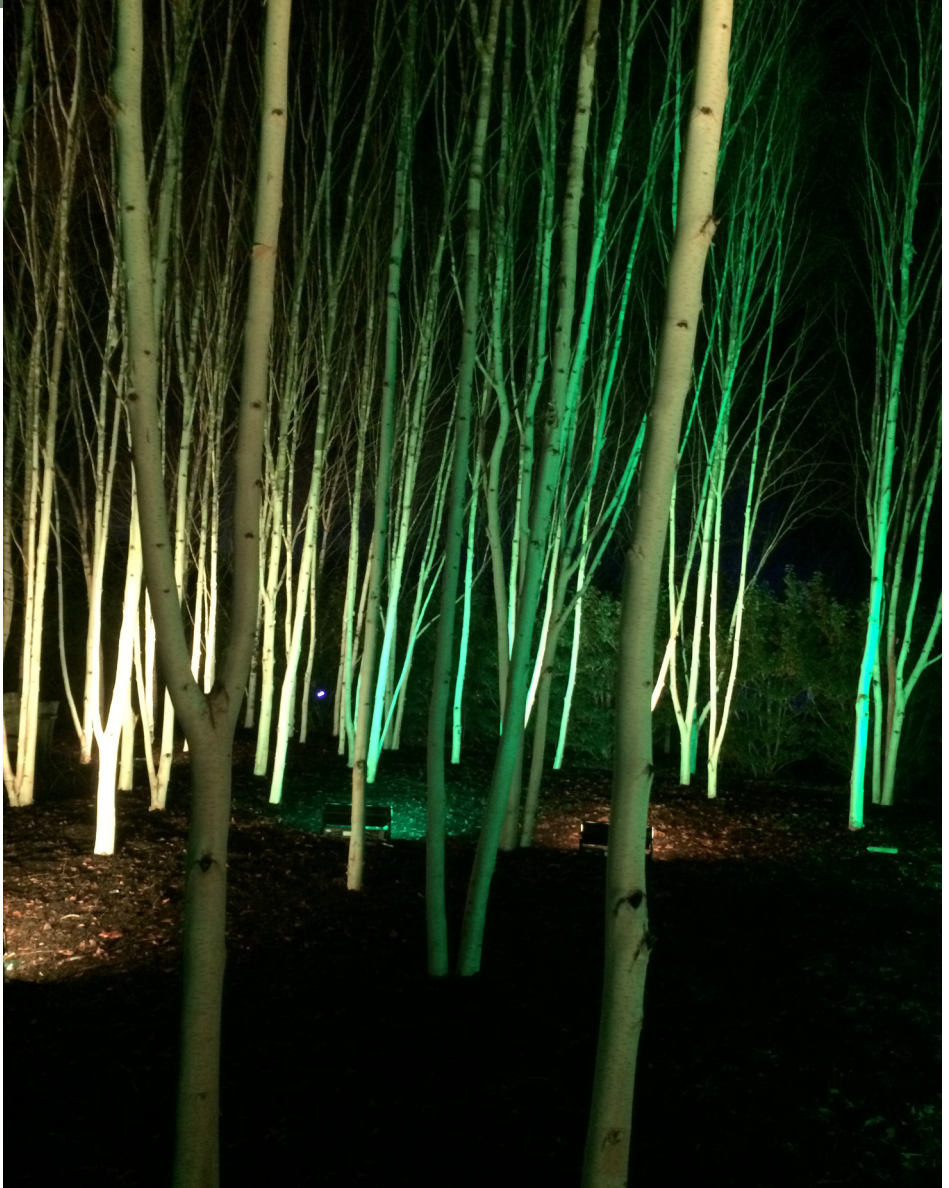


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## Regular dates for your diary

**If you are restarting regular events please contact the editor with the information below.**

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Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm	U15 Football Club	CVC
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VH = Village Hall

BC = Baptist Church

CVC = Comberton Village College

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## Upcoming Events

**If you are organising events please let the editor know so they can be included in the next edition.**

<b>November</b>		
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26 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm	Oasis Tea	Village Hall

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## From the Editor

After some freedom to enjoy a more normal life infections are rising once again and many parts of the country are subject to higher tier restrictions.

We are fortunate so far that South Cambridgeshire is still at the lowest level of restrictions, but even so the prospect of a Covid-19 dominated winter is not a particularly happy one.

Whilst we still can please support our local businesses and community activities.

