, when walking their dogs on the recreation ground keep them under control and cleans up after them. Unfortunately there are some that do not and the Council would like to ask that all dog owners keep their dogs under control, on a lead if necessary and appreciate that not everyone likes dogs and some people and children may be scared of loose dogs. There has been an increase of dog mess on the recreation ground so please ensure that dog mess is picked up and disposed of in one of the dog bins. As I said many residents are responsible dog owners this reminder goes out to the others. Thank you.

Affordable Housing – land off the The Valley

The District Council has confirmed that the Homes and Communities Agency have agreed to fund The Valley project as 6 rented and 5 shared ownership units and all that is needed now is to sort out the planning permission and get on site before the 31st March 2011.

Other

Parish Council vacancies

Three members have recently resigned from the Council and information on the casual vacancy process is on the notice board.

In May 2011 the next elections for all the 13 seats on the Council will be held. More information on this will be advertised on the notice board in South Street nearer the time.

Donations and grants

Each year the Parish Council is able to support village groups and clubs which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.

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Bonfires

A bonfire can be a convenient way of getting rid of a large amount of waste. If a bonfire is the most practicable way to dispose of dry garden waste (for example, diseased plant material that cannot be composted) please

- warn your neighbours - so that there are no complaints.
- avoid lighting the fire in unsuitable weather conditions, smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening. If it is windy smoke may be blown into neighbours' gardens and across roads.
- avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens.
- avoid burning when air pollution is high.

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
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Dorothy Morison	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10 November 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.

2011 CENSUS COMING TO A LETTERBOX NEAR YOU
On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. It is not just another survey. The census is important as it provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport

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When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code is on the front of the questionnaire.

More information about the 2011 Census is available online at: www.census.gov.uk

Jobs

Starting in September 2010 and continuing over the coming months a number of jobs will be created to support the Census. These will be a mix of part time and full time jobs. Some will last months, others a matter of weeks. All will offer competitive rates of pay.

More information can be found at www.censusjobs.co.uk

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

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 November

Wednesday 3rd November 8.00pm at St Mary's - Making Sense of the Bible with Rev Dr Mike Thompson

Sunday 7th November 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with Revd Andrew Vaughan

Sunday 14th November 10.15am (note change of time) Remembrance Sunday Service, with Col Richard Farrimond

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st November. Art Exhibition in St Mary's Church

Sunday 21st November 8.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Toft
10.30am Joint Service at Comberton Leisure.

We join with all the churches of the area to worship God together.

Saturday 27th November 10.30-12.00 Christmas Coffee Morning, in the Village Hall

Sunday 28th November 9.30am Holy Communion

Advent Sunday 3.30pm Christingle Service for all ages

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On the evening of Wednesday 3rd November we welcome Rev Dr Mike Thompson, lecturer in New Testament at Ridley Hall, speaking on **Making Sense of the Bible**. He's an excellent speaker - not to be missed.

There is a simple, quiet service of Morning Prayer at 9.15am every Tuesday in St Mary's. Everybody is welcome. We pray for the needs of the village - please let us know if there is anybody or anything in need of particular prayer. **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.

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Sunday 31st October is the Feast of All Saints

Tuesday 2nd November is the feast of All Souls

Sunday 21st November is the Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 28th November is the First Sunday of Advent

Detailed below are the normal times of masses at weekends

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening:-

5.00 pm Cambourne

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 November 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

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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 Lighthouse are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years, running alongside the main adult service. We also have Junior Church every 4th Sunday of the month, packed full of exciting themes and activities. Here @ CBC young people can make friends and explore their faith together!



JUNIOR CHURCH is an exciting 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

Comberton Baptist Church, Green End, Comberton

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

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.



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NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This month I wanted to tell you about a collaboration between schools which is proving to be a very effective way of extending opportunities for both our children and staff. Network 11 is a group of schools consisting of ten local primary schools and the secondary school they feed in to – Comberton Village College.

The Headteachers of those schools had always met about once a half term but we strongly felt that we wanted a grouping that was much more dynamic and supportive. Hence Network 11 was created in 2009. The first thing we did (after deciding on the name!) was to appoint a co-ordinator, whose role is to strengthen the links between us.

Now it's no longer just the Heads who meet. Regular meetings take place between teachers who lead Maths, Literacy, Music, Eco-schools leaders and, more recently, Chairs of Governors. We also take part in joint training sessions – sometimes just a couple of schools are involved, sometimes many more. In April, for example, all the teachers of the ten primary schools will spend a day learning from Pie Corbett, the well-known children's writer.

We also put on special events for the children – in the pipeline at present are a Careers Conference for Year 6 children, a singing day for Year 3, and we are exploring the possibility of a Network 11 Saturday Orchestra. Working parties split off to organise particular events but behind it all is our very efficient co-ordinator, who ensures that Network 11 functions effectively.

We have lots of ideas for the future including sharing use of facilities, expertise and, in these straitened times, shared service provision. We believe that, because of Network 11, our joint voice is much stronger and we can represent our communities much more effectively in our dealings with outside agencies. Our schools are all very different but our desire to achieve the best for our children is the great unifying factor.

