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It's no secret that a lot of folks in Cambourne experience dismal broadband speeds, and this is our chance as a community to band together and make ourselves heard. After all, Cambourne is slap in the middle of the UK's technological heartland, and it all seems a bit strange that we should have such a poor internet service that in no way reflects the image that the many Hi-tech companies surrounding us would like to present.

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At the time of writing we are closing in on 600 votes (roughly 29% of total possible votes for the Caxton exchange). That puts us securely in the top three on the leaderboard. However, a lot can change between now and December 31st, so we need **EVERYONE** to vote, and tell your friends, and then tell your friends to tell their friends.

An action group has been set up to actively campaign on this. If you wish to get involved, please email the Crier editorial@cambourne.info and we will put you in touch with them

Visit www.cambourneforum.net to keep up to date with latest info on how the campaign is progressing. Look for fliers and posters soon.

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CU@4 7-11 years of age £1 Entry fee

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718620

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Church Youth Group: Contact Jon Sanders

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Local Singer Performs At Royal Albert Hall

At the end of September my sister Mary and myself were fortunate enough to take part in Voices For A Better World at the Royal Albert Hall. The show was comprised of around 1000 children from Theatretrain groups from around the country, and around 200 children from 25 other countries.



We hosted 2 children and their chaperone from the Ukraine for 3 days. We took them into London sightseeing on one of the days and between them they filled several SD cards on their cameras. Taking part in such a show was amazing and we both gained a lot. I was fortunate to pass the auditions to sing a solo which was nerve racking but one of the best experiences of my life.
Alice Borrett Aged 13

Cambourne Crier Editorial

is put together by a team of volunteers.

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Send copy to EDITORIAL before the 19th of the previous month at the very latest - Please send articles in an editable electronic format (if possible) - not just images, eg: emails, text, office documents etc.

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES for the Magazine can change, check the emailed reminder or front of the previous issue,

When planning items please check the printed magazine will actually be out before events - or your item will probably be left out.

If your emailed submission is rejected please forward the rejection message to the editors, it may have only been rejected by one recipient on the team due to the size of the file or a mail box being temporarily full.

The magazine is normally on line a week before delivery to homes
COMMUNITY EDITORIAL ITEMS ARE FREE - unless they are for ANY commercial gain (or from organisations that should have an advertising budget), it helps if these are articles rather than adverts, (items are subject to editing and should not include sponsorship logos).

Tell everyone about your community group, Club or other interests. - Paid job adverts are always chargeable

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LITTLE BUNDLES - CHARITY DISCO

SUNDAY 28TH NOV. 3-5 PM - THE HUB

As the afternoons draw in and it is turning chilly outside, you are probably struggling to amuse the family all weekend. So Little Bundles brings you fun for all the family with our Sunday afternoon family disco. No need for mum and dad to worry about booking the baby sitter or finding the taxi fare; your chance to boogie is here on your doorstep. Little disco divas will have a ball and toddlers are free to tear around the spacious dance floor. Professional DJ, "Cambridge Disco Mix", will be playing lots of family favourites, plus there will be cakes and drinks for sale.

Not only will this be a fun family afternoon but you will also be helping local families in need by supporting Little Bundles. Little Bundles was set up by mums who realised just how expensive and stressful it can be getting all the baby gear. How much harder it must be for those who find themselves with a baby in difficult circumstances, maybe homeless or young single parents. We also know so many people have stacks of baby gear they have finished using but don't want to go to waste. So Little Bundles takes donated baby equipment – cots, prams, stairgates, clothes etc... and

passes them on to families in need. This is all coordinated by a team of volunteers who liaise with social and healthcare professionals in Cambourne and the Cambridgeshire area.

Little Bundles is highly appreciated and we know our project is in demand as we are getting busier and busier. Our main challenge now is keeping up with the demand with the small team of volunteers we have. This certainly is a case of "many hands make light work"! Julia Vellacott says "I have been volunteering for over a year and Little Bundles fits in well with my little boy as the time I put in is so flexible and it is great being part of the team." Our main need is for car drivers but there are other ways to help too, just visit our website to find out more. Or here is an unusual way to help – does anyone have an empty garage/storage unit so they could help us to make our storage pounds go further?

For more information visit www.littlebundles.org.uk or call 07734 155131.

The Little Bundles Family Disco is on Sunday, 28 November, 3-5pm at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne, tickets £5 adult, £3 child, £15 family (2+2)

Rubbish News for this month in Cambourne

You will receive a weekly collection each Thursday, alternating each week between your green and blue bin, and then your black bin. Your bins should be collected between 7am and 6-30pm.

Normal Collection Day - Thursday (Bank holiday Monday weeks on Friday)

04/11/2010 : Black Bin

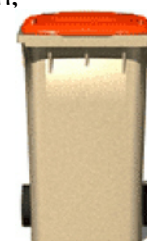
11/11/2010 : Green Bin and Blue bin

18/11/2010 : Black Bin

25/11/2010 : Green Bin and Blue bin

02/12/2010 : Black Bin

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:

editorial@cambourne.info

We do require a name and address for our records before

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

The Editors

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

The Open Mic night at Cambourne Church on October 8th was such a pleasant surprise! There was a wide range of musical styles and some excellent performances. Add to that a bar and the comfortable surroundings, and it all made for a very good evening. Congratulations to George and the others who worked hard to give us such a good time, and I can't wait for the next one.

Name & Address supplied.



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Maintenance Building and External Changing.

SCDC have granted planning permission for external changing rooms, club house and maintenance building subject to a few conditions (more details available at SCDC Website <http://tinyurl.com/cpcmb2010>)

For reference the Parish Council has appointed an external QS / Management and Consulting to put the contract out to tender at the end of September. A number of building contractors have expressed a interest in building it. The tenders are due on the 11 Nov 10. The Full Council will consider these tenders on 7 Dec 10. If the council resolves to move the project forward then I would expect work to start in early 2011, for an official handover / opening in early Sept 11.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS November and December

Date	Time	Meeting
2 nd Nov	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council
23 rd Nov	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
	*	Finance and Policy Committee
7 th Dec	7.30 pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council

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.
Tel (01954) 714403

or e-mail clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk The Parish Clerk will normally be in the office between 9.30 and 1.00 o'clock Monday to Friday and by appointment at other times



Cambourne Garden Club

The September meeting was an enlightening visit to Scotsdales for a talk about lawns by their resident expert. He talked us through an A-Z of lawns from selecting the right seed for purpose to maintaining it later and dealing with pests and diseases. As always, he was a pleasure to listen to, very happy to listen to all our problems and offer advice .

The 28th October meeting, will have been about Home Composting and on the 25th November Lamorna Thomas will be making a very welcome return to the Club to talk about 'Indoor Flora: how to maintain houseplants and conservatory plants and the best ones to buy in the first place.' At this meeting we will also be sending off seed orders to take advantage of the big reductions available through belonging to the Club.

There is no meeting in December, but we have a great programme planned for 2011.

Membership of the Garden Club (£15 per year) entitles you to Garden Centre and seed catalogue discounts as well as special rates for some RHS events. The group is made up of people who know what to do in the garden, and people who wish they did.

For more details on all of the above, including membership, please contact Debbie on 719019 or Fran on 710858

Cambourne Ladies International Club

Wednesday

Coffee Mornings & Playgroup 10 am to Noon except school holidays

Sunday

Family Potluck Night
4 to 6 pm Sunday, November 21, 2010

Meetings at the Hub Contact: Laura Bangs,
Tel: 01954 710510

Cambourne.clic@gmail.com

www.cambourne-ladies-international-club.org.uk





ROVING REPORTER

In the first of a new series of articles to appear in The Crier. Our resident 'Roving Reporter' gets out and about and interviews the people in the know about topical matters of interest to the folks of Cambourne.

PROPOSED UPPER CAMBOURNE DEVELOPMENT

The impact on students of the proposed development at Upper Cambourne is a matter concerning all those with school-age children. The £2.65M shortfall of funding is likely to have a serious effect upon students in Cambourne.