I would also encourage anyone who is entitled to one to have the free flu jab - new research from Public Health England suggests that people who tested positive for both flu and Covid-19 were more than twice as likely to die, compared to those with Covid-19 alone. The research also found that those with co-infection of the two viruses were more at risk of severe illness.

James Gilbert      07768 421049      [editor@combertoncontact.org.uk](mailto:editor@combertoncontact.org.uk)

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### **Special Services in November**

All services are subject to any changes in regulations.

#### **Special Services Coming Up**

1st November 9.30am

#### **'All Saints and All Souls'**

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8th November 9.30am

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

We remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves  
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22nd November 10.30am

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Cabal (or Cavall)	King Arthur or Neil Gaiman
Sandy	Annie in Annie
Boris	The Lady and the Tramp or John Slattery
Perdita	Mr & Mrs Dearly, 100 Dalmations
Buck	John Thornton, The Call of the Wild
Petey	Little Rascals or Harry Lucenay
Snowy	Tintin, the Adventures of
Laska	Konstantin Levin, Anna Karenina
Pilot	Mr Rochester, Jane Eyre
Argos	Odysseus, The Odyssey
Einstein	'Doc' Brown, Back to the Future

\*Hodge was Dr Johnson's cat. His statue can be seen in Gough Square, London.

The winner is **Carola Grimala of Fox's Way**.

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# Comberton CC 2020 Season Review

Comberton CC embarked on a truncated 2020 season after Government gave the green light on 11 July for recreational cricket to go ahead. 3 friendlies in addition to 5 matches in a restructured CCA mini-league were hastily arranged. Although results didn't always go the way we hoped, it was the most youthful team the village has fielded for a number of years with excellent team spirit. The acquisition of a sit-on mower enabled Head Groundsman Ken Gifford to prepare the square in a new level of luxury!

First up we travelled to Haslingfield and, having won the toss and been skittled for 99 all out batting first, things looked bleak. An excellent bowling display led by skipper Tom Preece (4-20), Will Glasse (3-8) and Matt Chapman (2-34) humbled the opposition for 80 all out giving us an unlikely 19 run win. Our second friendly of the season against Longstowe was abandoned due to rain with the opposition struggling at 22-2 in response to our 148-6 off 30 overs. Vinny Samways (83) top scored with Tom Kirker (2-2) taking his first (of many!) wickets for the season. In our first league encounter we played Sawston and Babraham III, who had beaten us in the final of the Lower Junior Cup last year. Having been put into bat, we were soon in trouble at 69-6. Enter new signing Ben Clark (58\*) who, along with contributions from the tail, marshalled us to 182 all out. Despite some decent bowling (Kirker (2-26) the standout performer), Sawston came out on top to win by 6 wickets with 3 overs to spare. We entertained Needingworth II on a baking hot Sunday the following week who unsurprisingly won the toss and batted first. At 177-5 we were looking at chasing a large total until Kirker (5-13) blew away the tail to restrict the opposition to 204 all out. The returning Dip Patel (2-44) and Glasse (2-37) also provided good support with the ball. A top order collapse seemed to have extinguished our hopes until rebuilding from Carl Glasse (35) followed by some lusty blows from Preece (37) and Nik Patel (32) gave us a chance. Unfortunately, we couldn't get over the line and fell just short to lose by 13 runs. Following a cancellation against Little Shelford due to more rain we welcomed Barley in our next fixture. Anchored by a century from Rory Hannam (105) we amassed 210-9 from our 40 overs. Sadly we were blown away by Barley's opening batsman who scored 125\* as they cruised to an 8 wicket win. Next up we went to Harlton in a game reduced to 20 overs per innings in view of inclement weather. Powerful hitting by the Harlton South African number 4 with 117\* led them to an impressive total of 162-5. Kirker (2-10) again led the bowling attack with accuracy and pace. Despite runs from Hannam (41) the target was beyond us as we finished on 123-6 to lose by 39 runs. Our final game was away against Cambourne III. Faced with a tricky pitch captain Preece (49) decided attack was the best form of defence, scoring over

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half of our runs out of a total of 95. Testing spells from Kirker (3-21) and Russell Henley (2-17) gave us hope, but the opposition squeezed home to win by 3 wickets.

