# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## RESIDENTS ACT OVER FLOODS FIASCO

Angry residents of Cambourne have set up a pressure group to demand action after a catalogue of flooding incidents.

The sewage pumping station on School lane cannot cope during periods of rainfall and frequently floods. Residents of Damson way and the surrounding area have had to put up with raw sewage including human waste flowing into the streets, and into their homes. One resident has been flooded out twice in the last six months, losing many possessions and being reduced to living in a single room as a consequence.



R.A.F.T - Residents Against Flooding and Tankers was formed to bring pressure to bear on Anglian Water and the developers with a view to ending the issue of flooding, pollution and noise disturbance caused by the inadequate sewage infrastructure and



tankering strategy currently in place. Martin Withers has been elected chairman of the new group. In a recent interview he said

".. There is more and more pressure being put on the sewage and drainage system

and it doesn't have to rain very hard for the pumping station to be unable to cope. This means we have to have tankers taking the excess water away day and night, which is very noisy and causes huge disruption.

"The bigger issue is that twice it has completely malfunctioned and we have had homes on Damson Way flooded with sewage – human excrement has been flowing down the street.."

Andrew Lansley CBE MP for south Cambridgeshire has slammed the unacceptable conditions and written to the residents and agencies involved urging a swift resolution.

".. Quite simply it is unacceptable that residents have had to put up with these conditions; the news that homes have again been flooded with sewage is of great concern. Not only will this have an impact on families in the area, but it will pose a serious health risk to vulnerable residents"

R.A.F.T have kicked off their protests with a photo call outside the offending pumping station



In a statement on BBC Look East, Anglian Water said..

".. The sewerage system remains the responsibility of the developers. Anglian Water has been talking with the developers to help them understand what improvements they need to make .."

The developers MCA Cambourne Ltd stated

".. We are aware of the flooding issues and apologise for any inconvenience...a detailed survey of the whole foul drainage system is well under way and work will continue until the problem has been rectified.."

A meeting was held at South Cambs DC on Wednesday 24th, attended by representatives from the developers MCA, Anglian water, South Cambs DC, Cambourne Parish Council and RAFT.

Martin Withers explained the aims of R.A.F.T and The Crier understands there was a frank and open exchange from all parties surrounding the drainage problems in Cambourne.

Neville Stebbings, Cambourne Project Director admitted there is a problem with surface water entering the foul water system and the current situation is unacceptable.

Martin Withers, in an interview on BBC Look East aired that night said

"..The Good news is, the developers have actually accepted liability.."

If you would like to join R.A.F.T or get further info, you can visit their website

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www.camjuniors.co.uk
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www.cambourneeaglesfc.co.uk - 203162
Cambourne FC (U8/U15) – 710373
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#### Women's Institute:

for women of all ages. Contact: Fran Panrucker on  $710858\,$ 

#### YOUTH GROUPS

All Clubs at Cambourne Soul, Back Lane. **The Club With No Name** 13-16 years of age,
Free entry. Email officecyp@googlemail.com or call 718620

CU@4 7-11 years of age £1 Entry fee Email officecyp@googlemail.com or call 718620 Juniors 7-11 years of age £1 Entry fee Email officecyp@googlemail.com or call 718620

**Cambourne Senior Club** 11- 16 years of age Michelle.Link@cambridgeshire.gov.uk mobile: 0783 3481527

Youth venue for hire Cambourne Soul: Back Lane, Great Cambourne Email officecyp@googlemail.com or call 718620

**Church Youth Group**: Contact Jon Sanders on 07798 858302



The provisional programme looks like this:

**Thursday 5**th **evening** • Battle of the bands for up and coming young groups, following auditions. 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 and refreshments.

**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 on sale. *Family tickets will be available for family events.* Duncan of 'The Monkfield Arms' will be running the bars.

We have a good core team but 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 mail <u>fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk</u>



We are very grateful to the Parish Council for their support of the Festival.

<—WATCH THIS SPACE FOR AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!</p>

#### Rubbish News for April 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.

Collection Day - Thursday

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

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

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

22/04/2010 : Black Bin.

29/04/2010 : Green Bin and Box..

06/05/2010 : Black Bin.

13/05/2010 : Green Bin and Box.







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

## Hairy Potter The Garden Wizard

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

It seems to have been a bit of a long winter and if some people are to be believed, the worst since the 1960's! Normally by now the blossom is out and the haze of green is in the hedgerows. This year though it all seems to be a little bit late.



Thankfully the warm weather is here and things are starting to catch up. If you have done nothing over the winter then now is the time to get moving. After all the snow and rain, your lawn will be begging for attention and the boarders looking a little tired. Just be careful as you weald the spade for the first time as many of your plants may not have started to show their new shoots. Damaging them now will put them back even more!

#### Top 10 jobs

- 1. Hoe regularly to keep weeds at bay
- 2. Sow some seeds most things can go in now
- 3. Tidy up climbing plants and tie them back
- 4. Feed and water containers well
- 5. Trees, roses and shrubs can all be planted
- 6. Give evergreens a trim if required.
- 7. Feed your container plants, roses and shrubs (most things really!)
- 8. Care for your lawn (see below)
- 9. Keep flowering bulbs tidy by deadheading
- 10. Divide Perennials (see below)

If your lawn has started to grow then you can give it a trim. Set the cut height to high for the first couple of times. If you don't have a lawn then now is a great time to sow one. On mature lawns, a good all round weed and feed will do it the world of good. Things will need a little more TLC this year, so invest a little more time and you will see the benefit later.

Perennials can be divided. Now this may seem a little brutal but trust me it works. Give the clump a good water the day before, then dig up your plant and split it with a spade and or fork. Cut through the roots cleanly and replant straight away, job done!

With regard to pests, I am hoping the winter will have held them up but keep vigilant. There will always be something ready to take advantage. Paying a bit of attention now will prevent serious infestation and damage to your plants.

#### In the Vegetable garden

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

So what are you waiting for?!!



