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CAMBOURNE CRIER



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FIREWORKS

SAT 29th OCT 2011

The Sports Pitches Upper Cambourne.
6pm onwards.

Fireworks start 7:30pm

Donation
buckets for
local charities
Please give
Generously

Supervised Kiddies Sparkler Area.

St John's Ambulance. Funfair rides & Amusements.

Hogroast - Licensed Bar.

Lost Children Area.

Car Parking.

(Space for parking is limited so please walk if you can)

Plus...

Kids Halloween Themed Fancy Dress Competition. Monkfield Arms: 3-5pm

www.cambournefireworks.org.uk

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710100

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www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

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Free entry. Email officecyp@googlemail.com
or call 718620

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718620

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CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Can The Crier Help You?

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 and we'll take it from there.

Leisure and Amenities Committee – an overview.

So that the Parish council can function efficiently, a number of committees have been created so various specific issues can be debated and addressed outside of full council. Output from committees, who usually meet monthly, takes the form of recommendations which are brought to full council for further discussion and eventual ratification.

The Leisure and Amenities (L&A) committee is elected at the annual meeting of the council every May. It comprises 7 elected councillors, including a chairman, and one of its functions is to advise the council of the uses, purchase, and maintenance of land and premises under the council's control. The L&A committee has decision making powers regarding areas within its delegated budget, such as improvements to open spaces and playgrounds, and also liaises with other Cambourne based associations such as Sporting Cambourne, allotment societies, and Cambourne Youth Partnership.

Looking to the future, the L&A committee will be involved in the establishment of the burial ground, updating of Lower Cambourne playground, a 3-court extension to the tennis courts, and a program of improvements and extension works to the Hub. The next meeting of the L&A committee will be on 22nd Nov.

Cllr. Ruth Poulton. Chair – L&A Committee

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 to: 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.



Pic: Some members of the L&A committee. From left to right:
Cllr R. Poulton (chair), Cllr T. Hudson, Cllr P. Vaughan,
Cllr S. Crocker, Cllr S. Smith

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. Oct - Nov

Date	Time	Meeting
6th September	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*A1	Council
20th September	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Leisure and Amenities Committee
4th October	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council



Recycling your old printer cartridges could help provide facilities and activities for the young people of Cambourne, and help you to do your bit for the environment. Please donate any used printer cartridges at the Cambourne Soul Building, Back Lane, or contact us on **01954 718620** or e-mail officecyp@googlemail.com.

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)



06/10/2011	Black Bin
13/10/2011	Green Bin and Blue bin
20/10/2011	Black Bin
27/10/2011	Green Bin and Blue bin
03/11/2011	Black Bin



For South Cambs DC waste and recycling service call 03450 450 063. Monday to Saturday 8am - 8pm (excludes bank holidays).



COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME IN CAMBOURNE

Can you give a little of your time to a good cause?

This service is urgently needed in Cambourne. We now have one volunteer coordinator and need at least another to spread the load. More drivers also required. You will be reimbursed for your mileage and in most cases will be covered under your existing insurance. If just a few more volunteers are found, we could be up and running by the end of the year

If you would like to be involved, visit <http://www.cambourne.info/carsharescheme.htm> or phone **Roger** on **(01954) 201808** for more details.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME DEPENDS ON GOOD ADMIN AND A GOOD POOL OF DRIVERS.



family disco

Join in!
Bring the kids and boogie on down to classic disco hits to help raise money for the Little Bundles project!

Cakes and drinks will be on sale

Sun 12th Nov 2011 3-5pm
The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne

professional DJ
Cambridge Disco Mix!

Helping local families in need
little bundles
www.littlebundles.org.uk

£5 per adult
£3 per child
£15 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)

For tickets please contact 07905 222347
Littlebundlesevents@live.co.uk Tickets also available at the door



The Little Bundles Family Disco was a great success last year and we are back again on **Saturday 12th November 2011 in Cambourne!**

We all had a great time dancing with our families to great tunes provided by our professional DJ, whilst also enjoying delicious homemade cakes

and refreshments and catching up with our friends!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended, we managed to raise over **£500** to help keep the Little Bundles project running. Little Bundles is a voluntary run community project helping local families in need. In the past 6 months, we have helped nearly 100 families who have found themselves in financial difficulties and unable to afford basic baby essentials. Little Bundles were able to help these families by providing equipment donated to us by local families.

We have a particular shortage of stairgates, cots and double buggies so if you have these or any other items you would like to donate, please contact us on littlebundles@live.co.uk.

We are also always looking for volunteers without whom we could not exist! You can contact us on the email address given and please take a look at our website www.littlebundles.org.uk for more information on how you can help.

Christmas is coming to Cambourne



This year Cambourne will host its first Christmas Tree Fair, which will run over the weekend of **10-11th December**, at a location still to be confirmed.

The event is set to create a real festive and community feel for the residents of Cambourne and surrounding villages. To help create something special for the first year we are looking for festive ideas, stalls and activities such as children's entertainment or carol singers from local residents to add real value to the event and create some festive fun.

Currently confirmed on sale at the event will be award winning British grown Christmas trees, handmade decorations along with a small number other craft stalls. We are also looking to raise money for the local church along with a local primary school that will be looking for your support at the event.

Please email your ideas, suggestions and thoughts to reece.wood@reeda.co.uk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Cambourne Crier is dedicated to acting 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 email us. 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. Photos always welcomed.

The Small print - All contributions subject to editing. Opinions are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent those of the Cambourne Crier editors.


I am a resident in a house that backs onto the country park at the rear of Broad Street and I am becoming increasingly frustrated at the anti-social behaviour displayed by groups of local youths. Frequently there are groups of 8 or more that congregate on the benches until the early hours of the morning, drinking, shouting verbal obscenities, smashing glass bottles, littering, throwing rubbish at the windows of houses that face onto the park, ripping branches from the trees and urinating.

These youths are becoming a nuisance and there is a lack of police presence to deter them from displaying such behaviour. I have to ask would the parents of these youths be happy for them to congregate outside their house, disturbing their sleep, littering their property and subjecting them to verbal abuse?

I understand that there is a lack of facilities for young adults and also would not wish to tarnish all teenagers with the same brush but these youths are a blight on the park in Cambourne.

It is disappointing to wake from a disturbed nights sleep to open the curtains to litter and broken glass on a path that is used by young children and dog walkers. What can be done to stop this anti-social behaviour?

Name and Address supplied.



Do you find computers scary?

Would you like to learn to tame them?

Make The Computer Work For You!

A FREE fun five week beginners course designed to get you started with computers... right here in Cambourne on your front door

Refreshments provided!