We look forward to getting back on the field in 2021; this time hopefully for a full season! Please visit our website for more information about the club and details on joining <https://comberton.play-cricket.com>

Batting Award:	Rory Hannam	157 runs @ 39.25
Bowling Award:	Tom Kirker	15 wickets @ 7.07
Players Player:	Tom Kirker	

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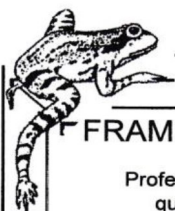
## Comberton Friendship Club

Due to the current circumstances the Friendship Club has been unable to meet since March 2020, and we have all missed each other very much!! The committee has met recently and regretfully has decided we cannot meet again until March 2021 -- Thursday 11th March, 2.30pm in the Village Hall if all goes well!!

We have tried to keep in touch with members and will keep you all informed what is happening, I do hope you are all keeping well (& sane!!) and will be in touch when there is more to tell you all.

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# Parish Council Update

For those of you who eagerly follow the Parish Council meetings, you will know we are currently meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month by Zoom, to discuss topics that affect our village, the facilities and services that our village offers. You can attend as with previous meetings in the Village Hall. The agendas, minutes and meeting zoom details can be found on the village website at [comberton.org/parish-council/meetings/](http://comberton.org/parish-council/meetings/)

We have a new Clerk – Angela Bridges who started in October following interviewing candidates over the summer. She can be contacted via email on [parishclerk@comberton.org](mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org)

We have been very grateful to Libby White who has acted as our Locum Clerk in the interim – and now has British Empire Medal for services to the community in Longstanton where she is the Clerk!

We wanted to share with the wider community that a couple of exciting projects are underway and to update the village and let you know how to get involved.

## Village Pond

Our beloved pond, as many of you know, has seen better days and we have been working to sort some of the underlying problems, before trying to give it a bit of a makeover. The Parish Council has agreed to get some expert opinions in from external organisations and we are hoping to have a plan in place, so that we can get it back into shape as soon as practical. We would like to invite people who have any expertise or wish to get involved in helping us fix the pond to get in touch.

## Recreation Facilities

Due to our increasing population, we have a number of smaller and larger projects in regards to our recreation facilities. The biggest project that we are looking at over the next few years will be enlarging or rebuilding our pavilion. For many communities, this is home not only to sports teams but offers extra social spaces for the village.

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To get involved in this and any other exciting opportunities with the Parish Council, please contact our clerk in the first instance, who will pass your details onto the councillors working on the project:

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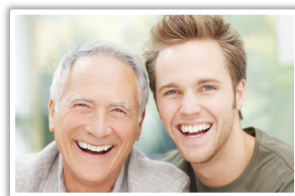
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## Want to design a trail to show the best parts of Comberton, Barton, Toft and Hardwick?

Do you want to show the best historic parts or maybe the funkiest modern details of our village? Maybe you want people to learn about the fauna or the animals that we have resident nearby. Whatever excites you, or makes you proud of our villages, we want you to share these details with those around us. We are looking to create fantastic walks, trails, and routes around the villages that are informative, fun and help our residents enjoy the beautiful countryside that we live within.

We currently have one wonderful historic trail, the '[Comberton Jubilee Walk](#)', and we would like to complement and expand by having a set of 'Explorer trails' so that people of all ages, different interests and diverse walks of life, will be inspired to enjoy being outside in a safe and healthy manner in Comberton and the surrounding villages.



All entries have to be submitted to Comberton Parish Council by the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. They will be considered by the Parish Council and the three winning entries will then be put into action in 2021, both virtually on our website and with appropriate wayfinding around the village.

Irrelevant of age and how long you  
have lived nearby,  
let's get outside and explore our  
villages

## Rules

- Submit your competition entry by 15th December 2020 by email to: parishclerk@comberton.org
- Supply your document in word or pdf format
- You can submit your entry individually or as part of the team
- All entrant names should be submitted by email, however, the panel will be given the entries without such names. The Parish Clerk will be the only person, who will receive both the names and the entries.

## Hints for the competition

- We are looking for original work, please don't take copy from other sources, unless you have their permission.
- We are looking for trails to excite all age groups and backgrounds, so think carefully about and aim your trail at your target audience.
- We are hoping to engage different audiences, so feel free to be creative; maybe you'll design a map for online, or use orienteering points, or you might want to use geocaches or information points. The more creative the better.
- Trails of different lengths are of particular interest, so including Comberton and other local villages may be beneficial.

