

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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"Possible" traveller site plan revealed for Cambourne

The first consultation which started in 2006 sought to establish where sites could be.

Cambourne probably ticks all the boxes for a site - along with many other large villages.

Cambourne could have 10 families on a site yet to be identified.

Councillor Nick Wright said 149 pitches in the district which could be suitable have been chosen from which 88 will be selected.

Mr Wright said: "At the moment we have lots of unauthorised sites that are costing the taxpayer money - fighting them in the High Court with lots of injunctions etc and enforcement actions."

He said of the new proposals: "These have been carefully thought out, carefully planned - they're not all definite."

From the report- Summary of Assessment:

The new village of Cambourne is under construction west of Cambridge. There are already over 2,000 dwellings completed in the village along with a range of services and facilities. Cambourne was originally anticipated to provide approximately 3,300 dwellings. Changes to government policy now require higher minimum densities from new development to make more efficient use of land.

A planning application to increase the capacity by 950 dwellings was submitted in August 2007.

The majority of the areas that remain undeveloped are in Great and Upper Cambourne on the east side of the village. The principle of provision at major developments is emphasised in national and emerging regional guidance and the site assessment identifies the suitability of this site.

A site within or close to the edge of Cambourne could potentially have good access to the services and facilities of the village.

Design and impact, and access to services and facilities will depend to a great extent on masterplanning, and how the sites are located within or close to the edge of the development. Appropriate design could be used to integrate a site with the development whilst providing a location that meets the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Summary of Sustainability Appraisal:

Many of the effects are unlikely to be significant as the site falls within the wider Cambourne Major Development Site, which is currently under construction. However, it is likely that there will be benefits in relation to access to facilities and amenities as additional facilities will be provided as part of the wider development.

Cambourne is a considerable distance from Cambridge, and if it is accepted that Gypsies and Travellers are less likely to use public transport then it can be seen that car

dependency from this site could be high.

South Cambs Report Conclusion:

Cambourne offers a good opportunity to integrate new site provision with this major new development, so that it meets the needs of all sectors of the community.

The sites used in new developments will probably replace an allocation for social homes but no actual site is identified in Cambourne yet.

Talks are being held with the consortium but will probably make homes development unviable.

Consultation starts on July 10th until 9th October and residents should express their views to South Cambs District Council.

**Email: scdc@scambs.gov.uk
Responses can also be made direct from their web site**

www.scambs.gov.uk

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Monday 6:15 - 7:30
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Thursday 6:00 - 7:15
Waiting list to join please contact Kim on 01954 715722 email to cambournebrownies@btinternet.com

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

Cambourne Cafe:

Tuesday, 3.15 - 5.45pm, open to years 9,10,11.
Free entry. At the Soul Youth Club Building
Contact: Amenda Barnard 01223 264935
abarnard@cambsyouthservice.org.uk

Cambourne Garden Club

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

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

Cricket Club:

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

Football:

Cambourne Rovers (Adults) - www.cambournerovers.co.uk
Cambourne Rovers Juniors (U11/U12) - www.camjuniors.co.uk
Cambourne Eagles (U8/U10/U14/U16) - www.cambourneeaglesfc.co.uk - 203162
Cambourne FC (U8/U15) - 710373
info@cambournefc.com

Guides (girls aged 10-14):

Monday 6:45 - 8:20 Lizzie on 710552 / 07921 130186 email cambourneguides@googlemail.com
Wednesday 6:45 - 8:20 Dion Badcock 714421 or Fiona Orford 07518 846089
email secondcambourneguides@live.co.uk
Waiting list to join please contact Nadine on 07766 119795

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):

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Thursday 4:45 - 5:45 Thursday 6:15 - 7:15
Friday 6:15 - 7:15 (after September)
Waiting list to join please contact Kim on 01954 715722 email to cambournebrownies@btinternet.com

Reading Group:

Every 3rd Thursday of each month 7.30pm
Contact: Pam Hume pam.hume@ntlworld.com

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

Tennis:

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

Women's Institute:

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

Women's Running Club:

Meet every Tuesday evening, 7.15 for 7.30 start ,at the Ark
Contact: Catherine 07803 012343
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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 0345 456 4564 (New cheap call)

Cambourne Parish Council Office:

John Vickery (Parish Clerk) - 714403

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA): & HUB BOOKINGS

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

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:

www.cambournesoul.btik.com
Cambourne Internet Cafe And Hang Out
Cambourne Junior Youth Club
CU@4

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

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



THE MUSIC SCENE

Are you ready to Rock?

Four days in August, 3 all weather stages, over 100 bands, 70+ British real ales, and a polo match?!!! This could only be...The Cambridge Rock Festival 2009!

The Cambridge Rock Festival is back, bigger and better than ever before, at the Haggis Farm Polo Club, Barton, with music running from 6-9th August.

Headliners for 2009 include the Oli Brown Band, John Lee's Barclay James Harvest, Mostly Autumn, Quireboys, Never the Bride, Asia, Focus and appearances of Jefferson Starship and Quicksilver Messenger Service to name a few!

Catering for big kids and little ones alike, you can learn Circus skills and even take part in Arts and Crafts workshops. There's even a Record Collector Fair with some rarities just waiting to be found!

Full line up and tickets available from 01353 749749 and <http://cambridgerockfestival.co.uk/>

Exclusive to Cambourne - £1000 Cambridge Rock Festival tickets give-away!

Are you a resident of Cambourne? You could win a pair of tickets to the Cambridge Rock Festival, on Friday 7th August, 11am until midnight! Cambridge Rock Festival organisers are generously donating twenty pairs of tickets to the residents of Cambourne, worth £25 each!

The Friday line-up is spread across three stages and includes John Lees Barclay James Harvest, Mostly Autumn, Danny Bryant's RedEyeBand, plus an eclectic mix of bands from Blues to Classic Rock.

To enter the prize draw, simply email your name, address and contact number to: competition@cambourne.info For more info and competition entry requirements see the Crier website & below * <http://www.cambourne.info>

** You must be a Cambourne resident to enter. Only one entry permitted per household. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Entry deadline is Friday 24th July. Eligible entrants will be drawn at random and winners notified by Monday 27th July. By entering you agree to festival organisers, RBF Festivals Ltd, contacting you by email with relevant festival marketing information only. Your personal information will not be shared with third parties and you may opt out of receiving further email communications.*



Good luck!
From the Crier Editorial team



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.

04/06/2009 : Black Bin.
11/06/2009 : Green Bin and Box..
18/06/2009 : Black Bin.
25/06/2009 : Green Bin and Box..
02/07/2009 : Black Bin.
09/07/2009 : Green Bin and Box..
16/07/2009 : Black Bin.
23/07/2009 : Green Bin and Box..
30/07/2009 : Black Bin.



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



Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard

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



Ah, the joys of the Great British Summer!! July is reportedly the hottest month of the year so enjoy it while you can. If you have done all the ground work then it is now that your garden will be bursting into a riot of colour. Keeping your plants strong is really important as pest and disease will prey on the weak. Keep them well fed and watered.

Before we get going on the jobs list can I first say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the open gardens last month. Fantastic to see all your hard work, well done for sharing it with us.

Top 10 jobs

1. Enjoy your Garden because that is what it is there for!
2. Deadhead to ensure continuous flowering
3. Spray Roses to control black spot, mildew and aphids
4. Water and feed containers well (morning or evening is best)
5. Continue to mow grass raising the height of cut in dry weather
6. Tie in and train new growth on climbing plants
7. Clean paving or decking to remove any algae
8. Lift spring bulbs if required and store them for planting in the autumn
9. Give the lawn a summer feed
10. If you have fruit trees then give them their summer prune

If you have a pond now is a good time to give everything the once over. Remove plant material that has fallen into the pond and any blanket weed (by twirling it around a stick). Check filters on pumps to ensure that they are not blocked. Continue to feed the fish and keep it topped up with water. Why not put pots of plants into gaps in your borders for an instant fix.

In the Vegetable Garden

Keep sowing salad crops every couple of weeks for a continuous supply. If you haven't already done so earth up main crop potatoes so they will produce you a better yield. Keep an eye on your courgette's and pick every other day to prevent it becoming a marrow! Strawberry runners can be pegged down into the soil or pots to produce some free plants. Remove flowering spikes from Rhubarb and give the plants a good mulch. Pick raspberries regularly, if you can get there before the birds that is and keep digging those early potatoes. Not all vegetables need as much water as we often think but salad crops and onions will reward you if you do.

We have had two questions this month so hope this helps.

Q. My tomato plants that are growing in raised beds filled with half soil/ half compost (horse manure). The top leaves on one plant started to curl a few weeks ago and now the entire row of 5 plants have been affected. It seems to be systemic because the stems have become strangely knobbly and the new growth is gnarled and strangely pale. What shall I do?

A. Well, tomato plants can be very susceptible to leaf curl and there are a couple of reasons for this. Indoor plants do it when irregularly watered while outdoor grown suffer because of temperature fluctuation, heavy rain and or wind. June is a classic month for leaf curl because of cold mornings, hotter days and heavy rain showers. Try and keep them well protected and they may recover.

More worrying though is the gnarled growth. This could well be caused by a pest or virus. If your fruit has set then you may be able to keep them going with a lower yield to come but if they are still young then it may not be worth it. Keep them well fed but not over watered.