After attending the Open Planning Meeting of the Cambourne Parish Council on 7th September and interviewing Stephen Munday, Executive Principal of Comberton Village College (CVC), and Sarah Humphreys, Headteacher of Jeavons Wood Primary School, Phyllis Armstrong (a Year 11 Comberton Village College student) sheds some light on the issue.

Cambridgeshire County Council and McA Developments Ltd (the developers of the existing homes in Cambourne) have funded the expansion of CVC to enable students living in the area to attend this secondary school. Stephen Munday confirmed that the County Council has the responsibility to ensure there is appropriate schooling for all school age children in the county. He stated that *"...even before these final houses are built, it would be unlikely that there will be sufficient places for everyone in this school's catchment area to attend Comberton Village College."*

Jeavons Wood, the newest primary school in Cambourne, is housed in temporary buildings and currently only has students up to Year 3. As a result, there are currently insufficient places for a number of primary school-age children who now have to attend schools in other villages, such as Hardwick. *"Last year it was very problematic for parents with children in Years 3 and 4 to find a place in Cambourne,"* remarked Sarah Humphreys. An obvious priority for Jeavons Wood is its relocation into permanent buildings, but she accepted that *"a fourth primary school is going to be needed, and the demographers have been clear about that."* As a feeder school for CVC, the impact of further development in Cambourne on possible places for primary school students is an issue. She stated that *"part of the reason that people are very keen to live in Cambourne is because of the excellent reputation of Comberton Village College. As Jeavons Wood is a trust school, their natural assumption is that their children will move onto CVC. My personal view would be that the focus should be on the secondary school provision."*

Stephen Munday's view echoes this. *"There will have to be a secondary school provision of some sort developed at Cambourne, and this should be run entirely and fully in association with Comberton Village College. That looks to be the one solution that can achieve what everybody wants... any alternative to that arrangement, could have serious issues for the local area."* Sarah Humphreys confirms that the parents of her students support this notion. Her own view is that *"the introduction of a community college within Cambourne would be ideal. It would not just seen by parents as a place for their children to be educated, but by the community to be a place of learning for everybody. It will mean that Cambourne will be able to become a proper community."* The new Comberton Sixth Form could then serve both CVC and the proposed new secondary school.

Sarah Humphreys goes on to point out that, irrespective of the proposed development, *"with the existing homes, by 2013 Cambourne is going to have an extra 60 students from this school on top of the 120 from the two other Cambourne schools who are going to need places."* She believes that there is a degree of urgency to the provision of the secondary school: *"Unless this process is started soon, we're not going to be in a position where the need will be met when this is greatest - which will be around 2013-14."*

Stephen Munday drew attention to the critical issue of funding. In addition to the potential money from the developers and the County Council, *"it could be that there is some money from the central government as well, if we can work out ways of bringing in any capital funding to help."* Cambourne Parish Council was strongly in support of using available funding for secondary education and the proposed fourth primary school.

Another important issue for primary and secondary school age children in Cambourne is the need for safer routes to school. A provision in the proposed development is being made to ensure that linked cycle routes for primary schools are available for students within Upper Cambourne. Sarah Humphreys confirmed that: *"It is an obvious need within the community at the moment because of the situation with the roads. We don't have safer routes to school at all."* It would make sense for these to be linked to a greater system of safe cycling routes within Cambourne and to enable students to cycle to Comberton Village College and Comberton Sixth Form College. Stephen Munday agreed. *"The Governors at CVC and I would give this full support as good cycle routes are great - not just for Cambourne, but for other parts of our catchment area, Hardwick, and other villages. However funding issues apply here also."*

School traffic within Cambourne is an important reason why a connected network of cycle routes should be created. Sarah Humphreys warns that: *"As the school grows this problem will raise its head because we've only got 121 pupils at present, but we will ultimately have 420"*. Around 10 dedicated college buses run on routes originating in Cambourne, they take students to and from CVC every day, via neighbouring villages. This has a significant impact on traffic in the area. In addition, a number of students who take part in after-school sport and class activities at CVC are collected by car. The proposed development will have an impact on bus routes to Comberton Village College and Comberton Sixth Form College. Stephen Munday indicated that *"if we were able to open a secondary school provision in Cambourne overseen by CVC, potentially people could then walk to the secondary school and we'd have fewer busses on the road. Thus saving money and any cycling routes that were created in Cambourne would be as relevant for secondary pupils as they would be for primary."*

Clearly the provision of adequate educational facilities, especially the secondary school, is critical for the success of Cambourne as a community. To ensure the continuation of high levels of educational standards, it would indeed make sense for this to be linked to CVC and the new Sixth Form. In summation, in the words of Stephen Munday, *"the key decision regardless is to ensure that there's top quality secondary education for all residents of Cambourne."*

The Great and the Good of Cambourne

The Cambourne Crier would like to hear about residents in Cambourne of any age, who have been recognised either nationally or internationally for an outstanding achievement. This could be in the field of academia, music, the arts, education, sport, charity or even work. Please let us know, so we can share the good news with the rest of Cambourne, by sending an article to the Crier at: editorial@cambourne.info

CAMBOURNE SCHOOLS PAGES

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

EVENTS CALENDAR

The next few months at CVC look like being extremely busy and we would be delighted to see members of our local community at these events.

A traditional pre-Christmas favourite for the whole family is always the CVC Christmas Bazaar. This year it will take place on December 4 from 11am-2.00pm.

It promises to be a fun-filled event. Father Christmas will be in his grotto, there will be a café offering a range of delicious lunchtime fare as well as a wide range of activities and stalls designed to raise funds to help disadvantaged pupils within our own community and in our partner schools in Africa.

Visitors always enjoy having a range of stalls run by members of the college and the wider community. If you would like to run a stall at the bazaar, please download the booking form by following the link from the college website, www.combertonvc.org and return it with the fee to the Finance Office at CVC by November 19 please. Hard copies may be collected from the Community Education office at CVC or Cb3.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please e-mail publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk or drop it in at the college for the attention of Ally Brennan.

One of the most popular stalls in the past has been 'Make Me an Offer'. For this we require any unwanted and unused presents and items you may have at home for any age group. If you want to have a pre-Christmas clear-out and donate to this stall, please contact us or drop in.

More details of all our events can be found on the college website above or the Comberton Leisure website at www.combertonleisure.com

We look forward to seeing you at the college soon.

Wednesday 3rd November	Comberton 6th form opening evening	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Free
Saturday 13th November	The Cambridge Concert Orchestra	7.30pm	£3 - £5
Monday 15th November	Lulo Reinhardt		£13 adv / £15 door
Friday 19th November	Custard Comedy		£8 adv / £10 Door
Friday 26th November	Indulgence Evening	7.30-10.30pm	£3 inc glass of wine
Friday 3rd December	Carols by Candlelight (St Mary's Comberton)	7.45pm	Free but by ticket only available from CVC
Saturday 4th December	Christmas Bazaar	11.00am-2.00pm	Free
Saturday 4th December	Capriccio		£5 / £3
Friday 10th December	Winter Dance Showcase	7.30-10.00pm	£5/£3
Tuesday 14th December	School Music Concert		Price tbc
Friday 17th December	Custard Comedy		£8 adv / £10 Door



WORLD BOOK WEEK

At Jeavons Wood 4th - 8th October 2010



We had a very exciting week at Jeavons Wood celebrating books. On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from story teller Paul Jackson, who sparked the children's imaginations during the whole school assembly. He then told stories to each class using a range of instruments from around the world. Lots of children said what they enjoyed most was how well the story teller made them all jump!

The children also spent the day dressed up as their favourite story characters. They shared the book that their characters were from with each other and KS1/2 created their own book covers.

On Tuesday we began the day with an introduction to the poet and author Michael Rosen. We watched some of his performances through video clips (www.michaelrosen.co.uk) and some of the teachers read out their favourite Michael Rosen poems. KS1 & 2 enjoyed a class mix up day,



where they were able to create performance poetry, re-telling the Michael Rosen story 'Little Rabbit Foofoo,' writing their own verses for the poem 'What If...' and creating artwork to go with 'Wild Child.'

