

CAMBOURNE CRIER

January 2009

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Happy New Year! from all the team at the Cambourne Crier

CAMBOURNE TO GET A POST OFFICE SERVICE POINT

I am delighted to advise that, we will be opening a new Post Office facility at Lloyds Chemist 9 High Street, Cambourne, on 12 January 2009

I am pleased to advise you of our plans to introduce a new concept for delivering Post Office services from the premises of an established outlet in the area. The service will operate from a newly formatted open plan counter that will offer a wide range of postal services alongside retail transactions.

We will be trialling this exciting new project over the next twelve months. During this time Post Office Ltd will be carefully monitoring the situation to ascertain if this service meets the needs of the local community and would provide a commercially viable alternative to the way our services are currently offered.

Customers will be able to transact a broad spectrum of the Post Office services including

automated banking services, bill and budget payment schemes, Post Office Card Account, Postal Orders and postage: inland letters/packets up to 6kg (including recorded delivery and special delivery), international letters/packets, to a maximum 5kg, or the individual country limit for small packets or printed papers.



The success of this trial is, to a great extent, reliant on customers using the service on a regular basis and we will be reviewing the situation, and any feedback received, over the coming months.

I know that the local community will join me in welcoming this good news and hope that you will encourage local residents to support this new joint venture.

Lindsay M Smith (Mr)
Account Manager
Post Office Ltd

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Cambourne Cafe:

Tuesday, 3.15 - 5.45pm, open to years 9,10,11. Free entry. At the Soul Youth Club Building
Contact: Amenda Barnard 01223 264935
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Cambourne Garden Club

4th Thursday every month except December 8 p.m in the Hub Committee Room . Contact Fran Panrucker 710858 or email : fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk

Cambourne Internet Cafe And Hang Out

Thursday, 6.30 - 8.30pm, open to teenagers, free entry. Cambourne Soul Youth Club Building
Contact David 07703 342788 or email cypadmin@uwclub.net

Cambourne Junior Youth Club

Thursday 3.45 -5.30, 8 - 11 years of age £1 entry
Cambourne Soul Youth Club Building
Contact David 0770 3342788 or email cypadmin@uwclub.net

Cambourne Middle Club:

Alternate Fridays, 7 - 9pm, open to years 7,8. £1 entry fee. At the Soul Youth Club Building
Contact Amenda Barnard 01223 264935
abarnard@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

Carers & Tots:

Thursday 10.15am - 11.45am (term time only) in The Hub.
Contact: Ali Withers 714909

Church Youth Group:

Sunday mornings 11.30am - 12.15pm for those in years 7-9 in Youth Club Building.
Church Youth Group - Monday evenings fortnightly 7.30 - 9pm for those in years 10-13 in the Ark
Contact Jon Sanders 07729977463

Cricket Club:

Sunday nets in season. See: www.Cambournecc.com
Contact: Danny White - 07774 142740
email: ccadmin@Cambournecc.com

Cubs and Beavers & Scouts:

Beavers meet at the Ark Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cubs & Scouts meet at The Vine main hall
Thursdays 5.45pm - 7.15pm
Waiting list contacts - 715262 for Cubs and Beavers.
205640 for Scouts

Football:

Junior Coaching Nic Pillinger. Contact Jill - 715930
Adult football visit: www.Cambournerovers.co.uk

Cambourne Rovers Juniors Tel :715422

www.camjuniors.co.uk

Guides (girls aged 10-14):

Monday 6.45 - 8.30pm Lizzie- 710552/07921 130186
Waiting to join list contact Nadine- 07766 117975
Email- cambourneguides@googlemail.com

Second Cambourne Guides

Dion Badcock on 01954 714421 or Fiona Orford on 01954 719645 you can also contact us by email on secondcambourneguides@live.co.uk

St John Badgers (aged 5-10):

Meet Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm at the CYP.
Val Bendon - 07852 459652 email: valbendon@aol.com

Netball:

Contact: Isobelle Hatrick - 715062
email seniors: info@cambourne-netball.co.uk
email juniors: Juniors@cambourne-netball.co.uk
web address: www.Cambourne-netball.co.uk

NCT:

Monday 10.30am - 12.00pm Informal coffee, chat and support. Contact: Laura Watts -203833
email: lewatts@hotmail.co.uk

Pub Lunch Forum:

1st Thursday each month. Friendship for seniors.
Contact: Margaret & Glyn Talbot - 715407

Rainbows (girls aged 5-7):

Monday 6.15 - 7.15pm Cat - 715805
Wednesday 6.15 - 7.15pm Tracey - 710504
Thursday 6.15 - 7.15pm Kim - 715722
Waiting to join list contact Cat - 715805

Reading Group:

Every 3rd Thursday of each month 7.30pm
Contact: Margot Eagle at Cambourne Library.
email: margot.eagle@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rugby:

Contact: Neil Ingham 07956 410309, or visit www.Cambourneexiles.com
Senior: Training from 7pm, every Wednesday;
info@cambourneexiles.com
Junior: Coaching from 10am, every Sunday;
youth@cambourneexiles.com

Swavesey Camera Club:

Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm Swavesey Village College
Contact - 230414 www.swavesey.org.uk/camera_club

Tennis:

Gt Cambourne Court. Social tennis for all Cambourne residents and workers. Contact: Ian Cunningham - 719172
email: ic1971@hotmail.co.uk
web address : www.Cambournetennisclub.co.uk

Women's Institute:

2nd Thursday every month 7.30pm in The Hub for women of all ages. Contact: Fran Panrucker on 710858

Women's Running Club:

Meet every Tuesday evening, 7.15 for 7.30 start ,at the Ark
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Cambourne - 282153

Monkfield Park School:

Jacqueline Durrant (Administrator) - 273377
email: office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

Debbie Higham - 719630

Police:

Histon Station
John Bunyan & Barry Cleet are now in posts as the community support officers. There is an answer phone system set up in the neighbourhood office at Histon where non urgent messages can be left for the team.
The non emergency number for Cambridgeshire Police is 0845 456 456 4

South Cambs. District Council (SCDC):

08450 450 500 www.scambs.gov.uk

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA): & HUB BOOKINGS

To book for tennis, basketball, cricket & football: 714403 or email: mandy.simmons@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stagecoach:

Bus timetable enquiries - 0870 6082608

Streetlight faults:

John Vickery (Parish Clerk) - 714403
Wimpey only CustomerCare6@taylorwimpey.com
Bovis 714300 (diverted to customer care)

Wildlife Trusts:

Jenny Mackay/David Price - 713500
www.wildlifebcnp.org

Cambourne Youth Partnership:

Back Lane, Great Cambourne (near the Skate park)
For all bookings please contact *David McEwan-Cox* 07703 342788 email - cypbookings@uwclub.net

Cambourne Youth Groups:

Contact Amenda Barnard 01223 264935
abarnard@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

THE CAMBOURNE NETWORK

Starts Friday January 23rd 2009

A new business breakfast meeting for Cambourne and the surrounding area starts in January. The aim is to provide a monthly networking opportunity for local businesses - many of whom operate from home offices - to meet up and present their businesses to other companies in Cambourne.