Who? - This is a beginners course aimed at helping single parents and women gain all-important computer skills

When? - Tuesdays – starting 4th October for 7 weeks (Note: there will be no session on the 25th October due to half term)

Where? - The Soul Café, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, Cambridgeshire. CB23 6PY

How do I book? - Contact Julie Corbett to book your place: New Horizons Coordinator, Cambridge Housing Society **01223 713768**



Cambourne Ladies International Club

Coffee Mornings & Playgroup

Wednesday 10 am to Noon Except school holidays

Meetings at the Cambourne Community Centre (The Hub)

We want to welcome all the new ladies and welcome back the ladies that have come to CLIC.

Please introduce yourself and let's see if we can help and support you.

In July, we enjoyed basket making and having a movie night too. Stay tuned to what is in store this year!

Contact: Laura Bangs Tel: (01954) 710510 Cambourne.clc@gmail.com

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

Funded in part by SCDC and Cambridge RAG



British Summer Time Ends and Clocks Go Back

At 2.00 am on Sunday 30 October, the clocks will go back to 1.00 am as British Summer Time ends for another year.

Sadly the summer may have all but gone but you do get an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning. Do remember to remind anyone of this, who may have the audacity to wake you up !!



BABY & ME



Every Friday including half term from 10-11.25

In the main hall at the Hub

Cost : £1.50 per family including refreshments

Older siblings welcome if supervised

• **7th October** Play and Chat

• **14th October** Nearly New Sale (free entry)

• **21st October** Play and Chat

• **28th October** Tiny Talk Taster session



Baby and Me is run entirely by volunteers and is a non-profit making organisation. We need more volunteers to join the committee to make sure we can carry on past Christmas. Baby and Me is now in it's 7th year and it would be a shame if we had to close. If you could help on the committee or just come earlier to help set up please email us.

Nearly New Sale

Friday 14th October In the Hub, Cambourne 10 – 11.30am

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

Baby and Me is a not for profit voluntary organisation that aims to provide a safe and happy meeting place for new and experienced mums alike. We use the money made from Nearly New Sales to subsidise our running costs and keep entrance to our normal Friday groups at only £1.50 per family.

Please come along to support us even if you just buy a cake and a coffee!

All stalls are now sold, if you need any more information please email us:
babynearlynew@yahoo.co.uk

For further information, schedule updates or if you have any queries please contact: Caille Sugarman-Banaszak on 01954 718372 or by email to (cailleperi@yahoo.co.uk) Or log onto our website www.babyandme.org.uk

We are also on Face book as 'Baby and Me' please join the group to get schedule updates and the latest news



PINK ROSE

ADDENBROOKE'S PINK ROSE APPEAL 2011

Staff at the Cambridge Breast Cancer Research Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, have launched the 2011 Pink Rose Appeal with a symbolic display of balloons and a personal plea to Cambourne residents to support this year's fundraising campaign and help save the lives of more local women.

With breast cancer now affecting one in eight women, nurses, surgeons, oncologists and scientists from Addenbrooke's are urging people within the hospital's catchment area to celebrate women in their local community and host a fundraising Pink Rose Party, **ideally during October** – breast cancer awareness month.

Every year, money generated by the Pink Rose Appeal goes directly to the Cambridge Breast Cancer Research Unit at Addenbrooke's, where it helps fund life saving clinical research trials.

Supporting the Pink Rose Appeal is simple. All you have to do is plan a get together with friends, family or colleagues – and ask them to pay their way on the day. It could be a dinner, picnic, tea party, cake bake, lunch or, if you like, something much more spectacular.

This year Pink Rose Parties taking place include: a Pink Rose craft evening; a 60th birthday celebration; a fundraising jewellery event; and even the renewal of some wedding vows.

For more information or to obtain a fundraising pack, please contact the Pink Rose team on **01223 217757** or by email at: **act@addenbrookes.nhs.uk**. Read more about the Pink Rose Appeal on the crier website, <http://cambournecrier.org>



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.

7th October: Pirate Hat

14th October: Parachute Play

21st October: Diwali Patterns

28th October: Halloween Craft

4th November: Firework Craft

If you are interested please do come along, as we would love to see you or for more info please contact Cheryl on 07761 475170 or email cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk

P.S. Nice to see some new faces recently!



Big Thank You to the Cambourne Teddy Bear Picnic supporters!

Sign and Cuddles which runs Baby Signing and Toddler Talk classes in Cambourne organised a Teddy Bears Picnic to help raise much needed money for orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya.

The Teddy Bears picnic was lots of fun, but the Teddies had to bring their wellies as there was monsoonal like rain in the morning. So we decided to delay the picnic until the afternoon and thankfully the sun shone. This meant that the event was smaller than expected but we were still busy with children enjoying 'hook a duck' loaned by the Cambridge Building Society, 'guess where the treasure is on a map of Kenya' which was won by Christopher Corkill from Great Cambourne and everyone enjoyed Anna's Cupcakes which were on sale.

There is still an opportunity to get involved as raffle tickets continue to be on sale for a chance to win great prizes including a Spa Day for two donated by the Cambridge Belfry, water toys donated by Waterbabies, Vouchers for Sign and Cuddles Baby Signing Classes and a voucher for a free hire of a Sign and Cuddles baby carrier or wrap.

We have raised £140 so far but would really like to make some more through the sale of raffle tickets and guess the Name of the Teddy. All money goes directly to children in Kenya being cared for by Hope for Life Kenya, a local charity working with orphans to help them stay in their community with extended family members and avoid the often harsh conditions of an orphanage.

If you would like to guess the name of the Teddy or buy raffle tickets Contact **Jeanine on 07515128508** or email signandcuddles@gmail.com

Cambourne Sling Meet

New group in Cambourne for all Mums, Mums to be, Daddies, Grans and Childminders too!

Would you like to try a baby sling? Learn to use yours better? Then come along to Cambourne Sling Meet. You will be able to find other parents to help you with your baby carrier, and we have a selection for you to try too.

Do any of the following describe you?

- * You want to carry your baby/toddler while you carry on other activities.**
- * You want to buy a carrier but you're not quite sure which one.**
- * You have a carrier but have not had much luck getting a comfortable fit.**
- * You've never used a baby carrier but wouldn't mind trying.**
- * You are an experienced "baby wearer" and you would like to share your experience.**

Then come and meet us and enjoy Fairtrade coffee and cake too! We are a friendly group and would love to meet other parents and carers too! Come along and say hello.

We meet at '19 - The Coffee House', Cambourne Church Cafe 9.30-11.30, last Tuesdays of the month (except School Holidays): 18th October, 22nd November.

