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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis in Village Hall
Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesday evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School
1 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm at Village Hall	Comberton Antiquarian Society

FEBRUARY 2010

10th February	7.30p.m.	Parish Council meeting at Village Hall
14th February	11.00 - 4.00	Nest Box Day at Burwash Manor
9th February	7.45p.m.	WI Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall
16th February	10.30a.m.	Annual Pancake Races for all ages

MARCH 2010

5th March		Opening of new buildings at CVC
8th - 21st March		Cambridge Science Festival
13th March	7.30p.m.	St Mary's Auction of Promises in the Village Hall
18th, 19th, 20th March		Kiss Me Kate at Comberton Leisure Centre

APRIL 2010

3rd April	10.30a.m.	Easter Fun at the Village Hall.
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JULY 2010

10th & 11th July		Monday Art Group
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I do hope that it is not too late to wish you all a happy New Year. Firstly, on a personal note, I apologise if you find any errors in this issue of Contact. I do hope that I have not forgotten to put in anything which you might have sent me. The truth is that I have been struggling to keep my mind focussed on producing this edition.

Secondly may I say a very big 'thank you' to all those of you in the village who have been so kind in so many ways to me since Michael, my husband, died just before Christmas. In all the messages of sympathy which I have received the word which stands out is 'gentleman' and that is certainly what he was - a gentle man. I am only thankful that, although he knew he was dying, he had no excessive pain and we were able to share a few quality months with family and friends. His end was quick and peaceful - a blessing indeed. The funeral was lovely with our large family taking part and the church full to overflowing. Thank you so much to all who came and sent messages of sympathy.

Liz has asked me to point out to potential advertisers that 15th of each month is the deadline for sending in copy AND the fee for the advert.

The Cambridge Building Society has notified me that they will soon be sending out forms for their annual village magazine awards.

ST MARY'S AUCTION OF PROMISES

Saturday 13th March, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Please put this date in your diary and support your local church.

Ticket price will include a glass of wine.

To date we have some interesting and exciting

'promises', including

a personal fitness plan,

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This can be work in any medium and either amateur or professional. It is not necessary for the work to be for sale, but it would be expected that a percentage of any sale profits will go to the Village Hall funds.

Please don't be shy, we know that there is a wealth of talent in the village; come and show us what you do working away in the spare room, at the dining table or closeted in the garage.

Let us show that Comberton has talent.

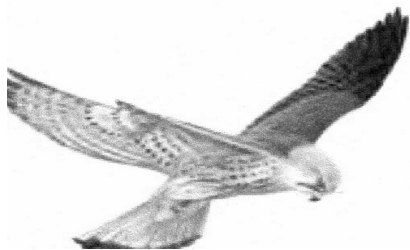
If you would like to register an interest contact Sue Painter, Secretary for Monday Studio, on 01223 263315.

NEST BOX DAY AT BURWASH MANOR, BARTON

February 14th, 11.00 until 4.00pm

Spring is approaching and birds and bees are busy looking for a place to nest. So the RSPB will be with us to help you find out which birds prefer which type of boxes and where is best to position them. And you can create a sanctuary for birds by making your own nest box to put in your garden.

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All items donated must be freshly washed and in very good condition as we are keen to improve the quality of this service for parents. As a general rule, if you would not buy it yourself, please do not donate it. Items can be left at School Reception for the attention of Annette or Alison.

We will be holding sales between now and the end of the school year and will have a table at school events coming up. If you have a child coming to Meridian in September why not start your shopping early and come along to school and see what we have and maybe save yourself some money?

Meridian PTA



CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

8-21 March 2010

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RECREATION FACILITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The table tennis sessions will continue to be run on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

In addition, from Tuesday the 12th January at the same time, for a trial period, dominoes and playing cards will be made available for anyone wishing to play. Extra-large playing cards will be available for those with reduced sight.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 13 January 2010

Financial year 1 April 2010-31 March 2011 - Budget and Precept

The Council has approved its budget and set the Precept which will slightly less than this year's. For a copy of the full budget please contact the Clerk.

The Budget was based on the following adopted principles:

- The Council will continue to look for other sources of funding apart from the Precept to fund its budget
- There should be strategic benefit
- The Council should endeavour to make the pavilion run at as near to, if not at, nil cost
- Support should be given to other village groups and organisations which benefit the village.

