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## Regular Dates for Your Diary

Mon	9:30-11:30am	Fun for 1s & 2s	Playgroup
Mon	9:45am	Comberton Walkers	Baptist Church
1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7:00pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	7:30pm	Wine Makers	VH
Tues	10:30-12noon	Village Cafe & Crafts	VH
Tues	6:30-8pm	Keep Fit	CVC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:45pm	Women's Institute	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	8pm	Antiquarian Society	VH
Wed	10-11:30am	Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wed	12:25-1:10pm	Lunchtime Badminton	CVC
Wed	2pm	Bridge Club	VH
Wed	After School	Tang Soo Do	Meridian School
Wed	6:30-9pm	Tennis Mix-In Session	Tennis Club
Wed	8-10pm	Shuttles Badminton	CVC
Wed (term)	2-3:30pm	Bumps and Babes	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	7:30pm	Parish Council	VH
Thurs	9:30-11:30am	Fun for 1s & 2s	Playgroup
Thurs	9:30am-12:15	TumbleTots	VH
Thurs (term)	4-6pm	EDGE Youth Club	Baptist Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	2:30pm	Friendship Club	VH
4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	2:30pm	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	6-9pm	Tae Kwon Do	Meridian School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	8pm	Custard Comedy	CVC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7pm	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10-11am	Park Tennis	Park
VH = Village Hall		CVC = Comberton Village College	

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## Upcoming Events

### **October**

7	Opera Club	VH
8	Friendship Club	VH
9	Act of Remembrance	Primary School
11	Service of Remembrance	St Marys
11	Ringin for Peace	St Mary's
12	Rhymetime	Library
12	Help Scheme AGM	VH
14	Greenways Consultation	VH
15	Meridian Primary School Open Morning	
17	Twinning Ass. Quiz	VH
21	Cinema Club	VH
22	Oasis	VH
23	Lunch Club	Blue Lion, Hardwick
23	Art and Craft Exhibition	St Mary's
24	Art and Craft Exhibition	St Mary's
25	Art and Craft Exhibition	St Mary's
26	Rhymetime	Library
28	CAGA AGM	VH

### **December**

1	Christmas Fayre	VH
2	Christingle Service	St Mary's
4	ReFill	CBC
7	Christmas Lights	Crossroads
7	Cinderella	VH
8	Cinderella	VH
8	Christmas Craft	St Mary's
10	Rhymetime	Library

## From the Editor

Dear Comberton,

Well, winter is really upon us now. I've been leaving the house in the mornings, to get to college, in the dark. The central heating is well and truly on, and all the knit-wear hidden in the loft during the baking hot summer has come out.

This November marks the 100th anniversary since the end of the First World War. There are several events going on round the village to mark this poignant milestone.

There are several beautifully written pieces in this edition celebrating some wonderful people and buildings that have been part of this village. I'm very grateful to all those who have put pen to paper (or rather finger to keyboard) and shared their experiences and knowledge with us.

Yours,

Chris

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Services and Events in November (at St Mary's Comberton unless otherwise noted)

Sunday 4 Nov	9.30 am 5.30 pm	Holy Communion All Souls' Service of Prayer and Reflection
Sunday 11 Nov	8am 10.45am 7 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) A Service of Remembrance Ringing for Peace: Armistice100 and lighting the beacon to commemorate WW1 Centenary
Sunday 18 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 Nov	2.30 pm	Oasis Tea in the Village Hall
Friday 23 – Sun 25	10 am to 4pm	Art and Craft Exhibition
Sunday 25 Nov	10.30am	West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service at Comberton Leisure
Sunday 2nd Dec	9.30 am 3.30 pm	Holy Communion Christingle Service

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Come and join us at St Mary's to ring our church bells at 7 pm, to see the beacon lit on the church tower and to enjoy some hot chocolate and mulled wine.

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## 1918 - the End of the Great War?

