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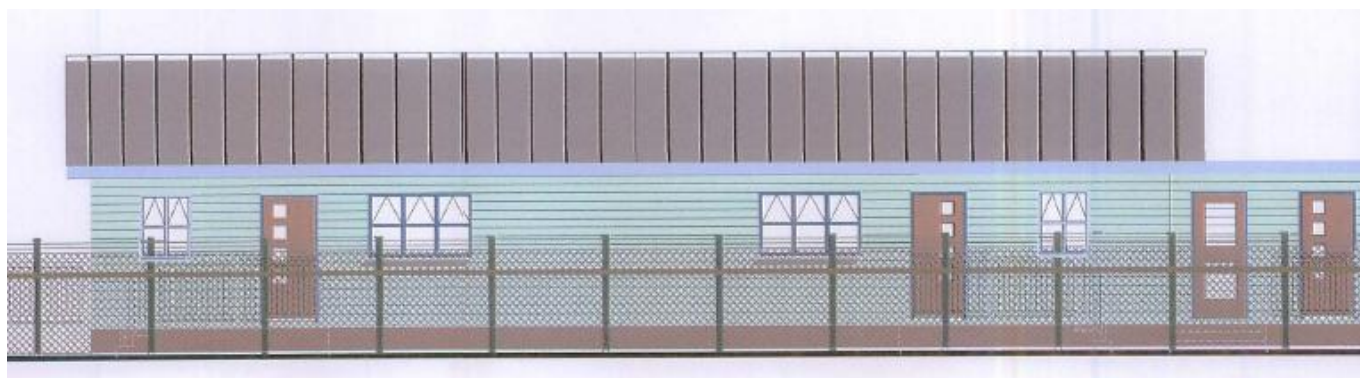
APPOINTMENT OF HEADTEACHER FOR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

The temporary governing body of the new primary school for Cambourne (to open in September 2009) is delighted to announce the appointment of its headteacher. Sarah Humphries was offered the post on Thursday 12 February and readily accepted it.

Sarah Humphries knows Cambridgeshire well having spent most of her teaching career here. Most recently, she had an extremely successful headship at Kettlefields School in Dullingham between 2000 and 2007. She is now working at the International School in Jakarta but is keen to take up a senior post again back in Cambridgeshire. Establishing the third primary school in Cambourne is precisely the exciting opportunity that she wanted to bring her back to this area and the governors of the new school were very keen to appoint such a high-quality and appropriately experienced candidate.

Sarah Humphries will be involved now in the appointment of all the new staff required for the school to be fully operational for September with its first intake of children in foundation classes and in Years 1 and 2. Advertisements have already gone out and selection processes will take place before and after Easter. We anticipate recruiting an outstanding team to join Sarah Humphries and thus ensure excellent educational provision at the new school from the outset. This will thus mean the community of Cambourne will be wonderfully well served by all of its educational providers: all three primary schools and the partner secondary school of Comberton Village College.

Stephen Munday, Principal of Comberton Village College and temporary governor of the new primary school



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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 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
Michelle.Link@cambridgeshire.gov.uk mob 0783 3481 527

Cambourne Junior Youth Club

Thursday 3.45 -5.30, 7 - 11 years of age £1 entry
Cambourne Soul Youth Club Building
Contact David 0770 3342788 or email
cypadmin@uwclub.net

CU@4 Mondays 3.45 -5.30 ages 9-13 £1 Entry contact cypadmin@uwclub.net mob 07703342788

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

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Jacqueline Durrant (Administrator) - 273377
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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 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

NEWS FROM CAMBOURNE ALL - IN

SAVE THE DATE – Cambourne All-In is pleased to confirm that the fete to celebrate 10 years of Cambourne will take place on the 15th August 2009. We are working hard to get everything organised and if you would like to get involved, or feel that you could help in some other way, please get in touch with us by e-mail at cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Catherine on 07890 553 036.

STEPPING STONES - We have exciting news about a project to celebrate the 10 year anniversary. Cambourne has a rich heritage. People have lived here since 800 BC and more recent residents have brought their own culture and history with them. The community is renowned for its diverse wildlife. We will hold a series of free workshops over the summer to explore, explain, celebrate and record this natural and human heritage. We will focus on archaeology, history, development, wildlife and personal stories. The workshops will be in the Hub, the schools and the great outdoors, and will be run by professionals in their own fields. Participants, and residents who cannot attend workshops, will be encouraged to draw pictures or write a few words about aspects of Cambourne or their own lives. A local artist will pull these together into designs for ten large granite Stepping Stones, one for each year in Cambourne's history, which will be installed on the footpath alongside the Great Cambourne cricket field. The stones will be a permanent commemoration celebrating community achievement, commonality and diversity in Cambourne; the things from our history we value, and want to pass to future generations. Details will follow as we firm up the project.

SOWING SEEDS – We will be sowing seeds and offering gardening advice in the Hub on Saturday 7th March from 12.30-3pm. Whether you have a windowsill, a balcony or a garden we can help you grow something yourself. The event will cost £1.50 per person and we will give you everything you need to get going. If you would like any more information please phone Sally on 0787 667 4644 or e-mail cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk. You can just turn up on the day.

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT? – Do you dance, sing, act, juggle, play an instrument ...? We want to celebrate the talent in Cambourne, so whatever your talent and whether you are solo, a duo or a group, please consider taking part in Cambourne's Got Talent. It is a two-part event. The first part – the heats - will take place on Saturday 23rd May. The top talents from that day will then go through to the final to be held on Saturday 15th August as part of the 10 year celebrations. It will cost 50p per talent, not per person. We need to know who you are and what your talent is by the 20th May, so please can you let us know by e-mail (cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk) or phone (Sally: 0787 667 4644 or Catherine: 07890 553 036).

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED? – If you would like to get involved with Cambourne All-In, at any level, please get in touch by e-mail (cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk) or phone (Catherine – 07890 553 036). Whether you want to suggest some more events or activities you would like to attend, help organise events and activities or just be kept up to date with what is going on, please get in touch.

A BIG THANK YOU – On Wednesday 18th February the Hub was host to 'Around the World'. Children, along with their parents, took part in many fun activities. These included Aboriginal pictures in clay, nature collages, crowns, tribal masks, dreamcatchers, Chinese lanterns and beatboxing. For lunch everyone got to make their own pizza, fruit kebab and decorate their own cupcake. A very big thank you goes to Cambourne Parish Council for use of the Hub, Laura (Housing Associations Consortium), Sharon (Cambourne Children's Centre) and Jenny (Wildlife Trust) for their time and materials, to Linda, Sarah and Justin for volunteering and running activities alongside members of Cambourne All-In.

