

CAMBOURNE CRIER

February 2009

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"Cambourne - Youth workers needed"



Invitation - have fun working with young people in Cambourne's Youth Clubs

Who? Adults with some time, ideas and energy

What? Helping kids and teens enjoy games, music, cooking, computing, sports, and crafts

When? One or two hours on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays (see times below)

Where? The Portacabin next to the Sports' Fields in Back Lane, Cambourne

How? email or phone David on cypadmin@uwclub.net or 07703 342 788

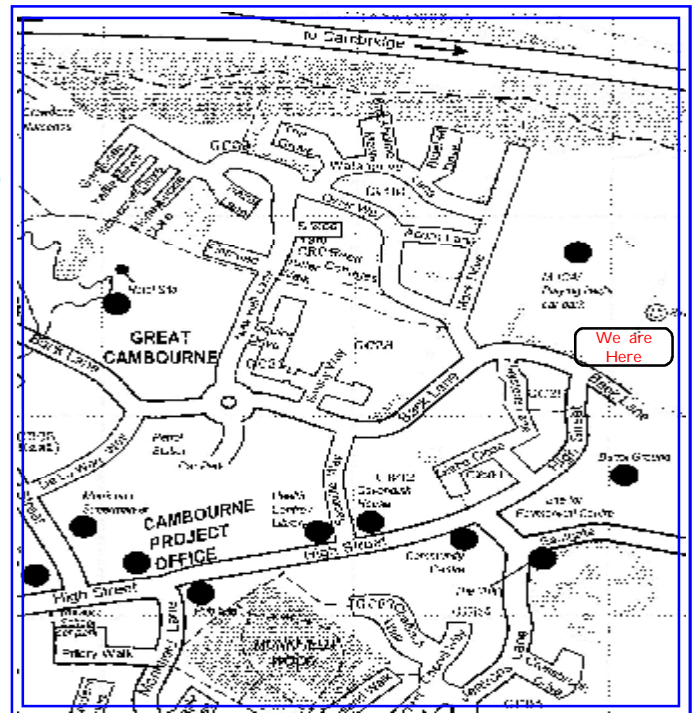
Free training available for those interested in a career in youth work

CU@4 Mondays 3.45-5.30 pm ages 9-13

Café Tuesdays 3.15 - 5.45 pm ages 13 to 16
Contact Jon Sanders 0772 9977 463

Junior Youth Club Thursdays 3.45 - 5.30
ages 7-11

Internet Café and hang out Thursdays
6.30 - 8.30pm ages 13 - 16
Contact Michelle on 0783 3481 527
or Michelle.Link@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



We have free internet access, games tables, Xbox, musical instruments and much more.

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Thursday 6.30pm Monkfield Park School.
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Cambourne Arts

Secretary: Alan Gibson, 01480 880442
email: snibgo@earthling.net
web address : www.Cambournearts.org

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
abarnard@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

Cambourne Garden Club

4th Thursday every month expect 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
Contact: Catherine 07803 012343
email - wrn_cambourne@dsl.pipex.com

Cambourne Business Park:

Marketing Office Lesley Scobell - 01223 472071

Cambourne Parish Council Office: (HUB BOOK-INGS)

John Vickery (Parish Clerk) - 714403

Cambourne Preschool:

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Ark Administrator:

Julie Whitbread - 202546

Comberton Village College:

01223 262503

Monkfield Medical Practice:

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.scams.gov.uk

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA): & HUB BOOK-INGS

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 Amanda Barnard 01223 264935
abarnard@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

Red Hot Salsa Night Valentines Day Dance



8pm 'till late

Saturday 14th February 2009 at the Hub
(High Street, Great Cambourne, CB236GW).

£10 per ticket or 2 for £16 includes:
tapas, dance lessons and music.

Contact 01954 719503 for tickets.

18+ only

"Loobie Lou, I Love you. W"



If I should die and go afar
I'll write your name upon a star
for the angels there to see
just how much you
mean to me

S

To my darling husband Paul,
I love you more each and
everyday
Love
Carly xx

Did you know that god
above,
created you for me to love
He picked you out from
all the rest
Because he
knew I'd
love you
best
?



Boo Boo,
Thank you for being my
rock over the past few
months
I love you loads
Ninja Girl
X



When I need I love
I hold out my
hand and I touch
love
I never knew there
was
so much love
keeping me warm
night & day

Leo ?

Roses are available in more than one colour,
red.

Violets come in other colours besides blue.
Sugar rots your teeth because it is so sweet.
But there is no doubt, I love you.

My darling ducky wucky,
behind your ears are mucky,
but I don't mind love is blind
my darling ducky wucky



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.

05/02/2009 : Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles..

12/02/2009 : Black Bin.

19/02/2009 : Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles..

26/02/2009 : Black Bin.

05/03/2009 : Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles..

12/03/2009 : Black Bin.

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

Cambourne – the secret home-working network

It seems that Cambridge's newest residential village has more to boast about than a family-friendly environment, award winning schools and green open spaces.

As the organisers of a brand new business networking group will testify, Cambourne is also the nucleus of an exciting entrepreneurial force, with a high percentage of residents running a business from their own home.

On Friday January 23rd 2009, Cambourne's community-spirited hotel, the Cambridge Belfry, is hosting a breakfast networking event for Cambourne's local businesses that are keen to meet and share business ideas and potential opportunities.

Becky Bloor, The Belfry's Sales Manager, said: *"The Cambridge Belfry are delighted to be hosting & sponsoring the first networking event of this kind. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to join together and we are of course always happy to be an active support within Cambourne and the surrounding community".*

The brainchild of local entrepreneurs Richard McCormack of RJM Marketing, and Neil Smith of Cambourne franchise Printing.com, the event is the first of what is hoped to be many successful gatherings of like-minded business people who represent a wide range of business services and commercial sectors.

Interest in the first event is high and at the time of printing the expected number of entrepreneurs is well over 25, including business writing, marketing, IT, accountancy, recruitment, chocolates, jewellery-making, wealth management, photography, interior design and complementary health and more.

The meeting at the Cambridge Belfry commences at 7.15 am, concluding at 8.30 am. More details of this meeting and future events can be found on the dedicated website, www.cambournenetwork.co.uk.



CAMBOURNE WI

December was the month of our annual Christmas party. This time we made our own amusement and we listened to some recitations, sang some carols and had a laugh playing games. To get ourselves into the festive spirit we were all wearing hats of a Christmas theme and Lorraine won the prize for the best one, made up to look like a Christmas cake. We also enjoyed a feast of food and wine brought by everyone attending. Our January meeting was also a festive event as we had a dinner at "The George and Dragon" in Elsworth. This was also a very enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be on 12th February at 7.30pm in the Hub when Annette Bond, one of our members, will be talking about "The Journal and Letters of Alice Balkwill" and her journey to find out about this intrepid Victorian lady.