Some important assumptions have been made with regard to income, namely that significant matched-funding will be available for improvements to the Recreation Ground; and that SC District Council will part with some of the new-build levy which we believe has already been collected from recipients of planning permissions.

Affordable Housing - The Valley site

Residents attended the meeting to hear Mr Paul Harney's proposals for the site which already has planning permission.

Casual Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that another casual vacancy has now arisen on the Parish Council. Following the resignation of Charles Chambers. If no ten electors call for an election the Parish Council will be able to co-opt someone on to the Council.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please write to or email the Clerk.



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Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr John Cornell	16 Barrons Way	263566
Mr Ted Halford	69 Swaynes Lane	262531
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Mrs Dorothy Morison	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
Mr Tom Serby	Home Farm, 250 Barton Road	262303
Mr Jock Walsh	38 Fox's Way	263225

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so is open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Comberton matters. If the matter is or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COMBERTON

Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, Comberton and St Andrew's, Toft:

Revd. Michael Booker tel: 01223 260095

email: contact@combertonchurch.co.uk

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Churchwardens: Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215
Mrs M Jenkins 80 West Street Tel 263751

Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** should be made with the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Mike Booker. Please also ring Mike if you have any needs which you would like remembered in prayer.

Services and Events at St Mary's in February

Friday 5th	6.00pm to 12.00	Half Night of Prayer, in church
Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion

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	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24th	7.30pm	Compline
Sunday 28th	9.30am	A shorter Communion service
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special

St Mary's Church building is open all day every weekend, not only when there are services. Please feel free to come in at any time, to sit, pray, think or simply enjoy the quiet. We meet and pray especially for people in the village at Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.15am - everybody is welcome to ask for prayer, and to come and join the short service any Tuesday. We are starting the month with a half night of prayer on February 5th - please drop in and join in the prayer for as long as you are able to.

The Children's Barn is nearing completion, and work on the serverly inside the church starts soon. We are working hard to make St Mary's a welcoming place for everybody in the parish. There is still a financial short fall - look out for next month's auction of promises, which we hope will go a long way towards closing the gap.

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5.00 pm Cambourne (In the church)

6.00 pm Bar Hill

6.00 pm OLEM

Sunday Masses at OLEM

8.00 am

9.30 am (Children's)

10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

Further details of these and all other services for February for the entire parish may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. www.olem.org.uk

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PARENTS WITH INFANTS: At CBC we want to make everyone feel welcome, this includes our youngest guests. We have a crèche available during the service where parents with young babies can go if their children become restless – there is also a monitor so you can see and hear and still feeling part of the service.



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: The Lighthouse @ CBC are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years. For the under 2's there is also a crèche available. S.E.F is a group for teenagers aged 14-17 which meets every Sunday evening. Here young people can make friends and explore their faith together.



JUNIOR CHURCH is an exciting new programme for children and young people aged 2-13 years, with a newly formed group for 11-13yrs. Packed with great activities, craft, bible stories, singing, games and lots more...

Where: Comberton Baptist Church (in the centre behind the church)

When: Every fourth Sunday of each month

Time: Doors open at 10.15am with activities starting at 10.30-11.45am

For more information please call Donna on 01223 264707 or 01954 211259

ALSO ON THE 4th SUNDAY: of every month running alongside Junior Church we will be having special short services between 10:30 - 11:45 am followed by refreshments in the church centre. We'll be looking at a range of issues – our theme this season beginning January will be Why? 7 Difficult Questions.



PRAYER & COUNSELLING: After each morning service members of CBC's Prayer Team will be available at the front of the church to pray with you regarding any needs you may have. CBC also offers confidential counselling on an ongoing basis, please contact the church office for more information.

For further information on any of the above please contact the church office on 01223 264707 or Dan@c-b-c.org.uk Our minister the Revd. Stephen Henderson can also be contacted on 01223 264707 or Stephen@c-b-c.org.uk. The Comberton Baptist Church website is: www.c-b-c.org.uk Coming up soon we have the delight of the pantomime,

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When: Every Wednesday

Starting: 9th September @ 1:30pm

Where: Comberton Baptist Church Centre

Refreshments will be available throughout! Each week we will have the opportunity to hear a qualified expert on topics relevant to you and your baby.

