

# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## Cambourne All-In AGM

On Tuesday 9th February, residents were invited to the first Annual General Meeting for Cambourne All-In. Sunflower Nursery hosted the meeting, where free cheese, wine and nibbles were on offer for residents to boost their energy levels while community plans were made.

Everyone who was part of the existing committee stood down. Thank you for all those who helped at previous craft days, activities and the Cambourne 10 year Fete. It was agreed that there were lots of exciting events already happening in Cambourne for 2010 including:

- Cambourne 10K run • Cambourne Youth FEST organised by CYP
- Cambourne Music Festival organised by Cambourne Arts; and
- Cambourne Fireworks organised by the Monkfield Arms Pub and local residents

CAI would focus on activities such as craft sessions, weekend activities, holiday activities and help support local residents with 'street parties'. We now welcome Chantal McLaughlin as Chair of CAI, with Terri-Lee Lewis and Sally Jaggers helping as Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way, however small, then please let us know by emailing us at [cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cambournecommunity@hotmail.co.uk)



# CAMBOURNE YOUTH FEST

4 months to go!

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11 AM - 7 PM

## News

Still more attractions are being confirmed:

- Shepreth Wildlife Park
- Air Cadets / Fire Service
- Archery
- Martial Arts Display
- Dog Show

The customers of the Monkfield Arms have made a donation and we are organising a trip for young people to a theme park, the profit from which will be put towards the Fest.



## Can you help?

Do you run a family-orientated stall? If so, you can have a pitch at the Fest for a nominal fee. The day's programme is also now being put together. If you would like to be a featured sponsor, would like to run a stall or can offer any support, please contact us by email or telephone (details below).

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and working with enthusiastic children  
aged 6 to 8 years?

THEN

CAMBOURNE

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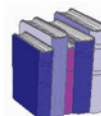
Have you visited our new Church yet? Have you noticed the breeze blocks where the next stage is to be built?

Please help us raise funds to complete this wonderful building by coming along to a

### Grand Jumble

Quality clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys, plants and unwanted gift sale  
on

Saturday 13th March  
11am - 2.30pm



To be held at the Cambourne Church Morning coffee and hot lunches will also be on sale.

Please donate any unwanted items by phoning either Wendy on 202484 Shirley on 710221 or Ruth on 715365 to arrange collection or storage of donated items.

*Please put the date in your diary and come along to find Bargains Galore!*

### Rubbish News for March in Cambourne

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.

04/03/2010 : Green Bin and Box..

11/03/2010 : Black Bin.

18/03/2010 : Green Bin and Box..

25/03/2010 : Black Bin.

01/04/2010 : Green Bin and Box..

09/04/2010 : Black Bin. (Day late collection)\*.

15/04/2010 : Green Bin and Box..

Call South Cambs DC waste and recycling service 03450 450 063 Monday to Saturday 8am - 8pm (except for bank holidays).





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## HAVE YOUR SAY !

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

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

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

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We do require a name and address for our records before

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

### The Editors

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This month, The letters page consists of a dialogue between a concerned resident of Cambourne and County Councillor Lister Wilson with regard to the recent bad weather and the gritting policy. The Crier would like to take this opportunity to point out that we are in no way affiliated with, or beholden to, any council or similar local government body. So with that said, grab a bag of popcorn, and read on..

In reponse to Mr Wilsons insightful explanation as to the councils policy on gritting roads I have a couple of points to raise. It seems that the roads of Cambridgeshire in general have been well catered for. Impressive figures have been quoted of 12,000 tonnes of salt and 35 lorries, 40 gritting runs since December 16th, including the poor lambs having to do a run on Christmas day (Isn't that your job???) Mr Lister seems to have addressed all the salient points that the residents of Cambridgeshire and indeed the far north of Scotland, would want to hear.

Forgive me if I am wrong but this publication is called The Cambourne Crier, a publication for the residents of Cambourne and not the outer Hebrides and beyond. I would really like Mr Wilson to explain why there has been no significant effort by the council to grit the roads and pathways of Cambourne. I would like Mr Lister to explain why 2 cars crashed into my neighbours garden on the same day because there had been no attempt to grit Back Lane, possibly the busiest road in Cambourne used by Commuters, Building contractors in large lorries visiting Upper Cambourne and parents with children skating along the pathways trying to get to school without being mown down by a car sliding on the ice and mounting the pavement. These accidents both happened during a time when Children were being taken to school. And I hasten to add, neither accident was caused by particularly reckless driving.

With regard to the re-direction of grit to more needy parts such as Scotland. I could be wrong but I would imagine that salt doesn't have a sell by date, why do the council not purchase an excess of salt as a backup just in case. There would be no need to redirect anyones supply of salt. If you try and tell me it's down to budgeting I'll ask to explain to me how much a childs life is worth to the council? To save you the time in looking it up, I'll tell you. As well as the human cost, The cost to the tax payer of a single fatality on the road is estimated at £1.4m. How much salt can you buy for £1.4m? (Figures released by Dft in 2005) Can Mr Wilson explain to me what he will be doing about the situation in readiness for the next snowfall. I am desperately searching for a reason to vote for him next time round.

Regards

Cambourne Resident

(Name and address Supplied)

## "..Response from Cllr Wilson.."

*Thank you for your note to me via the Cambourne Crier. Let me answer your points:*

*Cambridgeshire bought large stocks of salt sufficient for most of our needs and filled the storage capacity we keep in 3 depots. The plan is to acquire more as the gritting runs run down the stockpiles and we had adequate orders in place. At no time during this winter have we been unable to make any gritting runs. Our later supplies should have been delivered on schedule but they were diverted to other areas. Now I'm sure you have a view on this, as I do, because other Local Authorities were not as prudent as Cambridgeshire and either didn't have enough grit to start with or didn't order enough in advance. We have been required to support these people when a sharing system is put into place by the Government. So salt which we'd ordered went to places that forecast their needs incorrectly. This gives the wrong message to Local Authorities that they will always be bailed out if they're incompetent.*

*We didn't grit all our roads in the pattern we'd had until two years ago. (See my website for the map: [www.listerwilson.net](http://www.listerwilson.net)) This meant atrocious driving conditions, many accidents and a good deal of damage to vehicles and property. You may well argue that the cost of the damage well exceeds the cost of gritting and I would be the first to agree with you. I am not going to apologise for the ineptitude of Local Authorities who got it wrong but the consequences are borne by the rest of us, like it or not. I drove home from Cambridge on the Thursday evening of the first snowfall in December through deep snow which obscured even the side of the road, and there was a blizzard causing extensive drifting. At one point a group of youths had built a wall two feet high across the road, just waiting to cause someone to crash. I dodged round it by suddenly diverting to a service road and used that. Nevertheless, the yobs snowballed me for avoiding their trap. I have yet to get to the bottom of why our traditional gritting pattern seems to have been stopped for the last two years. I deeply suspect Government meddling with edicts from Westminster to save money. I'll let you know what I find out.*

