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Regular dates for your diary

Please check if your event is still running before attending.

Day	Time	What	Where
Mon	09:30-13:30	Fun for 1's & 2's	Playgroup
Mon	09:45	Comberton Walkers	ВС
1 st ,2 nd ,4 th Mon	19:00	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 rd Mon	19:30	Wine Makers	VH
Tue	10:30-12:00	Village Cafe & Crafts	VH
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Tue	18:30-20:00	Keep Fit	CVC
2 nd Tue	19:45	Women's Institute	VH
4 th Tue	20:00	Antiquarian Society	VH
Wed	10:00-11:30	Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wed	12:25-13:10	Lunchtime Badminton	CVC
Wed	14:00	Bridge Club	VH
Wed	19:00-21:30	Army Cadets	CVC
Wed	20:00-22:00	Shuttles Badminton	CVC
Wed (term)	14:00-15:30	Bumps & Babies	ВС
2 nd Wed	19:30	Parish Council	VH
Thu	09:30-11:30	Fun for 1's & 2's	Playgroup
Thu	09:30-13:15	Tumble Tots	VH
Thu (term)	16:00-18:00	EDGE Youth Club	ВС
2 nd Thu	14:30	Friendship Club	VH
4 th Thu	14:30	Oasis Teas (55+)	VH
Fri	18:00-21:00	TaeKwon Do	MS
3 rd Fri	19:00	Bingo Party	VH
Sat	10:00-11:00	Park Tennis	Park
Sat	09:00-12:30	Junior Squash	CVC
4 th Sat	09:00-10:00	Selah	VH
Sun	15:00-18:40	Adult Squash	CVC

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

BC = Baptist Church

MS = Meridian School

Upcoming Events

April	
4 10:30am	Easter Coffee Morning Village Hall
	NO

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From the Editor

Thank you for those who responded to my request for information on Neighbourhood Watch. I have shared the information later in the magazine and also asked for volunteers to fill the "gaps" in coverage!

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak and increasingly stringent government measures to reduce the rate of spread of the disease most if not all events and regular gatherings are cancelled.

Please check with the organiser if the event or club is still going ahead, even if it is advertised in this magazine.

During these challenging times it is heartwarming to see the offers of help, both those published in this magazine and those made on online platforms such as nextdoor.co.uk which has an active membership from Comberton.

Whether you need some shopping delivering, a lift to an essential appointment or simply someone to talk to there is help available within our community.

Wishing you good health and hope for a return to normal life soon.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Important People for the Village

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Future bookings may be discussed with our lettings secretary, Esther Chambers at combertonvillagehall@gmail.com

Coronavirus Community Care

As we live through these strange times, we wanted to ensure that no one feel they are living through them alone. Many in our community are already stepping up to help neighbours and friends. But if you feel alone and in need of help then please do get in touch. Maybe you need someone to talk to over the phone; or you need help getting your shopping; or you are in particular financial hardship. If so, then please don't face this situation alone, but call on the community...

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MOSQUITO Of the family Culicidae (Within Diptera)
GLADIATOR Someone who said "Qui morituri te

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BLENHEIM Palace near Woodstock MESSERSCHMIDT "Knifemaker" in German

SWORDFISH Of the family Xiphiidae (" Stringbag")

NIMROD Son of Cush

The winner is John Morris of Barron Way.

CONTACT CHALLENGE PRIZE

Please note that as a consequence of the imminent change of management at the store, Budgens to Costcutter, the monthly prize will be changed, as from the May puzzle. The final basis for the new prize is currently under discussion by the new management and will be announced in the May edition of Contact.

I should like to take this opportunity to record my personal thanks to Budgens for the period of their sponsorship.

AFR. Compiler.



COMBERTON BOWLS CLUB

Roll up, Roll up, Come and play bowls at Comberton Bowls Club on the recreation ground. All ages are welcome and we are always pleased to have new members. Why not join us for a "Roll Up" on:

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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on 11 March 2020.

Recreation Ground – repairs to the Dome

The Parish Council is moving forward with replacing the bark under the Dome with wet pour safety surfacing and the exact specification is being finalised.

Thornbury open space

The Council agreed to improve the maintenance regime at the wooded area at Thornbury so that it is more accessible.

Fish and chip van

The Parish Council has agreed that the fish and chip van can use the Recreation Ground on a trial basis for six months and the Council will be reviewing this to ensure that noise, litter and disturbance are kept to a minimum. More news on when the service will start will follow once this is known.

