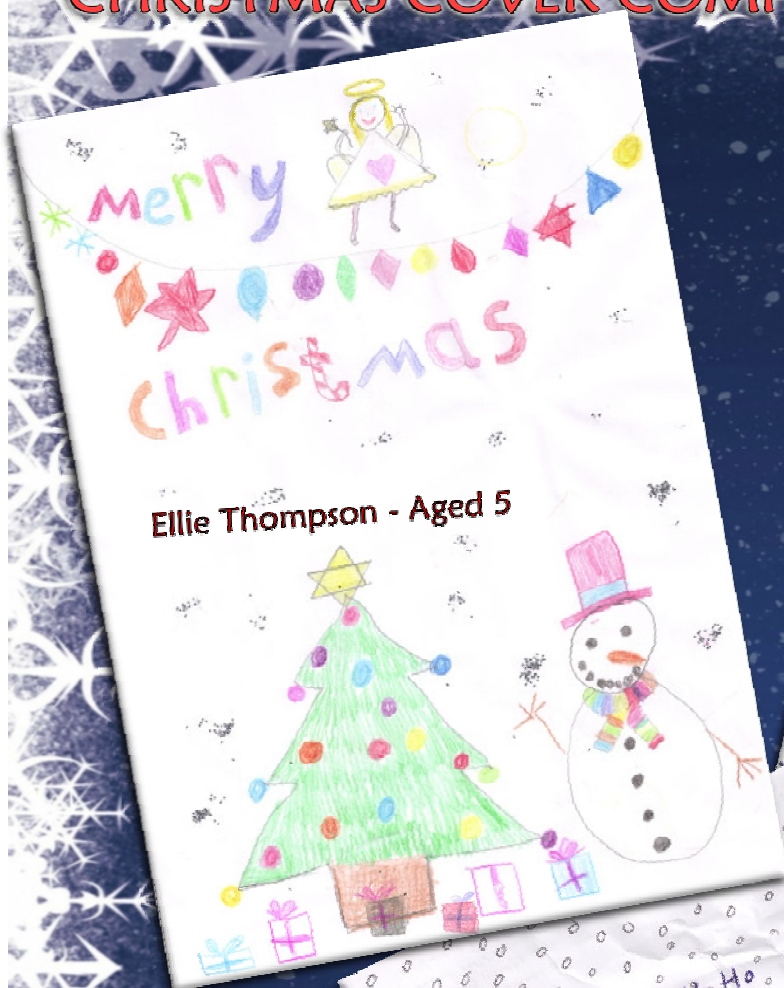


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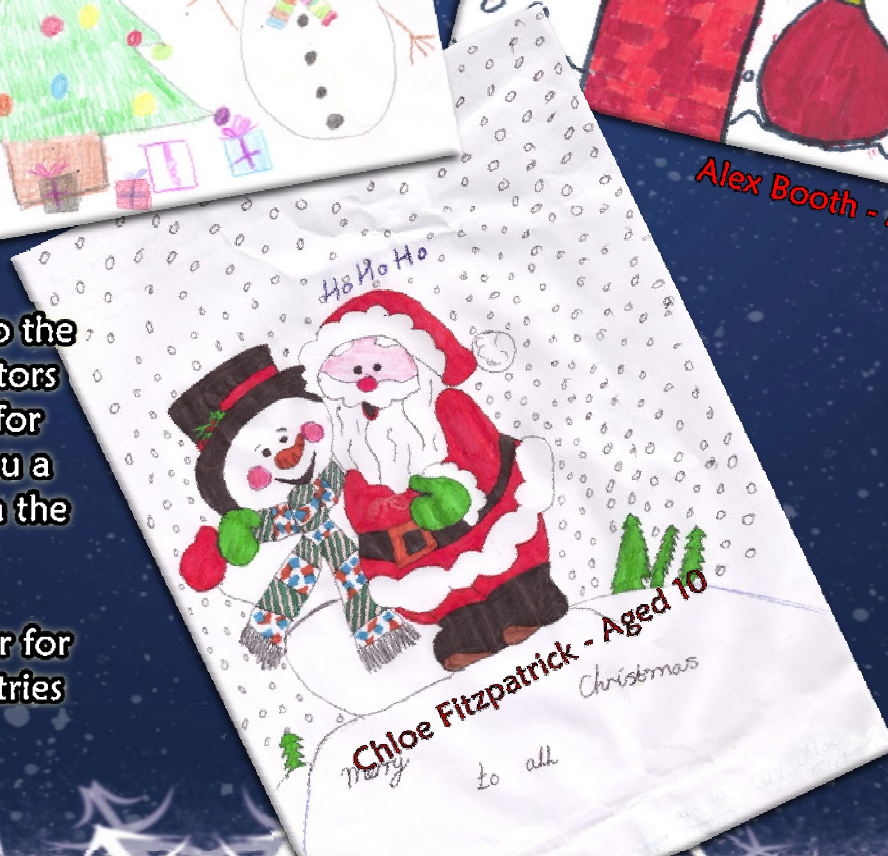
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Cambourne Junior Youth Club

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Contact David 0770 3342788 or email cypadmin@uwclub.net

CU@4

Thursday 3.45 -5.30 ages 7-11 £1 Entry
officecyp@googlemail.com or call 718620

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Contact: Ali Withers 714909

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

Cricket Club:

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

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Beavers meet at the Ark Thursdays 6pm to 7pm
Cubs & Scouts meet at The Vine main hall
Thursdays 5.45pm - 7.15pm
Waiting list contact Lynne Tasker: TaskerE@aol.com

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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

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

Second Cambourne Guides

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

St John Badgers (aged 5-10):

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email seniors: Info@cambourne-netball.co.uk
email juniors: Juniors@cambourne-netball.co.uk
web address: www.Cambourne-netball.co.uk

NCT:

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

Pub Lunch Forum:

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

Rainbows (girls aged 5-7):

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

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

Rugby:

Training 7-9 Wednesday. Meet at MUGA.
Info: Neil Ingham 07956 410309
info@cambourneexiles.com
www.cambourneexiles.com

Swavesey Camera Club:

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

Tennis:

Gt Cambourne Court. Social tennis for all Cambourne residents and workers. Contact: Lisa Ellis 07949 062360 or Lisa@cambournetennis.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

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South Cambs. District Council (SCDC):

08450 450 500 www.scambs.gov.uk

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

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

Stagecoach:

Bus timetable enquiries - 0870 6082608

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Wimpey only CustomerCare6@taylorwimpey.com
Bovis 714300 (diverted to customer care)

Wildlife Trusts:

Jenny Mackay/David Price - 713500
www.wildlifecbnp.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
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Magpas:

First responder local contact
Thomaswyatt2@btinternet.com

Mancer the Musical

Mancer the Musical was written, produced, directed and performed by a group of teenagers at Comberton Village College. It's world premiere was only last week. At the performance on Saturday 14th November it was clear that everyone, audience and participants, were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Following the friendship of an outgoing business tycoon and an innocent young man under the control of his evil father Pierre the show was lighthearted, with plenty of opportunities for laughter. The songs were varied and catchy. Peter Sayer, a Cambourne resident, played one of the three principal roles. As Pierre he gave an excellent performance; the audience showing their appreciation at the end of the musical. (Peter has previously starred in David Copperfield at the ADC Theatre, and in two of Terrance Rattigan's plays). I'm convinced Peter has an acting career ahead of him.

The musical was a definite success, with the audience giving the cast, and then the whole production team a standing ovation at the end. Ed Zamders, who wrote the musical announced that there is a distinct possibility that it could be performed at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge in the not so distant future. So watch out for it!



THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CADET MOVEMENT



The UK's cadet movement is celebrating a century and a half of support to young people with hundreds of events all over the country throughout 2010, all designed to promote the movement and encourage people of all ages to get involved. The year of celebration is entitled Cadet150 and Her Majesty The Queen is Patron.

With origins dating back to 1860, the cadet movement is one of the oldest and most successful voluntary youth organisations in the world.

