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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 st 3 rd 4 th Mon	7:00pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 rd Mon	7:30pm	Wine Makers	VH
Tues	10:30-12noon	Village Cafe & Crafts	VH
Tues	6:30-8pm	Keep Fit	CVC
2 nd Tues	7:45pm	Women's Institute	VH
4 th 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 nd 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 nd Thurs	2:30pm	Friendship Club	VH
4 th Thurs	2:30pm	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	6-9pm	Tae Kwon Do	Meridian School
2 nd Fri	8pm	Custard Comedy	CVC
3 rd Fri	7pm	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10-11am	Park Tennis	Park
4 th Sat	9am	Selah	VH

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

Advertising Rates

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Upcoming Events

March

8	Cricket Nets	Leys School
9	Bowls Club Quiz	VH
11	Rhyme Time	Library
12	WI	VH
15	Cricket Nets	Leys School
17	Refill	CBC
20	Cinema	VH
22	Lunch Club	Arrington Garden Centre
23	Selah	VH
	Soup Lunch	St Mary's
25	Rhymetime	Library
27	Village Institute AGM	VH
28	Oasis Tea	VH
29	Cricket Nets	Leys School

April

5	Cricket Nets	Leys School
29	Rhymetime	Library

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Please supply copy via email in a plain text format and images in jpg, png or pdf with 300dpi. Please send any submissions for the March magazine by 10th February.

From the Editor

Dear Comberton,

Spring really feels like its on the way! I'm even sitting out in the garden typing this in the warm afternoon sun. Time to start sorting out the garden after a chilly winter.

A little bit of personal news, if you'll permit me. As some of you will know, I've been in Cambridge to study at Ridley Hall to be a priest in the Church of England. This summer will be the end of my course, and so my little family (which will be growing by one more sometime in March) and I will be moving up to Leeds to serve my curacy at St Edmund's in Roundhay. We're all tremendously excited about this, but it does mean that the Contact will need a new editor. Please do see the advert on p9 and consider if you can step up to serve the village in this way. Or if there is someone who you think would be great at it, give them a nudge - this is what my wife did, and here you are reading my editorial...

Do enjoy this edition of the Conact.

Yours,

Chris

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

Sunday 3 March	9.30 am	Morning Worship & Baptism
Wednesday 6 March	12 noon	Ash Wednesday service at St Andrew's Toft
Sunday 10 March	8 am 9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 March	8 pm	Compline
Sunday 17 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 20 March	8 pm	Compline
Saturday 23 March	9 am 10 am -12 12.30-2 pm	Selah in the Village Hall Children's Craft for Mothers' Day Soup Lunch for Christian Aid
Sunday 24 March	8 am 9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 March	8 pm	Compline
Thursday 28 March	2.30 pm	Oasis Tea in the Village Hall
Sunday 31 March	9.30 am	Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday

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We have one Saturday team playing in Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League 3 West and a midweek team playing in the Cambridge Business House League Division 3.

Net sessions will be taking place at The Leys School Sports Complex 1930-2130hrs on:
Friday 8 March, Friday 15 March,
Friday 29 March, Friday 5 April

If you would like some more information contact:
Tom Preece on 07954 356783 or tompreece@gmail.com,
Oscar Swift on 07794 381211 or o.swift@ucl.ac.uk.

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25 February 2019	Gill Redman	01223 262246
04 March 2019	Gill Redman	01223 262246
11 March 2019	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
18 March 2019	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
25 March 2019	Margaret Storey	01223 262748
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The Contact as a magazine has been published for the last few decades, with the object to inform the village of local happenings. There have been a variety of successive editors, each serving their turn and making their own mark on the production of this vital peice of village life.

The magazine is a vital channel of information and entertainment for the whole village.

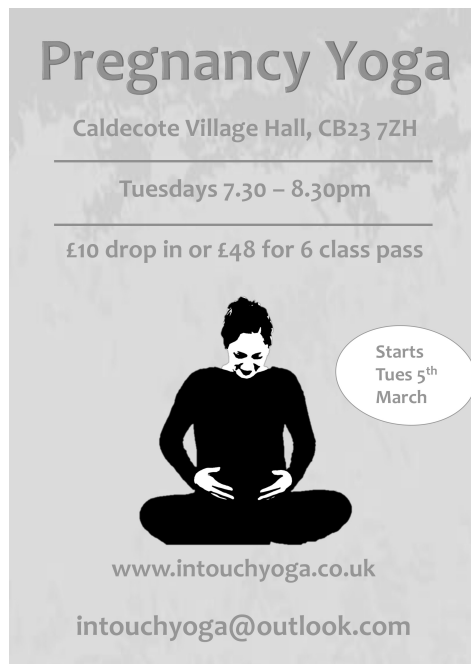
There is a wonderful team of folk who deal with the advertising and the distribution of the magazine, and many people who contribute different parts of the magazine, from articles to the challenge puzzle.