Contact: Jeanine **01954 719126** or **07515128508** email: signandcuddles@gmail.co.uk Join us on Facebook.

You are very welcome to just drop in too!

Kenya Believe it?

For two weeks in the Summer holidays a group of young people from Cambourne church went to Kenya to work alongside a Charity based near Nairobi.

The Charity is called Uzimatele (Swahili for 'live life to the full') and works in a small slum called Gituamba. They run a Children's home, a Primary school, Teenagers groups, Music sessions, a Football league, a Church and they look to equip people with skills so that they can gain employment.



During our time out there we helped the Charity in different ways. We painted a new classroom and church building, played with the children in the children's home, and joined in with music, dance and football sessions with the teenagers.

We also ran a Holiday club for 4 days for children aged 3 to 8 years olds. The club consisted of games, songs, craft, stories and lunch together. We had 70 kids on the first day but by the fourth day we had nearly 200! For many this would be their only food of the day and this was the main reason for the increase in numbers! It was very humbling to see such small children having to get food whenever they

could, and also their determination to not let the balloons off into the sky when we'd given them these for this purpose as this would mean them losing a valuable possession.

Our time with Uzimatele ended with a Football Tournament for young people from different slums which we refereed, and a Music and Dance Concert the next day which some of our group took part and we saw a lot of great Kenyan talent!

For all of us it was a real learning experience about ourselves and the world in which we live. We come back with



many great memories from our time there, and also with many questions and challenges about our life and how we support those who are so less fortunate materially than ourselves. Here's some quotes from the group:

"The Kenyan people are so friendly - we have a lot to learn from them about community. I miss shaking hands with everyone."

"I thought that I had a strong faith in God but now I've been to Kenya, I've realised that they have a much stronger faith in God than I do, and that God is much more a part of their everyday lives."

"That Lion looks like Aslan" (on Safari)

"Going on this Trip has made me want to learn more about developing countries and how best to support them, as well as supporting the work of 'Uzimatele' too."

Thank you to everyone who supported our Trip - we really appreciate it!

Jon, Anastasia, Tim, Patrick, Sara, Jess, Tim, Josh, Shannon and Ben

For more information about the Trip or other Cambourne

Youth work contact Youth worker Jon Sanders on 07798858302

Or email jon.sanders@romseymill.org





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



Special Worship Services in October

Oct 2nd 10.00 - Harvest Thanksgiving

Oct 9th 9.30 and 11.00 - Family Communion



19 ~ the coffee house

*Can you see yourself
giving something back to
the community? Why not
start volunteering at the
coffee house?*

*If interested in joining the team, contact Jacqui on
715674*

Safari Supper

Sat 8th October, 7.30pm

Back by popular demand. We're hoping to make this the biggest yet. Guests enjoy good company and a fabulous three course meal in 3 different locations, all for £12 (towards the church building fund). Everyone joins up for a party at the end in the church. Please contact Emma Wild-Wood on 715559 or Julie Whitbread on 202546 if you would like to take part.



Operation Christmas Child 2011 The year of sports-themed shoe boxes!

Tie in with the Olympics and fill a shoe box with goodies with a sporty theme for a child in poverty this Christmas. For leaflets and more information

contact Julie Whitbread on 202546 julie.whitbread@ntlworld.com or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk Collection of boxes will be mid-November.

For more information on any of the youth activities
contact Jon Sanders
07798 858302
jono_sanders@hotmail.com

Youth Stuff. Trip to Kenya

We were delighted to welcome back a group of our young people and leaders from their recent trip to Kenya, part of which they spent working with a charity in a slum in Nairobi. The church has enjoyed hearing feedback from the young people on their experiences and is looking at ways to engage further with the charity "Uzimatele".



Soccer Sunday

Open to all in yrs 7-13 @ the MUGA 4.30-6pm:

• Oct 9th, 23rd • Nov 6th, 20th • Dec 4th, 18th

Ignite

Oct 16th - 6.30-8.30pm @ Cambourne Church

As well as the usual pool table, smoothies, pizza, pool, table football, live music, we have a Graffiti workshop giving young people the chance to express themselves.

Free Event

Thirst

Oct 2nd, Nov 6th 6.30-8.30pm Cambourne Church

Encouraging young people to explore who God is and worship him. With a free meal first!

Chillax Youth Club

Tuesdays 4-6pm for yrs 7-11 in church foyer

Pool * Table football * magazines * X Box * Tuck Shop, etc

Cambourne Roman Catholic Church

Cambourne Church Centre - Saturdays - 5pm

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

A little quote this month from Mel has made us realise how quickly the Cambourne Community has grown. "21 kids coming forward for the First Holy Communion course! In a church that was fields 2 years ago and a village that was fields 10 years ago...a Catholic community in single figures 7 years ago".

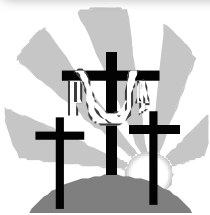
We are so blessed in Cambourne to have such a thriving and growing community; nobody would've thought ten years ago we would be where we are today and we

would like to thank everyone in the local community who have helped towards it all.

The first event the First Holy Communicants held was a cake sale on the 1st October after mass. This raised lots of funds for new children's missals. Our children and their families held this to support our understanding of serving each other and building up the church, and it was a great way for the new communicants to get to know each other.

To find out more about mass times or other notices, visit our website or drop us an email!

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



Meeting Sundays
10am
Bible study and
Sunday school

11am
Morning worship
at the Hub

Wednesday
evenings
7 pm
at The Maple
Centre in
Huntingdon

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or call
01954 710510

Pastor
Donavan Bangs

Proverbs 31:10, Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Growing up one of the books I read in school was Treasure Island. A tale about pirates and treasure. There have been many books and films along this same theme. Men facing danger and hardship in the pursuit of gold. Battling men or giant squids or whatever to gain a rare treasure. But, is the pursuit of wealth and gold as your main focus something that God recommends? No, those values are worldly and temporary. What is needed is a different type of treasure hunt. Something far more rare and precious than mere gold and much harder to obtain. Now the problem we can see in this society of pirates we live in is one of misplaced values. Placing money in a higher position than it should be will result in the individual having an incorrect appreciation of the real treasure of a virtuous woman. So how can we properly appreciate them? Of course we are to love them.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

And to love is to place another's needs and desires above that of your own. Also we are to honour them.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Now here where it says honour it is speaking of an assigned value.

If you are married or when you get married you must honour or value your wife. You can show your wife that you value her by showing you have an interest in her spiritual growth. That you care for the development of her mind and her spirit. But, how can you really show this virtuous woman how much you treasure her?