The March talk will be "From Vicar's son to TV Producer" and in April "The Work of a Magistrate": he gives the evidence in a number of similar cases and leaves the judgement of one of them to the audience.

Hope you can join us.

Contact Fran Panrucker 01954 710858 for more details.

FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS' CHARITY

Papworth Firefighters present:

'the return of the Sequinned Quizmaster'

Quiz night

on

7.30pm, Friday, 20th February 2009

at

Papworth Everard Village Hall

Teams of up to six members:
bring your friends - or, have your
club/community group represented

Evening rounds off with live
music from "Midlife Crisis"

Tickets: £10 per person
(including Fish and Chip supper)

Bring Your Own Bottle ♦ Raffle

Tickets (in advance, only) from:
thomas.howlett@cambsfire.gov.uk
or phone 07809118419



Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard



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

So, Christmas is out of the way, even if it is not paid for, and the last of you should just about be relenting on your New Year's resolutions. To brighten up your day snowdrops, early daffodils and crocuses will be bursting into colour. Later in the month blossom could be appearing to really liven up the twigs we have all been looking at for the last four months. Spring it seems is not that far away. Beware! February can be the coldest month of the year. If you get a bright sunny morning it will turn into a very cold night. In true credit crunch style the garden this month is about cutting back and protecting what you have;

Top 10 jobs

1. Prune Wisteria, evergreen hedges, conservatory climbers and winter-flowering shrubs.
2. Sow half-hardy annuals indoors
3. After flowering divide snowdrops and re-plant
4. Remove any remaining dead growth from borders
5. Sow some sweet peas undercover or indoors
6. Trim winter flowering Heathers once flowers die away
7. Plant Lily of the Valley Crowns
8. Keep checking plants and if lifted by frost, heal them back in
9. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
10. Dig and dress beds ready for sowing annuals

You can also keep up the general maintenance tasks. Ensure your pool is not completely frozen over, but don't bash a hole in the ice. This can harm your fish. Much better to leave a ball floating on the surface or some other less violent method! Shrubs and trees can be planted out in containers and deciduous grasses (not Pampas) can be cut back. Pampas are not deciduous and are best left uncut. You can however take out the worst of the dead material in the centre. This will ensure a good fresh display for the spring.

In the Vegetable garden

Tie in fruit trees and bushes that you are training. Other fruit trees can still be pruned. Check any stored fruit or veg, discarding rotten or mouldy ones. As in the garden this is the time to start preparing the beds for sowing. Anything you do sow now though must be kept under cover. Chit your potato tubers, this is more crucial with early varieties than mid or main crops. Definitely dig any un-worked vacant ground and lift root crops left in over the winter. These can still be stored away.

They do say that spring does not arrive until the ice is out of the compost heap. Not there yet but good preparation now will make life so much easier when the big thaw comes. Chin up spring is not that far away!

CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

January saw us being taught how to avoid having to tell visitors to our gardens "You should've been here last week" by planning and careful planting arrangements.

The February meeting will have us learning all about the Gamlingay Nature Reserve and its wildlife and maybe how to attract wild birds into our own gardens.

We have a full programme for 2009 so why not come and join us – we're great value for money. For the paltry sum of £15 where else will you get –

- A monthly outing or speaker including tips on how to save money by growing your own
- 50% off seed orders from Thompson & Morgan (worth the membership fee on it's own)
- Discounts at several local garden centres including Coton Orchard & Madingley Mulch
- A trip to a major RHS garden (this year = Wisley in Surrey) for the price of the coach fare
- Bi-monthly(ish) newsletters full of articles, tips & jobs to do
- Direct access to the RHS "helpline"
- 'Borrowing copies' of RHS mag "The Garden" (£4.25 to buy)

For more details contact us by phone (Fran Panrucker – Chair – 710858 / Debbie Walker – Secretary – 719019) or by email at cambournegardenclub@postmaster.co.uk or join us for a "no-obligation" trial meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month in The Hub @ 8pm

LLOYDSPHARMACY INTRODUCES POST OFFICE SERVICES IN CAMBOURNE

Lloydspharmacy has joined forces with the Post Office to launch a new service at its pharmacy in High Street, Cambourne for the convenience of local residents. Launched on Monday, 12 January, the Post Office Essentials service will offer customers in Cambourne the opportunity to conduct a range of post office transactions including postage to the UK and overseas, bill payments, cash withdrawals by card, and ordering foreign currency.

Post Office Essentials is being piloted by Post Office Limited and offers a range of core post office services within existing retail outlets. Its introduction in Lloydspharmacy will improve access to post office services for Cambourne residents, who have previously had to travel further a field to use the post office.

Andy Murdock, Pharmacy Relations and Governance Director at Lloydspharmacy said: "Lloydspharmacy potentially sees Post Office Essentials as a complementary service which reinforces our role and position within the heart of local communities. We're delighted to be able to offer this service in Cambourne, providing local residents with the convenience of carrying out post office transactions with our pharmacy staff at the same time as picking up their prescriptions and healthcare products."

Commenting on the service, Andrew Lansley CBE, constituency MP for South Cambridgeshire said: "This is very good news for my constituents. I applaud the work carried out by the Post Office and Lloydspharmacy together, to design and provide a new post office service. This is a new concept for delivering post office services within a community.

"The opening is the product of conversations I have had with the Post Office and Lloydspharmacy stretching back more than two years, and I am greatly looking forward to officially opening the new facilities in Cambourne on 26th January."

Lee James from Post Office Limited said: "The Post Office Essentials service is being piloted in a number of retailers across the UK and we're delighted to be launching it in Lloydspharmacy, Cambourne. We hope this new approach will benefit customers and also be of value to retailers, enabling them to extend their service offering to local residents."



CAN YOU HELP?



We have been dealing with several people losing their homes. We have on our waiting list 9 old cats ranging in age from 8 to 16 years of age who need re-homing by the end of the month. Their owners face the heartbreaking prospect of having their cats put to sleep if new homes are not found. All these cats have been assessed by our vets and are in good health. We are able to offer some assurances with future vet bills in respect of the very old cats. If you are able to offer what will probably be the last home for these cats in their twilight years please contact us urgently as our pens are full and we will not be able to take most of them in before their owners lose their homes. Sadly this is the very real impact of the credit crunch. Most of these cats have lived with other cats and some with dogs.

Please phone myself on 01480 391477 or 07966 282005 or Lesley on 07900 257061 if you are able to adopt one of these old timers.

TINNED CAT FOOD URGENTLY REQUIRED

We continue to feed nearly 200 feral, outdoor and needy cats this winter and our supplies are running low. Any donations of cat food particularly tins would be appreciated. Please take to our charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. We also have many local drop of points within the community, contact us for your nearest.