On Wednesday the children looked at stories from around the world. Some of our parents who are from other countries came to help us during the day and we even had some children re-telling stories to their class in languages such as Spanish and Icelandic!

During the rest of the week the children spent time in their classrooms engaging in activities related to the books and poems shared throughout the week. In free-flow many children chose to write their own books or poems, others made puppets and performed shows.

Throughout book week, the Reception children were involved in a whole selection of activities related to the story 'We're going on a bear hunt.' They re-told the bear hunt story outside, performed dance movements in PE, went on their own bear hunt for their lost teddies and ate teddy biscuits at a teddy bears picnic. In fact, they were so excited about bears, we are still learning all about them!

Julie Peacock
English Coordinator

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are fast approaching the end of our busy first half term and this is a good time to reflect on all the hard work and exciting activities we have enjoyed since the start of a new academic year. We have been pleased to welcome Miss Porter as our new headteacher and also other members of staff and pupils to our school community.

Towards the end of September, we celebrated our Harvest Festival – and what a vibrant and colourful celebration this was! Each class was involved in producing a shared piece of work related to Harvest which we presented to the school during our special Harvest Festival assembly. We had a wonderful range of activities which included hand painting, paintings on canvas, drawings of fruit, collage, poetry and making clay tiles. If you visit the school, please take time to look at our work which is on display. We also donated items of food, toiletries and clothing for 'Jimmy's', a homeless shelter in Cambridge. It was a spectacular sight to see such a number of contributions displayed in the hall during our assembly and all the gifts were very gratefully received. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in offering donations and Jimmy's have expressed many thanks for Monkfield Park's generosity.

Year 4 also enjoyed a very exciting day this half term experiencing what it might have felt like to be evacuees! They had a day where they took part in role play activities and typical activities in WWII. All involved (staff and children!) were dressed up suitably for the occasion. Their day started with the preparations for evacuation, including receiving their luggage label and considering what they would be able to take in their suitcase. The children also experienced what it would be like to 'dig for victory' and 'keep calm and carry on' by digging in our school vegetable garden and sitting in an air raid shelter singing songs and playing games.

Other activities included writing postcards home to families and they were also fortunate enough to interview Lady Parker (a host mother) as well as take part in Lindy Hop dancing. Throughout their day the children made sure that they took shelter whenever they heard the Air Raid siren and they had to watch out for the Air Raid Warden reminding them to "Put that light out!" Those involved said that they had enjoyed a fun, exciting day and had learned a lot.

We have also enjoyed celebrating Book Week during which our focus this year has been 'A World of Books'. We have been involved in a wide range of activities such as taking a journey to a setting from a book and writing postcards home. Such wonderful places have been 'visited' including Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, the land of Oz and the Gruffalo's forest! We have also enjoyed the chance to listen to and share books and stories from around the world in English as well as other languages.

Year 6 took on a very responsible job in taking care of a jelly baby for the week! They have written about their 'extreme adventures' together which will then be formed into an anthology of short stories – and we hope this book will then experience an adventure of its own! We are hoping that our book will visit a wide range of places, for people in worldwide locations to enjoy– and we will be able to follow where in the world our book is as part of a book tracking scheme!

If you have recently moved into the village and have a child due to start school, could you please make contact with the school Finance and Office Manager: Mrs J Durrant on **01954 273 377**

We look forward to hearing from you.
(This month's submission was written by Year 3)

THE VINE

On a sunny Tuesday morning early in October, 72 very excited children and adults boarded a bus to Ely. Year Three had been building up to this moment since the beginning of September! Our topic this autumn is Settlements and so far we have learnt about places that are special to us and to Christians. We have learnt about different kinds of Christian places of worship, including Cambourne Church, St Mary's Church in Houghton which we visited in Year Two and Ely Cathedral. We were so inspired by the images and videos on the Cathedral's website that we decided to make our very own pilgrimage. We listened really carefully to the Bible stories that Jan told us as we looked at the pictures in the stained glass windows, we made Brass Rubbings of famous people and followed clues to find out more about the Cathedral.

If that wasn't enough, we had also been learning about Celtic, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Norman settlements. So we couldn't resist visiting the Norman settlement in Cherry Hill Park behind Ely Cathedral. To most people, the settlement would be invisible, but for the eagle-eyed historians in Year Three it was a real Motte and Bailey Castle! We could identify where the Moat and Keep were and enjoyed attacking the settlement as Anglo Saxons and protecting it as Normans.

Back at The Vine, we are busy re-creating our settlements in preparation for our Grand Exhibition in December, which we will be hosting with Year Four. As well as writing our own myths based on the Anglo-Saxon heroes we have learnt about in Literacy.





Christmas Fayre

Friday November 19th

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Free Entry

Shop for presents for all
Christmas Decorations, Cards, Books,
Jewellery, Towel Cakes, Cakes and
many more

contact:

Linda Morgan 07941 108154

Cambourne Pre-School

Pre-School is buzzing this term with a total of 54 children now on the register. Our new children have settled in well after a wobbly start for some. Recently the children have been leaf and conker printing and had a floating and sinking activity with apples and conkers. This week we will be carving pumpkins and icing biscuits.

The Pre-School Committee had its AGM at the end of September and have several new volunteers for the Committee. We are always keen to have more help though so if you feel that you could offer some time and enthusiasm to the Committee, please contact the Pre-School. We will require an enhanced CRB check to be carried out.

Although some of the sessions are now full, we do still have some spaces. If you have a child aged 2 years 6 months to school age and would like them to attend Pre-School please contact us. Government Nursery Education Funding covers a total of 15 hours (5 sessions) per week for children over 3 but additional sessions may be purchased for £10.50 per session.

Pre-School session times are:

9.00am-12.00pm, Mon-Fri

12.00pm-3.00pm, Mon-Thurs

Lunch Club Mon - Thurs,

Full days for over 3's only.



For more information please contact the Pre-School

Supervisor Janet Kemp on 07875 083163

Email: cam.preschool@btinternet.com

Cambourne



Cambourne 123s is a toddler group for children aged 12-36 months. We meet Fridays from 10-11.30am at the Vine Family Centre: Cost £2 per child (extra children 50p, under 1's free)

Cambourne 123s was set up in September 2008 as a follow-on group to 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 to play safely whilst their carers enjoy a chat and a cuppa!

We now have a new committee to take the group forward into September. However, we always need new volunteers to help with tea & coffee or setting out toys. Can you help??

From September we are hoping to create and use a bank of our own toys. Do you have any spare toys you could donate to a very worthy cause? Please contact us on the number below.

Dates to put in your diaries.....

- 19th November Children in need pyjama party (A donation of 50p for children in need please)
- 26th November Christmas card arts and crafts
 - 3rd December music time with Jo Jingles
 - 10th December visit from Cambourne Library
- 17th December Christmas party time fancy dress welcome

If you are interested in coming along, please phone Terri on: 07929 575620. Alternatively, if you would like to receive regular emails from the committee, drop us a line at Cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

Welcome to all our new children and their families – we hope you will be very happy with us. During this term we will be celebrating various festivals including Diwali, St Andrews Day and Christmas. The children will also be working on a Christmas production.

The pre-school hours have changed to accommodate the increased Government funded hours. The morning session starts at 9.00am until 12 noon and the afternoon session from 12 noon until 3.00pm. Children may have a hot lunch during the afternoon session at a cost of £2-00. If you are interested in a place for your child at the pre-school, After School Club and/or Breakfast Club, please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

In July the pre-school children completed the Barnardo's Big Toddler, raising £502-50 for Barnardo's. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

We are collecting Morrisons Lets Grow vouchers again and would welcome any that you may wish to donate. The equipment the Care and Learning Centre received for this year has been put to good use. The children have grown radishes, tomatoes, runner beans, strawberries, beetroot and herbs, and at the moment there is a lovely pumpkin in the garden awaiting Halloween! The children love gardening and this activity provides them with experience in every area of the Early Years and Foundation Stage Curriculum.

The Care and Learning Centre runs a Holiday Club during the school holidays. We open from 8.00am to 6.00pm and parents/carers can book by the hour to suit their needs. Unless your child is already registered with us, a registration fee of £30-00 is payable. We offer a range of activities including cooking, dance and karaoke, arts and crafts, science activities, music, stories, songs and rhymes. Outdoor activities such as team games, bats and balls and sports are also available.

