CAMBOURNE CRIER

April 2009

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"The Monkfield Arms" New Manager Appointed

MARSTONS PLC. Is delighted to announce the appointment of Duncan Edward Hall as the new manager of the Monkfield Arms.

Duncan brings with him 14 years of experience of operating pubs and restaurants throughout the U.K. and Cyprus including sites in Cambridge. Most recently he has spent the last 5 years within Mitchells and Butlers PLC., operating high turnover / flagship sites within their community pub brand. He and his family have been seeking the right opportunity within the local area, moving back to near where he grew up and managed successful businesses in Cambridge before the millennium.

"I am extremely excited by the prospect of re establishing the Monkfield Arms at the centre of the thriving, passionate community of Cambourne. The move has been made even better by the way the community has welcomed myself and my family. We know we have made the right decision and we will be here to stay.

I look forward to welcoming all residents and visitors of Cambourne to the pub, which, in conjunction with the parish council and local groups and society in general, will endeavour to satisfy the needs and wants of the local community wherever possible.



The challenge of the Monkfield Arms, being the only pub in Cambourne, requires it to be a little bit of everything for all groups of people. It may not always be possible to please all the people all the time but rest assured it will not be through lack of effort on myself and my teams part. I have always operated my pubs on a simple premise: everyone is welcome as long as they respect the pub, customers and team alike, thus allowing us to focus on delivering the best service and standards; and becoming involved in the community as much as possible."

I look forward to meeting you all in the near future, and to hearing any ideas, thoughts or suggestions.

Fondest regards,

Duncan Edward Hall.

Look out for the new Managers special offer on Adverts Page 4



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Cambourne Arts

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Tuesday, 3.15 - 5.45pm, open to years 9,10,11. Free 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 en-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

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

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

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

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Dion Badcock on 01954 714421 or Fiona Orford on 01954 719645 you can also contact us by email on secondcambournequides@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

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

Pub Lunch Forum:

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

Rainbows (girls aged 5-7):

Monday 6.15 - 715pm Cat - 715805 Wednesday 6.15 - 7.15pm Tracey - 710504 Thursday 6.15 - 7.15pm Kim - 715722 Waiting to join list contact Cat - 715805

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

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

Lisa Ellis 07949062360 Lisa m ellis@hotmail.com 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

Contact: Catherine 07803 012343 email - wrn_cambourne@dsl.pipex.com

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Cambourne - 282153

Monkfield Park School:

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

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

Debbie Higham - 719630

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

The non emergency number for Cambridgeshire Police is 0845 456 456 4

South Cambs. District Council (SCDC):

08450 450 500 <u>www.scambs.gov.uk</u>

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@cambsvouthservice.org.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School

Meet Sarah Humphreys- Headteacher Tuesday 28th April 2009 at 7-45pm in The Hub Meeting Room.

Interested parents, carers and members of the community are invited to this meeting to learn about Cambourne's Third Primary School.

Sarah Humphreys is retuning to Cambourne for one week only to meet the parents and interview staff, ready to take up her post here on 13th July.

The construction of the temporary school and the preparation of the site are on schedule for the school to open on 1st September 2009.

Temporary Governing Body

Cambourne Youth Fest 89

Readline band announcement.





For the last three years, Cambridge based *The Mono Effect* has featured in the national press, toured and gigged the length and breadth of the UK and featured regularly on Radio One with their melodic power rock songs. They will play the final set from 8 pm at the Cambourne Youth Fest 09. You can find out more about the group and buy their latest album 'Giants', recorded with Russ Russell (Wildhearts / Napalm Death)@ www.themonoeffect.com

As well as *The Mono Effect* we will also have many local teen bands playing throughout the day and will keep you updated as they are confirmed.

Citi 4 extended to St Neots plus changes to route 18 & 28

From Sunday 12th April (Easter) Citi 4 is to run every hour from Cambourne to Eltisley and St Neots, including to the rail station. Bus times on route 18 between Gamlingay/Longstowe and Cambridge have changed. New timetables are on line - For more information call - 01223 423 578.

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.

02/04/2009 : Green Bin and Box.

09/04/2009 : Black Bin.

17/04/2009: Green Bin and Box. (Day late collection)*.

23/04/2009 : Black Bin.

30/04/2009: Green Bin and Box...

08/05/2009 : Black Bin. (Day late collection)*.

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





Annual Patient Survey

Over 150 Cambourne residents completed our 2008 patient survey. Overall satisfaction with the Practice has risen with 98% of respondents saying the surgery is excellent or good. At least 95% of patients' rated the care given by the clinical staff in the surgery as excellent or good in all areas - including listening to what patients' say, explaining health problems and treatment and patience with questions or worries.

There are some areas where patients said things could be improved – in particular getting through to the Practice by telephone and the availability of appointments. A number of changes are being made to start to address these:

- · An Advanced Nurse Practitioner joins us in April who has undergone specialist training to deal with minor illnesses and injuries.
- We have increased the number of staff answering the telephone each morning three receptionists take calls from 8 am on Mondays and two on all other days of the week.
- · We have been offering an additional half day of GP appointments since January and will increase this by a further half day in June.

There are also ways patients can help things run as smoothly as possible:

- If an appointment is no longer needed please cancel it and give us sufficient notice so we can offer it to someone else. At least 100 appointments are wasted each month by patients who fail to attend. The Practice has the right to ask the Health Authority to remove patients from our list and we will consider doing this if someone abuses the system and wastes appointments that others could use.
- Significant numbers of patients allow their repeat medication to run out and then contact us asking for a prescription immediately which adds to the daily workload and can result in other patients having to wait longer.
- · If you have a number of things to discuss with the doctor consider if you need a double, 20 minute, appointment.

We are doing the best with the resources we have and will continue to do so, however, it is also worth bearing in mind that the GPs see everyone who needs to be seen every day. When someone needs to be seen urgently this is likely to result in a delay for those with a pre-booked appointment. The doctors are grateful for the patience shown by other patients when this happens.

We are grateful to all the patients who took the time to complete one of the survey questionnaires. All members of the team welcome comments and suggestions from patients at any time.



Every Monday (term time) 6.30 -8.30 starting April 20th

Entry Free

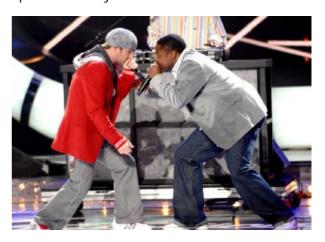
Free toastie and a can of coke on the first night.

Just come in and chillax, watch tele, play pool,

learn how to Beat Box with our resident expert

or just chat to your m8s on





Contact David 07703342788 or cypadmin@uwclub.net for more info.



Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard



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

Spring is here! It seems to have been a bit of a long winter but now the blossom is out and the haze of green is in the hedgerows, the mood seems to have changed. April is often the busiest month in the garden. The warm weather is tempting people out to the garden centers and I won't be alone in thinking that some jobs just cannot be put off any longer. If you have done nothing over the winter then now is the time to get moving. Your lawn will be begging for attention and the boarders looking a little tired. Just be careful as you weald the spade for the first time as many of your plants will have new shoots already starting to show. Damaging them now will put them back months!

