

# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## NATIONAL CENSUS

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On 27 March, the census will take a snapshot of society in England and Wales. So any day now a questionnaire will arrive in the post asking you about your household and all the people living there. If it has already arrived keep it safe. Your household is one of around 25 million in England and Wales taking part. The 2011 Census is all about numbers. It asks about work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, whether you are married and so on. This information helps the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to produce population estimates.

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### REMEMBER! - Spring forwards....

The clocks go forward on Sunday 27th March 2011.

### Mother's Day 2011 - your messages, please!

This year, Mothering Sunday falls on 3rd April 2011. The day the Crier is delivered. We are inviting kids, young and old, to send in your messages to your mum to let her know how much she is loved and appreciated.

Let your mum know how much she means to you.

Please send your messages to [editorial@cambourne.info](mailto:editorial@cambourne.info) by 19th March 2011.

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Thinking of setting up your own community group in Cambourne? Want to revitalise your existing club or society? We may be able to help you. We can offer advice, put you in touch with relevant contacts, and even give financial aid. To find out more, please email us with the relevant details of your project and we'll take it from there.

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ROGER IS HOME AGAIN

After many years of service, Roger Hume is retiring from his duties at The Crier. He has written an article which we are pleased to publish on his behalf.

### RETIREMENT AND AMERICA

We moved from Cambridge to Cambourne in 2000 as "pioneers" Pam and I retired in August, Pam from teaching at Bassingourn Primary. She also did a 2 term Secondment at Monkfield Park as KS1 coordinator. She takes great delight when her ex pupils recognise her as one did at the hospital this week. I left school just before my 15th birthday. My first job was at Marshalls of Cambridge as an apprentice air frame fitter. I then moved to Cambridge Engineering Department as an Instrument Maker. They then trained me as a Design Engineer. I retired in 2005 after 37 years' service. I then became Clerk to Caldecote Parish Council, where I gained my CiLCA. During this time the Parish Council attained Quality status.. I retired after 5 years' service.

### Retirement health problems

Our first long period with our grandchildren in New Brunswick for 3 months, where we had the use of 2 rooms in the attic of their house. I started to suffer pain and went to a local American GP next door who treated me for thoracic pain - basically strain of the ribs, but he did say my breathing was too shallow probably because of the pain. Within an hour I had an X-ray at the University of New Brunswick. Total bill \$180. A few days later he said the X-ray was clear; keep taking the Ibuprofen.

### ARRIVING HOME

When we returned to the UK we drove straight to the Cambourne medical practice and immediately saw a GP who put me on stronger pain killers, but eventually I was admitted to Addenbrooke's with suspected Renal Colic, I had a CT scan which showed there was no stone but an alert operator discovered a tumour pressing on my spine, causing the pain. Quite a different diagnosis. It was hoped that 25 sessions of radiotherapy would shrink the tumour and take the pressure off, but my legs were failing, and I was having difficulty walking. The tumour eventually caused my spine to collapse, requiring a 6" titanium support. A sample of bone taken during the operation indicates only a Plasma Cytoma, so the cancer has not spread. Follow up will be in a month's time, at Addenbrooke's.

I owe my life to various surgical teams, radiology and MRI scans. Care in hospital was beyond my expectations. The support staff, who can only be described as magnificent: nurses, porters, cleaners, food staff, pharmacy, even the volunteers! (and even a free Wifi connection, which kept me sane) showed me we have a thriving, positive NHS. I have even been given copies of X-Rays of the Titanium rods screws and bolts!

I am now at home and recovering with help from all the usual agencies, and finding it very hard to understand why there are complaints. Today we have been equipped with various disability aids : an air cushion, toilet frames,, perching stool, equipment for the bed, etc, all free while I need it! (I was only assessed yesterday). I already have a wheel chair, ordered by Dr Bailey, and frame supplied by the hospital. A carpenter will come and make one of our settees higher

This morning a District nurse called. If I need further treatment we have a number to ring. She emphasised that they are available 7 days a week.

I would like to thank our neighbours Sue and Ian who have been an invaluable support to Pam. I can now also reveal that Clayton Hudson also helped a lot with lifts for our family. Thanks also to Simon Crocker for taking care of this web site at times, to Parish Cllr Peter Drake, who has offered to make a ramp for the front door. and to Mike and Margart Jocelyn for various projects. And of course Pam, who has also had to put up with my mind being affected by the treatment, drugs, etc, and my moods!

Pam would like to thank the many, many friends and acquaintances who have offered help. She has had a number of people she could call on for support, at any time, and is extremely grateful to them all.



## 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 (Friday if it's a bank holiday Monday week)

03/03/2011 : Green Bin and **Blue bin**

10/03/2011 : Black Bin

17/03/2011 : Green Bin and **Blue bin**

24/03/2011 : Black Bin

31/03/2011 : Green Bin and **Blue bin**

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





### Join Little Bundles 100 Families Partnership Appeal

Little Bundles is delighted to announce that we have now helped one hundred Cambridgeshire families in need with baby equipment and clothes! We would especially like to thank everyone in the Cambourne area who came to our fundraising disco at the end of 2010, which was tremendously supported, THANK YOU! Your support and generosity enabled us to keep this valuable project going for the last few months and reach the 100 families milestone.

Little Bundles is run entirely by volunteers and relies on grant funding and donations to maintain a base from which to distribute second hand baby goods. Unfortunately, as you have probably heard in the news, grant funding is extremely scarce in the current economic climate. Sadly this leaves Little Bundles struggling to reach our next 100 families.

So we have launched our

### 100 Families Partnership Appeal

**We are looking for 100 local families to pledge just £1 per month to support the next 100 families in need.**

Your support is invaluable to secure Little Bundles' future and stable funding would allow us to focus on distributing donated goods to families. Please be assured that we are also doing our utmost to stretch your pound as far as possible. We will send you regular updates about how many families have been supported and the donations they have received because of your help.

If you would like to get more involved with Little Bundles we would love you to join our small team of dedicated volunteers. We have a new volunteer evening /AGM coming up where we can tell you all the ways you can help. Finally if anyone is able to offer garage size storage space at a super low cost that would be brilliant!

**Please contact Ruth via [littlebundlesevents@live.co.uk](mailto:littlebundlesevents@live.co.uk) or call 01223 440311 to set up a donation or for more details.**



### Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH)



The Cambridgeshire County Council Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH) project is aimed at supporting parents/carers of disabled children in accessing suitable childcare; enabling them the chance of returning to employment and/or training. It is part of the Cambridgeshire Childcare Information Service (CIS).

The aim of DCATCH is to highlight that "a child with a disability and his/her family should have access to the full range of childcare options that are open to other families" *Sure Start, 2005*

*"A lack of information about the childcare services that are available, and confusion about the quality and potential benefits of using childcare, continue to create barriers for some parents". Department for children, schools and families, Dec 2009.*

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding the principles of DCATCH; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support and guidance with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service.

Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required by the provider.

The DCATCH project provides a service to families, which is free of charge and completely impartial.

If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or send an email to [denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk](mailto:denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk)

Alternatively check our website [www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk](http://www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk) and click on the DCATCH link.



### Cambourne Garden Club

In February we had our second excellent speaker on all things BEE, with a talk from Elanor Whitter talking on the specific subject of "from Bee to Plate". Which tracked everything from the collection of the pollen and nectar to how the bees actually make honey, and then how the beekeeper takes that to give you a wonderful product for the breakfast table.

In March we will be off to Scotsdales where the fount of knowledge on all things in the garden, Peter Jackson, will talk to us about plant propagation and will give us the opportunity to bring home some seeds which we will sow on the night. Friends, relatives and non-members are, as ever, welcome, and there will be shopping opportunities afterwards. We aim to meet at 6.30pm at the Scotsdales Garden Centre at 120 Cambridge Road, Cambridge (for the SatNav, that's CB22 5JT).

Advance notice of the April meeting - back by popular demand - the Garden Club Plant, Seedling and Seed Sale. Come and see us in the Hub, the sale starts at 8pm and there's a chance to mingle and discuss your garden problems.

**Be inspired to "Carry on in Clay"**

# Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

We celebrated Christmas with three performances of the production "Shine Star, Shine", for which the children worked very hard. The children were involved in Christmas activities and events including a Winter Activity Day, to which parents were invited, during the last week of term. The children have celebrated Chinese New Year in February. They made vegetable stir-fry and Chinese Lanterns, and were read stories about the Chinese New Year; this year is the Year of the Rabbit.