At 11a.m. on the 11th November 1918 the guns fell silent. The Armistice, a mutually agreed cease-fire, came into being. It was an end to any more killing and wounding but the consequences of the Great War rolled on. On 28th June 1919 the Allied and Associated powers presented a Peace Treaty for Germany to sign in the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles. Germany signed with great reluctance - and the consequences rolled on. How can we begin to imagine what the Peace that followed was like without recalling the privations and horrors of that war?

In the first years of the War groups of men, friends, workmates, were eager to sign-on voluntarily. Their enlistment numbers\* show this bunching - for example,

Comberton men William Humphreys 13785, Walter Day 13791, then Sidney Williamson 15753, Victor Harper 15759 and Alfred Day 15760. All enlisted in the 11th (Cambridge) Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment.

The Rev. Percy Gardner-Smith wrote in the Parish Log Book (March 1916), "*These are abnormal times. Nearly fifty Comberton men are serving with the forces. The shortage of labour and the price of materials make it difficult to get any work done. The Church presents an unusual appearance, the clerestory (upper) windows being painted with opaque distemper and the lower windows covered with movable blinds of brown paper, a troublesome arrangement but necessary if we would not be destroyed by bombs*

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## The End of the Great War Cont.

*from German airships. For the same reason we are not allowed to ring the bells after dark. The village is extremely dark, no ray of light being allowed to escape from any window, so that occasionally, when there is no moon, people lose their way. Constant anxiety is the lot of most, many families have several sons in the war, and nearly every house has sent one. Everyone longs for peace."*

The men listed above all died on 1st July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Their names are engraved on the Thiepval Memorial in North France. You will also find them, with five others, named on our own Brass plate Memorial to the Fallen, in St Mary's Church.

The Cambridge Independent Press, August 1919 carried, under

Comberton, Memorial to the Fallen. *"The new organ which has just been placed in the church, in memory of the Comberton men who fell in the war...and... Returned Soldiers Entertained ... to a meat tea at the Vicarage on Bank Holiday afternoon, followed by sports and dancing on the lawn."*

I wonder if there are more memories, handed down through village residents, of how Comberton school children celebrated? If you do have any records, photographs or family stories of celebrations of this great moment in history please contact me.

*David Hughes,  
Chairman of Friends of St Mary's,  
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## History of the Old Village Hall

*In the first of a two part series, Brian Burton shares the history of a key part of the village.*

Passers by in Green End probably do not pay much attention to the low black timber-clad building which is an integral part of the village scene at the crossroads and which today houses the Commercial Centre. But it is worth a second glance at what could be considered a memorial to past generations who gave their lives for their country and who gave their time and energy for their community.

The building comprises three parts: the original ex-hospital ward hut, now 6 Green End, running alongside the village hall car park, an extension along Green End now 6A Green End, and an infill extension of the resultant L-shape.

The ward hut was originally part of Cherry Hinton Military Hospital built in 1915. At the end of the First World War the hospital was disbanded and the buildings were sold by auction. The Comberton hut was bought at the end of 1920 at an auction held by Catling and Son and was transported on a timber wagon drawn by a team of horses through Cambridge to

its destination. It is reported that Silver Street had to be closed to let it through. The 61 ft by 21 ft building was transported with “the kind co-operation of the farmers and tradesmen of the village (and) the whole cartage of the hut was done gratis”.

The hut was erected on land leased from the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds Friendly Society for the sum of one shilling (5p) per year starting from the 7th December 1920. This lease entitled the newly formed Comberton Institute to erect any building they desired, any such buildings remaining “the absolute and sole property of the Institute”.



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## History of the Old Village Hall Cont.

A small committee of far-sighted individuals had worked through 1919 and 1920 while Britain was suffering a post-war depression to raise the sum of over £40 to fund a village institute. In October 1920 a public meeting approved the scheme for a Comberton Institute and an interest-free loan of £118 and over £24 in subscriptions were obtained to fund the provision of the hut. Despite the “great assistance of many helpers” the purchase and erection of the Institute cost a total of £214, equivalent to £9,100 today.

