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See panel on page 9 for transport bookings	
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Regular dates for your diary

Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	Morning	Monday Studio	VH
Monday	9.30am - 11am	Messy Play (term time only)	CP
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
Tuesday	10.30am - 12 noon	Cafe	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	5.30pm-6.30pm	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
Thursday	9.30am - 11am	Messy Play (term time only)	CP
Thursday	5.45pm-6.45pm	U8 Football Club	CVC
2 nd Thursday	2.30pm	Comberton Friendship	VH
4 th Thursday (not Dec & Aug)	2.30pm - 4pm	Oasis Teas	VH
3 rd Friday	7pm (7:30pm start)	Bingo Party	VH

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

BC = Baptist Church

MS = Meridian School

CP = Comberton Playgroup

Parish Council

Upcoming meetings at the village hall: Wednesday 14th December

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

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Wednesday 30th November

Wednesday 7th December

Wednesday 14th December

Wednesday 21st December

Friday 30th December

Friday 6th January

Thursday 12th January

Wednesday 18th January

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 1st February

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From the Editor

A reminder that the Parish Council online survey regarding recreation facilities in Comberton closes on 22nd December 2022. The Parish Council welcomes a response per person, including children (parental supervision is encouraged for children under 11 years old). The survey link and QR code can be found on the back cover.

After a few good months for article variety (thank you to everyone who contributed) we are once again running short of content either created in Comberton or about Comberton. Perhaps you could consider writing something over the Christmas Break ready for our February or March editions? Maybe an update on your group activity in Comberton, or a bit of village history, or to express concern about something that is or will affect residents (for example, local crime, the bus service or the proposed Cambridge congestion charge)? All contributions gratefully received.

Wishing you a peaceful and sociable Christmas and New Year holiday.

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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The Parish Church of St Mary, Comberton

In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry



Nativity Service



Christmas Eve at 3pm



Christmas Services

Sun 11th December at 9.30am – **Christingle**

Sun 18th December at 6.30pm – **Carols by Candlelight**

Sat 24th December at 3.00pm – **Nativity Service**

Sat 24th December at 11.15pm – **Midnight Mass**

Sun 25th December at 9.30am – **Christmas Communion**



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

4th December at 9.30am – **Holy Communion**

11th December at 8.00 am – **BCP Holy Communion**



On-line Services

Zoom Church: Sunday at 11am – ID: **8231 1473 640**

Tuesday Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.30am – ID: **495 061 1016**

Wednesday Compline on Zoom at 8pm – ID: **899 215 191**



Quiet Prayer

Our church building is open daily for quiet prayer.



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St Mary's Church
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In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

Lordsbridge Team Services with WCCYM



Sun 29th January

8.30am

BCP Holy Communion (at Toft)

10.30am

Holy Communion
at St Mary's



Activities

Sun 8th January at 3pm - **Wild Church** (outside)

Thurs 26th January at 2.30pm - **Oasis Tea** in Village Hall

Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

1st January at 9.30am - **Holy Communion** (said)

8th January at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**

15th January at 9.30am - **Morning Worship with Baptism**

22nd January at 8.00am - **BCP Holy Communion**

at 9.30am - **Holy Communion**



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12 December 2022	Joan Wells	01223 262746
19 December 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
26 December 2022	Barbara Mitton	01223 262073
02 January 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
09 January 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283
16 January 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
23 January 2023	Gill Redman	01223 262246
30 January 2023	Joan Wells	01223 262746

AGM

The annual meeting of the Village Help Scheme will be held in the Village Hall community room on the 23rd January 2023 at 2.30. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Barbara Mitton chairman Village Help Scheme.

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Mrs Gill Redman on 01223 262246

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Greetings Neighbours,

We have been pleased to be able to hold regular class assemblies to people from outside the school for the first time in over two years. It has been so lovely to see parents and carers visiting Meridian and we look forward to so many more during the academic year.

The children have also enjoyed being visited by people from outside the school – Y6 and Y4 benefitted from lessons from a Professor of Volcanology at the University of Cambridge and KS2 singing assemblies are now being led by the Lordsbridge Singing Project and children will have the opportunity to join community wide projects this year.

The aim of the Lordsbridge Singing Project is to enjoy singing out shared values and bring together the school and church community once each half term. Elements of vocal technique and musical understanding will be embedded into assemblies with aspects of the school's values also covered.

We held a special Remembrance Assembly focusing on all the animals that have helped servicemen and women in conflict and the children fundraised for the British Legion by buying poppies.

Our open morning at the end of November for prospective reception pupils was successful and well attended.

We welcome a new visiting teacher into school one afternoon a week to deliver lessons on the trumpet to Y4s. This is part of our music curriculum enrichment opportunities and free to access for all Y4 children. We are also pleased to welcome a new teacher into the school to teach violin to individual pupils.

Two Y6 Meridian netball teams attended a tournament at Comberton Village College and did really well which means they are both through to the next round which will be held in March. Selected children from Y3-6 took part in a cross country competition at the end of November.

We are pleased that we are now able to transport children from our families in Toft to school on the school bus that travels from the Eversdens. Although this is at an additional cost agreement with our coach provider, this solution is not only helpful to the families but friendly to the environment.

As part of our Anti-Bullying Week, we encouraged all our children to come to school in odd socks –this was a great way to encourage our children to respect our community, celebrate their individuality and uniqueness.

We have a number of events organised for December – a Santa Dash fun run, an EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance, KS2 Christmas Carol singing, a special Christmas lunch with Christmas jumpers, a School Carol service at St Mary's Comberton and busking in our playground with our musicians and choir.