Top 10 jobs

- 1. Hoe regularly to keep weeds at bay
- 2. Most seeds can be planted
- 3. Tidy up climbing plants and tie them back
- 4. Feed and water containers well
- 5. Trees, roses and shrubs can all be planted
- 6. Give evergreens a trim if required.
- 7. Feed your container plants, roses and shrubs (most things really!)
- 8. Care for your lawn (see below)
- 9. Keep flowering bulbs tidy by deadheading (don't cut back leaves though)
- 10. Divide Perennials (see below)

Now is the perfect time to get the lawnmower out and cut your grass. Set the cut height to high for the first couple of times. If you don't have a lawn then now is a great time to sow one. On mature lawns, a good all round weed and feed will do it the world of good. Perennials can be divided. Now this may seem a little brutal but trust me it works. Give the clump a good water the day before, then dig up your plant and split it with a spade and or fork. Cut through the roots cleanly and replant straight away.

We like the warmer weather... and so, unfortunately, do pests. Keep vigilant and catch them early. This will prevent serious infestation and damage to your plants.

In the Vegetable garden

There is a very simple but long list for this month. All the following can be planted or sown outdoors, once the frosts have passed - Strawberry plants, potatoes, peas, broad beans, leeks, cauliflower, summer cabbage, sprouts, onions, spinach, turnips, parsnips and lettuce. Cucumbers, courgette's and Tomatoes can be sown in a cold frame.

No time to waste - Better get to it!!

CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

Our February speaker saw us having a combined natural history, ecology and wildlife talk on Gamlingay Wood Nature Reserve courtesy of the Wildlife Trust. Who would've thought that so much could go on in such as small space? Full details of this talk appear as normal on the club Newsletter "Carrying on in Clay" – available at meetings, to members by email or via the link on the Crier website.

Our March speaker will see 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. And in April look out for gorgeous hanging baskets sprouting up all over the place thanks to our speaker.

We are arranging for a trip to the RHS garden at Wisley in (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 cost of coach fare \pm £5ish. If you are interested in coming with us for this – please use the contacts below. And finally an appeal to potential members.... Do you feel that we know it all because we're part of a Garden Club? Far from it! Although there are budding Kleins, Titchmarshs and Throwers amongst our numbers, most of us are learning by our mistakes and picking it up (or throwing it out) as we go along. Come and share your trials and tribulations with us! At the very least we're a shoulder to cry on when that very expensive plant fails to do anything and sulks in the corner of the garden until you give up on it!

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

CAMBOURNE WI

At our last meeting Charles Garland gave us a very interesting talk detailing his life from "Vicars son to TV producer" with many amusing anecdotes thrown in along the way. He had a very varied life as he had hoped to become a ballet dancer and had been promised a place at the Royal ballet school if he grew a further 2". Alas it was not to be. He did however, get into Drama college and appeared on stage at Birmingham rep. This was followed by a succession of jobs, playing the piano, playing the clarinet in a band in the army, followed by being a chef. He had always wanted to be involved with TV and badgered the BBC with letters, only to be told each time that there were no jobs. However his persistence finally paid off and he landed a job as assistant to Jonathan Miller. Following that good break he had a succession of jobs at the BBC, ending up as a producer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Hub when the AGM will be followed by Brian Payne talking about his work as a magistrate. This should involve his outlining a case and us acting as jury.

Visitors are welcome to join us. Contact: Fran Panrucker 01954 710858



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

Here Come the Girls 2009

The late night shopping event of the year!

The date for your diary: Friday May 8th 2009 The time to visit: From 8 – 10.30 pm The venue: The Hub, Cambourne

Browse and buy a whole variety of products including jewellery, handbags, cookery accessories, foods, books, gifts, photography, clothes, health and beauty.

Consult with a number of specialists offering professional services and advice.

Tickets sold on the door = £3 each. (£2.50 if you purchase in advance).

There will be a superb raffle offering many top quality prizes.

A fully licensed bar will be open serving wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

Our local female singing group Rhythm of Life will be giving a short taster of their repertoire during the evening.

Come and support your local women in business!

For more information and advance tickets please email

connect2cwib@live.co.uk

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

We still have a couple of stalls available! Please secure your place by emailing us at

connect2cwib@live.co.uk ASAP!



NEED ANY HELP WITH ANYTHING?

Is there anything you need help with? Cambourne young people to the rescue! Whether it's gardening,

lifting, painting, computer skills, help with the shopping, or any other practical help you can think of, feel free to contact us to see if we can help you out.

And there's an added bonus of us doing it for free! (although a cup of tea could be nice...). We make sure that there are 2 adult leaders with the young people at all times.

For more info about the Isaiah58 project, and/or to request help, contact youth worker Jon Sanders on 07729977463 or jono_sanders@hotmail.com

Air Training Corps - A Detached Flight for Cambourne

Over the last few months detailed discussions have been taking place with representatives of Beds and Cambs Wing HQ of the Air Training Corps. It is hoped that within the next few months that a detached flight, which would be seconded to one of the local existing squadrons, will be opening in Cambourne.

Those interested in Flying, Gliding, Adventure Training etc and are aged between 13 and 18 look out for Recruitment Weekends, in the village, that will be held within the next month or so. So come along and find out all about the activities that are enjoyed by ATC Cadets thoughout the UK.

For further information about the ATC visit www.aircadets.org

EXTRA SPECIAL HOMES NEEDED





Ed was admitted to the branch as a stray in appalling condition, with open wounds and was very thin. He was patient and sweet as we nursed him back to good health. He then went to a new home where there were other animals and he settled in happily. Unfortunately he then suffered a relapse. What we thought were wounds caused by injury and neglect were in fact symptoms of a rare skin condition and possible allergy. With this in mind he has undergone a new course of treatment and is as patient and sweet as ever despite his bad luck. He now is big and healthy and we believe he is about 3 years old. He now needs a new home but with no other animals and preferably in a house with hard floors at least in the areas where he will spend most of his time. He will continue to be on medication which will be funded by us at St Neots & District Cats Protection. He needs an experienced

cat owner who does not live near a busy or main road. He is a deligtful boy and loves cuddles and attention and is very laid back. If you think you fit the bill phone us now so we can arrange a home visit.



SCAMP

Scamp is a large black and white male who is appoximately 4 years old. He came to us with several other cats who he had lived with. Scamp was very nervous and quiet and spent his first week hiding under his blanket whilst his penmates demanded attention. As time went on those penmates charmed their way into new homes and Scamp was left behind as he was nervous around new people. In time, and as he had a pen to himself, he came out of his shell a little and trusts his fosterer and allows him to pick him up. He has been with us for several months now and it is time he found a new and loving owner who will understand him. He will need a quiet home with no young children and would prefer to be an only cat. He would also be happy spending a lot of time outdoors with a warm dry place to come to when needed. If you can offer Scamp that extra special home and are prepared to go that extra mile to gain his trust he will reward you with being a quiet and gentle companion. Contact us now.

CAT FOOD

Thanks to all who continue to donate cat food to our various drop of points it is much appreciated. Please keep it coming, you are really making a difference. Phone us for details or your nearest cat food collection point.

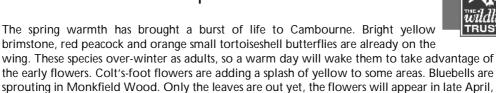
NEUTERING

Kitten season is fast approaching, it is imperative that you get your cat neutered as soon as possible. We are able to assist with the cost. Please telephone us to arrange a voucher to use at your vet.