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NEWS FROM THE MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I thought that this month you might like to hear some more about our progress towards gaining the Eco-Schools Silver Award. We have a very committed Eco-action Team, consisting of representatives from Years 1 to 6, a parent, the Site Manager and myself. We meet about once a fortnight at lunchtime and discuss a variety of ways in which to make our school more eco-friendly.

In the area of organic waste, we now have two compost bins into which the younger children put the waste from their free fruit (courtesy of the government's free fruit scheme). We also have a bin for organic waste provided by the council, where we put uncooked kitchen waste, leaves etc.

Thanks to a parent, we were alerted to some eco-friendly cleaning products. The site manager and cleaning team trialled them and we have now adopted some for daily cleaning of the school.

Younger members of the Team are very keen to put up posters throughout the school, both commercially produced ones and the (much better) ones they have made themselves.

Meanwhile, the older team members are involved in monitoring our electricity use by means of a very clever device attached to the meter. In our Switch Off Fortnight, we were able to report to the whole school a real drop in consumption. Unfortunately, the recent weather has temporarily put an end to that!

In the area of recycling, we have crates in every classroom for waste paper which the children put in a central bin every Friday afternoon for collection. Three times a year, we collect good used clothing to be sold at reasonable prices in countries where it is needed, thus recycling, helping others and raising money for the school all in one go! We also recycle ink cartridges, and have recently set up a box for old mobile 'phones, which can also raise money for the PTA. After Christmas, we discovered that The Woodland Trust would accept Christmas cards for recycling and so yet another box was created for those. We'll run out of space soon!

As you can see, the Team are not short of ideas and if ever I feel that my enthusiasm is flagging, I only need to talk to the children to feel energised by their commitment.

Our next major project is to take part in Earth Hour once again. You may remember that this is an international event in March when lights are turned off all over the world. I'll let you know how you too can get involved next time...

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COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Comberton Village College celebrates its 50th birthday in March and a wide range of events have been planned to mark the occasion. Proceedings will be kicked off with the formal opening of the new buildings (5th March) which house the music and drama departments with a display of press cuttings and memorabilia about CVC through the decades alongside art work by current students. During the evening of the 5th there will be a Music Concert covering a wide range of styles from classical to rock and pop. On Saturday 6th March a family activity day takes place where people can come and try some of the many arts, craft and sporting activities which happen at CVC throughout the year and during the evening there will be a formal Dinner Dance to mark the 50th Anniversary in style!

The month long anniversary festival will feature two large theatrical productions: Bourn Players – Kiss Me Kate (18th to 20th March) and CVC's own Audacious Productions

– Into the Woods (24th – 27th March). Alongside these musicals there is a Cambridge Choral Society Workshop with Ken Burton (Flashmob Opera etc) on 13th March and an evening of rock music by bands from the area called No Competition (10th March). Custard Comedy have Alun Cochrane from TV's 8 out of 10 Cats and Mock the Week appearing on Friday 12th March. The month will also feature the South Cambs Chairman's Arts Awards on 31st and the whole thing will be rounded off with a CVC staff talent show on the 1st April (the date is coincidental we are told!). So there will be plenty of arts and fun for all the family and a fantastic way to celebrate the past 50 years at Comberton Village College. For more information please visit:

www.combertonvc.org or contact Richard Brown Richard@start-arts.org.uk

A BIG THANK YOU

The community Christmas lights event on Friday 4th December was a huge success. Around 200 residents crowded into the grounds of the playgroup. This is the 8th year that this event has taken place. The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for the part they played in making the event a success; Charles Chambers, Amy Bland, Howard Roscoe, Jock Walsh, Roger Abraham, Clare and Stuart Tunstall, Hilary Kingshot, Jane Winney, Ann & Steve Webb, Chris Westgarth, Janet McCabe and Sandra Hyde.

The night was cold, the air crisp, the new lights twinkled, the Salvation Army band played our favourites, we sang heartily, we enjoyed the festive punch, mince pies, gingerbread men and chestnuts. Afterwards the band played for the residents at Nursery Way and enjoyed a warming cup of coffee and biscuits – thank you Agnes and Peggy.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN COMBERTON

We are incredibly lucky to live in Comberton and to enjoy such a fantastic community spirit. There are so many people who organise wonderful events for us to especially in the weeks just before Christmas.

