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Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.45am - 11am	Comberton Walkers	ВС
Monday	6pm - 7pm	Tang Soo Do Junior 6-11	MS
Monday	7pm - 9pm	Tang Soo Do	MS
1 st , 2 nd , 4 th Monday	7pm - 9pm	Carpet Bowls	VH
3 rd Monday	7pm - 9pm	Comberton Winemakers	VH
4 th Tuesday	8pm - 9:30pm	Comberton Antiquarian Society	VH
Wednesday	10am - 11:30am	Comberton Baby & Toddler Group	VH
Wednesday	5.15pm-6.15pm	Pilates Class - book via www.faybpilates.co.uk	MS
Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm	U15 Football Club	CVC
Wednesday	7pm - 9pm	Tang Soo Do	MS
2 nd Thursday	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship	VH
Thursday	5.45pm-6.45pm	U8 Football Club	CVC

BC = Baptist Church MS = Meridian School

REC = Recreation Ground Car Park

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Parish Council

For those of you who eagerly follow the Parish Council meetings, you will now know we are back to in person meetings and we are meeting at the village hall on on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to discuss topics that affect our village, the facilities and services that our village offers.

We welcome public attendance and the agendas and minutes can be found at http://parish-council.comberton.org/decisions/meetings/

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 28th April Black

Thursday 5th May Blue & Green

Wednesday 11th May Black

Wednesday 18th May Blue & Green

Wednesday 25th May Black

Wednesday 1st June Blue & Green



Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

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16 May 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
23 May 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
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From the Editor

I hope everybody has been able to enjoy the warmer weather over this Easter long weekend - spring is definitely here and it is good to spend time outdoors enjoying the sunshine.

There is plenty of information in this magazine about the Comberton Celebration Festival - to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - please have a look and think if you can help or participate, or just look forward to meeting up in a village event which will bring people together after two difficult years.

We should also remember those less fortunate - if you are a music lover why not consider supporting the Concert for Ukraine on Two Pianos at Harlton Church (see page 37)?

Thank you to our many contributors this month - once again I have had plenty of content with some carried over to next month.

James Gilbert 07768 421049 editor@combertoncontact.org.uk

Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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Lordsbridge Team Services



Thurs 26th May at 7.30pm - **Ascension Day** Holy Communion at Toft Church 29th May at 8.30am - **Team BCP Holy Communion** at Toft Church 29th May at 5.30pm - **Team Evensong** at Dry Drayton Church

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building



lst May at 9.30am – **Morning Worship** 8th May at 8.00 am – **BCP Holy Communion** at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

15th May at 9.30am - Holy Communion (with 'Kids & the Barn')
22nd May at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion
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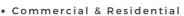
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" Give him the money Barney"
" I'm free " ?
"I shall say this only once" ?
"I have a cunning plan" ?
"I know nothing, nothing"
"Bernie, the bolt"
"I'll be back" ?
"I love the smell of napalm in the morning" ?
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We had a fantastic Art week looking and appreciating different types of arts and crafts as well as developing our knowledge and art skills. Thank you to the local artists who visited us. The children especially loved the focused creative approach that we had during the week and they produced some excellent pieces which we displayed around the school.

The children are enjoying playing sport competitively again – in March, our football team represented Meridian against Hardwick Primary School and two of our netball teams have been invited back to play in the final of the South Cambridgeshire Schools Netball Tournament after a tournament at CVC in which our A team came 2nd and our B team came 5th. The final is at the end of April.

The children came to school in non-uniform to celebrate Red Nose Day on 18th March. A big thank you to our families as we raised over £350 for Comic Relief!

We are pleased to be joining with one of our music teachers to start up orchestra sessions from the beginning of the summer term. 'Meridian Music Makers' sessions will aim to build children's confidence and dexterity on their instrument and to develop skills needed to rehearse and perform in a group.

Our Year 5 children will be spending a week at Hilltop Outdoor Centre in North Norfolk at the end of April. This is a great week of outdoor education and activities which has been always been a highlight for our children.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Etchie Headteacher

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We are delighted to announce that Comberton Library have restarted rhymetime, our next session will be on the 9th May from 10:30 until 11:00am. The sessions run every other Monday during term time.

Queen's Jubilee Storytime and Craft

Monday 30th May 10.30 -11.30 am

Come along and hear some stories and make a crown to take home, £1 per child.

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Bookings are open for the Spring/Summer Library Presents events and there are some great events to choose from: https://www.library.live/the-library-presents-events

16-22 May is Dementia Action Week. The library has books and information about dementia, to help everyone better understand the condition and find support if needed.