For further information, please check out our website www.cambourneallin.org.

CAMBOURNE EASTER EGG HUNT



Monday April 6th
2-4pm
(Easter Holidays)



Clues around Cambourne – open spaces, community buildings and landmarks

FREE to enter

Call Laura to book a place 07702349407

**DON'T FORGET THE
CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON
SUNDAY 29th MARCH**

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.

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

12/03/2009 : Black Bin.

19/03/2009 : Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles..

26/03/2009 : Black Bin.

02/04/2009 : Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles..

09/04/2009 : Black Bin.



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

RED HOT SALSA NIGHT SUCCESS



Last Saturday night, the Hub was filled with expectant, slightly nervous couples and groups of friends who bought tickets to the Red Hot Salsa Night. The delicious aroma of Spanish Tapas welcomed the guests and after the freshly cooked meal, Harriet the dance instructor got everyone up on their feet for a Salsa lesson. There was a lot of laughter for the next few hours as the guests relaxed, danced, and enjoyed

sharing the Tapas with friends and loved ones.

Thank you to all who attended the Salsa Night and a huge thank you to friends and family who cooked, cleaned and stored our food!

Look out for our next Community Event mid-year-High School Reunion Prom Night. Class of '88.



CAMBOURNE WI

After a very enjoyable festive season, during which we had the Christmas party in December and our annual dinner in January, we started again in February on our programme of talks. One of our members, Annette Bond, has researched the life of her great great aunt Alice Balkwill and has had a book published about her. This intrepid lady had a remarkable life. In 1888 she travelled on her own to Thailand to take up a teaching post. King Rama V was very keen on education and his wife set up a school for girls in the grounds of the royal palace in Bangkok and invited teachers from England to come. Incidentally, King Rama was the son of the king, played by Yul Brynner, in the film of the "King and I". We learnt a lot about Alice's life there as she had kept a diary. Unfortunately she died there of cholera in 1899, aged only 35. It was a fascinating story. Well worth braving the snow for such an interesting evening and many of our members had done just that.

The next meeting will be on 12th March at 7.30pm in the Hub when Charles Garland will be talking about "From Vicar's Son to TV Producer"

We would be very pleased to see any newcomers who would like to come along and see what our meetings are like.

Contact: Fran Panrucker 01954 710858

Cambourne Arts

Friday 24th April, 7.30pm - 9 pm in the Hub committee room

Following on from the event last year, there will be another meeting to move on to the next stage of getting Cambourne Arts up and running. Already within Cambourne there is a drawing group, a singing group, a patchwork group, several book groups and no doubt other things as well. Cambourne Arts hopes to be an umbrella under which all these groups, and more, can come together to grow and develop the creative life of Cambourne.

This meeting is open to anyone of secondary school age and over who is interested in any aspect of the Arts: music; visual arts (painting, sculpture); crafts; literature; photography; performing etc. We also need people or contacts who are knowledgeable in those fields to lead groups and take forward the interest that is undoubtedly here in Cambourne.

It is hoped also to set up an Art Society, which will be varied in content (paid for by annual subscription) to include such things as art demonstrations; talks on aspects of art; life drawing and so on, depending on members' interests.

Exciting times are ahead - come and be part of them. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved, or to know more, visit the website: www.cambournearts.org or phone Fran Panrucker on 01954 719858, email fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk, or Alan Gibson on 01480 8804 snibgo@earthling.net.



Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard



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

Wakey wakey! All you fair weather gardeners out there, it is time to rise and shine. You may have noticed the days are starting to get longer and we have had a few sunny days. Bulbs are up and that means only one thing. Spring is as good as here so rev up that enthusiasm and dust down those tools. It is time to get those green fingers back. There are plenty of jobs to do and no time to waste. Here goes then;

Top 10 jobs

1. Prune roses and autumn flowering clematis (remove all frost damaged wood)
2. Apply feed to borders and then mulch them
3. Watch out for slugs. They are back!
4. Last real chance to divide perennials
5. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
6. Cut back colourful winter stemmed shrubs
7. Keep on top of the first flush of weeds
8. Start feeding pond fish if the water is warming up
9. Plant seeds (too many variations so read the packet!)
10. Divide snowdrops

There is plenty more to do though. If your lawn has started to grow and it is a dry day, set your mower for a high cut and give it a trim. It will make a huge difference to the garden. New turf can be laid now, providing there is no frost, but if you intend to sow grass seed then March is a great month to prepare the ground. You can also feed roses but now is your last chance to get bare rooted trees / hedging plants in to the ground.

In the Vegetable Garden

All that hard work over the winter will pay off now. It is not too late to dig though (I still have plenty to do!). As we are reasonably southern, it is time to start getting things in the ground. This month you can start the vegetable patch off with onion sets and early potatoes. Chitting early potatoes is vital for a good crop. Top dress fruit canes with compost or manure and if you have a heated greenhouse, there are plenty of seed you can get underway. Leeks, lettuce and summer cabbage can all be sown now. Mint, sage and thyme can go directly in the ground though.

Time to spring into action then!

CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

Our January speaker, Margaret Lynch, gave an motivating talk on how to keep ourselves out of the perennial (!) gardening trap of having to tell visitors to our gardens "You should've been here last week – it was looking wonderful then" through the use of succession planting, selection of species and correct maintenance. We should now be capable of having flowers in the garden from January to nearly November. Full details of this talk will appear in the next issue of our Newsletter "Carrying on in Clay" – available at meetings or to members by email.

March 26th will have us learning how to be creative with colour with a talk on "Colourways in the border" – 8pm in the Hub if you want to come along and be enthused.

We are arranging for a trip to the RHS garden at Wisely in July or (preferably August) which, other than the coach fare will be free for Members. There are likely to be spare seats available for non-members too for the likely cost of coach fare + £5. If you are interested in coming with us for this – please use the contacts below.

And don't forget we have a full programme (now in print) for 2009 and are looking at 2010 as well 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
- 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

A personal message to all the women in Cambourne

You are invited to a relaxed evening of shopping, conversation and entertainment - just for women.

Here Come the Girls 2009

The date for your diary: Friday May 8th 2009 (evening time)

The venue: The Hub, Cambourne

Tickets will be sold on the door at the event – no pre-booking necessary.

All profits will be donated to the NSPCC
(National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)

Female Business Owners in Cambourne: please contact us ASAP if you would like information on how you can contribute or exhibit at the event.

Email: connect2cwib@live.co.uk

Keep an eye out for our advert in next month's Crier for full details of times etc.

Cambourne walking and wildlife group

pictures of the group at Waresley woods. A good time was had as you can see by young and old especially the cakes and coffee at the end of the walk.