If you would like further details about any aspect of the Care and Learning Centre, please telephone 01954 273301 or email Juliet Ferris – Manager, jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or Marian Burling - Clerical Assistant, mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Change is in the air. Not just the move to Autumn and then on into Winter, but change on the political and educational landscape. All of us involved with public services are obviously now working our way through the implications of the public spending review. As schools, we know that we have been protected from some of the most radical cuts, but there are still very significant changes and challenges ahead for us in the new world that is emerging.

In such times, a key question for any of us must be: "What is it that we really stand for?" If we are to reflect on how we should react to the new challenges and opportunities of a changing world, we need a guide. We need some clear principles. Without this, we are likely to flounder and to be uncertain and unclear in our reaction and our decision-making. In this context, the principles of the Comberton Educational Trust, now formed and overseeing Comberton Village College for two years (and Jeavons Wood primary school since it opened in September 2009) seem especially helpful and important. The trust holds 5 key principles:

- Education of the highest standard
- Education for all pupils, regardless of ability, background and other possible factors
- Education at the heart of the community: the Henry Morris principle
- An outward-looking approach that always seeks to work in partnership for mutual benefit
- Education with a clear international dimension

Any school that affiliates to the Comberton Educational Trust must adhere to these principles. A key role of the trustees is to ensure that this is the case. The principles can then be helpful to judge what might be done in a changing world. For example, as a school judged as 'outstanding' in its last full Ofsted inspection, Comberton Village College was invited to join the first wave of the new 'converter' Academies in the country. How should such a decision be made? The answer becomes clear: how does this possible move match up against the key principles? If it can enhance some of the principles and not detract from others, then it looks a good way to proceed. If it does the reverse, then it would be a bad idea.

Through this logic, both the governing body of Comberton Village College and the trustees of the Comberton Educational Trust voted unanimously to proceed with an application for Academy status. If all proceeds smoothly, Comberton Village College will thus become an Academy at some point in the New Year. Out of interest, the name of the Academy will be: Comberton Village College. The things that matter do not change.

Stephen Munday



Cambourne Arts needs a secretary, mostly for taking minutes at monthly meetings. Please contact Fran as below

THE ART GANG

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 amateurs of all ages.

Suggestions for future focus and outings are welcomed.

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING CLASS

This group has been meeting for a year now in the Cricket Pavilion on Wednesday mornings from 10am-12pm. New members welcome but a little experience recommended. For more details, contact fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or 01954 710858

BEGINNERS' PAINTING/CRAFT CLASSES

Tutor/s required for new classes to cover a range of painting techniques and craft activities. Daytime and evening sessions planned. Also, if you would like to join such classes, please contact Fran to book a place.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Held at 1.30pm in Cambourne library, mostly on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday 8th November, when the topic will be 'The Good Life'. On Monday December 6th please turn up for mince pies and a cup of tea, and the theme will be 'Something Seasonal'. New members welcome.

For more details and if you are interested in an evening Creative Writing group, contact Alan (01480 880442, snibgo@earthling.net) or Pat on 718836

DRAWING GROUP

Unfortunately this is closing down for the time being in its current form. If you are interested in a new drawing group, please contact Fran as below.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

A new group is proposed for people with a keen interest in photography. Please contact Fran to register your interest so we can let you have more details. If you feel able to give some tuition to the group, please also contact Fran.

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY – Just some of the events in our area

WIMPOLE HALL – art gallery open all year. Free admission. FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM – 'sculpture promenade' until 21st Jan

KETTLE'S YARD – John Cage, American artist and composer, exhibition from 25th Sept – 14th Nov.

For further information on any aspect of Cambourne Arts, contact:

Fran - fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or 01954 710858 Alan - snibgo@earthling.net

Visit the website at www.cambournearts.org

GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY FAMILY EVENT – SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

CAMBRIDGE STORYTELLERS – TALES OF THE PERSIAN KINGS.

10.30 – 12.00 In the library. 8YRS+. Family ticket £3. Hot chocolate included. Numbers will be restricted. Please contact the library.

GOFORIT. The library service is running Free Beginners computer courses FOR ANY AGE. Please contact the library if you are interested.

We have a selection of Christmas Cards on sale in the library.

The library rent DVDs for only £2.75 for a week's hire. We get new DVDs all the time. You can also request any DVDs from other Cambridgeshire libraries (no request fee) if we don't have the one you want.

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.

Keep Fit in the Afternoon

Strengthen and tone with gentle exercise to music.

Only £1.50 per session.

**Especially good for the over-50s.
Just come along and try it out.**



**Wednesdays, 2-3pm
In the Hub with Jane**



Raffle Prizes Galore!

including:



Tickets to Nene Valley Railway



Ice Skating Tickets

And much, much more.....



Come & Meet Santa!
For Free!
& Pay only 50p for a chance at Santa's Lucky Dip!



Macmillan Cancer Support

Christmas Extravaganza!

Market Hill Hall

Royston

Saturday 27th November

10am-4pm



Come in and Warm up. Teas, Coffees
and a selection of Homemade Cakes!



Come & Join in with the Fun and Games

Guess The Sweets in The Jar
Name the Teddy Bear

Remember every penny we make will
make a big difference to people affected
by cancer!



Treasure Hunt



Come in and join in with the fun!

Other Stalls include:



Plants, Free Childrens Craft Table,
Nearly New/New Clothes, Books & Toys,
Childrens Nail Painting & Macmillan
Merchandise.

Perfect Christmas Ideas on our amazing stalls:

Make Up

Handmade Jewellery

Vie Gift and Homeware

...and a gift wrapping table, to make your gift extra special!



Organised by MacmillanVolunteersDawnAndSarah@Hotmail.Co.uk

If you have any donations or would like to volunteer your help on the day, please contact us we would love to hear from you. Macmillan Cancer Support Christmas Extravaganza is supported by Macmillan Cancer Support, Hertfordshire HQ, Fundraising Manager. If you have any questions regarding our event please do not hesitate to contact them.



Cambourne Church

A partnership of the
Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church
Service times: Sunday 9.30 & 11.00am
1st Sunday in Month 10.00am. (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)
www.cambournechurch.org.uk



• Next Open Mic Night Friday December 6th from 7pm
Contact george@harrisons.cc

Special Services in November

7th November 1000
Celebrating 1 year in the new building &
10 years as a church

14th November
930 & 1100 Remembrance Sunday

21st November
Joint service at Comberton 10.30 -11.45

Cambourne Church Small Groups...

God in everyday life -Mon evenings 7.30pm
For more info contact George Mucheru on tel. 718809

John's Gospel -Tuesday evenings 7.30pm
For more info contact Julie Whitbread on tel. 202546

Pray All Ways -Wednesday evenings 8.30pm
A different way into prayer is explored each week
and time then give for prayer.

Parent and Toddler Space (PTS)
Friday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
In the Church foyer - For more information contact beth.cope@cantab.net
Read 'Messy spirituality' and discuss. Contact Beth.

Lower Cambourne Group Fridays 1.45pm
Contact Jules Hannaford jules.hannaford@hotmail.com

Prayers for Cambourne & beyond
Monday & Friday at 9 am in the church.

19 ~ the coffee shop



Mondays – Fridays

8.45 – 12pm

Come and be part of the team. If you are interested in
helping please contact the church office on 710644

Quiz Night – New date Saturday 20th November

(Not as previously advertised)

7.45pm in Church

Tickets £12 to include a fish and chip supper

Bar will be available

Teams of 6-8 welcome or make one up on the
night.

Tickets Julie 202546

Operation Christmas Child 2010

Bring joy to a child facing poverty, suffering or sickness.
Fill a shoebox with Christmas goodies. Forms and
details will be given out through local schools, clubs and
in the church foyer. Collection will be 8th November at
the church.