The pre-school is now full but we are accepting registration from the Autumn term 2011. If you would like an Information Pack please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

We are continuing with the 'Promoting Health in Early Years Settings Programme', which is part of the Cambridgeshire Health Promoting Schools Programme. We are currently working on our second unit, Healthy Eating and have just reviewed our first unit, Personal Safety & Child Protection. Other units in the programme are Health Related Exercise, Mental and Emotional Wellbeing, Loss and Change and Staff Health and Wellbeing. As always, we welcome parental and community involvement - if you would like to be included in the Working Parties for any of these units please contact us on 01954 273301 or by email [mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) to register your interest.

The pre-school closes for the Easter holiday at 3.00pm on Friday 8th April 2011 and re-opens at 9.00am on Thursday 28th April 2011. We will be closed on Friday 29th April for the Royal Wedding and Monday 2nd May for the May Day bank holiday. The Care and Learning Centre runs a Holiday Club during school holidays. We open from 8.00am to 6.00pm (except Bank Holidays) and parents/carers can book by the hour to suit their needs. A registration fee is payable upon acceptance of a place for children who are not already registered at the Care and Learning Centre. Please contact the office for further details. At the Holiday Club 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 Care and Learning Centre, please telephone 01954 273301 or email Juliet Ferris - Manager, [jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:jferris@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or Marian Burling - Clerical Assistant, [mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

## Cambourne



**Cambourne 123s is a fun and friendly toddler group**

**We meet Fridays from 10-11.30am at the Vine (school) Family Centre**

**Cost £2 per child (extra children 50p, under 1s free)**

**Cambourne 123's is run by a group of mums on a voluntary basis and hopes to provide a calm(ish!) environment for toddlers to play safely whilst their carers enjoy a chat and a cuppa! So if you are new to the area or just feel like getting out of the house, then please do come along. We are a friendly bunch!**

**Do you have far too many toys cluttering up your house? Could you donate them to a very worthy cause. If so please contact us on the number or email address below.**

**Dates for your diary.....**

**11<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Day craft**

**18<sup>th</sup> March Garden Play / Cress heads**

**25<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day present**

**1<sup>st</sup> April Mother's Day cards**

**8<sup>th</sup> April Easter Craft**

**15<sup>th</sup> April Easter party**

**If you are interested, please do come along we would love to see you or for more information please contact Cheryl on 07761 475170 or email [cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk)**

# CAMBOURNE SCHOOL PAGES



## CAMBOURNE - LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



The last week of this half term has been extremely exciting as Monkfield Park, The Vine and Jeavons Wood Schools have joined together to celebrate Cambourne and the Cambourne community. The idea originated when the three headteachers met in Greens coffeeshop to think about ways to bring the schools together. We identified three main aims:

- For pupils to develop a sense of belonging to the Cambourne Community
- To form positive links between the three school communities
- To demonstrate our commitment to working together with the local community

Our next task was to make something happen so we invited the teachers from all three schools to a development day in January and we set them a challenge!

### 'Plan a celebration of Cambourne that is both creative and collaborative!'

We were not sure how they were going to respond but any fears we had were quickly dispelled as the staff enthusiastically rose to the task. Their ideas were many and varied and by the end of the day we were amazed at their creativity and ambition and we knew then that Cambourne Celebration Week was going to be something special.

The Celebration Week started on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> when we, the three headteachers, swapped schools to lead assemblies. We all felt a little nervous standing in front of all those unknown children but were quickly put at our ease when we saw their smiling faces. The rest of the week simply got better and better with many children, parents and teachers exploring Cambourne, visiting the other schools, sending e-mails and video conferencing one another and working with members of our local community including The Belfry, Cambourne Church, Dominos and Cambridge Weekly News. Highlights included Foundation Stage pupils meeting together to perform songs they had prepared and to share cakes and biscuits they had made for each other, Year 1 setting treasure trails for one another, Year 2 exercising together with a Belfry Gym fitness instructor and making healthy snacks, Year 3 writing their own versions of The Jolly Postman set in and around Cambourne, Year 4 meeting in Cambourne Church to perform modern parables set in the local community and Year 5 spending a whole day experiencing the culture of another school whilst exploring Cambourne through their 5 senses (this included making and eating pizza!) The Celebration Week concluded with the launch of the Cambourne Together website in front of a specially invited audience from the local community. The entire content of the website was written by Y6 pupils during the Celebration Week and can be enjoyed at [www.radiowaves.co.uk/cambourneschools](http://www.radiowaves.co.uk/cambourneschools). Their enthusiasm for living in Cambourne and for the Cambourne community is clear for all to see.

So, have we achieved our aims? Well, the pupils are so enthusiastic about their new friendships, about learning outside of the classroom and about living in Cambourne and the staff are so proud of the high quality of the learning that has been produced. We are looking forward to displaying different aspects of the Celebration Week in and around Cambourne so please keep your eyes open. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped us to make this such a successful week. What, you may be wondering, about plans for Cambourne Celebration Week 2012? Watch this space!



Debbie Higham                      The Vine  
Sarah Humphreys Jeavons Wood  
Sarah Porter                        Monkfield Park



## Monkfield Park Primary School

The children of Monkfield Park recently took part in 'Culture Week' – 5 days celebrating music and art from different cultures. The event was a huge success with children completing numerous creative and fun activities. There were many different visitors to the school including story tellers and musicians and during the week, all of the children used clay to make a leaf as a reminder of the week. The leaves look amazing where they have been displayed on a tree at the front entrance of the school.

Year 2 have been enjoying an action packed and exciting first half to the spring term. Since returning

to school after a relaxing Christmas break, we have been busy planning and rehearsing our production. With many songs and countless lines to learn, the children worked tirelessly to practice, practice and practice.

After lots of preparation the children were finally able to share their hard work with family and friends when they performed their show 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World' on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Year 2 took us on a globe-trotting journey with Eddie the Penguin and his family showing us helpful ways to be greener such as recycling, walking places instead of driving and switching off lights when you leave a room.

The show was enjoyed by all who came to see it and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time showing off their extensive acting and singing skills.

With the production finished, the excitement continues as we at Monkfield Park look forward to taking part in the Cambourne Schools' Celebration week during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The week will entail lots of different events being organised by the three primary schools in Cambourne and it gives the children of Cambourne an opportunity to work and play together.

In Year 2, the children of Monkfield Park will be working with the Year 2 children at The Vine and Jeavons Wood on different activities, including swapping schools for a morning or afternoon, a walk around the village, making a 'wheel of unity' comprising of the three schools' colours and taking part in some sporting activities at the Belfry Hotel gymnasium. News of all the exciting activities that our children will have taken part in will follow in the next edition of the Cambourne Crier.



# Blog from Burwell House - Year 4 The Vine School

## January 12th to 14th

**Day 1** We left Cambourne in the rain and arrived at Burwell ..... in the rain!! On arrival, we played the Snail Game to get our bearings and discover some of the many nooks and crannies around the fantastic walled gardens. Ed's Head and a statue of the Burwell Fox were the new additions quickly found and marvelled at. After a delicious (huge) lunch we embarked on a soggy stroll around the village to sketch different architectural features of the Burwell houses. We found out about a local stone called Clunch and the Burwell white bricks made locally made by Lord Colchester whose family once owned Burwell House. The afternoon saw some muddy children get muddier by the minute in the beautiful grounds of the House. Compass skills were practised with varying degrees of success although Jack L. and Josh ran rings around the others (boom, boom). The highlight of the day though was finding out the room allocations with the inhabitants of Roden room being particularly vocal in showing their delight - I wonder which room will be up first in the morning! After a 'giant fish finger' evening meal, (WOW! There are some big appetites in year four!), all the children were ready for bed in a jiffy and quietly playing Top Trumps, drawing, reading or watching Babe. Some very tired but contented looking people gradually took themselves off to bed with most being sound asleep by 9.30pm - well done to Albert for being the first!

**Day 2** After an early start for many, a motley collection of bleary eyed children made their way downstairs for breakfast. Quickly rejuvenated by copious bowls of cereal combined with endless slices of toast washed down with orange juice, we headed off for a carousel of Victorian related activities. Holly, washer woman extraordinaire, scrubbed her laundry whiter than white on a Victorian wash board and then wrung it out on the mangle. Ben made a Victorian cottage out of clay complete with a thatched roof with decorative ridge and scalloped edge. The concentration was amazing! Looking at the 1841 census, William provided a fantastic stream of historical knowledge and anecdotes to challenge even the most learned historian! Katie, Ella, Cara and Georgia P. practised their best tour guide voices, taking Mrs Holman for a trip back in time exploring the great house - servant's quarters and all. The afternoon ended with some fun indoor team challenges. The superstars of the challenges were Tyrese, Sam, Kayleigh, Edward and Oliver who managed to cover Tyrese (who could only have his feet on the floor) with the most amount of coloured plastic balls! After dinner, a lot of very tired children collapsed in the lounge for a viewing of Madagascar before succumbing to the inevitable...