*To Cambourne. My daughter lives in Great Cambourne and I visited her many times on an ice-bound Jeavons Lane. Dreadful driving conditions I agree. We have a contract with the Developers of Cambourne to grit only some of the roads. We grit Broad Street to the A428 because we've adopted it but we haven't adopted any other roads and will not do so until the Developers have stopped driving heavy builders' lorries on them. They create excessive damage and the County is not willing to pay for the upkeep when the Developers continue to churn them up. So if some roads in Cambourne have not been gritted it's because the Developers have not identified those as ones they're willing to pay for. This also applies to the footpaths. I myself had a slide on black ice on the A604 last Saturday and only managed to avoid a crash by driving onto the grass verge at the other side of the road. Had I not done this, I would have joined two cars badly damaged and plunged into the hedge.*

*I completely understand your frustration with the gritting issue. I do not think this year's activity was anywhere near adequate. I am fully aware of the cost of an accident - direct and indirect costs included. Cambridgeshire was ahead of the game and it is deeply unfortunate that others were not and that we had to suffer for it. Perhaps you would like to discuss this further?*

Regards

Lister Wilson

Editorial: page 4

*"..Response to the response.."*

Dear Lister

Many thanks for your reply.

I appreciate that the roads have not been adopted yet but surely the council has a duty of care to the community as a whole. I find it completely unacceptable that nobody is prepared to take responsibility for the safety of Cambourne residents.

As our local representative at the council, there must be something you can do to put pressure on the contractors to make sure their roads are safe to use. I am assuming that somewhere there is a contract with words to that effect. It's all too easy and a sad state of affairs for our country when red tape gets in the way of the safety of the community.

What happens to my proportion of council tax or road tax that should be used to help maintain the roads in Cambourne? Perhaps I am eligible for a discount on the basis that the government are taxing me for something they don't maintain?

Which leads to another query, does that mean there are no speed limits in place in Cambourne, can I drive as fast as I want to? (not that I would) It's no wonder the Boy racers from all the other counties congregate here. I assume they cannot be prosecuted for fast, dangerous or reckless driving on what essentially is private land.

We could argue the toss over this all day long, I guess my question to you is what can be done about it? how do we make sure that the people of Cambourne are safe when the roads get icy? (Including your daughter I might add)

Regards  
Cambourne Resident

*"..Response to the response to the response.."*

Dear Resident

*As a County Council we have to be very careful with the money we get from the Government and public. It is not well known that the Developers have to pay the County for gritting their roads. I have no doubt that the Highways Department will be adamant that the Developers must fulfil their obligations to the residents whose houses they have built. It really is squarely their responsibility. I have to say that relations between the Developers and the County have not been cordial and they have moved only grudgingly on fulfilling any of their responsibilities. We have the on-going standoff at Jeavons Wood Primary School where the Developers will not let us build on the permanent site until they get their planning permission for 950 houses at Upper Cambourne. In turn we will not give them that Planning Permission until they've agreed how much they're going to pay us towards schools and roads. With the collapse of the housing market, most of the Developers have abandoned the site and dismissed most of their staff - they have no money so the situation is not going to get better quickly. The solution is for the developers to pay us and the cost is not that much. A full run on the gritting map costs about £20,000 but that's over several thousand miles of road. Cambourne doesn't have much and the Developers could pay for the grit and so they should. Be assured that we're working on this one. I've always said that Cambourne is the Workshop Manual for Northstowe and we have learnt from Cambourne how to handle Developers playing hard-ball.*

*I hear your frustration loudly. All Council Taxpayers contribute to the road system. In Cambourne as elsewhere, the County levies part of its tax to pay for the roads. In Cambourne these are still mostly owned by the Developers and will be for some time to come but that is not to say those residents whose roads have not been adopted can have a discount. We all drive on the County's roads whether they're in Cambourne or not and hence the benefit of the road network is still there and we all pay to support it.*

*That there are no speed limits in Cambourne is a badly kept secret. It's a fact that only those roads which are adopted (Broad Street) have an enforceable speed limit. Theoretically there are no legal speed limits on the rest of the Cambourne network. Having said that I can tell you that the police can and do stop drivers who are seen to be driving too fast and prosecute for dangerous driving. Also, the road network itself was designed from the start to have a self-enforcing speed restriction - that is why there are so many bends. Motor cyclists might like to imagine they're on the TT Course in School Lane for example, but even here there are 93 shiny manhole covers in the road between Broad Street and the Caxton By-Pass. So no speeding by them either. What wasn't foreseen at the design stage was that leaving the A428 at Cambourne and using School Lane as a short-cut to the Caxton By-Pass saves something like 2 miles of driving. Early in the morning, School Lane is very busy - a behaviour which is repeated in the other direction in the evening though at this time the flow is spread over a longer period.*

Regards

Lister

*"..Response to the response to the...etc...etc.."*

There's the answer then. Neither the council nor the developers care about the safety of Cambourne residents because it's a school playground battle over who's responsibility it is.

Could make an interesting article. I particularly like the section where "Shiny man hole covers" have been strategically placed to ensure that there is a danger to motorcyclists.

Cambourne Resident



## Hairy Potter The Garden Wizard



If you would like to ask Hairy Potter a garden related question,  
please email [editorial@cambourne.info](mailto:editorial@cambourne.info)

At last, I feel hope! The days are starting to get longer and we have had at least one sunny day. After the wet, sorry completely sodden, start to the year it is nice to see things starting to improve. Bulbs are up and that means only one thing - Spring is as good as here so rev up that enthusiasm and dust down those tools because it's time to get those green fingers back! There are plenty of jobs to do and no time to waste. Here goes then;

### Top 10 jobs

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

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

### In the Vegetable Garden

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

### Readers Question;

Q. I would like to grow my own vegetables this year but do not have much space. Do you have any advice that would help me?

A. You don't need much space. If you have a small patch of ground, say 1 meter wide by 2 meters deep, you can grow a lot of veg. If you cannot manage this then almost anything can be grown in a container. The best piece of advice I can give you is to grow a few new potatoes (nothing like them straight out of the ground) and go for smaller varieties of vegetables that mature quickly. Early carrots and salad crops will do the job nicely. Think about what you like and then which of those is the most expensive in the shops. It is the ideal time to start sowing (once those frosts have gone) so go for it. Good Luck!

## NEWS FROM CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Sports News

Bowling Green to open at Easter, (exact date to be confirmed).

### Important Meeting

Calling all Cambourne bowlers to a meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at The Hub meeting room. To become a founder member and help create The Cambourne Bowls Club.

### Marking of Pitches

Please note that late Pitch bookings must be made prior to 4.30pm Wednesday evenings as Pitches are marked out on either Thursday or Friday according to the weather forecast for Friday.