Contact **Suzanne Higgins 204952** for more -
www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

Alpha – Exploring faith

New course starting Jan 2011
Contact Peter Wood Tel. 715558

The church office will be open Monday to Thursday between 10.00 and 12.30. The church administrators – Julie Whitbread or Deidre Farmery will be in the church foyer to take inquiries, answer question and provide information etc. Church office tel no. 710644.

Cambourne Roman Catholic Church

Cambourne Church Centre

Saturday's – 5pm

www.cambournerc.co.nr cambournerc@aol.com

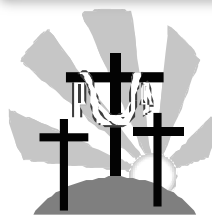
A grand book sale took place on Saturday 23rd October, where lots of donated books were sold to raise funds for the next phase of the church building fund. A church quiz also took place on Saturday 20th October in the Church where we were pleased to have the presence of some teams from our community! To find out more information about the next phase of the Church, visit www.cambournechurch.org.uk.

Lots of new altar servers are now present during our masses in Cambourne, and we are very pleased to see many of these new servers who have just made their first Holy Communion helping out during mass. We are happy for the children to be taking part in what Pope Benedict describes as "the most important and inspirational ministry".

For more information, mass times, notices and photos, visit our website!

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
Pastor
Donavan Bangs

Pastoral Thoughts

Whilst reading to my son tonight (who is two and a half years old) I was struck by the profound wisdom that an individual can glean from certain nursery rhymes. In particular I pointed out Simple Simon in his encounter with a pie man. What was interesting is that prior to the exchange of goods this pie man wanted verification that Simon had adequate funds for the product. This is a great lesson that many of our financial institutions should have remembered from nursery and one that which would have saved a great deal of difficulty for many people.

Simplistic wisdom, profound and unchanging can be found in many places. Of course one of my favourite places is in the Bible, and in particular the book of Proverbs. It is certainly a wealth of knowledge. It speaks of how to properly deal with your neighbours and rewarding those that have done right. Faithfulness to your spouse and the consequences of straying. Avoiding making your self financially responsible for another individuals debt. Ensuring a good work ethic and preparations for the future. Speaking the truth and avoiding the wicked and that's just in the first seven chapters.

One of the most important things found in those first seven chapters from an individual's temporal standpoint, that is life here on earth is Proverbs 4:23, Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Your heart, that being of the seat of your emotion and conscience or however you wish to describe it is vital. So often we fail to guard our hearts, to be careful of what you will allow inside. We allow the tendrils of wickedness space to grow until they become roots of bitterness. Then that which would have caused you shock, or to cry out against such wickedness merely becomes commonplace or even expected. What can be done as many of the guidelines for righteousness have been removed from society in the name of political correctness? We must place these principles back into our own lives, enact standards of righteousness for our children to learn. It should not even be heard of for a child of five or six to even consider openly cursing their parents at a playground. These things must be taught in the home both through words, actions and examples. Now I do not expect your standards to be the same as mine as most of our standards will be different, however, it is important that at least you have some standards which to uphold. These things must be taught from birth as if it is left until the child starts school it is often too late. We must guard our hearts for out of them are the issues of life and these are the issues that will directly affect our future generations. So, if you care for them then take care of your self.

If you have any questions or maybe just want to chat, just let us know.

Donavan Bangs

St Neots & District Cats Protection

As Winter approaches, St Neots & District Cats Protection as always, looks at how we manage the some 150 or so, feral, stray, outdoor and vulnerable cats that we look after throughout our area. We endeavor to ensure that all animals are neutered as soon as possible and to provide them with one square meal a day. Donations of cat food remain crucial to the success of our management program and your continued support in this area is much appreciated. All donations can be taken to our charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots or contact me by e.mail or the Branch Coordinator on 01480 476696 for other local drop off points.

As always our charity shop is our principal fundraising source and our volunteers continue to man the shop as much as possible. At the moment we are in urgent need of good quality bric-a-brac. So if you fancy clearout before

Christmas, please take you unwanted goods to the charity shop or again contact us for details of a drop off point close to you.

Re-homing numbers are down on last year, however this follows a national trend of all rescue agencies. Our free neutering scheme continues to be a resounding success and we continue to offer this service. The ongoing neutering program has seen the significant reduction in unwanted kittens right across our area which is good news, also this should continue year on year and we would expect to see a reduced incidence of feline diseases too.

Thank you so much for your continued support
Kind regards
Dawn Cooke
Publicity Officer



Papworth Astronomy Club News

On the 6th October, Professor Tony Hewish of Cambridge University gave the club a talk called "Radio-astronomy, Inflation and the design of the Universe". He began by giving some background on his involvement in astronomy, including the development of radio aperture synthesis. This is the technique that allowed a Cambridge group working at Lord's Bridge to identify the first pulsars, a discovery that lead to Tony jointly being awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1974. He then surveyed various theories concerning cosmology and the creation of the universe, bringing us up to date with dark energy and string theory. An excellent talk that was greatly enjoyed by a good turnout of members!

Our next meeting is on 3rd November. We will stray into new territory when Leonard Honey will give a talk on sundials. The following meeting will be on 1st December and will be a night sky observing evening, weather permitting. More information will be available next month.

All club meetings are held at the Vinter Room, Vinter Close, Papworth Everard at 7:30PM. Entering Papworth from Cambourne, take the first left after the traffic lights into Elm Way, past the fire station and look for the building with the clock tower. If you are new to the area or astronomy, come along to any of our meetings as a visitor and find out what we do.

More information about the club is on our Web site (www.papworthastronomy.org). You can also email Peter Sandford on peter@cheere.demon.co.uk or phone 01480 830729.

November meeting



At the next meeting of the Women's Institute on **Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Hub**, Jane Coe will be there to get us ready for Christmas and show us how to make Christmas flower arrangements. This will be followed as usual by refreshments and a chance to socialise and check out the various activities on offer. Visitors are very welcome.

Chocolate Demonstration

We are having a fantastic chocolate demonstration by Ann Cornwell during the afternoon of December 11th, between 2-4pm in the Hub. Visitors are very welcome to come to this for the very reasonable price of £3. The cost is £2 for WI members. Tea and coffee will be available and best of all, items of chocolate, made by Ann, are to be raffled. What more could you want. Booking is necessary as there are a limited number of tickets. Anyone interested please contact Fran on 01954 710858

Ladies who lunch

We are planning on going to lunch at Bourn golf club on Friday 19th November. The lunch will not be ordered in advance so you will be free to order anything from the menu at the time. There is a choice of sandwiches or hot food.

Darts Group

The group meets on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Monkfield Arms. This is Ladies' darts evening at the pub so any other ladies are very welcome to come along and join in. Inquiries to Ruth on 718989

Walking Group

The Fen Drayton walk went well and there is another planned on 5th November in the Grantchester area. Non-members are very welcome to come along. For details of walks please contact Fran on 710858

Theatre outings

Several of our members had an enjoyable outing to the Cambridge Arts theatre to see "The Rivals" and further visits are planned.

Book Club

The current book is "Netherland". Please contact Ruth on 718989 for the date of next meeting at the Monkfield Arms. Non members are very welcome.

Coffee Morning

The last coffee morning was in the church and was held along with "Here Come the Girls" in aid of MacMillan cancer nurses. This was a very successful event. There is another WI coffee morning due to take place at Green's on Friday October 29th.

October meeting

Andy Murfitt gave us an introductory class on the Alexander Technique. He uses an interactive teaching method and with the aid of a brave volunteer showed us how to improve our well-being and help dispel our aches and pains.

Contact Fran Panrucker 01954 710858

WI Lite

Following the successful meeting on September 30th, it was decided by those present that they would go along to the existing WI for a couple of months to see how it works and what they think of it generally. Then we will have another get-together at 128 Greenhaze Lane on Thursday Dec 2nd, 8pm, to decide whether people want to merge with the current group or set up a separate group.

If there are more young women who would be interested in joining this group, please contact **Fran on 01954710858**, email fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or come along to the WI meeting on November 14th.



