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Day	Time	What	Where
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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
Tuesday	10.30am - 12 noon	Cafe	VH
Tuesday	1.30pm - 4pm	Fabric and Yarns	BC
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	2pm - 3:30pm (term time only)	Bumps & Babes	BC
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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 C BC = Baptist Church N CP = Comberton Playgroup CVC = Comberton Village College MS = Meridian School

Parish Council

Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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 1st March
Wednesday 8th March
Wednesday 15th March
Wednesday 22nd March
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From the Editor

James Gilbert

As well as my usual plea for more material (otherwise the magazine will only contain advertisements) I'd like to draw your attention to the community pantry set up next to the sign for The Hawtreys.

The idea of it is to take what you need/want and donate what you can/ don't want. Whilst it is a help for anyone struggling it is also a great way of fighting food waste. Please check dates and make sure things are clearly labelled. Hopefully over time it can be expanded or more small ones can be setup throughout the village.

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Comberton Village Website

Regular updates are available at www.comberton.org

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In the Lordsbridge Team Ministry

St Mary's Easter Coffee **Morning**



Sat 1st April 10.00am in the Village Hall



Activities

Sun 5th & 26th March at 9.30am - Kids at the Barn Sat 11th March at noon - Lent Soup Cafe in the Church Sun 19th March at 9.30am - Mothering Sunday Thurs 23rd March at 2.30pm - Oasis Tea in Village Hall Sat 1st April at 10.00am - Coffee Morning in Village Hall



Regular Services in St Mary's Church Building

5th March at 9.30am - Holy Communion 12th March at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am - Holy Communion 26th March at 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

at 9.30am - 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



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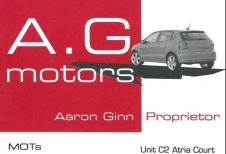
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03 April 2023	Angela Donnelly	01223 263283

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The winner is **Suzanne Beaumont** of Morris Close.

Meadowside Apples raise money for ACT

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Thank you so much Jane & David Hughes



Comberton Luncheon Club

3 March - The Royal Oak, Barrington 31 March - The Hoops, Bassingbourne 25 April - The Green Man, Shepreth

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1:Lemur. 2:Rum cake. 3:Palm tree. 4:Art movement. 5:Extinct Maldivian bird. 6:Loewe Musical. 7:A ditch. 8:R Thames at Oxford. 9:African voodoo. 10:NZ parrot. 11:Mountain of Adventure pet. 12:NZ pigeon. 13:? Marlene. 14:Mother. 15:La Boheme lead.16:Darling family nursemaid. 17:Forbidden.18. Father. 19:Aussie edible shellfish. 20:Short skirt. 21:Cargo ship. 22:NZ owl. 23:Fencer's exclamation. 24:Neither good nor bad. 25:People of Mali 26:Steel Company. 27:French head. 28:Dorothy's dog. 29:Worn by No.34 ? 30:Motorised Rickshaw. 31:Chinese artist/dissident. 32:Childs toy. 33:African zither. 34: ? Jeanmaire.

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NB.THE ANSWERS ARE ALL IN ALPHABETICAL SEQUENCE

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Monday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Friday: 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Why not Spring into some new reading at Comberton Library? Drop in to see what's new in our displays (what have those penguins been up to?), ask staff for recommendations - or suggest your own favourite titles for us to share with other readers.

March is Women's History Month, which includes International Women's Day, so we'll be highlighting some of our best titles by and about women around the world. Please also keep an eye out for events during British Science week (10th – 19th March) as well as Shakespeare week (20th – 26th March).

We are very excited to welcome Ariel to Comberton library. Ariel is offering an Oriental calligraphy and watercolour cherry blossom painting session using traditional Chinese brushes and plant-based ink, on **Wednesday 22nd March** from 10.30 – 11.30 am. The session is suitable for adults and children aged 3 and over.

Come and Guess the Object on Monday 27th March and Wednesday 29th March. We will be borrowing a box of Victorian objects from the Museum of Cambridge – can you work out what they might be?

Our **Knit and Natter** group is proving to be popular – thank you to everyone who attends. We meet from 10.30 am – 11.30 am and our next sessions will be on **Monday 13th and 27th in March, Monday 17th in April and Monday 15th in May** (my what a lot of bank holidays!)

Rhymetime is a chance for children aged 0-4 to meet for a sing song, so come along and join in with the fun. Our next sessions will be on **Monday 20th March, Monday 24th April and Monday 22nd May**, between 10.30am – 11.00 am.