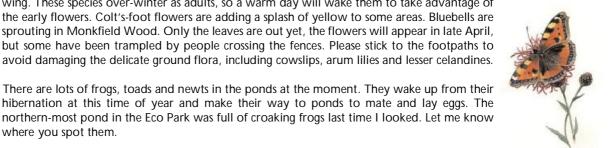
Tel: 01480 476696, 07966 282005 or 07900 257061 http://stneots.cats.org.uk/



Wildlife Review April 2009



There are lots of frogs, toads and newts in the ponds at the moment. They wake up from their hibernation at this time of year and make their way to ponds to mate and lay eggs. The northern-most pond in the Eco Park was full of croaking frogs last time I looked. Let me know where you spot them.



Bluebells

Access

The result from the green spaces survey have now been entered and analysed. The main points we learnt from it

1. The most popular activity people wanted to get involved in was learning about wildlife, followed by guided walks. We will be putting on more of these types of activity this year so keep an eye out for posters and information

in the Crier.

- Unsurprisingly there was a varied response to the question of when to hold events. So we will no longer be doing events on the first Sunday of the month. Instead there will be evening and weekend events and some during school holidays, so that everyone can make it to at least some of the days.
- Benches, improvements to path surfaces and more dog bins were the most popular access improvements. We will be working on all of these during the coming year. Benches are simple to arrange and you should see them appearing soon. The other two are more tricky and costly but we will be looking into funding sources and hope to address them as soon as possible.
- The Crier was the most popular source of information. Emails were also a popular option, so I will be setting up an emailing list to send out details and reminders about events. If you would like to be on this list and you have not already given your email address please email me (see below).

Events

There will be a litter pick starting at 10am at the Oaks Wood car park on Wednesday 15th April. Do your bit to keep Cambourne looking good, enjoy the spring flowers and feel good at the same time! Litter pickers and gloves for all sizes will be available as well as refreshments for all volunteers.

The annual Dawn Chorus Walk will be on Sunday 3rd May meeting at 4am. This is a wonderful way to experience the amazing sound of the dawn chorus, with experts on hand to explain the different birds that we hear. There will be a breakfast of hot drinks and muffins after, please call to book a place so I buy enough food! We request a £2 donation on the day.

The annual plant sale will be on Sunday 17th May 2pm to 5pm at the Manor House.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne, or if you want to know about up coming events, 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

CAMBOURNE WALKING GROUP

Sunday April 26th Gamlingay woods the bluebell walk (followed by coffee and cakes or Sunday lunch if you wish at the Waresley Park Garden Centre)

Meeting at Oak Woods Car Park on School Lane at 10am.

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

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



Easter Events

We hope you can join us at one of our Easter services/events:

Palm Sunday 5th April 10.00am
Followed by the Annual General Meeting
Good Friday 10.00am
A traditional service in The Ark
Easter Sunday 12th April 10.00am
All-Age celebration service in The Hub with Family Communion

Easter Monday from 2.00pm Kite Flying on Crow Hill for all the family! Some kites supplied or bring one from home

Building Work has Started!

We are delighted that the foundations have been laid for the first phase of new church building.



We hope to have monthly updates on how the work is progressing.

Funding for the New Building

We are disappointed to have had a couple of unsuccessful applications for funding, which means that the timescale for the building of the chapel is unclear at present. We continue to pursue funding options.

Our next social Fundraisers are both on:

Saturday 16th May in The Hub

Grand Book Sale 2-4.30pm with Afternoon tea

Bargains galore – books and new unwanted present stall (items up to £1 each)

Auction of Promises 7.30pm

Come along for a fun evening and bid for something special/different/useful....

Something for everyone: from ironing to a week's holiday in Spain!

* Professional auctioneer * Bar * Refreshments on sale * Free admission

Tickets are required to gain entry.

A brochure containing all the lots for the evening will be available two weeks prior to the event. Please contact Julie Whitbread Tel. 202546

Synergy - Youth Service in The Hub

Sunday 26th April 7.00-8.30pm

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

Our Church website has been refreshed. Why not visit it for more info on Cambourne Church!

New * Events * Service Times * Who to Contact, etc, etc

Our Lady and the English Martyrs Cambourne Roman Catholic Church
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We were very lucky to celebrate mass with Bishop Michael on March 7th. It was a great mass with a great atmosphere. This mass was also the confirmation, baptism and first holy communion of a member of our church – Amanda Hunt, who we were all happy to be with on this special day. Photos from the event will be up on our website soon!

There is now also Toddler Masses for Mums & Dads with Children 0-5 years, who meet each Month, Days, Dates and Times vary. Masses at a different home each Month, it is a lovely mass, warm, friendly and Fun. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits afterwards, all welcome. Please Call Amanda on 01954 710405 for the details.

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By Vincent Menezes

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Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Friends,

This month we will be celebrating lots of things. On April 11th will be our son Max's first birthday. That should be fun as he is getting more mobile and now has several teeth. Another important celebration is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year that is on April 12th. Now some of you might think what is the big deal. Some guy was unjustly accused and crucified by the Romans in Jerusalem. The Romans crucified a lot of people in Jerusalem. One of the big differences is everyone else the Romans crucified and killed stayed dead, Christ did not. Now there have been rumors and other books and films that say all kinds of things. But, if you base your understanding of God on what Hollywood puts out you will be messed up. You need to know something about soldiers especially the Roman ones. They were well trained and disciplined. If they certified someone as dead they were dead and Jesus had been certified dead by a centurion, a professional officer and reported this to Pilate, the governor and you don't lie to him or the penalty is death. You also don't fall asleep on guard duty or the penalty is death. Do you

see a pattern here, there was obedience and efficiency or you would be killed. So, when they said he was dead, he was dead

He died in our place, for you and me because of our sin. The Bible is clear about that in John 1:29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. And in Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You see the lamb was sacrificed to pay the price for sin so that we would not have to, and we simply need to receive him to accept that payment on our behalf. Remember the resurrection is vital as it shows his victory over sin and death. So, what do we need to do about this? The bible says in Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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

Donavan Bangs

Greetings from Cambourne Library

Our May "Engage in the Afternoon session" will be on May 6th at 2 pm and this will be on Tai Chi. If you are over 50 you are very welcome to join us for this interesting session, we'll even throw in tea and biscuits. Our June topic on 3rd June at 2.00 will be a session on accessing Ancestry.com. Places will be limited so booking will be necessary. Please see the library staff to book. Don't forget it is free to join the library.

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From time to time people accidentally leave property in the library. We do keep this for a while so if you think you may have left something at the library please feel free to mention it to the library staff who will check for you.

Best wishes from the Cambourne library staff.



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Cambourne Arts is proposing to organise a visit to Stamford Theatre Season at Rutland Open Air Theatre (though the audience is undercover) on a date between June 8th and August 29th this year.

The company is putting on three productions and we have yet to choose between 'The Tempest', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Oliver Twist'. The cost of the coach and theatre ticket together would be around £25 - £30. This new venture would be on a non-profitmaking basis but would have to cover costs.

As we hope it will be the start of many such visits, maybe to other places such as Bury St Edmunds, Ely and London, we need to gauge the level of interest in Cambourne and also the villages nearby where people might like the opportunity to join in such visits to theatre, concerts, etc. For further details and to register an interest, please contact Pat on: 01954 718836 or Fran on 01954 710858

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR









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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.