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire
Peterborough

Wildlife Review November 2010

The autumn colours have been lovely as I have been driving around the county during October. The last of these will fade as we go through November and winter will be upon us before we know it. Much of the wildlife in Cambourne will be searching for the last few berries and nuts on bushes to keep them going through the lean months. With the trees becoming bare it is easier to see where birds

have been nesting, especially the rooks which like to nest in the tall ash trees in Oaks wood. I have been told it has been a really good year for fungi, with many still fruiting in November, keep an eye out in the woodlands around Cambourne and send me any nice pics.



Sheep

Some of you may have noticed that the sheep that were in the small square field near the Vine School have now been moved to the Hay meadow further south. Their grazing will help to create a more varied grassland, which will benefit some



of the less common plants and insects. We have created a new path around the outside of the meadow for horse riders and those that do not want to walk through, but the original path through the meadow is still open to walkers and dogs if they are on a lead. Remember that if you see an injured sheep or you think there are any problems you can call the numbers that are posted on the gates.

Woodland management

We will be continuing our work on the boundary woodlands, thinning out trees and creating glades along the edges. This will improve the structure of the woodland by varying the age and height of the trees and making sunny sheltered areas for insects like butterflies and hoverflies. We are also still working through the tree blocks removing the plastic tree guards from trees that are big enough and sending them off for recycling.

Events

There are no events planned in Cambourne for November, but remember that I am available to give a talk about wildlife or to lead a guided walk around Cambourne for your group, just get in touch.

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

Cambourne Kitchen

Now that the nights have well and truly drawn in, we crave warm, comforting foods and these patties are the perfect answer. Most of the ingredients can usually be found in your store cupboard so the patties are cheap to make and, most importantly, delicious to eat!

Rajah-inspired Patties

For the pastry:	½ tsp salt
3 cups plain flour	1 tsp onion (kalinji) seeds
125g butter	1 tsp cumin seeds
1tsp salt	1 tsp ground ginger
150g finely ground pistachios	½ tsp ground cinnamon
100ml water	1 tsp turmeric
	1 tsp crushed chillis
	½ tsp black pepper
For the filling:	3-4 tbsp fresh coriander, finely chopped
1 medium onion, finely diced	200g chickpeas
1 medium to large carrot, grated	2tbsp vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, finely diced or minced	Oil for deep frying (optional)



Heat the oil over a medium heat, add the onions and cook for about 2 mins stirring occasionally. Add all the spices, garlic, salt, and pepper and continue to cook for a further 5 mins. Next add the grated carrot and cook for 5-10 mins until soft. Finally add the chickpeas and a little water, turn the heat down and leave to cook gently uncovered.

In the meantime, sift the flour into a large mixing bowl and add the butter into rough cubes. Gently rub together using your fingertips until you achieve a texture resembling fine breadcrumbs. Add the ground pistachios and salt and gently mix together. Make a small well in the middle of the mixture and add about half of the water; using a knife slowly mix this in. The mix should start to bind together forming a dough; at this stage use your hands to gently knead it together until it is blended together. Be careful not to overwork the dough.

Check your filling mix and stir. Add more water if it looks dry (you don't want it too wet, though). Once you are happy with the filling consistency and the vegetables are sufficiently softened, remove from the heat and stir in the fresh coriander. Leave to cool.

Take the pastry dough, place it on a lightly floured surface and roll it out to approx 2-3mm thickness. Cut into 4inch rounds using a pastry cutter or ordinary drinking glass.

Once your filling mix is cooled enough to handle, take a pastry round and place a dessert spoonful of the filling in the middle. Fold the disc over in half. Press the two sides together in the middle and at each end. Then, beginning at one end, use the side of your thumb to push the bottom layer up and over and pressing down with the tip of your thumb to seal the pastry, thus creating a crimping effect.

Heat your oil in a deep saucepan (to approx 180°C) and then cook about 3 at a time turning occasionally to ensure even cooking. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain well on a kitchen towel. (If you prefer you could bake these in an oven, simply preheat your oven to 180°C, place the patties on a prepared baking sheet, brush with beaten egg and bake for about 10-15 mins or until golden brown.)

You can enjoy these as soon as you've cooked them or allow to cool and freeze them for another time. Why not try experimenting with other fillings, you could use a little mince or chopped chicken; anything you fancy. They make a great change to sandwiches for lunch boxes or just having a get together with friends served with a nice chutney and raita. It provides a great snack alternative to the usual crisps or sausage rolls.



Cambourne Music Festival 2011

URGENT! For next year's Music Festival to happen we will need a core team of managers, including:

- Treasurer
- Fundraiser
- Secretary

They need to be in place so that we can begin the planning process early next year.

Please get in touch if you can take on any of these roles, or are interested in helping out with the organisation for 2011.

Tel: 01954 710858 or E-mail: fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2010

My apologies for not thanking everyone personally who helped raise funds for my trip to Lourdes this September. Peoples' generosity is overwhelming and I thank each and every one of you.

To the people who took part in the Cadbury's world treasure map in the Doctors' surgery and the kind donations either given to me or left at the surgery reception I raised a total of £ 263.00.

I thought I would share with you some of the highlights of Lourdes. This year it was a different - I saw things I missed last year and had a greater understanding of others during the visit. There are some things in Lourdes that can not be explained in words!

When I reached Stansted on the morning of our departure it was like meeting old friends and some new people became friends as well. It was wonderful to see the pilgrims from last year and see their progress over the year. Some had made progress since last year with their rehabilitation, sadly others had deteriorated but their spirit and courage were the same; cheerful and happy. We had a few tears - myself included, Lourdes can be an emotional experience.

This year we took 30 sick pilgrims of whom about half had complex nursing needs. Luckily we had more Nurses this year than last year so the work was spread out a little more. The sun shone less than last year, the rain fell but it was not spoiled by a few raindrops. On the Wednesday we went for a picnic in the mountains above Lourdes to the hamlet town of Saint-Savin. On travelling up the mountain in the coach it was cloudy and wet, we then celebrated a service in the 12th century Abbey for the 'Blessing of the sick' and our final hymn was 'shine Jesus shine' and as we left the church the clouds lifted and the sun shone, in fact someone had to dash back to the Accueil (hospital) to get the sun hats and sun cream!



Whilst there, I met another volunteer Nurse from a Dublin pilgrimage who I had worked with 25 years ago at Papworth hospital. Amongst thousands of people and there she was!

Another highlight was taking part in the "torch lit Marian Procession", this is thousands of pilgrims who nightly walk from the grotto through the domain carrying candles and singing then assembling at the steps of the church to say prayers in dozens of different languages. On the last night another Nurse and I went to the top of the church to watch the meandering Procession a breath taking sight, with the candles flickering and voices singing.

Sadly our week came to an end, the French air traffic controllers dispute did not affect us as they allowed pilgrims to leave without hindrance and we said sad farewells to friends until another year.

Cambourne Youth Fest 2011 - Update

As well as all the usual events from past years, Kart track, climbing wall and archery etc we have just confirmed 2 new events for the day.

Zorbing

What is Zorbing? In 1994, Dwayne Van Der Sluis and Andrew Akers conceived the idea for a type of sphere in Auckland, New Zealand, The Zorb itself is a gigantic inflatable sphere, standing 3.2 meters in height with another smaller sphere suspended inside by approximately half a thousand nylon strands. You just get in and make like a hamster in its wheel. We have 4 of these on site and you are guaranteed to have some serious fun.



Ye Olde Redtail Falconry Display

A chance to see Birds of Prey at their most exciting, children will get the chance to fly the Barn Owl; both children and adults fly the Harris Hawks. Marvel at the speed of the Falcons! Be amazed at Archie and Elsie the Vultures. Plus the Kestrel, the Kite and the Snowy Owl. Find out what it's like to be a mouse, as we fly HIBOU The European Eagle Owl.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer on the day or the organisation of the event please email David on mcewancox@sky.com

Saturday 9th July 2011 10.30am until 5pm - 4th Cambourne Youth Fest

Over £380 was raised at a charity event at the Belfry Hotel in Cambourne.

On Friday 15th October, the ladies of the area shopped till' they dropped, all in aid of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrookes Hospital.

The main attraction of the night was **Boden clothing** and shoppers were given the chance to purchase discounted items. They also managed to do a bit of early Christmas shopping at various other stalls selling cards, books, jewellery, photography, legal services, and beauty to name just a few.