One very sound piece of advice is to rotate where you grow them. Diseases can last a long time in the soil and a four year rotation is advisable. If you cannot manage this then pots or grow bags will help.

Q. My cherry tree is overrun with little black insects that make the leaves curl. I thought that they are black fly, but I am not sure. I washed the tree with a solution of dishwashing liquid which did not kill the insects, but it did kill half the leaves and destroyed what used to be a substantial crop of cherries. I did make the solution very strong which was clearly a bad idea. What can I do to prevent history from repeating itself next year?

A. This is most probably cherry black fly. The good news is your tree should survive these attacks but it is likely to suffer year after year. By July the winged insects should have moved on (the damaged leaves will stay visible though) but they will have left their eggs to over winter.

The time to get them is in late spring as they begin to emerge and being an edible fruit you should use an organic pesticide based on pyrethrum (made from chrysanthemum flowers). It is vital that you spray before the leaves curl so keep a good look out!

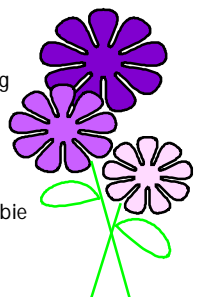
Happy Composting!

CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

June saw the Birthday of the Cambourne Garden Club and the holding of its first AGM. Committee members were selected for the coming year as well as the appointment of auditors for the accounts. Among the items discussed on the Agenda, were the direction the members wanted the Club to go in next year, what speakers would they like to see return (or not!), suggestions for outings and trips and what practical help could be provided for those in need (ie tackling their first ever plot / swamp) as we've all now been there and done that and maybe next year will get the t-shirt.

If you feel like joining us in a trip to Clare College gardens on the 30th of July please contact either Fran Panrucker (710858) or Debbie Walker (710919) for details of car sharing so that we don't swamp them with vehicles.

... and on a final note – your most important job in the garden for the coming month is to get out and enjoy it!



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2009

*** To book a place please contact David 01954 715283 - 07703342788 or cypadmin@uwclub.net

Unless otherwise stated all activities are at Cambourne Soul Youth Club and Free

For further information and full details check our website www.cambournesoul.btik.com

***Monday July 20th 2-6pm- Junior Music Making

Tuesday 21st July- Coach Trip to London Science Museum.

Contact Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879/07702349407 or Sally on 07876674644

***Wednesday 22nd July- Hockey 1.30 -3 pm age 7 -11 then 3.15 -5 pm 11- 15 @ the MUGA

Wednesday 22nd July 11am-1pm – Cambourne Catch Up Café

Contact Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879/07702349407

***Wednesday 22nd July 2 - 6pm- DJ/MC Session

***Thu 23rd July 9.30-11.30 age 11-15 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Friday 24th July 2pm - 4.30pm – Mad Science

***Monday 27th July Hockey 1.30 -3 pm – age 7 to 11 then 3.15 - 5 pm age 11 to 15 @ the MUGA

***Monday 27th July - 3-5pm- age 6-10 various sports, games arts and crafts

***Tuesday 28th July - 12 -3pm- BBQ homemade burgers age 10-13

Wednesday 29th July 11am-1pm – Cambourne Catch Up Café

Toasties, biscuits, teas and coffees available (donation only). Children must be accompanied. Organised by Laura Parkinson.

***Wednesday 29th July 9.30-11.30- age 7-11 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Wednesday 29th July 2 - 6pm- DJ/MC Session

Thursday 30th July 2pm-4pm – Pond dipping @ Cambourne Eco Park

Contact Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879 / 07702349407 to book a place.

***Thursday 30th July 3.45-5.30 – Junior Club – ages 7 to 10yrs, £1

***Thursday 30th July 9.30-11.30- age 11-15 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Thursday July 30th 10 - 2pm- Concert Band

***Friday 31st July Hockey 1.30-3 pm age 7 -11 then 3.15-5 pm age 11-15 @ the MUGA

***Friday 31st July - 3-5pm age 6-10 various sports games arts and crafts

***Monday 3rd thru Friday 7th August 3.30 - 6pm Music Sessions

Tuesday 4th August – Coach Trip to Sunny Great Yarmouth.

Contact Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879/07702349407 or Sally on 07876674644

***Wednesday 5th August 9.30 - 11.30 age 7-11 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Monday 10th August Athletics 1.30 -3 pm – age 7 -11 then 3.15- 5 pm 11-15 @ the MUGA

***Monday 10th August - 3-5pm age 6-10 face painting

***Tuesday 11th August - 12-3pm age 6-10 various sports games arts and crafts

***Wednesday 12 August 9.30 -11.30 age 7-11 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

Wednesday 12th August 11.30am-2pm – Scavenger Hunt and picnic around Cambourne

Contact Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879 / 07702349407 to book a place

***Thursday 13th August 9.30 -11.30 age 11-15 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Thursday 13th August 3.45-5.30- Junior Club – ages 7 to 10 £1 admission

***Friday 14th August - Mad Science 10am -12.30pm

Saturday 15th August 11am – 6.30pm – Cambourne's 10 Year Anniversary event

11am – 4pm Cambourne Village Fete –includes: A variety of local stalls, Fancy Dress competition, bouncy castle, welly wanging, Hoopla, face painting, Sunflower Growing Competition Final, Potato Growing Competition Final, Garden in a Box Final, cream teas, fair trade refreshments and lots more... For more information call Catherine on 07890553036

4pm -6.30pm Cambourne's Got Talent Show –

Watch the local talent in Cambourne perform in front of 4 judges to find the best dancer, singer, juggler, magician....To enter or for more information call Sally on 07876674644.

***Monday 17th August Athletics 1.30 - 3 pm age 7 -11 then 3.15 -5 pm 11-15 @ the MUGA

***Monday 17th August - 3-5pm age 6-10 various sports games arts and crafts

***Tuesday 18th August - 12-3pm age 10-13 various sports games arts and crafts

***Wednesday 19th August 9.30-11.30 age 7-11 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

Wednesday 19th August 2pm-4pm – Pond dipping @ Great Cambourne Green

Call Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879 / 07702349407 to book a place

***Thursday 20th August 9.30-11.30 age 11-15 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Thursday 20th August - Junior Club – ages 7 to 10yrs, 3.45-5.30, £1 admission

Thursday 20th August 6-8pm – Cambourne Community Rounders Match on the football fields.

Call Laura Parkinson on 01954 715879 / 07702349407 to book a place.

***Friday 21st August - 3-5pm age 10-13 various sports games arts and crafts

Monday 24th August Athletics 1.30 - 3 pm - age 7 to 11 then 3.15 -5 pm 11 to 15 @ the MUGA

***Wednesday 26th August 9.30 -11.30 age 7-11 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Thursday 27th August 9.30 -11.30 age 11-15 Sports - Top Activities @ the MUGA

***Thursday 27th August 3.45-5.30,– Junior Club – ages 7 to 10yrs, £1 admission

Saturday 29th August – International Bat Night Wildlife Trust. Call Jenny on 01954 713516



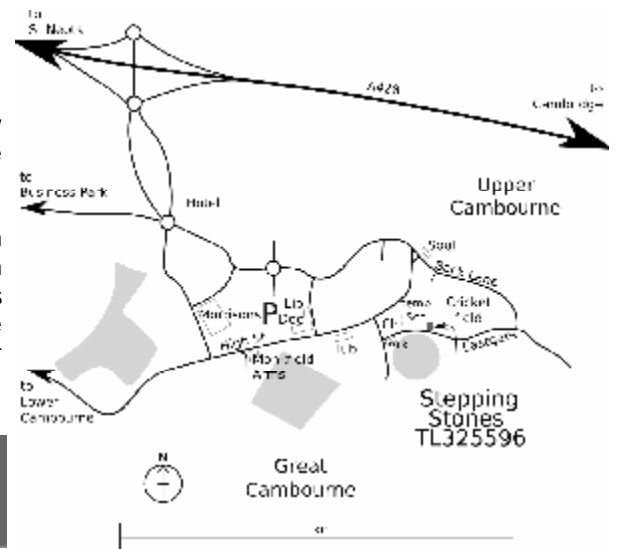
Stepping Stones

Happy tenth birthday, Cambourne! But Cambourne is more than just a new development. People have lived here for 3000 years. More recent residents have brought their own personal histories, cultures, hopes and dreams.

This summer, Cambourne All-In is running the Stepping Stones project, starting with a series of free workshops to discover, celebrate and record Cambourne's rich heritage. This will be documented on a web site, and also as ten stepping stones installed alongside the Great Cambourne cricket pitch, one stone for each year of the new community. This is an opportunity for all Cambournians to contribute to their own permanent artwork.



The project is funded by grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and South Cambridgeshire District Council, with non-cash contributions from Cambourne Parish Council, SCDC, Cambourne Consortium of Housing Associations, and individuals.



Workshops

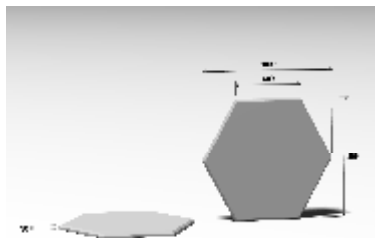
The workshops, from July to September, will focus on five areas.

