

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN

Sunday 8th March

Meet at The Combs Tannery 9am
Wear hi-vis and gloves if you have
them, otherwise we have spares.

*It's a great opportunity to
catch up with your neighbours!*



Rural Coffee Caravan
Coming to
COMBS GREEN IP14 2NP
Wed, March 18th, 10 - 12
Wed, April 15th, 10 - 12

Combs Parish Council Meetings
Battisford Village Hall, 7:30pm
March 9th
April 20th
May 11th (AGM)(Also Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm)
Please contact our Clerk 7 days prior to any meeting to suggest an item for our agenda.
combsparishcouncil@gmail.com



Combs Parish Council Newsletter – Spring 2020

The recycling of Christmas trees was a great success with over 20 trees recycled. This has made me wonder if there should be a need for other recycling in the village. Should we have our own facilities? What could we recycle? Would they be used if a site could be found in an accessible location? Let us know what you think. (combsparishcouncil@gmail.com)

I must thank those residents who have spent time in cutting back their hedges beside footpaths and roadsides. We have had a number of people commenting that it was difficult with pushchairs and mobility scooters where hedges have grown out and obstructed the footpaths and they were having to walk in the road. Also where hedges have grown out into the road causing damage to vehicles.

As spring arrives and people get out exploring the countryside we have a large network of footpaths around the village, many of these are kept cut around the field edges to identify there routes with signs marking them. I am aware some of these signs are damaged or missing and the parish council are working to get them replaced. As a reminder please walk on the marked footpaths only. If you see a problem please let us know.

Stuart Scarff - Chairman

Message to families regarding Suffolk County Council funded school travel

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by **31 May 2020** to receive travel for the start of the 2020/2021 school term. If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt-in every year. If your child is starting secondary school in September 2020 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel you will be contacted by the 30 March 2020. You will need to opt-in if you would like your child to use this service. If your child is starting primary school in September 2020 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel you will be contacted by the 15 May. You will need to opt in if you would like your child to use this service.

For more information on the SCC school travel policy and getting your child to school please visit; www.suffolkonboard.com/optin

Combs Parish Council have supported Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau with a £100 donation in recognition of the support they have given our parishioners.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives.

Their goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face.

They are an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice network across England and Wales.

People come to them with all sorts of issues. You may have money, benefit, housing, relationship or employment problems. You may be facing a crisis, or just considering your options.

In addition to their core service providing free, confidential and impartial advice to everyone in need on all issues relating to; benefits, debt, employment, housing, consumer rights, legal, relationship and family problems, health and education, they also:

- Organise food parcels for clients and their families - in the last financial year they have organised 181 food parcels
- Provide a Family Law Advice Clinic every month which provides clients with a free half hour session with a solicitor to assess family law problems and the options available to them.
- Home visits for benefit clients that have difficulties leaving their homes.
- Employment & Benefit Tribunal Representation with their Specialists.
- Run a Multiple Sclerosis project, for families affected by MS.

You do not need an appointment, just pop in and see them at

Citizens Advice, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ

Monday & Tuesday – 9.30am – 3.30pm

Wednesday – 9.30am – 3.30pm (Telephone advice and appointments only)

Thursday – 9.30am – 6.30pm

Friday – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Or call them on 01449 676060 or 01449 676280 to speak to an adviser.

Combs & Battsford fete

Once again, this year's fete is fast approaching. Behind the scenes we are busy organising and preparing for this year's event. The fete is once again going to be held on Battsford village green. We kick off on Friday 26th June 2020 at 7pm with disco bingo. Saturday 27th June from 1pm we will be having our annual gardening show, arena acts, tea tent, Morris dancers and much more to make this a traditional village fete. In the evening we will be having a barn dance starting at 7pm to close the event.

Our main fundraiser will once again be the pig race on Saturday 16th May 2020 at Fenn's farm. This is a real family event and always a fantastic night out. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £6 Adults £4 Children this includes a jacket potato and choice of fillings. Tickets are available now by contacting Lucy on 07785983383 or Rachel on 07874884491.

DON'T BE LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE, AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA INDEED!

You are invited to
The Fete's Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

On arrival have a shot of the special shrinking potion and enter the world of make believe...

**Sunday March 15th
2pm**

Battsford Village Hall
Tickets £7 each
To Book call:
07874 884 491

Can you help make the fete happen?

If anyone is able to help with any aspect of the fete, we are always looking for extra help with setting up or helping to run one of the side stalls.

Please contact
Rachel Williams
on 07874884491

or email

rachie.finn@googlemail.com

We would appreciate any offers of help.