Please remember we do still have a computer available for use, you can book online or just pop by to see if it's free. Book online here: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library

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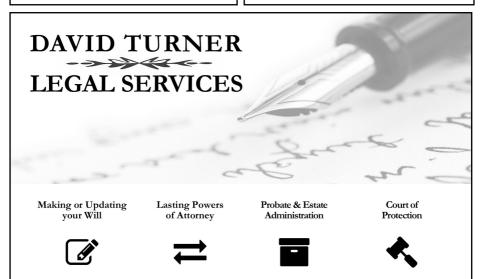
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Update From The Trustees of Comberton Village Hall

You may have noticed that the letting charges for the village hall were removed from the last issue of Contact pending a review. The vast majority of our fees have not increased for 10 years but a range of circumstances has necessitated a review and you will find the revised rates published at the back of this month's issue.

At the height of the Covid pandemic the hall was completely closed with the resultant loss of all income and even in the subsequent two years the revenue levels have been much reduced as many groups have simply not returned. Coupled with the substantial increases in the cost of heating oil and electricity, and the higher costs of labour and materials when work is required to the fabric of the building, the trustees have regrettably felt the need to increase the hire fees to help offset the drop in income alongside the increased costs of running the hall. Whilst we appreciate that everyone is feeling the pinch on their expenses in many aspects of life, we still believe the new rates represent excellent value for money for a modern, clean and warm venue.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and continued support because it is thanks to people from the village and the local community using and enjoying the hall that we are able to maintain and run such a lovely venue, so we look forward to welcoming you to the hall to celebrate your birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and to enjoy the many clubs and activities which are held there on a regular basis.

The Trustees of the Comberton Village Institute Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. 1189495)

Comberton Allotments & Gardens Association

Spring Plant Sale – Saturday 14th May - 10.00 am - Playschool

Our Spring Plant Sale takes place in the Playschool, by the crossroads, at 10am - we should have lots of fine flower and vegetable plants to sell at very reasonable prices. If you carefully cultivate them though the summer they may even win you prizes in the Autumn Show!

This is a 'bring and buy' event so if you have surplus vegetable or flower plants or shrubs please bring along and add to our stock - profits help to support the cost of staging the Village Autumn Show.

FREE ENTRY so come early and bag the best bargains.

Annual General Meeting – This will now be held on Thursday 24th November 7.30 –in the Village Hall. Please note the change of date.

Best kept Allotment Competition – A reminder that this year's trophy will be awarded to the Best Kept allotment on the South Street site.

Robin Worship; CAGA Secretary (robin.worship7@gmail.com)



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Comberton Celebration Festival

....is soon upon us, with just a month to go, we hope you are all looking forward to it!

Friday - Sports Events on the Recreation Ground

Saturday - Comberton Celebration Festival on the Recreation Ground (11am onwards) plus Beacon Lighting at St Mary's

Sunday - Street Parties as part of the Queens Jubilee - 'The Big Jubilee Lunch'

Competitions and Awards

We would like to encourage members of our community to enter one of the many competitions, under the theme of: 'Royalty' and/or 'Community"

Competitions

Best Decorated House/Business - To be decorated by 12pm on Thursday 26th May 2022

Best Decorated Street - To be decorated by 12pm on Thursday 26th May 2022
Community Celebration Poster - Sharing what people love about Comberton To be displayed on the fence at Comberton Playgroup by 12pm on Thursday
26th May 2022

Best Decorated Jubilee Bicycle/Scooter - To be judged Saturday 4th June 2022, between 2-3pm

Best Fancy Dress - To be judged Saturday 4th June 2022 @ 2-3pm Best Dressed Pet - To be judged Saturday 4th June 2022 @ 2-3pm

Best Jubilee Bonnet - Hats, Crowns and all royal themed headgear considered - To be judged Saturday 4th June @ 2-3pm

Awards

Oldest Resident

Jubilee Baby - The first baby to be born in the new Jubilee

Terms and conditions:

The winners of the village competition awards will be announced at the Celebration Event between 2pm and 3pm on Saturday 4th June. Where there are enough entries, there will be individual certificates/prizes for Pre School, Primary, Secondary and Adult entries. The judges decisions will be final. Further details, terms and conditions can be found on the website: Comberton.org/CCF-2022

Are you a small business?

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Please contact jmartin@comberton.org for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Pokemon swop-session/game workshop (ideal for older teenager)
- Running Interesting Workshop
- First Aiders
- Event Wardens

Things required to be borrowed

- Marquees / Pop up Tents
- Tables
- Chairs

Finally, as we mentioned previously, we are looking to install some further benches on the recreation ground, hopefully before the summer festival. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench (corporate or in memoriam), please get in contact with clerk@combertonpc.onmicrosoft.com.

