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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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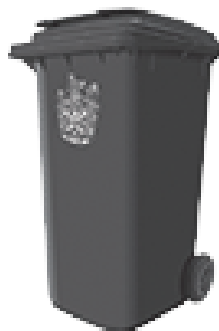


## Parish Council

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/](http://comberton.org/parish-council/meetings/)

## Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Blue & Green
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Black
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue & Green
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Black
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Blue
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Black
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Blue & Green
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Black
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Blue
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Black



## Village Help Scheme Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

30 November 2020	Gill Redman	01223 262246
07 December 2020	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
14 December 2020	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
21 December 2020	Joan Wells	01223 262746
28 December 2020	Joan Wells	01223 262746
04 January 2021	Gill Redman	01223 262246
11 January 2021	Gill Redman	01223 262246
18 January 2021	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
25 January 2021	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
01 February 2021	Joan Wells	01223 262746

More drivers are URGENTLY required for this essential service.

For more information please contact Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246.

## From the Editor

As the year draws to a close I am sure we will all be reflecting upon what a strange and troubling one it has been. Let us hope that we can spend some time with our loved ones at Christmas and that the promise of the Covid-19 vaccines is fulfilled in 2021 enabling us to return to a (new) normal life.

Although we have not been able to produce the usual 10 editions this year (mainly due to lack of village activities and content) I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the Comberton Contact Team for their hard work during the year: Terry Coad, who manages the finances, advertising and printing; Marian Dymott for organising the distribution; and especially our team of deliverers who ensure every household in Comberton receives their own copy of the magazine.

As usual there will be no January edition; the copy deadline for the February edition is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

With best wishes for a sociable Christmas and an improved New Year.

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

## Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at [www.comberton.org](http://www.comberton.org)

## Local Government Contacts

Parish Council Chair	Mr Hywel Griffiths      01223 263390 18 Barrons Way, CB23 7EQ
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Parish Council Clerk	Angela Bridges      07735 908030 <a href="mailto:parishclerk@comberton.org">parishclerk@comberton.org</a>
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District Councillors	Ian Sollom      07722 065475 <a href="mailto:Cllr.Sollom@scambs.gov.uk">Cllr.Sollom@scambs.gov.uk</a>
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	Tony Mason      07432 779551 <a href="mailto:Cllr.Mason@scambs.gov.uk">Cllr.Mason@scambs.gov.uk</a>
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County Councillor	Lina Nieto      07402 351821 <a href="mailto:Lina.Nieto@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">Lina.Nieto@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>
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Teresa Taylor, 07717 001429, [ptc.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:ptc.taylor@btinternet.com)

### **Special Services and Activities in December and January**

All services are subject to any changes in regulations.

#### **Advent Trail**

There will be no Crib Service this year, so please consider following the Advent Trail being put together by Lynn Tatnell.

Contact her for more information on [lvatnell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lvatnell@yahoo.co.uk).

13<sup>th</sup> December & 10<sup>th</sup> January 3pm

#### **Wild Church**

20<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

#### **Carols Around the Churchyard**

A simple service of lessons and carols celebrating the story of Christmas.

24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm

#### **Midnight Mass**

See Christmas Day in with our midnight Eucharist Service.  
Please contact David Newton to reserve your place.

25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

#### **Christmas Holy Communion**

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#### **On-line Christmas Zoom Service**

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8.30 am  
**BCP Holy Communion** service at Toft  
11.00 am  
**Lordsbridge Team Churches On-line Zoom Service**

**Normal Services in the Church Building**

We will hold a short service of either Holy Communion or Morning Worship at 9.30am each Sunday (except 27<sup>th</sup> December & 31<sup>st</sup> January), following government guidelines.

Our church building is also open for quiet prayer on Sundays (following the service), Mondays and Tuesdays.

**On-line Services**

We will also continue to hold our weekly on-line Zoom services at 11am each Sunday. These feature a time of prayer, scriptural reading and reflection and last 30-40 minutes. If you would like to be part of this new way of worshipping, please join us using one of the following ways:-

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.