GRAFFITI PROBLEM

The graffiti in Gt Cambourne really is an issue; it is appearing all over, on street signs, electricity sub-stations, private walls and on the Lake information boards. It is the same two or three 'taggers' ("tempz" is one tag that is ubiquitous) committing these offences and it has only started in the last three months or thereabouts, so someone in the area must know who is doing it. Could we not get the Community Officers to liaise with the Youth Clubs and enlist the teenagers in tracking down these mindless wasters? How about a reward for information that leads to their apprehension? It is such a shame that people move away from troubled areas only to recreate their previous environment as soon as they arrive.

CAR SHOWROOM

I see from the current Crier that outline permission has been given for not one, but two car showrooms to be constructed in the Cambourne villages one BMW, the other for Mini. I am sure that a section of the community will see this as an excellent job creation opportunity and a raising of the profile of this area in general. I cannot see it in this light; car showrooms take up large amount of land that could be better used for businesses that local residents need - DIY stores, garden centres, or small specific retail outlets that we have to travel 20 miles to visit. Since the business has stated it is relocating, so will the staff - meaning few local jobseekers will benefit. It will also mean much increased traffic coming into and out of the villages via Cambourne Road, and no doubt garish advertising hoardings on the A428 to promote these outlets long before they are completed. These two large sites will be disproportionate to the size of the village centre and the community as a whole, turning this area into a retail outlet site like the Newmarket Road: Horrible.

Given the current economic climate and our concerns about the ecology I can't see any benefit to the village, except to suck business rate cash into the coffers of the local authorities. Will they use the income to clear litter and remove the unsightly graffiti now appearing all over Great Cambourne? Somehow, I doubt it.



WHAT YOUTH THINK MATTERS



Last Saturday the youths of Cambourne flocked to the hub to help put forward their ideas for a new youth centre in Cambourne. The event, organized by Cambourne youth partnership, entitled 'What You Think Matters', included a buffet lunch and the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii. The imaginations of about 30 Cambourne young people, accompanied by two bands and a DJ, were captured with the task being to design a youth venue with no restrictions.

Vast arrays of designs were submitted to a panel of three judges: an architect, a planning officer and a youth worker. The

designs ranged from a pyramid shaped building to a multi-flavoured wall. Facilities suggested included a cinema, gymnasium, café, gardens, and even an igloo made of recycled wine bottles! The competing teams took the competition seriously, with one group even running home to get a ruler. The eventual winner was a tree house design that included a large assortment of unique features; this included a mountain for skiing, a rocket for targeting enemies and a wind farm!

Haojie Xu (Year 11)



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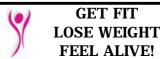
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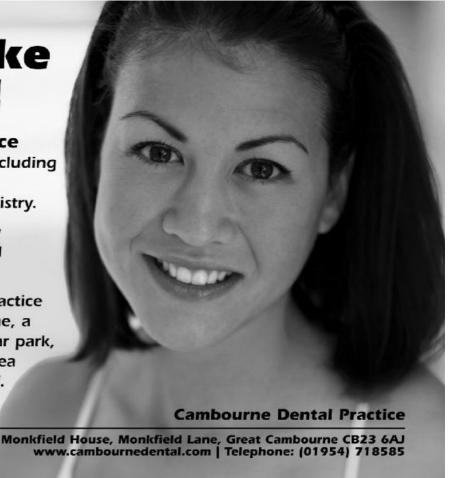
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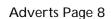
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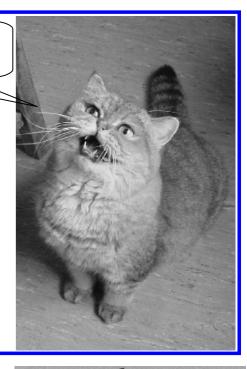
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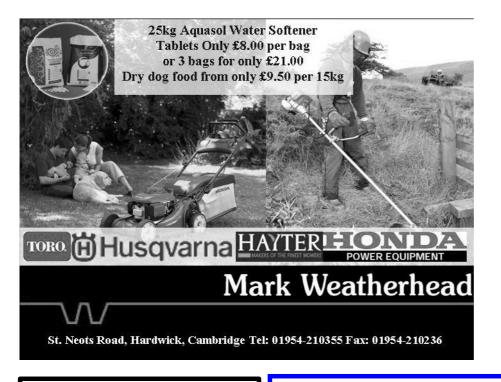


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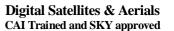
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Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School

March has been a very busy month at Monkfield Primary School, what with children and staff dressing up as a favourite book character for World Book Day, Red Nose day falling in Science Week, the Foundation Stage children preparing for their debut performance of their Spring Celebration, 'The Garden' and several sporting occasions to reflect upon.

During Science week we have been fortunate enough to welcome Mad Science back for a very exciting, enlightening and practical assembly on the three states of matter as well as working with Year 2 making Troll Bogey – a green slime that the children created whilst learning about polymers, - and Year 4 who learnt about static electricity using balloons and generators. Seek Science ran a workshop on light with Year 5 and materials with Year 6 which were very much enjoyed by the children. Mike Ketley from the Arctic Survey gave talks to Year 5 and Year 6, talking about climate change, arctic expeditions, global warming and the movement of the earth. Parents of children came into school to work with us also. Dr Kertesz came in for the Year 1 and Year 2 children who made bouncing balls from borax; Foundation Stage and Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon learning about how their bodies heal themselves with Dr Smith; Phil Ambery was welcomed by Year 5 and Year 6 and talked about new drugs, - and Peter Braesicke taught Year 3 and Year 4 about weather and meteorology. Children asked very high level questions during all talks and Year 5 were certainly commended by parents and other speakers for their scientific knowledge and enquiry e.g. how do stars give off light? Why do scientists experiment on rats and mice to find cures for disease and not apes who are much genetically closer to us?

In addition to all our visitors, experiments and investigations have been going on all week across both key stages and all children should be proud of themselves. We would like to extend a very big thank you to all who have helped make Science Week such a wonderful experience.

As part of their PE curriculum, Indigo Class recently participated in a fabulous dance share event at Comberton Village College. There were a number of schools at the event who all performed the results of a half term's dance unit with participants enjoying a variety of styles of dance from one entitled Dot, Dash, Wiggle through to performances to the theme music from Thunderbirds and James Bond. Indigo Class performed a fantastic and imaginative interpretation of the Ugly Bug Ball with the children representing the various minibeasts. Mrs Chapman, Indigo Class teacher said of the event 'It was a wonderful experience for our youngsters at Monkfield Park, with performances of a very high standard. To witness so many youngsters transfixed by the work shared was a delight.'

Monkfield Park has recently also seen some successes and demonstrations of wonderful sportsmanship in football. The Year 5's made it through to the quarter finals of the County Cup but were unfortunately beaten in the last minute of extra time by Histon, beating Over 16-0 on the way. The mixed Year 5 and 6 team though, have played three matches in the local league and won all of them (5-1 against Hazlingfield, 15-0 against Barton and 3-1 against Caldecote). Mr Wall, who coaches both teams, says 'Every child that has played has contributed to the success of the team and should be congratulated.'

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 Office Manager, Mrs J. Durrant, on 01954 273377. We look forward to hearing from you.



Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

We have been very busy in the Care and Learning Centre developing our outdoor area. We have had the vegetable/digging area re-laid and will be using the equipment and seeds from the Morrison's Let's Grow promotion to grow seedlings in the classroom for planting out into the garden. We have also increased our outdoor resources and these include a picnic table, canopy, bird tables/boxes and various insect habitats.

This term our pre-school children are finding out about growing and changing. We are celebrating festivals such as St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

Both our morning and afternoon pre-school sessions are now fully subscribed, we have very limited availability at our After School Club and limited availability at our Breakfast and Lunch Club.

We will also be running our Holiday Club during the Easter Holidays from Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April, Tuesday 14th April to Friday 17th April and on Monday 20th April. On the mornings of Monday 6th April and Tuesday 14th April a Sports Coach will be visiting to do multi skills activities with the children attending on those days.

If you would like any further information about the Care and Learning Centre and its Clubs or would like to register your child for any of the sessions we offer please contact us on 01954 273301 or via email jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk (Manager) or mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk (Clerical Assistant).

CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL

Library visit – on Wednesday 11th March a crocodile of nearly 30 children (and adults!) was to be seen making the short journey from Cambourne Pre-School to the library. We were all made very welcome by the staff at the library. The children began by listening to an explanation of the different types of books at the library and how we should take care of them. They were then given the opportunity to look at the books, read them with the adults and to borrow one book from the library. After a quick snack, a story was read, some songs and rhymes were sung and thanks were said before the crocodile returned to Pre-School. Great fun was had by all and it is hoped that a return visit will be made to the library towards the end of April.

Easter Egg Fundraising – in the run-up to Easter the children will be having an Easter Egg design 'competition' to raise funds for the Pre-School. Also, there will be an Easter themed 'Dress Down' week so watch out for little chicks and bunnies heading to and from the Pre-School!!

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



For more information please contact Pre-school superviser 07875 083163 Waiting list manager 07757 484240 Email:



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The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

Year One Trip to Denny Abbey Farmland Museum

The Year One children have been following a topic on 'Homes Old and New' this half term. As part of our learning in literacy we have been writing recounts. We could have not asked for a better starting point and stimulus than our fantastic visit to the Denny Abbey Farmland Museum. A whole day was spent exploring a 1940's farm cottage, rag rug making, a village shop, drawing and handling of old artefacts and participating in a Victorian Wash Day. To see 60 children so enthralled and engaged in their learning was wonderful to see. Upon our return to school the children, so excited and inspired by what they have seen have written some amazing recounts which have been included here for you to share.

So if you want somewhere to visit over the Easter holidays Topaz and Amber Class can thoroughly recommend Denny Abbey. Find out more at www.dennyabbeyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

A fascinating historical site for all the family to enjoy!

NEXT SPECIAL EVENT Sunday 12th & Monday 13th April, 10.30am-5pm The Giant Easter Egg Trail. Make an Easter basket, weave some willow, take part in creating a giant egg mural, make a fluffy spring chick, decorate an Easter egg and why not create an egg cup to go with it?!

Complete 3 or more eggciting Easter activities on offer and find your way to the treasure!

The whole of Year One went on an adventure on a coach. We went to a cottage. I was very interested because it was very neatly set out. Next I did the rag rug making. When I put the peg through the rag it was very hard but then I got the hang of it.

Jamie

On Wednesday 25th February Year 1 went to Denny Abbey. First we looked at the old things with Ann. She showed us the candle holder, the potato basket and the black metal kettle. Nicole

On Wednesday 25th February Year 1 went to Denny Abbey. First we visited the village shop. In the shop I saw nails and candles. They used to weigh them when they wanted to buy them. Next Ann showed us the sausage maker; I liked it because it made a funny noise. The people used to make their own sausages in their homes. They also made their own butter in a butter maker and would use butter hands to make the shape of the butter. It is a really good place to visit

Thomas

On Wednesday 25th February we went on a coach to Denny Abbey to see Elly. First we went to see the cottage. It was old and smelly. The best activity was the wash day.

Colin

On Wednesday 25th February Year 1 went to Denny Abbey. First we got on the coach. Then the coach took us to Denny Abbey. The first activity was the rag rugs. I liked the rag rugs because mine looked good. It was hard but it was fun! The second activity was the wash-day. The wash — day was lots of fun. I liked it. The third activity was the village shop.

Emma

Wednesday 25th February we went on a coach to Denny Abbey. We met Elly and Ann. Secondly I went to the Wash Day, we used the dolly, posser and the mangle. Next I went to the village shop and saw some yummy biscuits. Then we had lunch and after that we went to the cottage. I liked the boy's room. Finally we went to the rag rug weaving. Pru

Retail Therapy and Rea: a drop of golden sun for 1st Cambourne guides

Cambridge-UK

1st Cambourne guides took a number of guides on their annual weekend trip to London. Although the weather threatened to snow out the travel plans, they all made it down to the capital safely and in good time.

1st Cambourne guides started up in 2005 and since opening have taken a number its girls to London every year. This year was no exception. The weather was a little colder than normal but fun was still had by all. London is the location for one of the guide World Centre's Pax Lodge. The centre is situated in Hampstead, North London, next door to the World Bureau, the



International
Headquarters of
WAGGGS. This was
the accommodation for
the night.



Amongst all the shopping to Hamley's, Camden Market and many other destinations was a Theatre trip to see the Sound of Music, which is currently running in the Palladium. Once the guides were all sorted with drinks and refreshments the show could begin. The 2 ½ hour performance was enjoyed by all the girls and leaders, to the extent that on the way back to Pax Lodge the leaders noticed that they had acquired 6 of the von Trapp children! All singing as they walked along the tube stations to our accommodation for the night.

If your daughter would like to join the fun please contact Nadine on 07766117975

Cambourne 10K Run,

April 5th. The photo shows Robert Purnell and Edward Yabsley from Global Graphics out training at the Park - a team from Global has entered the Business Park Challenge.

Please give me a call if you have any queries.

Runners take up the challenge at Cambourne Business Park

With the date of the Cambridge Cambourne 10K run fast approaching, keen teams of runners from companies on Cambourne Business Park have taken up the Cambourne Business Park Challenge. They will be competing as individuals in the run on April 5, but also going head to head against teams from a range of occupiers on the Park to win a coveted trophy.

"We thought we would add an extra layer of competition to the Cambourne 10K by encouraging companies on the park to enter teams of four for a chance to become our Business Park champions. We have had a great response with at least ten teams from occupier companies



now signed up, plus a team from the Cambridge Belfry Hotel and one from Wrenbridge - the joint developers of the Business Park," explains Lesley Scobell, Marketing Co-ordinator for Cambourne Business Park.

The team with the fastest overall time will win the Challenge. The result will be generated by the Run's microchip timing system.

The 2009 event will be the first Cambridge Cambourne 10K Run, but the organisers want the event to become a key event in the national running calendar.

"We promote both 'green' transport and healthy lifestyles on the Business Park, so we hope the Cambourne 10K will be a useful way to promote exercise in the community. It certainly has been a success so far – we have 1000 runners signed up and the race is now full," says Lesley.

The 10k race route passes through the scenic areas of Cambourne's landscape, finishing on the Business Park. The distance is long enough to be challenging but short enough to be accessible to anyone with the determination to put in some training.

