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Regular dates for your diary

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

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm	U15 Football Club	CVC
Thursday	5.45pm-6.45pm	U8 Football Club	CVC

VH = Village Hall
BC = Baptist Church

CVC = Comberton Village College
MS = Meridian School

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Parish Council

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/

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 31 st March	Black
Friday 9 th April	Blue & Green
Thursday 15 th April	Black
Wednesday 21 st April	Blue & Green
Wednesday 28 th April	Black
Thursday 6 th May	Blue & Green



Village Help Scheme Volunteer Drivers Schedule

To book transport please see the dates below and call the appropriate number.

29 March 2021	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
05 April 2021	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
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19 April 2021	Joan Wells	01223 262746
26 April 2021	Gill Redman	01223 262246
03 May 2021	Gill Redman	01223 262246

From the Editor

It probably won't be a surprise that we had to suspend publication for the last couple of months; we did not want to put our volunteer distribution team at risk due to Covid-19 and there was also not much material.

But now things are looking much brighter; many of us will have had our first vaccinations and the government roadmap out of lockdown looks feasible based upon the falling infection rates and reducing hospital occupancy.

I hope that many village organisations are making plans to resume activities in some form later this year; please keep me informed of your plans so I can keep the village diary and regular events section up to date. I would also welcome new contributors with articles on any subject that might of interest to Comberton residents. In this edition we have a new junior challenge puzzle as well as the regular challenge.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

Local Government Contacts

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	Tony Mason 07432 779551 Cllr.Mason@scambs.gov.uk
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The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Church, Comberton

Vicar: Revd David Newton, 92 Swaynes Lane, Comberton, CB23 7EF,
01223 665654, 07736944396, davidnewton@lordsbridge.org

Churchwardens

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Teresa Taylor, 07717 001429, ptc.taylor@btinternet.com

Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.

Special Services and Activities in April

1st April at 7pm **Maundy Thursday Sunset Service** (outside)
2nd April at 9.30am **Good Friday Meditations at the Cross** (inside)
4th April at 9.30am **Easter Sunday Communion** (outside)
11th April at 3pm **Wild Church** (outside)

Good Friday to Monday - Easter Trail with prizes
(starting at the village pond)

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

11th April at 9.30am – Morning Worship
18th & 25th April at 9.30am – Holy Communion

Regular Service in St Andrew's Church, Toft

Easter Sunday & 18th April at 8.30am – BCP Holy Communion

All face-to-face worship will follow government guidelines. If the situation changes, new information will be posted on our website or Facebook page.

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Use the link below. It will then direct you to open zoom and the service should then load automatically. You do not need to create an account.

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Alternatively you can go straight to the zoom website and simply put the meeting ID **898 7070 2475** in the 'join meeting' box.

It Gave Me Hope

I read an article about street parties in Israel recently. Restaurants were heaving and many people were giddy; glasses were raised to 'Pfizer'. All this is in a nation that has spent more time in lockdown over the last year than any other.

Honestly, it gave me hope – that we (as in humans) do not easily forget how to be with people, how to celebrate, how to accept the normal risks of everyday existence and embrace life.

At some point – too fast? too slow? I don't know – such scenes, as well as the many more cosy scenes of life lived with others will return here too.

Yet it is worth pausing to ask two questions. Who might be missing from such scenes? Those whom we love and have lost over the last year – many of whom we were not able to see before they passed; those who are – for whatever reason – struggling to re-enter a world we once took for granted; and those who have stood outside the purvey of our communal vision for a long time, well before Covid. We must honour and cherish all these people as we look for a new dawn.

Which raises the second question of how we re-think and re-build in ways that are genuinely different and genuinely inclusive such that none of us live at the expense of another? I don't even know if that is possible, but it is surely the stuff hopes and dreams are made of.

With Love, Rev. David Newton

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COMBERTON PLAYGROUP

Combertyon Playgroup: Spring Term News

Hello neighbours, parents and friends!

Autumn term now seems a distant memory, but we had a successful term with autumn walks, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa all achieved in line with the Covid-19 restrictions at the time. We also improved our outdoor facilities with an extended mud kitchen and a new sensory walk through our garden. Although our usual fundraising activities remain cancelled, we are hugely grateful to all our families for their continued support, especially Sally Newton for raising money for us with a Christmas themed online children's yoga session, and Elizabeth (aged 6) who raised over £1000 with a sponsored 5km run! What an incredible achievement, Elizabeth, we are so proud of you. Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations.

We have remained open this term for all children to attend as normal. The children have been enjoying shape activities such as making rectangle robot pictures, winter walks and snowflake experiments, and celebrating Chinese New Year. Although the government announced a second national lockdown in January with schools closing, this did not include early years settings such as ours. We have continued to take all the precautions we can to reduce the risk of transmission and operate in line with all guidance and our risk assessments. Our staff are now able to access regular lateral flow tests to help reduce the risk of transmission further. Thank you to all our families for continuing to keep everyone at playgroup safe by following the government guidelines for testing and isolation.