LOVING NEW HOMES REQUIRED

We have many adult cats looking that extra special second chance. Also we have several older cats whose owner is losing her home. Please contact us if you are planning to adopt a cat. We do not place cats where there is a busy main road or in flats that are not on the ground floor. We will carry out a short home visit and make arrangements for you to meet the cats in our care.

FREE/REDUCED COST NEUTERING

If you are on benefits or tax credits, or are suffering financial hardship, we are able to help with the cost of neutering your cat. Last year, our branch neutered over 300 cats free or charge. Neutering prevents unwanted litters, spraying, fighting and the spread of infectious diseases. Contact us now.

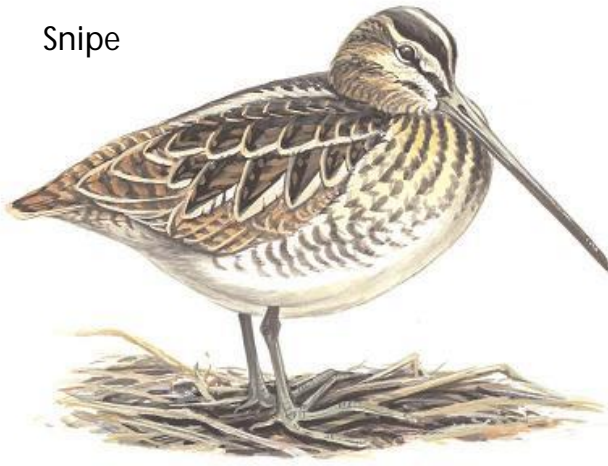
FERAL CATS/LARGE CAT COLONIES

If you have feral cats or a cat colony that is getting out of control on your property, or you know of a property where there seem to be excessive numbers of cats. We offer assistance with the management, neutering and feeding of them. It is important that we start now before kitten season is upon us.

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



Snipe



Just before Christmas some bird experts went to Whomping Willow Lake where they counted lots of snipe in the marshy area north of the lake. This shows how good a habitat this area is for birds. We have recorded many more species around Whomping willow than any other lakes in Cambourne. There are often tufted ducks and little grebes here and we have seen scaup and gadwall (types of duck) as well. A pair of mute swans nested here last year, several pairs of reed buntings and at least one pair of reed warblers. The Wildlife Trust looks after the lake itself, but not the surrounding land, which is part of the golf course area. We would appreciate it if people would keep their dogs on a lead in this area to avoid disturbing the breeding and feeding birds too much. Hopefully they will stick around as Cambourne continues to grow.

Early in January I took members of the Wildlife Trust's Bedford Local Group on a guided walk around a very snowy Cambourne. They were very impressed with what they saw and had no idea how much wildlife there could be on a new development. We saw a couple of brown hares boxing, lots of birds, including fieldfare feeding in the hedgerows, snipe and reed buntings and admired the view from the top of Crow Hill. If you have a group that would like a guided walk around Cambourne then please get in touch.

Access questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who sent back the green spaces access questionnaire that we sent out with last month's Crier. There were some very nice comments; it's great to know how much everyone appreciates the green spaces. I will answer some of the common questions posed in next month's article. The prize draw will take place after 2nd February and the winners will be notified. If you haven't completed a questionnaire yet it is still available on our website (www.wildlifebcnp.org) or I can post one to you. You won't be able to enter the prize draw, but your comments will still be useful.

Events

The new events programme will be published in February. We are going to change things around slightly this year, so there will no longer be events on the first Sunday of every month. Based on the responses we to the access questionnaire, we hope to have a series of family activities based around the school holidays and a second programme of conservation activities for older children and adults. Keep your eyes out for news of new events. Thank you to everyone who has supported our events over the past four years, we look forward to welcoming you to the new programme.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne please get in touch.

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

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



New Church Building Update – Construction Work starting in February! Groundbreaking Event 3.00pm February 8th –Be part of the new chapter!

We are having a special 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.

Fairtrade Fortnight 23rd February-8th March 09

Fairtrade Coffee Morning Friday 27th February 9.00-11.00am in Sackville House

Drop in for a cup of fairly traded coffee or tea & a cookie and discover the large range now available.

- Lots of info available on how to take out a regular order and help those trying to earn a fair wage for their produce.

Sunday 1st March (11.15ish)

A range of clothes, bags and gift ideas using fairly traded cotton will be on display for sale after the 10.00 service in The Hub from Abantu. Contact Julie Whitbread (202546) for more.



Carols on the Green 2008

Despite the blustery weather about 200 people gathered together to sing carols on Lower Cambourne Green on 20th December.

Our grateful thanks go to the Cambourne singing group –The Rhythm of life -for joining with us – it was a lovely evening.

One2One Refresh your marriage!

Having a church wedding?

A 3 week course 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 22nd February 7.00-8.30pm

All 11-18 yr olds welcome. Games * discussion * worship * café * karaoke – new!

Soccer Sunday 1st & 15th February at Cambourne MUGA 4.30-6.00pm
11-18yr olds. See Jon Sanders (youth worker) 07729977463

Our Lady and the English Martyrs Cambourne Roman Catholic Church The Vine Inter Church Primary School Saturday's – 5pm

www.cambournerc.kk5.org
cambournerc@aol.com

This month was the start of a new year and started off very well, with news of the new Church starting to be built. On February 8th a groundbreaking church event at the new church site was held, which some of our community attended.

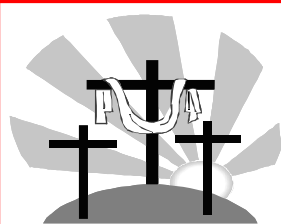
Peace Sunday was on the 18th January and we reflected in prayer for world peace and on Combating Poverty. We finished mass by having a second collection in aid of Pax Christi, the international Catholic Movement for peace, to raise more money for their charity. If you can donate anything, visit www.paxchristi.org.uk to find out more details about donation and the work they do.

Also, this month we have heard that Bishop Michael, the bishop of our diocese will be visiting our community on March 3rd. We also have been looking for musicians to play in mass to make our weekly celebration livelier.