Under the title of The Cambourne Network the meeting is hosted and sponsored by Cambourne businesses, Cambridge Graphics Ltd, RJM Marketing Ltd and the The Cambridge Belfry.

Neil Smith of Cambridge Graphics commented "working from home has huge benefits but it is useful to get out and involved in local networking groups to promote your business and to converse with people face to face for a change. Cambourne has plenty of home based businesses and to start the first networking group is a fantastic opportunity and something we are very excited about" The first meeting is FREE courtesy of The Cambridge Belfry. Subsequent meetings will have a modest 'pay as you go fee' of £8 payable on the door to cover breakfast. No membership fees, no rules and no pressure - just a voluntary 'pay as you go' monthly networking meeting with a structure based on the positive points of other networking groups.

By January 1st there will be a website where businesses can register their interest so numbers can be catered for. Breakfast will be provided and the meeting is a 7.15 for 7.30am start finishing at 8.30am. You can register your interest at www.cambournenetwork.co.uk or call Neil Smith on 01954 710818. The first meeting is Friday January 23rd at The Cambridge Belfry, Cambourne and it is FREE

Citi 4 Bus

05/01/09

Cambridge - Cambourne
Daily First journey from
Cambourne on Sunday
leaves 20 minutes earlier,
with subsequent departure
times 20 minutes earlier.

No other journeys affected.

Are you aged 11 to 19?
Do you live in Cambourne?

What YOU Think Matters

To find out more
come to the Hub

Friday 16th January

7.30 - 8pm

Free Pizza!

Youth
Innovation
Project

For more info contact Youth worker Jon Sanders on 07729 977463

Rubbish News

You will receive a weekly collection each Thursday,
alternating each week between your green bin and box and your black bin.
Your bins and boxes should be collected between 7am and 6.30pm.

Thursday 8th January Green Bin and Green Box. Plastic Bottles

Thursday 15th January Black Bin

Thursday 22nd January Green Bin and Green Box. Plastic Bottles

Thursday 29th January Black Bin

Thursday 5th February Green Bin and Green Box. Plastic Bottles

TELEPHONE THE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE AT SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT YOUR BINS. TELEPHONE 08450 450063.



Cambourne Catch up Café

Starting Wednesday 29th October,
the Cambourne Catch up Café starts.

Runs:

Every Wednesday
from 10am until 1pm
at the Cambourne Soul Youth Venue.

Includes:

- Teas,
- coffee,
- espressos,
- lattes,
- cappuccinos,
- hot chocolate

and lots more for just 30p
Cheese Toasties for 50p



Free internet access

Pool table

Bring your children, all welcome

Someone to chat with your friends and
meet new people

Call Laura on 715879 or call/txt on
07702349407 for more information



Calling all Shower time Divas! Do you hold a tune while you croon?



We're a group of workers and mums who sing for pleasure on a Tuesday evening (term times). We call ourselves Rhythm of Life. We are moving to a bigger venue in Cambourne in January and we'd like more voices to join us.

It doesn't matter whether your voice is high or low, whether you can read music or not. If you can sing, we'd love to hear from you.

We pay a small membership fee each term to cover the cost of the venue and the music we buy. We try a wide range of songs - ballads, show songs, blues, popular, and more - which are decided democratically. We've got a fab music director who really knows her stuff. But most of all, we enjoy singing.

Our first gathering after Christmas will be on Tuesday January 13th 2009 at the Ark, from 20.15 till 22.00. You'll be able to hear a sample of the songs we have been practising, and then you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and join in the singing. Call Deborah on 01954 202666 or email rolsingers@googlemail.com for more info.

Tell your friends. Tell your workmates. Bring them along.
Minimum age: 18 years old. Sorry chaps, ladies only.

Cambourne Youth Fest 2009 hosted by the Cambourne Youth Partnership

FREE family event Sponsored by Awards for All

Saturday 27th June 2009 - 11am to 9pm Cambourne Playing Fields and Cambourne Soul Portacabin



Even though we are still 6 months away from the Fest a lot of events are already booked, including:

Gladiator Duel, Bungees Tug of War, Sumo Wrestling, Human Football, Children's Slide, Archery, Climbing Wall, Trampolines, Quad Bikes on Inflatable Track.

Live bands, Stalls and games, Food stalls including Maria's deli

Local businesses – please get involved, [sponsor this community event!](#) Contact cypadmin@uwclub.net or 01954 715283

Cambourne residents – please play a part on the day!

Contact cypadmin@uwclub.net or 01954 715283 more info www.cambournesoul.co.uk





Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard



If you would like to ask Hairy Potter a garden related question, please email editorial@cambourne.info

I was fairly dismissive last month of December in the garden and you may think January is much the same. Not so. It is true that you are probably still relying on the evergreens to keep your pride and joy looking acceptable but look closer and you will see things are starting to move. Winters are getting warmer so look out for those snowdrops as they do sometimes flower in January. Be careful not to damage the shoots of all the other bulbs as they will also be making an appearance. Now is the time to start planning. Spring will be here sooner than you think so start thinking now about what changes you would like to make from last year.

Top 10 jobs

1. Recycle your Christmas tree
2. Prune apple and pear trees
3. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
4. Complete planting of roses if weather is better and ground is dry
5. Clean up any dead tops of plants in your borders
6. Continue planting shrubs and trees
7. Vines are best pruned now before they start to wake
8. Think about which seeds you want to plant
9. Check tree ties and tighten or replace if necessary
10. Start maintaining tools. Clean and oil them ready for the work ahead.