By trusting in her *Proverbs 31: 11*

And over time this trust can be built by...Communicating. You must speak with one another. Not just the exchange of basic information, but inner thoughts and feelings are shared that you may better understand the other individual.

Confiding that is sharing secrets and thoughts on a much deeper level. Your wife must be the one to whom you can confide the most with. In no case or any shape or form should this confidante be any other woman.

I cannot stress that enough. No other woman should have the same level of access to your innermost thoughts and feelings then your wife. I don't care if it is your sister or your mother because that shows you trust more in them than her. And certainly not any other non-related female because confidentiality leads to intimacy. Let me tell you men if you start to feel closer to another woman then your wife that is dangerous and needs to be dealt with instantly. You need to learn to confide in your wife, as it will strengthen your bond, it will show her how much you value her and it will eliminate a lot of future problems.

Having confidence in her. Try to encourage her in all her righteous activities. If she does well then praise her. If she falls down then pick her up. Don't micro manage and try to control every aspect of her life, that will just annoy her. By being contented with her

Proverbs 31:11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Now when it says spoil here it is speaking of things gained from conquests.

Now of course in its context of relationship it's talking about he shall have no need to cheat on his wife. She understands him better than anyone else because of their deep level of communications. He is satisfied with her and does not need to go looking elsewhere to meet his needs.

You won't need other women because God has given you a virtuous woman and if you treat her and lead her in the way that you should then none of those other types of women will be an issue. Because what you will have is a priceless treasure and you will not risk it for a handful of filth. Now for those of you who are married treasure what you have. And for you guys who are not married, wait and seek the woman that God has for you for her price is far above rubies and she will be worth the wait. If you have questions or just need to chat let me know.

Donavan Bangs



Cambourne Garden Club

CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

On **October 20th** Richard Ford will talk about '**Water in the Garden**'.

25 years ago, Richard and his wife set up Park Green Nurseries near Stowmarket, Suffolk. Mr Ford is a judge and exhibitor at major flower and garden shows and is a seven-times Chelsea Gold Medallist. He is an expert on hostas and has written a well-received book on the subject.

The talk on 'Water in the Garden' covers a wide range of water features which can be used in large or small gardens - even on a patio or balcony. He shows examples of waterfalls, fountains, and self contained units. He looks at aspects of design and installation of pools, and highlights key considerations when including water in the garden. He discusses in detail the different types of plants suitable for use in bog conditions, as marginals, and for deeper water, and shows examples of each. He also covers the uses and needs of fish and other livestock in water together with the maintenance requirements of water features.

New members to the Club are always very welcome. The annual membership of **£15** gives you excellent value, with expert speakers on topics requested by the members; organised trips to gardens of interest; discounts at various garden centres and from selected seed catalogues and a forum for sharing problems, solutions and ideas on gardening generally and those specific to Cambourne.

We meet in the Hub meeting room at 7.45pm: refreshments will be available.
For more details on all of the above please contact Debbie on 719019 or Fran on 710858



An exciting school start at Monkfield Park Primary School

We were very excited to see over 400 faces back in school at the beginning of this academic year, who were all raring to learn following the Summer holidays. It has been great to hear about the children's holiday travels and to find out about their experiences in both this country and some more far flung destinations. It was also super to hear that children were able to spend lots of time with their close and extended families.

At the end of last term we bid a sad farewell to our Year 6 leavers only to see them back in the playground on the first day of term to show off their smart new Secondary School uniforms. They were keen to tell us all about their first few days at Comberton Village College and how they are beginning to navigate their way around the school. We know that they will go on to have much success and we wish them the very best of luck.

Despite our sad goodbyes to Year 6 last term, we welcomed 60 new Reception children who have had their first taste of school life this week at Monkfield Park. They all looked very smart and grown up in their uniforms and they quickly made new friends with one another. Starting school is always an exciting but daunting time for both parents and children, but we are pleased to say that the Reception class children have settled quickly and easily into the routines. We look forward to continuing to settle them in and to helping them during their very first steps in education. We also welcomed several new members of staff who have been getting to know our wonderful children and the community.

Across the school eager parents and children couldn't wait to see their new classrooms and their new teachers and to find out

what opportunities this new school year would bring. Already children

throughout the school are buzzing with excitement about goals and challenges that they are setting themselves. Parents and carers have been invited to our annual 'Meet the Teacher event' where they had the chance to find out more about classroom expectations and the learning that would be happening this year.

As always, the pace of life at Monkfield Park is always fast moving and no time has been wasted in getting back down to business. In the first few weeks already our Year 3 children have begun to learn the recorder and Year 2 have been finding out all about the history of England. One of the children even told their teacher that they already knew that I was the Queen of England! What an accolade! Year 1 have been embarking upon a topic called 'Healthy me'. This will involve health related activities which include cookery, exercising and thinking about how to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Year 4 have already taped up their windows in preparation for potential air raids as they embark upon their World War II topic.

We have also been trialling a new meals system which will hopefully improve the lunchtime experience for our children. So far this has run very smoothly and has been met with great success. We look forward to telling you more about the events and activities that the children will be participating in this year, so look out for more of our articles from various adults, children and year groups in the Cambourne Crier.

Miss Porter – Headteacher



Year 6 at the Vine

Year 6 at The Vine are learning about the 1960's. We are asking the question, '**Did the 60's really swing?**'

This is what we have found out already:

Anna, George and Callum found out that the first man on the Moon was Neil Armstrong. This happened in 1969 and he actually played golf up there! Millions of people watched the event 'live' on television. He said 'One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' Some people don't believe that America were on the moon because the American flag was waving so they thought that it was filmed in a studio.

Paul found out that Martin Luther King and the President of America, John F Kennedy were both assassinated in the 60's.

Matthew found out that England won the World Cup in 1966. It was the first World Cup we ever won! The result was England 4, Germany 2.

Eddie has discovered that the first rock concert took place in Woodstock and that people protested against things they didn't agree with. Prince Charles was made Prince of Wales, the jetpack was first invented and board games were very popular.

Mary and Emily have found out that Mary Quant was a fashion designer who designed fantastic clothes mainly in black and white. Twiggy was Mary Quant's model. Twiggy was her nickname because she was very thin.

Loveday and Oliver have found out that hippies not only used to wear flowers on their clothes and in their hair, but they also put flowers in the barrels of guns to stop wars; this was known as Flower Power. They also liked to colour and decorate their camper vans rather brightly with Flower Power designs ready to impress at groovy rock festivals and concerts!

Charlie found out that William Hartnell was the first 'Doctor Who' (the first episode was called 'An Unearthly Child'), and that Sean Connery was the first James Bond (the first film was called 'Dr No').