## Disclaimers

- All entrants are entering into this competition with the hope of having their trails published on the website and produced in an accessible format as required within the villages.
- The winners will be decided by a panel of judges from the parish council and their selected specialists.





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# **Comberton Village Meeting**

## **Comberton Village Institute Trust**

**(Charity Registration Number 300379)**

With the authorisation of the Charity Commission, the assets, liabilities and responsibilities of the above charity have been transferred to Comberton Village Institute Trust CIO (Reg. No. 1189495) which now manages the village hall and the Commercial Centre (See **October Contact** page17 for more details).

The Trustees of Comberton Village Institute Trust (Charity Registration Number 300379) gives notice that a meeting to approve the dissolution of the Trust has been arranged for 7.30pm on Wednesday the 25th November 2020 in Comberton Village Hall.

### **AGENDA**

**Business:** Dissolution of Comberton Village Institute Trust  
(Charity Reg. No. 300379).

The meeting will be held under conditions recommended by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Guidance: **COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities** (Updated 13 October 2020). Should government restrictions change, the holding of the meeting will be reviewed.

All Comberton residents over the age of 18 years are welcome to attend. The meeting will be broadcast on Zoom simultaneously.

If you wish to attend in person, please contact me in order to book a seat so that social distancing can be organised in advance. If you wish to attend the Zoom meeting, please get in touch beforehand for meeting details.

If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brian Burton

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A very good friend spent his last peaceful days after a long illness in the wonderful palliative care of the Arthur Rank Hospice. It was therefore my wife's choice of a charity to support, in letting others share the bountiful crop of apples our tiny orchard produced. Pauline put the surplus out on the roadside in a wheelbarrow. Arthur Rank supplied us with a sealed collection box and every day, at first windfalls, and later picked fruit, were added to the barrow. We were delighted to see it all regularly spirited away. Mysteriously, other fruit and vegetables joined the barrow (we suspect from our neighbours). It disappeared as readily. At the end of three weeks we unstrapped our firmly fixed box from the tree and counted up. We were surprised to be able to send over thirty pounds to the charity! Encouraged, we continued with a fresh box. A fortnight later, the box was stolen. In dismay, we sent another, larger cheque in compensation and to cover our embarrassment.

And there, in disenchantment, the situation might have been left - had it not been that Pauline made a casual, sad comment about it to a neighbour. It spread in the area with astonishing results!

First, we had, of course, continued to put out more fruit but without a collection box. Now, to our real surprise, as the fruit disappeared so two or three envelopes with donations (some signed, some anonymous) came through our door. But this was not all. Suddenly, we were included in a string of correspondence between Richard Elleray and Chris Westgarth and someone we had not met – Max Willis, who wrote, on behalf of Comberton United Football Club:-

*“..we are very saddened and disgusted to see that the Charity Box for the Arthur Rank Hospice has been stolen. This weekend, the club will donate 25% of the weekend's match fees and collect individual donations from the players of all 3 teams to kick start the collection again.”*

He continued:

*“Just to let you know that current donations are at around £200. Come Sunday I hope that this will have continued to increase.”*

Whatever can we say? This is a spectacular demonstration of the spirit of generosity and neighbourliness of the village that we have come to appreciate since we came here. We are in contact with the Arthur Rank Hospice discussing how best to further promote publicity for them. Meanwhile, a heartfelt thank you to everyone.

The final outcome was that CUFC raised a magnificent total of £320.

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# November Challenge

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“LO LO LO, What’s going on ‘ere ?”

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Miss Marple	.....
Brother Cadfael	.....
Sherlock Holmes	.....
Charlie Chan	.....
Jane Tennyson	.....
Inspector Maigret	.....
Hetty Wainthropp	.....
Sam Spade	.....
Bulldog Drummond	.....
Lieutenant Colombo	.....
Inspector Clouseau	.....
Philip Marlowe	.....
Lieutenant Kojak	.....
Dick Tracy	.....
Inspector Morse	.....
P.C. George Dixon	.....
Hercule Poirot	.....
P.C. 49	.....
Father Brown	.....
Fox Mulder	.....

Entries please to Costcutter no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> November. A prize of wine and chocolates beckons, thanks to Costcutter.

Please include your name and address with your entry.

### Keep an eye open...

Keep an eye open for anyone strange around in the village. There were articles waiting to be disposed of in the car park at the back of bungalows in Westlands, some of these have now been stolen in the past few days. Apparently a white van was seen in the car park.