Comberton Squash Club upgrading

It was agreed to provide a letter of support to Comberton Squash Club for their grant application to upgrade their facilities.

Highways and other issues

Please remember if you see a problem with a street light, road signs, pot holes, flooding, hedges and trees or another highway problem you should report it on the County Council's website Please do not assume someone has already reported it. http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/ roads and pathways/10/roadworks and faults

If you have any issues with missed or lost bins, council tax or benefit issues, or environmental issues such as dog fouling, littering or abandoned vehicles they can be reported on the following link:

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Tim Scott	65 Green End	263838
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Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk to Comberton Parish Council, 30 West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NY

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Jeremy Graham (Recreation Ground Co-ordinator) can be contacted on: rec-coord@comberton.org.uk (Tel: 07778 363619) for Recreation Ground and Handyman issues.

The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday in the month (except August) at **7.30pm in the Village Hall**. If an extraordinary meeting is needed this will be advertised on the notice board in South Street. The Planning Committee meets once or twice a month depending on applications received and its meetings are also advertised on the notice board.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter might be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.



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Minister: Revd. Keith Tarring. 01223 264447



Neighbourhood Watch

Thank you to those who responded to my appeal for information on Neighbourhood Watch in Comberton.

There are currently 5 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Comberton:

- Green End, Comberton
- West St & Kentings, Comberton
- St Thomas Close + Comberton Village, Comberton
- · Harbour Ave, Comberton
- · The Covert, Comberton

If you want to join your local scheme or contact the coordinator you can do so via this website (use your postcode to search for the schemes and then click on the scheme name):

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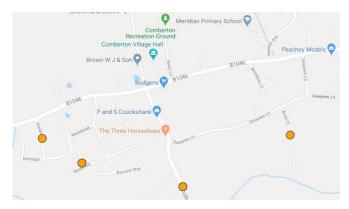
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Notice that the majority of these occurred in the Southern part of the village which is not covered by Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Of course, this might be a coincidence, but

Is there anyone in South Street, Swaynes Lane and Barrons Way who might be willing to act as a coordinator for these areas?

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James Gilbert Editor



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I rushed her to Ash Croft Vetinary Surgery where they admitted her immediately. On my return home the vet rang me to say they couldn't stop her fitting and wanted to take her up to the Queen's Small Animal Vetinary Hospital off Madingley Road. She was admitted there and, they managed to stop her fitting. The vets there kept her in for 2 nights and they were able to start her recovery.

We are so lucky to have such superb local vets and the Vet School facilities and expertise on our doorstep. After three days I was able to bring her home for TLC and convalescence. Gradually she has become her old self with no after effects but it took two weeks.

The vets said that compost heaps and discarded food and packaging are the most common source of toxic mould poisoning. PLEASE protect your canine friends from being as ill as Meg was or worse.

All the compost in my garden is contained in bins with lids or covers. I keep a few garden pesticides on a high shelf in the potting shed. We have combed the garden but could find no source. I can only guess that it must have been bread pushed off the bird table by our marauding squirrel but I can only guess. Beware - mouldy food is a canine killer.

Anne Horler

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Community and Corona

I write this in Mid-March, and so do not know how the situation will have developed between now and when this magazine hits your doorstep. But given the way in which Coronavirus is now constantly top of our new bulletins, the way in which it has become the first conversation over coffee, and is at the forefront of most of our minds, I felt like a letter of this kind needed to speak into the situation.

Not to offer glib solace or false comfort as if I could discern the future, but instead to help us pause. Oddly enough my role as a 'vicar' often seems to be about creating moments of pause in a frenetic world

Pausing for a moment to question ourselves and our common responses to Corona might enable to us find resources within and without to meet the challenge of these days.

To pause and question ourselves and our own anxieties and fears, might just open us up enough to discover something deeper than our worries – a Presence that holds us in Love. To discover that depth of life beneath us does not get rid of anxiety and fear, but it puts such fear into a wider frame of reference that might help us walk through such times.

To pause and question our common response as a community and a nation, might – just might – help us take stock of our moral life at this time. For this virus has called us to think about hygiene and isolation not so much for ourselves but for the sake of others. This moment in our national (and global) life forces us to think about whether our actions are orientated solely around 'self' or around friends, neighbours and strangers. And we might – just might – be surprised at the generosity and altruism we find.