Here are some of the questions we would like answered:

Tommy wants to know more about Jimi Hendrix ...

Shanti wants to know more about the dances they did, and to learn some of them ...

Yanick wants to know who killed JFK, and when, and where and why ...

Nicholas wants to know what sweets children ate in the 60s ...

Anna wants to know how the Beatles became friends ...

Rosie wants to know if films at the cinema were in colour or black and white ...



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



What's on at Comberton...

COMBERTON Village College are proud to present Grease later this term. A huge cast of pupils is hard at work rehearsing for what promises to be an all-singing, all-dancing smash hit of a musical. The shows take place from December 1-3 and more details on tickets and times will be available nearer the time. Just book the date in your diary now.

Grease is just one of a number of events scheduled to take place at the college this term and some are listed below. More details of all our events can be found on the college website

www.combertonvc.org or the Comberton Leisure website at www.combertonleisure.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the college soon.

Friday 21 st October	Custard Comedy	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Saturday 12 th November	Delusions of Time A fusion of dance and illusion	7.30	£12 Adults £10 Concessions £35 Family ticket (to include at least one child)
Friday 18 th November	Custard Comedy	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Thursday 1 st - Saturday 3 rd December	Grease	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Concert	7.00	TBC
Friday 9 th December	Winter Dance Showcase	7.30	£5/£3
Friday 16 th December	Custard Comedy	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door

COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE: A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September always marks a new beginning in the life of a school. The summer vacation is done, new pupils are starting, new uniform items have often been purchased and we are set for the school year ahead. High expectations are set and we seek to ensure that everyone will do their very best in the coming year.

This September has gone rather further for Comberton Village College than the usual new start of the school year. Firstly, we have welcomed two new sets of students rather than just one. In addition to our new Year 7 pupils, who have made a really good start with us, we have welcomed, for the first time in the college's history, a new Year 12 with us as the Comberton Sixth Form is now officially open. We have welcomed over 180 students in their first year of a two-year programme. About 100 of these have come from Comberton's own Year 11 and about 80 from other local schools. They have taken occupation of our new Sixth Form facilities and made an excellent start as pioneers in what we are confident will be an excellent Sixth Form for local students. All Comberton students have also now started to use some of the outstanding new general facilities that have been completed, notably the superb new library and learning resource centre.

Secondly, we have confirmed our sponsorship of a secondary academy, The Voyager, in Peterborough. This academy is now an academy of the Comberton Academy Trust, together with Comberton Village College. We will seek to work in very strong partnership in order to secure excellent teaching and

learning, excellent opportunities and high student achievement. Many Comberton staff will be working with staff from The Voyager to develop practice and we will seek opportunities for students from both schools to work on joint projects from which all can benefit. It promises to be an exciting new agenda for us that can bring some clear benefits to Comberton Village College.

Thirdly, we have started, from September, as one of the first 100 'Teaching Schools' designated throughout the country. We are seeking to do this in partnership with identified other local schools as the 'Cambridge Area Teaching Schools'. This is a significant new remit, in some ways based on the notion of national 'Teaching Hospitals'. It will imply that, through our partnership, we will take on a significant role throughout the local area and the local region, in terms of teacher training, professional development, leadership development, in-school research and supporting other schools. It is based on a philosophy that the best way to support and develop the schools' system is by enabling those schools best placed to do this to work with others for mutual improvement. Again, this is a very exciting new agenda for us to take on and promises much further benefit for all involved with Comberton Village College.

So, a new school year of some substance at the college. Of course, ensuring that all our students are taught very well, behave very well and work very hard so that every one can achieve to their utmost remains an entirely unchanged remit for us, regardless of the time of year.

Stephen Munday

Volunteer Befrienders needed in Cambourne



Cambridgeshire Mencap is seeking volunteers to support young people aged between 13 and 25 with learning disabilities.

If you would enjoy supporting someone to go swimming, bowling or going to the cinema or walks round the village or just watch a DVD in the young person's home for up to 4 hrs a month then please get in touch. Your support could help the young person develop their social skills, interests, independence and self confidence, whilst also providing valuable respite time to parents and carers.

If you are interested in this opportunity then you could be doing something new, or something you already do and enjoy, whilst making a BIG difference to a young person's, and a family's, life. Plus we will provide you with both support and training which includes first aid.

Find out more by contacting Pat Scott, Volunteers Support Coordinator. Phone: 01223 883140 or email: pat@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk

Cambourne Kitchen - Chocolate orange cheesecake brownies

Sometimes something purely for indulgence is nice to make. When it comes to indulgence this is certainly up with the best of them! I have doubled the recipe so that you can make a large batch, it will freeze well so you can save some for another time. These are best served at room temperature for a tea time treat or decadent dessert.



Brownie:	2tsp baking powder
125g veg fat/shortening	Zest of 2 oranges (finely grated)
125g salted butter	
300g dark chocolate (50% cocoa min)	Cheesecake:
50g cocoa	600g cream cheese
300g caster sugar	200 ml double cream
1tsp salt	250g caster sugar
5 eggs	3 eggs
200g plain flour	3tsp vanilla extract

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Method:

Set the oven temperature to 160°C and line a rectangular tin about 15" by 10" with baking paper (if you don't have a tin large enough, use 2 smaller ones and adjust the cooking time accordingly).

Melt the butter and vegetable fat in a large saucepan, add the sugar and then heat it until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture begins to bubble slightly. Remove from the heat, break in the chocolate and stir until it has all melted and blended together. Leave to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, place your cream cheese in a mixing bowl and beat until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time followed by the double cream and then add the sugar and vanilla extract. Whisk until smooth. Leave aside.

Returning to your brownie mix, it should now be sufficiently cooled to whisk in each egg, one at a time (make sure it is thoroughly blended before adding the next egg). Sift in the rest of the dry ingredients and stir it all together. Add the orange zest before pouring into the tin. With the brownie mixture in the tin use a knife or spatula to swirl the cream cheese mixture through it. Lift the brownie mixture up and over as well to create a really wonderful marble effect whilst maintaining generous areas of separate mixtures. Pop the tray into the oven and cook for approximately one hour. Check after about 30 minutes and then each 10 min's after that (the cheesecake should be just set and the brownie mixture slightly soft in the middle but not completely uncooked). When you are satisfied that you have achieved the right consistency turn the oven off, leave the door slightly ajar and allow the cake to cool in the oven.

Then cut into squares or leave whole to slice as required. Just make sure you get a piece before it all disappears!

GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

The library opening hours are:

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

Many thanks to all those who took part in the Circus Stars challenge - we hope you all enjoyed it! A big thank you to our teenage volunteers who helped with the sessions. If anyone finished and did not receive their certificate please see the library. Our thanks also go to the Parish Council for all their support.