If you want to know more details about our community, please visit www.cambournerc.kk5.org

By Vincent Menezes

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Dear Friends,

I write this amidst the snows of January, thinking of warmer things. February is often a time when people speak of love. Valentine's Day, flowers, chocolates and whatever new movie comes out to cash in on the sentiment. Some people think that these type of things can be used as measurements of love. But, flowers fade and wilt, chocolates usually do not survive more than a day or two and even jewellery often will lose its lustre. Love is not about trinkets. Love is making a conscious decision of will that you will put someone else's needs and desires above that of your own. It does not depend upon or require reciprocation. It is not based upon the physical relationship or the attractiveness of the other person. It is commitment, which will manifest itself in your treatment of the other individual. For you women, flowers may be nice, but if you are looking for actual love do not be concerned with the man with flowers. Look toward the kind of man that will go outside and scrape the ice off of your car windows without even being asked. Someone that is more

concerned with your safety then your appearance. Men do not concentrate just on the prettiest girl. Look for the one that actively helps solve the problem. Pretty fades, but a kind heart is always beautiful. All of us when we say that we love someone should ensure that it is not merely words, but a proven love. God said in the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16 For God so loved the world, but it did not end there because love is an action word, a verb so the verse continues that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He loved, therefore he gave, sacrificing himself, so we might have the chance for life. John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. So, this month when you consider love remember the one who was totally committed and proved his love to all mankind. If you have any questions or just need to chat, let us know, we're here to help.

Donovan Bangs

Greetings from Cambourne library,

The library is very busy at the moment – have lots of you taken up reading as one of your New Year's resolutions? It's heartening to see the library so busy and your enquiries keep the staff on their toes so please keep them coming!

May I remind you that we have a customer comments book out on a table and we are always delighted when you post a comment? If you have a comment or complaint that you do not feel has been acknowledged please come and talk to the staff at the counter. It is always worth leaving your name along with your comment in the book as this means we can escalate it to a Customer Services Manager who will respond to you directly. We do this if we are unable to answer your query ourselves.

Our next Engage in the Afternoon session will be on 3rd Feb at 2pm and will be focussing on reminiscence and memory. If you are over 50 you are very welcome to join us. The meeting following that will be on 3rd March and as yet the topic is a mystery! As soon as we have details we will let you know.

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Don't forget that even when the library is closed you can still become a member, return your books in our drop box, issue books to yourself at the self issue machine or ask a member of staff to do this for you at the counter. You can also make photocopies and use the computers in the reception area.

We look forward to seeing you very soon, Cambourne library staff

CAMBOURNE LUNCHEON CLUB

Your committee would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year and thank you for your support over the last 18 months. Our thanks also go to those volunteers who work so hard in the Hub kitchen preparing our monthly lunch and to those volunteer waitresses who prepare the room and serve us with such efficiency.

The February lunch date is Thursday 19th February 12 15 pm for 12 30 pm. The February menu will be Chicken Casserole with winter vegetables served with Mash Potatoes and a medley of buttered Cabbage and Leek. To follow, will be home made Jam roly-poly with freshly prepared custard. We always try to procure all fresh provisions used in the lunch preparation from local sources. All this, including coffee and tea, for £5 per head. Glasses of wine along with fruit juices are available from the cash bar.

Recently the numbers attending the lunch have fallen and it is hoped that previous attendees will return and join us. So please call on 01954 710100, before 6 pm Monday 16th February, to make your booking for the February lunch. Please use the same number if you would like to join us, if you are 50+ and a resident in Cambourne Parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

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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:

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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.

Dear Residents

Following the letter submitted to the Cambourne Crier giving the personal opinions of Suzanne Germundsson a Cambourne Parish Councillor. The Parish Council agreed that it should write to clarify the situation.

Temporary Third Primary School

The Parish Council acted with concern at the lack of primary school places for Cambourne children and without outside pressure and put forward the proposed Burial Ground as the best solution to providing the temporary school to ensure that all Cambourne primary age children had places in Cambourne. Contrary to the impression that the Parish Council had been pandering to the whims of McA, they had to be persuaded to allow the Temporary School to be on the Burial Ground

McA has fulfilled all the education commitments in the original Master Plan for the original 3,300 houses. If there is no additional development in Cambourne the school would still be required and this would be the responsibility of the County Council to provide. Due to the proposed additional 950 dwellings McA have proposed that they will provide land as part of the contribution towards the educational requirements for the additional dwellings. McA are not required to undertake this until consent is granted which will be in April at the earliest.

106 Shortfall

McA have provided the majority of the commitments under the S106 agreement. The main outstanding commitments are:

- Great Cambourne/Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilions these have been put on hold while the Parish Council and South Cambs District Council negotiate with McA to further enhance the facility from the new S106 for the additional 950 dwellings.
- Second Allotment site these are due for transfer to the Parish Council before the end of March 2009.
- Upper Cambourne Green this is due for completion as part of the Upper Cambourne development.
- Police and Fire Station McA have to make land available and a contribution towards construction, this has been made available. The police are progressing their proposal and have submitted a planning application, but the Fire Brigade is dependent on the relocation of Papworth Fire station.
- Sports Centre this is an area of frustration for the residents, the Parish Council and McA as they have made the Land and a contribution towards the cost available for the Construction of a Sports Centre providing greater facilities than those required in the S106. Unfortunately Leisure Connections funding has been delayed due to the change in financial climate, however Leisure Connections are still committed to building the Sports Centre as soon as the funding is released. The land can only be used for the development of sporting facilities. If Leisure Connections pull out McA are obliged to construct the Sports Centre as provided for in the original s106

Cambourne Parish Council cannot adopt a position that McA must not be allowed to carry out any future developments as this is predetermination and will lead to the Parish Council being excluded from discussions on the existing planning applications and the additional 950 dwellings which could be to the detriment of the residents of Cambourne.

Councillor David Tilley

Cambourne Parish Chairman

I am a manger at Darwin Manor in Cambourne, The manager of Cavendish Court rang today and said that many of their residents were having problems with their telephones. They were receiving calls, could hear the person on the other end clearly but the person couldn't hear them. The fault appeared to be intermittent. I also live in Cambourne and have experienced the same problem. I had assumed, as had others, it was my telephone equipment that was at fault. I asked the question of our residents and several of them said the same and had thought it was their phones at fault.

BT who initially said it was faulty phones, have since advised that there is a fault at Caxton ... So if anyone is experiencing problems with their telephones they may wish double check before rushing out and buying new phones.

THE ARK

There have recently been a number of incidents relating to criminal damage at The Ark in Cambourne. The team would be very grateful if anyone with information could contact us by email, telephone or by a note in the Police Office post box in the library. If any suspicious activity is witnessed at this or any other location we would encourage people to report it to police on :-

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PLEASE REPORT CRIMES

I would like to urge all Cambourne residents to report any incidents of theft, crime or damage to the police. However small the incident may seem.

We recently had a plant dug up and stolen from our front garden. Having already heard of a similar incident through Decembers Cambourne Crier we telephoned the police to make them aware of the ongoing problem. However the police officer we spoke to was unaware of any similar incidents.

Meanwhile, someone is creating a well stocked garden for themselves or is developing a lucrative plant business. Maybe one day the thief will get caught out but no report equals no police action. So please report all crimes to the police.