We meet at the car park
Oaks Wood School Lane at
10am
Tel Dave
01954 715283

Next Walks

**Sunday March
22nd**

Bourn and
Caxton

**Sunday April
26th**

Gamlingay
Woods
Bluebell walk)
(No dogs
Please)



CHEAP AS CHIPS



St Neots & District Cats Protection is your local rescue charity for cats and kittens. We re-home in excess of 150 cats and kittens annually, run the local Lost and Found register, feed manage and control over 200 outdoor and feral cats and offer a free and reduced cost spaying/neutering program. We are manned completely by volunteers and raise 95% of our funds locally.

Many cats go missing or are involved in road traffic accidents every year. If they are not microchipped, their owners may never know what has happened to them. If you have lost a cat or have found one, please contact us as soon as possible.

In the first instance, we check our register for cats matching the description, we will then arrange for the cat to be scanned for a microchip which is the quickest and easiest way of re-united lost pets with their owners.

Lastly, we will place a collar on the cat asking "Is this your cat" with a telephone number on the collar. If no owner comes forward, the cat will be placed on our waiting list to be re-homed.

Many cats have been brought into the branch which have been traced through their microchips and some have travelled huge distances, Norwich and Chatteris being the most recent cases and one cat had been missing for 4 years. A cat can easily get into a vehicle and be transported out of their area and without a microchip would never be returned home. We offer a microchipping service in Eynesbury (minimum suggested donation is £12). Contact us now and ensure your cat can be traced should it go missing.

We always have a number of adult cats and cats with special needs who need loving new homes so if you are thinking of getting a cat or kitten contact us now.

CAT FOOD URGENTLY NEEDED

We are experts in the management of large cat colonies (we are feeding over 200 this winter) so if your cat numbers are getting out of control or you know a property where there seem to be too many cats or kittens let us know. There are many local drop off points where you can leave donations of cat food, ring to find out where is nearest to you.

We offer a free and reduced cost neutering and spaying service. This is the best way to control the spread of infectious diseases through mating and fighting and keeps the unwanted kitten numbers down too. Ring now for your voucher which can be used at a local vet.

TEL: 01480 476696, 07966 282005, 07900 257061

FOR LOST AND FOUND: 07904 701908

lostcats@hotmail.co.uk

<http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>

We need a volunteer to take a 16 year old cat from St Neots to Downham Market using the Cats Protection Van on Monday or Tuesday. This cat has not settled in its new home environment. (not unusual after being re-homed at 16 years old. A rare place has come up at our shelter for this cat where she will retire in an environment where she will get plenty of attention. We need someone to take this cat to the Downham Market adoption centre using our van. The journey is less than 1 hour. Anyone who is able to help us, please contact Lesley on 01480 391777 or 07900 257061 to make the arrangements.

Cross Fingers and many thanks



Fieldfare by Debbie Wallwork

Wildlife Review March 2009



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire
Peterborough

During all the snow it has been easier to see a lot of the wildlife that stays out in winter. Birds have been visiting gardens in search of food and animal tracks can be seen in the snow. Debbie Wallwork sent me this photo of a fieldfare seen in front of her house in Cambourne. She says "I have lived here now for 8 years and have noticed over this time an increase in the number of species. In the last year I have seen a lot of reed buntings, reed warblers, meadow pipits, skylarks and yellowhammers and more recently snipe and woodcock; and not forgetting the green woodpeckers." Fieldfare, waxwings and other winter migrants often come over to Britain when the weather is harsh on the continent in search of food such as hawthorn berries.

Do let me know if you spot any unusual wildlife in Cambourne.

Hedgelaying

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the hedgelaying on Crow Dene bridleway during February. We layed three sections at the top, middle and bottom end of the hedge. We will probably leave this hedge for a few years now to let the layed sections grow up.

Green Spaces Survey

We have had a fantastic response to the green spaces survey sent out in January and we are still inputting and analysing the responses. I would like to answer some of the common comments and questions that we received.

"Can we have more benches/landscaping around Lake Sirius?"

This area is in the master plan for Cambourne as part of the golf course. The Wildlife Trust will eventually look after the lake itself but not any of the surrounding land or paths. I will pass on your comments about this area as there were quite a few. The fence around the lake is to keep in the great crested newts, to prevent them getting squashed on the building sites in Upper Cambourne. It will be removed when the building work nearby is complete.

"Can something be done about the all dog mess/litter?"

The dog mess is not nice. It is especially disgusting for us when we are mowing in the summer and the tractor tyre runs over some, the smell follows you around for the rest of the day! Dog and litter bins can only be positioned within a short distance of a road so that they can be emptied frequently by SCDC waste collectors. We will try to get them put in at every entrance near a road, but dog owners must be encouraged to bag up their dog's mess and carry it until they come to a bin. Leaving it hanging in a tree is not a good idea! Does anyone have any good ideas on how to tackle this problem?

"I cannot get my pushchair/wheelchair/elderly relative along some of the paths"

We have been made aware that some of the path surfaces are not very good. This is what prompted us to carry out the survey to find out which areas people used most and how we could improve them. We hope that we can get some funding to improve the paths, but this may take a while. Benches were also a popular request and we will try to put some more in during the year.

Events

The survey has also given us lots to think about for events and we are working on a new programme for the year. There will be events for different ages and interests and they will be on different days of the week so that everyone can make at least some of them. Keep an eye out for posters and in the Crier for details.

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



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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 in March...Mothering Sunday 22nd March 0930 & 1100



Visit to Cambourne by The Archbishop of Canterbury – Friday 23rd January

We were delighted that Rt. Rev Dr Rowan Williams wanted to call in to Cambourne as part of his trip to Ely to celebrate 900 years of the Ely Diocese. He was interested to hear the Cambourne story, offered encouragement as we look forward to the next stage in that story and prayed with us on the church land.

Ground breaking Event – Sunday 8th February

This was a special and exciting event which took place on our snow-covered church site in February. We were joined by friends from the community and from neighbouring churches to celebrate our past, present and future as we reached this significant milestone in the history of Cambourne Church.



Date for the Diary...

We still have a little way to go with fundraising to complete the first phase of the new building and are holding an Auction of Promises on Sat 16th May in The Hub at 7.30pm. More to follow next month....

Synergy – Youth Service in The Hub

Sunday 22nd March 7.00-8.30pm

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Soccer Sunday 1st, 15th & 29th March 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

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The ground-breaking event for the new Church was a wonderful event, and we were happy to be part of the great service. We have several photos from the service – visit our website www.cambournerc.kk5.org – to see them!