The skill is not writing artcles, but in arranging other people's efforts in the most efficient mannger. It probably takes 10 hours per month to produce.

Maybe you've read through a copy in the past and thought 'Thats not how I would do it', then this is your opportunity to give it a go. Or perhaps you want to learn a new skill and have a little bit of time to offer back to the community.

There really is a great sense of satisfaction in receiving the Contact through the letterbox having produced yet another excellent edition.

If you're interested in stepping up and serving the village in this way, please do get in touch with the current editor by email editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

A poster for 'Pregnancy Yoga' featuring a silhouette of a pregnant woman in a yoga pose. The text on the poster includes the title 'Pregnancy Yoga', the location 'Caldecote Village Hall, CB23 7ZH', the time 'Tuesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm', the cost '£10 drop in or £48 for 6 class pass', the start date 'Starts Tues 5th March', the website 'www.intouchyoga.co.uk', and the email 'intouchyoga@outlook.com'.

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Meridian School

Greetings to our neighbours,

We have had a brilliant start to this spring term.

Our Golden Anniversary for Meridian continues... We successfully arranged for the whole school to see the pantomime Aladdin at the Cambridge Arts Theatre.

The children enjoyed the local Molly Dancers who came along on 7th January to entertain us at the beginning of the year. We hope this can be an annual school tradition and look forward to welcoming them next year.

We entered our Year 6 class into the 'Sing for your School' project. This was a county-wide project for classes to compose their own song and record this with a backing track to be heard by thousands of Cambridge News readers.

The children had some lovely reviews – '[this] conjures up such a happy picture of you all being alongside the animals and nature in your school ground [...] I came away with pictures in my mind of you all playing as the trees were allowed to grow tall and be full of birds singing.'

We are looking forward to our Science Week, 11th–15th March, which will fall alongside the Cambridge Science Festival this year. Our Science Lead has organised a sponsored skip for the whole school to support the purchase of science resources.

We are always interested in making links with local scientists to share some amazing facts with our children. If you live locally and feel you could support our science enrichment in anyway, do contact the school office on 01223 262423.

The children have had some super opportunities in sports so far and we have increased our participation in competitive events with other schools in South Cambridgeshire. We have some keen runners attending our early morning running club, making this one of our most popular sports clubs. Over the past three years we have consistently improved our physical education provision. We have listened to the views of our children which has supported us in the development and variety of our sports clubs.

Kind Regards,
Mrs C. Etchie
Headteacher

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Comberton WI February 2019 Report

February is the month in which we begin our new programme and carry out our Annual meeting.

This involves a review of the past year and our accounts which are always independently audited.

The new committee is elected and this year a new president, as our constitution was set up so that a president should hold office for only three years at a time.

All members are invited to stand as committee members. This year we have a committee of nine and everyone has a job to do. Many members also carry out extra duties.

To make sure that it was an enjoyable evening, despite all the business, the committee arranged refreshments of cheese and wine to tempt people to attend. The evening really was very pleasant with opportunities to chat with friends as well as set ourselves on the path for another year.

The first speaker of our new programme is to talk about Scam and Fraud Awareness. Something we all need to be increasingly aware of and we invite you to come along and hear about it on March 12th.

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As part of 'The Library Presents' programme of arts performances and workshops, we are delighted to be hosting a performance of

Romeo and Juliet, Theatre with Shakespeare Suitcase, at Cambourne Library on Saturday 27th April at 3.00 pm.

This is a clever, accessible and fun interpretation of this well-loved Shakespeare play and is suitable for all the family (children aged 6+). Tickets are £4 per person, with a family saver price of £14. Tickets can be purchased online, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts, or at Cambourne Library. Do ask at Comberton Library if you would like further information or help with purchasing tickets.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 11th & 25th March and 29th April (10.30 -11.00 am). Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!



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Comberton Monday Art group have moved into the 21st century, and although we have had a page on Facebook (Monday Studio Comberton) showing our various achievements with exhibitions and tutorials with visiting artists, we now have a web site.

One of our members who conquered the art of web design has set this up for others to view,

so that potential members can see what we do and also others who may be interested in our activities. www.mondaystudio.org

There are pictures of in-house and Artist led events, news about visits to local exhibitions and also some slightly further afield, exhibitions that may be taking place and contact details.

Have a look; hope you find the information useful and keep an eye out there will be updates on a regular basis. If you are interested in visiting the group and maybe joining us please contact us.