A force to be reckoned with, today it numbers 131,000 young people led by 25,000 adult volunteers in well over 3,000 sites across the country. Cadet150 honours the role the Cadet Forces play in assisting young people towards responsible adulthood through learning new skills and developing self-confidence, and recognises the contribution the young people themselves make to their local communities. Central to the national commemorations will be a royal review of the Cadet Forces in central London in July 2010, but celebrations will be ongoing throughout the year, all reflecting the spirit of fun, excitement, adventure and community service at the heart of the cadet movement. 60 specially selected cadets will be embarking on a unique expedition to southern Africa during which they will work with orphans and vulnerable children in Lesotho, while dozens more will be challenging themselves on treks and expeditions all over the world, including one to Mount Everest. Back in the UK there will be competitions showcasing first aid and a wide array of sports, as well as a special residential camp for cadets participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

To represent the lasting legacy of the cadet movement and its continued appeal to young people, cadets across the country will be planting 150,000 trees in partnership with the Woodland Trust. The national events will conclude with formal tributes during Remembrance weekend in November.

Within Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force Cadet150 celebrations are also being planned to take place throughout 2010 and will include a Parade and Service at Ely Cathedral on 6th June 2010 and an "At Home" Open Day at the Cadet Centre, Waterbeach for all Past and Present Members on the 11th September 2010. As a community based organisation Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force are keen to share the festivities with local people. *Full details of all events can be found on www.cambsacf.com*

Colonel Roger Herriot, Commandant, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force said:

"We are delighted to be celebrating 150 years of this fantastic movement. The Cadet Forces offer such great opportunities for thousands of young people across the UK."

Rubbish News

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

Rubbish News for December

03/12/2009 : Black Bin.

10/12/2009 : Green Bin and Box.

17/12/2009 : Black Bin.

24/12/2009 : Green Bin and Box.



TELEPHONE THE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE AT SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUERIES ABOUT YOUR BINS. TELEPHONE 03450 450 063

TINNED CAT FOOD URGENTLY REQUIRED

We continue to feed nearly 150 feral, outdoor and needy cats this winter and our supplies are running low. Any donations of cat food particularly tins would be appreciated. Please take to our charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. We also have many local drop of points within the community, contact us for your nearest.

GARDEN HOMES NEEDED FOR OUTDOOR CATS

We have number of cats at present that would make ideal garden cats, they need a warm dry shelter and regular food and make excellent mousers. These cats are less socialised than others, hence they have not been adopted and have been with us in our cat pens for some time. Experienced cat owners would be able to gain the trust of these cats and will be rewarded with a special and loyal pet. So if you have the time and dedication to adopt one of these cats, contact us as soon as possible.

FREE/REDUCED COST NEUTERING

We still have funds available to offer free neutering/spaying of you cat, contact us now to obtain your voucher..

GOODS NEEDED FOR OUR CHARITY SHOP

With christmas now drawing close, we are urgently seeking good quality new and used goods to sell in our charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. For large amounts of goods, we may be able to arrange collection.

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

Warning: Shopping Vouchers being offered in Cambourne

It has been brought to our attention that someone is coming into Cambourne and is selling Shopping Vouchers to residents. We are unsure who the provider is at the moment.

This could be through either:

- ☐ Provident
- ☐ Greenwood
- ☐ Shopper check

These 'Door step' lenders are regulated, but their APR is extremely high and can be around 300/400%.

Their system works by them offering shopping vouchers the first time that they knock on your door. After you have taken this offer up, they can then come back and offer you a loan. Again, the APR interest will be very high.

If you are offered anything from a door step lender where:

- ☐ You have been offered a cash loan without paperwork
- ☐ Been threatened when you couldn't pay
- ☐ Had your benefit or bank card taken from you
- ☐ Had a loan which keeps growing even though you are making payments

Then you have been bitten by the Loan Shark

Don't be a victim:

- ☐ call 0300 555 2222 in the strictest confidence
- ☐ text "loan (space) shark (space) and your message" to 60003 or
- ☐ email stoploansharks@birmingham.gov.uk

You could always look at other options for cheaper credit. If you are a CHS, Wherry or Granta tenant, you may be eligible for a New Horizons loan at a low rate of interest.

If you would like further information contact Julie at CHS telephone 01223 713 768.

WYSING LAUNCHES YEAR OF THE IMPROBABLE

Saturday 16 January, 4-6pm

On 16 January 2010 Wysing Arts Centre will officially launch the centre's year of the Improbable with a solo exhibition by London based artist Mark Aerial Waller.

Waller is a film-maker, sculptor, installation artist and occasional writer and editor. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of cinema and brings cinematic references into the gallery through his immersive installations, screenings, events and elaborate films; in which action has been improvised by the cast in fantastical settings, such as a foam cave or a half completed housing development in Dakar. Science fiction meets Greek mythology in some of the most compelling – and improbable – artworks imaginable.

For the duration of 2010 Wysing Arts Centre will explore The Improbable in a number of artists' residencies, projects and exhibitions and in a six week long International Camp for Improbable Thinking in June and July. Through the Camp, Wysing aims to bring artists, cultural practitioners, and others, together to look at the subject of Improbability. As Donna Lynas, Wysing's Director says:

We know that Cambridge has a wealth of great minds who could contribute to this Camp whether by giving presentations on their fields of research or working with an artist to develop an idea. We are inviting anyone with an interest in The Improbable to get in touch.

In the meantime, I can think of no better artist than Mark Aerial Waller to launch Wysing's year of The Improbable.

Mark Aerial Waller's exhibition opens at a special event on Saturday 16 January, 4-6pm. A FREE, drop-in, artist-run family workshop on The Improbable will accompany the launch, 4-6pm in Wysing's education room.

There will be a number of events and performances during Waller's exhibition, including a screening of rare surrealist films. Full details will be available on the website December 2010



CAMBOURNE WI

November meeting

We had a very informative and amusing evening while Margaret Langley told us of the origins of many common expressions and superstitions. Most of us didn't know that if you say "I'll eat my hat" it wouldn't be the hat on your head but "hatte", a revolting kind of medicine that existed in the past. Probably a little easier to swallow than your hat. If you "touched wood" it was looking out for something to save you in a shipwreck. We learnt a lot in a very entertaining way.

Group meeting

On 29th October we were hosts to the other WI groups in our area and we had a very enjoyable and successful evening. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

Book club

The book club meets every so often on a Monday evening in the pub. Non-members are welcome. Details from Ruth on 718989.

Theatre outings

A group are going to see the matinee of "Mrs Warren's Profession" on 3rd December at the Arts Theatre. Details of that and further outings from Penny on 200126.

Walking group

All being well they will have reached Eltisley on the last walk. Details of future walks from Fran on 710858

Darts team

It is hoped to get this started in the New Year with the help of expert tuition from the son of one of our members.

December meeting

This will take place on Thursday 10th December. Victor Botterill will be presenting "Who killed the Baroness" and will be followed by mulled apple juice and mince pies. Please note that this will take place at the cricket pavilion and not at the Hub. Time 7.30pm as usual. Anyone needing a lift please contact Fran on 710858 or another member of the committee.

Contact: Fran Panrucker 01954 710858

Papworth Astronomy Club News

Our club caters to amateur astronomers and anyone with a casual interest in the subject. We offer speaker meetings, observing sessions, equipment demonstrations and visits to places of interest. Membership is open to everyone and there is no charge for visitors. We are a friendly and informal group, so why not come along and see what we have to offer? You can also check the club's Web site for the latest news and meeting reports - www.papworthastronomy.org

In November, Dave Eagle FRAS from Bedford Astronomical Society gave us a presentation on Charles Piazzi Smyth, a native of Bedford and former Astronomer Royal for Scotland. We heard that he resigned as Astronomer Royal in 1888 in protest at the chronic under-funding and age of the equipment at his facilities, subsequently pursuing an interest in the pyramids. Dave also told us about the opportunities for amateur astronomy on Tenerife and has promised to come back to show us some of his images from the island.

On **Wednesday 2nd December**, we will have a night sky meeting, with (weather permitting) an observing session. In the event of inclement weather, there will be an alternative presentation indoors.

Our first meeting of 2010 will be held on **Wednesday 13th January**. Keith Tritton, president of the club and (until recently) with the Open University, will talk about extrasolar planets. The number of known extrasolar planets has now passed the 400 mark. How are they being found? What are these planets like? Will we ever find a twin to the Earth?