**Day 3** Some very tired children woke to the news that they needed to strip their beds, and make sure every item of clothing they took to Burwell found its way back into the correct bag!!! Some managed it well, others in their daze of "not enough sleep" took a little longer!! Eventually, all rooms were cleared and the day's activities started. Some fresh air and a walk was just what we all needed so we made off for our trip around the village. We plotted some interesting items on our map but they paled into insignificance when we heard about the Policeman who was "murdered". Needless to say we all "saw" his bones in the lode!!!! Back to Burwell House where we played Burwell Fox. Even though we discussed the fact that foxes are quiet and cunning, we had some very loud foxes trying to avoid the hunters (teachers). After lunch we said our farewells and loaded the coach. We all had a fantastic time. Well done everyone!!

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



ONE hundred lots will be up for grabs when Comberton's South Africa Volunteers host an Auction of Promises at Comberton Leisure later this month. On March 24<sup>th</sup> a huge selection of items will go under the hammer to help raise money to pay for 12 students to go to work in Comberton's African

partner schools in Pretoria, South Africa, and Maputo, Mozambique, after their GCSE exams this summer. Included in the auction is a week in a holiday home in Spain, a year's membership of Cb3, the chance for two people to play a round of golf at the Gog Magog Club with CVC Executive Principal Stephen Munday and Deputy Principal Phillip Evans, a range of sports-

related lots, a tempting selection of hampers and much more. Everyone is welcome to come along – doors open at 7.15 – and there will be the opportunity to make sealed bids (more details on the CVC website). If you feel able to donate something to be auctioned, please contact Rachel Hawkes at CVC or e-mail

[publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk)

The week before the auction, two casts of pupils will share the thrills and pressure of performing Comberton Village College's annual musical extravaganza later this month. Rehearsals for the 'Barry' and the 'Manilow' casts in Audacious Productions' interpretation of

Copacabana by Barry Manilow have been ongoing for months as the four-day run at Comberton Leisure draw closer. In a collaboration between CVC's Dance and Music departments, the show is full of striking music and dazzling routines. This is a show not to be missed. It takes place on March 16-19 with tickets from £4.00-£7.00 available

now through WisePay if you have a child at the college, or from the Finance Office or Cb3 reception. This is only one of the fantastic shows at your local arts venue this spring. See below for more details of what's on.

Date	Event	Doors Open	Price
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Custard Comedy	8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March- Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Copacabana	7.00pm	£4.00-£7.00
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Auction of Promises	7.15pm	More details on CVC website
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March-Sunday April 2	Bourn Players' The Wizard of Oz		please go to <a href="http://www.bournplayers.org.uk">www.bournplayers.org.uk</a>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	The Show – an evening of fashion and Music		please go to <a href="http://www.combertonvc.org">www.combertonvc.org</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Custard Comedy	8.00pm	£8 adv / £10 Door

### Papworth Astronomy Club News

On February 2nd, Mike Nichols, one of our club members, gave a talk called "Astro Navigation in Aviation". Mike was a navigator in the RAF and described some of the techniques used before GPS became common. He explained that navigating by the stars was common on older aircraft until the 1980s. He also mentioned that the Apollo astronauts used similar techniques to find their way around the moon. A number of the sextants he described are currently for sale on E-Bay, though sadly not the NASA model!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 2nd. Andrew Pontzen, from the Kavli Institute for Cosmology at Cambridge University, will present "Demystifying Astronomical Statistics". Andrew says this will be the first time he has presented this talk, which he has been preparing for a major conference. It will be in the function room of the Conservatory, Chequers Lane, Papworth Everard, at 7:30PM. Entering Papworth Everard village from the south (St Neots and Cambourne), take the first right after the shops and library into Chequers Lane. The Conservatory is on the left, immediately after the tennis courts. From the north (Huntingdon), take the first left after the sports field into Chequers Lane.

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



## 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](http://www.cambournechurch.org.uk)



### Special services in March

13<sup>th</sup> March 09.30& 11.00– 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in lent

27<sup>th</sup> March will be a 10.00 service and will be followed by the Cambourne Church AGM

3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00 Mothering Sunday

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### Pancakes – Shrove Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

6.00-7.30pm in the church foyer. Join us for pancakes, especially if you are new to Cambourne. Let us know if you can make it: Deidre

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### Children's Holiday Club

This will run between Mon 25<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July 10-12am for children in yrs 1-6 in Sept 2011. More info to follow later!

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### Grand Sale

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 09.30-12.30  
in the church**

Books\* Bric-a-Brac\* Toys\* Clothes in good condition\* All for very reasonable prices\* Refreshments on sale

Contact Ruth Poulton 715365 for more info

All proceeds to the next phase of the church building

### youth stuff...

#### Ignite - Youth Café Night

Monthly event for young people in school years 7-13

**Live Music \* Smoothies and Pizza \* Games\* You tube\* Table football\* Explore Big Questions**

Next Date - 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8.00pm

#### Thirst

Monthly Youth service for school years 7-13

Next date - March 13<sup>th</sup> 7-8.30pm

#### Soccer Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March

Open to school years 7 -13

4.30 - 6.30pm at the MUGA

For more information contact Jon Sanders on 07798 858302

Parent Toddler Space is a new group for parents and their babies, toddlers and preschoolers, with space for God. It is a place where parents of young children can meet with each other for support and discussion with a Christian element.

Each week we try to have some sort discussion or input for the adults, whilst the children play. Those with pre-schoolers will appreciate that this usually necessitates short discussions with a number of interruptions! Sometimes we also have a special activity for the children such as a story, a simple craft, a song or a prayer. This may be related to the adult discussion, or the time of year, or just something in which we know they will enjoy participating. At the moment the group is quite small, usually around 4 adults, which does limit the amount of preparation time available for each week's activities, so we tend to keep things simple.

Recently, we have been looking at a DVD-based parenting course covering such topics as "You are not alone", "The gift of acceptance" and "Setting the boundaries". We have also had discussions on such topics as baptism, spending time with God whilst our children are very young, and how to share about Jesus with our children. We usually run the discussions ourselves, but sometimes Peter Wood, the church minister, or others from the church will come along to share with us.

As a group, we are slowly getting to know each other better, sharing more about our individual struggles and joys as parents. Some weeks we will spend time sharing prayer requests with the group for prayer during the week, and offering these to God. We also share these via email if anything comes up mid-week. If you're having a rough time, we find it's a great comfort to know that your friends are praying for you and are there to support you if needed.

If you are interested in finding out more contact Mary Bingham [pts@snb.org.uk](mailto:pts@snb.org.uk)

### Open Mic – Bigger and better

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm @**

**Cambourne Church**

**An evening of live music \***

**Impressive line-up\* Licensed bar**

Contact [george@harrisons.cc](mailto:george@harrisons.cc) for more info

**Tickets can be purchased on the door for £3 adults/£1.50 for U16s**

## Cambourne Roman Catholic Church

### Cambourne Church Centre

**Saturday's – 5pm**

[www.cambournerc.co.nr](http://www.cambournerc.co.nr) [cambournerc@aol.com](mailto:cambournerc@aol.com)

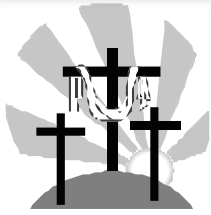
You may have seen in the local media the reports of Bishop Michael's deteriorating health. We ask that you keep him in your prayers at this time in his life; his example of faith and courage is an encouragement to us all and especially those who face adversity. He will continue in his ministry as bishop where possible. He deserves our respect and unstinting spiritual support.

We are trying to get our Children's liturgy sessions underway during our masses as there is a real need for our children to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Mass. We hope to encourage children to take part; this will be there for all school age children. We are also trying to build up a box of children's books about their faith which they can read in their seats. Please let us know of any other ideas which you feel would help, and if you can donate any books to the cause.

Vincent Menezes



# PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



## Peacehaven Baptist Church

Meeting Sundays  
10:00 Bible study and  
Sunday school

11:00 Morning  
worship  
at the Hub

Wednesday evenings  
7 pm  
at the

Pastor's house  
For more info email  
[Peacehavenbc@aol.com](mailto:Peacehavenbc@aol.com)

or call  
01954 710510  
Pastor  
Donavan Bangs

### Pastoral Thoughts

Hebrews 10: 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

### Why should I go to a local church?

Now this is a question that has been asked by many people over the years in one form or another. It has been asked by both believers and nonbelievers. One of the most common forms of this question is the I don't need to go to church to be a Christian statement that some people have made. And indeed that is very true in the same way whilst I was in the military I did not need to show up for work to be part of the military. After all I had publicly professed my allegiance and had been duly sworn in. I have the documents and identity paper work proving that I was indeed part of the military. However, not showing up for work would mean that I was not a very good part of the military. I would be absent without leave. I could be found to be in dereliction of my duty, in disobedience to direct orders and possibly insubordination to my superiors or desertion. Now it is understandable to miss the occasional service due to other circumstances like sickness or if you are physically incapable of attending, but this should be the exception rather than the rule. We should go to a local church because it is an act of obedience to God. Right there in verse 25 it is a command and commands are meant to be obeyed. Not forgetting in the same passage it says let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: If you isolate yourself you cannot fulfill that command. We should also go because it is an expression of our love for God. Going to church is a visible, tangible expression of our love and worship toward God. And that is not all we should also go to church because it will help us to be stronger spiritually.