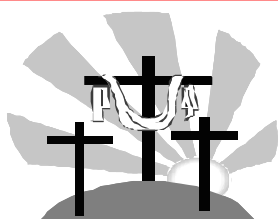
We are now in Lent, and Lent is the time for preparation for Easter. There is a Gospel Study Group starting in Cambourne, which is on Tuesday Nights at the Church House. The course starts on the 3rd March and goes on for 5 weeks, everyone is welcome, and the focus will be on Mark's Gospel.

Another big fundraiser for the new church is hopefully going to be held in May so if you can help, contact Julie Whitbread (www.cambournechurch.org.uk). Following on from this, we are still raising as much money as we can to put towards the new church fund through collections, and fundraisers. If you can donate anything please visit www.cambournerchurch.org.uk and give what you can!

By Vincent Menezes



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Ex 20:12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

But is not just Old Testament even Christ as he was hanging upon the cross paying the price for the sins of all the world, yours and mine took time despite the pain to ensure that his mother was taken care of.

Joh 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

If Christ could manage to consider his mother in agony whilst redeeming fallen man, then surely we could at least manage a phone call or card. At the very least we here at Peacehaven would like to thank you for your sacrifice and invite you to come to know the one Son who will never forget you, that is the Son of God.

If you have any questions or just need to chat, let us know, we're here to help.

Donavan Bangs.

Cambourne Luncheon Club

The March lunch date is Thursday 19th March. On the menu is Roast Lamb, roast potatoes, two veg all covered with gravy. To follow there is some delicious homemade trifle. Tea and coffee is available as is wine and fruit juice by the glass at the cash bar. Arrive for 12.15 for a 12.30pm start. To book a place please contact Howard on 01954 710100 before 6pm on Monday 16th March. 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.

Cambourne Luncheon Club is a great way to meet new and interesting fellow residents.

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We also have a new selection of greetings cards for sale in our reception area

Our next Engage in the Afternoon session will be on 3rd March at 2pm and the topic will be Armchair Exercise. If you are over 50 you are very welcome to join us.

The following session will be on 1st April and the topic is Hearing Dogs.

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For further information on how you can help, please contact Beatrice on 01954 230205.

I'n't Cambourne Great?

Cambourne Arts invites you to celebrate good things about Cambourne for a display at Cambourne's 10th Anniversary on August 15th. Photos, paintings, sculptures, music, poetry, prose, patchwork (or any other form you fancy) depicting sports, landscape, houses, happenings, people or anything else that makes Cambourne the great place it is. It isn't a competition (at least not at the moment, but who knows?), anybody can join in - from amateur to professional - and age is no object.

Entry forms will be available in the library and the Parish Office soon, as we will need to know how many pieces of work there will be and how we need to display them.

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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: 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.

Thank You David and Jenny

As a Lower Cambourne resident may I write and thank David and Jenny from the Wildlife Trust and their helpers for the beautiful hedge work on the SW side of the country park. It is lovely to walk along the hedge and have sight of the lakes and park. We live in Orchard Way and the views are really lovely. Now all we need is to have some of the street lights repaired by the developers or Council..

Name and address supplied

Moaner Lisa's Diary

The Good: - It is the 1st week of February and what a week it is, snow everywhere! The Cambourne residents have made a fantastic transformation to our otherwise cold, grey villages with all those beautifully crafted super size snow persons, home made snow hills for sledging and most of all the spectacular igloo on School Lane in Lower Cambourne. What made the igloo more special was that the makers went and demolished their creation as the weather turned warmer and the construction weakened, how responsible.

The Bad: - It is the 2nd week of February, how awful! As the snow is melting, helped along by a few days of drizzle and rain, the drainage system on School Lane near Damson Way is oozing water/liquid in small fountains. How slippery! After oozing water/liquid all day and freezing over night this problematic stretch of road becomes an adventure playground for early morning drivers and I am sure they wished they had kept to the Cambourne speed limit!

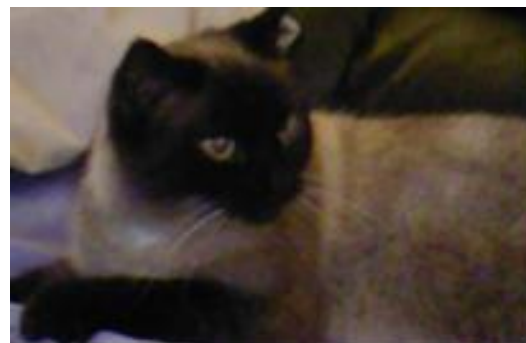
The Ugly: - It is time to end my diary with a pause for thought, to reflect on what could have happened regarding our road safety within our 3 villages. I don't mean the bendy roads built with the intention to slow down traffic, that was so wonderfully measured and constructed so that no 2 buses, large vans or Lorries could pass each other! Or the over engineered T junction outside Morrisons/School Lane which some wonderful, considerate parents use as a roundabout! Nor the lack of proper cycle paths so villagers need to fight with tricycle and bicycle during school hours while the extra wide grass verges are being used as a car park. Cambourne contains 3 villages with over 3,000 houses and each household pays their taxes and utility bills, so it is not and shouldn't be that difficult for the relevant departments to be pro-active when it comes to keeping the surface of the village artery roads treated, and excess water pumped away to create a non-slippery surface for all during bad weather; I don't mean just the roads but the pavements too.

A Heartfelt Plea to The Villagers of Cambourne.

On Friday 16th January our beautiful newly acquired chocolate brown Burmese X cat went missing in Lancaster Gate, Upper Cambourne. She is called 'Jinxy' and is very distinctive, she has blue eyes and she had a pink collar on too. We are very much concerned that a caring Cambourne resident may have offered our Jinxy a new home, and may not have seen the 'Missing Cat' posters that we have distributed.

If you have (or indeed a neighbour has) recently acquired a new distinctively beautiful cat, then we ask you please to call us now to return her home. We have three children who miss Jinxy very much and are extremely upset that she has gone.

Here is a photo of Jinxy:



What a great place Cambourne is.

Four of us out walking, slowly, around maybe a third of Cambourne's green spaces today, were amazed to find over 30 different species of birds, as well as the many we could hear but not see, or see but not identify. Although it's easy to gripe and grumble about the things Cambourne doesn't have - yet - what a great place Cambourne is, to have that sort of wildlife on its doorstep, and so well maintained by the Wildlife Trust.

THANKYOU FOR OUR SLEDGE!

One day recently whilst out walking in the snow with my two young daughters, I was approached by a very nice lady and her daughter who offered us their red sledge to take home and keep. This very spontaneous and generous gesture was much appreciated by all of us especially my 4 year old daughter Grace. I did thank them at the time but I wanted to thank these anonymous benefactors once again as it restored my faith in human kind and it was a very lovely gesture to have made, thankyou.