We have been very upset to discover that someone has been using the playgroup grounds to exercise their dog while playgroup is closed, leaving dog faeces and damage to our property. Please can we ask the community to help us in watching over the playground in the evenings and weekends. If you notice any unusual behaviour, please do not approach the person(s) involved, but report to the police.



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Coming in 2021 to Comberton Baptist Church

Comberton Playgroup is a registered charity that is run by a management committee of volunteers. We are looking for new volunteers to join the management committee to help us continue to make playgroup a success. The committee meets in an evening once or twice a term, to provide oversight and help make strategic decisions. No particular skills are needed, just enthusiasm, openness and a desire to support playgroup in general. You do not need to have a child currently or previously at playgroup, we would welcome any interested volunteers from the community. All committee members must complete a DBS check and Ofsted form. Without the management committee, playgroup cannot continue to run, so you will be playing an essential role in making this fantastic setting available to our community and future children.

Please get in touch with Rachel if you would like to find out more:
combertonplaygroup@btconnect.com



Mini-allotment available in Village Centre

A vegetable plot measuring about 400 sq.ft is available for cultivation. The land is situated behind the Commercial Centre near the cross roads. It is available for a peppercorn rent provided that it and the adjacent gravel path are kept in good order

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(Charitable Incorporated Organisation no 1189495)

To the friends and users of Comberton Village Hall,

This is an urgent appeal for help which I hope you will read and pass among your friends.

A number of our trustees are not standing for re-election when the new committee must be elected at the end of May this year. Some have been loyal trustees for many years and deserve a well earned retirement. Without their knowledge and experience we are left with a considerable gap in our team.

We need someone who is able to continue the essential work of treasurer, vital to our survival. The retiring treasurer is happy to give any assistance wanted by an incoming treasurer. We employ professional bookkeepers to assist.

We also need a property manager as our current person is moving away. The position holder would be responsible for the overall maintenance of the whole site. We employ a cleaner who attends the hall daily. There would be some payment, depending on what responsibility and time spent is agreed with the trustees.

Unless we are able to fill these posts, the remaining trustees will be unable to continue managing the village hall for our community. We are fortunate to have such an excellent hall which is well used for so many village activities for all ages. It would be a tragic loss if we were not able to continue this service for our village, there has been a village hall on the site for over 100 years. Without the help we need, future bookings may not be guaranteed after 1st June.

If you enjoy coming to the hall, please consider if you or a family member could give some time to help keep it running smoothly as it does now. It does not run by itself. Please think of anyone you know who might be interested.

I am very happy to have a chat with anyone who would be interested in either of the above posts or becoming a trustee or offering other assistance. Please contact me in confidence via pandrcook@gmail.com or 01223 262590.

More information about the hall can be found on our new website – www.combertonvillagehall.org

Penny Cook
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If you have particular needs – whether you need someone to pick up a prescription, or you're struggling to get food (because of accessibility or because of financial difficulty), or you just need someone to talk to then we will do what we can to help, or point you in the right direction.

Get in touch with the Rev'd David Newton (davidnewton@lordsbridge.org // 665654) who is the community coordinator.

There is a wide array of help from outside the parish available too...This ranges from financial support and longer term advice for businesses to a £500 payment for those told to self isolate.

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Magical characters

Your task is simply to scan all of the Harry Potter books and find a list of characters whose names (surname or a single word name such as "he who cannot be named") match each of the letters of the alphabet. In the event that a complete list is not achievable the entry with the highest number will scoop the prize.

A.....	B.....
C.....	D.....
E.....	F.....
G.....	H.....
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K.....	L.....
M.....	N.....
O.....	P.....
Q.....	R.....
S.....	T.....
U.....	V.....
W.....	X.....
Y.....	Z.....

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Greetings Neighbours,

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At the beginning of term, we had an assembly with Rev. David Newton with all the school involved whether they were onsite or at home. Mrs Etchie has since held more virtual assemblies with all the children.

Children's mental health week took place in February. We held a non-uniform day on the Wednesday of that week and children wore something they chose to express themselves as 'Express yourself' was this year's theme.

We know that we have very talented children who attend Meridian so we are going ahead with our annual talent show for children to showcase their talents. We are looking forward to seeing all our entries and our new categories for 2021 are individual talent, sibling groups, family group talents and virtual friends groups. This is always an enjoyable and proud moment for our school community.

We are planning to celebrate World Book Day during the first week of March to focus on reading activities and engaging with authors and their writing styles. We have asked the children to dress up as their favourite book character whether they be at home or at school. We are looking forward to seeing the photographs and refreshing our library display with book characters coming to life!

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school for our full reopening on Monday 8th March and at the time of writing, we are busy preparing the school for this.

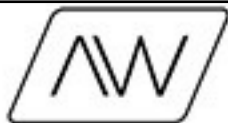
May I take this opportunity to thank again all the staff, children, families and governors from our community during these challenging times.