1. Archaeology: What was found when archaeologists investigated Cambourne, before it was built. How it was found. What this tells us about life in Cambourne nearly 3000 years ago, up to the Romans
2. History: How life changed in Cambourne from the time of the Romans. Methods of farming. How life changed in the middle ages to modern times.
3. Urban planning: How a new development is planned, designed and built. How Cambourne came into being.
4. Wildlife: What wildlife exists in Cambourne. The impact humans have on the wildlife, and the impact of wildlife on the humans. Weather-permitting, this will take place outside.
5. Story-catching: What individuals have brought with them to Cambourne: our personal histories and culture. How Cambourne is different to where we lived before.

We'll run workshops at the schools and the Hub. The Hub workshops will be open to everyone, all ages, but children must be accompanied.

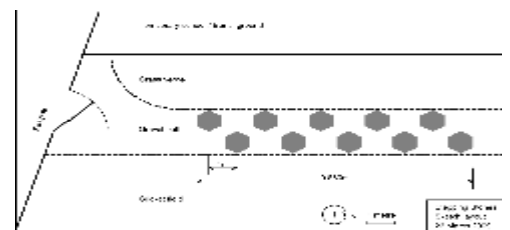
Come to the workshops and scribble sketches or words on paper. We will use these later in the designs of the stones. If you don't come, you can still submit ideas, in the form of sketches or words on paper. These needn't be polished works of art or essays or poems. Single words and simple sketches are fine. What does Cambourne mean to you? What do you value? What do you want to pass to future generations?

The Stones



In September, a design board with local professional artist Andrew Tanser will sift through all the submitted ideas, and decide on the general designs for the stones. Andy will do magic with his skills, a computer and other professionals, so the designs can be grit-blasted on the stones. Then we'll install the stones on the footpath alongside the Great Cambourne cricket pitch, near Jeavons Wood School and the church, with a grand public opening scheduled for Saturday 5th December.

We want everyone to participate. Come to a workshop if you can. Scribble something on paper if you can't.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 8 July: Monkfield School workshops.
- Saturday 11 July 12-6pm: Five public workshops at the Hub.
- Sunday 2 Aug 2-8pm: Two or three public workshops at the Hub.
- Monday 3 Aug 1-6pm: Three or two public workshops at the Hub.
- Monday 10 Aug 1-6pm: Five public workshops at the Hub.
- Saturday 15 Aug: Tenth anniversary fête. Come and see what we've done so far!
- Tuesday 8 Sep, Thursday 10 Sep and Monday 14 Sep: Vine School workshops.
- Saturday 5 December: Public opening.

Many thanks to all our sponsors. Please contribute your time and sketches, and help make this project a success!

This project is brought to you by Cambourne All-In.

Contact Alan Gibson, snibgo@earthling.net, 01480 880442, or visit the Cambourne All-In website: <http://www.cambourneallin.org/>



Bedfordshire
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Wildlife Review July 2009

Over the last few weeks I have been enjoying watching all the birds busily feeding their young and then the fledglings hoping about the garden, finding their feet (and wings). We had three successful starling nests in the bird boxes on the Manor House and a blackbird family. What's been happening in your garden?

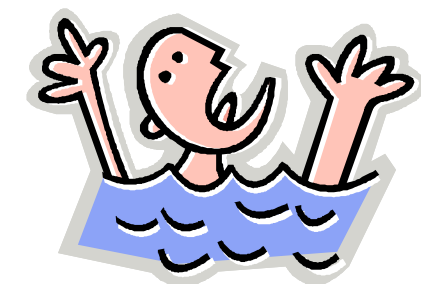
July is a great month to get out and enjoy the wildflowers around Cambourne. The Hay meadows will be cut late this year to allow us to harvest some of the wildflower seed to use on less flower-rich parts of the site. There is a track that runs around the perimeter of Cambourne from the bottom of Crow Hill round to the Vine School, through some lovely secluded areas where you will see lots of wildlife. Some of the common flowers include ox-eye daisy, black knapweed, bird's-foot-trefoil and lady's bedstraw (there are pictures of some of these on the Wild Discovery Trail signs around the Country Park and Eco Park). It is also a great month to see dragonflies around the lakes and ponds and butterflies in the woods and meadows. We have plenty of maps available at the Manor House or I can email or post one to you.



Common blue butterfly on bird's-foot-trefoil

Swimming in the lakes

This is really not a good idea as there are many potential dangers. The water can be very cold in the centre and there may be weeds under water that can trap your feet and rubbish such as broken bottles and trolleys that could cause injuries. It is possible to catch diseases, such as Weil's disease, and the sewage pump station often over flows and has the potential to contaminate the lakes. It might look tempting on a hot day but I really wouldn't! Please remind youngsters of the dangers as they may not be aware.



The throwlines are positioned in the red boxes around the lakes for safety along with safety rings in some places. Please do not throw them about for fun as they cost a lot of money to replace and may not be there when you need them. If you see a throwline out of its box then please bring it to the Manor House and if you see an empty box please let us know where.



Police



If you are concerned about any dangerous or antisocial behaviour, including swimming, drinking or vandalism, remember that you can call the police on their non emergency number 0345 456 456 4. I have recently had a meeting with the local team and they really benefit from the information you are able to provide. They may not always be able to come out right away, but it adds to their information and helps plan the areas they check and the resources they get. Some people have said they don't want to report what they see as it only adds to Cambourne's crime figures, but I think the police will be more effective if they know what is happening.

Events

On Tuesday 14th July at 8pm I will be showing you how to encourage wildlife into your garden. There will be a short talk followed by a guided tour of the Wildlife Garden at the Manor House and a chance to have a go at dipping in our pond as well as refreshments. A donation of £2 per person is requested on the door. Please call or email me to book your place.

There will also be a litter pick during the summer, keep an eye out for the date or if you would like to be on an email list to get reminders about events then please contact me.

Contact me

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

Email: jenny.mackay@wildlifecnp.org

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

Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Cambourne Officer

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1st Sunday of the month 10.00am. Meeting in The Hub.
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Sunday services during August will all be at 10.00am, including an activity for school aged children, instead of the usual young church provision

Update on Building Work of The New Church Centre



The first level of the roof nears completion



The planners wanted a signature building to sign off the view down the High St with Significant verticality

Open Gardens – Thank you

A huge thank you to the Open Gardens Committee for organising such a wonderful event yet again! £671 was raised over the weekend to go towards the landscaping of the new church building. Thank you also to all those who opened their beautiful gardens for the event and were so friendly and welcoming to those visiting.



Footie

Soccer Sunday takes place at the MUGA on alternative Sundays during term time 4.30-6.00pm for those in years 6-13. £2.50 each.

Dates still to go for this term: 5th & 19th July

Men's Kickabout takes place alternate Monday evenings 7-8pm also at the MUGA. All over 16s welcome to join in, or to meet the lads for a drink in the pub afterwards.

Contact Jon Sanders for more info on either of the above: 07729 977463

Cambourne Wildlife and Walking Group - Walks dates

Sunday June 28th Childerley Cancelled sorry

Sunday July 26th RSPB Sandy (Bring a picnic lunch)

Sunday Aug 30th Cambourne followed by Annual Lunch @ The Eltisleys

Sunday Sept 27th Knapwell & Boxworth (blackberry picking)

Sunday Nov 29th Cambourne

Saturday Boxing Day Wimpole Hall

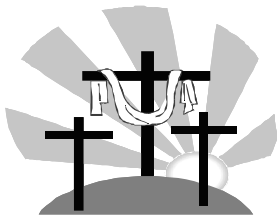
All walks meeting at Oak Woods Car Park on School Lane at 10am.

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From the May walk at Fowlmere, Pike spotted.
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Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Whilst thinking on what to write this month. This came to mind.
Proverbs 14:34 ¶ Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
At the time of this being written this nation seems to be rife with the lack of righteousness, beginning at the top of the government and downwards. Why can they not do right? Many speak of systems that are not functioning or needing review, but is it the system? I think what needs review is not any system or regulation, but rather the hearts of the individuals. For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he, the actions of a body do not come from the limbs, but from the mind. It is not the hand that steals, but a corrupt mind that plans to sin. It is difficult sometimes these days to even see right from wrong as we are told what is good is evil and what is evil is good. The standards have been taken away by people that wish to hide their own sin. The good and bad merge into a world of grey. Even truth becomes subjective with no moral standards. No longer is it what can we do to help, but what can we do to help ourselves and what can we get away with. How far

fallen are we from the reputation of Honour and Integrity that this nation once bore. However, before we continue to say why can they not do what is right? We may ask what can I do that is right. Let us not be like others standing in the mud calling each other dirty. Let us instead seek to be clean first then help others, let us do right and point others to the standard of righteousness. And this cleaning must be internal and we need help. But how?

Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 ¶ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 ¶ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

We need to remember the guidelines before we are lost in a place of situational ethics and subjective morality with no absolutes or boundaries. I am not saying perfection and never straying from the path, but at least being able to keep it in sight would be good. Maybe a little stability would be useful in these times?

If you have questions or just want a chat, let us know if we can help.