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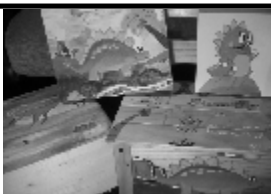
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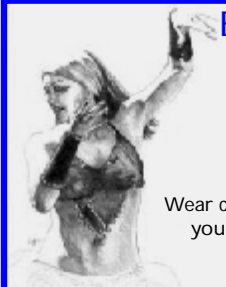
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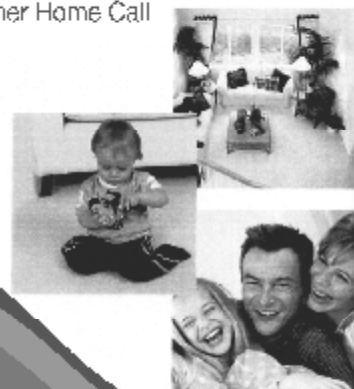
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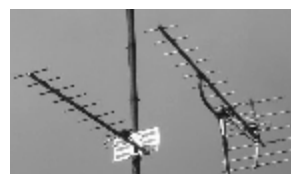


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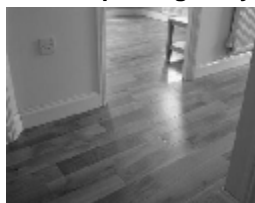
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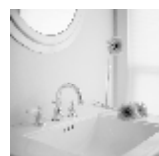
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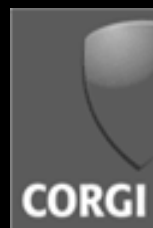
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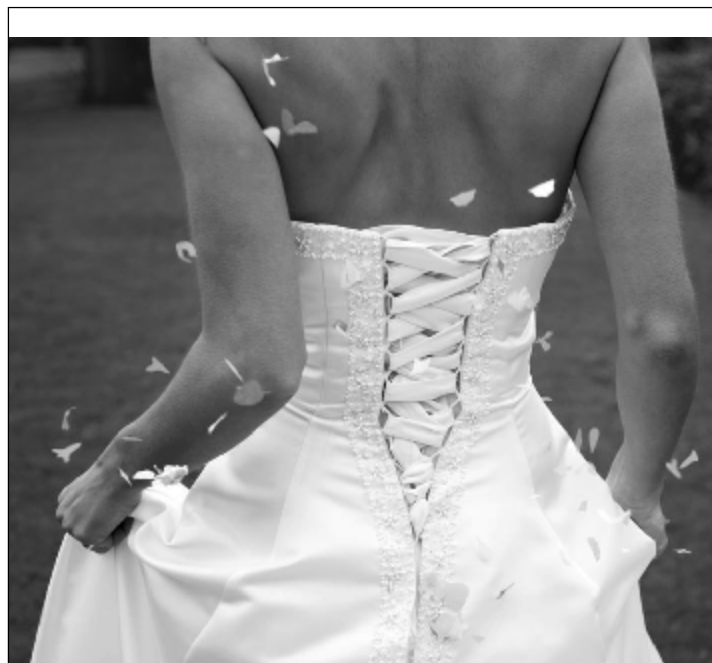
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PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB

Wednesday 1st April.

Gary Poyner from the British Astronomical Association's Variable Star section will present a talk titled "Variable Stars, How and why they vary". Gary has been a significant amateur observer of variable stars for many years.

Wednesday 6th May.

Mark Hurn from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge will talk about Sir Robert Stawell Ball, a former head of the Cambridge Observatory.

There will not be meetings in June or July, when the club takes its summer break.

Meetings are held in the Vinter Room, Vinter Close, Papworth Everard at 7:30PM.

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Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School School is not just for the children

We have recently had several occasions where we have welcomed parents and carers into Monkfield Park to find out more about what their children are learning.

The first of these involved parental contributions to the development of the school's disability equality scheme. A questionnaire was first circulated to parents and carers, inviting comments and interest, and this generated an encouraging level of response – both from parents and carers with a disabled child of their own and from people with experience of working in the disability arena. A group of staff, governors and parents/carers was then established and they came up with recommendations for enhancing provision around disability issues e.g. improvements to car parking arrangements and developing appropriate information sharing with parents and carers. We hope that the improvements suggested will enhance the school for everyone who visits.

On the same theme, we have organised one of our regular Curriculum Evenings with a focus on disability and discrimination. The evening offered parents and carers a carousel of workshops to visit on autism, dyslexia-friendly classrooms and the schools anti-bullying strategy.

Other Curriculum Evenings have covered numeracy, foreign languages and phonics. The numeracy element was so popular that an event was held devoted purely to this subject. The emphasis was on enabling adults to experience what maths lessons are actually like nowadays. The evening was over-subscribed and feedback very positive with parents and carers asking for more.

The evenings start at 6.00 pm and attract parents/carers of both genders. Anyone unable to attend can access the information on the school's website or request a hard copy if they don't have web access.

A spin-off from the enthusiastic response to the numeracy evening has been a series of family learning workshops on numeracy. Ten sessions have been held with the Sunflower Nursery kindly providing a crèche which removed one of the potential obstacles for attendance. The workshops took attendees through how numeracy is taught nowadays in schools. This enabled parents and carers to give their children more help with their work whilst, for some, it also improved their own numeracy skills. One parent reported "It has been a refresher course for what I learnt all those years ago!" and another said that they have a better understanding of numbers now."

As a school, we are very pleased that many of these initiatives stemmed primarily from what parents and carers themselves had said would be useful to them in helping them help their children improve their understanding of learning; one parent said they were "more relaxed about maths" as a result of the course. The investment of time and money has been most worthwhile as everyone concerned has clearly derived tangible benefits from it, and we hope to be able to run similar events over the course of the year.

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

"To close or not to close: that is the question, dear Principal". It might well be the question, but it was the answer that I needed! The weather in February proved challenging for all of us in various ways. At the college, we had to cancel several drama productions (some of which will now be in March). However, the biggest issue of all was whether to open the school at all on certain days. Such decisions are made even more exciting by the fact that everyone has a view on the matter (and not unreasonably so).

The principle is simple: the school should stay open if at all reasonably possible. The difficulty is, of course, in determining what is 'reasonably possible'. There are two key issues for us:

- Is it safe to be on the school premises?
- Can pupils and staff reasonably be expected to get both to and from school?

If both of these questions can be answered positively, then clearly the school should be open. If either of them cannot be answered positively, then we are probably obliged to close. The second question is especially pertinent for a school that has over 900 of its pupils relying on a school bus to be able to get to and from school.