The event was organised by **Cambourne Women in Business** following the success of their 'Here Come The Girls' retail event back in May.

Anyone interested in getting involved in future events should visit www.cwib.org.uk



Cambourne Tennis Club 'Here to Serve'



In the third of our season review articles, this month we concentrate on the Men's 2nd team.

Men's 2nd Team Season Review

Mens 2 had an mixed summer, with victories against Orwell, Comberton, Haslingfield and Bar Hill. Unfortunately the teams finishing in the top 3, (David Lloyd, Huntingdon and Gt. Shelford) were too strong for Cambourne 2. Overall it was a solid summer performance and a respectable 4th place finish was achieved in division 8. The main pairings were Dean Harper & Mark O'Sheta, and Rob Youngs & Ping Ooi, with contributions also from Ian Cunningham, Carl Gooch and Ashwin Shahir. Next month, the focus will be on the all-conquering Men's first team!

Cambourne Tournament

The Cambourne Tennis Club tournament has been hit this month by some inclement weather - progress through the draw has been slow. That said, the semi finals took place and both match-ups were short affairs. Ben Byron managed a "double bagel" against Robert Youngs (6-0, 6-0) and just the one bagel for David Cansick who triumphed over Ping Ooi 6-2, 6-0. It promises to be a fascinating final.

Club News

- The Cambs Winter League has started, with Cambourne entering five teams for the first time. Hoping for success are the Men's 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams, a Ladies team and a mixed pairing.
- We have some much sought after tennis coaching capacity for juniors at present, thanks in part to a new coaching team and new head coach Matt; please email cambournecoaching@gmail.com for more info - first come first served, so to speak!
- The ladder league continues to grow - this month has seen some notable victories for Andy Young and Mark O'Sheta
- Want to join or play tennis in Cambourne? Find out more at www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk



Cambourne Cricket Club

"VINCERE DELECTANDO"



Cambourne Cricket Club enjoyed a successful season in 2010. The senior side of the club could not match the achievements of the 'Invincibles' in the Under 10s, but had plenty to shout about come September.

The first XI, after four successive league promotions, played in division 1 of the Cambridgeshire Junior Leagues. The standard in this league was highly competitive and pushed the team hard. A series of narrow defeats at the start of the season meant that the objective to consolidate a place in the league would be tough. Nevertheless, the team rallied mid season and won four victories on the bounce. A victory in the final game of the season against Bar Hill ensured survival and a respectable standing in the league table.

The first team had a number of consistent performers, but three players stood out as examples of the excellent youth development in the club. Opening batsman Chris Cundell, 20, playing his first full season of first team cricket, was one of the outstanding players in the league, regularly scoring 50s and showing skill as wicket keeper. George Haworth, 16, bowled excellent medium pace, fielded brilliantly and showed powerful hitting ability as a batsman. The finest achievement was from Darren Cooke, 13, who opened the bowling, showing raw pace and ability to swing the ball. He had the respect of all opposition batsmen and regularly made the break through for his captain.

The second team had a very positive season. Led by Peter Lee, the captain forged a consistently high performing team, with a number of star players. Mike Longson senior scored a cracking century at home to Girton and the batting line up also celebrated a number of scores from Matt Casey, Duncan Hankins, Josh White and Taalib Minhas. The bowlers also stepped up, with solid performances from David Pendlebury, Sachin Sharma, Sam Miller (15) and Hankins' off spin. The second team were a bonus point away from promotion to division 3 - next season they have a great chance of taking that extra step.

The third team were the toast of the club this season, winning division 5 under the captaincy of Jonny Wilkinson. The scale of this achievement was impressive given the number of established clubs in this division, such as Histon and St Giles of Cambridge. Jonny fostered a 'never say die' attitude in his team, who grew in self belief throughout the season. By the end of the campaign they had become unstoppable and romped home to the sound of champagne corks in the Monkfield Arms. A particular mention might go out to Chris Threadgold, who after years of running the Colts section, enjoyed taking the field with his son Dan, a promising batsman.

Danny White, Club Chairman and faithful groundsman, commented: "What a season - another one for the memory books. In past seasons we have seen in the senior section a dominant first team with relatively weaker performance in the seconds and thirds. This season not only did the first team more than hold their own in the top flight, but the other two teams have developed beyond recognition. It shows the health of the club that we have so many good players spread across the club but also some great leaders. None more so than Mark Tandy, first team captain, who has been the architect of the first team's success over many years, and Marc Crawford as club captain and one of the best players we have produced. Whilst Mark Tandy is stepping down as first team captain to concentrate on playing next season, Marc Crawford is moving with his young family back to South Africa. We wish him well and thank him for all he has contributed to the club."

Cambourne Rounders Club



- Now part of Cambourne Cricket Club!

It has been an amazing season, our first with the brilliant support from Beth Wild at Rounders England, and we are now proud to be part of the Cambourne Cricket Club as well as gaining a grant from Rounders England to help us with new kit and indoor training venues for the autumn.

We are now playing for the month of November, with 50 club members (And rising!), and we are having great fun with an Indoor version of the game, which is fun for all levels and abilities, and families, men and women are all encouraged to come and give this fun and fast paced game a try!

We are playing at Comberton Village College in November in their sports Hall, and at only £1.50 per play, this is great value for money for exercise and to get a feel for the rules, ready for next year!

Please do come and join us, Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm at Comberton Village College Sports Hall.

For more info contact Jo on 07852 227917 or email cambournerounders@live.co.uk

CAMBOURNE EAGLES F.C. NEWS



THE LAUNCH OF TOTBALL!

The new totball sessions were launched on 1st October!! We now have fourteen 2-3 year olds signed up for the session. A great bunch of mums and dads get stuck in and share in the fun with their children. Already we can see future Ronaldos and Beckhams and as long as we can remember which net we need to score our goals in, we will be well on our way to success!!

We still have a few spaces, so if you have a 2/3 year old girl or boy that needs to burn off some energy, please contact me via sally.day@hotmail.co.uk and put your name down. Sessions run on a Friday at the MUGA from 2.15-2.45pm and are £1 payable weekly.

To join any Eagles team, please contact our club secretary, Tracey, on www.cambourneaglesfc.co.uk, or call 01954 203162.



Cambourne Eagles Totballers

ACADEMY

“We train every week on the MUGA on a Sunday afternoon with Tom and Paul. We have to warm up first by stretching and running around the MUGA twice. We then get to practice some skills. We practice passing the ball to each other and we try to go around cones with an attacker and a defender to score a goal at the end.

At the end of the session we usually play matches with 4 mini-teams. We take turns to go in goal and we play each other with Paul being one referee and Tom being another. Tom gives a trophy out at the end of each time to the best person and you get to keep it for a whole week and then give it back and someone else will get it the next week. We have to do a warm down and shake off at the end so we don't hurt our muscles.

My friends and I are all in the Academy and we really enjoy playing together every week and getting better at playing football. Thanks Tom and Paul for helping!”

By Sam Allen

UNDER 9's

“My team are the U9's. There's me, Josh, I play defence or right wing. Then there's Max, he plays centre midfield. Next there's Hugo, he plays right wing. Eden plays left wing and Liam plays in goal and sometimes up front. Matthew, he is our left back and Tommy he plays right back and sometimes in goal as well. Jack plays right back and Dami plays anywhere up front. We all love playing football. Our top goal scorer is Max followed closely by Eden and me. Matthew is our captain and I am vice captain. I am this season's penalty taker after I won the penalty shoot out in training. Our Manager is Tom and our assistant manager is Paul.

This week we are playing Gamlingay; we are all looking forward to it! “

By Josh Day

The Under 9's are actively seeking new players to join their squad. So come on Year 4's, join this highly successful football team and live the Eagles dream!!!!