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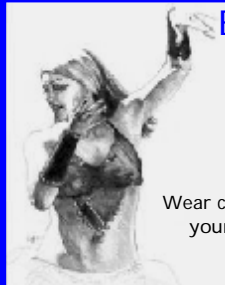
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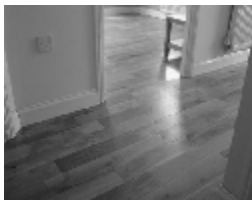
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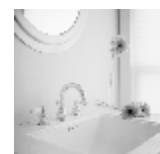
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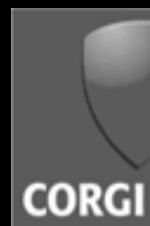
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Santa's Elves came to Cambourne!

On Monday 22nd December the Cambourne Community Centre (The Hub) saw around sixty of Santa's elves creating some festive fun!

Laura Parkinson (Cambourne Community Development Worker for the Housing Associations) organised a free Christmas Craft day for all Cambourne residents. It was in partnership with the Cambourne Wildlife Trust, the Cambourne Children Centre, the Cambourne Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The day involved both parents and their children taking part in a number of

different Christmas crafts such as Bird table making, Swinging Santa's, Glittery Angels, Christmas Crackers, Cards and Gift Tags, Christingles and Clay Christmas Tree decorations. Kath and Rachel from the Cambourne Children Centre did a specialized area for those children who were under 5yrs old. Julie, Sue and Pennie from Cambridge Housing Society helped out at the Factory – giving out the ingredients for the children. Residents 'Sally and Janet' from 'Cambourne All-In' also helped out.



After some hard work, residents settled down to some tasty nibbles and drinks organised by Sally. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and most worked up a bit of a sweat on the bird tables! Many thanks to all those who came and took part. Thank you also for the lovely comments, below are just some of them:

"Amazing, beautifully organised. My Children and I enjoyed ourselves, thank you"

"Hard and fun"

"What a lovely morning. It has kept my 2 year old and my 6 year old entertained which is not an easy thing to do! Thank you"



With the new James Bond movie hitting cinemas across the country we have decided to go with the flow so this year's Principal's Ball will be themed around the exploits of James Bond, it promises to be a real blast and everyone is invited! Ball goers will certainly look the part in best dresses and black tie but to really get you into the Bond mood try sipping a Dry Martini in the fun casino, take part in our James Bond Quiz or join in the search to find the best Sean Connery impersonation. There are other spy related activities throughout the night but it's all a bit hush-hush right now as we are waiting for Q to tell M what U are doing. What we can reveal is that there will be a sumptuous banquet and dancing music from The Rockin' Revivals who play a selection of sixties and seventies music including your favourite bond themes. The party starts at 8.00pm with carriages at midnight.

Tickets are £27.50 and are available from Miss Money Penny in CB3 (that's the reception desk in the gym next to the Performance Hall not a branch of M15!). Proceeds from the event, which is organised by Comberton Village College Trust, will go towards updating the sound equipment in the performance hall so that in the very near future we can provide high quality entertainment right on your doorstep.

All together now...Dum de dum dum, dee dee dee, dum de dum dum, dee dee dee...da nah, da nah nah...

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Rhythm of Life meets every Tuesday evening in school term-time from 8.15 and 10.00 pm. For more information about joining please call Deborah on 202666.

Email: info@rhythmoflifesingers.org
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Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School Year 4 Cambourne Crier Article

Firstly, everybody at Monkfield Park would like to wish all of the Cambourne Crier readers a very happy new year. We are all very excited to be starting the new Spring Term, feeling refreshed after an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

At the end of the Autumn term, everybody at Monkfield Park took part in RE Festival day which saw different classes throughout the school mixing together to learn about and celebrate the many different ways that Christmas is celebrated around the world. Year 4 were joined by Year 1 and we focused on the countries of Mexico and Germany. We learned of the Mexican legend which tells of the significance of the poinsettia at Christmas time. We enjoyed making our own poinsettia decorations for our Christmas trees at home. We also learned about the Piñata and how it is used at celebrations and parties in certain parts of the world. Our Christmas journey around the world also took us to Germany and we learned about some of the traditional German Christmas decorations. We spent some time making advent wreaths to take home.

During the beginning of December, Year 4 and 5 performed their Christmas Carol Concert of 'Hosanna Rock' to the school, parents and carers and relatives and friends of Monkfield Park. A total of three performances were given. All of the children sang and performed brilliantly, each time giving 100% effort for a very polished and professional performance.

Also in Year 4, Friday mornings during the Autumn term were spent at St Neots swimming pool for our swimming lessons as part of the PE Curriculum. The children benefited from practising skills they already had, as well as acquiring new skills and water confidence. All of the children were proud to be awarded a certificate which celebrated their progress and achievements in swimming. The Year 4 teachers and adults would also like to congratulate the children on their very high standard of behaviour, which was also commented on by the staff at the swimming pool. They were a credit to us all in representing Monkfield Park. Finally, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the Friends of Monkfield Park for organising the fantastic Christmas discos at the end of last term. Lots of fun was had by all the people (children and adults!) who were dancing the evening away. If you have recently moved into the village and have a child due to start school, could you please make contact with the school Finance and Office Manager: Mrs J Durrant on 01954 273377.



COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The recent school performance tables produced some very interesting statistics. It can be reasonably argued that the most meaningful of all the figures produced now (and there are ever more such figures that can ultimately be bewildering) is the one that tries to measure 'pupil progress' (the so-called 'contextual value-added'). On reflection, this must be the figure of most relevance to what a school is doing. A very selective grammar school that has high GCSE results might tell us nothing at all about the quality of what happens in the school. The really interesting thing about these figures is that some of the 'moderate' school performers on basic GCSE results have wonderful pupil progress figures: they are clearly doing a really good job with the pupils at their school. Indeed, some of the very top performers under this measure are in the 'National Challenge': those schools threatened with potential closure because of their comparatively low final GCSE

outcomes. It is an interesting educational world in which we live!

The college's pupil progress figure from last summer did suggest that pupils at Comberton Village College made really strong progress during their school years here: within the top 10% of the country. This is obviously very pleasing. Even more important is the indication that all types of pupils of all abilities make this good progress: it is not confined to particular categories. As we genuinely seek to be a local school for all in the community, this is really important. Whether officially 'Gifted and Talented', having specific significant learning needs or having whatever particular learning style, we are keen to try to ensure that all can do as well as possible.