Donavan Bangs

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Pope Benedict has announced that beginning on 19th June, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, the whole Church will observe a 'Year of the Priest.' The year coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars, who is the patron saint of parish priests. During this year he will be declared 'Patron of all the priests of the world.' The year will close on June 19th 2010 with a world meeting of priests in St Peter's Square. The Congregation for Clergy and the bishops of the Church will be promoting and coordinating several spiritual and pastoral initiatives that will take place to show the role and mission of the priest in the Church and contemporary society. Please remember in your prayers the priests of our parish and diocese, our seminarians in formation and ask the Lord that more men will come forward to offer themselves to serve Him and His people in the ministerial priesthood. We are very pleased to report back that the Auction of Promises and Book Sale, which was held last month as a fundraiser for the new church raised just over £4000. We want to continue to add to the fund, so please donate anything you can: www.cambournechurch.org.uk

Please note the change in our web address: www.cambournerc.co.nr. We have recently updated the site, and web address. Please visit it for information on our community, mass times, photos and other general information.

Roman Catholic Toddler Masses for 0-5 Years

Older Siblings are Welcome of course, are held each Month in the Cambourne Villages and Caldecote, Father Raf delivers a thoughtful and appropriate sermon for the Children and encourages them to join in and help serving too. Afterwards we have refreshments, Tea, Coffee, Juice, Cake, Biscuits and the Children play, it's warm and friendly group, the Children really do understand its for them and is helping them from a young age to understand in a simple and easy environment about our Faith. Times, Days and Dates vary as we meet in each other's Homes on a Rota system. If you would like any more information regarding Toddler Mass, please call or email Amanda Hunt on 01954 710405 mandahunt@btinternet.com who will happily provide you with more information, I myself am the most recent member to join our group and from the moment I arrived felt welcome and at ease, if you would like to do something different yet purposeful with your Toddlers Once a Month for a couple of Hours, please come along and join us. We hope to see you soon.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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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.

FAIR.... OR NOT?

I was one of the people who signed the petition against the fair taking place.

I was outside, gardening, when an elderly gentleman approached me with the petition. I was led to believe that a group of gypsies wished to settle on the common for a while, with no mention of any fair. Both my husband and myself signed the petition, but had we known that the petition was against a family fair we never would have signed. I wonder how many other people who signed the petition were misinformed?

Thank You

On behalf of Cambourne Arts I would like to thank you most sincerely for the generous donation of £200 we received from the Crier. We are in the process of setting up a bank account, so the cheque should be processed soon.

The money will go towards an art group to start in the Autumn.

Yours faithfully,

Fran Panrucker (Chairman)

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NON URGENT POLICE MATTERS

From Monday 15th June 2009, the non-emergency telephone number for Cambridgeshire Constabulary has changed. The new number is 0345 456 456 4. Please save this in your address books for future reference. The old number, 0845 456 456 4, will continue to operate alongside the new number until April 2011. The move will allow people with call packages which provide free local calls to benefit as 0345 numbers are classed as local calls. Remember - in an emergency, always dial 999. You should dial 999 if lives are in danger or if there is serious risk of injury, if a serious crime is happening or if a criminal is still at the scene. In all other cases, and for general enquiries, please call us on 0345 456 456 4. This number is staffed by specially trained operators, 24 hours a day, seven days a week including bank holidays.

Memories of Barbara Dennis ...

Deputy Head at CVC 1968 - 1992

It is with great sadness that Comberton Village College has learned of the recent passing of Barbara Dennis, known affectionately to staff as BD. Barbara had an outstanding career at Comberton and she is someone whose dedication, talent and professionalism helped lay the foundations which have enabled the school to evolve. There are staff still here who owe their perceptions of the standards and values in education to her example, and we feel that Barbara's inspirational guidance and support influenced us all personally.

Barbara's kindness and pastoral care for pupils was legendary. Before expectations became formulated in statutory documents, she led the way in demonstrating how a school's ethos should be represented by every individual member of staff and she taught us how to model the behaviours we want to encourage in young people. She made it a priority to protect the needs of the most vulnerable children and her vision of a genuinely inclusive education for every single child was borne out by her insistence in focusing on their entitlement and ensuring that each received the best education that CVC could offer. Barbara was a formidable presence with immense experience in detecting errors both administrative and human. Stories abound about her Miss Marple-like capacity for solving school "crimes".

She was at the heart of Henry Morris's ideal of a Community School. To this day she is fondly remembered by ex-pupils who work at CVC, and also by those living locally, as someone who understood how school and community should relate to each other. In a way of life where there never seems to be enough time and one is never up to date, Barbara fulfilled her obligations to the letter. Her beautiful handwriting reflected the meticulousness of someone who was never too busy to help those who asked, nor too preoccupied to notice those who were in need. She was extraordinary and it was a privilege to have known and worked with her. Just how much she cared about each individual, bothered about people and touched the lives of all of those around her, may be gathered from the typical responses of her colleagues' children: "Oh, yes, Mrs Dennis, she was lovely!"

Mary Martin

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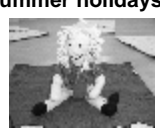
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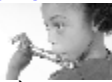
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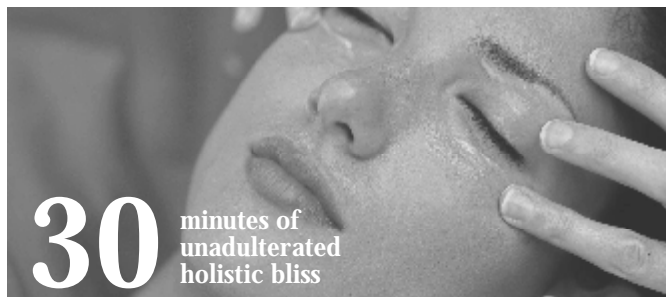
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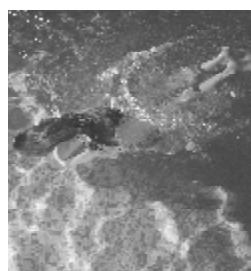
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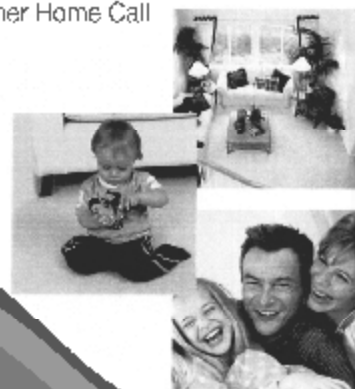
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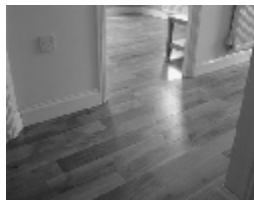
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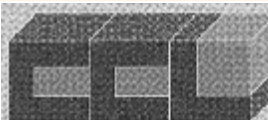
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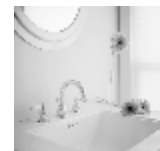
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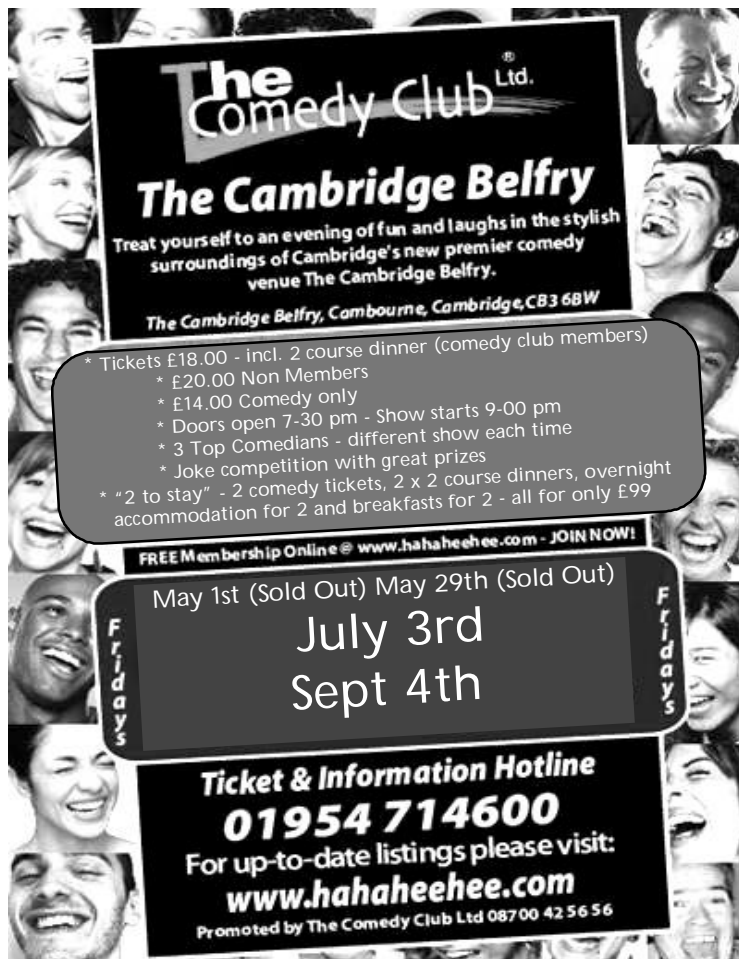
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The Art Gang

The first informal meeting of people with an interest in the arts took place in the Monkfield Arms in June. Two artists brought along their work or portfolios, others came to share experiences, ideas and problems and still others came to find out if there was to be any facility for learning new skills. The next gathering will be on Monday 13th July at 7.30. and thereafter on the second Monday of each month.

Art in the Evening

Also in September, we hope to start a regular evening group where we can invite visiting artists/tutors to talk about aspects of art history, artists etc, and to give demonstrations of different styles of art. We are currently applying for grant aid to start this off, and to enable the group to be available to everyone. Again, please contact Fran on 710858 to book your place.