All club meetings are held in the Vinter Room, Papworth Everard, at 7:30PM. 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 Vinter Room at the entrance to Vinter Close (it is the building with the clock tower). The meeting room is accessible to wheelchairs. A map is available on our Web site.

Contact details for more information:

Peter Sandford - phone **01480 830729**, email peter@cheere.demon.co.uk



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



HAVE YOUR SAY !

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

trust that they are an accurate reflection of opinion and circumstance.

If you wish to report on anything or air an opinion on the letters page then please send your copy in to us. The easiest way to send in items is as an e-mail to:

editorial@cambourne.info

We do require a name and address for our records before

publishing but will withhold these on request. Please let us know how you want your letter signed.

The Editors

Text or basic Microsoft Word format preferred for e-mailed contributions. Photos always welcome. All contributions subject to editing. Opinions are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent those of the Cambourne Crier editors.

COMMUNITY FIREWORK DISPLAY HELP NEEDED FOR 2010

I would like to invite residents and interested parties to a meeting at the Monkfield Arms on Saturday 9th January at 11a.m regarding a proposed community firework display for Cambourne in 2010.

I am looking for Sponsors / Volunteers / Fundraisers and anyone else who feels their skills, abilities and pairs of hands can contribute to an event which has been sorely missed over the last few years.

Please confirm your interest and attendance on 07902173964 so I can arrange refreshments and bacon butties!

If you are unable to make the meeting but want to take part or be involved in some capacity, don't hesitate in giving me a call.

Many Thanks, Duncan.

MAGPAS now have 4 volunteers (including myself) who are willing to give up their time to attend urgent 999 calls before the ambulance arrives to give potentially life saving treatment; within Cambourne.

All that is required is a full clean driving licence and MAGPAS provides the rest, no previous healthcare/first aid experience necessary.

All is needed is 1 more volunteer and the group can begin its life saving work. This volunteer could also be a non-responder but could organise the group and rota etc.

Less than 3% of all Cardiac Arrests that happen out of hospital, survive, but the sooner treatment can be given, the better the chance of survival.

If you are interested, or have any questions you want answering, please do not hesitate to contact me (PM) or MAGPAS directly <http://www.magpas.org.uk>

There are thieves in Cambourne.

About a year ago I myself have had property stolen from our carport. I was annoyed and angry that some one had taken it, and was annoyed with myself for thinking that the items would be safe.

Following the story of last issue i believe there is a bigger problem with thieves in Cambourne than than people or the police are aware of.

No i did not report my theft to the police, this was a mistake and now find myself being visited by a neighbour in distress after they have just had some property stolen.

As with pervious articles. the chance of anyone responsible for these crimes actually reading this or giving a damn is unlikely, but as owners we must act to remove the opportunity for thieves.

P.S. do not believe your gardens or sheds are safe either.

Halloween

I just wanted to say 'well done' to the children (and adults) that went out Trick or Treating on Halloween.

I was really impressed with how polite and friendly everyone that visited our house was and how much we enjoyed the evening. The children all seemed very appreciative of the sweets that were offered to them and really got into the spirit of the occasion.

Before moving here I was never very keen on Halloween but the people of Cambourne have changed my opinion of it. I'm not sure who was more excited this year – my husband or our children!

Thank you to everyone who made the evening so enjoyable.

Winter Wonderland

I wanted to write to say a huge 'thank you' to Hayley Aitchison and everyone who gave up their time to help with Winter Wonderland on Sat 7th November in The Hub.

It was the first time that we had been able to take our children along and we all had a great time. Not only had Hayley organised the whole event, put up decorations, set up crafts for the children to do and made crafts to sell, she had also been extremely busy making delicious cakes, biscuits and pies for everyone to enjoy. All of this on top of having her own family to look after too! I was amazed to hear that this could be the first year that they actually make a profit although that is not the reason that this event is put on for the residents of Cambourne.

It's great to know that there is someone out there who is willing to take on the huge task of organising an event like this, quite often at her own expense, just for the enjoyment of others.

So, thank you Hayley for all your hard work!

Sarah King

BUS SERVICE CUTS

From 29th November, Stagecoach plan to cut all Sunday Citi4 services after 6pm, which will leave many people stranded e.g. people who work at the West Cambridge site, those who live in Cambourne and Hardwick, and/or work at Addenbrookes. Sneakily, Stagecoach aren't publicising the cuts at all, except in one place on their website - presumably to prevent the orchestration of complaints. If this would affect you or anyone you know, complain to Stagecoach at cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com in Cambridge, 100 Cowley Road, Cambridge, CB4 0DN and email the local councillor, Fiona Whelan, fiona.whelan@cambslibdems.org.uk who is preparing a dossier of complaints to bring before the council which might force Stagecoach to back down. The link to the page on the website is: www.stagecoachbus.com/cambridge/news2_7282.html

If this change goes ahead I think it will have a serious effects on many people's finances. If anyone living in West Cambridge/Hardwick/Cambourne has any meetings etc. scheduled to end after 5.30pm on a Sunday, they will have to fork out for a very expensive taxi to get back home. From my extensive experience travelling on post 6pm buses on Sunday, these are generally well-used, so it seems arbitrary in the extreme for Stagecoach to cut the Citi4 evening buses while simultaneously introducing a better service to Haverhill. As far as my experience goes, there has been no public consultation whatsoever on this issue. None of my friends who work at Addenbrookes and live in Cambourne knew about it either, until I mentioned it to them. No posters have been put up at bus-stops on the route advising people of the change, the only mention I have seen of changed bus times in the past 2 weeks is a poster on a few busses which state that changes to timetables are happening on a number of routes, and to consult the Stagecoach website for further details.

In any case, I imagine, many people assumed that the change would mean improvements to the existing timetable, as is the case with a number of other services rather than drastic cuts. I myself only ended up following the link because I was looking up another bus service, and I would imagine that by the time a lot of people who find the Sunday evening busses useful realise that cuts have been decided upon, they will already be in place at which point Stagecoach will probably claim that there was no public opposition to the cut, therefore it must be fine. This is not the way that a bus company which purports to care for its customers should behave.

Name and address supplied



CAMBOURNE WILDLIFE



Wildlife Review December 2009

Moving some of the wood around in our yard the other day we found a hedgehog sleeping under one stack. As he (or she) seemed to be large enough we tucked him into one of the hedgehog houses we have in the wildlife garden with plenty of leaves to keep him warm. Hedgehogs have to hibernate because their main food source, insects and other creepy crawlies, are not so easy to find during the cold months. You might have hedgehogs looking for places to hibernate in your garden right now, so make sure you check any bonfires or leafy corners before doing anything. To find out more visit the British Hedgehog Preservation Society website.



We have also had lots of feathered visitors to our garden as food is getting harder to find for the birds as well. We have two seed feeders, a peanut feeder and a niger feeder, to cater for all tastes. The shapes of each bird's beak reflects what it usually eats, so goldfinches have very narrow beaks for getting teasel seeds out of the flower heads, and they like the niger seeds which are a similar shape. The greenfinches have much heavier beaks for eating bigger seeds, such as sunflower seeds. Great spotted woodpeckers are made for hammering holes in trees to get at the insects, but during the winter we also see them occasionally on our peanut feeder where they are brilliant at chipping out the bits of nut. For more information and to buy bird food, go to www.vinehousefarm.co.uk. Let me know what birds visit your garden this winter.



We have recently taken on more of the green spaces around Cambourne including the eastern half of Crow Hill, the Fen Greenway near the Belfry, Lake Lambert and Great Common Wood (on Eastgate). As with the areas we already manage, we will be trying to make these areas really good for wildlife and for people to visit (where appropriate) too. If you have any questions about these areas please get in touch.

Events

Unfortunately due to budget restrictions we won't be starting a Local Group after all so there will not be any events relating to that, in the near future, but I hope we can get this going again at a later date.

We will have a stall at the Business Park Christmas Fair on Thursday 3rd December from 12 – 2pm

In the New Year there will be some events to look out for. Help us plant the final instalment of fruit trees in the Community Orchard in January (date tbc). There will be another amphibian evening, complete with great crested newt hunt, on Thursday 15th April. Next year's plant sale will be on Sunday 23rd May.