Of course, true 'pupil progress' means so much more than simple exam and formal assessment outcomes. This is probably the greatest criticism of the performance tables: they are narrow. They only measure one (clearly important) thing. We all know that real pupil progress involves developing skills and attributes

as a person that means young people truly develop into the good citizens that we want and our society so badly needs. Given this, it is perhaps things such as the biggest ever number of pupils taking on Duke of Edinburgh awards, pursuing trips and exchanges abroad and taking on real leadership responsibilities that really matter. The problem is, these character developments are harder to measure. As all of us know from life, that does not mean they are not incredibly valuable.

Stephen Munday

The Temporary school has been approved and construction should begin on Monday 2nd February 2009

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

We have started the new school term with a focus on reading, writing and enjoying poetry.

Year 3 and 4 are currently learning about life for children during war. They have studied a poem by Wilfred Owen describing the horror of war before writing their own poem in response to a photograph of children sitting with a bombed house in the background.

Broken

The children sit with broken hearts
The wind blows hard but still they
don't move.
Suddenly a brick falls from the
Bomb blasted buildings behind them
Everything burnt to the bone.
They search through the rubble to
find their mum and dad
To see if they have survived.

Charlie



Lonely

The children sit lonely with nowhere
to go
Feeling sad and worried.
Bombed smashed buildings everywhere
Dusty bricks with broken window panes.
They sit there hoping that someone will
come
To look after them.

Michelle

Year 5 and 6 have written poems about a range of themes using personification, simile and metaphor

The Volcano

It shook
It roared
Warning!
It's eyes
Were
As murderous
As a nuclear bomb.
It's red hair was
A fire ball of flame.
The whole world
Rocked
As
The demon
Shook!
Quiet
For a few
Moments.
Then
Off it went
The head burst
Hatred and anger
Spilled out
As a runny red liquid.
Hot and bubbly
Devouring every,
Any, thing
In s path.
And the clouds of
angry
Thought
Black and
impenetrable
Choked people to
death.
The next day a scene
Of total devastation
Covered everywhere
This is the power of
The
Volcano!
Jonathan

Seasons

The winter is cold and bitter
The wind whistles and whirls around the
lifeless tress
The snow floats from the sky as light as a
feather
It wraps tightly round the lampposts.

The spring is as magical as a wizard
The lambs lies peacefully next to their mothers
in the sun
The beautiful blossom waves at walkers going
past
While the flowers sway happily in the breeze.

The summer is as warm as a radiator
The sun's hands reach out and blind me
The beaches are full as funfairs
The burning sand lying silently by the rocks.

The autumn is as colourful as a rainbow
Crunchy leaves cover the path like a blanket
The bar tress shiver in the icy wind
The animals hibernate in the warm
undergrowth.

Jacob

The Sea

The sea crashes like a pair if cymbals
The waves run over the damp sand
onto the shore
Pebbles sound like rattle snakes
The clouds above the sea close in like
cotton wool
The cold water drips over my body
While colourful fish play in their
underwater theme park.

Elisha

Volcano

The volcano was like a stampeding
elephant
Its voice was like a trumpet
Its eyes were bulging
It stamped its feet and shook the
ground.

Jamie

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



The staff and returning children were delighted to welcome several new children to the Pre-school at the beginning of term. As new friendships are formed, this promises to be an action packed term with plenty of events planned and special occasions to be celebrated.

As Spring (hopefully) approaches, the focus for the coming term is *Growing* in which the children can explore how plants and they themselves grow and what is needed for growth.

Within the next few weeks the children will be investigating the different colours, shapes and textures associated with Pancake Day and Valentine's Day. During the term there will also be opportunities to explore special events from a range of cultures (through food, traditions, colours and costumes etc) including Easter and the Chinese New Year.

As a reflection of the growing services within Cambourne, the children will be involved in the setting up of a range of role play areas in Pre-school – including a Baby Clinic, Cambourne Pre-school Post Office and a Library. This will be supported by visitors and a visit by the children to the Library in Cambourne.

The staff are holding a Parent Drop-in Day on February 3rd (no sessions) during which parent consultations will be held and the children's work will be available for parents to view.

The committee remain busy fundraising to support the staff and children in the Pre-school activities. Over the next 2 terms there will be a week per month during which the children can dress up on a theme (for a small charge!) February – the colour red, March – Easter chicks, April – the colour yellow, May – Nursery rhyme/book



"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives." Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2009

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

News from Cambourne All-In

The New Year Party, held in the Hub, went very well and we have had good comments back from people who attended. There was a disco, sweetie bags and games for the children, a raffle and some nibbles. It was 'Bring your own' drink which seemed to work quite well. Many thanks to those helped plan the event (Zoe, Laura A. and Sally) and also to those people who helped out on the evening. Please could we also thank Laura Parkinson who helped out beforehand and donated £200 from the Housing Associations Consortium towards the event, also to Susannah Harris from South Cambridgeshire District Council, who also helped out on the day and donated £200. Finally, please could we thank the Crier for donating £130 towards the event and the Parish Council who donated the use of the Hub for free. From the fun event, this has led to further activities being organised:

On Wednesday 18th February (half-term) there will be an event for the kids. Running from 10am-2pm in the Hub, Around The World will cost £1 per person participating in the activities. A parent or guardian will need to attend with their child/children. We need to know numbers before the event starts so please contact Sally on 0787 667 4644 or Catherine on 07890 553 036. You can also e-mail cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk.

On Saturday 7th March we are going to be sowing seeds from 12.30-3pm in the Hub. It will cost £1.50 per person but for this we will provide what you need to grow a few vegetables – whatever space you have from a windowsill or balcony to a large garden or allotment you will be able to grow something. You can phone Sally on 0787 667 4644 or Catherine on 07890 553 036, e-mail cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk or turn up on the day.

Do you have a talent? Anything from playing the spoons to reciting Shakespeare; juggling to Irish dancing. We want to celebrate the many talents of people living in these villages in Cambourne's Got Talent. This will be a two-part event with heats running in the Hub on Saturday 23rd May and the final on 11th July (provisional date) as part of the 10 year Celebrations. We do need you to tell us about your talent before the 23rd May - please let us know via e-mail (cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk), or phone (Sally 0787 667 4644 or Catherine 07890 553 036). There is a fee of 50p per talent (not per person).

Finally, would you like to get involved in our community group? We are still searching for a Treasurer but if you want to get involved in any way - be that with a sub-group or a specific event – or you would just like to know what is going on and be kept up to date with planned meetings etc., then please get in touch with Catherine (07890 553 036) or e-mail cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk.

Come and play at Cambourne 123s!

Are you a parent/carers with a toddler looking for something to do on a Friday morning?

Cambourne 123s was set up in September 2008 as a follow-on group from Baby and Me. It is run by a group of mums on a voluntary basis and hopes to provide a calm environment for 1-3s where they can play in a smaller room and enjoy craft, singing and other activities together. It also gives carers a much needed space to relax, drink tea, eat biscuits and chat! We feel that the Vine school, although a bit further out of Cambourne, gives us a good space for doing this as the hall is just the right size for you to be able to sit down whilst your children potter around!