At the last meeting we caught up on the lives of Henry VIII's wives with Angela McCracken. It was interesting to hear the true stories as you never know what to believe from the dramatised versions on TV Walks

There is now a great programme of walks drawn up;

May 7th; Houghton, 9.30am start June 4th: Knapwell, Boxworth July 2nd: Wandlebury August 6th: St Neots/ Paxton Pits

Sept.3rd: Wicken Fen Oct.3rd: Fen Drayton Nov.5th: Grantchester Dec.3rd: Cambourne circular

Most walks are about 5 to 6 miles and non-members are very welcome to join in. Further details from Fran on 01954 710858 Theatre outings

Four members are going to see Tom Conti in "Wife after Death" at the Cambridge Arts Theatre at the matinee on Sat 27th March. The future programme will be available at meetings and there will be a chance to sign up and contact other people interested. Otherwise contact Penny on 01954 200126. Non-members are very welcome to come along.

Book Club

The book club meets every 6 weeks or so on a Wednesday evening at the Monkfield Arms. Non-members are very welcome. For further details and the current book please phone Ruth on 01954 718989

Darts Group

Monday is now Ladies evening at the Monkfield Arms so why not come and join us. We are all beginners but that hasn't stopped us putting a team in for the WI tournament. However non-members will be very welcome to have a go.

Summer Outing

There is a revised date for the outing. It is now Sat 19th June at 11am. We shall be visiting The Manor at Hemingford Grey followed by lunch at "the Cock" (optional). There is a deposit of £5 when you book. This will go towards lunch as the visit to the Manor will be free for members. Members requiring lifts please sign up at the meetings or contact Fran on 01954 710858

April meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 8th at 7.30pm in the Hub committee room. There will be a short AGM followed by a Social. A glass of wine, nibbles and a quiz or two. This would be a good chance for new people to come along and make new friends. There is also a chance to sign up for outings etc

Contact: Fran Panrucker 01954 710858



## CAMBOURNE WILDLIFE





Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire Peterborough

## Wildlife Review April 2010

In response to my call for reports from Lower Cambourne I have been inundated with emails telling me what you have spotted (still no news from Upper Cambourne though!). Here are a few extracts:

"We've had an occasional visit from a sparrow hawk and we've also had reed buntings which have been visiting our garden for the last three winters." Wendy

"We frequently have 50 -60 birds in the garden at any one time. We do have a lot of feeders and a decent pond hence the large numbers. We put out Niger, sunflower in feeders and mixed food on the lawn." David

"For those with an eye for nature there is plenty out there! Muntjac deer and 'Mr' Fox wearing his beautiful red coat, frogs and toads have started to move and soon will spawn and no doubt soon the newts will appear. Hopefully this year the hedgehogs will return to our garden and help with slug removal we hope her little baby survived the winter." Chris



"Yesterday I was cycling in Woodpecker way when I saw a Fieldfare hopping about. It was the first I've seen in Cambourne this winter" Marie- José

And one report from Pam that the frogs have started coming back to Haven Lake, so spring is truly on its way.

If you would like to contribute your sightings to local records, one way of doing this is to use www.naturenotebook.org.uk. This is a website run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre (CPBRC), who are also based here at the Manor House. These records help us to protect local wildlife by giving important data on where it is within the county.

We are also running a garden watch survey across the county in June. I will write more about it nearer the time, but if you are interested then go to our website to find out more www.wildlifebcnp.org.

One email from Wendy touched on the subject of cats and wildlife, she says: "I have a cat myself, but I make sure he is wormed regularly and therefore not hungry all the time, and he has a very loud bell on his collar. When the collar goes missing, as it always does, I then replace it. Sadly, not all cat owners do this and, as I have been feeding the birds, my garden has become a mecca for all the local cats."

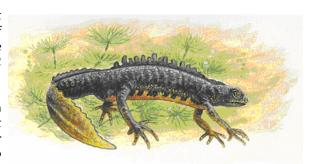
Please follow Wendy's example and make sure your cats are well fed and wear a bell, so they are less likely to make a meal of one of your feathered neighbours.

#### Events

Don't forget to come and see our stall at the 10k run on Sunday 11th at the Business Park.

We will be holding an amphibian and reptile evening on Thursday 15th April at 7.30pm. There will be an illustrated talk about the amphibians and reptiles of the area, followed by a torch light search for great crested newts in Cambourne ponds. Please call or email at the details below to book your place, £2 donation per person requested on the door.

The annual dawn chorus walk will be happening again on the first Sunday in May. We meet at The Manor House at 4am to be out in time for the very first notes of the chorus. But we will be finished by 6am so you can get back to your beds to catch up on sleep and it is a bank holiday weekend as well, so no excuses! Please call or email to let me know if you will be coming as breakfast will be included.



#### 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

#### GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

<u>WOULD YOU LIKE TO GAIN SOME COMPUTER SKILLS?</u> 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 course will start on Friday 16th 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 April session will be on WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL and will be a talk given on books and reading aloud by Brenda Mead of the library 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.

READING GROUP – The library has a lunch time reading group Cambourne Lunch Bunch. Their next meeting is Wed. 14th April 12.30 – 13.00. New members always welcome.

If you join the library you can use the computers free of charge for 1 hour per day as well as being able to borrow books, DVDs and CDs. 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.

A Happy and peaceful Easter from the Cambourne library staff.

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

The Library will be closed on

Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Easter Monday – 5<sup>th</sup> April.





#### NEWS FROM CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

#### Brace Dein Allotments

On March 21010 The Brace Dein allotments were transferred to the Parrish Council. The site is currently divided into 107 plots. All the people that were on the waiting list have been contacted and offered a place on the new allotments. The CPC manages the allotment waiting list and the allocation of plots and is going to assist in setting up an Allotment Association to help check on the maintenance of plots.



If you wish to be added to the waiting list for Brace Dein or Crow Hill allotments, please e-mail <a href="mailto:bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk">bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>. For other issues relating to the allotments please contact the Parish office on 01954 714403 or e-mail <a href="mailto:christy.williams@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk">christy.williams@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>

#### Great Cambourne Cricket Pitch

The Cricket outfield and wicket have now been transferred to the Parish Council and the Cambourne Cricket Club will be using it for some of their matches this summer.