UNDER 11's—A Day in the Life

Just to give you an idea of what the Under 11's get up to on a Saturday, below is our day for our away cup match against Witchford Colts:
8.45am Meet at MUGA to create a convoy of parents cars. **9.35am** Arrive at the ground at last, (yes I got lost and we had to stop and one of the parents used their Sat Nav to finally find the ground). Introduce ourselves to the opposition and meet the referee. **9.35am** Warm up prior to 10am kick off, parents enjoy refreshments and bacon sandwiches. **9.55am** Last minute team talk – I tell the players who will start the game. All players from both teams line up to shake hands with each other as part of the Respect campaign. **10.00am** Game starts – end to end stuff (1-0, 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5) **10.30am** Half Time – all going well for Eagles, team talk time again, ask them not to give away any silly early goals and to remember what we practice in training. **10.40am** Second half starts – Oh dear 3-5, then 4-5 after only 5 minutes of the second half – nail biting for the remainder of the second half, which seems to go very slowly. Some of the parents are finding it hard to watch. **11.10am** Final whistle – thank goodness we hung on and march on to the second round. Excellent all round team effort. **11.15am** The boys gather for congratulatory words from myself and the announcement of the all important man of the match award, (which went to Sam Day for his outstanding effort in midfield). All the parents applaud the team's great efforts. **11.30am** Pack up all the kit and set off for the return journey arriving back in Cambourne at about **12.15pm**.

In addition to our cup win we have also played 3 league matches since the last update, winning 1, an excellent 6-2 victory over Royston, and losing 2: the first a disappointing defeat to Shelford, the second against Hardwick in which we played probably our best football of the season without being able to find the back of the net.

UNDER 17's

5 victories from 5 matches played in the league leaves Cambourne Eagles top of Division B. With our last 9 matches won in the league last season, this is now a run of 14 consecutive league wins. A credit to all of the squad and their positive attitude. On Sunday 17th October we face our toughest challenge yet against Fulbourn Falcons who beat us twice last year and who we finished Runners Up to in the league.

Cambourne F.C. News



Cambourne FC Assist FA Training Session

On Tuesday 5th October, Cambourne FC was pleased to be able to offer its members another unique experience, as we arranged for the players from every Cambourne FC team the opportunity to assist the FA in a training session. The players were trained by the FA skills coaches, as coaches and managers from other clubs observed to pick up some coaching tips from the professionals.

The players thoroughly enjoyed the session and the Cambourne FC coaches, along with the other club managers, picked up some useful information which will assist them to train their teams to a higher standard.

Cambourne FC would like to thank Jo, Tessa, Steve and Danielle from the FA, as well as all of our parents and players.

Cambourne FC U16s – The season is well and truly under way, and the lads have been playing some great football. We had a good result away in the league to Papworth Blasters, winning 10-0. This was followed by a league home game where we beat Waterbeach 3-1, although it should have been more. Next up was the Pye U16 Challenge Cup, where we were drawn at home against Over Sports, who are second in the league above; the U16s played some great football and rolled out 3-1 winners – shocking a confident Over. Next was another home game in the league against top of the table Hundon Hawks; this was an excellent game and the U16s came away with a 2-1 win. The following week we played Hundon at home again, but this time in the Knock Out Cup. The result was different this time as Hundon wanted revenge while the U16s, with 3 main midfielders out, played poorly, losing 1-5.

Next up we are at home to Fulbourn Falcons, away to Burwell Tigers, and home to title chasing Alconbury Colts. The lads are playing some excellent football but need to keep focused in all games and to concentrate on the basics. Nonetheless, the season is looking good, and the lads are doing well and enjoying playing the game.

We are still looking for a goalkeeper, so if you are interested in joining the U16s for next season please contact Steve Doidge on the details below.



Cambourne FC U7 - A promising start by all involved for Cambourne FC U7s. Training continues on the Saturdays in between league matches on the MUGA from 10.00am. More players continue to join each week and we

will soon have enough to field two teams. We always welcome new players and are in the process of arranging more friendlies. Please email Kelsey (kelseyto bolik@googlemail.com) to confirm training dates if your son/daughter is 6 years old and interested in playing for Cambourne FC's future stars.

Cambourne FC U8A - The boys have continued to impress with their fantastic form. The U8s welcomed more new players in October, who joined in their training sessions and are ready to form another team next season. There is still a lot of interest in the U8 team and, as Trevor's team is full, we are looking to get the U8B team underway. For more information, please email sracher@hotmail.com

Cambourne FC U9A - Cambourne FC U9s unbeaten run continued through the month of October. After a thrilling 3-3 draw against Comberton Crusaders from the U9 F league, Cambourne went on to beat St. Ives 4-3 in what was a great game of football for both the players and the parents. CFC then played their second league game, away against Cottenham, in what was the best game of football we have watched in a long time. Despite CFC taking the lead twice, the game finished 2-2. However, everyone left talking about the quality of the football, stating that they would have been happy to pay to watch the game. The U9s next fixture was a league game against Swavesey Spartans, which CFC won 7-0. The most encouraging part of the game was that it was won by the entire team, with 6 different goal scorers and one O.G! CFC U9s have now played four friendlies and three league games without a loss – an amazing achievement for a team which is only in their second season! The coaches would like to congratulate every player within the U9s and thank everyone for their fantastic support.

Cambourne FC U10s - Training has started for the U10s and will now be held every Tuesday, 18.00 to 19.00, at the Cambourne MUGA. Everything is certainly looking promising for next season, as we now have even more players regularly coming to the training sessions. If your child is interested in joining, please email sracher@hotmail.com or just come along to training.

Cambourne FC U12s - The U12s continue to grow, and this month we welcome 2 new players: Jake Packham-Brown and Camaran Townsend. Welcome onboard boys. The highlight of the month for us was winning against Willingham 6-1, where the boys demonstrated just how far we have come within a few months. The conditions were not good! It was freezing cold and very wet, but this did not affect the team at all. Some fantastic football was played and we thoroughly deserved the win. The Willingham manager complimented us on how focused and well mannered the team were – a great credit to the management and players.

The U12s have grown into an excellent team and they should all be very proud of what they have achieved. If you would like to join our team, then please come along to training on Fridays, 17.00-18.00, or call 01954 714428

Saturday Soccer School - The Cambourne FC Soccer School is held every Saturday morning between 9.00 and 10.00am, and is open to school age children below the age of 6 (Year 1 and Reception). This session is proving to be very successful and the children who attend the school have developed really well, improving in both ability and attitude – it is great fun to coach these children and to watch them develop.

We would like to welcome all the new children to the Soccer School and hope that they enjoy the session as they start out on their footballing journeys. Please contact Steve on the details below if you wish to join this thriving Soccer School.

New Players / Teams / Managers - Cambourne FC are still looking to build in numbers, so if your child would like to play and enjoy football in the spirit the game is supposed to be played in at youth level, then please contact us. We would also like to hear from anyone who may be interested in coaching a team. We support all of our coaches, which includes sending them on a Level 1 coaching course, as per our Charter Status. So if you have a player or are interested in coaching, then please contact us via email: info@cambournefc.com

Open Training Session - Cambourne FC has started the open training session again, which proved very successful in forming this season's U12 team. Any child of 8 years and up is welcome as we look to form more teams for next season, especially for the age groups who are currently not playing for a Cambourne club. For more information, please email sracher@hotmail.com or just bring your child along to the session which will be held every Tuesday, 18.00 to 19.00, at the Cambourne MUGA.

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CAMBOURNE CRIER CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION!

The Cambourne Crier 'Design a Christmas Cover Competition' is back! Given the fabulous response we have had in previous years, we are delighted to announce that we will be running the competition again this year.

The competition is a wonderful opportunity to show just how talented our community is, and it is open to all ages. So get creative - it could be your artwork on this year's Christmas Cover!

In order for us to re-print the winning artwork we ask that entries are either produced on white paper, A4 in size, and preferably portrait...

...Or, if you prefer to go digital, then images should be high resolution and in .jpg, .psd or .tiff format.

Please put your age, name, address and contact telephone number on the back of your entry.

All entries must be sent to the Crier by **19th November**.
(Late entries will not be judged).

You can email your entry to editorial@cambourne.info or post it to **The Crier Christmas Cover Competition c/o 27 Chaffinch Walk, Great Cambourne.**

The Crier team will judge the entries and our decision is final.
No correspondence will be entered into.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY DRAWING!