Then come and join us at the Vine Family Centre at 10am!
£2 per adult and one child (50p for each additional child)
Maximum 2 children per adult due to number restrictions

February 6th – Singing
February 13th – Valentines craft
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
April 3rd – Easter craft
123s will close for the Easter holidays

For more information please contact:
Julia Daniel 01954 710215
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Baby & Me



Every Friday including half term from 10-11.30
In the main hall at the Hub community centre
Cost : £1.50 per family inc. refreshments
Older siblings welcome

6th February - Singing Squirrels taster session
13th February - Cambourne Children's Centre
20th February - Play and Chat (half term)
27th February - Tumble Tots taster session

6th March - Music with Mummy taster session
13th March - T.B.C
20th March - T.B.C
27th March - T.B.C

3rd April - Easter Party
10th April - Good Friday (Closed)

Baby & Me is closed for Easter but will re-open on 24th April

For further information or if you have any queries
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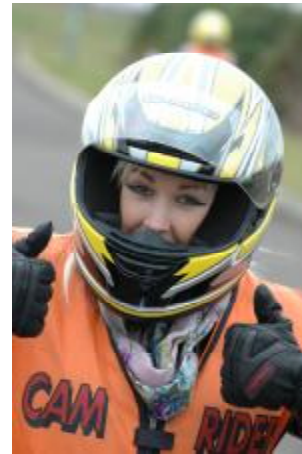
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Motorcycle mania at Cambourne Business Park

Motorcycle 'taster' sessions were flavour of the month at Cambourne Business Park last week with the help of leading motorcycle training company Camrider. Everyone working on the park was offered a free 20-minute taster session on a 125cc motorbike or a scooter with experienced instructors on hand. The aim was to show people how easy and enjoyable it can be to ride a motorbike and so encourage more people to take their motorcycle test and motorcycle to work. The event was a great success, with 33 people getting involved – and a waiting list of keen applicants!

"For workers who live too far from Cambourne for cycling, motorbike commuting is a realistic travel option that may not be quite as 'green', but will still help cut congestion and pollution. This is why we are encouraging people to think about motorbikes – the models with small engines use less fuel and that means lower carbon emissions," explains Sean Gentle of South Cambridgeshire District Council, who helped organise the sessions.



Kat Brice, who also works for South Cambridgeshire District Council, was at the event. "After being persuaded to do the tester session, I was quite nervous about it. However the Camrider instructors instantly put me at my ease and gave me confidence. I had a fantastic time and would definitely like to pursue motorcycling in the future. Everyone was pleasantly surprised at how easy and extremely enjoyable riding a bike actually is. It also helps you save on your travel costs and is more environmentally friendly than a car! I can't wait to ride a bike again," says Kat.

Cambourne Business Park has developed an award-winning Green Travel Plan which encourages staff on the park to car share, walk and cycle more.

Green commuting is promoted at events throughout the year and, this June, the Park will run an event for National Bike to Work Day. For more details, call Lesley Scobell on 01223 472071.

Dear Residents of Cambourne

There will be a 10k run held in Cambourne on 5th April 2009 at 11am. The event is called the Cambridge Cambourne 10k and is part of the Cambridge Festival of Running. Many Cambourne residents have entered the race and the schools are helping us to make it a successful day. We hope everyone enjoys it and sees it as a valuable way of putting Cambourne on the map.

The race follows many of the foot paths and bridle ways in our country park and crosses School Lane at the far end of Lower Cambourne. For the safety of the runners and road users School Lane will be closed at this point from 11am to 12:30pm. Access to the houses at this end of the village are not affected but there will be no access in or out of Cambourne from the A1198. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause the residents. If you would like a copy of the route or have any further questions please contact Julie Pashley by email at julie.pashley@me.com.

Further details can be found at www.cambridgefestivalofrunning.com

Many thanks

Julie Pashley
Event Co-ordinator

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

New Chariman

Cllr Clayton Hudson has due to a change in his work commitments resigned as chairman of Cambourne Parish Council, but will carry on as a Councillor.

Therefore at the December Council meeting an election was held for to elect a new Chairman. Councillor David Tilley was duly elected.

Below is a brief statement about David and his aims in the New Year.

My family and I moved to Cambourne five years ago, my son attends Comberton Village College and my daughter is at Monkfield Park Primary School in Cambourne. Since arriving in Cambourne we have enjoyed the unique community spirit that Cambourne has to offer and have seen the community grow and some of the promised facilities introduced.

As Chairman, I aim to build on the progress the Parish Council has made under the leadership of Clayton Hudson. My main objectives are to deepen them community links, assist in the development of local facilities and to strive to create a safer environment for all the residents of Cambourne.

Cambourne is a great place to live and I look forward to the challenge of ensuring that the community receives all of the facilities and infrastructure they have been promised to keep Cambourne the vibrant and safe place for all.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish all residents of Cambourne a very Happy New Year

Regards

Councillor David Tilley

Camborne Parish Chairman

At the December Council meeting the Parish Council agreed the Precept for 2009 to 2010 and have kept it the same as last year at £256,000.00. Within this we are planning to improve the service the Parish Council provides to Cambourne. Due to the continued increase in land and facilities the Parish Council are looking after we will be taking on an additional Grounds Man.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting
3 rd Feb	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council
17 th Feb	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Leisure and Amenities
3 rd March	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council

Residents are welcome to address the meeting before it formally starts on any matter that is on the agenda. If you have something else you would like to raise, please contact the Parish Clerk at least 10 days beforehand so that the item can be added if necessary.

John Vickery the Parish Clerk is available at Parish Office, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW. Telephone 01954 714403 or by e-mail at clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk The Parish Clerk will normally be in the office between 9.30 and 1.00 o'clock Monday to Friday and by appointment at other times

Dear all,

I recently attended a Parish Council meeting where I was informed that there have been on going problems with youths using a mini-moto on footpaths and the green areas near Arbour Close, Cambourne. This was something that as a team we were unaware of, and I encouraged people to report it as and when it was happening.

On Tuesday, with your support by reporting the incidents, we were able to catch the offender with the help of the Police Helicopter and other colleagues. The offender was located near his home address, and was interviewed and reported for a number of offences.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,

Cambourne NPT Team.





Cambourne Clubs, Sports & Society Reports



Cambourne Cricket Club

"VINCERE DELECTANDO"

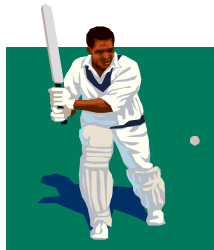


Dear Villagers

Our Season Will Begin On Sunday March 29th Our Cricket Club Day Meeting at 10am in the Pavilion Lower Cambourne

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

Warm regards Danny
07774 142 740



Last stroke of the season,
Jumping Cut Stroke
"unorthodox or what"



women's running network

Train with us for the Cambourne 10k

Join us Tuesday evenings to get into shape for the Cambourne 10k taking place on 5th April 2009. 10k training programme starts 27th Jan for 10 weeks ... Don't miss it....