Get in touch

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

Email: jenny.mackay@wildlifebcnp.org or Call: 01954 713516 (please leave a message and we will get back to you)

Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Cambourne Officer

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

Hairy Potter

The Garden Wizard

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

DECEMBER



Now I am not going to pretend that December is the prime gardening month! So unless you have some holly to cut, need to feed the birds or grab something from the shed, most of you will not venture out too much. Well the weather is often cold, wet, windy and even slushy so I don't blame you! The best you can hope for is snow so get the mulled wine on in preparation for the jobs below.

Top 10 jobs

1. Check plant protection is still secured
2. Make sure greenhouse heaters are still working
3. Ensure your outside tap is protected against frost
4. Prevent ponds from completely freezing over (keep a hole in the ice to let gasses escape)
5. Any deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted out as can other trees in containers.
6. Take hardwood cuttings
7. Mice-proof anywhere you are storing bird food / grass seed or produce
8. Reduce watering of indoor plants
9. Keep Digging!
10. Remove snow from plants after any heavy falls

You can also be pruning apple and pear trees (but not if trained against a wall) acers, birches and vines. In the Vegetable garden, harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbages, sprouts and any remaining root crops.

Readers Question – A Crier reader has asked me if I can explain why her climbing roses do not want to flower. Well, as I have said before, I find roses very high maintenance and there are several factors why any rose does not produce that wonderful display of flowers promised on the label. You may need to be patient. They can take three to five years to fully establish and flower. Next on the list is food and water. Feeding needs to be done every six weeks but ensure the nitrogen content is not too high otherwise this will encourage foliage and not flowers. If roses dry out they are prone to stress and therefore disease and this will also affect flowering. Another thing could be the pH of your soil. A pH of 6.0 – 6.8 is OK but outside of this and the rose will have trouble in getting nutrients out of the soil. A test kit is inexpensive and easy to get hold of. Lastly position is all important. Roses need plenty of sun to flower. Less than five hours and you could struggle but aim for eight to be sure.

If you are lucky on Christmas morning you may be able to keep those reindeer droppings for your roses!

Merry Christmas to you all – bring on spring!!



The October meeting, a home-grown 'Gardeners' Question Time' was hit by illness and unexpected events, resulting in Jenny Mackay, of the Wildlife Trust, doing an admirable job of being the whole panel! Amongst other things, she answered questions about how to encourage/discourage wildlife in the garden as well as telling us about various aspects of the Trust's work in Cambourne and future activities. It was a very enjoyable, friendly evening.

The November meeting, entitled 'Festive Garden Fun', gives ideas for presents and decorations from the garden.

We don't have a meeting in December, but the talk on January 28th will be by Simon White on 'The A-Z of Roses', which will include the different types of roses, diseases, planting advice etc. He will also bring along rose plants for sale at a discount.

For more details, including membership, please contact Debbie on 719019 or Fran on 710858

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE SPEAK OUT ON HEALTH

ANDREW LANSLEY, MP FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH AND SHADOW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH, VISITS CAMBOURNE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP



Young people from the Cambourne Youth Partnership (Cambridgeshire South) shared their views and concerns on health with their local MP, Andrew Lansley, on 13 November 2009 as part of a national youth health campaign.

Make Space for Health is run by national children's charity 4Children and supported by Nestlé UK. The programme delivers health advice and activities in youth clubs and facilitates better 'joined-up' health support for young people at a national and local level.

Andrew Lansley, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and MP for South Cambridgeshire said: *"Campaigns like Make Space for Health play an important role in improving young people's health. It's clear that support is more effective when local organisations pull together to help young people on their own terms. Places like youth clubs are ideal settings as young people always respond more positively to health support when they feel relaxed and at ease in their environment."*

Young people attending the event enjoyed a fun cookery demonstration hosted by two professional Nestlé chefs who taught them some quick and simple healthy recipes. Andrew Lansley MP led a discussion with the young people on issues ranging from how healthy they perceive themselves to be to how they would most like to access trustworthy advice and support. Over 20 children learned how to prepare and sample 2 different food items. They were encouraged to try items of food they would probably not normally choose. A quiz led by Andrew Lansley MP followed which encouraged the children to express their views and learn more, a voucher prize was won by one of the children for naming one of the chef's specials.

Anne Longfield OBE, Chief Executive of 4Children said: *"Make Space for Health responds to young people telling us they want to be healthier but don't have enough support or know where to go to get information. That's why this programme has been developed to ensure that health services are available in a variety of community settings so that all young people have the right kind of support at their fingertips."*

Paul Grimwood, CEO, Nestlé UK, said: *"Encouraging young people to adopt healthy eating habits at a young age is critical as it gives them the best possible chance of becoming healthy adults later in life. We are proud to be supporting the Make Space for Health programme which promotes healthy lifestyles to young people outside of school. With over 140 years of experience in food and nutrition research Nestlé is committed to adding value to the communities in which we operate and placing nutrition, health and wellness at the heart of everything we do"*

Marathon Challenge 2009

If you went down School Lane on Saturday 7th November, you might have spotted some people with a tent tying themselves in knots, and seen lots of walkers wearing high-vis jackets and neckerchieves. You might understandably have wondered what they were doing! The answer is that they were taking part in Marathon Challenge, an incident hike run by Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club (CUSAGC).

Marathon is an annual event, and this year it was based in Bourn Village Hall. Twenty four teams, all members of Scouting and Guiding aged fourteen and above, were given grid references for twenty six checkpoints (hence the name Marathon) to find in nine hours. The checkpoints were spread over a wide area around Bourn, from Cambourne to Toft to the Wimpole Estate. It was estimated that the shortest possible route taking them all in was twenty four miles, and four teams managed this impressive distance. At some of these checkpoints there was a group of helpers offering the teams hot drinks and a challenge to gain extra points. The challenge at Cambourne was for the walkers to instruct blindfold members of their team to find the ends of a rope and tie a knot, which explains why passers-by might have seen Scouts tying ropes around road signs.

All the walkers returned within their allotted time, and were rewarded with a hot meal in the village hall. The day was declared a great success, both by young teams for whom it was their first time navigating in the dark, and by old hands who were pitting themselves against the clock, and each other. Many people remarked on how good the footpaths are in this area, and some were surprised to find that this part of Cambridgeshire is not all flat. CUSAGC are very grateful to the local landowners who tolerated so many walkers across their land, and to the Wildlife Trust, who let us pitch a tent on their nature reserve.



PAINTING CLASS

Please get in touch if you'd like a place next term. The present class takes place on Wednesday morning. If there is enough interest we may be able to start another, adult, watercolour beginners' class (reductions for people on benefits).

The tutor would also be prepared to start an after-school art and craft group for 7-11 year-old children. Ring Fran on 710858

THE ART GANG – Monday October 12th

Calling all creative people! There is an informal gathering in the Cambourne pub from 7.30 on the second Monday of each month, providing an opportunity for anyone with an interest in photography/ music/ writing / theatre / design / art/ etc to network with local creative professionals and keen local creative people.

Hopefully, in the new year this will develop into group activities such as cultural trips - museums / theatre / music and talks / workshops. We are open to suggestions or just come and enjoy this exciting diverse and vibrant group at the monthly gathering.

PS please bring some images / samples of your work along

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

New members welcome for tea, chat and scribbles at Creative Writing sessions, all at 1.30pm in the library, mostly on the first Monday of each month:

Monday 7 December: Christmas (or other appropriate seasonal feast)

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If you are interested in an evening Creative Writing group, contact Alan (01480 880442, snibgo@earthling.net).

DRAWING GROUP

This group meets in the library and is friendly and informal.

All dates are Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4 pm

Next meeting: December 9th. Please ask in the library for more details.

STEPPING STONES

The formal unveiling of these 10 Stepping Stones, created to commemorate Cambourne's 10th birthday, will take place from 12-2pm on Saturday, December 5th.