### Pitch Problems – Dogs on Pitches and Cricket Fields.

Please respect our request not to exercise or take dogs onto Sports Pitches. It is a very unpleasant job to clear the Pitches of dog dirt prior to a Match.

### Finally

I would like to thank all those residents who organise and play sport in Cambourne, especially those who run the Youth Programmes for each club. You are appreciated.

Ruth Poulton

Chair of Leisure and Amenities

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](mailto: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.

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### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS MARCH/APRIL

Date	Time	Meeting
2nd March	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council
23rd March	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Finance and Policy Committee
6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council



Are you self employed?  
If the answer is 'yes', then

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*Cambourne Women in Business is a friendly group of local women who run their own small business. Many of us are Mums and represent a wide range of services including cards, books, cakes, jewellery, photography, communications and will writing. We are currently planning our next fundraising event in Cambourne.*

*We are looking for new ladies to join our group who can contribute fresh ideas from various self-employed roles. Many women underestimate their employment credibility and often undervalue their skills. We can offer:*

- An opportunity to get involved in fundraising events
- The chance to network with like minded people
- Fun social events

*Why not come along to our network night on 24th March in the Monkfield Arms from 8pm. Find out more about 'Here Come the Girls' 2010 on 7th May, from which we will be donating funds to Addenbrookes Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. No matter how small your role, whatever you do, then we would like to hear from you.*

*For an informal chat call Tracy on 01954 270079 or email [info@cwib.org.uk](mailto:info@cwib.org.uk)*

## CAMBOURNE MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 5th -8th 2010.

The provisional programme looks like this:

Thursday 5th evening	Battle of the bands for up and coming young groups, following auditions. Details soon. Food and bar
Friday 6th evening	Family ceilidh with light food, followed by adult ceilidh with snacks and bar. Live bands
Saturday 7th all day	Guitar workshops
Saturday afternoon	Bands' gig: local well-known bands. Food
Saturday evening	Salsa lesson followed by dance: live, world-class band. Food and bar
Sunday afternoon	Classical concert: Pimms/tea with strawberries and cream

The events will take place in and near the Hub. There will be a small charge for most events, and food will be included or available. We have a good core team but will need many more helpers to make this work:

stewards; shifters of equipment; people to put up posters; help to prepare the hall for different events; catering and clearing; front of house and a Master of Ceremonies

If you would like to be involved in this exciting venture, which we are sure will be the first of many, then get in touch with Fran on 710858 or email [fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk)

## WYSING ARTS CONTEMPORARY

WYSING ARTS CONTEMPORARY – the trading arm of Wysing Arts Centre – PRESENTS: an artists' art fair with Aid & Abet, Beyond, C-O-L-L-I-D-E-R, Kaavous-Bhoyroo, Lost Toys Records, Market Project, Outpost, PROJEKT, Semi Formal Discussion Network, Stew, YH485 Press.

Wysing Arts Centre in Bourn has invited artist-led initiatives and studio groups from across the Eastern region to re-locate to Wysing for six weeks in an unusual take on the established Art Fair model.

The first of its kind in terms of context, location and duration and unlike most art fairs, exhibitors will have no fees to pay, 75% of all income through sales will go directly back to the exhibiting artists. Wysing will build on the success of three major selling exhibitions and participation in the London art fair, Zoo 2009, providing a platform for exhibiting and the structure for the selling of work.

With well over 50 artists exhibiting, WYSING ARTS CONTEMPORARY: PRESENTS will highlight the breadth of critically-engaged artistic output in the Eastern region. From self publishing organisation YH485 Press working on a peninsula on the easterly edge of the British Isles, to artists multiples in Cambridge, the artists involved in PRESENTS have by-passed established systems, not only creating, exhibiting their own work, but also generating networks and support systems.

Demonstrating Wysing Arts Centre's commitment to developing a commercial model unique to the centre, PRESENTS also displays success in uncovering, supporting and presenting artists working in the region.

A series of special events, including the launch of the new quarterly publication *Beyond*, will run throughout the duration of WYSING ARTS CONTEMPORARY: PRESENTS. 10 April to 23 May. Open daily, 12-5pm.

For more details or images please contact

[press@wysingartscentre.org](mailto:press@wysingartscentre.org) [www.wysingartscentre.org](http://www.wysingartscentre.org)

Wysing Arts Centre, Fox Road, Bourn, Cambridge CB23 2TX.

01954 718 881 01954 717108



There are always challenges to be faced in the garden, not least those involved in dealing with pests and diseases, which can cause such devastation and disappointment to the gardener. The talk by Geoff Hodge will have given us all ideas on how to recognise and cope with these problems a little better.

The programme for the next few months:

25th March: Mike Day on 'Vegetable varieties today', including growing veg in pots

22nd April: Plant sale and seed swap Open Evening

27th May: Bee keeping and the gardener with Stephen Poyser

24th June: AGM and Garden Show. See below for Show competition schedule

11th July: Coach trip to Hampton Court Flower Show

Show Schedule (all entries to be home-grown): entry forms to be available later.

- Herbs in a pot
- 6 new potatoes on a plate
- 6 strawberries
- A single rose in a glass
- A flowering house plant
- A foliage house plant
- Photo competition for the Garden club calendar – photos for the four seasons, no limit on entry numbers.

We have devised a democratic voting system which we hope will prove to be fair

The Club opens at 7.45.

Visitors are most welcome. For more details, including membership, please contact Debbie on 719019 or Fran on 710858



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Peterborough

## Wildlife Review March 2010

I have had a few more reports of unusual wildlife sightings during the cold weather. Debbie and Mike reported a large flock of redwings feeding on their pyracanthus berries and a pair of reed buntings on their feeders. Liz and Malc had a heron take up residence in their garden during the snow. They also had pied wagtails and a bullfinch for the first time. Pam sent me a photo of redwings just outside her front window. All these reports are from Great Cambourne, so what's been happening in Lower Cambourne, or in Upper Cambourne? If you live there then do get in touch to tell me what you have seen in your garden this winter.



*Reed buntings – do they visit Upper and Lower Cambourne too?*

Looking to the month ahead, spring should really start to make itself felt. Migratory birds such as chiffchaffs will be returning, so keep an ear out for their distinctive calls. The blackthorn in the hedgerows will start to blossom towards the end of the month. In contrast to the hawthorn, blackthorn always flowers before its leaves come out. And the frogs should be starting to mate in the ponds. Who can send me the first photo of some Cambourne frogspawn?

### Tree planting

At the end of January we were joined by a hardy bunch of volunteers to plant cherry trees in the Community Orchard. Despite a dusting of snow and the holes we had dug in advance being full of ice, we managed to plant all 6 trees and get the new sign installed in record time. Thank you very much to all those who came along to help. You can see some photos of the day at my blog on [CambourneWeb.co.uk](http://CambourneWeb.co.uk). These trees will take a while to grow before they fruit, but some of the first apple trees that were planted way back in December 2005 are now getting to that stage. The orchard should look lovely in about April time with blossom, so if we get a warm day why not take a picnic up there and enjoy the view?