#### Trailer Park

The trailer Park is being well used but, there are still some places available. Charges are currently £300 and £350 for twin-axle caravans from April to March. Part years are charged pro-rata. The park is available for the storage of touring caravans, trailers, boat trailers and motor homes. Access to the site is between 8.00am and 6.00pm by a numbered key for which a refundable deposit of £20.00 is charged. Access is not available at other times. The Trailer Park plots are available for rent via e-mail <a href="mailto:bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk">bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> or the Parish Council on 01954 714403

#### Parking in Cambourne

Parking on School Lane, Broad Street and the High Street continues to be a problem drivers are requested to be more considerate and park in the car parks provided. This will make the area around Monkfield School and outside the shops safer for pedestrians and other drivers. The other parking issue is the number of vehicles that Park and Drive on the verges in Cambourne. The damage this causes to the grass and kerbs contributes to the delay in transferring the roads to the County Council. If the situation continues after the verges are transferred to the County and Parish Council it will be you as Council Tax payers of Cambourne who will have to pay for their repair.

#### John Vickery

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 <a href="mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> 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

#### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS MARCH/APRIL

\* Leisure and Amenities

4th May 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting (the meeting of the electors)

Planning Committee



## SETTERS 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 emailed 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.

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for the capital grant of £300 that the Cambourne Crier Team has awarded to 19 – the coffee house. The Management Team is extremely grateful for your generosity towards this project and for your support of this brand new venture here in Cambourne. We will be putting the money towards purchasing some larger items that we require in the coming weeks such as tables and chairs for outside and an upgrade to our coffee machine.

The coffee house has now been up and running for 2 weeks and we are welcoming a steady stream of customers from all over Cambourne. The feedback has been very positive and we are looking forward to developing this project further.

In late 2009 I put in an official complaint to Cambridge County Council Standards Committe regarding public correspondence from Councillor Lister Wilson (re: Prospective Traveller site consultations for South Cambs) that appeared in the Crier's August 2009 edition.

I want to thank the Cambourne residents who expressed support and bring them up to date with the thorough process undertaken by the standards committee.

The committee upheld my assertion that codes governing the behaviour of elected members had been breached. Councillor Wilson was invited to attend an awareness raising session under the Race Relations Act and to write an open letter to the Cambourne Crier.

Unfortunately Councillor Wilson did not comply with this decision and so in February 2010 a 'further direction' was issued by the standards ctte to him to comply with the initial decision.

For those readers who wish to see the full judgement in this case copies of Decision Notices relating to complaints made against councillors or copted members are available for inspection on application. In the first instance you should contact the Council's Monitoring Officer on 01223 727961.

Gavin Clayton









22<sup>nd</sup> April: *Plant Sale and Seed Swap Open Evening.* Our first event of this kind – shop for bargains.

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. Booking in April. Limited places.

31st July: Coach trip to Thompson and Morgan Trial Gardens near Ipswich. Booking in April.

Limited places.

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.

The Show Rules will be available at the April meeting. This is to be fun, no large marrows involved!

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.

Membership entitles you to Garden Centre and seed catalogue discounts as well as special rates for some RHS events. For more details on all of the above, including membership, please contact Debbie on 719019 or Fran on 710858

## Cambourne School Pages

## The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

Vine Green Fingers rake in MPs Support

Local MP Andrew Lansley and Mark Menzies from Morrisons Head Office visited The Vine to present pupils with a shed load of free gardening equipment thanks to the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' programme. Our school is one of many schools that registered across the UK to get growing their greens over the last two years.

Mrs Wilkins along with Mrs Shepherd and members of the Eco-Team, past and present, were kitted up in their wellingtons and gardening gloves ready to receive the new gardening equipment presented to The Vine. The delivery of the gardening equipment led to great excitement and the team have been busy putting together flat packed storage facilities, water butts, pairing up wellingtons, sorting packets of seeds and garden trowels, forks, spades and hoes.

Kevin Gilbert, Store Manager at Morrisons Cambourne said: "The enthusiasm for the 'Morrisons Let's Grow' campaign has been tremendous and we've had some wonderful feedback from parents, teachers and children. While it's fantastic that the kids are looking

forward to digging into the soil, there's an important message here about getting young people interested in healthy fresh food and how it's produced."

The Eco-Team had this to say, "It's fantastic that we get free gardening equipment. We can now learn how to grow lots of fruit and vegetables, work as a team and eat healthily.

We would like to thank you, the parents and carers for collecting the vouchers and enabling The Vine to be part of this great scheme and helping us sustain our belief in the organic garden and our 'Food for Life' programme. Every child at The Vine will be involved in the growing programme this year. In the summer we will be sharing our growing skills and talents with the children from Sunflower Nursery.



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

#### Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

This term we have been exploring fruit and vegetables, and the children are growing seeds which have been donated by Morrisons. We are saving vouchers from Morrisons, Tescos and Sainsburys, and would be pleased to receive any that you would like to donate.

We have held the first meeting, Personal Safety and Child Protection, in the 'Promoting Health in Early Years Settings Programme', which is part of the Cambridgeshire Health Promoting Schools Programme, launched originally in 1998. The aims and values of this unit are to:

- Discuss with staff and parents/carers the importance of personal safety and child protection as part of our work.
- Ensure reference to safety and child protection is included in the setting's aims and values statement.
- Include our approach to personal safety and child protection in our parent/carer booklets.

We would like to thank the parents who attended the first workshop for their participation and constructive input. The meeting was extremely interesting and many practical ideas came out of it.

Other units in the programme are:-

Healthy Eating, Health Related Exercise, Mental and Emotional Wellbeing, Loss and Change and Staff Health and Wellbeing. We welcome parental and community involvement – if you would like to be



included in further discussions, please contact 011954 273301 to register your interest.

The pre-school closes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April and re-opens on Tuesday 20th April 2010. If you are interested in a place for your child at the After School Club and/or Breakfast Club, please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

The Care and Learning Centre runs a Holiday Club during school holidays. We open from 8.00am to 6.00pm and parents/carers can book by the hour to suit their needs. A registration fee is payable upon acceptance of a place. The Easter Holiday Club will be open on weekdays from Tuesday 6th April up to and including Monday 19th April 2010.

We offer a range of activities including cooking, messy play, arts and crafts, ICT and music, stories, songs and rhymes. Outdoor activities such as play with nature, games and gardening are also offered.

If you would like further details about any aspect of the  $\it Care$  and Learning Centre, please telephone 01954 273301 or email Juliet Ferris

- Manager, <u>jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk</u> or Marian Burling - Clerical Assistant, mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

## Cambourne School Pages



# Anderson Telegraph!! News from Monkfield Park Primary School



This will be my last Anderson Telegraph, though, I hope Monkfield Park Primary School will continue to submit monthly articles to the Cambourne Crier. I will be retiring from Monkfield Park at the end of the Spring term 2010 having been in post for exactly eleven years.

