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Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.45am - 11am	Comberton Walkers	BC
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
2 nd Tuesday (except Aug)		Comberton WI	
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

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

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 1 st September	Black
Wednesday 7 th September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 14 th September	Black
Wednesday 21 st September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 28 th September	Black
Wednesday 5 th October	Blue & Green



Village Help Scheme - Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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

29 August	Joan Wells	01223 262746
05 September	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
12 September	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
19 September	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
26 September	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
03 October	Gill Redman	01223 262246

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For more information contact Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246 or Mrs Barbara Mitton on 01223 262073.

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From the Editor

I'm putting this issue to bed sitting at anchor on the River Ore, enjoying a couple of weeks holiday reasonably locally. I hope you've been able to relax during the summer holidays, whether at home or further afield. All too soon the Schools will be back and the nights will be starting to shorten.

There's plenty going on in September - why not enter something into the Comberton Show (see page 29 for the comprehensive list of categories) or get involved in an organisation that is new to you, whether you are interested in sport, walking or socialising to meet friends old and new.

We have been blessed with warm dry weather this summer, but the lack of rain has taken its toll on our gardens - the positive is less time spent mowing of course!

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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11th September at 3pm - **Wild Church** (outside)
Thurs 22nd September at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea** in Village Hall
Sat 24th September - **Away-day** at Madingley Hall
Sun 25th September at 9.30am - **Harvest Festival**

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building



4th September at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**
11th September at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**
at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**
18th September at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**
25th September at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

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For further information please contact me :

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Stella – Secretary of the Comberton Ramblers

Comberton WI

Hello again. In our last article I mentioned our Resolution meeting which was about to take place. It was an excellent meeting with a number of visitors from the Village College who were interested in the subject of girls with learning difficulties, A lively and informative meeting with a great deal of knowledgeable participation.

On the Jubilee weekend we held a promotional stall and were pleased to receive a number of interested prospective members. Members provided the Jubilee cake for this celebration. We also installed the new bench and planters outside the Village Hall at this time.

We have recently had two really interesting speakers. One who told us about Mill Rd cemetery and some of the interesting local figures buried there and one on the History of Gem Stones.

In August we are visiting Bourne Mill for an afternoon tea and talk about the mill.

We have gained three new members and are ,of course, always happy to welcome visitors to our meetings.



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COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Village pond

The village pond has been successfully renovated in July and August to remove the silt and the central island. The pond has also been deepened at the central point (where the island was situated) to retain more water. The Parish Council has sought advice from many professionals in the last year and an ecological report was undertaken before work commenced.

We hope that this will give the pond the much-needed maintenance it required to be an area for wildlife and for residents to enjoy. The contractors will be back in the spring to bring more plants to pond area, when hopefully it will be better conditions for plants to flourish.

The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers involved in the Pond Working Group for their hard work.

Endurance Estates and Inspired Villages – a proposal for a new retirement development

The Parish Council have arranged an Extraordinary Meeting with Endurance Estates and Inspired Living, who have submitted a pre application to SCDC for a retirement village, on the land off Branch Road.

This meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday September 15th 2022 in the Village Hall and aims to explore the details of the developers proposal.

There will be a representative from SCDC attending and members of the public are welcome to attend.

There will be a short session (10 minutes) at the beginning of the meeting for questions from the public. Please see our website for the agenda or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Watts Wood

The Parish Council are seeking any voluntary groups who are looking for a challenge!!! The old railway carriage in Watts Wood desperately needs care and attention to bring it back to its former glory and we would love to hear from anyone or any group who would feel they may like to help. Please contact the Clerk at parishclerk@comberton.org for more information.



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The rate of pay is £12.50 per hour, which is reviewed annually.

Key responsibilities:

- Monitoring and inspecting the recreation ground and the pavilion at least twice a week
- Carrying out of legionella checks as required
- Inspecting the play equipment, skate park and adult gym area on a weekly basis and reporting the need for any repairs.
- Inspecting other village assets on a monthly basis
- Assisting trades people and any third-party contractors if/when required
- Identifying and reporting the need for repairs and health and safety risks and carrying these repairs if appropriate
- Undertaking routine play equipment repairs (training will be provided)
- Working with the Parish Council Working Groups for example the Tree Working Group
- Reporting to the Clerk on weekly basis and providing a monthly report to the Parish Council

Requirements:

- Effective communicator
- Well-organised and apt in problem-solving
- Be contactable by telephone and or email
- Flexible in approach to work
- Experience of similar role would be advantageous

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Watts Wood and Queens Jubilee Orchard

The Parish Council are seeking donations of bat and bird boxes for Watts Wood. These will help to create a more wildlife friendly habitat and all donations will be gratefully received.