Please see full article elsewhere in the Crier, and details are to be found on the website: www.cambourneallin.org/stepping

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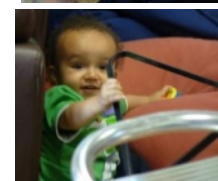
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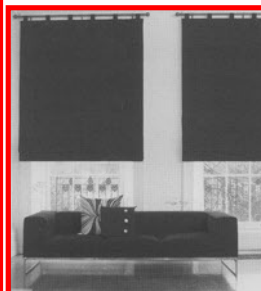
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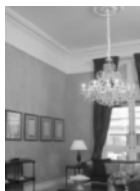
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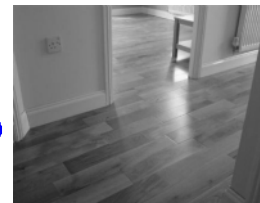


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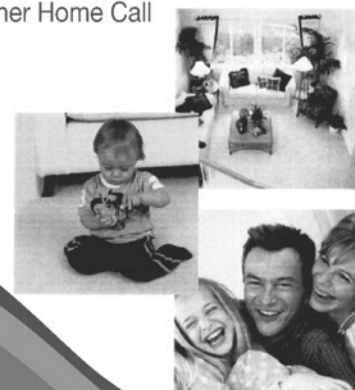
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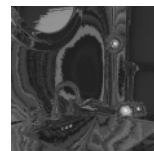
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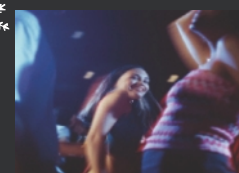
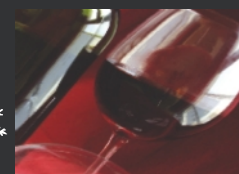
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DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER:

Wednesday 2nd - Wine Tasting evening 7.30pm - Organised by our hard working Parents Group. An opportunity to taste and buy wines for Christmas. This is primarily for existing, new and prospective parents, but if you are a member of the community and would like to come, ring us on the number below and we can advise you if there are tickets available. (£8)

Saturday 5th 12-2pm - Stepping Stones Project - Tricia (Over 2's Coordinator) will be there with her Pre-schoolers and their parents, singing Carols. This community event will see the laying of 10 hexagonal pictorial stones on the footpath between Great Cambourne Cricket Field and Jeavons Wood School. Come and give our Pre-schoolers a cheer!!!

RECRUITMENT NEWS - We are opening a new Pre-school room in January, (mornings only) and are looking for 2 Keyworkers. We are also looking for staff to join our Casual Relief team. Please contact the Nursery for details and any other enquiries on 01954 719440.

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Friday 25th and Saturday 26th Library and Reception will be closed.

Monday 28th December – Library and Reception will be closed.

Tuesday 29th Library will be open 9.00 - 14.00. Reception will be open from 9.00 – 5.00pm.

Wed. 30th – Library closed as usual. Reception available from 9.00 – 5.00pm.

Thursday 31st December – Library open from 3.30 – 5.00. Reception open from 9.00 – 5.00.

Friday 1st January – Library and reception closed

On days when the reception closes early all computer access will be closed at the same time.



ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON

Our January Session will be on Wed. 6th at 2.00 pm and we will have a representative of the Cambs. Fire Brigade giving tips on Home Safety. See the library for details. Free tea and coffee will be served at the library. No need to book just come along.

If you haven't joined the library yet make it your New Years resolution. It's absolutely free and we have much to offer. DVDs, tapes, free internet access, on-line reference resources, not to mention wonderful books! Pop in and see us soon.

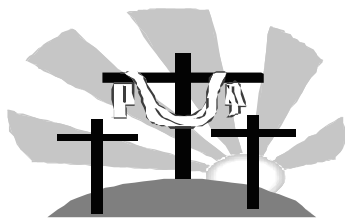
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The Cambourne library staff would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

BOOK CLUB

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Pastor Donavan Bangs

Here we come again to Christmas time. The shops filled with special items and more toy commercials on television than you know what to do with. Along with this we will have the usual assortment of pop stars and former pop stars who whilst living like the devil's evil helpers most of the year suddenly produce a Christmas album, which will slowly find its way to dusty cupboards or the dreaded 99p bargain bin. Now don't get me wrong I am not opposed to more music about the Redeemer. I just wish the performers would pay more attention to the words and gain a realization of what they truly mean. One favourite of mine is O holy night. Originally written in 1847 here is the first verse.

'O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt it's worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;'

There have been many performances of this, but how many of the artists have felt that thrill of hope, in the darkness of this sin stained world. Have they seen for the first time the light of rescue, the new dawn of redemption. Like a brilliant shaft of light piercing a dungeon or a dawn in the desert. It is an incredible thing to be able to shed the burden of sin and don the robe of forgiveness. If you have not yet received this, then why not be as the wise men from the east and seek Him. Maybe even change a lyric from another song and pray O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive me. You do not need to bring anything but yourself to him, because remember the original Christmas present was God the father giving us his only Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer. If we can help or you just need to chat let us know.

Donavan Bangs



Cambourne Church

A partnership of the
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1st Sunday of the month 10.00am. Meeting in The Hub.
www.cambournechurch.org.uk

Christmas Services – In The New Church Building (unless otherwise stated)

Friday 18th December 6.30pm Carols on the Green – Lower Cambourne Green. Sunday 20th December 10.00am Children's Nativity.
Monday 21st December 4.00pm Christingle Service for Pre-Schoolers and Key Stage 1 children and families. Contact Julie to book a seat 202546
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve 6.00pm All-Age Service 11.30pm Reflective Watchnight Service with Holy Communion
Friday 25th December 10.30am All-Age Celebration Sunday 27th December 10.00am All-Age Worship

Operation Christmas Child 2009

175 boxes were sent to Belarus this year to needy children. Thank you so much to everyone who took part and filled a shoe box. www.samaritanspurse.uk.com



New Church Building

Bookings now being taken for January for the main hall. Several daytime slots available.

Contact Julie Whitbread 202546 for more info.

Carols on the Green 2009 –

Friday 18th December 6.30pm

Join with local musicians and the Cambourne singing group, Rhythm of Life, for this festive annual event on Lower Cambourne's cricket green. Mulled Wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. If you play (especially brass/woodwind) and are interested in taking part in this event, please get in touch soon with Justin Leonard, 01954 715454, justinleonard@hotmail.com

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Youth Stuff

Soccer Sunday @ The Cambourne MUGA
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Dates coming up:

6th & 20th December

Christmas Youth Event Sunday 13th December

6-8.30pm in The New Church Building

All children in years 7-13 welcome Youth bands playing classic Christmas songs, disco, Christmas themed talk, food, games and Christmas fancy dress! Hi Folks

Just wondering if anyone has some time to put legs on the café chairs which have arrived this week for the foyer. There are 8 remaining to do

The new Church Building Open day took place on Saturday 28th November from 10 to 1am. There was Music, Art, Coffee, Activities for kids and information on the new church building; it was really a good opportunity to see Cambourne's new church.

The first Service in the New Building was on Sunday 15th November where Cambourne Church held their first service to celebrate the opening of the new building. It was a great opportunity to unite as a community, and celebrate the newest building of our community.

Cambourne Coffee: Alongside prayer, we would like to offer folks on the way back from school the chance to stop off in the new building for a coffee and a chat. Could you be part of the team to help serve coffee 08.30 - 09.30 in the new building? Contact Mel Ward - melanie@scotsdowne.fsnet.co.uk

For further notices from our community, and pictures and information please visit www.cambournerc.co.nr, or email cambournerc@aol.com.

Vincent

Cambourne babies and toddlers

Baby & Me

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



4th December	-	Play & Chat.
11th December	-	Play & Chat.
18th December	-	Christmas Party. (See below)



For further information or if you have any queries (especially if you are attending for the first time), please contact :
Caille on 718372 (cailleperi@yahoo.co.uk) or Kathryn on 710016 or log onto www.babyandme.org.uk

Resources plea for community group

Baby and Me is a non profit-making voluntary organisation providing a social and educational environment for mothers, carers and babies (under 12 months' old) to our fast-growing community for over 4 years. The minimal attendance fee (only £1.50!) makes the group accessible to all and covers costs for hall rental and refreshments. The group provides free-play for babies in the form of wooden/ plastic toys and activity gyms, most of which are currently borrowed from another group, Carers and Tots.

Ideally, we would like our own new toys and equipment in order to guarantee suitability for babies and to secure the group's future.