In addition to the initial fund raising, a further £192 was raised through annual subscriptions and Institute activities, including almost £78 raised on the day of the official opening on the 8th February, 1921. There were 122 families in Comberton in 1921: the Institute cost an average of £1.75 per family at a time when 75% of the working population of Comberton was employed as farm labourers and an agricultural labourer in England and Wales earned an average of less than £1 per week.

It is assumed that the hut was a long rectangular building and it is not clear how it acquired its

smaller southern extension but this was probably erected at the same time as the hut as soon afterwards it appears that a three-quarter sized billiard table and two smaller billiard tables were installed in what was termed the “Room”. Neither is it clear when the third, infill area was constructed to provide cloakroom, kitchen and toilet facilities.

The Institute provided a community centre for the village. In its first year there were “games”, dancing classes, whist drives, a concert and numerous “Socials”. For an annual subscription members could use the facilities without further payment.

The ladies provided canteen facilities which provided funds for the Institute as well as a service to the members. A rota of members attended the Room each evening to maintain discipline and good conduct! Daily newspapers were purchased for members to read. The wooden building was heated by coal-fired stove and lit by oil lamps so it was just as well the committee spent money on fire insurance.

*The second part will be published in December.*

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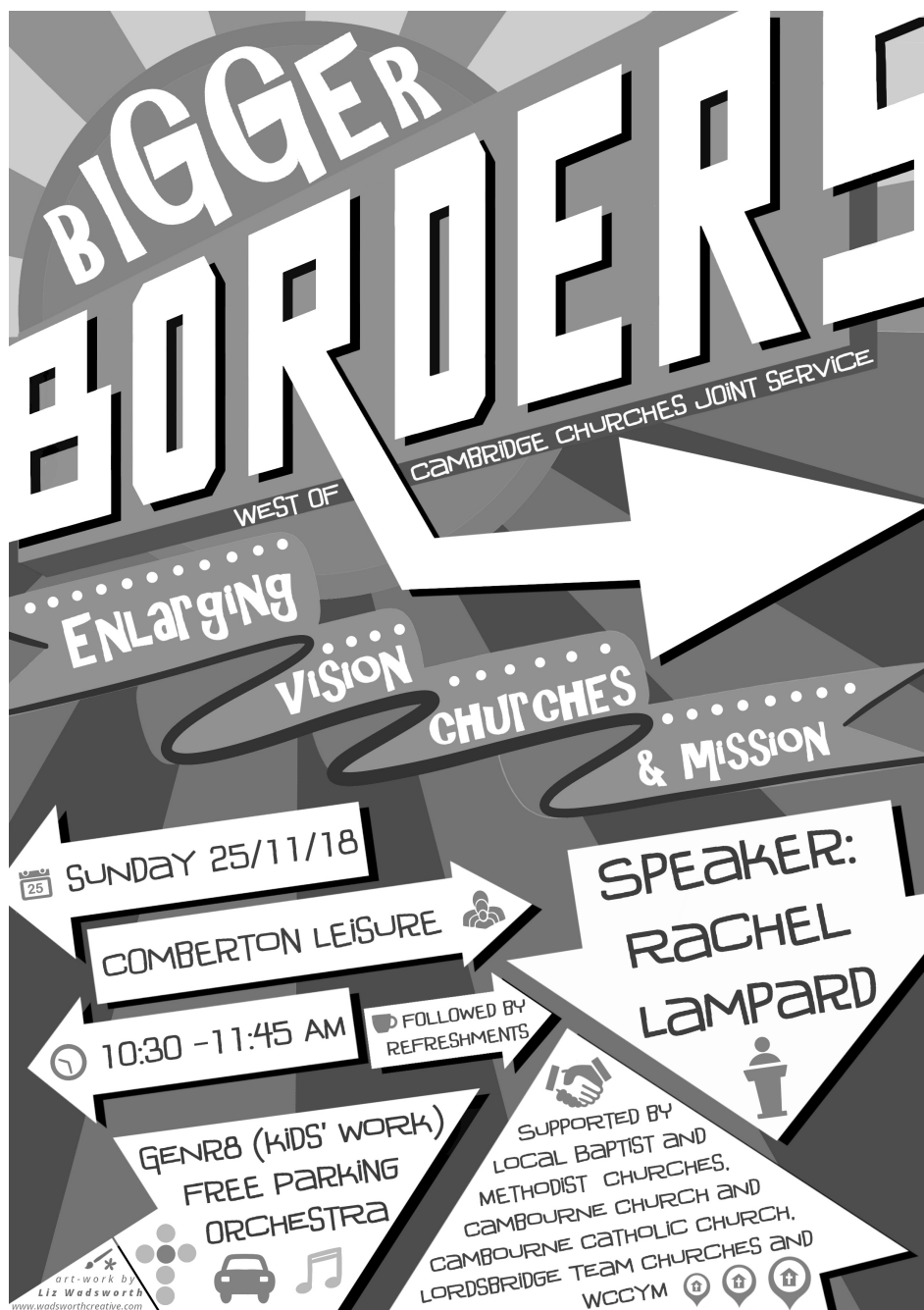
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Our two main events in the year are the Village Autumn Show and the Spring Plant Sale and they do require considerable effort from the committee to arrange and stage so we welcome new members to join us, learn the