Receiving the preaching and teaching of the Word of God increases our faith and builds us up spiritually Romans 10:17, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. As a believer you should be in church because It provides needed fellowship with other Christians. Now some people I have met have told me that they are Christians, but they do not go to church because they have had a bad experience at a church. You know I had some bad experiences in my life buying food. Some bad fruit and veg. Now does that mean I will never buy any more food? No of course not, I may change the place I shop or brand I purchase but I won't stop buying food because I need it. And guess what we need fellowship with other believers. The Bible says in Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Well how can you do that without speaking with other believers. Also, it provides accountability The Bible tells us to know them that are over us in the Lord 1 Thessalonians 5:12, And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; This would be impossible without being present in a physical local body of believers, that have defined places of leadership. This also rules out TV and radio churches as a substitute for a attending a local church as there is no direct accountability and you are not serving in those merely observing. The accountability prevents us rationalizing sin as we have folks around us to help us when we are thinking of doing something dumb, to remind us of what is right. In short If you are a believer you should be in Church. For a fuller explanation check out [www.peacehavenbc.org.uk/sermons](http://www.peacehavenbc.org.uk/sermons)

If you have questions or just need to chat let us know.

Donavan Bangs

## Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Air Training Corps

1 The Crescent, St Neots, Cambs. PE19 1EQ  
Tel: 01480 352290 Mob: 07810 486412 Email: [WMCO@BedsCambsWgATC.org](mailto:WMCO@BedsCambsWgATC.org)



### St Neots Air Cadets celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ATC

Air Cadets and Staff from 2500 (St Neots) Squadron celebrated with the six other Squadrons in the Western Sector last Sunday for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Training Corp hosted by 134 (Bedford) Squadron.

It was a cold and very windy afternoon when they marched through Bedford Town led by the Band from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron for a Church Service at St Pauls Church in Bedford.

Banners from all Squadrons, formed a Guard of Honour at the Church before processing up the aisle, to renew their promise. The Squadron Banner Bearer was Cpl Jack Hanitzsch.

Following the Service there was a March past through the Town, with the salute being taken by Officer Commanding Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing, Wing Commander Paul Bower and the Mayor Bedford, Cllr David Hodgson outside the Magistrates Court.

M J BELL  
Flt. Lt. RAF VR(T)  
Beds & Cambs Wing  
Media Communications Officer



Cadets from 2500 Squadron.



Sgt Hanson talking to the Mayor of Bedford, far left Cpl Jay Milne.

## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP



Held at 1.30pm in Cambourne library, mostly on the first Monday of each month. The theme for the March meeting will be 'a brief memoir of a fictional character'. New members are very welcome.

For more details and future themes contact Pat on 718836 or Alan on 01480 880442 or [snibgo@earthling.net](mailto:snibgo@earthling.net)

## BEGINNERS' WATERCOLOUR and ART & CRAFT CLASSES

We need just a few more interested people to start a new group. Please get in touch.

### THE ART GANG

This is an informal gathering, usually in the Monkfield Arms from 7.30pm 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. March 14<sup>th</sup> - Discussion: Motivation for art.

### PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

In this new group, levels of expertise vary from beginner to advanced, with everything in between, and more members will be very welcome. Meetings are fortnightly, in the Cricket Pavilion from 7-8.30pm on March 8, but for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> venue please ring 01954 710858.

### LIFE DRAWING EVENING SESSION

This will be held in the Hub meeting room on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9pm. The model will be female. Steve will be available to give help and advice with your drawing if necessary. Space is limited and by advance booking only so please contact [stevendi25@btinternet.com](mailto:stevendi25@btinternet.com) to book and for details on what you will need to bring.

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

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

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

Visit the website at [www.cambournearts.org](http://www.cambournearts.org)

## Greetings from Cambourne Library

The library opening hours are

Mon: 3.30 – 7.30 • Tues: 9.00 – 2.00 • Weds: Closed all day • Thurs: 3.30 – 7.30 • Fri: 9.00 – 2.00 Sat: • 9.30 - 1.00

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. Did you know that as well as Greetings Cards you can buy stamps at the library?

**Book Start gifts.** You can collect your book start pack from the library any time, just bring along your red health visitors book.

• **BOOK SIGNING:** Cambourne Library March 14<sup>th</sup> 4.30 – 6.30pm. Local author Sheila Wood (born in 1927) has just published her autobiography "So Much to Remember". Pop along and see her.

• **READING GROUP** – The library has a lunch time reading group Cambourne Lunch Bunch. New members always welcome. See library for details.

• **COMPUTER COURSE:** The library offers a free computer courses for beginners. Please pop into the library for details if you are interested in putting your name down.



## Cambourne Ladies International Club

Contact: Laura Bangs Tel: 01954 710510 [Cambourne.clic@gmail.com](mailto:Cambourne.clic@gmail.com)

<http://www.cambourne-ladies-international-club.org.uk/>

Coffee Mornings & Playgroup

Wednesday 10 am to Noon Except school holidays

Meetings at the Cambourne Community Centre (The Hub)



## Cambourne Catch up Café Open to everyone who lives in Cambourne

Every **Wednesday** from 11am until 1pm at the Cambourne Soul Youth Venue

Includes:

- Teas - Coffees - Lattes - Cappuccinos - Hot chocolate
- Cheese toasties and jacket potatoes also available
  - Free internet access
  - Pool table
- Bring your children, all welcome. Somewhere to chat with your friends and meet new people.

This is a 'community café' and so food and drink will be available for a donation to help keep it going! Call Laura on 07702 349 407 for more information or join the Cambourne Catch Up Café Facebook group page.



## BIGGER & BETTER LIVE MUSIC Open mic night



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Cambourne Church  
Doors open @ 7.30pm  
Adults £3 – U16 £1-50  
For info email  
[george@harrisons.cc](mailto:george@harrisons.cc)  
Licenced bar



**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

2.30pm to 4pm at The Sports Centre,  
Cambridge Regional College,  
King's Hedges Road, Cambridge, CB4 2QT

Entrance: £1

High quality clothes, toys and equipment  
for children (0 – 10) at bargain prices

❖ Beat the rush! Help out and you get to shop  
at the Volunteers' Preview Sale. To volunteer,  
please email: [nsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:nsvolunteers@gmail.com)

For general enquiries or to advertise your business at the sale contact  
0844 243 6071

Priority queue for NCT card-holding members - doors open for members at 2pm

[www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/cambridge](http://www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/cambridge)



## Community Car Scheme for Cambourne

As the Caldecote and Hardwick Community Car Scheme, we are members of Care Network and have in the past also covered Cambourne along with Caldecote, Hardwick, and Childerley. With the current national transport problems in mind we have agreed to re-publicise this service in case this should be of use to anyone.

The scheme is designed to help people who are unable to drive and have physical problems that make it difficult to get about easily to such things as hospital, dentist and social appointments. The passenger will be asked to pay the driver 25p per mile from the driver's door to the agreed destination and then back to the driver's home again. At the moment most of our drivers live in Caldecote and Hardwick.

As more and more people are beginning to use this service, the current scheme is so heavily used in Caldecote, Hardwick and increasingly in Cambourne to the extent that we do more than one run a day for every day of the year! So far we have managed to service all our requests!

Because of Cambourne's size, it really needs its own Car Scheme administration team together with its own drivers. If you can give some time to this very worthwhile community scheme, please contact one of the team members listed below.

Meanwhile, if you live in Cambourne and would like to drive for the scheme we would be delighted to hear from you. There is no cost to you but you must undergo a CRB check which we will organise - again at no cost to yourself. Then when driving you receive the 25p per mile from the passenger + later a 15p per mile subsidy/top up from the County Council. Also whilst driving an agreed passenger you are covered by CCC insurance.

So - if you do feel like joining us either as a volunteer driver, user or as part of the Cambourne admin team, just ring one of the numbers below and we will do our best to help!

Sheila Stephenson Tel. 01954 210638

Glenda Jones Tel. 01954 211700

Hazel Swindells Tel. 01954 212998

## Cambourne Women in Business hand over GIANT cheque

Cambourne Women in Business is a unique gathering of locally-based organisations established or managed by women in Cambourne and surrounding villages in South Cambridgeshire. We organise local events to support these local business women, and also to raise money for charity. Our chosen charity for 2010 was the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrookes Hospital (PICU) [www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk](http://www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk)) as so many of us had called upon their amazing facilities and skills with our own children.