<https://zoom.us/j/89870702475>

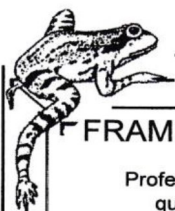
Alternatively you can go straight to the zoom website and simply put the meeting ID **898 7070 2475** in the 'join meeting' box.

If the situation changes, new information will be posted on either our website or Facebook page.

**On-line Giving**

We can now accept on-line donations; please see our website for more information.

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By Andrew Hull, directed by Rachel Nielsen

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**It is opening night for celebrity chef Raymond Myers' latest venture 'Just Desserts' – a restaurant dedicated entirely to pudding and all things sweet. But will this evening have a bitter end?** Put on your detective hats and join Comberton Players for this innovative, online murder mystery. Using a combination of video footage from the night in question, evidence envelopes and live questioning of the suspects, put your powers of deduction to the test. You could even make a night of it by having a pudding feast of your own, and entering our 'best looking pud' competition!

### **Tickets**

#### **£10 per device (plus booking fee)**

We recommend 1-2 people per small screen or 3-4 people for a laptop or computer screen.

Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** and can be bought online at <https://combertonplayers-justdesserts.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Waiting List**

As this is an interactive event there will be a limited number of tickets available. If we sell out for this showing and you've missed out on a ticket, then you will be able to add yourself to a waiting list online. We may hold a second performance on an alternative date if there is sufficient demand.

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Comberton is twinned with the village of Le Vaudreuil in Normandy - near the River Seine about 10 miles from Rouen. For two decades, we have made regular visits each year to and from Le Vaudreuil, and many friendships have been formed. The aim of the group is for families, couples and individuals to experience the way of life in each other's communities. Speaking French is not vital!

Coronavirus has meant that the visit planned by the French for May 2020 (the VE Day weekend) had to be postponed. Similarly plans for our next visit there are also on hold, as are the various annual social events (BBQ, Quiz, etc) that we usually hold.

However, we did hold a delayed AGM in mid-September, as a 'hybrid' event, part physical, part virtual. After a risk-assessment, we booked the Village Hall as a venue which had been through extensive Covid-secure analysis and preparation. About 15 members attended in person, including most of the committee, with households sitting socially distanced at least 2m apart. Another 15 families attended virtually by Zoom – their images appearing on the big screen, and their voices through the hall speakers. It was a bit odd at first, but worked well.

We are now planning a Zoom meeting with the French, to show them what our village looked like in lockdown (particularly around the VE Day weekend) and for them to keep us up to date with happenings in France. We are looking forward to future visits as and when travels can resume – hurry up with a vaccine!

For more information, see <http://CombertonTwinning.org.uk>.

To join, contact Glynis Ellis, tel 262214, email [secretary@combertontwinning.org.uk](mailto:secretary@combertontwinning.org.uk).

Paul Hardy

Chairman of Comberton Twinning Association  
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Get in touch with the Rev'd David Newton ([davidnewton@lordsbridge.org](mailto:davidnewton@lordsbridge.org) // 665654) who is the community coordinator.

There is a wide array of help from outside the parish available too...This can range from financial support and longer term advice for businesses, to a £500 payment for those told to self isolate. Do contact me (the Vicar) if you need help and I will do my best to find out what is available.

Alternatively, if you would like to explore online support, you could try taking up the 'BMI Can do it Challenge'.

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Or the Red Cross for help in developing coping skills.

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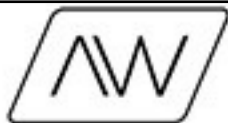
Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Jimmy's Harvest Appeal this year. We received an amazing amount of food and toiletries. Our families have been very generous at a time which is difficult for everyone. The children had time to reflect on the necessity of giving and helping others during the week and especially during the special whole school zoom assembly which was supported by Rev. David Newton who taught us a harvest action message to understand the concepts of 'thanking, sharing, changing and hoping'.