This decision-making process is made even more interesting by the fact that any decision really has to be made before 7.00 a.m. (preferably as close to 6.30 a.m. as possible) for it to be meaningful. Anything after that time and it is really too late. Messages cannot be got through in time to local radio, our website administrator and staff to inform people of what is happening before they have had to set off for the school. The routine is thus a clear one: switch on the television, the local radio station and the computer (for the relevant websites) at 5.45 a.m. Go outside to look around at the ground and the sky. Phone several staff, especially those living very close to the college. Try to pick up all relevant messages and work out whether to believe the weather forecasters. Once all these things are done, a decision has to be made. We all then hope that it is the right one!

In the event, we closed twice in the first two weeks of February. We clearly had to do so on both occasions: travel to and from school would have been both extremely difficult and potentially dangerous. The bus companies were also not operating on both mornings. We came extremely close to closing on another occasion, but fortunately the forecasters were right about the improving conditions for the afternoon!

Such weather thus has its challenges. I have also noted that nothing is said about these things in the training courses that headteachers are obliged to undertake! However, standing back from it all, these are often the things that make school life memorable. Not being able to come to school and playing in the snow all day, or coming in and helping to clear snow from the paths are all part of life's meaningful experiences. It will give us something to tell the grandchildren!

Stephen Munday

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School
March 2009

Looking back and looking forward...

This is a good time of year to look out for the first signs of spring, to enjoy the lighter evenings and to spend more time outdoors. At The Vine we enjoy finding opportunities for learning beyond the classroom and we have a number of visits planned over the next few weeks. Year 1 are off to Denny Abbey near Waterbeach to find out about houses in the past. Then they will paying a return visit to the building site close to school where our very own master builder Ted will show them how much has been completed in the new houses since they visited last term. Meanwhile Year 3/4 are getting sorted for their residential visit to Burwell House later. Their stay will include a number of learning experiences including the famous team building Snail Game, the use of the very exciting television recording studio and the very challenging one of going to sleep at a reasonable time when you are sharing a bedroom with a group of your friends! A group of Y3/4 are also off to visit Farmer Ken at Fen End Farm where they will be able to record their observations of spring on the farm for the class record book. We also have a group of Y5 rehearsing their 'James Bond' dance to share with other schools at Comberton Village College and some very keen KS2 footballers are looking forward to joining a school football league.

As well as all these planned learning activities we are also hard at work developing the playground to ensure that every pupil has somewhere to spend a happy playtime. Some pupils love to rush about, playing chase or spies or dinosaurs. Other prefer to join an adult led activity such as skipping or a clapping game or a good old favourite such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' We also think that children need quiet spaces so we are currently converting one of our courtyards into a more reflective space.

Finally we like to think that a few lighter, brighter days will encourage more parents and pupils to leave their cars at home and to take to their feet or their bicycles. This would not only help the environment and the traffic congestion but it would also encourage the children to take more notice of their surroundings and perhaps to stop and spot those first signs of spring. We hope so!

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

Red week – During the week before half term the Pre-school turned red! As a fundraising event (to raise funds for the Pre-school) the children were encouraged to wear red clothing and pay £1. Despite the disruption from the snow the children participated enthusiastically. A similar 'Mufty' week will be held in March and the focus will be Easter chicks.

Parent Open Day and Consultations – Recently, the Pre-school opened its doors to parents for a Drop-In session, giving them the opportunity to look at their children's work and to view their files. Parent consultations with their child's key worker were held in the afternoon.

Library visits – The Pre-school will be making 2 visits to Cambourne Library soon – looking at the community aspect of the library, the services offered in the library and the range of books available.

Sessions

9.15am-11.45am, Mon-Fri

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Lunch Club on Mondays

For more information please contact

Pre-school supervisor 07875 083163

Waiting list manager 07757 484240

Email: cambournepreschool@googlemail.com



CAMBOURNE YOUTH FEST 2009 UPDATE



Month by month the Youth Fest 09 keeps getting bigger...

Thanks to a large donation from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership we have been able to invite the Extreme Globe Riders to the Fest.

This event will run in conjunction with a road safety exhibition vehicle giving out road safety merchandise and some police bikes will also be on show.

The Flexifoil Power Kite Team will also be there giving a freestyle demo and you can even get the chance to fly a kite.

Also confirmed for this year is the Raptor Foundation, they will be bringing a selection of owls and other birds of prey.

This event has been possible thanks to Awards for All and local donations from Stevens Financial Services,

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Parish Council for letting us have the use of the land, the MUGA and Hub free of charge.

For further information about the Fest, if you would like to volunteer to help on the day or make a donation, please contact David on cypadmin@uwclub.net

Date for the Diary 27th June.



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Cambourne volunteers for Macmillan Cancer Support

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We want to find people who:

- could help organise an event
- give some time to collect money
- belong to a local social/interest group who could host an event for us
- might put together a dedicated fundraising team.

We know how busy people are these days but even a couple of hours of your time would be greatly appreciated – and makes a difference.

Every day, 822 people in the UK are diagnosed with cancer. Most of us know someone living with, or affected by, cancer. At Macmillan, we offer practical, medical, emotional and financial support for patients and families, as well as campaigning for better cancer care across the country.

However, to fund these services, we rely on donations (over 95 per cent of our income is voluntary). So if you, or a group of friends or work colleagues can get involved in anyway, please contact us.

"Thank you for giving us this opportunity to integrate into the community, make new friends and give something back." Lynda Symonds, who held a coffee morning in Fenstanton, in Sept 2008.

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Turning Yellow Pages green in South Cambridgeshire

When new Yellow Pages directories hit South Cambridgeshire doorsteps in March, for the first time, householders will be able to recycle their old ones using South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) green box kerbside collection.

Until now, high ink concentrations have meant that Yellow Pages were hard to recycle, but a reduction in the colour ink wash intensity has made recycling much easier.

SCDC's contractors can now turn Yellow Pages green by recycling them into high quality newsprint.

In 2007/08, South Cambridgeshire residents sent over 4,900 tonnes of paper for recycling. The average Yellow Pages weighs in at a hefty 1.5 kilograms, so, if every household recycles their old directory through their green box, SCDC could potentially recycle an additional 88 tonnes of paper this year.

Cllr Sue Ellington, environmental services portfolio holder said, "We'd like to encourage as many households as possible to recycle their Yellow Pages through their green box collection. Thanks to the dedication of our householders, South Cambridgeshire is one of the top recyclers in the country, so I'm sure that we will get a great response."

Cambourne Postnatal Support Group

Do you want a natter?

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 recently 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! We look forward to meeting you soon!



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We are soon starting rehearsals for our summer musicals, which just happen to be great fun, and will be performing Disney's "The Jungle Book", and "Guys and Dolls" in July, at the Performing Arts centre in Huntingdon.