We were recently successful in our application to the Cambourne Crier Community Fund and obtained £200 for which we are very grateful.

We would also like to appeal for any unwanted 'nearly new' toys or equipment such as baby bouncers/ walkers.

In addition, we would be keen to hear from anyone (perhaps retired) who would like to help with serving refreshments on Friday mornings when we meet.

Furthermore, at Christmas, several members of the current committee are leaving after a successful year (thank you!), so we will require new people to join in order for the group to continue.

If you can help in any of these matters, please contact: Caille or Kathryn (as detailed above).

CHRISTMAS PARTIES Friday 18th December



Christmas joy warms the heart

Baby & Me: 10 - 11.30 The Hub - main hall

£1.50 per family inc. refreshments

If you have a Baby 0 - 12 months come and join in the fun, older siblings welcome.

Meet Santa and get a present!
Raffle & Mince pies.
No need to book.

Cambourne 123's: 10-11.30 Vine family Centre

Come along for a morning of festive games, music and food!

Fancy dress encouraged!

For more information call Sian on 710471



A toddler group for children aged 12-36 months

Fridays 10-11.30am
at the Vine Family Centre

Cambourne 123s was set up in September 2008 as a follow-on group from Baby and Me. It is run by a group of mums on a voluntary basis and hopes to provide a calm (ish) environment for 1-3s where they can play in a smaller room and enjoy craft, singing and other activities together. Not forgetting our hope that it will give carers a much needed space to relax, drink tea, eat biscuits and chat!

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

December 4th - Christmas Cards making

December 11th - Pine cone decoration making

December 18th - Christmas party

**For more information please contact:
Julia Callum 01954 710215 or Sian Mole 01954 710471**



Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School

The clocks have gone back and although evenings are now drawing in our playgrounds have been significantly brightened up over half term. Children are now able to play floor draughts, hopscotch, jump along a numbered snake and even score a bulls eye with a beanbag. Playtimes at Monkfield are now even more stimulating and fun for our children!

An informative and entertaining puppet show launched the school's new Happy Bin Project. The School Council is helping to drive forward ideas on how we can recycle and generally reduce our school waste. Year Six children are calculating and monitoring the amount of waste produced by each class at the end of each day.

In Year 3 we are learning about Weather Around the World. We will be focusing on Cambourne and comparing it with weather in other countries. Our aim is to set up a mini weather station in school.

At 11.00 am on Wednesday 11th November, Monkfield Park School observed a two minute silence in collective worship, in remembrance of those brave men and women who fought and lost their lives during the war. In Key Stage 1, Indigo class delivered their own collective worship based on the theme of Remembrance Day.

Christmas seems to be fast approaching. Operation Christmas Child boxes have been a huge success this year with the biggest ever collection to date! Thank you to everyone who has taken part and made a child's Christmas extra special this year.

Finally, we have a new addition to our school. We have been fortunate enough to have been given another sculpture by artist Tony Hillier, who kindly made and donated our original 10 year anniversary sculpture. In our Key Stage 2 courtyard we now have a wonderful statue of a dog to watch over us while we work.

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.

From Year 3 (classes 7 and 8)



Jeavons Wood Primary

For the staff at Jeavons Wood, this term has been one of the most challenging, exhausting and EXCITING times of our careers. We know that the experiences of the first eight years of a child's life impact enormously on the kind of person they will become in the future. A significant proportion of those eight years is spent at school so it is crucial that in establishing a new primary school we do absolutely everything we can to get it right! What does 'right' mean? Well, initially it is about creating an environment in which children can become enthusiastic and competent learners. But actually it's about much more than that. It's about creating an environment where everyone can succeed and where children are enabled to become confident in themselves and independent in their thinking. It's about creating a climate of care and consideration within which children respect one another and enjoy learning about each other's achievements. It's about creating an ethos underpinned by strong moral values that will provide children with a model for living.

It's a huge challenge but every member of staff at Jeavons Wood is committed to creating this ideal learning environment and, as a result, this term we have been rewarded with happy, enthusiastic children who enjoy coming to school. On Fridays, when we have our 'Achiever Assemblies', we (and the parents who join us) can see how this approach really does help the children to develop confidence and take pride in their learning. There are no rehearsals for these assemblies, the children who have brought their work to share simply stand up and (with a little help) tell the assembled children and adults all about what they've been doing and why it is so brilliant. So far, every child has been keen to share and the children who are watching have been equally keen to hear and so give their full attention. I must admit that during our last Achievers Assembly I was a bit concerned that one little lad who is still only 4 years old might be too shy to take his thumb out of his mouth and tell us about the photographs he had taken of the models he had constructed. He did though, and we were all so proud of him. Proud that he'd been able to make models by himself, proud that he'd been able to use the camera independently to take the photographs, and very, very proud that he had the confidence to take his thumb out of his mouth and tell that large audience of children, mums and dads all about his achievements!

Sarah Humphreys - Head Teacher



Jeavons Wood Primary School's PTFA holds its first fund-raising event

Jeavons Wood Primary School is Cambourne's third primary school. It opened its doors two months ago and currently has 54 pupils spread over three classes. In conjunction with the head teacher Sarah Humphreys we have just formed our own Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA).

We held our first fund-raising event on Thursday 22 October. The coffee morning was a great success and received fantastic support from all parents, staff and the local community – with special thanks going to Morrison's for their kind donations.

"I could not believe the wonderful support we received at our first coffee morning last month. Knowing that we only have 54 pupils in the school at the moment, we managed to raise a fantastic £60. I think that is great for our first event and look forward to future events."

Quote from Katie Girling, co-chair of the PTFA.

We are hoping to carry on this success by making the school's first Christmas extra special, by providing a large Christmas tree and decorations and helping out with the much loved coffee and mince pies at the school's Christmas play.

With such an array of enthusiastic and dedicated parents, staff and friends we hope that next year will hold great things for Jeavons Wood Primary School and the PTFA.

If you require more information about Jeavons Wood PTFA, please contact Katie Girling or Natasha Mirza (Co-Chairs) as below:

Jeavons Wood PTFA
c/o Jeavons Wood Primary School
Eastgate, Great Cambourne, CB23 6DZ
01954 717180



The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

"Phew! What an adventure! A large group of children from Year 5/6 had an amazing time at Grafham Water just before the half term break. There was canoeing, sailing, mountain biking - yes...mountains - and a spot of raft building, not to mention climbing, archery and...well...you'll just have to read these first hand accounts to find out more!"

Grafham Water 2009

On 19th October a group of excited year 5/6s from The Vine went on an amazing adventure to Grafham Water Centre. We had the best time ever!!

First of all, we got off the coach and took a bag to the changing rooms. Next we went into one of the lounges for a safety and behaviour talk. We also had biscuits and squash at the end. Yummm!

The teachers then told us the groups we would be in for the rest of our stay. After that we went out for a tour around the centre. We also played some team games with our groups before it was time for lunch. Sandwiches and salad!

The activities included Raft building, canoeing, high ropes, low ropes, archery,

mountain biking, climbing wall, sailing, kayaking and The Grafham Challenge! We followed a rope blindfolded and had to dodge some obstacles along the way! Unfortunately we didn't have time to do everything but got to do most of the awesome activities!

For raft building we had to build our raft out of barrels and ropes. Next we had to go and get wetsuits on, just in case we fell in! The water was clean but very cold indeed! Some rafts fell apart but the lucky ones held together! We had paddles but they did like floating away!

Mountain biking was so much fun! There were hills that go up and down and up and down! We each had a turn leading the way - 9.9 miles! Halfway there we went up a torturous hill and then had a drink, but with a twist - the instructors poured the juice both ways and we

past it along through our cups and waited until we all had one. It was so funny!

I loved the high ropes!! It wasn't scary at all. I went along a slippery bridge with gaps in it, all the way to the other side and back again. Then I went up higher to where there were two ropes. I had to balance along the bottom one, holding on to the top one, get to the other side and get back to the middle. My arms were killing me! Finally, we jumped off the rope and were lowered down to the ground again.

I enjoyed my visit to Grafham so much, I would love to go again! My favourite activity was the raft building. I was disappointed about leaving but had the best time ever!

By Alex.

Grafham Review 09

Near the end of October 09, some of year five and six from The Vine School embarked on a magical water filled journey.