Now, a little word about lawns. It might not be looking its best but now is not the time to completely ignore it. If it is frosty, keep off it and if there are any puddles forming after rain then give it a good spiking to improve drainage. Cutting is not an option but think about getting the mower serviced, you will at least miss the rush when everybody realises theirs doesn't work in April!

In the Vegetable garden

Again it is about planning. Think about your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season and dig over any bits that have not yet been done. You can start forcing rhubarb with a large terracotta pot and think about putting up cloches to warm the ground (probably best to wait until the end of the month for this though). If you want to introduce new fruit bushes then these can be put in now as long as the ground is not too wet or frozen. Oh yes, don't let last years efforts go to waste, check any stored vegetables and throw out any that are rotting before they ruin the lot!

Keep your spirits up, it will get warmer soon!

Cambourne Garden Club

Debbie, our knowledgeable secretary, was conscientiously taking notes though the last talk, on 'Interest in the garden throughout the year', so we can all pick her brains at the next and future meetings.

No meeting in December, but January 22nd is our next date, when Margaret Lynch will be telling us, we hope, how to avoid having to say to visitors to our gardens : 'You should have been here last week!'

Visitors are always welcome: we meet in the Hub committee room on the fourth Thursday of most months.

For more information, please contact Fran Panrucker on 710858

Cambourne Arts The Drawing Group

This Autumn has been very successful, with regular attendance. The Spring session will commence on Wednesday January 14th at 2-30pm, in the Library, then every fortnight until March 25th.

Beginners Welcome, so do give us a try, all you need is a pencil and rubber.

Have you seen the picture on the Library wall?

Mrs Joan Duncan (Cavendish Court)

NCT Postnatal Support Group New Year, New Baby?

Have you recently had a baby or have you just moved to the area with young children? Are you looking for somewhere to go and chat to other adults??

We are a friendly group of mums and children who meet on a Monday morning from 10.30-12pm. We meet in each other's houses and enjoy a cup of tea, a biscuit and a good natter! We also organise pub trips, outings and have just had our first Christmas meal at Brown's in Cambridge.

So, if you would like to come along and meet us, contact Laura Watts on 01954 203833 or email lewatts@hotmail.co.uk. You don't have to host any sessions and all coffee mornings are free! You don't have to be a member of the NCT. We look forward to meeting you soon!

'Green' commuting on the increase at Cambourne Business Park

Cambourne Business Park's latest Travel for Work Survey has revealed that more commuters than ever are walking to work at the Park, or travelling by public bus.

"This is great news not only for carbon emissions, but also for congestion on the roads. Individuals will benefit too as their health will improve from more exercise," comments Lesley Scobell, Green Travel Co-ordinator for Cambourne Business Park.

The Business Park is also pleased to see that commuting by car as a single occupant is steadily reducing and is now at its lowest figure since the surveys started in 2003.

"Cambourne Business Park's Green Travel Plan is certainly making a difference by encouraging more people to walk, car share and use public transport. As the Cambourne settlements continue to grow, it should be possible to reduce car use even further as more individuals will both live and work at Cambourne," adds Lesley.

The Travel for Work Survey is carried out each year in association with the Cambridge Travel to Work Partnership. In 2008 372 people completed the survey giving details of one week's commuting. This equates to a good response rate of 30%.



NEW YEAR NEW HOME PLEASE

HAMISH 3 Year old lovely Tabby boy, found as a stray but very friendly, possibly dumped as he was in close proximity to the A1.

TAMMY Beautiful semi-coated Black & White female. 4 yrs Can be a bit of a madam so not suitable with other pets or children. Experienced cat owner preferred.

GIZMO & BEAR Gizmo is Tabby & White and Bear is Black. They are both 2 years old and are delightful boys. They really do love each other so must go together.

SCAMP Black & White 4 year old

MAISIE 4 year old Pretty Torty Female, loves a nice lap to sleep on.

SMOKEY Very friendly 4 year old chocolate brown
(Scamp, Maise and Smokey can be homed together)

MAVIS & PRINCESS Only 4 months olds, these sisters need to be homed together, Princess is Tabby and Mavis is Black with White paws.

SOOTY 4 year old Black Male, absolutely gorgeous in every way.

TINKER & GINGERBREAD Ginger & Ginger & White boys both 4 years old. Very sweet and a little shy. They need to go together please.

All adult cats are neutered, vaccinated, treated for fleas & worms and microchipped. We do not home cats on busy or main roads.

KITTENS We expect to have several kittens ready for homing early in the new year. We do not home kittens in flats or where they can not have eventual access to the open air. We do not home cats or kittens on busy or main roads. We prefer most kittens to be homed in pairs.

TEL: 01480 391477, 07966 282005 OR 01480 476696
<http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>



Wildlife Review



Events

Join us for some tree planting at the Community Orchard on Sunday 11th January from 10am to 1pm. We will have some local varieties of plum, pear and cherry to add to the orchard, plus all the tools, gloves and refreshments. Just bring yourselves, wrapped up warm and prepared to get a little muddy! Meet at the orchard.

In February we will be doing some more hedgelaying along Crow Dean Bridleway. If you would like to have a go at this traditional craft meet us at the Manor House at 10am on Sunday 1st February. Wear tough clothes as the hawthorn has sharp thorns!



Did you know?
Badgers live in Cambourne. Look out for their tracks in muddy places.

Access questionnaire

With this edition of the Cambourne Crier you should find a questionnaire from the Wildlife Trust. We would like to make some improvements to the green spaces that we manage and how we present them to visitors, so that everyone can get out to enjoy them and see all the wonderful wildlife we have here in Cambourne.

As always, we are trying to decide how to prioritise what we do with limited funding, so we want to find out what is most important to the people who use the green spaces. We would really appreciate it if you could fill out the questionnaire and return it to the address on the form. The questionnaire is also available on our website at www.wildlifebcnp.org/cambournesurvey

If you don't know where the green spaces are or how to get to them, the Wildlife Trust has produced a leaflet with a map of all the green spaces in Cambourne. This was sent out with the Crier last year. If you don't have one, you can pick one up from the foyer at the Manor House or at the Library, or download it from the website at the address above.