Engage in the afternoon: 12th October 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the library. "Meditation and Relaxation" by Suzie King. No need to book – just come along.

Family History Research Sessions: There will be a drop in Family History Session by the Cambridgeshire Family History Society at the library every 3rd Monday in the Month from 3.30pm – 5.30pm, Just pop in for advice. Next date 17th October.

Reading group – The library has a lunch time reading group Cambourne Lunch Bunch. New members always welcome why not come along and try it out! Ask at library reception for details of reading groups.

If anyone would like to display any local arts or crafts in our display cases in the Sackville House foyers please pop into the library and ask the library supervisor for details.



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Cambourne Craft Fair

Saturday 29th October
1 – 4 pm
Cambourne Church,
Great Cambourne

**Stalls include...handmade cards,
delicious cakes,original artwork
photography, jewellery, hand-
made toys, knitting, quiltwork,
felt flowers, sculptures, candles
and much, much more!!**

Free Entry

Café & Live Music in the Foyer

*The following stall holders are confirmed for
the fair. Please come along and support us for
what
promises to be a fantastic afternoon out!*

Alicja Cunningham Quality Handmade Jewellery -
Contemporary Designs made from Czech Glass, Chinese Crystal,
Swarovski elements and Satin Braided Bracelets

Anthony Wynn – Artist, small prints and larger canvases

Ben Cunningham - Various topics and subjects, premium
printed photography presented on foam or mounting board

Cambourne Crafty Old Ladies – A wide range of gifts and
presents using many different crafts. All proceeds to Charity!

David Newton – Wonderful, handcrafted silver jewellery

Debbie Wallwork Photography - Contemporary and
bespoke photography, capturing beautiful images in natural
light from bumps & babies to families & children, and wedding
photography.

Jill D'Alton – Hand knitted dolls and children's characters.
Cross stitch pictures, hanging decorations, cards and tags

Jo Chalklin Handcrafted designs – Unique handcrafted gifts
and accessories for all occasions

K & M Creations – Amazing beaded jewellery using a wide range of beads and techniques

Laura Watts Designs - Handmade cards, gift tags and memory boxes. Personalised and bespoke cards. Hundreds of beautiful designs to choose from!

Lesley Coxon – Artist, beautiful watercolours and acrylics on canvas

Lisa Stephenson – Stone sculptures of all shapes and sizes

Lucy Allen – A wide range of handmade fabric items including crib, cot and play quilts, aprons of all sizes, bags, bunting and Christmas stockings!

Luvcake - Delicious layered cakes, divine cupcakes and elaborate brownies

Maureen Charles - MPJ Glass – Unique and unusual designs made in glass: bowls, plates, mirrors, drinking glasses and pictures.

Maureen Hudson – A fantastic collection of handcrafted goods: sewing, knitting and sequin work

Pure Memories – Capturing memories in pure silver. Keepsakes of a loved one's hand print, footprint or even a paw print in pure silver, charms and pendants.

Suzzy Smith – Wonderful candles and gift cards

Threads 'N' Things – Textiles, threads & accessories at affordable prices

Vicki Bell – All homemade chutneys and jams. Homemade cards, gift tags and wrapping, cakes and biscuits. In aid of Women's Refuge

Our October speaker booked is Mary Ellis. She will talk to us of 'sheets and sausages' or the trials and tribulations of running a bed and breakfast. Who knows maybe those of us with spare rooms may even think of a career change following this talk. In September we were all concentrating on beetles although I don't mean the wriggly type. The beetle drive provided good old fashioned fun and brought out the fierce competitive spirit in even the most mild mannered of our members.

The Cambourne WI has several groups running and these include the:

- **Book club** which meets on the third Wednesday of the month. You can collect your book from Cambourne library and then come and join us for a lively discussion in the pub on the book of the month. We are currently reading the Time Travellers Wife. Non-members of the WI are very welcome and for more information please contact Ruth on 718989.
- **The Walking Group** tackle walks of between 4-7 miles contact Fran on 710858 or Penny on 200126 for information on the forthcoming walk or even better come along and give us your suggestions of favourite walks.
- **Coffee mornings** are held in Greens Coffee shop on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am. This has become a very popular event and Greens make us all very welcome so come and join us for coffee and cake.
- **The Darts group** meets on Monday evenings to hone skills of aim, dexterity and maths. We have one full team but are now looking for a second team. All levels of skills are very welcome including those who are only just able to hit the board. To find out how you could join this winning team please contact Joan on 200908 or Edna on 717360.
- If you want to be a **Lady who Lunches** then watch out for lunch dates and venues to be announced in the near future.
- Our **Theatre group** will also be planning future trips and if you want to experience some afternoon culture look out for diary dates in the near future.

Cambourne WI is a vibrant group of women of all ages. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome; our newest project will be to look at starting a WI choir so if you fancy singing away the winter blues get in touch. If you are new to the area or would just like to meet like-minded ladies and women then come and join the Cambourne WI. For more information please contact Gill on 718566.

CAMBOURNE ARTS

WORDS FOR PLEASURE

Words for Pleasure -- meet in Cambourne Library, **Monday 10th October**. The topic for this month is 'Water'. If you would like to join an evening group, please get in touch. Contact : Pat Callaghan **01954 718836** Alan Gibson **01480 880442**

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

The class for this term is now full. If you would like to join the group next term, do an evening art class (we need a minimum of 10), or are interested in teaching a group or participating in any other sort of art and craft, contact me on 01954 710858

THE ART GANG

An informal get-together for anyone with an interest in the arts: we meet in the Monkfield Arms from 7.45pm on the second Monday in the month (next is Monday 10th Oct) to share ideas, chat, organise events and network with local creative professionals and amateurs. 01954 710858

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

In this local group, levels of expertise vary from beginner to advanced, with everything in between, and more members will be very welcome. Fortnightly Tuesday evening meetings. For more details visit the website: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/> or phone **01954 205050**



LIFE DRAWING

This is an untutored session, but friendly advice is always available, and experience levels vary greatly! For details of the next session and to book a place phone 01954 710858

PLAY READING

Someone has expressed an interest in setting up a play reading group, day and venue to be arranged. Get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

NEW WEBSITE

If you are an artist or craft-worker and would like to have a link on the website, please get in touch via the website www.cambournearts.btck.co.uk

For further information on any aspect of Cambourne Arts, contact: Fran - fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or 01954 710858

Papworth Astronomy Club News

Papworth Astronomy Club's first meeting of the autumn was a talk by Neil Parker from Green Witch Telescopes about the Isaac Newton group of telescopes on the Canary Islands. Neil worked on the site as an astronomer in its early days. He was able to describe its construction and showed us some historic pictures.