In April 1999 I began the exciting task of preparing for the opening of the first public building and first school in Cambourne in September 1999. It has been a hugely challenging and rewarding journey and I have always said how privileged I felt to be the first Headteacher of the first school in Cambourne.

I have witnessed the tremendous growth of Cambourne right from the outset and have seen the school grow from the first five pupils to now having four hundred and twenty pupils!! I would like to thank all those who have supported and helped me over these years as it has certainly been a team effort in making Monkfield Park such a hugely successful school. We have experienced two highly successful OFSTED Inspections and on both occasions the school was judged to be outstanding and good in all areas.

The school has yet to appoint my permanent successor but I wish the school and the next Headteacher every success in the years ahead. It will continue to be challenging as more government education initiatives come into force and as Cambourne continues to grow.

In the last few weeks and months, since announcing my retirement, I have often been asked what I am going to do next. Well, first I will be returning to my beloved home county of Devon to join my husband who has taken up an appointment at Exeter University. I will have much more time to do things having been in education for thirty six years!! I will be able to enjoy gardening and hopefully travel a lot more. Our house is very near the sea so there will be lots of coastal walks to help keep fit. I have had my first golf lesson and hope it will be the first of many!! The unknown for me is I am considering applying to become a magistrate. I know the process is rigorous and demanding but if successful I will experience yet another challenge to help keep the brain ticking over!! I am also looking forward to meeting up more frequently with my daughter and no doubt enjoying a few shopping trips together.

My best wishes to everyone in Cambourne and I look forward to hearing and reading about its continued growth and success.

#### Lynne Anderson

Headteacher of Monkfield Park Primary School April 1999 - April 2010

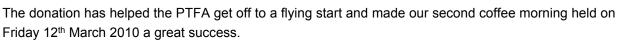
If you have recently moved into the village and have a child due to start school, could you please make contact with the school Finance and Office Manager: Mrs J Durrant on 01954 273377.



#### A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CRIER COMMUNITY FUND

The Jeavons Wood Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) would like to thank the Cambourne Crier for a kind donation of £100 that has been used to purchase catering flasks, jugs, cutlery and 80 mugs.

This equipment will be used for coffee mornings and fetes to help raise money for the school and our nominated charities.





#### PLAYGROUND SALE OF CLOTHES, TOYS, BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC etc.

#### SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2010 10 -12

The Jeavons Wood Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) are holding their first playground sale. It is time to clear out those cupboards and have a spring clean!

We have plenty of pitches available - £5 each however there are limited supplies of tables available so if you can bring your own we would be very grateful.

Book early to secure your place.

The PTFA will also be providing cakes and refreshments in the school hall.

If you would like to book a pitch or would like any information about the Jeavons Wood PTFA please contact the PTFA Chair Natasha Mirza via the school office or by emailing <a href="mailto:enquiries@jeavonswoodptfa.org.uk">enquiries@jeavonswoodptfa.org.uk</a>.

You can also visit our new website www.jeavonswoodptfa.org.uk

## Cambourne School Pages

#### COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On March 5th 2010 at 8.35 a.m., Mr Roger Adcock walked up to the top of the steps leading to the old school stage. From there, he addressed the whole of Comberton Village College's Year 7. This might initially appear an unremarkable event. However, at 2.15 p.m. on January 5th 1960, the same Mr Roger Adcock had walked up those same steps and stood in precisely the same position to address the whole of the school population at the first ever assembly of Comberton Village College. The event of March 5th just past was thus, in truth, a remarkable act of history. Our first official event of our official 50th Anniversary celebrations was marked by a re-enactment of the very first school assembly taken by the very same person: the original Warden of the College, Mr Roger Adcock. All of us present, both staff and pupils, could not help but be powerfully struck by this piece of real living history. It was strengthened further when Roger Adcock was introduced at the end of the assembly to a member of Year 7 whose grandfather had been one of the college's original pupils. I was able to read to Year 7 his written entry in the first ever college magazine, 'The Trusty Servant', about a particular early incident at the school. It was hard to think how we could have had a more powerful sense of history.

Roger Adcock, visiting with his wife Audrey, was on tremendous form throughout the two days of official celebrations. He spoke, together with Prof. Mike Thorne, Vice Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin University, at the opening ceremony of our new facilities at lunch-time on 5th March. He then conducted the whole of the audience at our special music concert that evening in a rendition of the original school anthem (that had been chosen by him). He proceeded to offer some words and a toast to the college the following evening at our celebratory dinner and dance. It was great to enjoy his wit and hear his many tales about the college in its early days.

The theme of Roger Adcock's talks was to have been how things have changed. In many ways, this is obviously true. Year 7 is now bigger than the whole of the original school population; the technology used in the school was described by him as 'science fiction' when seen from the perspective of 1960. However, he said that what really struck him was how, in some ways, things had really not changed. Of course, the original stage was still there for him to stand upon and deliver an address to pupils in assembly. However, much more than

> that, he recognised strongly what he saw as the true village college. Pupils were interested, polite and enthusiastic. The local community were in the building in various ways participating in a number of events. The staff knew each other well and were clear and positive about what the school was all about. There was a strong community ethos. Interesting to think that the original Warden's main observations were of constants rather than changes. That is probably a really powerful observation for us all.

A special publication has been produced for the 50th Anniversary. It marks the first attempt ever to produce some sort of written history of Comberton Village College. Many copies were given out during the official two days of celebrations. However, lots of extra copies have been made. If members of the community would like to have a free copy, then simply just ask at the main reception and it will be made available.

Stephen Munday



#### The Aliens Have Landed!

On Monday the 15th of March all of the Reception children at Jeavons Wood came to school dressed as aliens! Why? Well they've been learning about space this term, having a great time making rockets and travelling to far flung planets. On that particular Monday they became aliens and travelled to the planet Earth to discover more about the people that live here. They tasted a range of Earth food from many countries and learned about how special it is that human beings are the same but are also different. They discovered that on Earth although the humans speak many different languages and may look quite different we are all special and feel the same inside.

#### View from a Teaching Assistant

At Jeavons Wood, the growing team of teaching assistants (there are now 2 of us!) have the opportunity to discover and explore with the children at the school. Working in close cooperation with the class teachers, we are able to support and enhance the work carried out in class. We teach in small groups, teaching phonics and additional literacy support to ensure each child reaches their full potential.