As always, thank you for your support and keep well.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C. Etchie

Headteacher



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H	Da Vinci	() Umbrellas
E	Seurat	() Bubbles
R	Gainsborough	() The Rehearsal
S	Vermeer	() Women in the garden
D	Turner	() Bathers at Asnieres
E	Degas	() The Scream
A	Fragonard	() Girl with a pearl earring
P	Veronese	() Birth of Venus
W	Renoir	() The Last Supper
I	Munch	() The Miracle of Bolsena
H	Millais	() Marriage at Cana
E	Raphael	() The Harvest Wagon
T	Botticelli	() The Swing
R	Monet	() The Fighting Temeraire
O	Manet	() Dejeuner sur l'herbe

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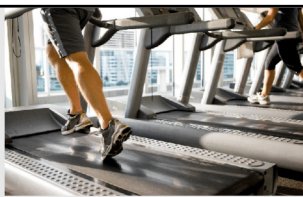
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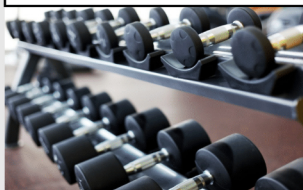
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Previously we have accommodated artists working in every medium; paintings in watercolour, oils and mixed media; wood turners; quilters; knitters; jewellery makers; card makers; candle makers; photographer; gift makers and much more

This is open to all artists and crafters that live in Comberton or belong to a Village College Art or craft group.

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As you may know, step 2 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown includes libraries. If all goes to plan this should mean that we will be in a position to offer managed browsing again in our open sessions, hopefully, from mid-April. However, please do check the website and the Libraries social media platforms for the exact dates and arrangements.

Managed browsing will give customers the opportunity to browse the shelves again and to issue their own books. Numbers in the building will be limited to ensure everyone's safety, and we will be required to comply with the Government Track and Trace protocol. As you enter the library, we will ask you to scan the displayed QR code on the NHS Covid 19 app, if you have this on your phone, or, alternatively, we can take contact details, which we will keep for 21 days.

We know from our previous brief experiences of managed browsing that many of our customers welcomed the opportunity to choose and issue their own books. However, we are also aware that some customers may prefer to continue to drop off and collect pre-ordered books. We will continue to offer our free 'Select and Collect' service, together with our usual reservation system, currently 50p per item for adult library users and free for children with their own library cards.

Our online services are also available as normal, but our e-books, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and eComics have now moved to Overdrive. All new borrowing will be via Overdrive on a PC and the Libby app on a tablet or phone. If you have not already done so, and you use a tablet or phone, please download the Libby app from your appstore. Further information is available on the Library pages of the County Council website.

The library will be closed on Easter Monday, 5th April, but will be open again on Wednesday 7th April from 1.00 – 5.00pm, under the current lockdown protocol. We look forward to seeing you at Comberton Library, and hope that, as we move from Spring to Summer, the restrictions will continue to ease.

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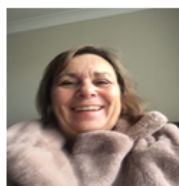
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Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire strides ahead

The pandemic remains at the forefront of everyone's mind, but I'm pleased that we're now charting the course away from the difficulties of the last year. The vaccination programme continues apace in South Cambridgeshire, thanks to the enormous efforts of our NHS staff and volunteers. We now have the government's roadmap to help schools, businesses, and families to plan for the future.

Scroll down to find out what I've been focusing on over the last month, including:

- Making the case for an upgraded Girton Interchange.
- Pushing Thakeham to drop their proposed 25,000 home scheme.
- Holding meetings with ministers and campaign groups to push for a full consultation on a northern route for East-West Rail.
- Bringing together industry leaders to promote negative carbon emissions standards.
- Campaigning for South Cambridgeshire to be classed as water-stressed to help save our chalk streams.



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Work has started on the pond, and various surveys are underway to help us work out what we can do to support both wildlife and fauna going forward. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved, as the world starts to open up again, so please do get in touch, if its an area of interest.

The Parish Council is also excited to share that they have installed a new heart defibrillator machine (Defib) installer outside the Pavilion in the village. The Defib is connected to the Ambulance service and is extremely easy to use. We are currently looking into some training, which we hope can be offered online, as to how to use the machine, please contact the Clerk if you are part of a group regularly using the village recreation facilities or would be particularly interested in joining the training. Please note, anyone needing access to the Defib, can do so by calling 999, where the code will be given to gain access, and clear instructions will be given to help use it, until help arrives.

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Eric Maria Remarque
Muriel Spark
Ken Kesey

The winner is **Danika Naidoo- Asvat** of **Barrons Way**.

November Challenge Result - An Apology

Apologies to you all and to Basil Rathbone. To the best of my knowledge Basil "Radford" was not an actor of note, merely a by product of my copying/ lack of concentration. Top marks if you noticed the slip.

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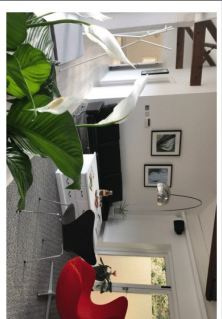
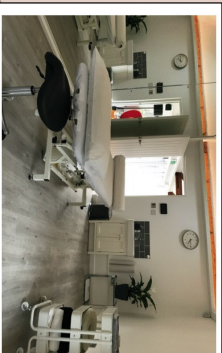
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