This year, we held our Act of Remembrance in school and posted a video of the occasion including a performance by our choir, poems and a special reading. All members of the community can access the video via a link on our website (under Gallery in the Pupil tab). Onsite at school we decorated class windows with poppy art work.

We held a bucket shake to support Children in Need's Special 40th Year on Friday 13th November. The Y6 class organised a fundraising partial non-uniform day to mark the occasion so everyone wore one item of spotty or stripy clothing. We were thrilled with the total of £211.01 raised!

We are continuing to provide a full curriculum to all our children and develop creative opportunities at this time. Our Y6 class continue to develop their skills in playing the steel pans. Our Christmas musical compilation which will replace our annual carol concert will be available to purchase with proceeds going to the PTA to develop learning environments within school. Please contact the School office for further details.

Normally we would hold an Open Day for prospective reception pupils but this year we have posted all of the information online on our website – please go to EYFS September 2021 intake under our Parents tab. Our EYFS teachers will be available to address any queries at certain



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We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, however you are celebrating.

Please do have a good, restful and enjoyable season.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C. Etchie  
Headteacher

## **Bramley Apples - Swaynes Lane - ACT**

Every resident in Comberton at some time has had, or will need, treatment in CUH (Cambridge University Hospitals) – Addenbrookes or Royal Papworth, or indeed both! We are so fortunate in this village.

ACT (Addenbrookes Charitable Trust) raises funds for additional support beyond what NHS England pay for - to ensure excellence in treatment, patient care & staff welfare. As a Volunteer Guide in ATC, I see this first hand.

So as we enter the Bramley Apple season we place windfalls outside our home in Swaynes Lane, donations to ACT invited. We try to bring the table and fruit box in overnight.

This morning, Friday 13th November, sadly we had forgotten, only to find the plastic collection pot strewn across the lawn - empty of the contents. No worries - only our float of 50p, 20p, 10p coins and possibly a few donations from the day before.

May I thank all those residents who have enjoyed the Apples and generously donated **£79.40**

A cheque will be sent to Alice Macek, ACT, for their latest Cancer Care Campaign.

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If you have been spending your second lockdown tidying another cupboard, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials. We need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you are not making full use of would you consider letting it out to our charity.

We are still unable to run our Friends of the Rosie tea bar in Clinic 21 due to Covid19. We would be able to open sooner if our volunteers were younger. We also need more volunteers. If you know of anyone who might be interested. Please contact Ann Laskey ([annlaskey@icloud.com](mailto:annlaskey@icloud.com)) for more details of what would be involved.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or to help on the Rosie tea bar. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 further details are given on our website [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk).

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If you visited Comberton Library in the first week of November, you may well know that we had two sessions of managed browsing before the new period of lockdown came into effect on 5th November. Hopefully, a few customers were able to take advantage of the opportunity to browse the shelves.

At the time of writing, we are operating under the current lockdown regulations, which allow us to provide essential library services. This means that you can return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way. Whilst we continue to offer a limited service, there are no reservation fees or overdue charges. We are still running a Select and Collect Request Service, which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect. You can also still book a public computer for essential use, allowing you one 45 minute session on the days we are open.

The Reading Agency is promoting the Winter Reading Challenge for children again this year. The Challenge runs from 1st December until 15th January and children are encouraged to read three books during this period. They will receive rewards and incentives as they progress through the Challenge. For further details and to sign up your children, please visit <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/join-the-winter-mini-challenge-and-become-a-reading-hero.html>

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The library will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period. We wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that it won't be too long before we can welcome you back to the library, and that we see a return to some sort of normality in 2021.

## **The Plant and Produce Stall at 80 West Street**

Thank you again to everyone who has generously donated plants, produce or money to the stall outside 80 West Street. This year it has done remarkably well – possibly because garden centres were closed in the spring and many people walked or cycled past my house while taking their permitted exercise.