As an incentive, anyone who completes the questionnaire can enter a free prize draw to win one of five Adopt a Species packs. Just fill out your details on the back of the form.

We will also be talking to key groups in Cambourne that use the green spaces. We will use this information, together with the responses to the questionnaire, to help us decide what to do. If you have any other comments or questions, or if you belong to a group that would like to talk to us about how you use the green spaces, please contact me in the usual ways.

Email: jenny.mackay@wildlifebcnp.org

Or Call: 01954 713516 (please leave a message and we will get back to you)

Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Cambourne Officer

To find out more about your local Wildlife Trust, what we offer in Cambourne and how you can support us, please visit www.wildlifebcnp.org

WILDLIFE CRIME OFFICERS

Cambridgeshire Police Rural Community Action Team now have two officers trained as Wildlife crime officers. PC's Paul Carter and Tony Hales are now in position to deal with wildlife crimes and can also give advice to the public regarding wildlife legislation.

All crimes and incidents involving wildlife will be monitored by them. They will be working throughout Cambridgeshire with other agencies such as the RSPCA, RSPB and National Wildlife crime unit.

Both officers can be contacted through the force switchboard on 0845 456456 4 or on email RCAT@cambs.pnn.police.uk



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Have Your Say !

The Cambourne Crier is dedicated to act as a voice and a forum for all the residents of Cambourne (whether Great, Lower or Upper). We welcome letters and contributions from any Cambourne resident on any topic.

We accept such contributions in good faith and trust that they are an accurate reflection of opinion and circumstance.

If you wish to report on anything or air an opinion on the letters page then please send your copy in to us.

The easiest way to send in items is as an e-mail to: editorial@Cambourne.info

We do require a name and address for our records before publishing but will withhold these on request. Please let us know how you want your letter signed.

The Editors

Text or basic Microsoft Word format preferred for e-mailed contributions. Photos always welcome.

All contributions subject to editing. Opinions are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent those of the Cambourne Crier editors.

As a new resident and a new Parish Councillor, I would like to exercise my democratic right to respond to a letter from one of your readers and an article by a County Councillor published in the December Crier.

I would also hasten to make it clear that these views are entirely my own (expressed as a resident and a parent who is also an independent Parish Councillor) i.e. not on behalf of nor representing the Cambourne Parish Council.

Letter titled: "Last Month's Front Page"

I agree with your view regarding Cambourne's temporary Primary School, the antics of McA Developments and the fact that the tone of the ex-Chairman's article seems to be "self-congratulatory". However, I would like to clarify that there was enormous pressure from various parties including legal experts which may have influenced Clayton Hudson's wordings in the article. As Chairman (at the time), he had to put aside his own personal views and consider input from others including solicitors and advisers from other Councils. If members of the public had attended the Parish Council Meetings on the 7th and 21st October 2008, they would have witnessed a "lively" debate regarding this matter. You are correct in saying that some parties appear to be "pandering to the spoilt antics of McA Developments" and indeed it is time for Cambourne to show some people power and urge the Planning decision-makers NOT to give anymore development rights in Cambourne and other new settlements to the members of this McA Consortium, who have left Cambourne high and dry in the middle of completion of the original Masterplan commitments. Cambourne's long overdue Sports Centre may fall victim again to this land-grabbing monopoly if government officials do not show the courage and step in quickly to correct the imbalance of negotiating power in the enforcement of the developers' obligations under the existing S106 Agreement and the work-in-progress S106 for the extra 950 homes application in Upper Cambourne. Let new companies have the rights to future developments because healthy competition ensures new settlements get the best facilities- including new schools- offered by competing developers; which leads to the next topic of Competition for Schools.

County Councillor's Notes by Cllr Lister Wilson

First of all, I am glad that Cllr Wilson gave members of the public an insight into the reasons leading to the County Council's decision to set up a Secondary School in Cambourne. It is also honest of him to point out that he is also one of the Governors of Comberton Village College. That is the duty of Councillors' Code of Conduct. Another code is for councillors to keep an open mind on Council matters". Hence I presume Cllr Wilson is merely expressing his own personal views (like myself) on the government's directive of Competition for Schools.

As a parent (like all parents/ carers) , we strive to get the best education possible for our children. Many parents make lots of sacrifices to be part of the " 7% who opt-out to go to private schools in Cambridge". No one likes to pay thousands of pounds each year to a private school, especially now in times of recession. So why do they do it? A prime reason is a shortage of good local schools such as CVC and the traditional Grammar schools. Another is the lack of choices offered by a State-run system. There is an argument for Competitions for Schools because competing providers offer different Education packages such the IGCSEs, IB and now the homegrown Pre-U by Cambridge University. If children are to leave school and compete for good jobs in the real world, they should be allowed to choose the kind of qualifications which best suit their learning abilities and best potential. The Parkside Federation is going to offer the IB and A levels for their proposed 6th Form. So hopefully, CVC's 6th Form may offer the IB and the Pre-U in the future? Hence, new Education experts in IB, Pre-U etc should be allowed to compete for the new 6th

Form extension of CVC? By the same principle, Cambourne's proposed Secondary School would also benefit from options offered by others besides CVC? There are IB equivalents for both Primary and Secondary children which enable them to "feed" into the IB at 6th Form. So please, keep an open mind and give Competition for Schools a fair chance. Let it be a level playing field so that other providers are not deterred from bidding for Cambourne's Secondary school. I was at a Competition presentation and the potential candidates said to me, " We will try our best but we all know that CCC will get the contract. No one has beaten CCC's own preferred State school". So why waste money indeed if it is not going to be a sincere competition? But to parents, a good education suited to the needs of each individual child is "priceless". So they continue to pay thousands of pounds to get the competitive edge for their offspring's in the job market. But the majority of the families in Cambourne may not have that financial option and they trust the Councils to offer the same advantages for their children so that they too can compete for the well-paid jobs coveted by the private school students. It is sad that so much is already "decided behind closed doors" and that the general public are not involved in consultation and decision-making until the last moment when it is too late to have any influence on the plans made by Council officials. Question:who were the 50 people who signed the petition indicating that the new school should have a formal link with CVC? Would the CVC students and their parents venture to say anything against their own school ? Savvy parents know that the demographic profile of a catchments area can "make or break" good schools. When motivated families move away and go to other better schools, the catchments composition changes and the so-called good schools become downgraded. Each year's cohort is different.