Last weekend the Christmas Lights at the Crossroads with the lively Salvation Army Band and us villagers carol singing was a lovely evening.

We also had the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall (with a visit to Santa's grotto), and The Comberton Cantabile at St Mary's Church. What a superb evening listening to the choir, to interesting "recitatives" and also to an amazing soprano soloist.

We owe a big THANK YOU to all people who did the hard work organising these events enabling us to have a wonderful Christamassy weekend. The mulled wine was flowing and mince pies and other refreshments were also in abundance mmm.....!

Coming up soon we have the delight of the pantomime, Snow White in the Village Hall and the Candlelit Carol Service at Comberton Baptist Church.

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If you would like any further information please contact either the Secretary, Kevin Jestice, on 01223 560624 or the Treasurer, Stephanie Young, on 01223 262365.

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club held a meeting on Thursday January 14th, the first meeting of 2010, was snow free and easier for members to attend.

One of our member was the speaker for this month and gave an enjoyable and interesting chat with props included! Pete Brown worked for the railway from sixteen until retirement, being stationed in Cambridge, so we learnt quite a lot about various engines and some of the highlights of his career.

COMBERTON WI

The December meeting is traditionally a Christmas party organised by the members. This year's festivities were co-ordinated by Nerys Wright and Joan Mead. Members enjoyed the songs performed by Joan's singing group and joined in as well. We had a

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delicious buffet and took the opportunity to chat to different people.

Sadly the January meeting had to be cancelled due to snow.

If you are new to the village or your circumstances have changed, do think about joining us for a meeting. We are very friendly and would love to welcome new members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45p.m at the Village Hall.

Dates for the diary:

9th February: Annual General Meeting at 7.45p.m in the Village Hall

16th February: Annual Pancake Races for all ages followed by refreshments. Meet in the Village Hall car park at 10.30a.m.

MERIDIAN SAFER TRAVEL COMPETITION



We held a School presentation at Meridian School, Comberton in November. The presentation title was Safer Travel to School Awareness. The children engaged in the assembly and held discussion groups within the class room. We then ran a competition to design a new road sign. The thought and effort for those who entered the competition was really encouraging and I am delighted to announce that we have two winners: Alice O'Connley Yr3 and Alex Callan Class 2, who will be going to see the

Helicopter at Wyton. I would like to thank all of those students who entered. Well done to the winners and I hope you have an enjoyable day.

Trudy Newman-Hart
PCSO 7334

CASH MACHINE THEFTS

We want to make you aware that there have been a number of incidents at cash machines in Cambridge during the last few weeks where users withdrawing cash have been distracted and had their money stolen. To date, 8 offences have taken place at various locations in the city. Male and female offenders have been operating in two and threes and have been described as speaking with Eastern European accents. They have then approached the victim from either side and once the victim has pushed their card into the machine and entered their pin number, the offenders distract the victim by waving a newspaper in front of the screen asking for money to buy food. Whilst distracting the victim, another offender then enters a cash withdrawal amount of at least a £200, they then leave after taking the money and the victim doesn't realise until they find their card has been returned. Amounts taken have included £200 and £300. In two cases users

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If you have any information about these offences please contact DC Evans at Parkside Police Station on 0345 456 456 4 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Many thanks,

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

SNOW WHITE PANTOMIME IN COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Dear Editor

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who put in so much hard work to give us the Snow White pantomime. They gave us so much fun and enjoyment yet again. Clearly all the actors, especially the children, were thoroughly enjoying themselves as much as we, the audience, enjoyed watching them. The music and jokes were brilliant too and there was much booing, hissing and shouting "He's behind you"!

Well done to all of you and we are already looking forward to learning of your next venture.

Eileen



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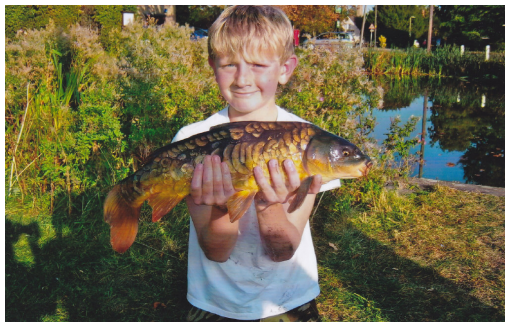
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THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY



Louis Young, an 11 year old boy who lives at 65 West Street, Comberton is holding a fish which he caught in a Village pond in late September. The fish is a Carp. It weighed 5lb 9oz and was returned to the pond.