We welcome new members for all our groups, and no auditions are needed to join, so why not come along and see what Riverside has to offer?

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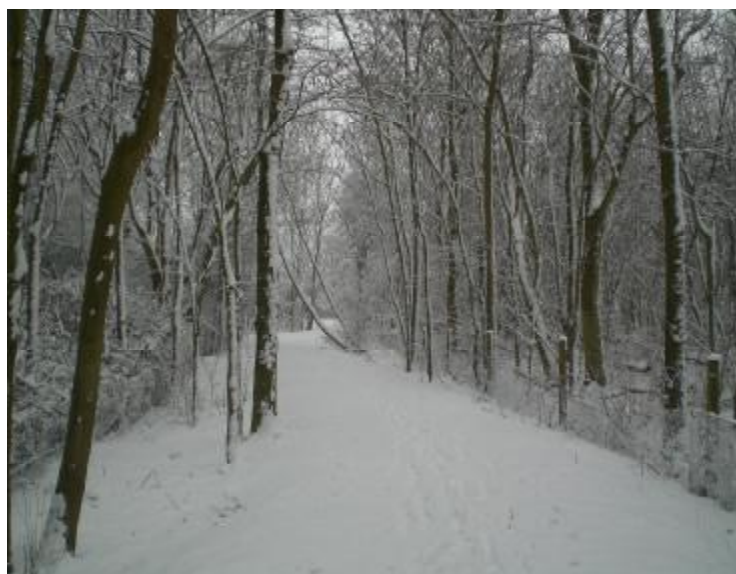
Bedfordia Automotive, trading as the Elms Group, has received outline planning permission for two motor showrooms at Cambourne in Cambridgeshire.

The permission confirms the acceptability in principle of relocation of the Elms Cambridge BMW and MINI franchise, which is owned by Bedfordia, from its existing site in Great Shelford. The move will enable Bedfordia to create two brand new contemporary, spacious dealerships allowing its BMW and Mini brands to be displayed separately and providing an enhanced visitor experience for its customers.

Fifty two staff will move from the current Great Shelford showroom to the Cambourne site, expected for completion in 2010.

Niall Hooper, the newly appointed Managing Director of Bedfordia Automotive who brings a wealth of automotive experience to the company said "We are delighted to have received outline planning permission for the new Elms site at Cambourne which will enable us to deliver a greater level of service to our customers including much improved parking facilities."

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March Programme

Runs from 12noon until 2pm at the Cambourne Soul Youth Venue, Back Lane. Bring your lunch along also.

Monday 16th March: Baby Massage, Treasure Basket and Wii Sport

Monday 23rd March: Clap and Play, 'Feely Boxes' and Wii Sport

Monday 30th March: Making 'Feely Boxes', Wii Sport and Chatterbox session

The support our young parents receive includes:

Support through Home Visiting Cambridge Housing Society Support worker will visit the young woman once she is referred to the project. There will be 1:2:1 support for that parent until they can manage their own independence.

Group for Social Support and guidance There is a group running on a Monday (12noon until 2pm) especially for teenage parents to meet one another and take part in a variety of activities. These include play, communication with your child, safety in the home, first aid, baby massage, baby and child health and development.

Skills Development Courses We can organise a range of courses in life skills such as child care, healthy living, literacy, self-confidence for those young parents who may have had to leave mainstream education.

Supported Progression We aim to help young parents to identify their hopes for the future and support them taking these forward, for example searching for suitable courses, assisting with writing CV's etc.

Trips During the summer there are opportunities for days out with the children.

Call/txt Laura (Cambourne Community Development Worker) for more information on 07702349407

Cambridge Cambourne 10K Run

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



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 March - Music with Mummy taster session
13th March - Baby Massage with Debbie Loza
20th March - Usbourne Books with Kelly Warburton

(Shopping Opportunity)
27th March - Mini I.Q. with Amy Buckley
Educational Toys and Products for
Baby's & Children

(Shopping Opportunity)
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
(Especially if you are attending for the first time)

Please contact : Caille Sugarman-Banaszak on
718372 (cailleperi@yahoo.co.uk)

or Kathryn Doy on 710016

Or log onto our website www.babyandme.org.uk



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Additional 950 Houses

At the meeting on the Council meeting on the 3rd March the Council will be receiving a briefing on the amendments to the planning application for the additional 950 houses from Kate Wood of South Cambs District Council. Residents will be welcome to sit in on this meeting the amendments will be considered at a subsequent meeting once Councillors have had a chance to go through the documents.

Temporary Third School

Work has now commenced on the Burial Ground to provide the Temporary Third School. The ground works are progressing well and the building is due to be completed ready for the beginning of the autumn term in September.

Sports Pitches

The Parish Council and sports clubs would request that residents refrain from exercising or walking their dogs on the sports pitches as it is unfair to expect our ground staff and the clubs using the pitches to clear up the dogs mess. The mess left is a serious health hazard to those using the Pitches. There are ample alternative spaces around Cambourne for dogs to be exercised or walked.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting
3 rd March	7.30pm *	Planning Committee Council
24 th March	7.30pm *	Planning Committee Finance and Policy Committee
7 th April	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

New planning advice service launched

A new general planning advice service, aiming to help local people and businesses navigate and understand the planning process, has been introduced by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC).

Expert advice and answers to general planning queries are now available from SCDC's planning duty officer from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Just call (01954) 713155 or visit the Council's Cambourne office.

Each day, an officer from our friendly and experienced planning service will provide:

- general planning advice
- general advice on householder development proposals for applicants or neighbours
- answers to technical planning questions
- help to complete application forms
- information on fees and other charges
- guidance on interpreting plans and drawings
- confirmation of the validity of applications delivered to the Council's office

Calls should be kept to general planning queries and take up no more than 15 minutes.

Specific enquiries about registered applications will continue to be dealt with by the relevant planning officer. Key information about registered applications - including status, timescales, consultations and decisions - can already be found online at www.scams.gov.uk/planning

Cllr Nick Wright, SCDC planning portfolio holder, said, "We know that the planning process can be difficult to understand so we've introduced this new service to help local people and businesses successfully navigate their way through it. We hope to help people get their applications and representations right first time, cutting down the time, energy and money that people can waste when they don't understand the system."

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S NOTES

Councillor Lister Wilson - Cambridgeshire County Council

Rubbish Charges



At the end of November, laws which allow the Government to impose new charges for household rubbish collections received Royal Assent. Ministers have confirmed that the Office of National Statistics will classify these new charges as a tax. Although bin taxes will be trialled in a series of so-called pilots, the small print of the legislation allows the Secretary of State to roll out and impose the taxes on all local authorities by Order, without any vote in Parliament.