Throughout 2010 we have organised many events, ranging from our hugely successful and massively well attended (over 200 ladies!) Here Come the Girls night (which involves shopping, socialising and a performance by Rhythm of Life singers. What more could you ask for?) and Here Come the Girls do Boden (in partnership with the beautiful Boden clothing range) alongside smaller events such as networking nights/coffee mornings, and business workshops for the local businesswomen.



With all of the efforts of a huge number of people (our small committee, our huge following of both local business women and supporters who attend our events, and of course those who help us in other ways, volunteers, raffle prize donators, designers, printers, venues and more) we are extraordinarily proud to have presented Trudy Harper and Sarah O'Driscoll from PICU with a very oversized cheque for £1,200!!!!

Mrs Harper, project manager from the unit, expressed delight at the sum raised and said the money would go towards new state of the art technology to improve the safety of dispensing life saving drugs quickly and more efficiently.

Cambourne Women in Business would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of our supporters who made this possible. We are already busy organising even more events for 2011, for which our chosen charity will be East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH <http://www.each.org.uk>), and as always need all the support we can get, so please look out for news of our events in local press, or visit our website [www.cwib.org.uk](http://www.cwib.org.uk).

We hope to meet you soon.  
Cambourne Women in Business



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire  
Peterborough

## Wildlife Review March 2011

Spring is definitely well on its way now with many of our familiar birds starting to sing in the woods, hedgerows and meadows. Out in the country park and around the meadows I have heard the skylarks singing as they soar up into the sky. Yellow hammers have begun to call from the hedges along the southern boundary, not quite managing the full "little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheeeeeeeese" song yet. The woods are full of squeeking great tits, repetitive song thrushes and even the quiet peepings of bullfinch (a pathetic little noise for such a bold looking bird). As we work in the woodlands around Cambridgeshire, I notice the woodland flowers starting to peek through the leaf litter; bluebells, primrose, arum and early purple orchids all promising a fantastic display later in the year. At the end of March the blackthorn will start to flower, providing an important early nectar source for emerging insects.

In Cambourne we have been adjusting the new bridle gates on the southern boundary bridleway after feedback from horse riders. Hopefully they are now more accessible and will be easy for everyone to use when we have sheep on Skylark Meadow this year. Please let us know if you are having any problems with any of the gates, bridges or paths around Cambourne. If they are not looked after by us we can always pass the message on to the right people. We are still looking to put more benches in around the Country Park, so if you have any ideas for good locations then please let me know. Lots of people have requested them around Lake Sirius and Whomping Willow Lake, these areas are not under Wildlife Trust management but we have passed the message on to the developers.



You may also have noticed that some new dog bins have been installed around the green spaces, hard to miss as they are bright red! These have been installed by the Parish Council in response to requests from residents and the locations have been agreed with the Wildlife Trust. They will be emptied by the PC groundsmen. We hope they are in more convenient locations so dog walkers don't have to carry their dog's waste so far. Hopefully we will see fewer bagged up poos being chucked into hedges and we won't run over it or tread in it so much when we are out mowing the grass this summer!

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne, please get in touch.  
Email: [jenny.mackay@wildlifebcnp.org](mailto:jenny.mackay@wildlifebcnp.org) or call: 01954 713516 (please leave a message and we will get back to you).

To find out more about your local Wildlife Trust, what we offer in Cambourne and how you can support us, please visit [www.wildlifebcnp.org](http://www.wildlifebcnp.org).  
Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer

**March meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Hub when Diana Mandella will be giving a cookery demonstration of "Vegetarian Delights" so why not come along and get some new ideas for healthy eating. Visitors are very welcome. As usual there will be time to socialise, have refreshments and sign up for activities.

**February meeting.** We were transported back 4000 years when Rodney Tibbs gave us a slideshow featuring "The Land of Petra". When he was motoring correspondent for the Cambridge News he had the privilege of being invited there along with other journalists by Peugeot who were setting up an advertising shoot for their cars. Those who are fans of Indiana Jones would recognise the magnificent treasury building. Like the other buildings in the city it had been sculpted out of rose red rock and could only be reached through a narrow ravine. This did not deter Peugeot in their zeal for a good photo opportunity as they transported their cars into position by helicopter!

**Book Club.** It is hoped that the book club will meet more frequently, on the third Wednesday of the month, in the Monkfield Arms at 7.30pm. Non-members are very welcome to come along. For details please contact Ruth on 718989.

**Walking group.** There is a great programme of walks for this year. These walks are usually in the region of 4 - 6 miles. Husbands, partners and friends are very welcome to come along. The last walk was a rather soggy but enjoyable one through the grounds of Anglesey Abbey to see the snowdrops. The next will be a walk of approx 4 miles round Wimpole Estate on Friday 4th March and on 1st April the walk will be to Boxworth and Childerley with the possibility of seeing around Childerley Hall (approx. 5miles). For details please phone Fran on 710858 or Penny on 200126.

**Theatre group.** 5 members are going to see Corrie in February and there is a further selection of performances at Cambridge Arts theatre proposed for the coming months. Penny puts interested people in touch with each other and she can be contacted on 01954 200126.

**Darts group.** The group meets on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Monkfield Arms. A team of 4 plus 2 reserves has been formed to play against other WI teams and their first match takes place in February against Milton. Details from Joan 200908 or Edna 717360.

**Coffee mornings.** These are now becoming a monthly event and have been well-attended. We plan to continue them on the last Friday of each month at 10.30am at Green's coffee shop.

**Ladies who lunch.** The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on the 11th March at The China Moon near Papworth  
We hope to have these lunches every few months.

**10th Anniversary.** A celebration is planned after the AGM on Thursday 14th April on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the founding of our branch. There will be a buffet from Green's accompanied by wine and some in-house entertainment.

There are a lot of interesting things coming up so hope you can join us. Non-members are very welcome. Contact: Fran Panrucker 01954 710858.

**Cambourne WI-Lite**

A get-together of women interested in a younger aspect to the WI took place in the Monkfield Arms in February and a group are planning to come to the March meeting of the main WI listed above. Come and join us.

## Cambourne Kitchen

### Root vegetable pasta

This is a great recipe for getting lots of vegetables into your diet. It's seasonal because it uses root vegetables which are perfect at this time of year. It's also good for using up vegetables that are past their best. With its sweeter flavour it should appeal to the kids too and it's comforting after a crisp, fresh March day. It is also straightforward and easy to do which makes it all the better because it's super delicious as well.

**Method:**

Roughly chop the vegetables and pop into a deep saucepan with the oil. Fry for about 5 minutes to get a little bit of colour, then add the water, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Boil until soft and yielding. (If adding scotch bonnets add those with the vegetables to fry.) Start cooking your pasta at the same time. (it will vary on how many people you are cooking for but it's usually about 60-70g (a small handful) dry pasta per person.)

**For the sauce:**

- 1 leek
- 6 carrots
- ½ cauliflower
- 3 turnips
- 2tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 pt water
- 2 scotch bonnet chillies (optional)
- 1-2 tbsp oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Any kind of pasta you prefer

When soft, remove the vegetables from the heat and blend until smooth.

Once the pasta is cooked, strain it and pop into the saucepan with the blended vegetables and stir until it's all coated. Serve immediately.

As a variation you could grate some fresh cheese over the top or add pieces of cooked chicken to the sauce. If you'd like it a little richer and more sumptuous, try adding a knob of butter or spoonful of cream. If you find that you have too much vegetable puree then, before adding the pasta, take some out and place in plastic boxes. It will freeze brilliantly and is the perfect base for a quick soup by simply adding water or stock to thin it out slightly.



**Cambourne Parish Councillors:** A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council as Cllr Miss Heidi Weight has resigned due to moving out of the area. During her spell Heidi brought experience from her time working within local government to the council, her knowledge and personal energy benefited the council, we wish both her and future husband good wishes. If an election is called this will be held on the 5th May 2011 when there will be the District Council Elections and the referendum on the Voting system.

**Combined Maintenance Building, External Changing and Clubroom:** The works are progressing well on site and we are working with the contractors Coulson Building Group to ensure that the new building is up and running prior to the next Football and Rugby seasons.

**Dog Bins:** The Parish Council in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust installed five new bins around the Country Park. McA Developments Ltd contributed to the provision of the bins. They are already being well used.

**Bowling Green:** The Parish Council in conjunction with South Cambs District Council and Cambridgeshire Bowls Club are working together to hold an Open Day on the 1st May 2011 at the Bowling Green. All residents will be welcome to come along and try their hand at bowling more details to follow in a future report. There will then be a series of open times for people to come along and bowl.