LAWN CARE IN FEBRUARY

Mowing

Mow the lawn as required. Don't be afraid to mow if the lawn (if it needs it) even if it is February, as long as there is no frost on the ground.

Moss Control

I recommend that you treat it now so that it doesn't compete with the grass in the spring. If moss is left untreated the grass becomes thin and is suffocated leading to a poor lawn in the summer when you need it most. Treat with iron sulphate based fertilisers or spray with a liquid iron.

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A PENETRATING COLD WINTER IN THE GARDEN

For many gardens, particularly in the southeast, this cold winter has been a welcome return to normal seasonal patterns. Plant insect pests may have taken a significant kill. Plant growth has been held back and few bulbs are peeping through as I write in mid-January. The penetrating ground frosts have slowed down metabolism, particularly of raffinose (a special plant sugar); the metabolism is controlled by a special gene called a cold-responsive gene in the cells of frost hardy plants. The down side is that your non-frost-hardy plants are likely to have died. But let’s cheer up, there is still time for pruning before the sap begins to rise. As soon as the hard ground softens, it will be time to fork lightly over the ground, remove annual weeds and add compost to lock in moisture and improve the quality of the soil. As you do so, avoid damaging bulb shoots.

At a loss for ideas?

Now is a good time to think about gardening objectives for the New Year. Are you going to be conservative and leave things more or less as they are, or will you experiment with something new? My project will be to get rid of an old patio that has started to break up and lose its charm. This is a good opportunity to revamp that part of the garden so I am toying with lots of ideas but nothing has started to crystallize yet. I hope to be inspired by the RHS London Plant and Design Show (16 – 17 February 2010, RHS Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, London SW1). It is a small, rather cosy show without having to trail around lots of stands. I always find this winter show inspirational for both modern and traditional ideas. Patios often look like a boundary between the house and garden; a sort of no-man’s land that becomes a dump for plants in pots. What I aspire to is to design a patio that is a feature in itself, whilst at the same time integrating it with the rest of the garden.

Lifting ideas

The RHS show provides ideas for a winter garden. Most of the stands are about 5 x 5 metres and therefore good for small areas of garden. I would like to transfer some of the crocus layouts that I saw there last year to a patch of ground under some trees in our back garden. There is also the chance to buy unusual plants as well as to see what, for example, Buckingham Palace has submitted for exhibition.

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4 Days BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS 8th to 11th October £169

SUMMER SEASIDE SPECIALS CLACTON – SOUTHEND – HUNSTANTON –

SOUTHWOLD – YARMOUTH HIPPODROME

LOCAL VILLAGE PICK UP COMBERTON

Telephone 01954 200221

VILLAGE CAFÉ at the VILLAGE HALL

Open every Tuesday

10.30 - 12 noon

Meet up with friends or make new ones. Families

welcome!

Coffee/Tea/Squash

Hope to see you there soon.

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE ADULT PROGRAMME 2010

Classes started the week beginning 11th January 2010 but spaces still exist in the following activities. For further information about these and other courses, please contact Community Education on 01223 264721, commed@comberton.cambs.sch.uk www.commed.combertonvc.org Please Come and try a session if you are not sure.

DAY SCHOOLS

Food Safety in Catering Level 2:	Sat 6th Feb.
Indian Balti Cookery:	Sat 6th Feb.
Drawing & Painting:	27th Feb.
Essence of Indian Cookery:	6th March
First Aid for Child Carers:	27 Feb & 6th March 9two consecutive Saturdays)

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

Diploma in Home-Based Childcare Unit 5: Weds eve (starts 10th Feb. 14 wks).

HEALTH & FITNESS

Men's Keep Fit	Tues ev.
Keep Fit to Music Over 60's	Thurs a.m (Toft Hall),
Pilates	(Mon 10.30-11.30am, Mon and Weds evenings)

LANGUAGES

Spanish Beginners:	Weds evs.
Spanish Improvers:	Fri. 9.30-11.30am. (started September but enrolments welcome with appropriate experience)

MUSIC & DANCE

Ballroom & Latin Beginners:	Mon 6.30pm,
Latin Improvers:	Mon 7.30pm,
Ballroom Improvers:	Mon.8.30pm (all pay weekly)
Tap Improvers:	Mon a.m.