The Government's own impact assessment has predicted that, in due course, two out of three homes will face the new taxes.

Official technical documents reveal

that the bin taxes will take one of four forms:

- Bin bag tax: Households must pay for special bin bags. Rubbish not placed in a paid-for bag will not be collected.
- Bin size tax: Households will be charged for the size of their bin; with families requiring a bigger bin paying the most.
- Weekly collection tax: Households needing a weekly rubbish collection will pay an extra charge.
- Bin chip tax: Households will receive a bill based on the weight of the contents of their bin, with microchips in the bin feeding through to a central billing database.

Yes, we need to do more to encourage less landfilling, but when it comes to consumers this needs to be through carrots rather than sticks - for example by making it easier to recycle. And the biggest part of the solution needs to come from manufacturers and suppliers reducing waste and packaging levels, which is out of the direct control of consumers. I warned of this two years ago. (See:

www.listerwilson.net/CountyCouncillorsNotesFeb2007.pdf). Labour's planned new bin taxes will increase taxes on families (who already tend to pay higher council tax-

es); will raise the overall tax burden due to the costs of levying and enforcing a new tax; and will harm the environment by fuelling fly-tipping and backyard burning.

Indeed, the Government has stated that Civic Amenity Sites will remain free for household waste. This will lead to the bizarre situation of families being encouraged to drive to their local dump, adding to congestion and carbon emissions, to avoid higher taxes. As the recent Manchester congestion charge referendum showed, voters do not want to pay new stealth taxes at a time when millions face losing their jobs. The Government should be working instead with councils to help extend recycling collections, and make it easier for all households to go green. There is certainly a role for incentives, but not for new taxes or new charges. Councils should also be properly compensated for the new burdens imposed on them by Whitehall and from EU directives.

If Labour were to win the general election, in their usual style they will probably just force these changes on families across the country regardless of decisions by local Councillors, but if there is anything I can be doing locally to oppose these charges in Cambridge, then I will be opposing them.



WYSING ARTS CENTRE

Fox Road, nr Bourn, Cambridge CB23 2TX
T: 01954 718 881

www.wysingartscentre.org

CURRENT EXHIBITION:

ANIMATED with Jo Addison, Julie Brenot, Matt Cook, Sarah Evans, Simon Liddiment, Anne-Mie Melis, Alex Pearl & Simon Woolham



Exhibition runs until 1 March. Open 12-5pm every day. Plus special events with Gary Thomas, Sarah Evans and the McKenzie Break, and Adam Pugh.

See www.wysingartscentre.org for more details.

COMING UP NEXT:

KIOSK 9:
EXOTICFLORA&FAUNASAUNAKIOSK

Following on from the Folkestone Triennial artists Gavin Wade mit Simon and Tom Bloor relocate their replica of Berthold Lubetkin's 1937 Kiosk to Wysing interpreting it into a fully functioning and free sauna!



The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

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

Things have been really tough-going for the Pike Anglers of Cambourne to say the least this winter. We really believe that the inclement weather is having a knock-on effect on our results.

Many of the still waters do fish extremely hard at this time of year, especially when temperatures have dropped as low as they have done recently. Local rivers also suffer more in the winter months, due to the excessive rain we seem to encounter more of these days. Many rivers become impossible to fish and water levels continue to rise, resulting in areas of flooding. Hopefully, readers, you will appreciate why we do not catch all the time.

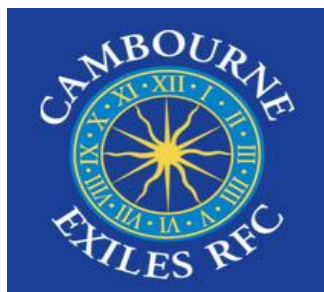
Meanwhile, in contrast to wintry, bleak fishing conditions, a strange story I came across recently recounts an incident that is alleged to have happened on a very hot and sultry Saturday, way back in 1868, in Reading....Three lads were intent on fishing an old millpond, on a quest for a rumoured monster pike. Initially, they were very keen and all were using heavy, crude but effective gear -thick cane rod, iron reel and plenty of very heavy line. Their baits were small roach. As the day got hotter, two of the lads lost interest and started larking about in the sun. The third lad quietly persisted, despite the heat. However, as he got hotter, he decided to roll up his trousers and wade out into the water.

A little later, there was a scream and the two boys on the bank glanced across and saw their friend slide under the water. When he didn't surface, they ran into the water to effect a rescue. The lad was in great difficulty and barely conscious when they eventually brought him to the surface. As they glanced to his feet, they were aghast to see a monster pike, its jaws firmly clamped to his ankle. Over four feet in length it refused to relinquish its prey and seemed to disregard the screaming and determined boys. Eventually, after they had hurled several boulders, the pike silently released its grip and slid back into the green depths, never to surface again for man nor boy.

Well, that's all for now folks, so until next time, good fishing, St

Here are the answers to last month's puzzle:

1) Crucian Carp; 2) Silver Bream; 3) Rainbow Trout; 4) Grayling; 5) Zander; and 6) Wells Catfish.



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Club

Play Rugby !!

The plans for the sports centre may be hold, but there are still loads of ways in Cambourne to get fit and keep active. Cambourne has many sports clubs and Cambourne Exiles Rugby Club needs YOU !!

Junior Rugby restarts on March 1st.

Sunday mornings are the ideal time for Cambourne's youngsters to learn a great new sport. Playing non-contact Rugby Union is a way to learn the basics of the game in a safe environment. Come along to Cambourne's Rugby pitch near the MUGA every Sunday morning, from 10:30 - 11:30am. To find out more and get involved, contact Youth Coordinator Keith Robinson, on 01954 715024 or 07813 201337 or email youth@cambourneexiles.com.

Senior Rugby

The winter weather has wreaked havoc with rugby so far in 2009. Frozen pitches covered with snow are somewhat less than ideal to play on! But with the improving weather, Cambourne Exiles are moving into Spring with renewed vigour and are keen to end the season with a few more wins. The Exiles continue to fight hard in the Greene King Deuxieme Nord Merit League and are still in with a chance in the Greene King Plate competition.

In March, Cambourne Exiles RFC play home games against Hatfield (7th) and St Neots (14th). Kick-off for these games will be around 3:00pm. Come down to the pitch, support the team and join us for a beer in the Monkfield Arms afterwards!

The Exiles always welcome new players and members. If you'd like to take up a great new sport or get back into playing Rugby Union in friendly competitive games, then get in touch. Training & Coaching sessions run from 7-9pm every Wednesday, on the Rugby pitch near the MUGA. For more information about Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club, contact the Club Secretary Neil Ingham on 07956 410309, email info@cambourneexiles.com, or see the club website www.cambourneexiles.com.