ropes and bring in new ideas to ensure that these successful village events continue. Most of us are in the older age group and we do need additional help to stage the Autumn Show, particularly the physical aspects of setting up and clearing away tables and also serving refreshments in the afternoon.

If you do not wish to join a committee but are willing to help at the events, please drop me an email or discuss with one of the committee members. As always we welcome new ideas for classes in the Show, particularly in the Handicraft, Cookery and Photography sections and certainly in the Children's section as we need to keep them relevant to current trends.



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## CAGA Cont.

### **Comberton Autumn Show Trophy Winners**

A review of the Autumn Show was published in the October edition of Contact but the full list of trophy winners is below:-

Gentlemens' Challenge Cup (Highest points in Show) Peter Gladders

Gentlemens' Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show) Richard Kingshott

Ladies' Challenge Bowl (Highest points in Show) Kate Pennock

Ladies' Silver Cup (2nd Highest points in Show) Mavis Symonds

Storey Cup (Highest Points for Juniors) Lillia Noble

Silver Cup & Certificate (Best Vegetable Exhibit) Peter Gladders

Certificate (Best Fruit exhibit) Richard Kingshott

Certificate (Best Flower exhibit) Peter Gladders

Master Gardener Trophy (Flowers & Vegetables) Peter Gladders

Harry Sewell Trophy (Collection of Vegetables) Robin Worship

WI Handicraft Cup (Highest points in Handicraft) Mavis Symonds

Evelyn Watts trophy (Highest points in Cookery) Richard Kingshott

Gerry Hall Trophy (Blackberry Cake - Men only) Mark Coulson

Comberton Wine Club Cup (Best Wine in show) Barbara Wallace

Mike Winney Trophy (Best Photograph in Show) Richard Kingshott

Frank Hollick Book Prize (Best in Childrens' Art Classes) Mattie

Watts Salver (Best Kept Allotment-South St. Site) Michael & Mavis Parcell

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## Comberton Friendship Club

On Thursday 13th September we held our Annual Harvest Festival. A wonderful array of produce was provided by our members. Really fun afternoon with everyone bidding against each other for the produce. A very successful raffle was also held.

Our 60th anniversary year coffee morning was held in the village hall on Saturday 6th October 10am-12noon. It was well attended, so we managed to raise £321 which will be divided between two charities, Arthur Rank House and East Anglian Children's Hospice, £150 each. Thank you everyone who attended.

Thursday 11th October, this was our Annual General Meeting. The usual minutes were read and different discussions on next years calendar took place.