Stamford Open Air Theatre Visit

The coach is booked and the tickets are on their way but there is still room for more play-goers to come with us to Stamford on Tuesday August 25th to see Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' after enjoying a picnic in the grounds. The total cost is around £24, depending on final numbers. Phone Pat on 718836.

Our Cambourne - Isn't it Great!

August 15th is the date for the display of art works celebrating different aspects of life in Cambourne. Quite a few people have already said they will be taking part and the two primary schools have also said they would like to be involved. Anything goes, and there will be prizes. Pick up an entry form from the library or outside the Parish Office or phone 710858. Phone this number also to find out when to bring work to the Hub.

Creative Writing Group

A writing group currently meets on the first Monday of the month in the library at 1.30pm. New members are very welcome! But as many people work during the day we want to start an evening group. If you would like to participate, contact Alan (01480 880442, snibgo@earthling.net) with your ideal choice of evenings and location (eg "third Monday of the month in the Monkfield Arms").

Rag Rug Making

A very popular group of rag-rug makers meets in Caxton monthly and there are spaces for new members. Contact Shirley Page 718367

Stepping Stones

This is an outstanding opportunity to discover and celebrate Cambourne's hidden heritage. See the article elsewhere for details.

Music Festival 2010

Only the very beginning of an idea at the moment, but if you have any expertise/interest etc, please contact Fran on 710858

The Art Gang

Calling all creative people! There is a monthly gathering in the Cambourne pub (every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm) A chance for anyone involved/interested in photography; music; writing; theatre; design; art; etc to network with local creative professionals and keen local creative people

For group activities we could organise cultural trips - museums / theatre / music plus talks / workshops. We are open to suggestions or just come along to enjoy the monthly gathering

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Papworth Astronomy Group

Wednesday 2nd September

Carolyn Crawford from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge will give a talk on cosmology and dark energy .

Wednesday 7th October

Susan Conway from the Open University will talk about her work on gullies on Mars. She will also describe advances in our understanding of the surface of the planet.

Wednesday 4th November

Dave Eagle from Bedford Astronomical Society will give a presentation on Charles Piazzi Smyth's observatory. He will also talk about modern amateur astronomy on Tenerife .

Wednesday 2nd December

This will be a night sky meeting, with (weather permitting) an observing session. It will be held at the Vinter Room as usual and, in the event of inclement weather, there will be an alternative presentation indoors.

The club's Web site includes the latest news and meeting reports: www.papworthastronomy.org

All meetings will be held in the Vinter Room in Papworth Everard at 7:30 PM . The Vinter Room at the entrance to Vinter Close (it is the building with the clock tower). Entering Papworth Everard from the south, take the first left after the traffic lights into Elm Way , past the fire station, then take the second left into Vinter Close. From the north, take the first right after the library into Elm Way, past the fire station on your left, then take the second left into Vinter Close. The meeting room is accessible to wheelchairs.

Contact details for more information : Peter Sandford - phone 01480 830729, email peter@cheere.demon.co.uk

Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School

As another term and academic year hurtles to a close Year 6 find themselves in reflective mood as they prepare to leave primary school and move onto the next exciting stage in their education. It has been a hectic year filled with so many memorable events and there are still many more to come – the residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire and our grand summer production, 'Peter Pan in Monkfield Land' being the two at the forefront of our minds this week.

Many of the children agree that one of the most memorable and inspiring aspects of the year has been our participation in the County pilot for an exciting and creative approach to teaching called 'Mantle of the Expert'. The 'Mantle of the Expert' system aims, through drama, to give children the opportunity to learn about the real world by putting them into the role of the 'expert' rather than that of the pupil. The basis of Mantle of the Expert is that children run a fictional enterprise dealing with the needs of their clients. The children had been captivated by the book 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, a very moving and powerful story of a young man shot for alleged cowardice in the First World War. A letter duly arrived in class asking the children if they would consider designing a modern interactive war. Over the next six weeks the children spent almost every afternoon solving many of the problems which were thrown their way producing fantastic plans, measured drawings, letters, newspaper articles, peace poems and finished by building wooden models of 'peace pavilions' which would be one of the central parts of the 'memorial' as they felt it essential that people were provided with a place to reflect on the horror of war. These pavilions were decorated with some of their peace poems.

In the Spring term we began with a taped message from a climber stranded on the Eiger, which was mysteriously broadcast during quiet reading one afternoon. Within a few hours two companies had been established which were designing specialist mountaineering packs for the International Mountain Rescue (our client) aimed at reducing the number of expensive 'call outs' for the rescue services by ill equipped amateur mountaineers. The design of the packs was deemed so successful the children even prepared their pitch for the 'Dragon's Den,' having estimated the level of funding they would need to develop their products.

We have found 'Mantle of the Expert' to be challenging, but well worth the effort. We have seen the children totally engaged in the learning process and they have stunned us with their thinking, resourcefulness and creative approach to problems. The look of disappointment on the faces when your response to the question, 'are we doing Mantle today?' is a negative one makes us determined to use this exciting teaching method again. Who knows where our pupils will be taking us next, but one thing is for sure it will be a very exciting place.

From Year 6

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 273 377. We look forward to hearing from you.



Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

Summer Holiday Club

The Care and Learning Centre on the site of Monkfield Park Primary School is coming to the end of another busy and successful year. During the summer holiday period we will be running our Holiday Club. We open from 8.00am to 6.00pm and parents/carers can book by the hour to suit their needs.

We will be offering a range of activities including, cooking, messy play, arts and crafts, ICT and music, stories, songs and rhymes. Outdoor activities such as play with nature, this includes outdoor play, exploration and investigation, games and gardening are also offered.

The 2009 Summer Holiday Club will be running from 20th July to 21st August and again on the 1st and 2nd of September.

If you would like further details please contact the Centre on 01954 273301 or by email jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk (Juliet Ferris - Manager) or mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk (Marian Burling - Clerical Assistant)

CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL

Activities - Cambourne Pre-School have had a busy month playing in the garden and the enjoying the summer sun. We have also been watching the new church being built, and having Lunch Club in the garden area. As well as all the usual play activities inside such as books, home corner, singing, role play and many more.

Volunteers needed - It has been two years since the rooms were decorated, and we are planning to paint the inside of the building over the summer. Anyone reading this article who would like to help us would be more than welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising efforts this year. As well as supporting our usual activities, this hard work and generosity will allow Pre-School to build a large sand pit in the garden to help our young explorers with their digging and building.

Party Time! The end of term party is on Wednesday 15th July in the Hub, where we will say our final goodbyes to the leavers, presenting them with a poem, book and a book bag for their new school. We expect there will be lots of fun and Games with a few songs too.

Committee News - We would like to thank those Committee members leaving this year for all their support and dedication. Without the help of our volunteer Committee over the last few years Pre-school wouldn't be as successful as it is today. Parents do all the management tasks from paying wages to recruitment, policy writing and fund raising.

If you would like make new friends and be involved in the running of the Pre-School, please contact us via e-mail at cambournepreschool@googlemail.com (you will need to complete an enhanced CRB check).

Spaces Available - Cambourne Pre-School is the longest running Pre-School in Cambourne, and employs 8 permanent members of staff together with 3 bank staff. If you would like your son or daughter to attend, we still have places for next academic year.

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The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

School - Renewable Energy Investigation Day

This half term the year five and six children took part in a solar and wind energy workshop run by Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Services (CEES). Two visiting scientists from CEES brought along solar energy and wind turbine mini-kits for the children to investigate how to generate heat and electricity using a renewable energy source. Here are some of the children's recounts on how they enjoyed their day....

The wind returned to Cambourne!

We went to the second workshop on Thursday the 18th of June and in the afternoon it was very windy. We were given model wind turbines and took them outside to investigate which number of blades generated the most electricity. We tried 2 blades on the wind turbine and then we tried 3 blades and lastly 6 blades. We had to record the amount of volts, if the buzzer, light or the fan was working for the different number of blades. We found out that a wind turbine model with 6 blades produced the most (but usually, full scale wind turbines have 3 blades because they create less turbulence).

Year 5 and 6 study how to be greener!

We had three activities to do throughout the day. Firstly we had to investigate solar panels. We got to use mini-kits which contained a solar panel that we filled up with water and which then got heated up by the sun. I enjoyed this because we all got to do something and everyone joined in. Next we had another mini-kit that contained a buzzer, light bulb, a fan and a solar panel. We laid the panel in the sun and connected it to the objects. They worked! We then had a quiz to do. Our last activity was a wind turbine which we used outside. Sadly though it did not work because there was no wind to power it! Where's the wind when you need it?

The Eco-Energy Works comes to The Vine School

Nicki from CEES talked to us about being Eco friendly. We had a wind turbine and a volt meter to tell us how many volts the turbine was using. There was a slight problem though.....there was no wind to power the turbine!! So we had to abandon that idea for another day. We then went inside to talk about different ways we could save energy; we came up with turning lights off, turning things off (completely, not on standby!!!) Also IF IT'S NOT DIRTY TURN IT TO 30!!! Which means, if some clothes are not dirty turn the washing machine to 30 degrees to save energy. In the end we all had a great time.

Amber Thomas

We were given cool gadgets to measure the wind and to see how solar water panels work. But it was a bad day for some of us, there was no wind and that's just unbelievable in Cambourne!!