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

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Q3 617 The Dam Busters Squadron.
Q4 41 Ben Hur's galley slave number.
Q5 38 What parallel divides Korea ?
Q6 10 The number opposite to 14 on a dart board.
Q7 77 ?? Sunset Strip. TV series.
Q8 7 The atomic No. of Iridium divided by the atomic No. of Sodium
Q9 101 ?? Dalmatians. Film
Q10 451 Fahrenheit ?? Ray Bradbury novel.
Q11 2001 ?? A Space Odyssey.
Q12 123 Q4 answer multiplied by 3
Q13 39 The ?? steps In which Richard Hannay becomes involved.
Q14 1212 Scotland Yard's Whitehall Telephone number.

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Remembrance Display

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the display this year, it was encouraging to see the items which remind people of this time and make it important to remember. Special thanks to the lovely senior ladies who knitted all the poppies and to the children from the Playgroup who have painted such beautiful pictures and to the staff for allowing us to use the fence to display them.

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We have been as busy as usual but haven't been in Contact for a while. The speakers this autumn have been really interesting. The Cambridge Phenomenon was all about the scientific and technological developments made by a number of Cambridge companies, the growth of the science parks and the collaboration of the public and private sector in the area. The speaker on Coco Chanel gave real insights into her life, illustrating the struggles she had been through rather than simply showing her famous fashion house. A quite intriguing story of from rags to riches.

In November we had a flower arranging expert who demonstrated new materials for flower arranging and the ways in which the use of oasis could be avoided as it is such a pollutant and is to be phased out.

We celebrated our 82nd birthday in October with Prosecco and nibbles and in December we will hold a traditional Christmas Party arranged by a group of members. We will as usual be having a stall at the Christmas Fair on December 3rd with jams, chutneys and cakes for sale and hope to see lots of people there.

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We enjoy demonstrations and participate in self led and professional artist led workshops, tackling various mediums. We as a group have mixed abilities, but you would be amazed how quickly people improve their skills, whilst sitting amongst a group of like minded artists.

The group is ever evolving and over the years all members have grown and continue to further develop their skills and styles. Currently we have 20 members with diverse careers both past and present, but with a communal love and passion for art!

With Cambridge on our doorstep and central London less than an hour away we are able to take advantage of a range of museums, galleries, lectures, exhibitions and diverse external workshops. We have our own exhibition which is held bi-annually, due 2023, and usually is a huge success and demonstrates the talent in our midst.

We meet every Monday morning from 9.30 to approximately 12.30. Our fees are very reasonable only covering the cost of hall hire and tea and coffee. We are a friendly bunch that welcomes new members, so do come and join us.

If you wish to see some of our work please look at our website mondaystudio.org

We know that there are many new residents in the village and if anybody would be interested in joining our happy band please contact:

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Christmas may be a time to remember family and friends - but Dogs Trust Snetterton is also asking local dog owners to remember their four-legged friends this festive time, with a *Canine Care Card*.



The *Canine Care Card* is a free service, which helps to ensure your dog's future, in the event of you either passing away, receiving a life-changing diagnosis or moving into a care home. This can often be a great concern to some people, who perhaps do not have a family member or friend in a position to look after their dog, should the worst happen. Therefore, by signing up to the service, Dogs Trust can offer peace of mind, reassuring you that your faithful friend will be well cared for by the charity.

It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away.

You can register online by going to www.dogstrust.org.uk and searching for '*Canine Care Card*' - or if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper version of the application form. Once the form is submitted, Dogs Trust will then write to you, to confirm when your application has been processed.

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3. What do caterpillars turn into ?
4. What is the name of the boy wizard in J K Rowling's books ?
5. How many legs does a spider have ?
6. How many days are there in a year ?
7. How many dwarves are there in Snow White ?
8. Which fruit has the same name as its colour ?
9. What do tadpoles turn into ?
10. During which holiday would we expect to see Santa Claus ?
11. What did Jack and Jill go up the hill to fetch ?
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Saturday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Christmas Opening Hours:

Comberton Library will be open as usual on Christmas Eve and Saturday 24th December before closing for Christmas. We will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



Thank you to everyone who helped create a wonderful Autumnal display in our library – what a lot of lovely leaves, pumpkins, poppies and fireworks! But can you spot the ghost and the witch on her broomstick?

The Reading Agency is promoting the Winter Reading Challenge for children again this year between 1st December and 16th January. The challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, and they will receive rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books. For more information and to sign up your children please visit: <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/join-the-winter-mini-challenge.html>

You will always find a warm and friendly welcome in our library – so please do drop in to relax and read, choose some books or use one of our library computers or our free WiFi.

We are starting a Knit and Natter group in Comberton Library so why not dust off those knitting needles and join us on Monday 9th and 23rd January from 10.30 am – 11.30 am.

The Rhymetime dates (10.30 am to 11.00 am) for children aged 0-4 years over the Christmas and New Year period will be 12th December, 16th January, and 30th January.

Our latest What's On magazine will be out in January and will list all the amazing events scheduled to take place in Cambridgeshire libraries during the winter months, and you can also visit our families facebook page on: <https://www.facebook.com/CambslibFamilies/> to see what we have planned.

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We still have a limited stock of 2022 Poppy pins. If you would like one please contact vijjutai@gmail.com or ring 07766600510.

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Sue Lewis
Assistant Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Mary Jenkins

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