Cambourne Women's Running Group

Meet at the ARK Tuesdays 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.
Contact Catherine and Antonia at
wrn_cambourne@dsl.pipex.com for more details

www.Cambridgefestivalofrunning.com

The Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP) is now a registered charity.

The Trustees would like to hear from a qualified person who would be willing to carry out an annual audit of the accounts. While it is hoped that this would be a voluntary role, it could be a paid.
please contact

David McEwan-Cox, Chairman

Telephone 01954 715283 - mobile
07703342788
Cambourne Soul, Back Lane, Great Cambourne,
CB23 6FY
Registered Charity No. 1124931.

EDITORIAL CONTENT

As you may know the Cambourne Crier is put together by a small team of residents who volunteer their time every month to bring the Crier to your door. We always need help so if you feel you could spare a few hours a month we would love to hear from you. We rely totally on people taking the time and effort to submit articles to keep the residents informed of what is going on, in and around the villages. If you feel we are not addressing issues that you would consider important or interesting, please submit these ideas/items to our email address editorial@cambourne.info



Cambourne Clubs, Sports & Society Reports



The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

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

My first outing of 2009 came on a day during the second week of January. The weather had been very cold leading up to that day. If you remember, we even had a couple of days of light snow. This also led to a short spell of hard frost which meant things were going to be extra tough. Therefore, I was not too optimistic about catching on my first venture of the New Year, but at least I was able to get fishing.

I decided to fish the River Ivel in Bedfordshire, a stretch with which I am familiar. I was hoping that my knowledge of the venue would also give me some chance of finding a fish or two. After 3 hours or so of walking along this particular section of river, I finally found a fish which was willing to accept my float-fished herring dead bait.

Unfortunately, it was not to be the mammoth fish that I was after. In fact, it was more like 4 or 5lb. At least I went home with something for my trouble on a day that was cold enough to freeze the proverbials off a brass monkey!

Many of you regular readers would have seen the impressive pike photograph in last month's Crier. This pike leads this season's Predator Cup, it weighed 19lb 8ozs and was caught by Nigel.

WANTED if anyone has any old fishing books, preferably on pike fishing, lying around or hidden away in their loft. I would be most grateful if you could contact me at cambourne.piking@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to re home them, many thanks!

Round 4 of the Predator Cup was fished early in January, again the weather had not improved much. A bitterly cold evening was had the night before, with a heavy overnight frost. We decided to head for our local River Ouse. Hopefully, we would find some good sport, as most of the still waters had continued to freeze. We set off at around 7'o'clock and arrived at our chosen destination, this was just before daybreak on a very chilly Sunday morning. We began to leapfrog our way along the river using float-fished dead bait tactics; mackerel, herring and golden trout being our favoured baits.

After a couple of hours we came across a swim which we thought had to contain pike, and indeed it did. We did tempt two pike - albeit of the smaller variety - and so agreed to return another day. We happen to think this particular stretch of river will produce some much bigger specimens, especially after seeing the bite marks that were left in the fish we caught!

Well! That's about me finished this time around, so until next month, good fishing Stu
Can you name these fish by juggling the letters?



- 1) NRCUICA PRCA, 2) ELRVS EBMAR, 3) BRNIWAO RTUTO,
4) LGIRYGNA, 5) AEZNRD, 6) LSELW IAHTFCS

Cambourne Tennis Club

Cambourne Tennis Club are keen to encourage new members to join in 2009, both juniors and adults. So if you have not played for a while or would like to start we would be pleased to hear from you.

The club can offer competitive tennis within the club, league matches with other local clubs, coaching and social play.

Please visit our web site below for details on how to join Cambourne Tennis Club.

<http://www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk> or contact Ian Cunningham at ic1971@hotmail.co.uk

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.

WYSING ARTS CENTRE

February at Wysing Arts Centre

'Focusing on the themes of generosity and sharing, Wysing has a great artistic programme lined up for 2009. As well as our magical new exhibition, we have a growing number of art structures across our 11 acre site including a walking house, a building made out of unwanted materials and a free sauna! We are open 7 days a week and look forward to seeing you at Wysing soon.'

Donna Lynas, Director Wysing Arts Centre

ANIMATED is Wysing Arts Contemporary's Inaugural Exhibition with JO ADDISON, JULIE BRENOT, MATT COOK, SARAH EVANS, SIMON LIDDI-MENT, 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.

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/>



*Kiosk9
ExoticFlora&FaunaSaunaKiosk*

Launch Event Saturday 28 February 12-4pm & Sunday 1 March 12-4pm All Welcome
Open three days a week- Wed, Thurs, Fri, 4 March until 29 May 12-4pm

Launching Saturday 28 February Wysing will be offering a fully functioning FREE sauna facility to the local community and visitors. An architecturally based art piece called *Kiosk9 - ExoticFlora&FaunaSaunaKiosk* by Birmingham based artists Gavin Wade with Simon & Tom Bloor will be available weekdays once a free membership club has been joined.



8 kiosks have already been produced by the artists who respond to the context of the institutions who invite them in order to develop an appropriate use for the kiosk. Previous Kiosks have included a Balti takeaway point in Birmingham, a kite kiosk in Folkestone and an Islamic Youth Kiosk in Amsterdam. For Wysing, the artists responded to both the centre's rural location and the organisation's artistic programme which sees groups or communities of people brought together for periods of time and for particular reasons - previous projects at the centre have included the building of a two storey building over six weeks entirely by volunteers using only found and discarded materials.

Kiosk 9 - ExoticFlora&FaunaSaunaKiosk aims to promote the health benefits of saunas. It is also an artwork in its own right and responding to the notion of the resident - Wysing hosts many international artists residencies - the artists have added another dimension to Kiosk 9. The minimalist 1930's white exterior will be altered and transformed, taking on decoration featuring exotic plant and animal life, often those species that are alien or non-indigenous to Wysing's existing natural environment. Over time at Wysing this exterior decoration will grow and develop as more artists from both within the UK and abroad, are invited to contribute to Wysing's artistic programme and bring flora and fauna from their own locations to Wysing.



The Kiosk also contributes to the Centre's ongoing development of outdoor architectural structures that have been appropriated for artistic use, most recently in the creation of a life size Walking House. The centre is aiming to deliver a major project in 2010 that will see the 11 acre rural site home to a number of large outdoor structures.

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

www.wysingartscentre.org