The latest news from Cambourne's 3rd Primary School



As many of you will have noticed, the new building is progressing well. We are pleased to report that the building schedule and the fitting out of the building are on time. At a recent visit, Governors were so impressed that the Chairman of the Premises Committee commented that it was looking superior to many

permanent schools. The classrooms are light and spacious; there is a fully fitted kitchen for preparing meals; there is a hall/dining area and a wide central corridor for the library and resources area. The school will be equipped with the latest classroom technology. Careful consideration has been given to the issues of safety and site security. There will be a hard playground and a newly turfed playing field.

The Headteacher, Sarah Humphreys, will be in post from 13th July in order to oversee the final arrangements. At present the school Governors and Administrator, Rachel Walsh, are ensuring that progress is maintained to complete the setting up of the school. Governors have recently appointed three teachers for September: Emily Flitton, Joanne Heyburn and Hannah Farrell.

This is the first school in the country to be opened under the Government's new competition rules and it is part of the Comberton Educational Trust. We look forward to working closely with Monkfield Park and The Vine schools in order to ensure high quality education for all Cambourne children.



Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for parents and carers who have registered and others who are interested on Tuesday 14th July at 7.45pm in The Hub meeting room. At the meeting there will be the opportunity to meet all the staff.

Uniform

After much consideration, Governors have decided to adopt a maroon sweatshirt which will have the school's name and logo embroidered in gold and green. This will be combined with a white poloshirt. This was a hard decision as we favoured blue. However, research showed that many other feeder primary schools for Comberton Village College have blue and we wanted Jeavons Wood school to be distinctive. Samples will be available at the parents' meeting and you will be able to place an order.

Queries and Applications

If you have recently moved to the area and have a child of reception, Year 1 or Year 2 age, information about admission to the school is available from Rachel Walsh, telephone 07854987824.

Cambourne – 4,000 years of history unearthed

- As popular with homeowners now as it was in the Bronze Age -



An exciting seven year archaeological excavation project at Cambourne in Cambridgeshire, has revealed that the area has been a popular place to live since the Bronze Age. Commissioned by the Cambourne Consortium, a book which reports the findings of the excavation project is due to be launched at 10.30am on Saturday 27th June at the Cambourne library. Those interested in finding out about the history of human occupation at the site are invited to the launch and will have an opportunity to see some of the discoveries for themselves.

The main findings of the report suggest that settlement at Cambourne can be dated back 3000 years to approximately the Late Bronze Age. From this time it is apparent that the area was forested and that people had cut clearings to build farmsteads and grow crops. The Iron Age saw the arrival of the first permanent development at Cambourne where round houses were built to accommodate families and their animals. During Roman

times Cambourne lay close to the main London to York road. However, it wasn't until Saxon and medieval times that people started to move to villages. Unfortunately in medieval and modern times farming methods destroyed much of the visible ancient remains in the area.

Neville Stebbing, Project Director of the Cambourne developer Consortium, comments: "As part of our commitment to Cambourne, we commissioned this study with Wessex Archaeology to ensure that no archaeological remains would be destroyed when we started to develop the site. The findings have been vast and the project has revealed far more than we had ever imagined it would. The fact that the area has been inhabited from as far back as the Bronze Age is proof that Cambourne has always been a popular place to live."



Cambourne Well Baby Clinic.

From July 2009, the Well Baby Clinics in Cambourne will take place on the first, third (and if there is one) the fifth Monday of the month, rather than weekly. They will continue to run from 9.30 am – 12 noon in the Library, Sackville House.

We decided to make this change for two reasons:

- less frequent clinics will enable us to spend more time on a 'one to one' basis supporting children and their families
- the Department of Health, Royal College of Paediatrics and the World Health Organisation (www.rcpch.ac.uk) have recently recommended that weighing babies too frequently may cause unnecessary concern. Unless health professionals have concerns about babies growth, they should be weighed as a maximum as follows (most children will not need to be weighed this often):

2 weeks - 6months	once a month
6-12 months	once every 2 months
Over 12 months	once every 3 months

Well Baby Clinics until the end of September 2009 will therefore be held on the following dates:

July 6th, 20th

August 3rd, 17th (No clinic on 31st – a bank holiday)

September 7th, 21st

We will monitor how the new system works and would welcome your views.

Remember that if you want to ask something or have any concerns about your baby you can always phone the health visitor, or attend clinic, without having your child weighed. Your Health Visitor team can be contacted on 01954 282830.



NCT OFFERS PARENTS A HELPING HAND
WITH ANTENATAL COURSES



Having a baby? Worried about the pregnancy or concerned about the birth? Parents-to-be can help to reduce their concerns or worries with a new NCT Labour Day in Cambourne. Led by qualified teachers, NCT antenatal courses are renowned throughout the UK for helping new parents prepare themselves for birth and parenthood.

NCT Labour Days provide expert information and options for labour and birth. The course is ideal for building up confidence and reducing anxiety surrounding the birth and becoming a parent - they are also a great way to make new friends who understand exactly what you are going through.

To book an NCT Labour Day in Cambourne call Anne Kent-Taylor on 0844 243 6896 or email at bookings5g@nct.org.uk. The first course runs on Saturday September 12th from 10am-4pm in Cambourne.

Candice Lattimore, NCT antenatal teacher, NCT Cambridge Branch, says: "Becoming a parent is an exciting experience, but can also be very challenging. NCT antenatal courses can provide new parents with a support network in the run up to birth to give them the confidence to be the best possible parent. Many parents say the courses are 'a life saver', and that after completing them they feel much more prepared for life with a newborn baby."

Classes are friendly, informal sessions for parents-to-be offering evidence-based information, support and the opportunity to ask questions and make informed decisions. Everyone on the course will be expecting a baby around the same time helping to provide a sharing environment, and many people find they make good friends through the course and the reunions.

Unlike many other courses, NCT antenatal courses are run by teachers who are fully qualified to diploma level; ensuring they are highly skilled before taking their class. There is a charge for the courses but discount rates are available for those on low income. Depending on your circumstances, the cost of this Labour Day will range between £60 and £6. Profit from the course is invested back into the charity's campaigns and services.

The NCT is dedicated to supporting parents through a range of antenatal and postnatal courses and a network of over 300 local branches around the UK, run by volunteers, offering breastfeeding support, bumps and babies groups, coffee mornings, nearly new sales and much, much more. For details of your nearest local NCT branch call 0300 330 0770 or visit www.nct.org.uk

NCT - the National Childbirth Trust - is the UK's leading charity on pregnancy, birth and early parenthood – we're with parents all the way from bump to baby. Each year the charity supports thousands of parents through a life-changing experience, offering expert information and trusted practical and emotional support.



Girlguiding

Were you ever a Brownie or Guide, or maybe you have a daughter, sister, mother, aunt or niece who is a member of Girlguiding UK?



Girlguiding

Well, you might be interested to know that we begin to celebrate 100 years of guiding in September this year. As we enter our 100th year it is a time to reflect and celebrate our past successes and achievements, whilst looking firmly forward to the future, to see how we can continue to remain relevant to today's girls and still provide challenge, excitement and adventure as we launch the next 100 years! Rainbows, Brownies, Guides in Cambourne are looking forward to a whole year of fun and adventures.

Guiding has come a long way since a small group of girls stepped forward at the 1909 Boy Scout rally at Crystal Palace Park and asked Robert Baden - Powell to develop a similar movement specially for them. 100 years to the day, our half a million members will be attending parties across the UK to mark the occasion when that small group asked Baden-Powell to do 'something for the girls'. To kick off this special year in style, we will be holding a launch event to bring all our girls, past and present, together.

But of course, that's not all - our year of Centenary Celebrations will run from the 5th September 2009 to the 20th October 2010. Over the course of the year, we hope to take part in a whole host of celebrations such as Brownie Holidays, Rainbow Princess Parties and Guide Camps. All culminating in a finale on 20/10/2010.

This really is a most exciting time to be a part of the UK's largest organisation for girls and young women! What a better way to do something different, have fun volunteering in your community, make new friends and be part of making 'mountain-top moments' with all our members from 5 year old Rainbows upwards?

We would love you to join us as adult helpers are always needed to keep units running in the village so to find out more about our celebrations in Cambourne and nearby villages and how you could get involved please contact Kim Clegg, District Commissioner on 07941 017504 or email cambournebrownies@btinternet.com.



Even 1 hour a month can help!

Cambourne Fundraising Group – Macmillan Cancer Support

Our next meeting will be held in Cambourne on Monday 6 July at 3pm

If you would like to come along, or to find out more about the group and our fundraising plans, please contact Sarah Jones on 01223 577020 or email sjones@macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity number 261017
Isle of Man Charity number 604



THE CAT THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND

I was adopted as a kitten by a family and I got loads of attention as I was a really cute ball of black fluff. As I got older though and grew larger and fluffier, the attention dried up and I was often left outside all night. One day I went home as I was cold and hungry but nobody was there, the house was closed up and empty, it seems my owners had moved and left me behind. I survived by stealing other cats food and their owners used to chase me off and I became a little scared of people. There was this nice old lady though, who did leave food at the bottom of her garden so I would not upset her own cat. The winter was cold and I became quite ill and because I had been fighting with other cats, the wounds on my back had become infected and I looked and felt terrible. I spent most of my time hidden at the bottom of the old ladies garden. One day I was caught in a cat trap which was really scary and was taken by the lady at Cats Protection to the vets. I spent weeks there and slowly recovered and learned to trust humans again. I have been fostered in a cat pen by St Neots & District Cats Protection for months now and am desperate to go to a new home. My name is Ed and I am about 2 years old, black, semi-coated and quite big. I am really sweet natured now, I have been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

Please give me a new home and a new life. Contact St Neots & District Cats Protection on 01480 476696 (phone manned by volunteers, so please leave a message if no reply) <http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>



Greetings from Cambourne Library

- Engage in the Afternoon

Our August Session will be on Wed. 5th and will be a short walk with The Wildlife Trust, starting from the library at 2.00 p.m. Free tea and coffee will be served at the library afterwards. No need to book just come along.