Finally, complacency and over-confidence will also be the downfall of good schools because they are not open to new ideas and innovations from other Education providers. If Governors of new schools are "inherited" from existing Boards of schools run by the same people in the same area, then barriers to new concepts and methods will be created because the new school is not allowed to be an "upstart" of the flagship school. Can the same "tried and tested" formula work its magic on new settlements, such as Cambourne, which already defies the Council's logic by showing abnormal population trends in uncharted waters? Cambourne is also part of a new government initiative to provide up to 40% affordable housing for future years which will dramatically change the demographic profile of the existing Comberton catchment area as illustrated by Cllr Wilson's data projections of 1,350 Cambourne Secondary school age children compared to only 650 children from other villages in the same catchment. Hence there is no guarantee. But new inventions are created because the inventors are not afraid to "think out of the box" and challenge the status quo. So please, give new providers/new governors/ new principals a chance to introduce new ideas for new schools. These new providers are smart enough to include existing CVC experts on their Boards to learn and exchange ideas. Fair competition is part of good Sportsmanship!

Thank you.

Cllr Suzanne Germundsson

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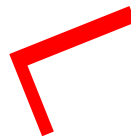
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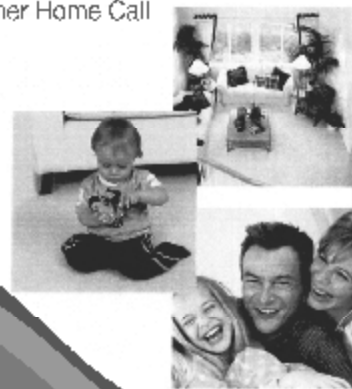
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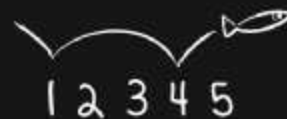


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The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

Christmas Celebrations at The Vine

Life in school is always busy and Christmas time is no exception! We have a whole range of Christmas events and celebrations to fit in our usual timetable as well as making sure that we are carrying on with our learning. Here are a few of our Christmas highlights.

News from reception and their Christmas Celebration

Reception pupils welcomed a hall full of parents and friends to share their songs and celebrations. This is always a special event and there was a touch of magic in the air as they sang some of their favourite carols.

News from Year 1 and 2 - Whoops a Daisy Angel

Two sell out performances greeted Year 1 and 2 when they shared their special version of the nativity. They took to the stage with great enjoyment and confidence and it was a real pleasure to see the pride of both parents and teachers.

News from Year 3/4 – Carols at Darwin Manor

'On Tuesday Year 3 went to sing Christmas carols at Darwin Manor. We sang to the older people, it was great. We sang Silent Night, Little Jesus, The Cat and the Mouse and Have a very Merry Christmas Day. Afterwards we got chocolate biscuits and orange juice! The best thing about going to Darwin Manor was singing to the elderly people because the songs were jolly.' Jess and Henry

News from Year 5/6

Year 5/6 enjoyed our SmartLearning Day when they had an opportunity to think about the different gifts featured in the Christmas Story. They thought about a gift they would have liked to have given Jesus if they had visited the stable as well as a gift they would like to give the world. This gave pupils an important opportunity to look beyond the wrapping paper and the presents and to focus on what makes us really happy such as a 'big hug from my dad.'

Carol Singing

Finally we all joined together to sing a range of carols old and new – a perfect way to celebrate Christmas!

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all at The Vine School.

If you would like to find out more about The Vine School then Debbie Higham, Headteacher, would be pleased to hear from you on 01954 719630 or e-mail: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL

What a busy term it was!

The children have been very busy this term investigating different textures and craft techniques through the various events happening this term. Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night, Woodland Walk, Christmas.....the list goes on!

The children have been extremely creative making lots of different types of Christmas decorations. A Christmas tree was made for the wall using red and green handprints and shiny balls were made for the tree out of tin foil and lots of glittery paint! Paint blowing, collage, leaf rubbing, Christmas cards, snowflake cutting etc.

The children have continued to have access to the play area outside and choose to play there in most weathers! However,

the children and staff are now looking forward to the Christmas break but not before the Christmas party on 17th December. We look forward to hearing all of the Christmas songs which they have been practising got the last few weeks. Cambourne Pre-school takes children from 2 years and 9 months of age. There are still a few sessions available for this year (particularly during the afternoon sessions).



Sessions
9.15am-11.45am, Mon-Fri
12.15pm-2.45pm, Tues-Fri
Lunch Club on Mondays



For more information please contact
Pre-school supervisor 07875 083163
Waiting list manager 07757 484240
Email: cambournepreschool@googlegmail.com



Swans Swimming Club St Neots

Swimming: Do you want to learn, improve or compete? Swans Swimming Club has 21 years experience of professional teaching & coaching. The club offers Mums & Tots, Teaching Scheme, Adult Lessons and Squad Training.

Mums and Tots starts from 3 months,
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The Teaching Scheme offers the chance for swimmers to learn to swim, attain skill levels and achieve distance awards.

Squad members can take part in galas, open meets and training camps, giving swimmers the chance to qualify for County, Regional and National Championships.

Swans' base is at St Neots Indoor Pool. The Teaching Scheme and Squad sessions are also held in Huntingdon, Kimbolton and Bedford.

For details of the teaching scheme, contact Sue Ward on 01480 469601. For squad details, contact Linda Ashley-Davidson on 01480 380466 or email: heather.fory@tiscali.co.uk

Full details and prices can be found on the club website:-
www.swans-swimming.com

CAMBOURNE 123'S

<p>A toddler group for children aged 12-36 months at The Vine Family Centre Fridays 10-11.30am £2 per adult and one child (50p for each additional child) Maximum 2 children per adult due to number restrictions</p> <p>January 9th – Play and chat. January 16th – Playdough fun January 23rd – Story time January 30th – Chinese New Year craft</p> <p>February 6th – Singing February 13th – Valentines craft</p>	<p>February 20th – Half term CLOSED February 27th – Play and chat March 6th – Parachute games March 13th – Story time March 20th – Mothers' Day craft March 27th - Singing</p> <p>April 3rd – Easter craft</p> <p>123s will close for the Easter holidays. For more information please contact: Julia Daniel 01954 710215 Sian Mole 01954 710471</p>
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Cambourne Church

A partnership of the

Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church

Service times: Sunday 9.30 & 11.00am (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)

1st Sunday of the month 10.00am. Meeting in The Hub.

www.cambournechurch.org.uk



Special Services Coming...