After an informing talk about safety, we had a filling lunch of bread rolls filled with egg, cheese, ham and tuna. There were also the likes of salad cream, mayonnaise and healthy green stuff too! After lunch, we went to our rooms to sort out our suitcases. We made our beds (URGH!), put on suitable clothes for the next activity and went back down to the lounge, where we had our talk to find out what groups we were in - A, B, C, and D. No, I'm not going through the alphabet. Those were the groups. Group C, my group (and the best group if I say so myself) went sailing first. It was wet 'n' windy but - as I always say - OH WELL!

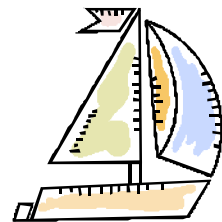
We learnt how to set up our Fun Boats - don't ask me now, I've forgotten - and went into the deep, dark world of the reservoir. It was cold, as I experienced when my feet took an unexpected dip courtesy of an unwanted wave. It was a long, long, long journey - and a cold one too! At the other side of the reservoir, we had biscuits. Yummy biscuits. Good times. We then - to our shame - had to sail back! 9 whole miles back. GAH! At least we got towed most of the way back due to no wind and the darkening sky! All we wanted then, was a nice, hot dinner. But first we had to get out of our very wet, wetsuits!

The next day we went biking. And Let me just say... I must warn you about 'Tree Sharks' around the Grafham area! You had to be there! After that, and a bit of hobbling - no comments thank you - my group went Kayaking. We had to set up the boats again - carrying them off the trailer and tying them up with tough bits of rope. I don't know if this is good or bad, but my group

went first to show the others how to paddle and turn and all that sort of stuff.

Finally, after more good, hot food and some more wet and cold 'fun' we packed our bags and went home. We were tired but very happy.

Evie



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

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A few recent events at the college within a few days of each other helped to confirm what we all hope school might really be about. On 11 November, we held our silence at 11.00 a.m. right across the school community. This followed a series of assemblies on the theme of Harry Patch, last surviving British soldier in World War I who died in June this year. The silence was perfectly observed and followed by a playing of the Last Post by 2 members of Year 11 across the school tannoy. It was a poignant moment.

On the following evening, we held our certificates' evening for members of last year's Year 11 and their parents. Over 500 people turned up to celebrate the wonderful successes in last summer's exams by so many students. It was a great occasion and really good to hear so many students (and their parents) reminisce so positively about their time at the school.

On other evenings during that week, there were productions of 'Mancer the Musical'. All aspects of this were written, produced and performed entirely by students at the school. Obviously, this was remarkable in its own right. Probably even more remarkable was the fact that the students managed to sell enough tickets to fill our performance hall on three consecutive evenings. Yet more remarkable was the fantastic reception given by the audience due to the sheer quality and entertainment of the show. It was a remarkable event.

Plans for our 50th Anniversary are being firmed up and turned into a programme of celebration in the month of March in 2010. We hope that there will be things of interest for all members of the local community with any interest in the college. We hope to distribute the programme as fully as possible in the near future. If you do not receive a copy, please do call in at reception and a copy will be available for you.

Stephen Munday



PUZZLE CORNER

Coffee time brain-teasers and puzzles.

Ask the Eds at editorial@cambourne.info if you get stuck.

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 exactly once. No repetition allowed.

BRAIN TEASER

A number of children are standing in a circle. They are evenly spaced and the 8th child is exactly opposite the 20th child.

How many children in the circle?

Solve The Crier Conundrum
TREEVISAS

WORDSEARCH

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DISTRIBUTION MANAGER - Crier vacancy (paid job)

The Crier is looking for someone to receive and distribute the boxes of magazines to delivery teams. Duties include organising rounds, recruiting and paying delivery personnel, and also organising leaflets into rounds and delivering them to teams with the crier.

You would need a car and somewhere to store the delivery (garage?), you would also have to be prepared for a regular monthly commitment.

Must be on email - CONTACT

Adverts@cambourne.info

CAMBOURNE SPORTS

The Pike Anglers of Cambourne cambourne.piking@hotmail.co.uk www.thepikers.net

As always, at this time of year, the Cambourne Pike Anglers would like to wish everybody at the Crier team, and the residents of Cambourne, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

On the 26th of September, we made a trip to Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, this was for the Pike Anglers Club of Great Britain's annual convention. This year, the guest speakers were: Mark Barrett; Ian Weatherall; Denis Moules; Mike Green; and Graham Booth. Mark Barrett and Denis Moules were selling and signing copies of their new book, "Fenland Pike". I have not had a chance to read it yet, but I am sure it is a must for all pike anglers. Maybe it could end up in my Christmas stocking? who knows...

Other famous anglers were also to be seen on the day, these included: Eddie Turner; Neville Fickling; Mick Brown; Gord Burton; and John Watson, who was selling and signing his new book, "A Pike's Progression". This is a second edition of the much enjoyable and collectable "A Pike's progress", which was first published back in 1991.

Also, on the day was the draw for the PAC event on The Lake of Menteith, this takes place next February and can be found on the north east side of Loch Lomond in Scotland.

The draw this time was made by the very much liked T.V fishing pundit Mick (The Duke) Brown. It was not long before Mick pulled out mine and Nigel's application. This was to be a first time for us, so we were delighted to be fishing such a prestigious event and venue. This year, the draw was to be held in front of everyone in the hall, rather than behind closed doors. The new format was decided by the newly formed PAC committee members, who thought it fairer for everyone.

We were drawn on the second date of three, with some of the biggest names in the pike angling world, such as: the famous "piking pirate" Gord Burton; Scott Davidson; Steve Rodwell; and Phil Wakeford. This event will be fished with 30 boats on the day, 2 anglers per vessel, using lures only.

On a more personal note, my fishing has slowed down somewhat since the summer months. I have concentrated more on my dead bait fishing recently, hoping to track down some of the lakes' much bigger fish. But, on my last 7 outings I have only managed to bank 2 pike, both of these fish were caught on mackerel tails, and weighed around 8lb apiece. As for Nigel, he has been doing rather better than me. Fish of 6lb, 8lb and 12lb, were caught on sardine and mackerel dead baits during a recent session on the same pit. Other sessions since then have produced more fish for Nigel, although no big fish have been landed yet. He is still optimistic that something bigger will be along soon.

Anyway, last month we decided to try somewhere completely new for us, Anglian Water's Rutland. Although this reservoir is only 45 minutes up the A1, we thought we needed a little more experience before tackling such a big venue. To give you some idea of the task that faced us, Rutland has a shoreline of approx 25 miles. In the 1970's, Rutland lost its independence as a county, and became part of Leicestershire. This was fiercely opposed by many, but remained so until 1997, when Rutland regained its independence.

We now feel that we have gained enough boating hours to finally try this water. In the past, this vast expanse of water has produced one or two pike over 40lb, also many others between 20 and 30lb have also made an appearance. Unfortunately, Rutland is only open for a short time in the year for pike anglers, these dates run from Oct 12th through until Nov 29th. For our first visit, it did turn out to be very tough going. But we had heard from other sources previously that it was not an easy water to fish, so it came as no surprise that we did struggle.

During the day I did manage to tempt two fish back to the boat, although these looked very much like a couple of Rutland's smaller- sized Zander. I was pleased that my chosen lures had worked to some extent. On two other occasions, I did come very close to catching my first Rutland fish. Again, my hunch told me that they were probably Zander or Trout, just snatching at my rather large soft baits and spoons. Perhaps using smaller lures would have been an option, but Anglian Water do have a policy on all of their waters, that no lures are to be used under 7", and all lures are to be barbless.

On a final note, I should like to remind readers that Zander Ace, Steve Younger will be guest speaker at the Cambridgeshire's PAC monthly meeting. This will be held on 2 December, at the Bottisham British Legion club at 8pm. Maybe see you there?

Until next time, good fishing and take care, Stu



Cambourne Tennis Club 'Here to Serve'

How you can get involved with Cambourne Tennis club

Join as a Member

See our website www.cambournetenniscub.co.uk for full details on how to join on adult, junior or family membership.

Get access to MUGA courts, LTA Coaching courses, competitive tennis and a great club atmosphere.