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Isaiah58

-help-share-bring-give-

Would you appreciate help with small jobs around the home, garden or in the wider village?

Isaiah58 involves young people from local churches helping out in the village community.

We have moved furniture, trimmed hedges, weeded gardens, swept leaves and painted bus shelters....

No project too small!

If you have a possible project for the team please call

Jonathan Catley, 01223 263508

07971 758041

jonathan.catley@hotmail.co.uk

We don't charge or ask for any donation for the help. It is part of us putting our faith into action.

*Isaiah58 is a project run by WCCYM
(West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries)*

RECREATION GROUND GATE ROTA

(February, March, April 2010)

Open 8-30am Close 1/2 hour after lighting up time Mon to Sat incl.

January 25th	to	February 7th	Mr R. Sewell
February 8th	to	February 21st	Mr & Mrs M Waters
February 22nd	to	March 7th	Mr & Mrs A Clarke
March 8th	to	March 21st	Mr & Mrs M. Sims
March 22nd	to	April 4th	Mr R. Sewell
April 5th	to	April 18th	Mr & Mrs M. Waters
April 19th	to	May 2nd	Mr & Mrs A. Clarke

Access on foot is not affected

COMBERTON LIBRARY

Monday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm
	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	Closed

The Village College, West Street, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

Tel: 0845 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

THE CHALLENGE

Dec/Jan result & winner

Rhet Butler (CG)	Spiderman (TM)
Cool Hand Luke (PN)	Frodo Baggins (EW)
Gordon Gecko (MD)	Scarlet O'Hara (VL)
Fanny Bryce (BS)	Rocky Balboa (SS)
Spartacus (KD)	Harry Callahan (CE)
The Cowardly Lion (BL)	Rooster Cockburn (JW)
Hannibal Lector(AH)	Tootsie (DH)
Holly Golightly (AH)	Sally Bowles (LM)
Gandhi (BK)	Judah Ben Hur (CH)
Norman Bates (AP)	Mary Poppins (JA)
Don Corleone (MB)	Atticus Finch (GP)
Gilda (RH)	Popeye Doyle (GH)
Dr Strangelove (PS)	Miss Jean Brodie (MS)
Ryan's Daughter (SM)	Forrest Gump (TH)
Harry Lime (OW)	Erin Brockovich (JR)

WINNER : Derek Folbigg, .Harbour Avenue

CHALLENGE CLUES

1. Composer of Porgy & Bess
2. Creator of the Diddy Men
3. Soviet Leader 1922-53
4. A Goon.
5. Author of Anna Karenina.
6. Made the first flight across the English Channel.
7. The Louisville Lip. World Heavyweight Boxing Champion.
8. Blind, American Rock Singer.
9. Ex-Athletics Gold medallist, now a Lord.
10. Ex-Monty Python, now a TV Traveller.
11. First sub four minute miler.
12. Inventor of Television.
13. Person upon whom Evita was based.
14. Ex-World Heavyweight Boxer. Yes to mink (Anagram)
15. Male lead of Lethal Weapon, 2 & 3 !!!!!!!
16. English Diarist and Naval Administrator 1633-1703
17. Veteran TV Interviewer, ex. That Was The Week That Was.
18. Star of Mash
19. An author , related to Kingsley ?
20. He wrote The Da Vinci Code

THE CHALLENGE

Sponsored by Costcutter Stores

Starting at 1 (Novel !) the puzzle spirals inwards. Having completed the remaining nine letters at the centre (see below) you should see two additional, hidden names which are to be written beneath the completed puzzle. All clues are on page 38.

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In recognition of your efforts so far I award you a GOLD MEDAL.
 These nine letters complete the centre of the puzzle. Five of these letters must be placed correctly for you to be able to discover two hidden famous people. The remaining four letters can be entered in any order.

Name 1.....

Name 2.....

Entries into a Challenge Box (Costcutter, Library or Surgery) by 14th February.
 The prize of £5, generously donated by Nayna & Vijay is to be spent in store.

Name.....

Address.....