We are also seeking tree planting volunteers to help plant a new orchard in the recreation ground later in the autumn. Funding for this has been granted from SCDC for the Jubilee celebration.

Tree Warden

Lastly, our wonderful tree warden has stepped down, leaving the role for a new volunteer. The Parish Council would like to thank her for all her hard work.

A tree warden works with the Parish Council to be a local tree champion, someone who will have their eyes and ears on trees in Comberton and have a passion for trees. Training is given with SCDC and support will be given by the Parish Council. You do not need to be a tree expert to apply.

Please contact the Clerk for an informal discussion.

For any further information or assistance, please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Bridges on parishclerk@comberton.org or 07735908030

Hardwick Eco Event

Saturday 17th September, 10.30am to 4.00pm in St Mary's Church, Hardwick

As the world emerges from one huge crisis of a COVID-19 pandemic and struggles to get back to normal we have to face the reality that the new normal contains an impending even greater crisis of a climate emergency. One of the few lessons learned from COVID-19 is that when we find ourselves in a tight corner we can react strongly and quickly and pull together to get ourselves out of it. So we should feel positive that the climate crisis can be addressed, but only if we start recognising it as a threat to society that's building and getting stronger for every year we don't do enough. So what actions can we take today that will have a lasting impact?

Come along to the second Hardwick Eco Event to find out. There'll be stalls all day providing useful information and further ideas to live more sustainably, fun activities for children, refreshments available (tea, coffee, cake, etc.) and locally-sourced food at lunchtime. In the morning there'll be talks and an opportunity to fast-pitch ideas. In the afternoon we'll have a session to put forward and join various projects, including any popular pitched ideas, that will help to reduce our communities' carbon footprints.

If you would like to find out more about a particular topic on the day or have a great idea that needs community involvement, please let us know and we will try to include it – we would love to hear from you! Contact us at: Hardwick.Ecoevent@gmail.com.

Nearer the date a complete agenda will be posted at <https://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/eco/> and on the Hardwick Facebook page. Put the date in your diary and be prepared to be inspired!

We look forward to seeing you on 17th September.



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July Challenge Solution

All answers are styles of font. As hidden in the title.

1 BASKERVILLE.....Surname of main character in Name of the Rose.

2 COURIER.....J.S “JIM” ? American tennis player.

3 YEARLING.....The ? . A Peck/Wyman 1946 Film.

4 JENSON.....F 1 ? Button.

5 SABON.....Jan Tschichold's 1966/67 design.

6 HELVETICA.....AKA Neve Haas Grotesk.

7 JAEGER.....? Le Coultre watch.

8 QUORUM.....Minimum attendance to validate a meeting.

9 WEISS.....Rachel ? Enemy at the Gates actress.

10 PALATINO.....Centremost of 7 hills of Rome (O not E ending).

11 MILLER.....Mick the ? Twice Greyhound Derby Winner.

12 ROTIS.....Round Indian flatbreads.

13 OPTIMA.....KIA car model.

14 FUTURA.....AKA Leonard Hilton McGurr.

15 LYDIAN.....Ancient native of Anatolia.

16 TREBUCHET.....Ancient Medieval Siege Engine eg LUDGAR

Please take a moment to read the article on page 19 which is a follow up to last month's puzzle.

The winner is Esther from Hines Lane.





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Discoveries..... or not?

Some of you will recall that in last month's Challenge the first question was "Who discovered Platinum?". This I now realise was an unanswerable question simply because of how we employ the word "discovered".

Whilst Julius Caesar Scaliger (1484/1558) was my target answer and very much supported by a large section of the scientific community a great deal of credit is rightly given to Antonio De Ulloa (1716/1795) who is also said to have discovered (identified) the element in question, but.....

Whereas Scaliger can undoubtedly be given credit for announcing on the merits of platinum via the first written account of the metal in 1557 and De Ulloa is to be commended for his part in widening the knowledge of the element via the first paper describing the metal in 1736 neither can really given credit for its discovery, because.....

There is clear evidence that the metal had not only been mined long before, by not only the Ancient Egyptians (1200-700 BC) who used it in small quantities with gold for decorative objects but also by the Tolita Indians (600BC/200AD) living on the Ecuador/Colombia border who have been shown to have used the element. Could one say therefore that both Scaliger and De Ulloa simply spread the word, they did not discover the metal at all?

On a similar theme but a different tack how should we view for example the voyages to the new world. Did Columbus really discover anything or did he merely visit a place details of which were not known on the European Continent? Had I been an inhabitant living close to his landing point in 1492 I would have regarded it as somewhat presumptuous for such a person to not only claim that he had discovered my country but then giving no thought to its name. Could it be said that Columbus merely "visited" the place? I must emphasise however that this is not to diminish for one moment the challenges he faced to make the voyage. This is also not to forget Amerigo Vespucci of course.