Angela Donnelly,
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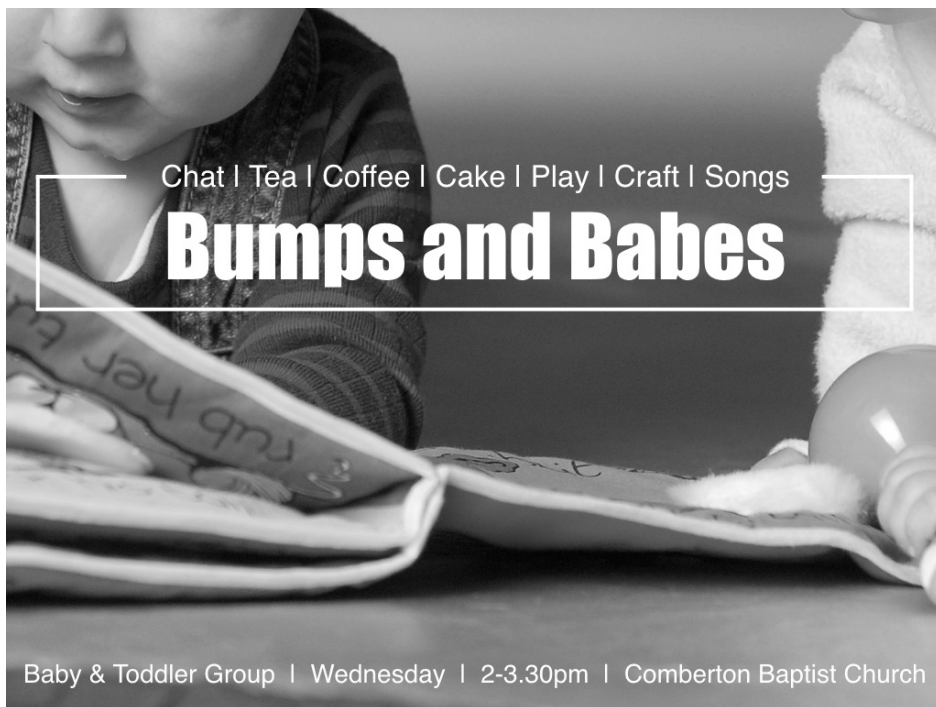
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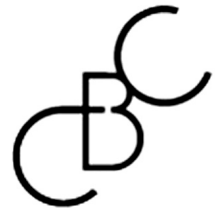


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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on 13 February 2019.

Greater Cambridge Partnership presentation

The meeting started with the Greater Cambridge Partnership presentation on the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway. The representatives outlined the proposals and background and spoke to the options in the leaflet which has been delivered to every home in Comberton.

The Parish Council is strongly against the waterworks Park and Ride site because of the build up of traffic at the junction with Madingley Road; the impact on the environment, the Site of Special Scientific Interest and the landscape; and the visibility of the site from three counties.

The Parish Council supports Option 3 with on road bus priority lanes running in both directions.

East-West Rail consultation

The Parish Council rejected all the proposed routes. The Council believes that the East-West Rail proposals would cause great damage to the environment by creating two transport corridors across the region, and they do not provide adequate connectivity

between communities and centres of employment.

The Council supports the proposed route by CamBed RailRoad, which would be less detrimental to the environment and landscape and would take a northern route with links to Cambridge North station and beyond. Details of the CamBed RailRoad proposals can be found via the following link: www.cambedrailroad.org/

Planning applications

The Parish Council considered two planning applications.

Barn at Church Lane – Thirteen residents had attended the meeting to express concerns about the proposal at Church Lane.

The Parish Council recommended refusal for a number of reasons, including access issues and the fact that it is in the Green Belt. The Council is asking the District Council's Planning Officer and Planning Committee to take the concerns of residents that write in seriously.

69 Long Road – The Parish Council recommended refusal for several reasons, including that it

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Parish Council Report Cont

is in the Green Belt and detrimental to the Green Belt.

Handyman vacancy

The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has had a good response to its advertisement for its Recreation Ground Coordinator and Village Handyman position.

The Parish Council have appointed Mr Jeremy Graham, who lives in the village, and the Council looks forward to working with him. All matters relating to the Recreation Ground or the village assets should contact Jeremy at:
rec-coord@comberton.org.uk.

Verges in Swaynes Lane

The Council has written to CCC Highways about damage to verges. CCC has responded to say that "Unfortunately this kind of damage is ubiquitous especially at this time of year and CCC does not have the means to repair every section of verge damage and over run, particularly when it could be damaged again the following day. Generally come spring the grass goes back and the verges recover but if residents are keen to repair their own verges then I would encourage this."

Golf on the Recreation Ground

The Council is very concerned that the Recreation Ground is being used for golf. This is not safe and causes damage to the land. The Council asks that people do not use the Recreation Ground for golf.

The Drift

The Parish Council is going to apply to the County Council for a Temporary Road Order to restrict vehicles using The Drift between October and April, to protect the surface.