Education Sunday is at 1000 on February 1st with guest speaker Rebecca Nye, educationalist and author.

New Church Building Update – Construction Work starting!

Look out for builders starting work on the new church site soon! The contract will be signed at the end of January with building work commencing shortly afterwards.

The Ark and the Ark car park will continue to operate as normal.

We are very pleased that WREN the land fill operator has awarded the project £50,000 towards the community aspect of the building.

Groundbreaking Event

On Sunday February 8th at 3pm we are having an event on the church land to mark the start of the building work. This will involve a variety of different local people singing, telling stories and praying. Partner churches, friends and residents are all very welcome to attend the celebration. Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Ark.

Confirming Faith!

We were delighted that a few more of our teenagers chose to confirm their faith at Ely Cathedral and then at church last month.



Quiz Night

**Thank you to all involved in the recent quiz night.
£1300 was raised towards church youth work**

One2One Refresh your marriage! A church wedding?

A three week course for those preparing for marriage or looking to refresh that key relationship

Starts Sunday February 8th at 7.45pm Contact Rev. Peter Wood 715558



Synergy – Youth Service in The Hub

Sunday 25th January 7.00-8.30pm

All 11-18 yr olds welcome. Games * discussion * worship * café

Soccer Sunday 18th January at Cambourne MUGA 4.30-6.00pm 11-18yr olds

See Jon Sanders (youth worker) 07729977463

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. Often people look to make a fresh start in a new year, making resolutions and trying to do better than they did last year. I often find that the new year is a good time to reevaluate ones perspective on life. Sometimes altering the way we look at things, even if nothing else is changed, can improve our attitude and help us to overcome small difficulties. One gentleman I spoke with talked about difficulties in the workplace and how he felt that the working environment was hostile and some of the people were a little mean. Then I told him my definition of a hostile working environment involved suppressing gunfire, snipers and mortars. He suddenly felt much better about his conditions. Nothing else had changed, but he gained a larger perspective and realized his difficulties were not as big as he had thought. Even if we make mistakes remember that every

day or even every moment is an opportunity to do what is right. The Bible says in the book of Lamentations 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

So, even if the prospect of this year may not look the brightest according to the news and television, we are certainly not without hope and His mercies endureth for ever.

This year let us keep our perspective and priorities in good order that way we may be able to face the challenges and opportunities that this new year will bring. If you have any questions or just need to chat, let us know, we're here to help.

Donovan Bangs



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Last month was advent and we lit each candle on our wreath, leading up to Christmas. Every week a new candle was lit until our Christmas Mass where we lit the final white candle, symbolising Christmas.

Cambourne's Christmas Mass was held at the Vine; at 5pm on Christmas Eve. After mass we had a small celebration as a community. We all had a great time, and celebrated Christmas together as a community.

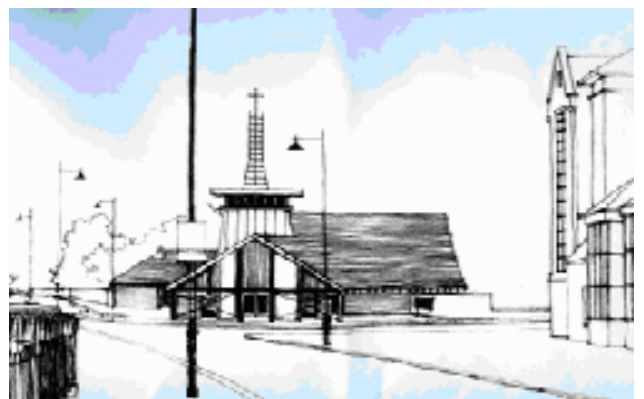
A special mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael on the 3rd of January to symbolise the New Year. It was for all young people in the diocese who have received their confirmation in the last five years, or are preparing to this year. It was followed with refreshments, a bonfire and fireworks display in the Bishop's garden. It was a great celebration for all young people. For more information about things happening for young people visit: www.catholiceastanglia.org and click young people.

If you would like to offer a mass in dedication for someone in our community, please speak to Pat in the main OLEM church where it will be sorted. (www.olem.freeuk.com)

We are still raising money for Cambourne New Church, and trying to raise as much money as we can to make the new centre the best it can be! Visit www.cambournechurch.org.uk for more details.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone the best for the coming year and hope it's a great year for everyone.

By Vincent Menezes



E-COPS

Communicating with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

e-cops is an innovative e-mail newsletter scheme from Cambridgeshire Constabulary which keeps you informed of local crime information, community news and policing activities in your neighbourhood. A regular e-mail bulletin from your Neighbourhood Policing Team tells you what is happening in your area.

Have Your Say

e-cops gives you direct and easy access to your Neighbourhood Policing Team at a time convenient to you. It's a great way of staying in touch with community issues, and can also be shared with family, friends and colleagues.

e-cops is completely free of charge, and is designed to compliment existing Neighbourhood Watch schemes and initiatives.

Benefits of e-cops

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Action

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You'll receive information and advice on how to protect your property and vehicles from crime.

Answers

You'll receive regular updates about activity to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood.

Be informed, be involved, sign up to e-cops today. To sign up follow the link from www.cambs-police.co.uk website, - my neighbourhood - e-cops.

Al-Anon Family Groups

When someone in the family has a problem with alcohol, it's not just the drinker who suffers. Anyone in a close relationship with an alcoholic can be adversely affected by the drinker's behaviour, to the point where their own health and well-being deteriorates.

Al-Anon Family Groups offers support to those affected by someone else's drinking.

Our organisation is national and international and there are groups meeting weekly across Cambridgeshire (see locations below) offering family and friends of alcoholics somewhere to find comfort, understanding and encouragement. Anyone is welcome to attend if they have been, or still are, affected by someone else's drinking.

Al-Anon Family Groups is raising awareness of its existence as part of a national campaign starting on January 26, 2009 and it is with this in mind that I am asking if you may include mention of the Groups in your January and/or February publication.