The main event sponsors include Nike, South Cambridgeshire District Council, the running store Advance Performance, Living Sport and Cambourne Business Park. Local community groups and businesses including the Parish Council, Morrison's and the Cambridge Belfry Hotel, are also supporting the event through providing marshals, staffing the drinks station or through sponsorship - as well as taking part. For more details of the Cambourne 10K Run, visit www.cambridgefestivalofrunning.com ends

For further press information contact Catherine Taylor, Communications Consultant to Cambourne Business Park, on 01480 880171 or 07788 480123.

Cambourne Arts

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

Following the successful event last year, there will be a meeting to move on to the next stage of getting Cambourne Arts up and running. It's great that already within Cambourne there are a number of arts groups. 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. Please make contact to be included, whether you need new members at the moment or not.

The meeting on April 24th 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; the written word; 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 710858, email fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk, or Alan Gibson on 01480 880442 snibgo@earthling.net.

Isn't Cambourne Great?

A reminder about Cambourne Arts' invitation to you to celebrate the 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.

Contact number: 01954 710858

Fran Panrucker

Home Tel: 01954 710 858 Mobile: 07802 665 111 128 Greenhaze Lane Great Cambourne Cambridge, CB23 5BH England **CAMBOURNE ARTS**

The next date for the DRAWING GROUP will be April 15th and 29th May 13th and 27th Watch the crier for further details

42nd OXFAM WALK

Oxfam is looking for people to take part in the annual Oxfam Walk setting out from Chilford Hall near Cambridge on 17 May 2009. Its aim is to raise funds for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund whilst offering participants a great day out.

The Emergencies Fund has enabled Oxfam to respond in a timely way to many disasters affecting some of the world's poorest countries. Recent examples include drought and food shortages in Kenya, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza following the Israeli offensive there, cholera and hunger in Zimbabwe, people made homeless following the upsurge of fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the huge ongoing humanitarian crisis in Darfur and East Chad to name but a few.

Just £50 raised by you can make a real difference – in fact it's enough to pay for a hygienic toilet, vital for preventing the spread of disease in an emergency.

All routes begin and end at Wimpole Hall and all will be well signed and marshalled. All will have checkpoints providing refreshments. You can choose a length of walk that suits you – either 4, 8, 12, 16 and 22 miles or a marathon route of 26 miles and raise your fitness level whilst raising funds. Stagecoach will be providing a free return bus service to the start from Cambridge.

This year we are hoping to raise £50,000. Please help us maintain the tradition of Cambridge helping Oxfam.

For registration forms or further information, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/fundraise/walk, email events@oxfam.org.uk or phone 0300 200 1244.

Cambourne Catch up Café Open to all

Every <u>Wednesday</u> from <u>11am until 1pm</u> at the <u>Cambourne Soul Youth Venue</u> (Closed Feb 18th, 25th and March 4th)

Wed 18th March, 1st April and 23rd April – <u>Free</u> advice and guidance on education, training, employment, improving skills, CV writing etc. Just pop in....

Includes:

- · Teas,
- · coffee,
- · lattes,
- · cappuccinos,
- hot chocolate
- · Cheese Toasties also available
- Free internet access
- · Pool table
- Bring your children, all welcome
- · Somewhere to chat with your friends and meet new people

This is a 'community café' and so food and drink will be available for free but a suggested donation of 30p/coffee and 40p/toastie would be helpful to keep it running

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

Volunteers needed



Cambridgeshire Mencap is seeking volunteers to support young people with learning disabilities.

You could assist someone to go to the cinema, attend a youth club, go swimming, play sport, or do any number of fun activities. Your support could help develop the young person's self-confidence, social skills, and level of independence in the community.

If you are aged between 16 and 30 and can spare a few hours every fortnight then you could do something new, or something you already do and enjoy, whilst making a BIG difference in a young person's life.

Interested? Find out more by contacting Robert Wallace, Volunteers Support Coordinator, by

Phone: 01223 883140 Text: 07835101621

Email: robert@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk

Photographic Competition for Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition. OPEN COMPETITION

2 classes: 1. JUNIOR SECTION (16 and under) 2. ADULT (17 and over)

(excludes present adult members of Swavesey Camera Club or professional photographers).

Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size A4 and may be monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, address and phone number, age (over 17s may state "adult"!) and school (if applicable). A title is preferred but not compulsory. Any subject matter may be chosen. Maximum of 4 prints per entrant.

Closing date for entries is Friday 17th April.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates and prizes will be awarded for first place in each class and the runner up.

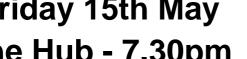
Prints for competition can be sent or delivered to

Sue Tait, 120 Boxworth End, Swavesey CB24 4RA..
To arrive no later than Friday 17th April

Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if supplied with s.a.e.

MUSIC QUIZ

Friday 15th May 🧳 The Hub - 7.30pm











Bring your own wine

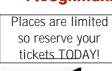
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Prizes!

YOUNG PAREN

Max 6 Per Team









To Book Your Place Please Contact: - Michelle Stevens - 07968 010514 michelle@stevens.ms

Supports teenage women who are pregnant or have children

March Programme

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

PROGRAMME 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:

<u>Support through Home Visiting</u> 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 quidance 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



BABY & ME

Every Friday including half term from 10-11.30

In the main hall at the Hub community

Cost: £1.50 per family inc. refreshments Older siblings welcome

Baby & Me is Closed for Easter.

24th April - Music with Mummy with Cathy

1st May -Play & Chat

8th May - Baby Reflexology with Jane

Miller

- Play & Chat 15th May

22nd May - Singing Squirrels (t.b.c.) 29th May - (Open Half Term) Play and

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 <u>www.babyandme.org.uk</u>

Cambourne



Cambourne 123s has been up and running since September 2008. We meet weekly on a Friday morning from 10-11.30am in the Family Centre at The Vine School. Activities so far have included...Mother's Day Cards, play dough, parachute games, singing, stories and lots of other crafts. The group was set up by a small committee of mums, who were looking for a group to head to when their children were too old for Baby & Me and it continues to go from strength to strength.

Due to the size of the room at the school, our numbers are limited to 20 adults per session. Because of this, our age-range is from 12 – 36 months and we hope children will feel confident enough to move on to bigger and better things after their 3rd birthday. As we don't keep records of children's birthdays, we rely on parents to maintain this age range and ask that you would move on from the group at the end of the half-term in which your child becomes 3. Please chat to a member of the committee if you have any questions!

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the Summer term and hope to make use of the enclosed outdoor area as the weather improves. We will be trying to provide a crafty/quieter activity each week as well as singing, games and play & chat.

If you are interested in coming along, please phone Julia: 01954 710215 or Sian: 01954 710471. Alternatively, if you would like to receive regular from the committee, emails drop us a line Cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk

Look forward to meeting you soon!

STOP PRESS - 123s will be open on Friday 17th April at the usual time & place!