Monetary donation totalled £967 – almost as much as the past three years put together.

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Mary Jenkins



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# Anthony Browne MP

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## RESPONSE TO LOCKDOWN

Many of you will have been following the events of the last two weeks closely and will already know how I voted last Wednesday: for the lockdown.

I share the anger and frustration felt by many at the announcement of a new lockdown, and at the impact it has on our livelihoods and liberties. It is particularly unfair on South Cambs, which has had just two deaths from Covid in the last 5 months. I have argued strongly against it behind the scenes, with MPs, ministers, cabinet ministers and Number 10.

But there are many counter arguments. It is absolutely clear that the epidemic is taking off nationally at a very rapid pace (but less rapid than the first peak). Across the UK, NHS hospitals are terrified of soon being overwhelmed by COVID patients, and having to limit treatment to the extent of deciding which patients to save and which to let die. Addenbrooke's is probably in the best position of any hospital in the country, but it will end up taking overflow from other hospitals elsewhere that cannot cope. I also spoke with a large number of constituents, and also asked them what they think in a survey. Over 700 people replied, and although it is entirely unscientific, it is pretty conclusive: 60% are in favour of a second national lockdown. This public opinion was a big factor in my thinking.

It is most important now to focus on what happens next. As this lockdown continues, I want to urge everyone to stick to the rules and stay safe, and I give the firmest possible commitment that I will use the next four weeks to campaign with other MPs to ensure the lockdown ends at the beginning of December, that we move back to a tailored localised system, and then lift all restrictions as quickly as possible.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who took the time to write to me on the subject over the past week. It is very important to me that you are heard, and I can assure you that I have taken on board all my constituents' comments.

If you have any further questions, I have released a detailed public statement setting out my reasons for voting for this measure on my website ([www.anthonybrowne.org](http://www.anthonybrowne.org)), which I would urge you to read if you have not already.

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**What is expected of the Chair of the governing body?**

- The Chair's role is to lead and manage the governing body in holding the Headteacher to account for the running of all aspects of the school - the role is strategic, not operational and partly defined by statutory duties.
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Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1st January.

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

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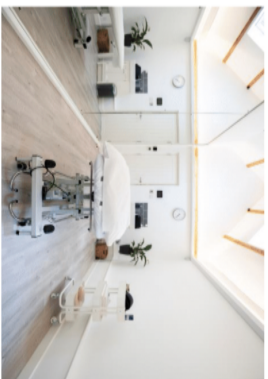
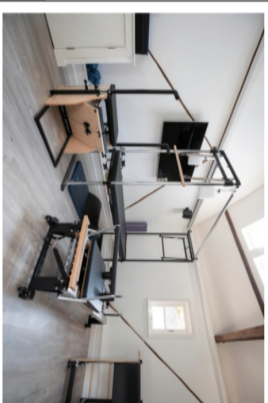
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# Comberton Advent Windows



Thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered an advent window! The list below shows each day of advent where a new window in the village will be revealed! If you have missed the list but would still like to take part please display a window at any time through December to join in the fun!

December	1st	89 Barrons Way
	2nd	49 Bush Close
	3rd	2 Fox's Way
	4th	65 West Street
	5th	83 Barton Road
	6th	99 Barrons Way
	7th	Comberton Playgroup
	8th	18 St. Thomas Close
	9th	3 Milner Road
	10th	92 Swaynes Lane
	11th	14 Green End
	12th	32 Westlands
	13th	85 Barton Road
	14th	39 Barrons Way
	15th	30 Green End
	16th	48 Harbour Avenue
	17th	33 St. Thomas Close
	18th	19 Thornbury
	19th	82 Green End
	20th	17 West Street
	21st	20 Fox's Way
	22nd	32 Fox's Way
	23rd	12 South Street
	Christmas Eve 24th	91 Barrons Way *view at twilight!

Also look out for **16 Green End** for a surprise window each day!

Happy window spotting!