*Mad March hares – have you seen any signs of spring?*

### Events

Up coming events include:

An Amphibian and Reptile Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 to 9.30 pm – An illustrated talk about the amphibians and reptiles of Cambridgeshire followed by a torch light hunt for great crested newts in Cambourne's ponds. Donations of £2 per person suggested. Please call or email to book a place.

Don't forget the Cambourne 10k run on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Several of our members of staff are running and we will have a stall with activities and information in the Business Park. So even if you are not running, why not come along to join in the fun?

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.wildlifebcnp.org)



# Cambourne Roman Catholic Church

Website: [www.cambournerc.co.nr](http://www.cambournerc.co.nr)

Email: [cambournerc@aol.com](mailto:cambournerc@aol.com)

On Fridays between 13:30 and 16:00 there is a parents, carers and pre-schoolers drop in. There will be a short Christian discussion in the middle. If you are interested, please contact Beth Cope: [beth.cope@cantab.net](mailto:beth.cope@cantab.net).

There are a few upcoming fundraisers for the next phase of the new church (chapel & meeting room).

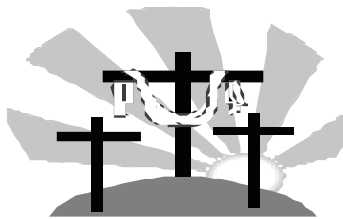
- A Church Quiz will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 19:30 in the Hub. Tickets cost £10 including a ploughman's supper. Licensed bar. For further information, contact Alison Butler on 07871096265.
- Grand Sale will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Church. Books, Bric-a-brac, etc. will be on sale. For any last minute donations please contact Ruth 715365.

The Coffee House will start on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Church foyer. It will be open Monday-Friday 8:45-10:00am. If you are interested in joining the team to help, please contact Jacqui Huckle on 715674.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February saw the start of Lent. It was a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ash Wednesday also marked the start of the season for fulfilling our Easter Duties. During Lent we are asked to turn away from sin, and to do something extra, like fasting, spending more time in prayer, and giving alms to the needy.

**Vincent Menezes**

## PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



### Peacehaven Baptist Church

Meeting Sundays  
10:00 Bible study and  
Sunday school  
11:00 Morning worship  
at the Hub

Wednesday evenings  
7 pm  
at the  
Pastor's house

For more info email  
[Peacehavenbc@aol.com](mailto:Peacehavenbc@aol.com)

or call  
01954 710510

#### Pastoral Thoughts

New Times Now

At the time of this writing the subject of temptations come to my mind. As recently something has come into our home, which is for me a source of temptation. They are a particular type of biscuit called samoas. They are not widely available, but are really good. This type of temptation is not a particularly wicked one, but if left unchecked may result in me eating the entire box in one sitting. (Yes, they are that good.) Now even though that would not get me into trouble apart from with my blood sugar levels, there are temptations in life that we face that will definitely cause problems if we yield to them. These come in many forms and many types, whether it is a temptation to do wrong or an addiction they must be addressed in our lives. Now last week I had no temptation from the samoas. Why? Because there were not any in the house to tempt me. So, one rule for overcoming temptation is to remove the source. I cannot eat them if they are not in the room with me. If your problem is a substance then remove it from the house, do not make it easy to do wrong. The Bible says in Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

If you are a drunk and want to quit then do not have any alcohol in the house nor should you allow others to bring it into your house. Now if you cannot remove the source of temptation then remove yourself from it.

2 Timothy 2:22 ¶ Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

When it says flee it means flee just leave the place, person or substance. I cannot eat the cookies if I leave the room that they are in. Another helpful hint

is do not go through it alone if possible find a trusted person and ask them to help you overcome temptation.

Galatians 6:1 ¶ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

They can encourage you to do right and help keep temptations away. I cannot eat them if my wife has hidden them. Dealing with temptations and in particular addictions is difficult and we need to guard ourselves against them, even if they are not against the law. Paul said in 1Corinthians 6:12 ¶ All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

As believers we must be under the power of God and not any bottle or pill or person or internet site or even food. They must not hold a more prominent place in our life than the Lord, or they become the master and we the slave. If we can help or if you have questions or just need to chat let us know.

Donavan Bangs



## Cambourne Church

*A partnership of the*  
**Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church**



**Service times: Sunday 9.30 & 11.00am (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)  
1st Sunday in Month 10.00am. [www.cambournechurch.org.uk](http://www.cambournechurch.org.uk)**

### SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP...

**SUNDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>  
THE BISHOP OF HUNTINGDON  
SPEAKING AT CHURCH**

**SUNDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 1000 EASTER DAY  
ALL AGE CELEBRATION WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Kite flying  
On Crow Hill  
Easter Monday  
from 2pm.

Kites provided



Quiz night - Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 for 8.00pm in the Hub  
Tickets £10 each - includes a ploughman's supper  
& pudding.

For tickets or more information contact  
Alison Butler on 07871 096265

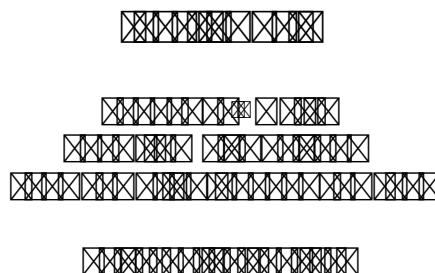
### New Community Space

The main hall of the church building is available to hire during the week for community groups, meetings, parties, etc. Contact Julie Whitbread [julie.whitbread@ntlworld.com](mailto:julie.whitbread@ntlworld.com) /Tel 202546 for more information. The Ark is also available in the evenings if a smaller venue is required. Our new Ark bookings officer is Deidre Farmery: [deidrefarmery@btinternet.com](mailto:deidrefarmery@btinternet.com) Tel. 788903

### Bargains Galore Great prices

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 11.00-14.30

\*Morning tea/coffee & hot lunches \*  
\*Jumble, books, nearly new clothing, plants, bric a  
brac \*  
(All proceeds to Cambourne church building fund)  
Contact Ruth 715365, Wendy 202484 or Shirley  
710221



Our  
Lent  
Project~

Helping  
Street  
Children

Can  
you help?



**Youth Stuff** Contact Jon Sanders for more 07798 858302

**Soccer Sunday @ The Cambourne MUGA:** Alt. Sundays  
4.30-6.00pm (yrs7 -13)

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March (£2.50 each) -

**Ignite Youth Café Night** - Live Music \* Café \* Prayer \*  
Games \* YouTube\* For yrs 7-13

21<sup>st</sup> March 6.30-8.00pm in the church building



## Baby & Me



**HELP NEEDED ON FRIDAY MORNINGS TO MAKE TEA!**

Baby and Me is a non-profit making voluntary organisation for the Cambourne community of mothers/carers and their babies. We provide a social and educational environment in the form of free-play and also have invited speakers on aspects of childcare or 'taster sessions' of baby activity classes such as music or yoga.