Sue Allin was re-elected chairman, Rex Webb vice chairman and committee members were elected en-bloc. Geoff Heathcote from the R. N. L. I. Joined us for the afternoon with his annual array of Christmas cards/calendars/diaries etc.

Members were very generous in purchasing these from him as it is a worthy charity. He gave us an up to date account on the progress of the new life boat for Norfolk. We finished off with a well earned cup of tea and biscuits.

Next meeting November 8th 2.30pm. Speaker will be David Taylor on "Women's Role's and Achievements in Aviation". New members always welcome.

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## Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

I should like to thank everyone who came to the Coffee Morning, and everyone who provided prizes and produce. Thanks to the generosity of those who came, and the wonderful weather we once more broke the record achieving a grand total of £1,134.90.

*Gill Redman*

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## Village Voices Raise the Roof at St. Mary's

What an amazing concert on Saturday 13th October in St.Mary's Church – "Village Voices" with guest appearance from KS2 Meridian School Choir with their Musical Director Rebecca Sands.

Beth Walthew, Musical Director of Village Voices, introduced our programme of music which included two beautiful pieces played by Caroline on violin and Anna on Cello.

I have never seen our Church so full of homemade cakes- they came in from every direction. These, consumed with gallons of

tea, coffee and squash, rounded off a marvellous afternoon Concert of music and voice.

Thank you so very much to those who came (and those who couldn't), who so generously donated £405 to be shared by Lisa Kent Trust and the Friends Of St. Mary's (FOSM)

A truly great village event! Thank you!

*Jane R Hughes on behalf of FOSM*



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# Meridian Primary School

It is our golden anniversary for Meridian Primary School and we are planning a year of celebrations!

A huge thank you to all villagers who sent us photographs of the school spanning the past 50 years. The children are enjoying looking at them and learning about the school's history.

Clive Dalton, a school governor in 1968, commissioned Quin Hollick (local villager) to once again craft a commemorative display to mark our 50th year. The new graph shows 'The Equation of Time' which sits alongside the sundial they gave to the school 25 years ago. This was officially unveiled on Friday 12th October in a special assembly. All the staff and children were dressed in 1960's fashion. Mandy Gilbert-Smith, a teacher in 1968, also shared some of her memories with the children.

In September, we had a visit from Greg Whyte OBE, who took time out of his busy schedule to come and share the many charity challenges he undertook for comic relief. He inspired us with his core beliefs: -team work, respect, motivation, belief, hard work and perseverance.

We hope that during our community outreach events that

you will feel very welcome to come and join us at the school. Coming up on the 9th November 2018, we are hosting a community event to mark the centenary of the First World War. This starts at 6pm and will be a short remembrance programme followed by refreshments.

Our Year 5 children are busy rehearsing 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with their Shakespeare performance set in November at the Mumford Theatre in Cambridge.

Our open morning for children starting in September 2019 will be held on Thursday 15th November 2018 from 9.30-11am.

We are recruiting for governors. If you would like to learn more about how you could be a governor, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with our chair of governors.

If you are keen and able to offer your time to volunteer with us, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers are subject to the necessary DBS checks before they start with us.

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## Comberton WI

Last month you missed out on news from the WI. We did, however, have a really interesting and different evening with a speaker who talked on the History of Belly Dancing. She came with costumes and demonstrated some dancing. Members were invited to join in at the end.

This month was quite a contrast with a talk from the owner of a Craft Shop who told us about her work and the specialities she sold. There were some beautiful samples of very different knitting yarns specially designed for her. She holds a number of courses and get together evenings for her

customers in the shop in Saffron Walden. She brought along an amazing collection of buttons and after a brief demonstration members made button necklaces. The variety of necklaces designed was truly amazing. You might see some of them being worn around the village,

We now have a really thriving Craft Group in our WI who are working hard to produce some exciting things to be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Dec 1st. Do come along and take a look at some of the lovely decorations they have made.