**Footpaths:** The Parish Clerk will be carrying out maintenance work on the Southern Bridleway in conjunction with McA Developments to improve the surface for all the users. Please bear with us during the works. We will try and minimise the impact on the users of the path while the works are being carried out.

The track from Stirling Way to the Broadway has been cleared by the Parish Council as it is being well used by residents walking to the Bus Stop on the old A428 and cycling out of Cambourne.

John Vickery  
Cambourne Parish Clerk

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

John Vickery the Parish Clerk is available at Parish Office, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW. Telephone 01954 714403 or by e-mail at [clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk) The Parish Clerk will normally be in the office between 9.30am and 1pm Monday to Friday and by appointment at other times.

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - March and April

Date	Time	Meeting
1st March	7.30pm *	Planning Committee Council
22nd March	7.30pm *	Planning Committee Finance and Policy Committee
5th April	7.30pm *	Planning Committee Council

## Do you have a sight problem? Do you know someone with a sight problem?

**Cam Sight is the Cambridgeshire Society for Blind and Partially Sighted people. We are starting a new monthly support and social group for visually impaired people in the Cambourne and Bourn area. Our first meeting will be held on:**

**Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm The Community Room, Hall Close, Bourn**

**All welcome**

**Please contact Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 for more information.  
Transport can be arranged if necessary.**

**We also need volunteers who can offer a few hours each month to drive people to the group, serve refreshments or just chat to group members. No experience is necessary, as training and support will be given by Cam Sight. If you are interested in volunteering for our new group, please ring Alison on 01223 420033 or email [alison@camsight.org.uk](mailto:alison@camsight.org.uk)**

# Cambourne Eagles F.C. News



## Totball (2-3 year olds)

The Eagles totballers are going from strength to strength and the excitement amongst the children is evident. Every Friday, the children turn up fully kitted out and tear the MUGA apart with their energy and enthusiasm. Come rain or very strong wind they all play their hearts out and every player is a star. Both Christopher Reade and Nathan Griffiths have claimed the player of the week trophy through their spectacular performances.

I have to say I look forward to seeing all the tots each week (too many to mention by name, but I am sure over the weeks I will get them all in!). The sight of Harry in his tiger hat, Zach in his new gloves, Oscar and Oliver in their full team strip with matching competitive spirit and Lian dragging along mum Katherine (Lian certainly gives mum a good work out!)

If you have a tot with some energy to lose, please come and join us. Sessions run on a Friday from 2.15-2.45pm on the MUGA, Great Cambourne and are £1 payable weekly.

## Academy (4-5 year olds)

The academy players had a difficult start to the year because of the bad weather, but have pushed on and are showing real signs of progress. This year is going to see big changes for the academy, as we look forward to putting a team together.

## Under 9's

The U9's had a brilliant start to the year and have battled on against some tough opposition. A recent meeting with Histon U9's confirmed our thoughts that our league is tougher than most of the others. However, we see this as a positive, as playing quality opposition can only better the boys ability and set them in good stead for the year ahead.

The players have had brilliant support from parents and friends who follow the team's progress. With only five games left of the season the U9's are in a good league position and will continue to put hard work into training as we prepare for the business end of the season. We are looking to push on and turn all the hard work into positive results.

## Under 11's TEAM OF THE MONTH

Cambourne Eagles U11's have now been together for nearly five seasons with half a dozen of the boys having been there right from the start. The team is unrecognisable from the six year olds who played the first ever tournament at Soham and are now a team who play very attractive "Arsene Wenger-esque" passing football. One thing that hasn't changed is the fantastic support the U11's get from their families. It's always great to see parents, grandparents and siblings at the matches week in, week out. They all turn out to cheer the boys on which provides incredible support. These same people also run the tea stall (now including bacon rolls) and the raffle to raise money to ensure we can do something for the boys at the end of the season. As well as this, they also volunteer to be referees or lines assistants. A big thank you to you all!!

The boys in the squad are incredibly passionate about their football and it is noticeable that they rarely miss games or training and are always looking for ways to improve themselves. In training we concentrate a lot on ball control, passing and movement, but we always make sure that we have some fun as well.

This season we are in an incredibly competitive league with about half of the teams capable of winning the league. Our record for the season so far is played 10, won 5 and lost 5, a record we will be aiming to improve through the remaining six games of the season. We did manage to get to the third round of the cup with good wins against Witchford and Royston before losing a very close game to Royston by two goals to one.

We are already looking forward to next season with a move to 11 a side football (including offsides!) which will be another challenge but one which a very talented group of footballers will take in their stride.



## Under 17's

The U17's have played two tough matches during the last two weeks. First we went down 2-1 against second placed Mildenhall in a close game in which we threw everything but the kitchen sink at them, resulting in them clearing off the line and their defence being severely tested. Had the goalkeeper not been in top form I am sure we would have come away with a point.

In our second game against Fulbourn, we were also unlucky to come away with nothing. We took the lead with a fantastic goal by Alex, before having to play the last eight minutes with 10 men, due to an injury. Fulbourn took advantage, scoring with virtually the last kick of the game to win 3-2. We then played a friendly to give us a game before our Cup match this Sunday and won 3-1 against Fordham.

## New Blood at Eagles

Eagles are proud to welcome on board 7 new coaches who are already in training for the 2011/12 season. The enthusiasm and energy shown from these guys (coupled with the skills and qualifications) can only be a good thing for the club and they will no doubt provide great football for the new generation of Eagles players.

Welcome to Eagles!

**CAMBOURNE EAGLES ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING PLAYERS IN THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEARS (CURRENT):**

**FOUNDATION STAGE- TO JOIN OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ACADEMY TRAINING SCHEME**

**YRS 1 AND 2- TO JOIN OUR NEW UNDER 8'S FOR THE 2011/12 SEASON**

**YR 3- TO JOIN OUR NEW UNDER 9'S FOR THE 2011/12 SEASON**

**YR 4- TO JOIN OUR SUCCESSFUL UNDER 9'S TEAM (UNDER 10'S FOR THE 2011/12 SEASON)**

**TO JOIN US PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB SECRETARY ON 01954 203162 OR VIA OUR CLUB WEBSITE: WWW.CAMBOURNEEAGLES.CO.UK**

**IT'S NOT JUST FOOTBALL WE OFFER, BUT GUIDANCE, CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHILD AND THEIR FUTURE PROGRESSION IN FOOTBALL, SO COME ON, BE AN EAGLE!**

# Cambourne F.C. News

Cambourne Football Club – Club Chairman Cambourne FC U8

*"All our teams continue a very strong performance in the 2010-11 season, challenging for the lead or near the top of each of their leagues. This couldn't have happened without the support of the children, their parents and our excellent management team at Cambourne FC. More gratifying than that is the continued spirit of fair play that the club supports and how this translates into the behaviour of the boys. At this time of year it's a great pleasure to be Chairman as we look towards the wins gone by and the wins to come, and to celebrating success at trophy night at the end of the season. If you're interested in your child learning football skills in a supportive environment, don't hesitate to get in touch with the appropriate manager for your child's age."*

Cambourne FC wishes to welcome Danny White as next season's U7 Manager and Chris Wilkinson who is looking to manage one of next season's new teams.

Thank you to all those who have donated to our 'Put your boots in' campaign; we have enabled four children to play football thanks to these donations.

Donation of Footballs to Kenya - Cambourne FC has donated footballs to children in Kenya through aid worker Julie Brooker.

## Saturday Soccer School

The Cambourne FC Soccer School is held every Saturday morning between 9.00 and 10.00 am. The school 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 a great joy to watch the children train as they play with smiles on their faces. We are starting to think ahead to next season and we have enough Year 1 players for two teams to play in the U7's league next season. Seeing how our current U7 team is playing and developing it seems that this is the best route for the children to develop at a sensible pace and grow into the footballers we know they can be.

New children are always joining the Soccer School with a warm welcome and we hope that they enjoy the session as they start out on their footballing journey. Please contact Steve on the details below if you wish to join this thriving Soccer School.

## Cambourne FC U7

The U7s continued the New Year as they had ended the last one, playing a spirited and thrilling game against Somersham. It was a real team performance with everyone giving it their all from defence to attack. The team is going from strength to strength as they overcome their winter bug, and begin to bond and form solid foundations for next year. The U7s now have a few weeks of training to look forward to, before a busy March league campaign.

Cambourne U8s have played two games this New Year, against Caldecote and Gransden; both were very close games. The boys are playing good passing football and are creating space with goal scoring opportunities. We need to put away more of our chances, but that will come in time. We look forward to playing more friendly matches alongside the league matches.