There is plenty of opportunity for mothers to chat to gain valuable advice and friendship, whilst enjoying refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits). Presently we have a rota system in place amongst committee members to provide such refreshments, but we always find this difficult to run whilst trying to keep our babies happy/ out of harm's way!

We would therefore be very grateful if anyone (without a baby!) would be willing to give up some time on a Friday morning (10-11.30) to help us out by serving the drinks and maybe also loading the dishwasher. We meet in the Hub main hall which has ample kitchen facilities.

Please contact Caille Sugarman-Banaszak: Tel (01954) 718372 e-mail: [cailleperi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cailleperi@yahoo.co.uk)  
Website: <http://www.babyandme.org.uk>



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

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Play and Chat  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Mothers Day Craft  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Irish Wigs!  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Craft  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY  
April 9<sup>th</sup> - Playdough  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – Boat Making  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Georges Day Craft  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – May Day biscuits

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



### Baby & Me Nearly New Sales 2010

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
&  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
10 - 11.30am

Free entry for buyers!  
Coffee and cake stall  
Small baby play area

If you are interested in having a stall  
please email [babynearlynew@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:babynearlynew@yahoo.co.uk)

The cost per stall will be £5  
(This is non-refundable once your stall is booked)  
Stalls go quickly so book up and start clearing out those  
cupboards!





## The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

### Year 3/4 visit Burwell House

In January Year 3/4 had a fantastic three day residential trip to Burwell House. Since being back they have been writing newspaper articles about all the activities they did. The articles below should give you a flavour of all the fun that was had!

#### **Children at Burwell**

A group of 50 excited Vine children left Cambourne on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 for an action-packed 3 days of adventure at Burwell House in Cambridgeshire.

Activities enjoyed were Burwell Fox, the Snail Game, the Map Game and team challenges.

When they got back, Christopher said, "I enjoyed it because the food was delicious!"

#### **Big Brilliant Burwell House**

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 50 of the Years 3 and 4 children from the Vine School went to Burwell House as a school trip.

They did lots of fun activities while they were there. They slept overnight for two nights and they went to bed late and woke up early.

They played four different games in the house. They were The Snail Game, Burwell Fox, the Map Challenge and team challenges.

They said the food was the best. Daniel said, "I think the food was nearly as good as Mrs Allen's school dinners!"

#### **Graveyard Investigation**

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010, the children from The Vine School visited Burwell Church.

The weather was very cold and snowy but a cup of hot chocolate from Gary soon warmed them up.

While they were there they did brass rubbing, a church search and investigated the graves. They found out who the graves belonged to and when they died. They also found out that whole families were buried together and that one of the graves belonged to a soldier.

Libby said, "I liked finding out who was buried there. I was amazed at how old the graves were."

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](mailto:office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk)



## **Cambourne Children's Centre Story Sacks**

Cambourne Children's Centre have a range of Story Sacks available for families who are registered with the Children's Centre to borrow. Not registered? Don't worry, you can come into the Centre, or request a form to be sent out by email or post. Story Sacks are cloth bags full of resources for adults and children to enjoy reading together. Each sack is based around a well known picture story book and is supported by a fact book on a similar theme. To encourage role play soft toy characters, props and scenery are added, the sack is then completed by a game, CD of the story, activity guide and parent guide.

If you would like to borrow a Story Sack from us please pop in or ring the Children's Centre for further information on 01954 284672.



Cambridgeshire  
County Council

**SureStart**  
Children's Centre  
Cambridgeshire



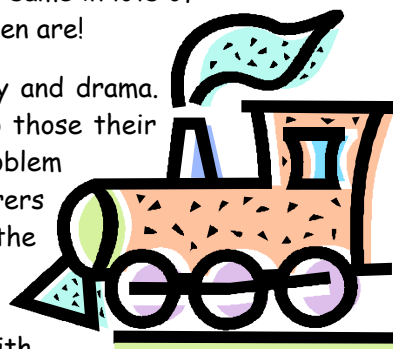
## Anderson Telegraph!!

### News from Monkfield Park Primary School

Lots has been going on at Monkfield Park this term for parents/carers and children.

Violet and Indigo classes amazed us all with a lovely performance of 'The Magic Travel Machine'. The play was based on their learning from earlier in the year, and took us on a whirlwind tour around the world to visit children in different places. The audience experienced beautiful singing, including a song in Spanish ('perfect pronunciation' said one Spanish-speaking parent) and one in Polish. They saw traditional French dancing, African drumming, watched playground games from different countries, listened to the story of the Ugly Duckling and were made to laugh by a silly Australian song! By the end of the tour, we had all learnt that children around the world are the same in lots of ways, and the adults had learnt what a fabulous bunch of performers the year 2 children are!

Our recent curriculum evening took an interactive path with workshops on numeracy and drama. Parents and carers were invited to have a go at problem solving activities similar to those their children do in school. They were also given information and advice on how to access problem solving activities with their children at home. In the other workshop parents and carers learnt about a cross-curricular way of teaching through drama called Mantle of the Expert. They joined in a scenario investigating an unexplained hole, and ended up digging for Anglo-Saxon treasure. Teachers showed work which their children had produced as part of their dramatic investigations, which was of a very high standard, with even the youngest children creating complex presentations and working well in teams.



Foundation Stage have been trying out their first Mantle of the Expert and have been saving the world as superheroes. Each child made a cape and a mask, designed to suit their special super powers, and enjoyed dressing up and taking up their special superhero pose. They worked well in teams to save the world from destruction by a comet, leaping tall buildings and crocodile-ridden swamps, and were all home in time for tea.

**If you have recently moved into the village and have a child due to start school, could you please make contact with the school Finance and Office Manager: Mrs J Durrant on 01954 273377.**



## Jeavons Wood Primary School

### 'Hats for Haiti'

A week or so after the catastrophic earthquake hit Haiti Libbi from Butterflies class brought in a slip of paper. She had carefully written it out herself and it read, "Earthquake victims in Haiti - can we do some fundraising to help with money and food and drink".

Watching the news each night as children and adults were miraculously brought out from the rubble that was once Port au Prince, had touched all of us at Jeavons Wood School and we decided to make February 3<sup>rd</sup> our 'Hats for Haiti' day. We would all bring in to school some special head gear; a hat, a scarf or anything that could be worn on the head for the day and make a contribution to our collection for the Haitians. The children all decorated an envelope and took it home to collect sponsorship from friends and family and also from their own piggy banks.

We had a marvellously colourful and varied collection of hats arrive at school on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The children enjoyed being anything from a princess to Wyatt Earp and we raised a fantastic £200 amongst us.

The Alliance & Leicester Building Society in Cambourne was ready to accept our donation and we hope the help it affords is already on its way to Haiti.