- Wessex Archaeology

Wessex Archaeology and the Cambourne developers have set up a small display of finds and archaeological information about Cambourne in Sackville House. Please feel free to come in and have a look.

- Summer Reading Challenge.

Once again the library will be running a reading challenge during the school summer holidays. Our exciting theme this year will be "Quest Seekers". Please ask at the library for further details and to enrol your children in the scheme.



The library opening hours are

Mon 3.30 – 7.30
Tues 9.00 – 2.00
Wed – Closed all day.
Thurs 3.30 – 7.30
Fri 9.00 – 2.00
Sat. 9.30 – 1.00



When the library is closed you can still become a member, return your books in our drop box, issue books to yourself at the self issue machine or ask a member of staff to do this for you at the counter. You can also make photocopies and use the computers in the reception area. We also have a selection of DVDs available for hire.

We often have free papers, leaflets and periodicals on our tables in the library – please feel free to take these home with you.

Best wishes from the Cambourne library staff.

CAMBOURNE WI

The June meeting

The June meeting, 'Where there's a will....' began with Anthonine Arts-Zetteler talking about why we should make a will and, more importantly, check it regularly in case of changes in the law. Anthonine also covered other areas of the law, explaining how we can cover ourselves both now and in later life, ensuring no nasty surprises when we are at our most vulnerable

After the talk, we enjoyed a little retail therapy from some of the many entrepreneurial ladies who live in Cambourne: Suzy with her lovely jewellery; Tracy with her Phoenix cards and Kelli with her wonderful cakes. A great social evening.

Theatre Visit

On Saturday June 13th, a group of us were given a guided backstage tour and talk at the Cambridge Arts Theatre by Mark and Natalie. We were amazed by the technology involved, the size of the place and the areas that the public don't usually see. The Theatre plays such an important role in the artistic life of Cambridge and we enjoy many of their productions on a fairly regular basis so to get behind the scenes was a real treat.

July Meeting

We go boating down the river on July 9th, with on-board refreshments and a historical/geographical/social commentary by one of our members who was a Huntingdon resident for many years. We are able to take a few more people on this trip, including friends and partners, so please phone Hilery on 710908 ASAP. We will meet at the Hub at 6.25 to car-share.

Wi Book Group

Both members and non-WI members would be welcome at this group, which meets every 4-6 weeks on a Wednesday evening in Monkfield Arms. Ring Ruthie on 718989 for the latest book and date.

Walking Group

The next walk, from Cambourne to Eltisley, will start at 10.30 on Friday July 10th, weather permitting, about 6 miles. Please note that this is a walk, not an amble. Phone Fran on 710858

Do you have a sight problem?
Would you like some help and advice?

Cam Sight is the Cambridgeshire Society for Blind and Partially Sighted people.

We are holding an information day in Cambourne. Come and join us to try out equipment, talk to Cam Sight staff, and find out more about how we may be able to help.

Cam Sight Information Day

**Wednesday July 15th
10.30 – 3pm**

The Hub, Cambourne

We are also looking for volunteers to help with a new monthly support group we are hoping to set up in Cambourne.

Please come along on the 15th July, or contact Julie at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 for more information.

Summer fun days @ Sunflower Nursery.

Sunflower @ Cambourne Nursery
2 High Street, Great Cambourne.
Tel: 01954 719440

Sunflower Nursery are offering a range of fun, action packed days during the school summer holidays for 3 – 8 year olds

Activities will include:-

- Masks and monsters
- Creative cooking
- Messing about – have fun with Gloop, sticky spaghetti, finger painting, natural clay, jelly play and much, much more.
- Dinosaur day
- Make your own puppets.

Children will also be able to access the usual nursery equipment and outdoor play spaces.

To book a place please contact the nursery:

Telephone: 01954 719440
Email: sunfloweratcambourne@cambridgehs.org.uk

LAUNCH EVENT: Saturday 18 July, 2-6PM

A Kassen & Polonca Lovsin

Including the opportunity to take part in A Kassen's *Minus Roof* performance. To secure your free flight, sign up at gallery reception at 2pm – the first 15 people will then be taken to Bourn Airfield and flown over Wysing.

GALLERY EXHIBITION LAUNCH: Saturday 25 July, 2-6PM

Work by A Kassen, Helen Stratford, Townley & Bradby and Polonca Lovsin including documentation of performances and work produced in whilst on residency at Wysing.

SPECIAL DANCE EVENT: *Dynamo Door Dance* Saturday 22 August, 2-6pm

Polonca Lovsin will host a special dance event to animate the building through dance. Polonca is looking for volunteers to help with the project, contact info@wysingartscentre.org

Further details on our busy summer of workshops, performances and events associated with the exhibition can be found at www.wysingartscentre.org which will be updated throughout the summer

Danish collective A Kassen's first UK project will launch the Wysing residency programme on 18 July. Their work *Minus Roof* is an ambitious performance involving light aircraft from Bourn Airfield, removal of 35M² of the gallery roof and the audience present at the performance – both on the ground and in the air!

To secure your free flight, sign up at gallery reception at 2pm – the first 15 people will then be taken to Bourn Airfield and flown over Wysing. A Kassen's video work *Minus Roof*, produced using footage shot both from the aircraft and within the gallery, will be presented in the restored gallery space, from 25 July – 23 August.

During June, Norwich based artist duo Townley and Bradby will be creating an intimate portrait of the landscape and the communities around Wysing through a series of brief events; public readings on public benches, sowing a meadow with yellow balloons, and chalking out the swift, complicated and coordinated patterns of car parking when parents drop their children off at the local village nursery. Townley and Bradby have been resident at the Arts Centre with their two small children since April and, where possible, these activities will involve their children.

Cambridgeshire based Helen Stratford, will make a series of site specific interventions in the nearby settlement of Cambourne. The audio based interventions have been gathered by Helen during her residency over the last three months and include the voices of local residents, groundsmen, road sweepers, light scouts, planners and people working their allotments. The project will be launched at the Cambourne Fête on Saturday 15 August.

During July and August Slovenian artist Polonca Lovsin will be resident in our recycled building created last summer, *Amphis*. *Dynamo Door Dance* will use the existing architecture of *Amphis* – the stairs, floor, doors and windows – as a playground for inventions related to energy harvesting. Using dynamos embedded into the architecture of the building, opening and closing windows, and stepping – or dancing – on areas of the floor, will generate energy to produce light and sound effects.

On Saturday 22 August, Polonca will host a special dance event to animate the building through dance. Polonca is looking for volunteers to help with the project, contact info@wysingartscentre.org

Commuter cyclists are a growing band at Cambourne Business Park



Keen commuter cyclists joined 'first timers' at a Cambourne Business Park breakfast on June 17 to celebrate National Bike2Work Day. They came from all over the area, some regular commuters cycling more than 10 miles to their offices.

"We are proud of our growing numbers of commuter cyclists at Cambourne Business Park. To encourage more people to have a go, we offered a free breakfast at the Marketing Office on the Park to everyone who cycled in on Bike2Work Day. 'Dr Bike' – Chris Lloyd of Chris's Bikes in Histon – was also on site giving free bike checks and services to our cyclists," explains Lesley Scobell, Green Travel Co-ordinator for Cambourne Business Park. "To support our 'green' commuters, Cambourne Business Park is very cycle-friendly – all car parks have cycle racks and all the buildings have showers so cyclists can freshen up."

To encourage more people to take part, Cambourne Business Park also offered "bike buddies" to first time bike commuters on June 17 to give them confidence and so they could get a feel for the best routes to Cambourne from their home.

Cycling to work is an excellent way to increase your physical activity levels. Regular cyclists enjoy a fitness level equal to that of a person ten years younger and cycling at least 20 miles a week significantly reduces your risk of heart disease.

Jim Dennison, who works for Citrix Systems, started cycling to work four years ago and he has really noticed the health benefits. "I started cycling the 12 mile journey once a week in 2005. When I started, I weighed about 15 stone. Since then I've lost about 35lbs! And I've become a lot more interested in healthy eating and fitness in general."

To find out more about cycling at Cambourne Business Park, call Lesley Scobell on 01223 472071.



Sunflower @ Cambourne Nursery.

On Wednesday 17th June our nursery hosted a "Cluster group " for local nurseries.

The main theme was ' Gardening With Children'.

Potatoes, tomatoes, Sunflowers and herbs that our children have grown, were on show, and guests were treated to scones made with our own chives.

We talked about how much the children had enjoyed planting and watering their garden and watching things grow from seeds and bulbs to flowers and vegetables.

Tina Mead, our Early Years Foundation Stage Advisor, brought some plants from her garden and encouraged us all to describe their features, in 'children friendly words' - it was great fun!