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## Introducing Gerry Hall

At the September CAGA Village Show, I was delighted to note that there were, I believe, nine entries for the Mens' Cookery Prize for the Gerry Hall Tankard, but it occurred to me that as it is now 21 years since Gerry lost his battle with cancer. I thought that some people may not now know just who Gerry was and that I would like to re-introduce him to you.

First of all, he was my husband of five-and-a-half years – the happiest years of my life. He was born in 1940 in Rhyl, North Wales. He won a scholarship to Rhyl Grammar School but, in his own words, was “O” Level Welsh failed!! His Mum was a single parent being left to bring up her family on her own. Life was hard for Gerry and his two siblings as there was very little money, in fact there was very little of anything – he knew poverty.

He joined the RAF Cadets and then the RAF rising to become a Warrant Officer Class 1. Although I was not married to him at the time of his Service, the part of his Service life I am most proud of is that he had been attached to 72 Sqdn., Air-Sea Rescue. He had been the Winch-Man, i.e. the one who dangles on the end of a wire

from a helicopter, to snatch people from danger and bring them to safety. He was also in Intelligence and that is why I do not know much about his exploits other than that together with his colleagues, they flew many rescue missions. He was a courageous man and his courage manifested in the manner he faced his illness. He was an elegant, kind, compassionate and generous person, and I am very proud of his memory.

Although I now use my maiden name as part of my moving away from the sadness of losing him, it was a privilege to be married to him and I will never forget him. He came into my life at a time when my own life was in a desperate place, and he was, quite literally, my Good Samaritan.

I hope this little cameo will help to introduce him to you afresh and hopefully, there will be even more entrants next year into the Mens' Cake Competition, which Gerry used to like to enter (although he never won it, coming 2nd once!) but congratulations to Mark Coulson, this year's winner. Well done Mark, and I do hope to see another entry from you next year!

*Angela Nightingale  
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## Comberton Resident Awarded the Etheldreda Medal at Ely

On 7th October, nonagenarian Don Fisher was awarded The Etheldreda Medal. (Each year, the Bishop of Ely awards the Etheldreda Medal to people across the Diocese whose service to the community is both 'generous' and 'outstanding'.)

A real village unsung hero, Don has quietly served the village through membership of several village groups, including, the Guides, village hall and St Mary's Church, in a modest and assuming way.

Don's knowledge and expertise regarding hearing loops and amplification systems has helped many community groups... In this respect he has freely given much of his spare time.

He oversaw the north porch building project at St Mary's which resulted in the addition of much needed toilet facilities. This involved considerable time and many visits to the church. By careful and diligent planning, Don has ensured that St Mary's in good shape for the next generation.

Don recently stepped down as treasurer at St Mary's, but he is frequently the first to arrive and the last person to leave. And he still likes to keep a watchful eye on important things like the heating system and oil levels. As he says, with a twinkle in his eye, he has a vested interest in keeping the church warm!

Congratulations Don!

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## Comberton Village Help Scheme

Our AGM will be held on Monday 12th November at 2.30 pm in the Community Room at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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### Advance notice.

Full info next month....

Christmas Lights at the Crossroads - Friday 7th December 6.30pm... Come and enjoy the carols before heading to the village hall for the panto.

# Parish Council Report from the Clerk

The Parish Council met on 10 October 2018.

## ***Greenways Project***

A representative of the Greenways cycling project being conducted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership outlined the aims of the project for a network of routes into Cambridge from surrounding towns and villages. It is intended to provide cycleways and footpaths (and equestrian routes where appropriate) which will be safe, sustainable and attractive for cyclists, and particularly school children, to use.

Residents will have an opportunity to comment and make suggestions on a proposed cycle path from Comberton through Coton to Cambridge. There will be a public consultation and local publicity events, including a proposed exhibition at Comberton Village Hall (details to be confirmed). Households will also receive a consultation leaflet seeking residents' views.