Rachel Walsh  
Administration Manager



## February meeting

Fran Saltmarsh gave us a fascinating view of the styles of underwear through the last few centuries. It certainly made one glad to be living today and not restricted with whalebone etc. As well as slides, she had brought along some examples for us to examine and we were able to appreciate the high standard of workmanship.

## Book Club

The book club meets approximately every 6 weeks in the Monkfield Arms on a Monday evening. Non-members are very welcome to come along. For details, please contact Ruth on 01954 718989.

## Walking group

The next walk will be on March 5th at Bourn golf course. These walks are usually in the region of 5 - 6 miles. Non-members are very welcome. For details, please phone Fran on 01954 710858.

## Theatre group

Members have been going to various performances at Cambridge Arts Theatre and other outings are planned. Penny has been putting interested people in touch and she can be contacted on 01954 200126.

## Darts group

Our first training session will be very kindly given by the son of one of our members on Monday 22nd February at 8pm in the Monkfield Arms. Any WI member interested, please come along. No prior knowledge or skill required.

## March meeting

The next meeting will be on 11th March at 7.30pm in the committee room at the Hub when the talk will be "Without Henry" by Angela McCracken. This is a light-hearted talk about what the wives of Henry VIII got up to when they weren't with him. This will be followed as usual by refreshments and a chance to socialize.

Visitors are very welcome. It is a good opportunity to meet people from Cambourne so why not come along and give it a try.

Contact: Fran Panrucker : 01954 710858

## **GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY**

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO GAIN SOME COMPUTER SKILLS?**

The library will be running a free beginners computer course for ANY AGE. There are two courses of 3 x three hour sessions each. The first will start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and the second will start on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone can apply – please ask the staff at the library reception or phone 0345 045 5225.

### **MUSIC CDs.**

We now have a small selection of music CDs in the library that you can borrow from the library. The rental fee is £1 per CD per week.

### **ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON**

Our March session will be on **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** and will be a talk given on safety in the home by the Cambridgeshire Fire Service starting from 2.00 p.m. in the library. Normally we meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Free tea and coffee will be served at the library afterwards. No need to book just come along.

At the moment we have a lot of lost property – including gloves, scarves and a cream jacket. We also have a pink bicycle helmet. If you think you may have left something please ask at reception. Due to space shortage we will have to dispose of most of this shortly.

When the library is closed you can still become a member, return your books in our drop box or ask a member of staff to issue books 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.

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

Best wishes from the Cambourne library staff.





# OXFAM WALK - 16 MAY 2010

Spend an enjoyable day with the family at the Oxfam Walk on Sunday 16 May, raising money for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund.



The start and finish point of the walk is at Milton Country Park, where you can choose a 3-mile, 8, 12, 16, 22, or 26-mile marathon route for the really energetic. The 3 mile route is within the Park and is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There really is something for all the family! All the walks are well signed with marshals, and there are convenient checkpoints on each walk offering refreshments and toilets for a well-earned break. If you enter as a team (which can be a family team) of 5-10 people of any age, you'll have the chance to win the Oxfam Team Trophy, if you raise the most sponsorship. A free return bus is available from the centre of Cambridge to the start of the walk, courtesy of Stagecoach.

Veronica Speirs, of Cambridge says, "We always have a great day. We're big supporters of Oxfam and its wonderful being part of a big, well-organized event attracting such a wide range of people."

This year, the Oxfam Walk aims to raise £50,000 for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund helping communities affected by natural and manmade disasters, including the thousands of people in desperate need of assistance following the earthquake in Haiti. To help us reach this target we ask each adult walker to pay a registration fee of £6 beforehand, or £10 on the day (children under 16 walk for free) and to raise at least £50. That's enough to pay for a hygienic toilet, vital for preventing the spread of disease in an emergency.

For more information and to register online visit [www.oxfam.org.uk/walk](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/walk) or pick up a registration form from your local Oxfam shop. All enquiries, contact 0300 2001244 or e-mail [events@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:events@oxfam.org.uk)

The Cambridge Oxfam Walk is organised by volunteers. We are currently looking for a new Chair to help organise the Walk from 2011. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer position please get in touch.



## CAMBOURNE 70S NIGHT

On Saturday February 13th, the Hub was full of grooving people dancing to the sounds of the Seventies with sequins, flares a-plenty and many large and colourful wigs. There was a buffet, a quiz and some very groovy dancing, including a limbo competition that will be remembered by many for a long time...

Thank you to all who came and to everyone who gave up their time to help both before and on the night- we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Keep an eye out for Winter Wonderland on 6th November from 1-4pm and the Cambourne Music Festival from 5-8th August. We hope to see you there!

***YOU GOT YOUR GROOVE ON!***



Monkfield Medical Practice

Monkfield Medical Practice will be closed for staff training from 12.30 pm on Wednesday 10th March and will reopen as usual on Thursday 11th March. Urgent Care Cambridgeshire (formerly CAMDOC) will provide cover for emergencies during the afternoon and can be contacted via the Practice's telephone number 01954 282153.

## Papworth Astronomy Club News

On February 3rd, we heard a talk from Dr. Richard Salisbury of Thermoteknix. This is a small Cambridgeshire company that builds thermal imaging cameras. He told us how they began by supplying cameras for monitoring cement kilns, and then progressed to building them for Formula 1 and Indycar racing teams. Their latest venture is a camera for the NASA LCROSS mission to the Moon. Richard gave us a preview of the mission results and said that, although NASA has not officially released the details yet, there are indications water may exist on the moon in some form.

The next club meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd March and will be a night sky meeting, with (weather permitting) an observing session. Visitors are welcome. Telescopes will be provided but you may bring your own equipment if you wish. The meeting will be held at the Vinter Room as usual and, in the event of inclement weather, there will be an alternative presentation indoors.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 7th April. Peter Howell from the Cambridge Astronomical Association will present "Radio Astronomy for the Slightly Nervous". He will explore the nature of radio astronomy and its origins, then show some simple home radio astronomy projects that will allow you to listen to the natural radio noises of our planet.

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.

Contact details for more information: Peter Sandford - 01480 830729, email [peter@cheere.demon.co.uk](mailto:peter@cheere.demon.co.uk)  
[www.papworthastronomy.org](http://www.papworthastronomy.org)

## Cambourne Network Business Breakfast

We have been running the Cambourne Network Business Breakfast since January 2009 and to say it has been a huge success is an understatement. With a regular attendance of over 35 business at each meeting - businesses have met useful contacts and secured actual business when they attend. Cambourne Network is one of the top networking groups on the Cambridge networking circuit because of its simple format: a £10 pay-as-you-go fee, no membership or pressure and most important IT WORKS for your business.