Every day brings new challenges. We all learn differently but activities enable children to learn in a practical, visual and kinaesthetic ways, from finding phonemes in the sandpit, to helping children photograph their work or just sitting quietly and sharing a story. Having fun is a key ingredient and our puppet, Tim, is a much loved member of the literacy group. We are lucky to have many resources which enable such learning including a new outside area to incorporate our activities for child-initiated learning.

It is wonderful to interact with the children as they develop their social skills and explore the world around them, although it can be a bit messy at times!!

Jacquie Williamson

## Cambourne babies and toddlers



### Baby and Me

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



2nd April

- Good Friday (Closed)

9th April

- Simon Owens Photography

16th April

- Play and Chat

23rd April 30th April - Closed for Blood Donations

- Nearly New Sale

7th May

- Bibetta

14th May 21st May - Play and Chat - Play and Chat

28th May

- Glazed and Amused (gifts for father's day)

See page 2 for contact details http://www.babyandme.org.uk

#### Nearly New Sales 2010

Friday 30th April & Friday 8th October 10 - 11.30am

Free entry for buyers! · Coffee and cake stall · play area

If you are interested in having a stall please email 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!

#### CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL

The staff and returning children were delighted to welcome several new children to the Pre-school during the term. We have had a busy time celebrating events including Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and World book Day. The children have enjoyed making stained glass windows, volcanos and Easter egg pictures amongst many other activies. The committee remain busy fundraising to support the staff and children in the Pre-school activities. We would like to thank parents and local businesses for their continued support.



The staff are holding a Parent Drop-in Day on Tuesday 4th May (no sessions) during which parent consultations will be held and the children's work will be available for parents to view.

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

A few afternoon sessions still available \*Full days will be offered after the summer holidays\* For more information please contact Pre-school supervisor/waiting list manager 07875 083163

Pre-School

Cambourne 1 2 3 's A toddler group for children aged 12-36 months. Fridays 10-11.30 at the Vine Family Centre. £2 per adult and one child (50p for each additional child)Max 2 children per adult.

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!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

April 9th - Playdough

April 16th – Boat Making

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Georges Day Craft

April 30th – May Day biscuits

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

Cambourne 123s is a thriving successful toddler group with plenty of regulars, and now, WE NEED YOU!! It's run voluntarily by a group of mums whose children are now too old to attend. Therefore we are on the lookout for another group of mums to take over.

You might be one of our regulars or someone who would like to come and see what we're all about but if you have just a little bit of time to spare and would like to do something for the community of Cambourne then this could be what you're looking for! It is not a huge responsibility, just a few meetings a year and helping to run the group on a weekly basis and sometimes organising a craft activity.

If you would like to help and become part of this successful group then please get in touch.

> Many thanks, The Cambourne 123s committee email: cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk

> > or phone Sian on 710471

## Cambourne Roman Catholic Church

Website: www.cambournerc.co.nr Email: cambournerc@aol.com

This month has been a busy one in the Church, with baptisms, Lent, Holy Communion practice and various fundraisers for the progression of the new church.

The First Sacrament of Reconciliation was on the Sat.27<sup>th</sup> March. Our group of children had a wonderful celebration party after Mass.

We will celebrate Easter Mass together on Easter Sunday at 5pm. We will gather together, and celebrate the conclusion of Easter, and the resurrection of the Lord.

On Fridays from 13.30 to 16.00 parents, carers & pre-schoolers are welcome to come to a 'drop in'

with a short Christian discussion in the middle. Contact Beth Cope beth.cope@cantab.net for more details.

There are Morning Prayer sessions on now in the new church, Mon. Wed. and Fri. at 0900 in the Foyer.

The Coffee House is now open Monday to Friday from 08.45-10.00 in the foyer. If you can help in any way, please email: <a href="mailto:cambournerc@aol.com">cambournerc@aol.com</a>

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

or call 01954 710510

#### **Pastoral Thoughts**

April this year has two dates that some find interesting. The first is the 1st of April fools day and the second is the 4th of April on which many people celebrate the resurrection of Christ. But, I am not going to speak about that as much today, as look at fools. There are many types of fools around us, this is evident in what they say and what they do. Like the man who tried to thaw his petrol line using a propane blow lamp. Or drivers overtaking on bends or trying to run through the gates on level crossings. The list is endless of what we might call foolish people, but what does the Bible say? In Psalm 14:1, The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Now some may presume that this is talking about outspoken individuals who publicly deny the existence of the Almighty. Those that go to great lengths and effort to undermine something to which they believe does not exist. Now although to me this seems very foolish as if one truly believes that something is not

real then why bother with it at all. For example, I do not believe in the tooth fairy or 50 ft spiders from outer space, so I spend no real time or effort in denying them. I don't write books or rent advertising space on buses to affirm my denial. However, the Bible did not say in that verse the fool cries it aloud that there is no God, but says it in his heart. This is an internal conversation that is not verified by words, but actions. This type of fool is far more of a problem. He is not being obvious in words, but his heart is not with God. There are churches filled with this type of fool. They show up for a social gathering on Sunday, they may be kind and polite but their actions through the rest of the week reveal their heart. They may outwardly say they love God, but they never pray for others, they neglect to read the Bible, they do not give to reach others with the gospel. They are true fools because even though they may deceive others and even themselves they cannot deceive the Lord come the time of judgment to see who is in Christ in truth and who is not. We must ask ourselves to which day this April do we belong?

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



#### A Good Childhood A big conversation organised by Children's Society

Making childhood better in our community *Tuesday April 27th 730-930pm* 

in Cambourne Church

The Conversation will be based on the challenging findings from The Good Childhood® Report which was released last year which highlighted some of the challenges to what makes a good childhood today.

## Easter celebrations at Cambourne Church

**Maundy Thursday** – April 1<sup>st</sup> Drop in between 7-11pm – Praying All Ways

**Good Friday** Service April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00am Quiet Good Friday service followed by Short Easter Prayer Walk starting 11.00 from Church. Finishes with hot cross buns back in the church

New! Easter Morning Awakening! New!

Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 08.00 A short act of worship on Crow hill

**Easter Sunday** Celebration April 4<sup>th</sup> 1000 All age worship with Holy communion

**Easter Monday** April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm on Crow Hill Kite flying for the whole family (kites provided)

#### Youth Matters

Contact Jon Sanders for more information on 07798 858302 or have a look at our website <a href="https://www.cambournechurch.org.uk">www.cambournechurch.org.uk</a>

#### **Ignite**

Youth Café night on Sunday, April  $18^{th}$  6.30 – 8pm for young people aged 11 – 18. ~ Live Music ~ Café

~ Prayer ~ Games ~ Youtube ~



## 19~the coffee house NOW OPEN Monday – Friday 8.45 – 10.00 in the church foyer

Monday to Friday 8.45 - 10 term time only. We provide a welcoming and attractive meeting place where friends and residents can socialise, relax and reflect, and where fairly traded refreshments are served by a committed team of local volunteers.

The menu includes good quality coffee teas and bacon rolls, we also serve a selection of pastries, toast, fruit and cereal bars. 19 is managed and run by volunteers from the community and its set up has been supported financially by donations from the parish council and The Crier for which we are really grateful.

If you would like to become involved as a volunteer please contact Jacqui Huckle. [Jacqui.huckle@uwclub.net] We will close after breakfast on April 1st and reopen again on Monday 19th. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Grand Sale – Special thanks**

Ruth Poulton would like to thank all the people who were involved in making this event such a huge success. £1200 was raised

which will go toward the next phase of the Church building.

Our Lent Project
Helping Street
Children
Can you help?
For more
information go to
www.streetchildw
orldcup.org
orldcup.org

#### Church Office Now Open

The church office will be open Monday to Thursday between 10.15 and 12.30.

The church administrators, Julie Whitbread or Deidre Farmery, will be in the church foyer to take enquiries, answer questions, provide information etc. The church office telephone is 710644

The main hall of the church building is available to hire during the week for community groups, meetings, parties, etc. Julie & Deidre are contacted at other times on their home office phones

(see page 2).



#### Cambourne Open Gardens

With your help Cambourne Open Gardens will be on the weekend of 26/27th June 2010

Would you like to open your garden to be part of this community event?

Now in its sixth year.

You don't need a show garden. Just any outdoor space of interest.

Higgledy piggledy garden or the practical patch,

Newly laid or work in progress,

Pride and joy or ponderosa.

For more details of how to join the fun:

Phone Mel on 715449

or better still

Email on melambery@hotmail.com

Tickets will be on sale in the library a week before the event.

All proceeds will go to help complete our Church Building, which will be a space for everyone.



#### Cambourne HUGS

Do you have, or think you have a child with additional needs?

Do you work with or have an interest in finding out more about additional needs?

HUGS (formally Cambourne Carers for Kids with Additional Needs) is a parent led group in Cambourne where you can meet others in similar situations. We invite relevant speakers, who come along to help find you the help you need.

We are currently meeting fortnightly throughout the year, and are trying to arrange trips out in the holidays.

The group is supported by Sure Start Children centre and Cambridge County Council. Everyone is welcome, and children are catered for.

For more details please contact Proby at Cambourne.hugs@btinternet.com

You can also keep up to date by joining our facebook page with the same name.

## CAMBOURNE YOUTH FEST

11 AM - 7 PM



FREE! SAT. 10TH JULY, 2010

#### News

Still more attractions are being confirmed:

- Stunt Biker Show
- Local Bands
- Stalls
- Other local youth organisations

No getting wet if it rains!! All Undercover have done us an exceptional deal on Marquees.

We've also received a fantastic additional donation from Cambridge & Peterborough Road Safety - Well done guys!

FAMILY-ORIENTATED STALLS WANTED
A NOMINAL PITCH FEE WILL BE PAYABLE
INTERESTED?

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT US BY PHONE OR EMAIL

Can you help?
The day's programme is now in development - there's still just about time to become a featured sponsor and we're still looking for any offers of support. Please contact us by email or telephone

(details below) if you can help.

Cambourne Soul • Back Lane • Great Cambourne • Cambs • Tel: 01954 718620 • officecyp@googlemail.com •www.cambournesoul.btik.com

## CAMBOURNE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

#### Celebrating the achievements of young people



#### 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

• Gifts • Jewellery • Health & Beauty • Cooking Accessories • Books • Arts • Foods • Photography • Cards • Professional Services • Community Groups •

Tickets £2.50 in advance or £3.00 on the door (includes a FREE raffle ticket and soft drink).

Cambourne's own ladies singing group 'Rhythm of Life' will be performing a sample from their current repertoire.

For more information, please email info.cwib.org.uk

Profits will be donated to the Addenbrooke's Hospital NHS Paediatrics Intensive Unit (PICU) Editorial: page 15

## Papworth Astronomy Club News

On 3rd March, we held an observing session in Papworth. We were fortunate that, although there was some patchy cloud, there were still plenty of stars and planets to look at. We spent some time looking at the features of Mars and also discovered that the Pleiades (the Seven Sisters) were visible through binoculars. Our next observing evening is planned for December, when we hope for equally clear skies!

The next club 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.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 5th May. Paul Murdin from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge will give a talk titled "Secrets of the Universe - how we discovered the cosmos", based on his recent book.

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

You can also check the club's Web site for the latest news, meeting reports and a map to our location.

www.papworthastronomy.org

#### Walks from Cambourne 2010

Meet at Oak Woods for 10am start. The Car park is located on School Lane near the Lower Cambourne/ Great Cambourne signs. Car sharing can be arranged.

We usually have a meal afterwards at a local pub/eatery or a picnic but this is always optional. Walks are around 2 hour's duration. All welcome.

25th April- Bluebells at Gamlingay Woods with visit to garden centre

30th May- RSPB Fowlmere, bring a picnic

27th June- St Ives/Houghton

25th July- Cambourne to Bourn

29th August- Paxton Pits, near St Neots

26th September- Blackberry picking near Boxworth

31st October- Autumn in Gransden Woods

28th November- Cambridge Sculpture Trail

26th or 31st December (date to be agreed)- Wimpole Hall



Please contact Sandra Calcraft on 01954 204166 if you have any queries or want to be added to our email list (this will keep you right up to date with our plans)

#### 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.



At the April meeting we each brought along a piece of artwork for discussion: some brought their own work (textiles and cartoons were just some of the examples) and others something they liked by someone else. This led to plenty of discussion on different aspects of Art. Suggestions for both focus and outing will be welcome.