The Parish Council also raised the poor condition of the existing path between Comberton and Barton, which will be relayed to the Project Manager.

## ***Comberton duck pond***

Residents expressed concerns about the low water level in the duck pond. The Parish Council is looking into this and will consider the matter further at the next meeting.

## ***Works to the Pavilion***

Work is now under way on the project to improve the Pavilion building to meet FA specifications.

## ***Watts Wood litter pick***

The Community Payback team is going to undertake a litter pick in Watts Wood and may carry out other works in the village in future.

## ***Grounds and Village Maintenance***

The Parish Council approved its specification for 2019 to 2021 inclusive and this will now be put out to tender. Anyone wishing to tender for the contract should request a copy of the specification and tender documents from the Clerk. Tenders are required by the end of November.

## ***Grant applications***

Groups wishing to apply for a grant should contact the Council for an application form.

## Recreation Co-ordinator and Village Handyman vacancies

The Parish Council is looking for a reliable person/people to undertake important roles in maintaining, co-ordinating and managing the Recreation Ground, Pavilion facilities and its equipment and assets in the village.

The jobs in total require 10 hours per month which could be divided into 2 roles i.e. Rec Co-ordinator requiring 2 hours per month and Village Handyman requiring 8 hours per month. Both roles could be carried out by 1 person or they could be divided into 2 depending on the applicant. The position(s) can be conducted on a flexible basis plus there may be opportunities for overtime as and when issues arise.

### **Key responsibilities:**

- Monitoring and inspecting the recreation ground and the pavilion at least twice a week (Handyman)
- Carrying out of legionella checks as required (Handyman)
- Inspecting and managing the play equipment, skate park and adult gym area (Handyman)
- Reporting any graffiti and assisting in its removal (Handyman)
- Identifying and reporting the need for any major repairs. (Handyman)

- Assisting trades people and any third-party contractors if/when required (Both)
- Carrying out emergency repairs if required to equipment and pavilion (Handyman)
- Acting as a liaison with the Tree Working Group and Recreation Working Group, recreation ground users, and clubs such as football, cricket and bowls (Both)
- Managing bookings and invoices for the recreation ground (Co-ordinator)
- Budget Management (Both)
- Be a point of contact for complaints (Both)
- To act as project manager for future developments (Both)

### **Requirements:**

- Effective communicator
- Well-organised and apt in problem-solving
- Be contactable by telephone and/or email

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## Evening and weekend GP appointments now available

Residents in Cambridge, Ely and surrounding villages can now book evening and weekend appointments with a GP or nurse.

Appointments are available to all patients at a local health centre and can be booked through the receptionist at your regular GP practice – either on the phone or face-to-face. The receptionist will give patients the date, time and venue for your appointment.

These are routine, non-emergency appointments and it is not a 'walk in service'

Comberton Surgery will be providing appointments on Tuesday evenings between 6 and 10pm and Saturdays between 8am and 8pm.

**OPEN** later. **OPEN** longer.

If you do book an appointment, but cannot attend you can change or cancel it so that appointments are not wasted. You can do this by calling 0330 0130 030

If you would like to find out more, please go to [www.openlater.co.uk](http://www.openlater.co.uk)

Evening and weekend appointments are provided free on the NHS by Cambridge GP Network (CGPN) using local doctors and nurses. CGPN is a group of practices who are working together to deliver services to local people.

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## Act of Remembrance

***School Courtyard, Meridian Primary School  
Friday 9th November 2018 6pm***

Meridian Primary would like to invite its community to a small Act of Remembrance to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The short ceremony will bring generations together to honour the service of our countrymen. It will include a moment of silence and music and reflections provided by our children.

Winter refreshments will be provided afterwards

# Comberton Opera

At the Village Hall

## ***Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro***

Sally Matthews, Vito Priante, Lydia Teuscher & Isabel Leonard

The Glyndebourne Chorus and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Under Robin Ticciati (conductor)

A Blu-Ray video-recording at the 2012 Glyndebourne Festival

Wednesday November 7th 2018 at Combrton Village Hall.