Please be vigilant!! Sue Allin.



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We also run weekly children's and youth activities online as well as a virtual coffee morning and other events. To find out more you can call Keith, our minister, on 264447 or visit our website, [www.c-b-c.org.uk](http://www.c-b-c.org.uk)

### **COVID-19 Gong for Comberton Parish Council Locum Clerk Elizabeth White BEM**

Elizabeth earned her British Empire Medal for services to the community in Longstanton, during Covid-19. Libby, as the Parish Council knows her, is the Parish Clerk (amongst other things) at Longstanton. Since June this year she was appointed Locum Clerk to Comberton Parish Council until a new Parish Clerk was appointed this month.

She's been a fount of knowledge and help to the Council during this period and obviously also to Longstanton. During this time most of the Parish Council have only seen her on Zoom !



# Meridian Primary School

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Greetings Neighbours,

All the children are continuing to settle in well and they are working very hard. Meridian Primary has had an exciting half term promoting DT and geography and our topic work has greatly benefited from much outdoor learning and team work.

We held a non-uniform day at the end of September. Well done to everyone and to the Year 6 Children for organising the day. We raised a total of £209 for the Lisa Kent Trust which will go directly towards funding two children's education in The Gambia.

We ran our Harvest Festival week during the week of 19th October culminating in our Harvest Festival Assembly on 22nd October. Every class joined the reflective Zoom Assembly with Rev. David Newton. We'd like to thank all the families who donated food to Jimmy's, Cambridge. Jimmy's work with local people, communities, organisations and partners to deliver 24/7 emergency help, support and accommodation 365 days a year for those who would otherwise be sleeping rough.

We were able to purchase some new iPads thanks to the many families who took part in the 2020 walk, run, or cycle challenge during the summer lockdown led by the PTA. We are excited about a new and exciting learning adventure with a greater use of technology.

This year, we will be holding our Act of Remembrance in school and we will be releasing a video including our choir, poems and a special reading to mark the occasion which all members of the community can access via a link on our website on Wednesday 11th November.

Christmas will still be very much part of our end of year celebrations. Although we may not have our traditional concerts for families, we will be recording class carol singing performances and instrumental items for us all to enjoy. We will be releasing a CD with a Christmas Carol from every class. We hope you will join us in supporting this venture which we hope will raise additional funds for the school. There will be more information in the next issue.

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I wish to thank again all our school staff, volunteers and governors who continue to work so hard, and especially in these times.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C. Etchie  
Headteacher

## Allotments & Gardens Association

**AGM CANCELLED:** Our AGM was arranged for Thursday November 26th in the Village Hall; we hoped this would go ahead so that we could at least end the year with a small social event. However, with the continued spread of the virus it seems an unnecessary risk to take and regretfully we have decided to cancel.

The AGM business is limited anyway as we have not had any events on which to report. Copies of the 'Minutes of the 2019 AGM' and the 'Accounts for 2019/20' will be made available for those interested. The existing Committee and Officers are willing to stay in post for another year but we are open to nominations from anyone interested in joining us.

**Subscriptions and Allotment Rents for 2021/22** (*this is a year ahead –the rents and subscriptions for 2020/21 are already set*)

It is proposed that Subscriptions remain at £2 but Rents be increased from 1st November 2021 by £1 to £16 for a full plot (concessionary rate £11 for a full plot).

If you have any comments or want further details on the above or wish to put any other matters to the committee, please contact me by email.

Long Road plot holders will receive their Rent Requests, as usual, at the beginning of November.

Regulations permitting, we sincerely hope to be back with our full programme of events in 2021.

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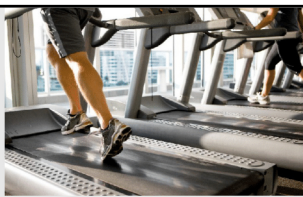
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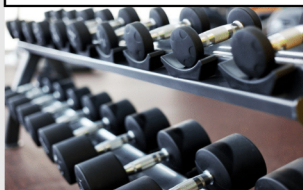
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# My Favourite Recipe - Party Chicken

Many people will remember Vera White, who lived in Barrons Way with her husband Bob. Before moving to Comberton, she was secretary at Barton School for 25 years. She was a very good cook and every year for Harvest Festival she would produce a loaf of bread, sculptured into a sheaf of wheat. She had many talents and during her time at Barton School she found time to study for an Open University degree, which she was awarded in the spring of 1982.