Those half-termly Heads' meetings still take place, but now they are just one small part of the activities of that dynamic, supportive collaboration we were seeking.

Glennis Virgo

Headteacher

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COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Change is in the air. Not just the move to Autumn and then on into Winter, but change on the political and educational landscape. All of us involved with public services are obviously now working our way through the implications of the public spending review. As schools, we know that we have been protected from some of the most radical cuts, but there are still very significant changes and challenges ahead for us in the new world that is emerging.

In such times, a key question for any of us must be: 'What is it that we really stand for?' If we are to reflect on how we should react to the new challenges and opportunities of a changing world, we need a guide. We need some clear principles. Without this, we are likely to flounder and to be uncertain and unclear in our reaction and our decision-making. In this context, the principles of the Comberton Educational Trust, now formed and overseeing Comberton Village College for two years (and Jeavons Wood Primary School since it opened in September 2009) seem especially helpful and important. The trust holds 5 key principles:

- Education of the highest standard.
- Education for all pupils, regardless of ability, background and other possible factors.
- Education at the heart of the community: the Henry Morris principle.
- An outward-looking approach that always seeks to work in partnership for mutual benefit.
- Education with a clear international dimension.

Any school that affiliates to the Comberton Educational Trust must adhere to these principles. A key role of the trustees is to ensure that this is the case. The principles can then be helpful to judge what might be done in a changing world. For example, as a school judged as 'outstanding' in its last full Ofsted inspection, Comberton Village College was invited to join the first wave of the new 'converter' Academies in the country. How should such a decision be made? The answer becomes clear: how does this possible move match up against the key principles? If it can enhance some of the principles and not detract from others, then it looks a good way to proceed. If it does the reverse, then it would be a bad idea. Through this logic, both the governing body of Comberton Village College and the trustees of the Comberton Educational Trust voted unanimously to proceed with an application for Academy status. If all proceeds smoothly, Comberton Village College will thus become an Academy at some point in the New Year. Out of interest, the name of the Academy will be: Comberton Village



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Stephen Munday

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE EVENTS

The next few months at CVC look like being extremely busy and we would be delighted to see members of our local community at these events.

A traditional pre-Christmas favourite for the whole family is always the CVC Christmas Bazaar. This year it will take place on December 4 from 11am-2.00pm.

It promises to be a fun-filled event. Father Christmas will be in his grotto, there will be a café offering a range of delicious lunchtime fare as well as a wide range of activities and stalls designed to raise funds to help disadvantaged pupils within our own community and in our partner schools in Africa.

Visitors always enjoy having a range of stalls run by members of the college and the wider community. If you would like to run a stall at the bazaar, please download the booking form by following the link from the college website, www.combertonvc.org and return it with the fee to the Finance Office at CVC by November 19 please. Hard copies may be collected from the Community Education office at CVC or Cb3.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please e-mail publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk or drop it in at the college for the attention of Ally Brennan.

One of the most popular stalls in the past has been 'Make Me an Offer'. For this we require any unwanted and unused presents and items you may have at home for any age group. If you want to have a pre-Christmas clear-out and donate to this stall, please contact us or drop in.

More details of all our events can be found on the college website above or the Comberton Leisure website at www.combertonleisure.com

We look forward to seeing you at the college soon.

Wed 3 rd Nov	Comberton Sixth Form Open Evening	7.00- 9.00pm	Free
Sat 13 th Nov	The Cambridge Concert Orchestra	7.30pm	£5 / £3
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Frid 26 th Nov	Indulgence Evening	7.30- 10.30pm	£3 inc glass of wine
Friday 3 rd De- cember	Carols by Candlelight (St Mary's, Comberton)	7.45pm	Free but by ticket only available from CVC
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COMBERTON PLAYGROUP

Comberton playgroup are holding their AGM Wednesday 24th November at 8pm at the playgroup. If anybody is interested in finding out more about your local playgroup please come along on the night.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Comberton Friendship Club Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 14th October. The committee members were elected again for a further year. The coffee morning held on 18th September raised £307. This will go towards new equipment for Comberton District Nurses, right on our doorstep. Thank you to everyone who came on that day. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Sue Allen on 262090

COMBERTON WI

Members met in October to celebrate 70 years of the WI in Comberton. We had many visitors, including the County Chair, Mrs Heather Wilkin. The speaker was Barry Kaufman-Wright, an ex-policeman and wildlife photographer. Barry has spent much of his career protecting wildlife. We were treated to excellent wildlife photos of many native plants and animals and Barry talked very knowledgeably about all of them. Afterwards members enjoyed birthday cake and toasted our 70th birthday.