For more information about these and other events due to be held in Comberton and other Cambridgeshire Libraries, please pick up our latest What's On brochure or check the library website, Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page, posters and literature in the library - or simply ask our friendly librarians for further details.

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We now have the Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2023 in the library, so come and pick up a copy if this sounds useful for you. The library is a great place for anyone looking for information on all kinds of local services, events and activities – we'll be pleased to help you.

COMBERTON ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS ASSOCIATION DATES FOR YOUR 2023 DIARY

Our first event of the new season will be the Spring Plant Sale in May where we hope to sell you lots of fine plants to nurture and perhaps then to exhibit your successes in the Autumn Show!

Please note that this year the Sale is on Sunday and in the Village Hall. Our full diary is set out below:-

Spring Plant Sale – Sunday 14th May 10.30 am – Village Hall

Summer Barbecue – Saturday 8th July 6.00pm – Long Road Allotments

Autumn Show – Saturday 16th September - Meridian School

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm – Village Hall

Best Kept Allotment – In keeping with our policy the award alternates between the two allotment sites, so the trophy this year will be awarded to the Best Kept Allotment on the Long Road patch.

Allotment Availability – The allotments on the Long Road site are now fully let for the 2022/23 season, but we do hold a waiting list if you wish to rent a plot in the future.

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COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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We are seeking a Tree Warden

We are looking for a volunteer tree warden to help the Parish Council maintain Comberton's many trees. You don't have to be an expert, just enthusiastic about trees! This role would suit someone who already walks around the village and can help us keep us up to date with any changes.

All training will be provided.



Welcome to our SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE Sth March | 4pm | Followed by tea* | www.c-b-c.org.uk

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

There have been no further updates from Endurance Estates and Inspired Living and the Parish Council are waiting for the application to be submitted to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion survey

Many thanks to those who expressed their views. The Parish Council are collecting all the responses, which will help plan for future changes in the recreation ground and pavilion. Initial reports show great support for more playground equipment and an upgraded pavilion for all to use.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Angela Bridges - parishclerk@comberton.org



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Bus update

The Parish Council are aware that the number 18 bus service remains unsatisfactory, with many buses being delayed or cancelled. The Parish Council are writing to the funding body to give them details of this and request that the service is improved.

Please do use the myTrip app, which gives real time information on all buses to help plan travel.



2023/4 Precept and Budget

The Parish Council voted in January to keep the precept at the current level of £59,400 per year. The precept is tax which is given to the Parish Council to meet their budget requirements and is collected through tax collections by SCDC. This includes money for grounds maintenance, such as grass cutting, playground repairs and street furniture. It also includes all insurance and other legal duties and also for planning for larger scale long term projects, such as improvements in the recreation ground and the pond repovation.

This rate will mean that residents in Band D homes will have a very small reduction in council tax, from £64.86 this year to £64.41 from April 2023. This is due to an increase in Band D homes, from which the District Council calculate the tax base from.





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For information:

We meet for 11 meetings each year, usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

We encourage all Parish Councillors to undertake training for their new role, which is provided remotely.

All members are encouraged to take on an area of responsibility to help share the workload and to ensure that the Council maximises its efficiency.

Eligibility criteria to be a Councillor: To be eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and be 18 years or over and:

- a) Are registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- b) You have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of the cooption, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
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By clicking on.....

https://macmillan-org.enthuse.com/cambridge/profile from 13th March you will be put on the Quiz's database and will receive the 40 quiz trail questions (designed for all ages) and a map of the route on the 1st April. You will also receive the answers in mid-May.

If you choose to send in your answers, you will go into the draw for the Book Token prizes. We ask for a suggested price of £6 per ticket but would be happy to accept more!

All the money will go towards helping cancer patients and their families in Cambridgeshire.

Good Luck!

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A refundable deposit of £50 is required at the time of booking.

Prices for commercial lettings and weddings are available on request.

*Additional information for groups:

- Affiliated Community groups holding evening group social or fundraising events will be charged the residents evening rates.
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- Groups working with children and/or vulnerable adults will need to have child protection and vulnerable adult policies & procedures in place.
- Annual affiliation fee of £10 is due on 1st January.

More information, including hall availability, can be found at www.combertonvillagehall.org

To make a booking contact the Village Hall Administrator, Janice Sutton at combertonvillagehall@gmail.com or on 07435 324408 (9am to 9pm).

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