The same might also be said for David Livingstone who is credited with "discovering" the Victoria Falls during his travels across Africa. Discovering! Like Columbus he merely visited a place known to millions possibly over the preceding centuries, and assumed, wrongly in my opinion, that his visit gave him the right to both claim the Falls and to rename them. The indigenous peoples of the area would have been less than impressed had they known what was taking place. To them the site was, and remains to this day, Mosi-oa-Tunya (The Smoke That Thunders).

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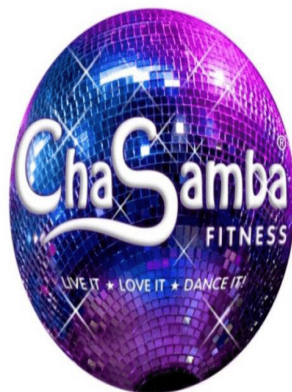
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Again to make this easier all entries will be free and you will be able to email them to combertonshow@gmail.com or deliver them to the Show Secretary as in previous years.

As entries are free there will be no monetary prizes but prize cards and trophies will be awarded as usual.

Exhibitors can stage their entries between **8.30** and **10.30am** on the Saturday, stewards will be on hand to guide you to the appropriate area; the Show opens to the Public at **3pm**.

Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers: As I write the hot weather and drought conditions show no sign of ending and many of you, gardeners and allotmenters alike, will be despairing of your crops, but remember it is the same for all of us and your produce may not be of the size or quality you would like, but enter it anyway it could be your year for a prize. Also our judges come and officiate completely voluntarily so we need to give them a reasonable number of entries to ponder and make their trip worthwhile!

Remember the 'Harry Sewell Trophy', it is a restricted class in this otherwise open show; **residents of Comberton** or holders of an **allotment in Comberton** are all eligible to enter this display of 3 different vegetables (*from a very long list*); so a better chance of winning with no outside competition.

With the expected reduction in Vegetable entries we need to boost the other classes that are not weather dependant such as the:-

Cookery and Preserves: There are **11** cookery classes including one set recipe for a '*Swiss Roll*' and **7** different preserve classes; so why not try your hand at winning the 'Evelyn Watts Trophy' awarded for highest points in cookery. Of course there is also the eagerly contested

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Men only Cake class for the 'Gerry Hall Tankard', the challenge this year is to bake a 'Ginger, Walnut & Carrot Cake' to a set recipe; my name is on that tankard from the last two shows, so try and take it away from me!

Childrens' Cookery includes '*Gingerbread Animals*' and '*Cheese Straws*' as well as the ever popular '*Decorated Rich Tea Biscuits*' with a Jubilee theme for this year.

Handicraft: Again **11** classes for adults and **11** for children covering a full range of skills; so still time to finish that crafting, woodwork or needlework project and also time to set the youngsters on a creative path!

Painting & Drawing: We get very few adult artwork entries but we know that artists abound in the village, so enter your masterpieces and let us all share in your talent!

Children's Art: There are **4** subjects for them to choose from: '*The Flower Bed*'; '*The Ball Game*'; '*Jubilee Party*' or '*The Sky through my Bedroom Window*'. They are judged in 5 different age categories so will always be competing with their own age group. The children's art will be exhibited in the Main Hall alongside the entries from Meridian School and the Comberton Playgroup. The artwork judged best in show will be awarded the *Frank Hollick Book Prize*.

Photography: The 3 categories are '*Tree Bark*'; '*Seen Through an Arch*' and '*Quiet Reflections*'; and for the children '*Red, White, Blue*'; as always we encourage a wide interpretation of the subject. Have you taken a picture that fits? - if not still time to get out there with the Camera or Phone! The Best Photograph in the show will be awarded the '*Mike Winney Trophy*'.

Full details of Classes are in the **Show Brochure** which is delivered to every house in Comberton (*if you haven't received one, pick one up at the Post Office or Cruickshank Butchers*), please look through it and plan your entries, there is a class for everyone!

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Our Rhymetime sessions will be continuing in the Autumn please join us on the following Monday's at 10:30am 12th September, 26th September, 10th October, 31st October, 14th November, 28th November.

Looking ahead into October please join us for a spooky event for children on Wednesday 26th October, look out for details at the library and in the What's On brochure.

The Autumn Season of, Library Presents programme launched on 12th August with events starting on 1st October, pop to the Library to pick up a programme for the events or visit: www.library.live/whats-on

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