Bennell Farm Development

The Parish Council has agreed not to accept the Public Open Space at Bennell Farm, because of the implications relating to the underground water tank and because it is not in Comberton parish.

Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council would like to make everyone aware that all its meetings are open to the public to attend, all agendas are available on the website (www.comberton.org.uk) and on the notice board at the cross roads.

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Lina Niento, County Councillor Newsletter

You may know that we have set our budget for the coming year and it is very important that I provide you with up to date information regarding the County Councils financial situation.

Full Council: Budget
As you may know because of current Central Government

pressures, some grants have been reduced or are not being given no longer. In light of the increasing costs and reducing funding, significant savings are required across the planning period. The savings/income target for 2019-20 is £26.5m with more than £69m required over the next five years.

Lina Niento, County Councillor Newsletter Cont.

One of the key things Cllrs and officers have been working on are the large contracts. One of the most costly ones is waste. We have re-negotiated this contract and saved close to £1 million.

Unfortunately, we had to increase council tax to 2.99% this year to meet the funding gap. Some of you might ask why conservatives believe that council tax should not be raised. In my opinion the council should find alternative ways of generating an income in order to cover services.

For example, our investment committee have been working around the clock to get projects started and we hope to be in similar if not better position as South Cambridge District Council, when managed by a conservative administration. They have a portfolio of houses which currently receives an income of almost £2m, this money is re-invested in front line services.

I believe that the money each individual earns should be kept and have as much discretion on deciding where it goes and how it is spent, instead of being forced upon. In addition to this, there are many residents who have financial challenges and although you may receive support for council tax, it

is still a large amount for some of our residents.

A sound budget is essential to ensure effective financial control in any organisation and therefore the Business Plan is a key process within the Council's annual calendar.

As the Council is responsible for the provision of a significant level of demand led services, where there is limited control over the quantum or complexity of that demand, setting an accurate budget is always going to be challenging. The budget is therefore a set of financial estimates and the definition of an estimate is a "guess as to what the size, value, amount, etc. of something might be".

It is hoped that the financial challenges of a county with a rapidly growing population will be recognised in the forthcoming Spending and Fairer Funding Review. It is however almost inevitable that any revised methodology adopted as part of this process will contain floors and ceilings that will phase any redirection of resources over a number of years. Therefore even with a positive outcome from this it is likely that the Council will still be faced with significant budget

challenges beyond the 31st March 2020.

I must recognise that the financial situation is tight, however, we are doing better than other councils across the county which are currently closing libraries and stopping many services. We have opened 3 new libraries, 2 new mobile libraries, increasing investment in road maintenance, moving the council from Shire Hall which will bring millions of saving, investing in transformation programmes that support officers ideas in order to offer the best service we can for residents, and the list goes on.

I am not saying that everything is perfect but we are going in the right direction and every decision made is then reviewed and analysed. If something does not work than we will reconsider our position and what it is important is not only the amount of money a service has but the way it is used. We are putting great emphasis on outcomes for residents and how best to achieve this. Officers work very hard to re-think the way they deliver services and it is not good enough to say that this is the way we have always done things. We must question and review, innovate and trial new models. This is exactly what we are doing.

If you have any particular questions about this budget please let me know, happy to discuss further.

Decision-making involvement for Parish Councils

One of the items of the agenda was the survey conducted and I must say that I will be pushing for more involvement at a local level. Parish Councils would like to play a more active role in the decision making of the County and probably the district too. I have already started discussions with colleagues and I will continue to pursue this important position. It is quite rightly that Parishes have more of a say in what happens in their local area, instead of being imposed upon them. If you have any particular comments or ideas please do let me know.

Meeting local businesses:

This year I will be going around and visiting more local businesses. I believe we should buy local and support them. Otherwise, local businesses will close down and will be dearly missed. They play a very important role in our communities and it's a responsibility of all.

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This month I met with Scott, the new manager of the Meridian Golf Club in Toft. He has been reaching out to the local community and nearby parishes. The project in hand is a very exciting one, in my opinion. I

believe this could be a great asset to the local community, it will probably have a positive impact on house prices too and employ local people.

We spoke about light and noise pollution, traffic, and other potential concerns residents could have. He and the owners would like to make this process as easy as possible and if you have any comments they would very much like to hear from you.

Lina Niento

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- 3.....Sally Bowles
- 4.....Wild Bill Hickock
- 5.....Billy Bigelow
- 6.....Mr. Mistoffelees
- 7.....Roxie Hart
- 8.....Che Guevara
- 9.....Fanny Brice
- 10.....Marquis De Lafayette
- 11.....King Mongkut
- 12.....Fantine
- 13.....Miss Trunchbull
- 14.....Satine
- 15.....Jud Fry
- 16.....Christine Daae
- 17.....Gideon Pontipee
- 18.....Magnolia Hawks
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- 21.....Gertrude Lawrence
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