Month	Art Gang Focus	Outing/other
April 12	A talk by Andrea Bassil, Children's writer and illustrator	Spring Exhibition
Мау 10	Drawing session in the pub	Trip to a sculptor's studio
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Movie appreciation – film as art. Recently seen films	Life draw ing (untutored) class June 5 <sup>th</sup>
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion: W hat exactly is Art?	Visits to Cambridge Open Studios

#### 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 12 April & Monday 10 May. If you are interested in an evening Creative Writing group, contact Alan (01480 880442, snibgo@earthling.net).

#### PAINTING CLASS

It may be possible to run a class during the summer holiday if there is enough interest. 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 or 01954 710858.

#### DRAWING GROUP

This group meets in the library, meets every other week, and is friendly and informal. After Easter, the Drawing class will be from 1.30pm to 3pm on: April 28th; May 12th and 26th; June 9th and 23rd. For more details, contact Joan Duncan on 01954 714424

#### LIFE DRAWING

There will be a life-drawing class in the Hub on Saturday June 5th. This will not have a teacher, but help will be given if necessary. See page 14 for more info.

For further information on any aspect of Cambourne Arts, visit the website at www.cambournearts.org or contact:

Fran - fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or 01954 710858

Alan - snibgo@earthling.net or 01480 880442

#### VIRGIN BROADBAND FOR CAMBOURNE?

Mike Birch | New Development Manager.

Tel: 01923 335491

mike.birch@virginmedia.co.uk

Mike has ~50 residents of Cambourne requesting Virgin Media Cable service No promises but he is putting a business case together. The more residents that request it the better.

### CAMBOURNE SPORTS

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

Last month, my wife and I, plus dogs, all travelled up to the Lake District. The small village of Hawkshead was to be our home for the five nights of our stay, and we stayed in a lovely 15th Century inn, where the food and beer were fantastic. The weather we had for our duration was also great, so this made for some lovely scenic walks, our favourite by far was Derwent Water. This area was much favoured by the late Beatrix Potter, and it was easy to see the inspiration for her beautiful and timeless illustrations.

Derwent Water has a shore line walk of approximately 10 miles. Strolling with the dogs it took us about 4 and a half hours to complete, as there was a rather lengthy diversion owing to remedial works, fixing the terrible flood damage in the area. It was a lovely walk nevertheless and the dogs enjoyed the workout... This beautiful venue is also home to the rare fish, the VENDACE, (Coregonus Albula).

Many years ago these fish could only be found in 3 other waters in the U.K: Bassenthwaite in the Lake District; then the Scottish waters, Castle Loch and Mill Loch, both of which can

Castle Loch population disappeared in the early part of the 20th Century, and the Mill Loch population also died out in the 1990's. Unfortunately, no fish have been recorded at Bassenthwaite since 2001, but in 1997 and 1999 a number of Vendace were moved to Loch Skeen near Moffat, South West Scotland.

Vendace are found in very deep and cold waters, they also use planktonic crustaceans, such as copepods (ie crustaceans found in freshwater habitat) as their primary food source. These fish do not migrate, and only have a life span of around 6 years.

While we were away, I did manage to slip a rod and a few lures into the motor. The venue I chose to fish was one I had previously visited before, Rydal Water. I only made the time to fish for a few hours on one day in particular. Even then during the day the water still had a lot of ice on the surface, this was due to the plummeting temperatures during the night. I thought things were going to be difficult, and indeed they were, I blanked!

There will not be many opportunities to fish for Pike now, as the season has now come to be found in the district of Lochmaben. The its close. I daresay we will still venture out

elsewhere and fish for other species. I actually quite fancy a bit of tench (Tinca Tinca) fishing as I used to do this as a lad. This will involve a variety of baits such as worm, corn, paste and maggots. I even have a venue in mind, as the tench record was broken there in 1963. This stood at 9 lb 1 oz thereafter, but this has, naturally, been superseded in more recent

Another snippet I should like to share with readers is that, having become customers of "Franglais Angling" for a variety of lures, we were invited to allow our website to become linked on the internet, to their own site. This means greater coverage, and accessibility, within the piking community. Indeed, it gives us international coverage as a proportion of their customer base are German!

Well, last but not least, The Pike Anglers would also like to welcome Paul Hadfield to our club. Hopefully, he will enjoy some great fishing with us.

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



Cambourne FC U15's - Weather has played it's part again since the last report. Two games were cancelled, one due to snow and the other due to a water logged pitch. We did manage to fit two games in though - a home game against Great Paxton which CFC U15's won 4-1 and then an away game against Cherry Hinton Lions A, again CFC U15's came out winners this time 7-2. It was good to see Callum Peat back for the Cherry Hinton game in which he scored a good hat

The U15's have started to play some very good football, the type of football which we know they can play and their attitude is excellent. They are all enjoying their football and this shows on the pitch. Well done all lads. By the time this goes to press we will have played top of the league Cambridge Musketeers home and away and Waterbeach Colts away, two very tough games. April is very packed for the U15's as we have a game every Sunday plus two

## Cambourne Football Club

Tuesday night home games - this period will determine where in the league we will end up.

Cambourne U8 Team 1 - Team 1 continue their excellent form in both league and friendlies. Cambourne recently took a local under 9's team right to the wire in an amazing friendly, which demonstrated how far the team has come in such a short time. Cambourne F.C are also delighted to announce that the Cambourne under 8 team have been asked to represent Cambourne at local legends Steve Fallons testimonial, at Cambridge United.

Cambourne U8 Team 2 - Team 2 recorded another victory against a team of their own age, beating Caldecote 5-2 in a fun, action packed friendly. The enthusiasm and determination from all was fantastic with some real quality moments to take away from the game, especially some very inventive goal celebrations! The goals came from Tom.W, Ouafi.K (2), and man of the match George.S, (2).