In 1983 Barton School produced its first Cookbook of recipes chosen by staff, parents and pupils. Vera's recipe for Party Chicken is given below.

## For 2

*2 chicken breasts; 2 slices of cheese; 2 slices of ham or lightly fried bacon; 3 to 4 oz mushrooms; 1½ oz butter; seasoned flour; 1 tablespoon of oil; black pepper; 4 to 6 tablespoons of stock; 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley.*

*Cut ham and cheese to about the same size as the chicken breasts. Slice the mushrooms and cook in ½ oz of the butter. Coat the chicken breasts in seasoned flour and fry for a few minutes each side in the oil and butter. Put into a casserole dish, place a slice of ham on each breast and cover with mushrooms and parsley. Season with pepper and cover with cheese. Pour over the stock. Cover with a lid or foil and put into a moderate oven for about 20 minutes.*

*This recipe can also be used to brighten up chicken or turkey leftovers.*

We lived in Comberton for nearly 38 years and I was churchwarden for more than 20 of these. I was also head of Barton School for over 20 years, having inherited Vera White as school secretary. She was with me for 15½ years until she retired in 1991.

Seven years ago we moved to North Norfolk, but we still like to keep in touch with what is going on in Comberton, where we continue to have many friends. My wife and I read with interest the September edition of Contact. As ever it was beautifully put together.

I hope you manage to find space for Vera's recipe.

With every good wish

Michael Evans

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## **Show Respect This Bonfire Night**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is joining forces with local authority partners and emergency services to help keep people safe this bonfire and fireworks season.

With many organised events cancelled across the county, emergency services are preparing for a busier night than usual. There is an emerging concern that more people will plan displays and bonfires to celebrate in their own gardens, which could pose significant risk for those who choose to use them.

We are asking everyone to show respect this Bonfire Night.

Head of Community Fire Safety, Group Commander Per Middleton, said: "Bonfire Night is historically a very popular fixture in the calendar where people come together to enjoy firework displays, however this year is very different. With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, the organised displays we would usually enjoy cannot take place and we are concerned that some people may look to hold their own displays."

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, they can quickly become a disaster and, in the wrong hands, they can cause injury and damage to property. Fireworks are explosives and should be treated with respect. Only use fireworks in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code, ensuring all necessary safety precautions are taken.

"We would strongly discourage people from lighting bonfires in back gardens as they present significant risks to residents if they get out of hand. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate coronavirus symptoms for those that might be shielding or isolating."

"It's also really important that residents remember the government's rule of six to help control the spread of COVID-19."

If you intend on buying fireworks for a home display, please follow the firework safety code.

Fireworks can also cause a great deal of distress to animals. In a recent survey, 62 per cent of dog owners reported their pets showing signs of distress during fireworks season, with 54 per cent of cat owners experiencing the same. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and the National Fire Chiefs Council are supporting the RSPCA's Bang Out Of Order campaign, encouraging the responsible use of fireworks and the adoption of tighter regulations concerning their use.

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You may well see us doing so in the coming weeks, in a COVID-19 safe way (it is outdoors and socially distanced but all kit is sanitised before use).

However to increase the areas and times around the village we would like some help. If you can do an hour at least once a month then Comberton would really appreciate it. Availability early morning, midday and mid/late afternoon Monday to Friday would be great. If weekend monitoring is suggest by the village we could see if we can accommodate it!

Email the Speedwatch co-ordinator [comspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:comspeedwatch@gmail.com) for more details.



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### Main Hall

Private (except evening social events)	£15
Affiliated Group (except evening social events)	£12.50
Weekday evening social events (M-T)	£30
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## Non-Village and Non-Affiliated Community Group Use

### Main Hall

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

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Sessions run from 9 am-1 pm, 2 pm-5:30 pm and 6 pm-10:30 pm.  
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.

Bookings should be made with the Lettings Secretary, Esther Chambers on 07879 818080 or email [combertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:combertonvillagehall@gmail.com)

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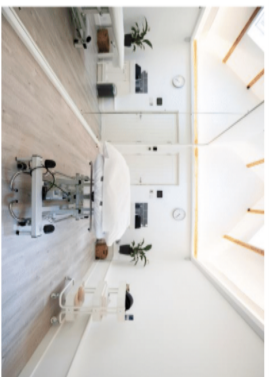
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