The Comberton Celebration event aims to (re)connect people, groups, clubs and local businesses after a challenging couple of years. The event aims to be as inclusive as possible for all members of our community, so please do contact us if you (or your group) want to get involved. The event is being sponsored by small grants, and any funds raised over the costs of putting on this event, run by volunteers, will go to fund recreation facilities for the village.





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My mother referred on occasions to Uncle Harry "who was station master at Wolferton." Wolferton in Norfolk was the station which served Sandringham. Only much later did curiosity lead me to find out more about this relative, brother of my great grandfather. Armed with family information that he had siblings and that his father, William, had been station master at Audley End for forty years, I spent time putting flesh on these ancestral bones.

Indeed Harry had siblings: one sister and eight brothers, and a half sister and two half brothers as, after the death of his wife Mary Ann, William, Harry's father, had married his housekeeper, marriage certificate testifies he was 70, she was 28!

Harry started working for the Great Eastern Railway in 1872 as a probationary telegraph clerk at Audley End, then became goods clerk and booking clerk there. In 1877 he became booking clerk at Huntingdon, then Whittlesea in 1878, Downham 1879 and March 1880. In the 1881 census, he appears twice, as a railway clerk, boarding with a railway colleague in March and as a visitor in the household headed by 21 year old *Sarah E. Hughes, a farmer of 72 acres. Whilst at March, he worked as district relieving clerk and became stationmaster at Fordham where he stayed for only four months before becoming station master at Wolferton, selected for this prestigious position out of 120 applicants. In June 1884 whilst at Fordham, he married *Sarah Elizabeth Hughes from Whittlesea. She worked as waiting room attendant at Wolferton for over 40 years and as postmistress at Wolferton according to the 1901 census. They had three daughters.

Harry retired from Wolferton in 1924 after what must have been an interesting and responsible career. The retirement article in the Great Eastern magazine refers to him being "the proud possessor of quite a large array of medals". He and his wife then lived in the old Church Farmhouse at Wolferton provided by His Majesty the King. Harry died in 1932; the Lynn News and County Press tribute refers to the many sovereigns, monarchs and statesmen he received at the station and the high esteem in which he was held by distinguished visitors who passed through Wolferton, messages of sympathy were sent by the King and Queen and Princess Victoria to the bereaved relatives. Harry is buried in Wolferton churchyard with his wife Sarah who died in 1943.

It has indeed been a fascinating journey, uncovering the life of Uncle Harry. He was affectionately known as the mayor of Wolferton, captained the cricket team, appeared in local am dram productions and, was in the territorial unit, some of which formed part of the fifth battalion Norfolk regiment The King's Men which was the Lost Battalion at Gallipoli, Suvla Bay in 1915, some of whom would have departed from Wolferton station.

Harry's life was truly an adventure. My curiosity has led to another, for me. My research has also provided the background for a recently published novel: The Royal Station Master's Daughters, the first in a trilogy, by Ellee Seymour.

Penny Coe

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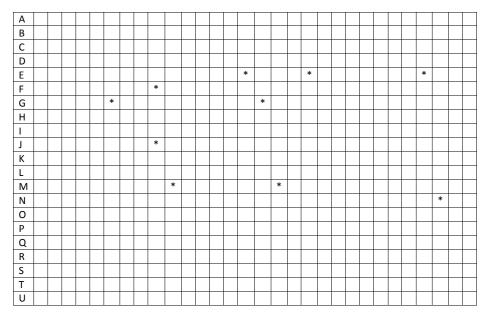
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Beating the Bounds

Friends of St Mary's are warming up!

This briefing follows on from the April Contact article 'Beating the Bounds'. The Event is set for Sunday 22nd May 2022, in the afternoon (starting at 2pm and to finish by 4 pm around St Mary's Church). We will put details on our website at the beginning of May (www.friends-of-st-marys-.org.uk).

The sharp-eyed will notice that the 'Shorter Walk' does not set foot on the Parish Boundary at all! The 'Longer Walk' does follow a section of Boundary – see Parish Boundary Ditch and Kentings – but it is pretty brief. This is a point we will emphasise on the day – if you don't use the footpaths you may lose them. Comberton is short on footpaths.