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Interval with refreshments

Tickets £3.50 on the door

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## The Challenge Sponsored by Budgens of Comberton Solutions

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.Hawaii 50           | (4) LISA KUDROW      |
| 2.The Naked City      | (14) DAN BLOCKER     |
| 3.The Defenders       | (10) BRIAN BLESSED   |
| 4. Friends            | (2) PAUL BURKE       |
| 5. Ironside           | (15) JENNIE AGUTTER  |
| 6.Dixon of Dock Green | (9) HELEN MIRREN     |
| 7. Rawhide            | (1) JACK LORD        |
| 8. The Persuaders     | (11) DENNIS WEAVER   |
| 9.Prime Suspect       | (13) MARTIN SHEEN    |
| 10. Z Cars            | (17) ROGER MOORE     |
| 11.Gun Smoke          | (20) DAVID TENNANT   |
| 12.Maigret            | (21) JULIE WALTERS   |
| 13.The West Wing      | (3) E.G.MARSHALL     |
| 14.Bonanza            | (7) CLINT EASTWOOD   |
| 15.Call the Midwife   | (22) VICTORIA WOOD   |
| 16.Cracker            | (19) CILLIAN MURPHY  |
| 17.The Saint          | (18) SHARON GLESS    |
| 18. Cagney & Lacey    | (5) RAYMOND BURR     |
| 19.Peaky Blinders     | (8) TONY CURTIS      |
| 20. Broadchurch       | (6) JACK WARNER      |
| 21. Indian Summers    | (12) RUPERT DAVIES   |
| 22.Dinner ladies      | (16) ROBBIE COLTRANE |

Winner: G. Gibb. Barrons Way

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### ***It's all Greek to me.***

15 of the 16 in the first column below can be matched up with the 15 in the second column. One poor soul however cannot find his/her counterpart. Who is all alone and who is his/her Consentes Dii ?

(A) ARTEMIS	( ) JUNO
(B) PERSEPHONE	( ) VENUS
(C) ARES	( ) SOL
(D) HERA	( ) MARS
(E) HERMES	( ) VULCAN
(F) APOLLO	( ) NEPTUNE
(G) HELIOS	( ) JUVENTAS
(H) HEPHAESTUS	( ) PROSERPINE
(I) ATHENE	( ) MERCURY
(J) DIONYSUS	( ) VESTA
(K) HEBE	( ) DIANA
(L) HADES	( ) MINERVA
(M )DEMETER	( ) JUPITER
(N) HESTIA	( ) CERES
(O) POSEIDON	( ) BACCHUS
(P) ZEUS	( ) PLUTO
(Q) APHRODITE	( ) ?.....?

Entries please to Budgens. The Library or Green End Surgery no later than the 14th November. The prize of £10, generously donated by Budgens, is to be spent in store.

Name.....Address.....

# Comberton Village Hall Lettings Charges

## ***Village and Affiliated Community Group Use***

### Main Hall

Private (except evening social events)	£15
Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£12.50
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£30
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£60
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£200
Meeting Room or Community Room	£10
Committee meetings in Meeting/Community Room	£5

## ***Non-Village and Non-Affiliated Community Group Use***

### Main Hall

Private (except evening social events)	£25
Non-Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£20
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£40
Weekend evening social events (F/S/S)	£90
Wedding reception (all day - midnight)	£300
Meeting Room or Community Room	£15

Community Commercial and Commercial Letting charge on application to the Lettings Secretary.

Sessions run from 9am-1pm, 2pm-5:30pm and 6pm-10:30pm.  
Midnight for Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Premises to be vacated by end of session.

Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1st January

Community Group Use means local groups operating on a non-commercial basis

Groups working with children or vulnerable adults will need to have Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult policies in place

Booking should be made with the Lettings Secretary, Mrs Stephanie Young on 01223 971006 or 07773 085479 between 9am-9pm.

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