Al-Anon Family Groups is a fully self-supporting, registered charity and there are no membership fees. The fellowship is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organisation or institution and has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

Local meetings take place at: Cambridge, Ely, Wisbech, and Peterborough.

Full details about the location and times of the above meetings and more information about Al-Anon Family Groups can be found at www.al-anonuk.org.uk and by calling the General Service Office on 020 7403 0888.

Christmas comes to Cambourne Business Park

Hundreds of eager shoppers from both Cambourne Business Park and the Cambourne villages visited the 2008 Cambourne Business Park Christmas Market yesterday (Thursday December 4).

"As we now have about 1500 people working on the Business Park - more than ever before - we really had a good crowd of Christmas shoppers" says Cambourne Business Park's Lesley Scobell. "The occupiers appreciate the chance to do a little Christmas shopping in their lunch break and meet people from companies in other buildings."

This year's market was bigger and better with stalls full of unusual decorations and gifts. Local food companies also took stalls, including Tom's Cakes from Somersham and a local honey producer.

"Everyone was offered free mulled wine and mince pies to warm them up and spread some Christmas cheer," said Lesley.



A local event, raising funds for
Caldecote Primary School PTA

Valentine's Ball

To be held at the stunning
Childerley Long Barn
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Saturday 7th February 2009
8.00pm - Carriages at 12.30am

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For tickets and further information: Lucy 07753 826241,
or Avril 01954 211843

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Cambourne Netball Club Annual General Meeting

(Open to members of the public)

Thursday 15th January, 8pm, Cambourne Cricket Pavilion

Come and join us to see what we are about & how we are promoting sport in your area for youth & adults

Adult Training (age 16+) continues every Thursday from 7:30pm - 9pm. If you are looking to get fit whilst having fun with a bunch of likeminded, fun & friendly ladies now is the time to join in. Contact us or drop by at a training session.

Juniors training (age 11-15) Thursdays 6pm - 7:15pm.

To find out more contact us or drop by at a training session.

Multi Use Games Area, Back Lane, Cambourne

www.Cambourne-netball.co.uk / email info@cambourne-netball.co.uk /

Juniors@cambourne-netball.co.uk / telephone 01954 715868



Cambourne Youth Partnership

Cambourne *has* soul!



Young people in Cambourne would like to say a big thank you for a donation to their Youth Clubs. Cambourne Youth Partnership, which runs clubs in the 'Cambourne Soul' portacabin on Back Lane, has been given money to spend on children and teens who attend the five regular clubs each week. Members will be choosing what to buy early in 2009.

The donation was made by a Cambourne family who lives near to the Youth Club building and has noticed the increased use of the portacabin for clubs and activities. They wanted to help out "as parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, we feel that - now more than ever - all members of our communities are needed to take an interest in the well-being of each other's children - not just our own".

Cambourne Youth Partnership provides activities for 5 to 25 year olds, including music jam sessions, art activities and sports. There is a Youth Fest 2009 on Saturday June 27th for all Cambourne's families.

It is heartening to know that young people have the support of local residents and that they will be able to invest in some more useful, fun equipment for all clubs.

For information about Cambourne's youth clubs please contact David on 01954 715283 or cypadmin@uwclub.net

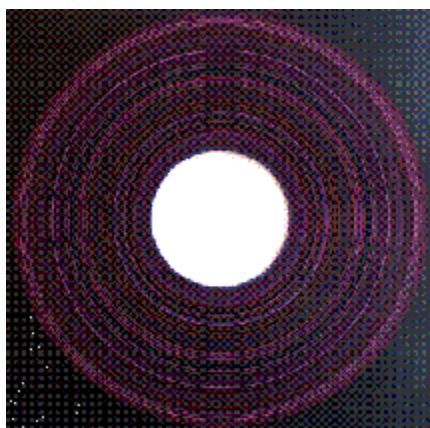


WYSING ARTS CENTRE

Matthew Slotover, Director of Frieze Art Fair launches Wysing Arts Contemporary on Saturday 17 January from 4.00-6.30pm. Speeches at 4.45pm followed by a performance at 5pm by Matt Cook.

Inaugural exhibition runs Sunday 18 January – Sunday 1 March from 12-5pm.

Exactly one year on from our re-launch Wysing Arts Centre is launching a brand new initiative called Wysing Arts Contemporary. With three exhibitions per year and a series of events around collecting contemporary art, Wysing Arts Contemporary will provide a major new platform for artists working at the forefront of contemporary art practice. With this initiative Wysing aims to show that working commercially with artists is not only an opportunity to enable art lovers to purchase exciting new work, but that art collectors can positively impact on the careers of emerging artists.



Wysing Arts Centre has a successful track record of supporting its 24 studio artists through bespoke professional development programmes, and Wysing Arts Contemporary is an extension of that work. Wysing Arts Centre's highly respected curatorial team is building a national reputation for its nurturing ethos - giving artists the creative space to develop their ideas in an environment that values artistic process above all else. This enables artists to innovate, push boundaries and ultimately create work that is open and uncompromised.

As a not-for-profit organisation, Wysing Arts Centre's new initiative will also run along not-for-profit principles, with income reinvested back into the centre, enabling it to continue to improve its facilities for artists. "Wysing Arts Contemporary is about outstanding work at a fair price but even more than that it is about supporting artists who are building their careers and providing a platform to showcase their work, which is an essential part of our role in developing and supporting artists at Wys-

ing." Donna Lynas, Director, Wysing Arts Centre.

"There is an increasing demand from art lovers who are keen to support and collect work by artists working here" says Donna Lynas. "Through Wysing Arts Contemporary we aim to present some of the most exciting work being made in the East and give both an insight into contemporary art practice and offer the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the artists work."

ANIMATED is Wysing Arts Contemporary's Inaugural Exhibition with JO ADDISON, JULIE BRENOT, MATT COOK, SARAH EVANS, SIMON LIDDIMENT, ANNE-MIE MELIS, ALEX PEARL & SIMON WOOLHAM. Playful and witty works that together explore notions of energy, movement and imagination in a wide range of media from moving image and installation to drawing and sculpture.