> £2 per adult and one child (50p for each additional child) Maximum 2 children per adult due to number restrictions

> > April 24th - St George Craft May 1st - Story time

May 8th - May Day Craft

May 15th - Singing

May 22nd- Play and Chat

May 29th - CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

June 5th - Outdoor chalking

June 12th - Craft TBC

June 19th - Fathers Day Cards

June 26th - Parachute games

July 3rd - Story time

July 10th - Singing July 17th - Summer Party

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Not just another brick in the wall

- Cambourne children learn how there is more to building than bricks and mortar

Children from The Vine Inter-Church Primary school learnt all about building energy efficient houses last week when they visited a local construction site. This was the second supervised visit as part of a partnership between the school, construction engineers Hill Partnerships and Wherry Housing Association, part of Circle Anglia, one of the UK's leading providers of affordable housing.

In an interactive session, the pupils discovered how the new houses on the Cambourne site will conserve energy by using solar panels and having increased insulation. The children were also given the opportunity to make their mark for generations to come and help build a brick wall, which is the side boundary for one of the new houses. To round up a full day of craftsmanship, the children planted trees in their school fruit garden and were presented with miniature sunflower and tomato plants to grow on their windowsills at home.

The visit was organised by the partnership as part of an ongoing project to involve the local community in every stage of the development from foundation through to the completion of houses and flats this summer. After each visit the children record their learnings and show the progression on site in a pictorial diary and a hoarding board which is full to the brim with creative and inspiring ideas already.

Helen Wren, Development Manager – Business Development for Wherry Housing Association, said: "We are committed to playing an active role in the local community and involving local people in this development.

Our team was really looking forward to this visit, meeting the pupils again and helping them to learn about conserving energy. The children showed great enthusiasm in learning all about energy efficient buildings and everyone had a great time."

The Cambourne scheme will provide 37 houses and flats for rent and shared ownership for people from South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. It is being built to meet Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes and is funded by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).



The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

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

Early last month the Pike Anglers of Cambourne made their annual end of season trip, again we decided to opt for that long journey up the A1, to neighbouring Scotland.

This time we chose to fish Loch Venachar. This Loch lies in the district of Stirling which is also part of The Old Famous Trossachs National Park.

We had received some information that Loch Venachar had a good pedigree of producing some very large pike. The biggest recorded was caught back in 2002, this Scottish heavyweight weighed in at a whopping 42lb.

Many pike between 20 and 30lb have made regular appearances to the local and visiting fly/trout anglers of Loch Venachar. Many would normally expect to catch the other species that inhabit this Loch these include game fish like the Wild Brown Trout, Sea Trout and even Salmon. With a surface area of approx 1.6 miles, length of around 4 miles, we had to make sure that we were prepared for the task ahead. The average depth was known to be about 42ft, while the deepest point was approx 111ft, good job we had our Depth/Fish finder, thanks to The Crier.

If you remember, some months ago, we were hoping to fish The Lake of Menteith. This was an event organised by The Pike Anglers of Great Britain. Unfortunately, we were not lucky enough to be drawn out of the hat.

Not to be outdone by seemingly controversial draws, we still decided to keep the same week free. At least this way, we could organise a trip for ourselves.

I am sure that we will have another try for those elusive tickets for the event in 2010. Let's face it, the same anglers cannot keep fishing the same event year in year out, can they? The draw will once again take place at this year's annual PAC convention. This

year's event, like the previous one, will take place on Saturday the 27th of September at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire. Well worth the effort if you are a Pike Angler!

After spending a couple of days visiting Loch Lomond, our first trip to Loch Venachar had arrived, unfortunately though it did result in a wash out. When we first arrived, the weather was looking a bit grim to say the least. But after travelling over 400 miles, we were not going to let a little drop of wind and rain get the better of us or so we thought. After a delicious free hot chocolate from our friendly host, we decided to head for a couple of areas we had been told to try. Everything seemed to be going to plan, but then the heavens opened. The rain came and came, the winds grew stronger and stronger and things were getting dangerous. We had given it our best shot, and we had lasted nearly 3 hours, but it was time to call it a day. On our way back to the lodge we had to motor down the loch, back up it, this was because the wind was blowing too strongly down the loch for us to cross. This could have been very dangerous and even cause the boat to capsize.

Another day we did manage to fish for a couple of hours on the famous Loch Lomond. We decided to take our rods and lures while visiting Balmaha, this also happened to be one of the most popular areas on the loch for Pike fishing. Funny that! But again, those Scottish pike eluded us!

We did decide to stay on another day and give Loch Venachar another go, as the weather forecast was to improve. Indeed the weather did, but the fishing did not. Never mind, I am sure I will be back up there soon!

In the meantime here are 7 fish for you to find this month. Can you un-jumble these words to find these well known fish that come from around the world.

(1) hesarme, (2) ibnhofse, (3) rntgseou,

(4) rsgifeiht, (5) ubel iarnlm, (6) jsakcpki ntau, (7) ienl rhcpe,

If you need a little help, you can check the answers @ www.thepikers.net

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

County Councillor's Notes for April 2009 Council Tax

You will not be surprised to find that Cambridgeshire's Grant settlement from the Government to run our services next year is poor. There are 34 Shire Counties in England and our Grant increase of 2.0% comes 30th, in company with Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. Not all counties are the same, for example, Cambridgeshire has the highest growth rate of population of anywhere in the UK but of our 16 'near neighbours' we come next to last in the queue.

The size of the Government's Grant is important, mainly because it forms 49% of our income for 2009-10. For future years we have been told that this fraction will fall swiftly to 42% for 2013-14. Most Government funding also comes as earmarked expenditure with imposed targets to match. In practice, we as Councillors have very little discretion on how all our money is spent.

What is also important is that any need for money which is not met by Grant income has to be raised through the Council Tax. This next year it will provide £220,467 million. The cost of education, by the way, is no longer in the Council's hands as the money is paid straight to schools. In the past we have supplemented it to pupils' benefit but this is no longer allowed. Here is the technical bit: The Grant is calculated according to a County's type, its local ability to raise Council Tax, its population characteristics and its "relative need". This is known by insiders as the "four-block model". But this is not the end of the story. I have said many times before that there are no Labour MPs in Cambridgeshire and, sadly, the block itself is subject to Ministerial interference. We have lost £24 million in grant since this system was introduced. Cambridgeshire's grant was considerably worse than for many other Shire authorities. This model doesn't keep pace with the growth of population. Worse, it is reduced in line with the council tax raised from new buildings. Hence those places with the fastest growth do worst. The average Shire increase this year is 5.2% which is set to fall to 4.1% by 2010-11. We had planned a Council Tax increase of 4.2% mainly to cover increased Adult Social Care needs and inflation but we have reduced it to 3.9%.

This level of increase is 4th. Lowest of the 34 shire counties and, at £1,034 for a Band "D" house, is £53 a year lower than the Shire Average. Northamptonshire has the lowest at £956, Cornwall on £1,018 and Lincolnshire on £1,022. The Shire Average is £1,086 with Nottinghamshire at the top with £1,224.

Cambridge's Transport Commission

At a cost of £85,000 the County Council has ducked a decisive "yes" or "no" on the introduction of Congestion Charging in the City of Cambridge. They have set up a Commission of two: Sir Brian Briscoe and Professor Tony Travers to have another look at what most of us know already. These two have a track-record of recommending Congestion Charging (or "Road Pricing" or "Demand Management"). I call it a straightforward tax on motoring. They have now started work collecting evidence.