Cambourne F.C under 8's welcomed on board 3 new players this month and we are still recruiting for next season, so if your child would like to join, then please contact Stuart Racher via email at sracher@hotmail.com

Friday Training Session (U11 & U12) - The Friday training sessions also saw some new additions this month and looks very encouraging for new teams for next season. If your child would like to join, then please contact Stuart Racher via email at sracher@hotmail.com

Saturday Soccer School - The Cambourne FC Soccer School is held every Saturday morning between 9.00 am and 10.00 am and is open to school age children below the age of 7 (Year 2, Year 1 and Reception). We have a very good number of children attend this session and are planning to build an Under 7 (Year 1) team to play in a league, we already have a good squad for this but would be interest to hear from others who may wish to join this exciting team. 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 Soccer School and Under 15s - Steve: 07801 782299 or stevepdoidge@aol.com Under 8s and Friday Training U11 & U12 -Stuart: sracher@hotmail.com

Web site: www.cambournefc.com

## 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 for full details on how to join on adult, junior or family membership. Contact Point for membership is our Membership Secretary Dean Harper at d3anharper@yahoo.co.uk Get access to MUGA courts, coaching courses, competitive tennis, club Social events and a great atmosphere.

Membership is great value and the club now has over 190 members.

Remember if you join by 30 April 2010 you will have the chance to enter the draw to win Wimbledon 2010 Tickets.

#### Monday Night and Sunday Afternoon Club Session

Please come and try our Monday Night Club sessions between 6.30 to 9.30pm and our Sunday afternoon sessions from 2pm to 5pm.

Both are at The MUGA, Back lane, Cambourne. Have a friendly game with other club members.

All standards very welcome. A good opportunity to have some fun, discuss membership / club events with the members. Just turn up you will be very welcome.

#### 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.

Please email maosheta@hotmail.com if you would like to join the ladder. Our new ladder league for 2010 will be starting in April.

#### Tennis Coaching Academy:

Tennis coaching will be organized and run by our qualified level 1 coaches Chad McVann and Kay Yanagawa.

After coaching over 63 children through the Cambourne Tennis Academy in 2009, we are looking to expand our kids coaching programs/tournaments in 2010.

New Coaching Sessions for Junior's will begin on the following dates Every Saturday from 24 April, 1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May Every Monday from 26 April,, 3 May, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May

In additional there will be an Easter Camp from April 12-15 Monday to Thursday and a Half Term Camp from Monday 31 May to Thursday 3 June.

Vacancy for Level 2 or 3 Tennis Coach

We are actively looking to add a Level 2 or 3 Coach to our team. Any interested candidates should contact chadmcvann@aol.co.uk



#### Cambourne Teams for Summer LTA Leagues:

The Club have entered 2 Men's, 1 Ladies and 2 Mixed teams into the local Cambridgeshire Doubles 2010 Summer Leagues.

We are always looking for players of good standard to strengthen our squads and there will be team trials and training throughout April. Please contact benbyron@hotmail.com (01954 201264) for further details about trials or just to talk about league tennis.

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

www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk

#### Cambourne Eagles



#### Cambourne Eagles Football Club

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Just a short note from me this month as we have lots of news to tell from all of our teams. I must say reading through the articles submitted by our managers, I feel very proud of all the children in Cambourne Eagles, their parents and the managers that make playing football possible. Not only are we teaching these children to play, we are teaching them to play at the very top

Sally Day, Chairman

level of the game.

#### Under 8s

The squad has gone from strength to strength since starting out last season, Kieran, Max, Kai, Josh, Eden, Kallum, Matthew, Marcel, Jack, Hugo and Liam should all be very proud of what they have achieved. With still 7 league games to go the boys have scored over 116 goals and been involved in some excellent games against very strong opposition.

The excitement of being involved in a game on a Saturday is still very clear to see and they are all very likeable characters. Parental support has been excellent this season and every game is played in a relaxed and friendly environment which is very impor-



tant, not only for the players from both teams but also for the parents and coaches

We train on the MUGA on a Tuesday evening from 5-6pm. If your children are currently in school year 3 they are more than welcome to come and join us

#### Under 10s

The Under 10's are now in their fourth season of football together and have consistently shown themselves to be a good, competitive team. The development seen over that period has been immense and this has continued over the course of this season with major improvements seen in

individual and perhaps more importantly team skills. This season the team have won 8 and drawn 3 of their fourteen games and recently had two very good results against the two strongest teams in our league, drawing 0-0 with Papworth (our first ever 0-0 draw!) and beating Hardwick 1-0. It is good to see the level of interest in the under 10's and we now have 17 boys who



come along to training. The focus in training continues to be on the basics that allow young players to develop to playing good football, i.e. passing, control and good movement. Finally, we have decided that for next season we will be joining the 9v9 league which has been run so successfully by Cambs FA this year. This will be a good stepping stone for the team in their development from the current 7-a-side football before moving to Colts11-a-side as an Under 12 team.

#### Under 12s

The Eagles under 12 team (formerly Rovers) have settled into training and are working hard to ready themselves for next season playing in competitive football matches again. They are fortunate to have the assistance of Charlie Dear, currently at Rushden

and Diamonds Academy, and Tom Gyford, Level 2 Athletics Coach, specialising and heading up the children's development team.

#### Under 14s

The boys play in the Cambridge & District Colts League on a Sunday. After two consecutive promotions,



World Cup Event England v USA

The Hub, Cambourne, from 6.30 pm onwards Come and see England's first match in their World Cup Campaign

on large screen. There will be bouncy castles for the children and food and drink can be purchased from the BBQ and licensed bar

Saturday 12th June 2010

Tickets cost £3 per person (under 4's free)

Contact: Sally Day, at sally.day@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 717433/07949 063176 to purchase your ticket by 25th May 2010 Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis



only club team to play at the highest level in Cambourne at any age. The quality of football in the top division is

the team now plays in the `A` league. The

as you would expect, an extremely high standard. The Eagles boys have had a somewhat 'Jekyll and Hyde' season...Reaching the quarter finals of the league cup and only going out on penalties was seen as a good` achievement. In the league the boys currently lay 7th with 4 league games remaining. If they can hold that position to the end of season, then they will have finished one place lower than was targeted

The team is still looking to increase in size and we train on a Friday on the MUGA from 7-8pm if anyone is looking for a challenge....

in our first season at the top.

Still very much the class act of Cambourne.

#### Under 16s

5 Star Eagles!!!!

Five consecutive wins takes the under 16's within 3 points of the top of the league. Strong performances by the whole team have made this possible with only 4 games left to play. Incredibly during these games our defence has only conceded 1 goal and our midfield and front players are providing the scoring opportunities. The team spirit is incredible and these players deserve to be at the top on determination and commitment alone.