All the guests were given a 'packet of sunflower seeds to plant in their Nursery.

DIARY DATES

From Monday 20th July, and throughout August, - We will have spaces for children aged 3 to 8 yrs for some Holiday Fun - Activities to include: Dinosaur Days, Cookery Club, Monster Masks and Puppet Play.

Please contact the Nursery on 01954 719440 for more details.

Sally McGivern, Nursery Manager

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting
7th July	7.30pm	Planning Committee
*		Council
21st July	7.30pm	Planning Committee
*		Finance and Policy Committee
11th August	7.30pm	Planning Committee
*		Council (urgent matters only)

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

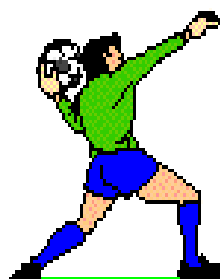
John Vickery the Parish Clerk is available at Parish Office, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW. Telephone 01954 714403 or by e-mail at clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk The Parish Clerk will normally be in the office between 9.30 and 1.00 o'clock Monday to Friday and by appointment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



Cambourne Clubs, Sports & Society Reports



Cambourne Rovers FC



**CAMBOURNE ROVERS FC
NEEDS YOU**

Cambourne Rovers FC (men's football team) is inviting applications for the position of first team manager. With a run of three consecutive victories at the end of last season the team retained their division 1A status for the coming campaign – we are seeking a new manager (ideally in a non-playing capacity) with the drive and commitment to take the team forward.

Please see www.cambournerovers.co.uk for more information, and contact club chairman Nic Pillinger on 07713 625293 to apply.

We are also interested in hearing from any players wishing to join the club – Cambourne Rovers FC have both first and reserve teams so there are plenty of opportunities for regular football with your local club.



Cambourne Tennis Club

"HERE TO SERVE"



Cambourne Tennis Club is growing thanks to all the efforts of the Cambourne Community – WELL DONE TO YOU and THANK YOU!

The Cambourne Tennis Club night is a massive success with an average of 14 amazing tennis players being there every Monday night at 18:30 – I hope we can get more of you super Cambourne residents to our Club nights.

Sunday the 19th July will mark the start of our Youth Cambourne club session, open to all youth aged 11 – 17 years inclusive.. The Sunday sessions will run from 2pm to 5pm and are FREE. You will get Coaching and a chance to join a squad and play tennis tournaments. Call Chad 01954 717 393 or or email – chadmcvann@aol.co.uk

Cambourne Tennis Club is having a BBQ and open day on Sunday the 12th of July – this is FREE for anyone – so please come down to the Muga – we will have a SPEED GUN - to measure your Serve – Our fastest Server hits the

ball at 120 miles a hour – but he wants to break the 130 miles barrier– so come down and have some fun. – 1PM TO 5PM. There will be games, Coaching and loads more.

The Cambourne Tennis Club is having a stall at the Cambourne Youth Fest, so come down and see if you are the next Andy Murray or Laura Robson. We are going to be at the Cambourne Fete too, so if you see a massive tennis ball walking around that will be us – getting our Cambourne youth to be the BEST Tennis players they can be.

The Cambourne Tennis Academy is growing so much we are at 45 cambourne pupils, who are amazing. There is this little boy who plays so well, he is only 4 and hits the ball like a WARRIOR, and he is only one of many amazing students at the Cambourne Tennis Academy. Our goal is to get to ONE hundred students and start creating squads to take these little super hero's to LTA Touraments.

We are also starting the Business park TENNIS ladder match – Which will be open to the Cambourne business park working staff. So if you want some FREE Coaching at lunch time every Wednesday at 1pm for an hour and enter a ladder to see who is the best company at tennis – please contact Chad McVann. This will be starting on July the 8th.

And if you would like to improve in your tennis game then we have some great sessions for you to get better. We have Saturday's afternoons and Friday evenings. And so far we are having a great turn out – hence us making more sessions for you guys. So please contact Chad McVann to see what session would be good for you.

So the Place the Muga – the times and prices are listed below – AND REMEMBER THERE MIGHT BE AN ANDREW MURRAY HERE IN CAMBOURNE - it might be you.

Starting on Saturday the 27th of June to the 25 of July August at the MUGA

Session	Course	Time	Cost	Cost
Saturday			Members	Non-members
1	Mini Red	1.00pm to 1.45pm	£20.00	£25.00
2	Mini Orange	2.00pm to 3.00pm	£20.00	£25.00
3	Mini green & Yellow	3.00pm to 4.00pm	£20.00	£25.00
5	Adults beginners/Improvers1	4.00pm to 5.00pm	£20.00	£25.00
6	Fit for Tennis	5.10pm to 6.10pm	£20.00	£25.00

Starting on Monday 29th June to 27th July – 5 WEEK COURSE – at the Muga

Session	Age as a guide	Time	Cost	Cost
Monday			Members	Non-members
1	Under 8's	4.15-5.00pm	£21	£26
2	Over 8's	5.15-6.00pm	£21	£26

We will be starting the Cambourne Youth Tennis Sessions- Starting from the July the 19th – this will be every Sunday. at the Muga

Session	Age as a guide	Time	Cost	Cost
Sunday			Members	Non-members
1	11 - 18	2pm-5.00pm	FREE	FREE

The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

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

Before I commence this month's edition, I should like to start by thanking The CAMBOURNE CRIER Team for the very kind donation they made to our Pike fishing club. This will go towards a set of much-needed digital scales that we have been longing for. "THANK YOU KINDLY EVERYONE"

One of our more memorable catches of note this month began at an early time of 5am. We had made our way to our chosen venue on a very warm sunny morning. After 2-3 fruitless hours, a complete change of lure tactic brought me my first fish of the morning. From fishing the usual soft baits and jerk baits, I opted for an old-style surface lure. This proved too tempting for an 8lb pike which rose from the crystal clear depths and plucked my lure from the glassy surface of the lake. Luckily for me, I eventually found a method which proved to be the right one on that particular day. Another two fish then graced my net a short time later. Both pike fell to the same lure, A Luhr

Jensen Surface Lure with the crazy American name, "Nip-I-Diddee". Just before we were ready to head home for breakfast, another strike was made upon my new-found lucky lure. This did not manage to get to the net. Anyway, with a hat-trick of nice pike on the same lure, I was well chuffed. I did return at the unearthly time of 4am a week or so later with my Nip-I-Diddee, and again it did not let me down. Somehow though I did manage to miss the first two strikes, but on the third I finally made a hook up. Then things began to take a turn for the worse. The pike I hooked decided to take me on a good old merry dance, all around some very thick brambly bank-side vegetation. This resulted in the pike throwing the hooks and leaving my new beloved lure well and truly snagged. Aaaargh! Anyhow, after reverting back to another one of my favourite lures - a 7" Fox shad soft bait - I did at least manage to tempt another nice pike into munching my lure. This one was successfully landed, and without any hiccups I might add!

Then, one fine evening, on a whim, I fancied going for just an hour's fishing. With wife in tow, we set off on the short journey.

After around 45 minutes a strike finally came from the depths. A large, croc-like head arose and devoured my new Nip-I-Diddee lure with a noisy gulp. The ensuing battle was a lengthy and aggressive one. She fought hard before finally gracing the landing net, wielded by my startled wife. Unfortunately, having travelled light, I hadn't packed scales, so estimated the pike at around 18-19lb, a new top lure personal best. Excellent!

So until next time, good fishing and take care Stuart



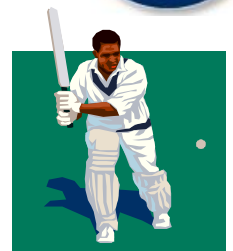
Cambourne Cricket Club

"VINCERE DELECTANDO"



Cambourne Loves Its Cricket

Cambourne Cricket Club is enjoying the new summer of cricket. The Club is now two months into the 2009 season there is so much to be excited about. There is no finer sight in Cambourne than seeing cricket being played, whether its the Colts playing on a balmy evening in the week, or the seniors playing on a Saturday afternoon. There's a great atmosphere at the Club, who welcome all members of the community to either play or support. Also, it is hugely promising that there are so many juniors learning the game and developing into excellent players.



Chris Threadgold, who runs the Colts section, has done a fantastic job to produce so many brilliant young players in such a short time. The Club is also very appreciative of the parents who give Chris support. Both the Under 13s and Under 15s have some really talented cricketers, and in the latter age group Harry Mills has scored a century in a Senior match this season; Sam Miller and Joe Tyrell have bowled very well for the 2nd XI.

In the Senior Section, it is the first season that Cambourne has run three sides. Arguably the third team has been the team of the season so far. Led by Simon Wood, they have won many games convincingly and have blooded some outstanding new players, such as batsman Ameya Poyarekar (who has played representative cricket for Bombay) and off-spinner Duncan Hankins (who has played Senior Division cricket for Stapleford). The 2nd XI has been skippered by burgeoning talent Chris Cundell and has a good mixture of youth and experience, whilst the 1st XI has recorded excellent victories in division 2 against Fulbourn and Camden. Notably, Russell Shahadat scored a century against Fulbourn and leg spinner Vivek Joseph took 6 wickets against Little Shelford. Cambourne is also in the quarter finals of the Lower Junior Cup, so do come and support us - details are on our website: www.cambournecc.com.