## Cambourne FC U9

Cambourne U9s stretched their unbeaten run to an impressive 16 games in February by beating Willingham Wolves 7-2 and Girton 4-1. This took the U9s to an impressive +35 goal difference as the team had only conceded six league goals all season. The U9's unbeaten run finally came to an end in a 3-4 away loss against Histon. The spirit and attitude of the U9 children is so impressive and the foundation of this team's success. We would like to thank all the children, as they are an absolute joy to work with, and the parents for their support.

## Cambourne FC U12

*"Just a quick note to say that the guys who coach the U12s are a credit to Cambourne, and all the boys play football with a smile on their face – win, lose or draw. We have only played your team twice, but you have been the most friendly and competitive side we have come up against. Many thanks and keep going."*

(Bill Mansfield, Coach, Spartak U12)

We would like to send our thanks to Bill from Spartak for taking the time to send such positive feedback and pass on our appreciation to all those connected with the U12s who are doing so well with the children.

## Cambourne FC U16

The U16s have built on their good start to the New Year. A cold, blustery away game on Coldhams Common saw the U16s face Fulbourn Falcons. It was a tough game, despite Fulbourn only having 10 men; the U16s played well to build up a 3-0 lead, but conceded from the penalty spot and a corner to earn a 3-2 win. I have to say that Fulbourn were fantastic and gave us a really difficult game; full credit to them. The U16s then had a game at home against Priory Parkside in the Hillsborough Memorial Cup. We ended up winning 2-0, although Priory did give us a few scares and it is good to see how they have developed as a team over the years that we have come up against them.

Our next game was a tough away trip to table toppers Hundon Hawks. We have played Hundon twice already this season, winning the league game and losing the Cup game. The conditions were not great, but the U16s were absolutely awesome on the day and played very well. Unfortunately, the ball just did not want to end up in the net for us and the final result was 1-1 after we went a goal behind. The U16s fully deserved the win and Hundon were lucky to get a point from the game.



Our tough run continues as we are away to newly top of the table Chesterton Villa (who are on an excellent winning streak), away to Chatteris Town, and then home to Newmarket Town in the next round of the Hillsborough Memorial Cup.

## Contact Details:

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[colchester794@btinternet.com](mailto:colchester794@btinternet.com)

Under 9s – Stuart Racher: 07773177534 or [sracher@hotmail.com](mailto:sracher@hotmail.com)

Under 10s – Stuart Racher: (as above)

Under 12s – Chris Moore / Laura Amos:

[lauraamos@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauraamos@hotmail.co.uk)

Under 16s – Steve Doidge: (as above)

Club E-mail: [secretary@cambournefc.com](mailto:secretary@cambournefc.com)

Child Welfare Officer:

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

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

## Quiz Night

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

At the Church

Doors Open 7.30pm; Start 8.00pm

£7.50 Per Person

Includes Entrance Fee and Dinner

Licensed Bar

For Tickets Contact:

Laura Amos 07788 421158

Anna Simpson 07968 069962



U12



U7



# The Pike Anglers of Cambourne.

*Please contact us @ [www.thepikers.net](http://www.thepikers.net) or @ [cambourne.piking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cambourne.piking@hotmail.co.uk)*

After spending much time away from the riverbank recently, I finally managed to catch up with two of my fishing colleagues, Nigel and Paul. Prior to meeting up on the Sunday, we decided to meet a couple of days earlier for a pint or two, and have a natter. During this meeting, the venue I suggested we fish was the River Cam. This is not somewhere we fish that often, so I thought it would be a good place for us to start.

In fact, it turned out to be the complete opposite. After four hours of walking, dodging cyclists and joggers, and avoiding vast numbers of speeding rowing boats, we were fishless! We decided, therefore, to move further away from all the hustle and bustle of the city centre, and go somewhere a little bit quieter! Well, things began to happen almost instantly at our new chosen area. Within minutes of my half Herring hitting the water, it was picked up. Unfortunately I lost that one, but I did catch the next one which weighed around 4lb. Then, I missed the next one when it dropped my bait, and then, I lost another. A short time later and Paul managed to get in on the action as well. He landed the biggest fish of the day, and it was also a personal best Pike for him, it weighed 8lb 14ozs. His toothy critter fell to a ledgered Mackerel. Unfortunately, after that, the fishing began to slow down somewhat considerably.



A week or so later, I did get back to the same swim on the Cam, and it started off just as frantic as our last visit. Within minutes of casting

in my float-fished sardine, a scrappy little jack pike of about 5lb came to the net. Then, minutes later, my float-fished paternoster rig was taken. This was baited up with a single sprat. The result was another small jack of around 4lb. Next, only minutes later, another small jack took a fancy to one of my Sardines, this one weighed around 3lb. After such a surprisingly good start, it turned out to be the only action I had that afternoon. In 4 hours of fishing, it was only the first 45 minutes that had produced any sport. The rest of the afternoon till dusk, was very quiet.

Now that the end of the season is fast approaching us, (March 14th), I am trying to get out as much as I can. On a rest day from work, I did get to fish a stretch of the River Ivel near Moggerhanger. Unfortunately, after 8 hours I had only landed one small Pike of around 3-4lb, and this fish fell to a float-fished sardine.

A much more successful stint was enjoyed when I had my next rest day from work and decided to venture to the River Ouse. I have not fished the Ouse as much as I should have in the past, but I believe that the river holds some very fine fish. I think, in future, I should spend a bit more time and effort on it, and try to improve on my 18lb Ouse personal best.

I had an early start while it was still misty, and within a very short time, had three fish in one area! The biggest of these was 12 lb. I walked on to a different spot and, using sardines again, encountered a number of runs which, curiously, did not amount to any captures. I kept my nerve(!) and persevered by cutting down the size of my deadbaits. This resulted in a further two catches. Both fish were hooked simultaneously...the first weighed in around 10 lbs then the second was a smaller jack.

I continued to fish into dusk, then dark, but no further pike were to be caught. It had been a good, productive, day's sport and I was happy to be back on the river bank.

Until next time, good fishing, Stu

## The Running Man

In last month's issue I spoke about setting goals as a way of keeping motivated, particularly for runners, by entering races. Now for some people the thought of running in a race can bring back bad memories of school PE lessons and sports days. But put those memories behind you and entering a race can be a rewarding experience on many levels.

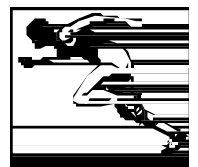
It has been said that the only difference between a jogger and a runner is a race number and certainly whether you are competitive or not you will find yourself pushing harder in a race than when running alone. Being surrounded by other runners and the support of a crowd can give you a real buzz. You can race others or race yourself - set a goal time and try to beat it or run just to get across the finish line perhaps running with a friend or raising money for a favourite charity along the way.

Taking part in a race will help you to gain confidence in your ability and give further motivation to get out and train, possibly to beat your time at the next race. I'll list upcoming local races each month in this column so, if you are new to running or a regular runner give it a go and enter a race this spring!

**The Cambourne Runners Beginners Group meets Saturday mornings at 9am outside the Hub**

**Upcoming Local Races in March/April:**

- Every Saturday: Cambridge Parkrun 5 km trail, Milton Park
- Sun 20th Mar: Hurden 9 miles, Offord, Cambs
- Sun 27th Mar: Oakley 20 miles, Oakley, Beds
- Sun 3rd Apr: Cambourne 10k, Cambourne!
- Sun 10th Apr: Flitwick 10k, Flitwick, Beds



**Cambourne Cricket Club is looking forward to the 2011 season.**



The Club recently held its AGM and appointed fresh blood to the leadership of the club. In this senior section, the following players were voted in as captains:

**1st XI: Paul Darrington • 2nd XI: Liam Healy • 3rd XI: Jonny Wilkinson**

Club Chairman Danny White commented:

"We are really excited to see the captains who have stepped forward for this season. In the first team, Paul Darrington has arguably been the best player for many seasons and so will lead by example. He also has experience of captaincy at university level. In the second team, who were so close the promotion last year, Liam Healy will do a great job. He's a popular and strong individual who can win a game single handedly with his powerful batting. In the third team, Jonny Wilkinson sparkled last season leading his promotion winning side. I'm sure he'll inspire even better performances this time around.

It's also great that former first team captain Mark Tandy will play the role of Club Captain and so will share his wisdom with the others."

For old and new players interested in pre-season nets, please visit the website at [www.cambournecc.com](http://www.cambournecc.com)

## **Cambourne Runner going for the London Marathon**

Les Poole of Greenhaze Lane, Great Cambourne has committed himself to running the London Marathon on Sunday 17th April in aid of Cancer Research and St Joseph's Hospice, some of you may have noticed a bright green top running around the streets of Cambourne in the fog, wind & rain, yes that will be Les !!