The October talk will be given by Dr Steven Gratton, a Postdoctoral Research Assistant from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, on **Wednesday 5th October**. The subject will be "the Planck Satellite and the Universe". The Planck satellite is now operating in space, two years into its mission. Planck measures the cosmic microwave background radiation, allowing us to find out more about the universe. Steve will give an overview of how the satellite works and how its data is processed. He will then go on to describe what its measurements might tell us about the history and properties of the universe.

The meeting will be at the Vinter Room, Papworth Everard, at 7:30PM. The Vinter Room at the entrance to Vinter Close (it is the building with the clock tower). Entering Papworth Everard from the south, take the first left after the traffic lights into Elm Way, past the fire station, and then take the second left into Vinter Close. From the north, take the first right after the library into Elm Way, past the fire station on your left, then take the second left into Vinter Close. The meeting room is accessible to wheelchairs.

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.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

As part of our 10th anniversary features, we thought we would revisit days of yore and take a look at what was being printed in the Crier in 2001. This month we take a look at Cambourne as it was then, and as it is now, through the eyes of resident Roger Hume. Roger wrote an article that appeared in the December 2001 issue of the Crier, and we reproduce it here. He has also been kind enough to write a follow up, ten years later. Many folks will know Roger, whose tireless work has contributed in a large part toward making Cambourne what it is today. Next month, the story of the Ark



Roger's Review - December 2001

Having lived in Cambourne for 18 months and become more involved with life here than most I will try and summarise my personal thoughts about our village life.

I still remember receiving the welcome pack, which apart from talking to close neighbours was the first village contact and I thought a very positive start, not so much for the information inside but for the fact that somebody had taken the trouble. I am currently delivering this pack myself and try to deliver each personally to new residents as soon as they arrive, in some cases while the furniture is being delivered.

I am surprised how many new residents are moving from so many other areas of the country, we moved from Cambridge city ourselves and we seem to be in a minority, it will be interesting to see if this balance changes when we have the promised facilities.

That leads me to express some disappointment that those facilities are slow in coming. If something should have been learnt from Cambourne its that some community building should have been provided very early on, it surprises me more that even after 2 years it is being left to the church to organise a temporary community room.

However we must not dwell too much on what we don't have, we have the bonus of knowing we will get these facilities in time unlike some villages that are (in some cases) losing the few facilities they have.

I am encouraged that there are so many dedicated volunteers in Cambourne, I have worked on committees for many years and often been frustrated by those who "sit on their hands".

It will be quite a job maintaining this momentum due to the rapid growth of the development, the Residents Association have made the very positive step of opening their meetings to all, and I hope that new residents will take the opportunity to get involved. That feeling of being new and feeling the odd one out, when everyone else seems to know each other is a difficult barrier to cross (2nd Wednesday of the month at the temporary surgery)

I am a little surprised so few take an interest in planning issues in Cambourne, each weekend I open up my garage to display planning applications and other plans of Cambourne, very few seem to visit and there may be some reluctance to enter what is deemed as a private garage. It takes quite a bit of effort to maintain this display, I hope when we have the temporary community building it will be possible to provide some sort of replacement that is perhaps more welcoming, meanwhile, feel free to come and browse. Feedback would be useful.

I hope the introduction of a monthly newspaper "The Crier" will help those who don't have access to the information on the two websites for Cambourne, there is just not enough room on the village notice board to hold everything, as hard as we try.

To finish on a very positive note I am particularly happy with the number of residents who attend the MLC meetings (Parish Council to be) and even more pleased that so many put themselves forward for election this year.. There will be two more vacancies soon.

That IS typically Cambourne

Roger Hume 2001

Roger's (follow up) Review - October 2011

Looking back to my review of living in Cambourne 10 years ago it brings back many memories. The welcome packs mentioned

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continued until South Cambs moved here, the Library, Health Centre and the hub opened, Mike Jocelyn, who was delivering them at that time, concluded they were not needed as information was then available locally. It was quite a year in 2004!

My disappointment that facilities were slow in coming did not improve much in the early days, but I am pleased to say we are now enjoying most of them, even if it did require campaigns such as **"Premises NOT Promises"**! If it had not been for Dr Peter Bailey allowing us to use the temporary Surgery waiting room there would not have been anywhere for groups to meet. What an asset Peter has been, in so many ways. One of the reading groups is still called **"The Waiting Room"**. The Church, the Residents Association and the WI all used the Surgery.

Thankfully lessons have been learned and the section 106 legal agreement for the 950 extra homes is much less flawed, but I do worry about the town of Northstowe. I expected a Community Centre would be available as soon as residents moved in, but I did hear they were going to allow residents to choose what they want, sounds to me like another error as this would take some time.

It surprised me in 2001 that residents or potential purchasers were not that interested in planning issues particularly when they were spending a lot of money buying a house and were relying to a large extent on what was being said by sales staff. There was quite a bit of interest in the end and it may have been this very article in the Crier that prompted them, or just that the Crier was born in its current format and gave a lot more information (copies were in much demand at show homes). Sales staff continued to mislead though, and often failed to mention important information, for instance that Back Lane would be the principal access to Upper Cambourne, and were often misleading to assist sales.

Question: "what is the spur off the roundabout in Lower Cambourne" **Answer:** "A farm track". This was in fact the second phase of the bypass of Caxton.

Question: "what will be built on the phase adjacent" **Answer:** "Low density four and five bedroom detached properties" It was partly true, but also some high density terraced homes.

I am always impressed that there are so many volunteers in Cambourne, particularly as there were a lot of young families moving in, and couples starting families. This has resulted in so many clubs, activities and special events. I am pleased the firework evening, once an annual tradition, has even been reinstated.

In December 2001 the MLC (Management Liaison Committee) was quite new and we were hopeful it would be successful. Sadly this did not prove to be the case and members quickly discovered they had no powers or funds. Neither did it lead to an easy transition to the Parish Council; in fact not one of these elected members put themselves forward to become Councillors, having become disillusioned.

If I have one regret it is that many of the early residents who became good friends moved away, often as jobs changed, but quite a few found Cambourne had not developed as they had hoped. But my wife and I have made new friends and it suits us well.

At the recent planning meeting at South Cambs DC, which was considering the Design Guide for the extra 950 homes, District Councillor Sebastian Kindersley stated in the Council Chamber that Cambourne had had so much going on over the years, it deserved to have a written history and even mentioned my name. Hopefully that will come, but later rather than sooner. Until then you will have to make do with a summary on my Cambourne web site www.cambourne.info/cambourne.htm.