We will all gather for our Longer or Shorter Walk outside St Mary's Church and return there to finish. We will distribute Guide materials. Each Group will be accompanied by a High-viz Friend or two! After the walks there will be Refreshments outside- in the old style! If you are keen to join us on Rogation Sunday, 22nd of May and would like to learn more, please contact me by Email.

Our walks will remind us that Comberton is fully 200 feet above sea level and you will at times be looking over the Cambridgeshire claylands!

At the end of the Walks there will also be opportunity to learn about some of the special features inside the Church. These include King Billy's Royal Crest, Medieval carvings which survived Cromwell and also the Nineteenth Century Benefactors Board, which describes the Herring Lands.

Churchyard Guides will also be on hand to help you find the Gravestones mentioned in the text accompanying the walk maps - and that of Henry Day. You will also be able to hear more about the Churchyard re-Wilding Project!

We hope you have a lovely afternoon. If you are intrigued and want to know more, or to help us look after the Church and Churchyard fabric please ask us how you can join the Friends of St Mary's.

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In September 2008 Stephen Hawking unveiled a City feature which today sees perhaps more people hanging around in the street than any other Cambridge tourist attraction. On the face of it we might question why this should happen outside a decommissioned bank in front of a clock which is hard to read and which in any case gives the most erratic estimates of the time.

Well, the bank was the Natwest which, when the lease ran out, returned the building to the College of Corpus Christi and the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be converted into a new library for the college. And the clock? Well, you will have guessed that the "oversize brass dinner gong with a whopping great locust on top" on the corner of Bene't Street and Trumpington Street is the famous Corpus Clock. Its presence owes everything to certain bi-metal blades which made a fortune for an alumnus of the college, Dr John Taylor. He gave some of this fortune to create that library and some more to create the clock. For Dr Taylor, a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, the timepiece was his masterpiece. He has since made two more.

You can hear Stewart Huxley talking about it in the Village Hall Comberton on Tuesday 24th May 2022 when the Comberton Antiquarian Society next meets. Stewart co-founded Huxley – Bertram Ltd, the engineering firm which put Dr Taylor's unique ideas into practice. He will tell the intriguing story of these ideas, and the links with John Harrison who in 1749 famously designed the chronometer which revolutionised marine navigation. He will also explain why the clock is only accurate once every five minutes. And much more.

The Society has recently re-started its monthly meetings which are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8pm. Everyone is cordially invited to join for the princely annual fee of £10. If you are not already a member, do come along to this meeting and if you like what you see, do join the Society. If you want further information, please contact the Secretary Peter Johnson tel 01223 262708 email peter.johnson1@talktalk.net, who will send you the Society's future programme of talks and excursions.

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Comberton Playgroup Spring/Summer news

Hello Parents, neighbours and friends!

For the first half term at playgroup we focussed on counting, number language and size. The children enjoyed playing skittles and counting how many they had knocked over and how many were left standing. Outside we played 'What's the time Mr Wolf' and we counted the steps towards 'Mr Wolf'. The Pre-school children had great fun making bird feeders and learnt about freezing and melting whilst trying to free penguins from ice blocks!

For Children's Mental Health week we discussed feelings and emotions and learnt about PANTS (NSPCC's underwear rule). In the Pre-school room Holly Lowing very kindly came in to do a play workshop to help the children to identify and understand their emotions.

During our second half term we focussed on literacy, with the Pre-school children making up their own story for a book and the younger children doing lots of rhyming activities, ending up with making a big wall for Humpty Dumpty and lots of Humpty Dumptys! The children all had their own ideas on why Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall from "He lost his balance" to "A T-Rex scared him".

The big highlight was at the end of term we took the children in small groups to have a look round South Street allotments. The children loved it and they all had a guess at what might be growing in the different plots. One child asking if they were growing a T-Rex! (you might sense a theme!). We came across people digging and tending to their plots and very kindly spoke to the children about what they were doing and pointed us in the right direction for the chickens! We would like to say a big thank you to Jane Hughes and everyone we came across on our walks. It was wonderful for the children to learn about where some of their food comes from and how it's grown. We have started to grow some vegetables in the Playgroup garden, and are continuing to develop our sensory garden. (donations of plants always welcome!) We can't wait to come back again soon to see what's grown!

Finally we were able to have our Easter Eggstravanza this year after 2 years off! It was a great success, raising over £500! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for their support.

Our Messy Play group is open on Monday's and Thursday's 9.30-11am. One hour of Messy Play fun, then half an hour to clean up! Both days are for babies and toddlers and cost £5. A towel and/or change of clothes is recommended. Messy play encourages healthy development, allowing children to experience and explore textures in their own unique way. These sessions allow children to get messy without the mess at home!

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