Have a look at these links: <http://thecompletenetworker.com/> <http://thecompletenetworker.com/cambourne-network/>

In addition our guests use the Belfry hotel for meetings, seminars etc - which is a direct result of Cambourne Network - as they may not have visited the hotel otherwise. So all in all a huge positive for home based businesses in Cambourne and all over Cambridgeshire and The Cambridge Belfry Hotel.

Contact: Neil Smith 01954 710818 [info@cambournenetwork.co.uk](mailto:info@cambournenetwork.co.uk) [www.cambournenetwork.co.uk](http://www.cambournenetwork.co.uk)



## Here Come The Girls 2010

The late night shopping event of the  
year!

The Date: Friday 7th May 2010

The Time: 8pm - 10.30pm

The Venue: Cambourne Church Centre

Cambourne's retail extravaganza returns for its third year! Put the date in your diaries now!

We'll publish more in next month's issue.

Can't wait? Visit our website at [www.cwib.org.uk](http://www.cwib.org.uk)

Profits will be donated to the Addenbrooke's Hospital NHS Paediatrics Intensive Unit (PICU)



## THE ART GANG

This is an informal gathering in the Monkfield Arms 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.

The Cambourne Arts AGM was held at the beginning of the January Art Gang and we are pleased to say we now have a treasurer and two new committee members.

The poetry session in February was surprisingly successful. Some expressed a fear of poetry and yet were pleased to find that it can be understandable and even a pleasure!

Month	Art Gang Focus	Outing
March 8	Visual arts – bring to share	Sketching at Hinchbrooke House or Grafham Water
April 12	Movie appreciation – your all-time favourites and why	Spring Exhibition
May 10	Drawing session	Trip to a sculptor's studio

Suggestions for both focus and outing will be welcome.

## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

New members welcome at Creative Writing sessions, all at 1.30pm in the library, mostly on the first Monday of each month.

- Monday 1 March: bring writing about "no head scratching about the latest damage to the drains in Bindey's cottage".
- Monday 12 April
- Monday 10 May

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

## PAINTING CLASS

The present class, in its second term, is now full. We can start a new beginners' class next term if there is enough interest (15 participants). Cost about £45 for ten lessons (reductions for people on benefits). Some people have already contacted me re a new class. The tutor would also be prepared to start an after-school art and craft group for 7-11 year-old children. Contact Fran [fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk) or 01954 710858.

## DRAWING GROUP

This group meets in the library and is friendly and informal. All dates are Wednesdays, 2.30pm to 4 pm.

Drawing class (2.30pm to 4pm in the library; after Easter, the class will be 1.30pm to 3pm):

- Wednesday 24 February
- Wednesday 10 March
- Wednesday 24 March

## LIFE DRAWING

We now have an art teacher on our committee, who is organising life drawing sessions. Watch this space for details or email [stevehughes23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevehughes23@yahoo.co.uk)

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

This will be from Thursday August 5th until Sunday August 8th 2010. Please see article elsewhere in the Crier.

For further information on any aspect of Cambourne Arts, visit the website at [www.cambournearts.org](http://www.cambournearts.org) or contact:

Fran - [fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk) or 01954 710858

Alan - [snibgo@earthling.net](mailto:snibgo@earthling.net) or 01480 880442



## The Pike Anglers of Cambourne

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Over the last few weeks, much of my time has been spent fishing the River Ivel. The areas which I have visited have been around Sandy and Broom in Bedfordshire, both stretches of river are run by the Ivel Protection Association. I am able to fish this particular association as I am a member of a club called Abbey Cross Angling Society, which is affiliated to the I.P.A.

So, as I am always looking for new inspiration to write about, I decided to try and catch a few winter Chub (*Leuciscus cephalus*). So far my first few visits to the River Ivel have turned out to be no more than uneventful, but reading up and putting a few rigs and baits into practice, I am sure it will not take me much longer before I bank a good sized Chub.

Some of the other lads in the meantime have managed to wet a line during these colder days. However, when lure fishing on these cold mornings with bright blue skies, you really are up against it. But at least they met up and made an effort.

A long awaited return to Ardleigh Reservoir was also made early on in February. This was really down to Nigel, he thought it was a good opportunity to throw some lures around before our trip to Scotland. After taking much persuasion to go, we headed off up the A11 towards Essex. On a damp and overcast morning we were quite optimistic at what the day ahead might bring. After a slow start to the day, a good double figure sized pike finally took an interest in my Fox pro shad lure. Would you believe, that the very same pike came back another 4 times, and still I could not get it to take my lure. It then got bored and gave up. A short time later, Nigel popped on a large Fox Destroyer spinnerbait, and within a couple of casts Nigel was soon into his first and only fish of the day. A nice pristine fish of around 7-8lb was safely boated and returned, and just as we thought we had found some fish, all things went very quiet indeed. A couple of hours later, a small jack pike then snatched my lure. This time, I had been jigging my softbait lure only inches from the bottom. The reason being, we thought the pike were still down deep. We did continue to try jigging for some time that afternoon, but we could not tempt any other fish. We shall be heading off to Ardleigh sometime in March, so if anyone wishes to join us please drop us a line. Boats will cost £30 per boat, so grab yourself a partner, it will cost you £15 each.

On our way to Ardleigh, we decided to take a slightly different route. This time we passed a T.V celebrity's famous farm. And, soon after packing up, we had a little time spare, so we popped into Jimmy's Farm to say "Hello", and buy a few of their famous sausages. After a cuppa, and a natter, we were soon saying our goodbyes and headed off for home.

Last week, we attended the presentation by Mick Brown. We were delighted that the great man actually recognized us from other recent events, and came over to talk to us. He updated us on his present fishing activities, mainly fishing in Scandinavian waters, and was interested in what we've been up to, and the tactics we've been employing. He then presented a very lively and interesting show, and took a number of questions from the floor. I was very happy to win the evening's main raffle prize when I chose a selection of bite indicator/drop off arms.

Turning to our long-awaited trip to the Lake of Menteith...we are hugely disappointed to have been advised that freezing and inclement weather has had the better of us. The loch has frozen and has failed to thaw significantly. The event has been postponed until 13 March when I shall be unable to attend. I am extremely sad to miss this, but hopefully will get there at some time in the future. Oh well, I shall dream on of that elusive 30 pounder...

So, until next time, good fishing and take care, Stu



## Cambourne Netball Club

How's that resolution going? Still looking for that new thing to try, or a way to get back into exercise?

Cambourne Netball Club trains every Thursday at the MUGA 7.30-9 and are looking for new players. We cater for everyone, so even if you don't know your pivot from your pass, or if you're our future first team star player come along and give us a go.

We are also looking for new junior members (yrs 7-11). So if you're new to the area or just want to come along try out some fun netball we'd love to see you at training.

Coaches are fully qualified and CRB checked. Come along for a chat or for your free trial session on Thursday.

Cambourne Netball - great friends, great fun, great fitness.