Date for Diary: Tuesday 9th November at 7.45pm in the Village Hall – Trawler Men – the true price of fish and chips with Andy Malcolm.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION THE COMBERTON SHOW

It is always up-lifting to see such support for village events. Over two hundred people came to the Comberton Show on 18 September to marvel at 737 exhibits of vegetables, fruit, flowers, cookery, preserves, wines, and handicraft, including 201 paintings and drawings from the school-children. The younger members of the community also produced the biggest display of cooking and model making for the show for many years. Well done the children and the parents for their time and encouragement. The Exhibits, according to the judges were of a very high standard. Teas, a Raffle and the auction of the top quality exhibits finished off a splendid day. Thanks must be given to the show secretary, Robin Worship, the CA&GA committee and their spouses for all the time and hard work that is required to make the event such a success. Richard Gant, Head



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MASTER GARDENER TROPHY	Peter Gladders
SILVER CUP	Fumin Huang
HARRY SEWELL TROPHY	Peter Gladders
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Tallest SUNFLOWER COMPETITION	Anna & Eve Crossley
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COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION.

Annual General Meeting

17th November 2010 in the Village Hall from 7.30

The AGM is the opportunity for members and tenants of Allotments at Long Road to come along and hear what the Association has been up to in the last year. Refreshments will be provided.

Tenants will be able to pay their rents for 2011 and all members will be able to pay their subscriptions. People interested in renting an allotment can register their interest.

The Chairman will outline the activities organised for 2010 and invite suggestions for 2011.

In line with previous years he will also present the trophies won in 2010.

The AGM will officially start at 7.45 pm.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT VILLAGE FOOTBALL

Comberton United would like to thank the support of two local businesses for the sponsorship of two new football kits: Vijay Patel of the Costcutter store in Comberton provided the sponsorship for a new kit for the first team; Jason Moore of J M Carpentry provided the sponsorship for a new kit for the 2nd team.

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24th September saw 40 members of the Twinning Association depart for our annual visit to Le Vaudreuil, in Normandy. After an (admittedly) slow journey (thanks to the M25 on a Friday afternoon), we all enjoyed an enjoyable weekend, with many visiting a large Impressionist Art Exhibition in Rouen, plus a guided tour of Chateau Gaillard at Les Andelys, and a visit to a restored water mill. Before dinner on the Saturday night, in their grand 'Village Hall', there was a small ceremony to officially celebrate the installation of a defibrillator in the hall, some of the funds being raised in Comberton, in memory of our member Mike Winney, who sadly died on one of these visits. The photograph shows Jane Winney at this ceremony, with the Mayor of Le Vaudreuil apparently praying!! New members are always welcome,, especially families.. speaking French is certainly not a requirement !

Peter Mitton

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Worm Casts

This month will probably see the appearance of worm casts (small mounds of earth brought to the surface by worms). Treatments can be applied to stop the casts occurring in the first place.

Disease

With damp dewy days ahead diseases such as fusarium can kill patches in your lawn. If you see white mould or dead patches please call us for an accurate diagnosis as it may need treating with a fungicide.

Moss

Moss will start to encroach now and it is advisable to treat now before it competes with the lawn.

Actions required in November

- Aerate lawn if conditions allow
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Hedging

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clusters of red berries appear in late September. The common hawthorn, *Crataegus monogyna*, with its deeply cut leaves and one seed per berry, is better than *C. laevigata* whose leaves are shallow cut and contain two seeds per berry. Generally, single-seeded berries have more flesh and are therefore more nourishing to birds. The berries are eaten by blackbirds and thrushes. When wintering flocks of fieldfare and redwing arrive from Scandinavia in October, a good haw crop can be grazed over quite quickly. Mistle thrushes can be territorial on hawthorns and chase off other birds. Ivy, *Hedera helix*, growing naturally in the hedge, flowers in autumn and does not produce berries until the winter, December through to May. The berries are black and very nutritious for hedgerow birds.

Shrubs

The spindle bush, *Euonymus europaeus*, so called because its growth is thin and spindly, provides attractive berries with a pink four-lobed outer casing that splits to reveal the bright orange fruits. Robins and long-tailed tits are very partial to this fruit; the berries appear in October and last until February. The common holly, *Ilex aquifolium*, produces berries only on female bushes; a male bush is needed nearby to provide pollen for fertilizing the female flowers. Holly berries have the longest season and are food for blackbirds, thrushes, robins and blackcaps. Often a pair of mistle thrushes will defend a holly tree and ward off intruders. Holly berries are bright red and contain a poison, ilicin, that causes stomach upsets in man. If there is snow in the winter, mistle thrushes can be overwhelmed on holly by masses of other birds, e.g. redwings and fieldfares trying to find food to survive.

Trees

The rowan tree, *Sorbus aucuparia*, and its relative the whitebeam, *S. aria*, provide a good flush of berries each year. The rowan's red berries do not last long; blackbirds are the main eaters and hardly any fruits remain in mid-November. The whitebeams provide fruit until December for the thrush families and seed eaters like the finches. Even magpies, jays and crows will eat them if there is little else. Crab apples, *Malus sylvestris*, form a good food source if left on the ground. A wide range of birds eat them in late January and early February.

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-Why trab it?
-"That dream" when deciphered is the answer (9)
-A member of the Myodidae ((8)
-A liquid food made from a calf's head (10)
-A moth grub, or tractor (11)
-A roofing slate 24" x 12" (7)
-Of the Order Lagomorpha in early spring (9)
-Alternative spelling to ex leader of the B.N.P (7)
-This character has an ODD RING about it (4)

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*Isaiah58 is a project run by WCCYM
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