Rev. David Newton

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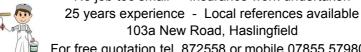


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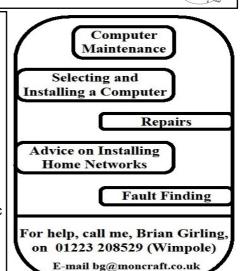
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Greetings Neighbours,

Meridian Primary has had an enjoyable few weeks at school after the February half term.

We have had two visiting assemblies: a special NSPCC assembly on the theme of 'Speak out. Stay safe.' The children were very engaged and reflective and the representatives praised the children in all groups for their maturity on this topic. Cambridge United also visited us and delivered an assembly about 'kicking out discrimination against any groups of people'. The children listened well with interest and asked many pertinent questions.

Our Y1/2 class delivered a wonderful sharing assembly – they obviously had so much fun preparing and sharing their Great Fire of London topic with their parents, carers and the whole school.

On World Book Day, we had a lovely day focussing on the enjoyment of reading and listening to stories around the school. Children (and staff) dressed up and we had a very colourful assembly with some children sharing their character from their favourite book. All classes were given a new reading book for their class shelves and every child went home with a book token which they can use as part payment for a new book.

In sport, some of our Y5 and Y6 children attended a Quick Sticks Hockey tournament at CVC. They worked really well with a good team spirit and improved on their skills with each match played.

Y5 also choreographed a dance with an animal theme to some music and they performed well in front of a large audience at CVC.

As all schools will be closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice, the majority of our children will be at home for what could be a considerable period of time. Onsite care will continue to be provided for a limited number of children. All children have been provided with a collection of projects and home learning packs to work on at home and staff will be on hand to answer any questions and provide feedback online.

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I wish to thank all our school staff, volunteers, and governors who have helped in recent days to keep the school open, and who will continue to do so over the coming months. I would also like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this period.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs C. Etchie Headteacher

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2. Learn a new skill

A new language, a musical instrument or dust off the Raspberry Pi that has been languishing in a drawer.

3. Binge watch TV/Films

Catch up on the box sets or enjoy BBC iPlayer / Netflix / etc.

4. Read a book

You might have time to pick up a book - order online or download an e-book if you can't get to the shops.

5. Check in on loved ones

You may not be able to visit, but a regular phone call, Skype or Facetime call can be used to check people are OK. Think about your neighbours as well as your family and friends.

6. Play games

Board games, jigsaws and cards - or why not design your own?

7. Gardening

Spring is here and with more time at home there is no excuse....

8. Spring clean

Have a good sort out - save things for when the charity shops reopen.

9. Bake

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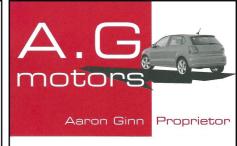
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http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

The new edition of 'What's On in Cambridgeshire Libraries', covering the months of April to June, is now available to pick-up from Comberton Library. The booklet is a wonderful source of information about all the activities and events taking place in Cambridgeshire Libraries.

At Comberton Library, we will be holding the following family events during the school Easter holidays, so do note the dates and come along with your children for some holiday fun:

Wednesday 8th April - 10.00 - 1.00 pm & 2.00 - 5.00 pm (during normal opening hours) – **Easter Craft Sessions** (£1.00 per child). All materials will be provided.

Friday 17th April - 10.30 -12.00 noon – **Family Lego** (50p per child). We provide the Lego for you to have fun being creative. This event is taking place when the Library is normally closed, but do bring your library card with you, as you will be able to return and borrow books whilst you are in the Library.

Booking is now taking place for the following The Library Presents events at Cambourne Library:

Vocal Fun with the Opera Dudes – a workshop on **Friday 1st May at 7.00 pm**, suitable for adults and young people aged 12+, tickets £6/£3 for concessions

Graffiti Classics – a hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy cabaret show on **Saturday 6th June at 6.30 pm**, suitable for adults and young people aged 12+, tickets £8, with concessions at £5/£4

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The Library will be closed on **Good Friday**, **10th April** and **Easter Monday**, **13th April**, but will be open as normal on **Saturday 11th April**. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

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EAAA now produces an explanatory leaflet covering this subject. It includes points to look out for and notes on how people in the community might help in terms of responding directly to a child, minimising risk and Child Safeguarding Legislation.

For more information and copies of the 'Volunteer – Safeguarding children and young people' booklet, please contact East Anglian Air Ambulance on 0345 66 9999 – also

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