## *Cambourne Tennis Club 'Here to Serve'*

### How you can get involved with Cambourne Tennis club in 2010

Spring is on the way and if you have not played tennis for a while, but were inspired by Federer or Murray at the Australian Open Final, what about finding your racket and joining us for some tennis in 2010!

#### Join as a Member

See our website [www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.cambournetennisclub.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](mailto:lisa@cambournetennis.co.uk)

#### Monday Night and Sunday Afternoon Club Session

Despite the cold weather many members are turning up for our Monday Club night club sessions 6.30 to 9.30pm and our Sunday afternoon sessions from 2pm to 5pm. Both at The MUGA, Back lane, Cambourne. 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.

#### Ladder League

Our ladder league has 35 players entered and is a great way to get involved in competitive play, pitting yourself against all players of varying standards in the club. Matches will now start again. Please email [maosheta@hotmail.com](mailto:maosheta@hotmail.com) if you would like to join the ladder.

#### Tennis Coaching

Our new Spring coaching programme will be launched shortly. Look out for information in April's Crier.

#### Visit our web site for more information on Cambourne's thriving tennis club

[www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk)



## **Cambourne Exiles RFC**

### **First win of 2010 for Cambourne Exiles**

After a difficult period during the depths of winter, Cambourne's rugby players travelled south to Bishop's Stortford to score their first points since Xmas and register their first win November last year! In a stunning second half comeback, a notable team performance led to opportunities for Wallis, Smith, Sharman and Harlow to clear the Stortford 5th XV defences and score tries. Dreuitt finally found his kicking boots and was able to push the score out to seal a 14:22 win on the final whistle.



Cambourne are pushing hard for more wins in the coming weeks to climb up the table in the Greene King Country Clubs Merit League and will be fighting for a place in lineup on Finals day in the Greene King Plate competition.

The Exiles always welcome new players and members. If you'd like to get involved in Rugby Union, then get in touch. Training sessions run from 7-9pm every Wednesday, on the Rugby pitch near the MUGA.

For more information about Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club, contact the Club Secretary Neil Ingham on 07956 410309, email [info@cambourneexiles.com](mailto:info@cambourneexiles.com), or find us on the internet at **[www.cambourneexiles.com](http://www.cambourneexiles.com)**.



# Cambourne Football Club

to the whole community of Cambourne including all schools and clubs - our aim is to provide enjoyable football for the children of Cambourne and the surrounding area.

U15's - Cambourne FC under 15s have had three games recently, which is a huge relief after the poor weather conditions experienced. Three successive home games have resulted in three victories, first was a hard fought games against Hundon Hawks with CFC U15s winning 3-2 followed by another tough game against Waterbeach, CFC U15s winning 3-2 again. Finally we played Burwell Tigers who, despite having 10 men, put up a very brave effort but couldn't stop CFC u15s winning 9-0. Our next games are away to Isleham Youth on the 21st Feb followed by a tough game at home against unbeaten Cambridge Musketeers on the 28th Feb.

**CFC U15's** currently lie fourth in the league on the same points as third place but with a game in hand. A good end of season, hopefully beating the teams at the top will hopefully see us pushing for promotion - but it will not be easy.

**U8's** - This month saw the separation of the two under 8 teams, into their own training slots. Team 2 continues to grow in numbers and it now looks like Cambourne F.C will be able to field two under 8 teams as well as two under 9 teams in next seasons Mini League. Keith Holah, Manager of Team 2, has now taken over the team fully after passing his Level 1 coaching course. Keith continues to

build the skills of team 2 ready for next seasons under 8's and under 9's.

Stuart Racher is now focused on Team 1 as well as continuing to find ways of building the club in what has been a very impressive start to Cambourne F.C's first season. Team 1 continue their excellent form beating Burwell Swallows 7-4 in a very exciting friendly. Goals came from Tom Smith, Matthew Hill, William Roberts, Daniel Toyer, Sam Peat and Jack Lyons (2). It was so encouraging to see goals from so many different players in the team and something the coaches want to build on with regular training and friendlies. Soccer School

The Cambourne Football Club Soccer School is now well established and we get a great bunch of children come along. The Soccer School is held every Saturday morning between 9.00 am and 10.00 am 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 (Year 2, Year 1 and Reception). 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. Contact:

[info@cambournefc.com](mailto:info@cambournefc.com)

Soccer School and Under 15s - Steve: 07801 782299

Under 8s - Stuart:

[sracher@hotmail.com](mailto:sracher@hotmail.com)

Web site: [www.cambournefc.com](http://www.cambournefc.com)

Cambourne Football Club are delighted to announce that they have achieved the FA Charter Standard Club status. This is an excellent achievement by the club, meeting all of the FA's Charter Standard requirements within the first year of the clubs formation, and is a result of the effort put in by all of the club officials on the committee and the managers to make sure that the club is run in the correct manner - for the children of Cambourne. This Charter Standard status ensures that Cambourne Football Club have all the correct policies and procedures in place and the managers have the required coaching and safety qualifications. We will not rest on our laurels though as although the FA recognise we have the correct policies in place, it is down to the Managers and Committee to ensure we maintain our high child welfare standards, training and match day practices and commitment to continually improve as a club.

Cambourne Football Club are also pleased to announce a link with The Vine Inter-Church School in Upper Cambourne where the club will offer it's footballing services to the children of the school and provide demonstrations and activities at fetes and open days. Cambourne Football Club is open

## Cambourne Eagles



**We are Prepared**

## Cambourne Eagles Football Club

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aid and child protection and have full CRB clearance.

We are very pleased to have been given this award as the FA's recommendation to parents is to look for clubs with the Charter Standard Logo. We hope this award will encourage new players and coaches towards Cambourne Eagles to continue the growth and expansion that we predict for 2010.

### Welcome Cambourne Rovers u12

A warm welcome goes out to Mark Eaton and the Cambourne Rovers u12 team who have joined us and will play under the Eagles banner for the remainder of this season. Next year the team will enter the Cambridge and District

Colts League and will play in competitive football again.

We are very pleased that Mark has chosen to join us and we wish him and his team the very best of luck for the new season.

### New teams

We have several new teams starting and are on the look out for new players (please see our advert). We are holding various free taster sessions and would love to see some new faces. In particular we are bringing back football to Cambourne for the GIRLS. We have a very well qualified coach on stand by to lead the girls into the future.

If you are interested in playing for us in any age, please contact the club secretary, Tracey Ashford, [ash.fords@ntl.com](mailto:ash.fords@ntl.com).

Cambourne Eagles FC are proud to announce that in January 2010 they were awarded Charter Standard Status by the Football Association.

This means that the FA have recognised Cambourne Eagles as a well run and sustainable club with child protection and safety paramount. It also recognises a commitment to coaching, player and coach development and the raising of standards of behaviour in the game.

To achieve this status, amongst other criteria, we had to demonstrate that all our coaches are at least Level 1 qualified, have completed specific courses, including first