The exhibition will include a series of works by Alex Pearl, one of the East's most exciting emerging artists. Based near Ipswich, Pearl's work explores the acceptance of failure or disappointment as important parts of the human condition. He will present a mix of mini epic films, installations and sculpture that make light of big issues and are in turn both haunting and funny. Julie Brenot, a French artist based at Wysing, explores the territory between fiction and reality. Her work will include a series of paintings and installations using already existing pictures,



novels, vinyl records and posters, to create new narratives that are light-hearted and mischievous.

ANIMATED will be supported with a series of public events that will provide the opportunity to discuss and share ideas around animation in contemporary art practice.

Thursday 5 February 6-8pm
Talk by Gary Thomas, Co-Director of Animate Projects.
<http://www.animateprojects.org/>

Saturday 21 February 4-5pm
Performance by Sarah Evans & The McKenzie Break.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-McKenzie-Break/17180206933>

Thursday 26 February 6-8pm
Talk by Adam Pugh, Director of Aurora Festival, Norwich.
<http://www.aurora.org.uk/>



Wysing Arts Contemporary comes at an exciting time in Wysing Arts Centre's development. Following its re-launch in January 2008, and now with a major new RIBA award winning building, it has seen a major increase in visitors and interest both nationally and internationally. Its most recent presentation, the life size Walking House created by artists N55, appeared on news bulletins globally and a zombie western film by Shezad Dawood commissioned in 2008 will feature in the Tate Britain's forthcoming Tate Triennial 2009.

Wysing is open every day from 12-5pm. Admission Free.



Cambourne Clubs, Sports & Society Reports



Cambourne Tennis Club

With all the winter league matches complete, mixed fortunes for our Cambourne Teams

In men's doubles league 3, Men's 1 drew 4-4 with Soham, but suffered 2-6 reversals to Gransden and Royston . In ladies's division 5, Ladies 1 fought out 4-4 draws with Cottenham and Newmarket, enjoyed a 5-3 win over Exning, completing their fixtures with defeats v Saffron Waldron and Ely.

Men's 2 finished 4th of 7 in Men's Doubles league 5 with 1 win, 1 draw and 4 defeats. A position helped by other teams not completing their fixtures !

For anyone interest in playing competitive tennis with other club members, the Mini Leagues are available. Please contact Mark via email on maosheta@hotmail.com if you would like to join in or have any suggestions or ideas for any other forms of competitive tennis.

Tennis coaching is available at the Club with Samy Fennich, who has over 20 years experience as a player and part-time experience in private and group coaching at all levels. Samy is fully CRB checked and comes approved by the LTA!

Junior + Adult coaching runs on Monday. If you have any questions for Samy, he can be contacted by email on samyfennich@yahoo.co.uk or by phone 07970 656006.

Please visit our web site below for details on how to join Cambourne Tennis Club. All new members are very welcome in 2009.

<http://www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk>

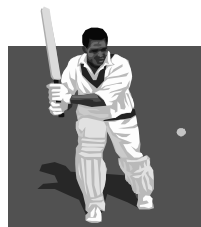


Dear Villagers may i wish you all a happy new year and hope you are able to join us for our future events.

Our AGM is set for sunday february 1st at 7:30 pm at the pavillion in lower cambourne all are welcome as are new members of our committee.

Both indoor and outdoor practice will continue soon into the new year please check www.cambournecc.com for updates.

Warm regards Danny
07774142740



Cambourne Wildlife and Walking Group Walks for 2009

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| Sunday February 22 nd | Waresley Woods (followed by coffee at the Garden Centre) |
| Sunday March 22 nd | Caxton & Bourne |
| Sunday April 26 th | Gamlingay woods (bluebell walk) |
| Sunday May 31 st | RSPB Fowlmere (Bring a picnic lunch) |
| Sunday June 28 th | Childerly |
| Sunday July 26 th | RSPB Sandy (Bring a picnic lunch) |
| Sunday Aug 30 th | Cambourne followed by Annual Lunch @ The Eltisleys |
| Sunday Sept 27 th | Knapwell & Boxworth (blackberry picking) |
| Sunday Nov 29 th | Cambourne |
| Saturday Boxing Day | Wimpole Hall |

All walks meeting at Oak Woods Car Park on School Lane at 10am.

Please contact David on 01954 715283 or davidmc@uwclub.net for further information.

The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

Contact us @ cambourne.piking@hotmail.co.uk or @ www.thepikers.net

We, the Pike Anglers of Cambourne certainly hope all of our readers had a fantastic Christmas, we also wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Unfortunately this month we do not have much to write about. This was mainly because of the bad weather that we had encountered throughout November and December. Both rounds 2 and 3 of the Predator Cup fell foul of the weather. It was bitterly cold, with very strong winds. Also, the rain never seemed to stop falling on either of the nights prior to challenge day, and it also continued to fall all day on the very days we had planned to fish.

Now since the very start of the Predator Cup it will be the first time that the chosen dates will be moved towards the far end of the season, hopefully the weather will then improve somewhat too.

At the moment I have been much engrossed in a great book, this was also signed by the author when I recently purchased it from the P.A.C Convention at Stoneleigh. This is called The Pike of Broadland, by Stephen Harper. This book contains many encounters of Pike Anglers' captures over the magical 30lb barrier. These fish were all caught from the Norfolk Broads over the last 70 years.

Unfortunately, many fish back in those days soon became trophy fish after their last capture. Many anglers saw Pike between the weights of 20 and 30lb as a trophy so these were taken to a taxidermist to become cased. Then they were put on display in homes and more commonly in Inns.

This is now something that is very rarely seen in the modern day, this is thanks to The Pike Anglers of Great Britain for their conservation and welfare of *Esox Lucius*, the Pike!

So, until next time, good fishing. Stu



Cambourne Netball Club

Happy Birthday!

Cambourne Netball Club is 3 years old!

Initially started by a handful of local lady residents who wanted to bring sport to the village, we've grown from strength to strength. Now with over 50 members we have 2 squads playing in the Cambridge & District Netball League.

2008 saw the introduction of a youth section serving children from Cambourne & surrounding villages from Year 7 to 11, growing from 1 to 25 members in its first year - a great achievement! An Awards for All Grant was gratefully received in order to facilitate this change and was presented to the club by Jo Munnion from Internetball.



Jo Munnion is an England Talent 2 Coach, Mavericks Youth Head Coach and Part-time Regional Talent Coach & we were very honoured to have her present this cheque. We were very privileged to have her train our youth & adult squads that evening with great success.