I went along to their first public hearing in the City's Guildhall. There they questioned officers of the County Council and its part-owned subsidiary "Horizons". Those who stayed the course would have heard Tony Travers make what I'm sure will be the most significant point in the entire consultation. Cambridge, he reasoned, is the engine of growth of the United Kingdom and as such provides wealth and products to the rest of the UK and tax revenue to the Government. The Government siphons off our tax to subsidise Scotland (to dampen demands for independence) to Wales and to the east end of London (to subsidise life-style choices). The way the Government wants us to agree is to bring in congestion charging in return for a £517 million investment in the transport network. Let's put this another way: the Government is giving us our own money back in return for an ill-disguised attempt at blackmail. As Professor Travers put it (I paraphrase): if Cambridge had been allowed to keep the proceeds of its success it would have invested that in the transport network itself to cope with rising traffic. In turn, congestion would have been avoided by a rolling programme of matching transport capacity to demand. Earlier, Alex Plant, CEO of Horizons, had quoted the case of Portland in Oregon (USA), where the city had simply mortgaged future tax revenue and built new routes with it.

Put another way, its like keeping chickens and expecting them to multiply whilst at the same time stealing their eggs every day. When the fox comes, they're expected to make him comfortable as well. Astonishingly, there are some Councillors who think this is acceptable. I'm not one of them. 81% of my constituents drive to work, most of them to Cambridge.

Most of you will know of my implacable opposition to Congestion Charging. So I wrote to Brian Briscoe asking to give my evidence to him in public. He has refused my request saying that the Commission wants to,

"draw together opinion from outside the County Council and has been established to provide a deliberately independent and apolitical view of transport issues in Cambridgeshire."

He did say that I could put my submission on their website. We know, however, that copy to that site is reviewed before display so that I cannot guarantee that my evidence wouldn't be sanitized before you read it. Note also that despite refusing me, they have welcomed evidence from those who disagree with me.

Don't imagine that I'm going to give this duo a free ride. Watch this space. Lister Wilson
County Councillor for the Bourn Division
Cambridgeshire County Council
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Cambourne Cricket Club

"VINCERE DELECTANDO"



Cambourne Cricket Club has unveiled its new artificial cricket wicket. The perfect green wicket has been laid at the ground in Lower Cambourne and the first ball was bowled on it on Saturday!

The wicket was provided as a result of the National Lottery's "Awards for All", after the Cricket Club won £8413 of funding. The pitch will allow the Club to play more cricket next year, both competitively and in practice. The new wicket is the latest success for the Club, which is looking forward to another champagne season of cricket. Following last summer's success, which saw both senior sides promoted and the club being awarded the respected "Clubmark" status, the Cricket Club are running a third senior side, as well as competing in the 20:20 Walker Cup, the Lower Junior Cup, the Sunday Transitional League and running a thriving Colts section encompassing under 15's, under 13's and under 10's.

Stuart Charles, Cambourne Cricket Club's Secretary, said:

"The new pitch is fantastic news for the Club and the community of Cambourne. The artificial pitch means that we can overcome the inclement English weather, and spend more time out in the middle. It is also great for our young cricketers, as it means they will improve as a result of being able to practice more. At the moment we are riding high on the back of a successful season on and off the pitch, and it's great to keep the momentum going. We are also looking forward to using our new pitch in Upper Cambourne, which is another amazing facility to have." Danny White, Cambourne Cricket Club's Chairman, commented:

"I want to thank again Awards for All for their generous award. There will be cricket being played almost every day this summer in Cambourne, so it is brilliant to have a pitch to cope with the wear and tear of the season. I really hope that we can continue to attract new members to our wonderful club. Outdoor practice will start on Wednesday evenings from 6pm from mid April, so do come along if you fancy playing. We have had a number of new members who have not played for a while, so there is no need to worry if you are a bit rusty! "For further information including details on how you can be part of the Club this season, please refer to www.cambournecc.com



Sunflower@Cambourne Nursery

Dear Cambourne residents,

My name is Sally McGivern and I am the Manager of the new Nursery in Cambourne.

Who runs it?

This Nursery is now run by Cambridge Housing Society, which is a Housing Association that already has a good local link to the area through the properties which it has in Cambourne and also by employing Laura Parkinson, the Cambourne Community Development Worker.

Cambridge Housing Society are not new to Nurseries and actually have experience of running a successful one in Cambridge - called 'Sunflower@Cambridge'!

The Nursery opened it's doors back in 2008 after Cambridge Housing Society bought the building and decided to open a Nursery, we had a lot of work to make the building look bright and presentable. For those who have been in, I am sure you will agree that it now looks fun and inviting for the children.

Great OFSTED Report

I am sure you will all be pleased to know that we successfully achieved 'Good.' in our recent OFSTED report, in all 14 categories, ranging from Leadership and Management to Quality and Standards. This is great news, and we are all really pleased, the Ofsted Inspector said it was almost unheard of for a setting, that has been open for as such a short time as we have, to recieve such a grading.

Community Events

Since we have opened we have supported a number of community events including 'Community Meetings', 'Cambourne's Dragons Den' as well as a crèche and meeting venue for the Cambourne Children Centre. On the 6th April we are also supporting Laura from the Housing Associations Consortium and Jenny from the Wildlife Trust in their 'Cambourne Easter Egg Hunt' - with a special Hunt around our garden!

What do we offer?

Nursery places for children aged from 4 months to 5 years

Pre-school places

Crèche facilities for community events/classes

All staff are First Aid trained.

Our numbers are rising rapidly, especially in the pre-schoolroom, and our class sizes for the other ages are kept small,, so that your child gets lots of staff attention.

If you are worried about the costs, please just pop in - we are happy to chat this over with you.

For further information please contact Sally or Linda at the Nursery on 01954 719440



Cambourne Tennis Club

"HERE TO SERVE"



web site <u>www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk</u>

If you fancy a game of tennis and just want to see what the club is about please contact Chad McVann on 01954 717 393 or email chadmcvann@aol.co.uk

To the AMAZING Residents of Cambourne, the Cambourne Tennis club is focused on helping you become a super great Tennis player and this is how we are doing it. The Tennis Academy that is being run by our new club coach Sebastian Scaux has been launched. The Tennis Academy is focused on developing tennis players at all levels in the community of Cambourne and surrounding areas. The Academy uses the state of the art tennis coaching techniques to help the players to achieve better results in their tennis game. The Academy focuses on Children from 4 to 8 and from 8 to 12 and will be starting a teenage group from 13 to 18. The Academy will also focus on adults helping get started in tennis or improving their style to help them get to a high level in their tennis game. Plus a fitness session or Cardio Tennis will be starting. These are exciting times, I hope you can join us. The Academy is our most exciting new venture, and we hope that the Residents of Cambourne will take the opportunity to benefit from these sessions.

If you want to join or just come down and see what your Amazing Tennis Club is up to, please do. BUT IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE NOT SATISFIED AFTER THE FIRST SESSION YOU WILL BE FULLY REIMBURSED.



Session	Session	Time	Cost Members	Cost Non-members
1	Under 8's	1.00pm to 1.45pm	£20.00 for 5 weeks	£25.00 for 5 weeks
2	Over 8's	2.00pm to 3.00pm	£20.00 for 5 weeks	£25.00 for 5 weeks
3	Adults beg/imp	3.00pm to 4.00pm	£20.00 for 5 weeks	£25.00 for 5 weeks
4	Fit for tennis	4.00pm to 5.00pm	£20.00 for 5 weeks	£25.00 for 5 weeks