It has taken Les almost 6yrs to obtain a place in the Marathon and the furthest he has run prior to training was 6 miles, which he is pleased to report he has already exceeded. As part of his training he is also running the half marathon at Silverstone on 6th March and will also be part of the 10k Cambourne Run on 3rd April.

Why am I doing this you may ask.....well it has been a long ambition to run the London Marathon and I could think of no better cause to raise funds for than two charities that give so much to the those in need and it is my way of thanking them for helping lost family, its also happens to be a big birthday this year (with an 0 on the end), so something to tick off the bucket list !!

Les is also part of the Cambourne Runners which meet every Saturday outside the Hub and would encourage others to give it a go as it is a much gentler way of getting into distance running

If you would like to assist in helping raise funds for both Cancer Research & St Josephs Hospice....either visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/les.poole> or <http://www.justgiving.com/Les-Poole49>

Otherwise if you see a green top running in the fog, just give a friendly toot to spur him on

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

### AGM

The Cambourne Tennis AGM will be held on 11 March at 7pm (Venue TBA - see website for update). 2011 is a critical year for the club. We have a new coaching team on board and the possibility of building an extra 3 courts. However, the committee needs more help from members. Please come along and give your views and maybe take an active role in helping in developing the club.

### Junior Tennis

A reminder that the club has tennis coaching for juniors aged 5 - 18 every Monday and Saturday during school term time conducted by fully qualified professional tennis coach Matthew Sanders. For more information or to book a place on one of our courses, visit [www.overandin.com](http://www.overandin.com) or call 01223 847472

### Ladies Tennis

The club is looking for some additional ladies to join our successful teams. If you enjoy playing tennis, if you like to compete or love to meet good people, please contact: Kay Yanagawa at [cambournecoaching@gmail.com](mailto:cambournecoaching@gmail.com) or 07775910280.

### Winter League

The Cambridgeshire Winter 2010 League is now complete; it took longer than normal thanks to the all the snow! There were five teams representing Cambourne Tennis Club, three Mens, one Ladies and one Mixed. The big success story was Mens 3 who entered the league for the first time and won their division. Congratulations to the the core team of Pete(captain), Andy, Arnoldas, Arturas and Gary.

Congratulations also to Mens2 who got promoted in second place, while Mens 1 and and Mixed1 just missed out by coming third in their divisions. We have entered the same teams in the Summer League, starting in May, and will hold team trials in April.

So please contact [benbyron@hotmail.com](mailto:benbyron@hotmail.com) if you would like the chance to represent your club.

We are always looking for new players to strengthen the teams.





On that late 2010 day when the whole of Cambourne was turned overnight into a Narnia like winterland I couldn't resist pulling on my running shoes and heading out into the country park for a jog. It was spectacularly beautiful, strangely silent and apart from a few out walking, I was alone with my thoughts. As I ran I thought back to the January evening 4 years ago when I had on impulse gone along to the Belfry to join up with other runners, joggers and some complete beginners for the first Cambourne Womens Running Network (WRN) run and I thought about where running has taken me, both literally and figuratively in the years since.

On that night we ran from the hotel down to the vine school and back, not a huge distance, but having only run on a treadmill before it felt like a marathon! What made it easier was the company spurring you on, although the person who fell in step with me (you know who you are!) did not stop talking and as we neared the hotel I was thinking "hope she doesn't come back next week as I cannot run and talk at the same time". Of course she did come back and has become a good friend, not at all put off by my inability to chat when running! Indeed I have made many friends along the way, some who come and go from the club and many who have come running every week.

In 2006 I ran my first Race for Life charity run on Midsummer Common, with friend Kelly, it was the hottest day of the year, about 34 degrees. Her growing up in California and myself in Australia stood us in fairly good stead for running in heat and I was grateful that it was only 5k as my husband was running in the London 10k! I definitely had the better deal! It was tough and I had to walk just after half way for a few hundred metres as I felt unwell, but the spectators cheering you on and the messages on the runners backs, some heartbreakingly sad others inspirational, soon got me running again until the finish. It's a truly fun run but for a very serious cause and the Cambourne group has run several times since raising funds for cancer research and we always have a family picnic after.

In 2007 four of us ran in the Woburn Safari Park 10k. After a dramatic journey, in which I saw a car in front overturn and end up in a ditch and having to render assistance, I arrived shaken but determined to do the course without stopping. The start of the run was flat but soon came a long gradual hill and people were starting to walk. Walking did not feature in my plan and I was worried, even more anxious when an emergency vehicle overtook me, isn't running supposed to be good for you? It was otherwise uneventful and quite enjoyable and I finished in 1hr 6 minutes, may have been faster if the course went through the lion enclosure!

In July that year several of us took part in the London 10k raising money for Project Hope, a charity supporting women and children in Africa, it was an early start and a very crowded run past St James Palace, Trafalgar Square, along the embankment and across London Bridge and alongside Big Ben. Incredible to see the military teams running with fully laden packs and of course all the funny outfits. The most memorable being the runners for a bowel cancer charity all sporting fake

plastic bottoms and I was mortified to be overtaken near the finish by a cigarette complete with smoke puffing out the top! A great run with a fantastic atmosphere.

In Cambourne we are really lucky to have access to the country park and beyond to other villages which makes for lots of variety when it comes to going out running, quite important as it can become boring doing the same route over and over! As a club we all prefer the summer as we can run in the park but thankfully club organisers Catherine and Antonia saw sense in turning down a request from Gok Wan's "How to Look Good Naked" program for us to appear, instead another WRN club had that (over)exposure. Not sure Cambourne was ready for the vision of naked ladies atop Crow Hill.

In 2009 Cambourne was put firmly on the running map when it held the first Cambourne 10k of which one of our members was greatly involved in organising. She is a great multi-tasker indeed she can run and talk the hind leg off a donkey (that's right her again). Virtually our whole club turned out in our pale blue vests and despite it being April it was a sunny, warm day and all were pleased with our finishing times. The best bit being able to reach home quickly for a relaxing bath! In early autumn came probably the club's biggest challenge, preparing to run the St Neots half marathon in November. Everyone who signed up put in the extra hours and miles but having just returned to work and juggling that with four children, the youngest just 17 months, I probably could have done with a bit more training! Nonetheless I did it as did all who set out. I even managed what felt like a sprint at the end to catch fellow club member Jothy and cross the line together. All ambitions to run a marathon totally given up!

2010 for me was not a great running year, a chest infection, shift work and childcare all taking their toll but I always made time on a Tuesday evening to attend club runs and of course the social evenings that took place. The 2010 beginner course was an outrageous success, 36 women turned up, we were literally run off our feet trying to register and coordinate everyone! But some of those women went from beginner to half marathon runners as a result and we could not wish for a better endorsement of our club! The current course of only 20 places will be much more manageable and all look forward to welcoming them into our club. So I would say to any woman thinking getting back into running or starting out from scratch the WRN is a great way to start out, make friends, have some fantastic experiences with the added benefit of getting fitter! So where will this year take me? March 20th I will be running in the The Offords 9 miler (15k), which should make the Cambourne 10k on April 3rd feel like a walk in the park! Some hard work to put in beforehand but having the support and encouragement of my fellow club members will help me over the finish line!

The Cambourne Women's Running Group is committed to encourage women to run whatever their age, size or ability.

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**Robert Theil captured this striking image of the double rainbow in the sky above Cambourne's new police station last month. The Crier would like to thank Robert for kindly allowing us to publish his photo.**

## **Could Lions come to Cambourne...?**

...No, not the animals seen in foreign countries or zoos, but a community service group. Lions Clubs International is, as its name implies, an International Organisation which happens to call its members 'Lions'. There are clubs throughout the world who have adopted the same objective of seeking to provide volunteers to serve their communities.

The British Isles and Ireland have clubs which cover the whole geographical area. The main aim is to provide help and service to those less fortunate than ourselves, with no regard to race, religion, politics, or personal interest. Raising funds within the community can help to achieve this aim. Fundraising can take many forms and can involve other groups with similar objectives.

There is a need to have fun whilst doing all the service work. In this respect, members make their own programme of social events, and in so doing, friends outside the organisation can join in. Membership is open to men and women over the age of 18 years.

The members of the Lions Club of Cambridge, which was established over fifty years ago, are willing, with the help of other neighbouring clubs, to establish a club in Cambourne if there is enough interest among residents.

If after reading this article you feel that the idea being put forward appeals to you, please make contact with the Cambridge Club. If you have had a previous connection with the Lions Organisation before coming to this area, then your knowledge would be very welcome. Once the interest shown is known, then with the help of everyone, a meeting in Cambourne can be arranged.

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Lions enjoying themselves at a Christmas Party for Seniors



A tree planting ceremony carried out with local schoolchildren