Membership is great value and the club now has over 140 members, as we continue to grow.

Contact-Lisa Ellis Tel 07949 062360 email lisa@cambournetennis.co.uk

Monday Club Night and 'New' Sunday Club Session

Due to the popularity of our Monday Club night from 6.30 to 9.30pm at The MUGA, Back lane, we have added another session from 2pm to 5pm every Sunday afternoon. Come and have a friendly game with other club members. All standards very welcome. A good opportunity to discuss membership / club events with the members. Just turn up. We usually have between 12-20 players so you are always guaranteed a game.

Ladder League

Our ladder league is very active, with 35 players and many singles matches taking place every month. This is a great way to get involved in competitive play and pit yourself against all players of varying standards in the club. Matches will continue over the winter.

Please email maosheta@hotmail.com if you would like to join the ladder.

Tennis Coaching

We have tennis coaching available through Sebastien Scaux, who has over 13 years experience as a tennis player and a qualified LTA tennis coach, with experience in private and group coaching at all levels. Sebastien is fully CRB checked and comes approved by the LTA.

Sebastien can offer a complete range of tennis courses for juniors from 4-8 years old, 9-13 years old and +14 years, plus coaching for adults.

Contact sebastien.scaux@tenniscambridge.co.uk or telephone 07809 117689

Cardio Tennis Every Saturday – Get Fit For Tennis !

Sebastien is also running a Cardio Tennis Session on a Saturday from 5-6pm at MUGA, Back Lane, Cambourne. Cardio Tennis is a combination of aerobics and tennis, lasting for 40 minutes. Improve your game and stamina in one go. This is a great way to improve your fitness, instead of going to the gym ! Contact sebastien.scaux@tenniscambridge.co.uk or telephone 07809 117689 for session cost and further information.

Cambourne's Tennis Teams in Cambridgeshire LTA Leagues

Summer Success

At the recent Camb's LTA AGM Dave, Marianne and Chad attended to collect the Summer League Trophies for Men's 1 League 6 and Mixed 1 Division 8. Congratulations to all Cambourne players who contributed to this success over the summer.

Winter League Report Update

To date our teams have had mixed fortunes in the Winter leagues. Ladies 1 started well with a 7-1 win over Exning 1, followed by two 4-4 draws with Buckden 2 + Fulbourne 2. In the next matches a strong David Lloyd team 3 resulted in a 0-8 defeat, followed by a close fought 5-7 defeat against Histon 1. The team to date has featured Mali, Connie, Keiko, Lisa, Ryuko, Helen, Mandy and Anna. Two more matches to go.

Men's 1 also started well in Division 3 with a 7-1 win away to Histon, but this was followed losses to Gransden's and Shelford 3. However against St Neot's 2 a 7 sets to 1 victory was gained despite the pouring rain. Team to date has featured Ben, Chad, Andy S, Andy B, Dean, Kevin and Ping. Three matches to go.

Men's 2 have had a hard winter with 4 losses including defeats at the hands of Histon, Great Shelford and Papworth. A creditable 4-4 draw was fought out at Royston away. Dean and Mark O have featured all of the matches and have won about half their sets. Just need to find a second pair to back them up.

Our Mixed team have also had some tough matches with losses to Fulbourne 1+2, Papworth 1 and Cambridge University Press. Players featured have been Ben, Mali, Helen, Ian, Carl, Ryuko and Mark O.

Detailed match reports are provided under our news section on our web site below.

Upcoming Crier features will profile our Cambourne Coaches, Sebastian, Chad and Keiko, outlining the experience and expertise they can offer in individual or group coaching. Thank you to all members for your support in 2009 and let's look forward to Cambourne Tennis Club continuing to grow in 2010. Visit our web site for more information on Cambourne's thriving tennis club

CAMBOURNE ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY FLOURISHES

The "COGS" (Cambourne original golf society) has been up and running for 3 months now. Two events have been held at Malton Golf Club. Paul Shearer winning the September competition and Matt Cornwell winning the October event.

We meet on the last Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome. We have a mixed membership already of Ladies, Gents and juniors of all abilities. We meet at the Monkfield after the golf for a few drinks and to hand out the Trophies. Thanks to Duncan and his team for their support at the Pub.

We have some great events planned for next year, including some matches against other Society's. We are finishing the year on Sunday 20th of December with a Pairs competition followed by a long afternoon in the Monkfield Arms.

All the details can be found at cambournegolf.co.uk



Cambourne Football Club.

The under 15s have continued their good run of form with four consecutive away games. They had league victories over Hondon Hawks (5-3) and Burwell Tigers (9-0) and a victory in the second round of the Cup against Bottisham (5-2). They had a controversial defeat away to Alconbury in the league 5-3 which ended the good run. The U15s now have league games at home to Cherry Hinton and away to Waterbeach followed by an away game to Alconbury in the next round of the Cup. Our last game before Christmas is a tough league game at home to Milton Colts.

Cambourne F.C Under 8 Team1 and Team 2 are now 7 games into the season and have bonded into two strong teams. The under 8's played in a mini tournament and the different teams were managed by different members of the under 8 coaching team. The tournament was enjoyed by both parents and players and eventually won by Richard Peats team.

Team 1's first friendly proved how far they have come on as a team as they were run away winners with a fantastic 10 - 3 victory. Team 2 also had their first friendly against a team of their own age and again they proved worthy winners with a 2-0 victory. In the next few months we are planning another under 8 tournament with interest from a few clubs. Everyone involved in the Cambourne F.C under 8 teams are extremely pleased with the progression of every player.

The Cambourne Football Club Soccer School has started on Saturday mornings and the attendance levels have been very good with a good mix of ages. The Soccer School is open to school age children below the age of 7 and starts at 9.00am every Saturday morning; there will however be a break over the Christmas period. If you have a child who would like attend then please either contact us on the details below or come along on a Saturday morning.

Cambourne Football Club would like to wish all of our players, parents, supporters and sponsors and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact:

info@cambournefc.com

Soccer School - Steve: 07801 782299. Web site: www.cambournefc.com



Cambourne Netball Club AGM Cricket pavilion, Great Cambourne 7pm - 9pm 21st January 2010 All Welcome!

Club training nights every Thursday 7.30 -9pm at The MUGA, Back Lane, Cambourne

We are always on the look out for new players of all levels, so come along and join us or contact Isobelle on 01954 715062 for more information or email info@cambourne-netball.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Cambourne Eagles



We are Prepared

Cambourne Eagles Football Club

info@cambourneeeagles.co.uk www.cambourneeeaglesfc.co.uk

Cambourne Eagles Football Club are now into their fourth season and are proud to offer the youth of Cambourne an opportunity to keep fit, make new friends and enjoy organized football.

Below is a brief summary of each team's achievements. If you would like to get involved in the club in any way as a player / coach / committee member please contact us. All of our coaches are trained to either FA Level 1 or Level 2 standard and are first aid trained, as well as having full CRB checks.

Cambourne Eagles u8's The Under 8's team has gone from strength to strength this season, showing the benefits of starting a season early when they were playing teams a year older than them. They have had a great start to the season and are currently undefeated in all competitions. Just as importantly there is a great team spirit within the team and the boys are really enjoying their football.

Cambourne Eagles u10's This is the Under 10's fourth season together. Having come third in their league last year and coming first in 2007 they have had a solid start in the current campaign currently occupying forth spot in the league.

Cambourne Eagles u14's Having enjoyed consecutive promotions in the last two years, including accomplishing the "double" of league and cup in 2007, the team are now playing at the top level in their age group - the "A" League. Naturally, having attained this level the boys are finding it a bit tougher this year but are currently holding their own. They are also making good progress in the cup with a recent resounding 8-1 victory against Soham Town Colts taking them through to the semi-finals.

We are confident that after a season of consolidation we will be able to push on and really compete for the top positions next season.

Cambourne Eagles u16's The Under 16's are currently undefeated in the league this season and lie second in the table, three points behind the leaders with a game in hand.

It is great to see the U16's still flourishing as it is at this stage that player's heads can get turned away from football to other distractions. The team spirit and camaraderie are a great testament to their manager Stuart Heginbottom who has continued the great achievements of former manager Mathew Clowery who had to step down at the end of last season due to work commitments.