Roger Hume 2011



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Wildlife Review October 2011

Wasp spiders have been spotted around Cambourne again this autumn. The females of these spectacular spiders are quite large and have a distinctive yellow and black colouring that gives them their name. Late summer and autumn is the

best time to spot them on their webs, which have a clear zigzag pattern on them, no one is quite sure what this is for. Some people suggest it helps attract insects, while others have suggested that it makes the web more stable or deters birds flying through the large webs. In any case they are usually found in grass stalks near the ground to catch their favoured prey of grasshoppers. You can find out more about them on the Wildlife Trusts website <http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/species/wasp-spider>. Let me know where you see them.



Path works

Many of the paths in Cambourne are now about 10 years old and so need a bit of attention. We are starting with the path around the east of Lake Ewart which should hopefully be resurfaced during October. It will need to be closed for a week after the work has finished to allow the surface to settle before it is used again. Please be patient and use the other paths in the Country Park during this time so that the surface has a chance to stay in good condition.

Ground nesting bird monitoring

We have been monitoring the birds nesting on and around Crow Hill for the past two nesting seasons. With the help of experts from British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), we have been able to make a significant contribution to their national nest recording scheme, as well as helping to plan our management of the Country Park. In 2010 we found and monitored 19 nests and this year we followed 26 nests.



The results show the varied fortunes of the very important populations of ground-nesters and other "farmland" birds at Cambourne. Last year started very cool and the vegetation on the hill was slow to develop. In contrast this year started well, the hot dry spring was not too bad as the vegetation on the hill grew sufficiently to provide some cover for nesting in and both the meadow pipits and skylarks had a better year. Early broods were a bit small, some nests only had one or two

chicks, but the season picked up and normal clutches of 3 or 4 eggs were underway by July. One especially determined meadow pipit bred twice in almost the same spot close to regularly used paths – she raised 8 young in total.



Once a nest has been found we check it regularly to see how the chicks are doing. One interesting observation from this data is that the major predation week for ground nesting birds seems to be when the local crows and rooks fledge! Unfortunately they do predate other birds. We will continue our monitoring to build up a picture of how the birds use different parts of the site and how our management techniques affect them. So if you see strange people on Crow Hill at the crack of dawn next year, it's just us checking up on the birds!

Wildlife Training Workshops

We still have places available on the **Coppicing** workshop being held at Hayley Wood in Cambridgeshire with Mark Ricketts on **Saturday 12th November 2011** from 10am – 4pm. This workshop is a practical introduction to coppicing. The day will be spent at the wood looking at coppicing, layering and ride-widening and how these activities can benefit the flora and fauna of the wood. The full **2012** wildlife training workshops programme will be on our website during November, so look out for further details at www.wildlifebcnp.org, or telephone Juliette Butler, Wildlife Training Workshops Officer on 01604 774031 or e-mail trainingworkshops@wildlifebcnp.org

Get in touch

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne please get in touch.
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Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer www.wildlifebcnp.org



Cambourne Cricket Club
"VINCERE DELECTANDO"



Cambourne CC Enjoy Another Successful Season

The senior sides of Cambourne Cricket Club enjoyed another successful season during the 2011 campaign. This year saw the first XI compete in the Cambridgeshire Junior 1A division, with the second and third teams competing at the same level in divisions 4B and 4C respectively.

The first XI were captained by **Paul Darrington**, an outstanding cricketer who did a fine job in his first season at the helm. Under Darrington, the team won seven matches and finished 7th in a very competitive league. The majority of games were close and with greater luck, the victories could have been in double figures. As usual **Daren Cooke** and Darrington were consistently the best bowlers, with impressive support from the seamers **Paul Cooke**, **George Lewis** and **Aftab Ahmed**. The batting stars included **Chris Cundell**, **Humberto De Souza** and **Brian Farmery**. It was indeed Brian and **Tom Elliott's** marvellous half centuries in the last game of the season that guaranteed the team's status in the top flight.

The second XI were led by **Liam Healy**, a lion of a player and charismatic leader. Under Healy, the team won nine times and missed promotion by a whisker. As the season wore on, the team became more confident and dominant, which will hopefully roll into the 2012 campaign. They also contained in their ranks a number of 'characters', full of good humour and camaraderie. The team had many standout performers, including the bowlers **David Pendlebury** and **James Turner**, and the flashing blades of **Nick Green**, **Matt Casey**, **Duncan Shearwood** and **Duncan Hankins**.

The third XI are skippered by **Jonny Wilkinson**, who for the second successive season led his team to promotion. Wilkinson fomented an incredible 'never say die' attitude in his troops which delivered ten victories and only three defeats. His passionate team talks, his careful planning, his infectious enthusiasm were all qualities that made this team champions. Every player contributed throughout the season, but a special mention is reserved for **Chelliah Paramasivan**, a gentleman cricketer who offers the best of Cambourne Cricket Club.

Danny White, Cambourne Cricket Club Chairman, commented: '2011 was another special year for the Club. It is very unusual to have such strength in depth and to have three sides that are consistently high performers. All three captains did the Club proud with the results they delivered and how the teams showed such fighting spirit. A special mention must go to Jonny Wilkinson, who has performed miracles with the third team and will be missed as captain in the future. I would also like to thank the committee and particularly Chris James for their support throughout the summer.'

TOTBALL (2-3 yrs) - The totballers returned to action last week with lots of lovely new faces. Do come and join us if you wish!

ACADEMY (4-5 yrs) - It's all change for the Academy - watch this space....

UNDER 8 BLUE - TEAM OF THE MONTH - U8 Blue's are a new team for the 2011/2012 season, made up of year 2 boys who are playing in a team for the first time. They have been training together for 3 months now, having 'graduated' from the Eagles Academy at the end of last season. The 8 players in the team are learning about the game very quickly and are incredibly excited about being in the league this year. The U8 blue's have played in several tournaments over the summer, enjoying friendly matches against a wide range of clubs and consuming large amounts of ice cream at the end of each days play. They're now playing in the U8's league and looking forward to facing lots of different teams over the season.

At the start of this new footballing year, the blue's had two games against tough opposition, in which they came through fantastically well. They scored their first ever league goal in their away match against Papworth Blasters, receiving a cheer loud enough to be heard back in Cambourne!

UNDER 8 WHITE - The U8 white team have enjoyed a really exciting start to the new season. The side visited Whittlesford for their first fixture, in what was an even game. This was followed by a tough test against Plantation Youth. The weather interfered and they had a real battle, but they held their heads high and never gave up. This season looks set to be exciting, as the team is bonding and playing well together.

UNDER 9 - A NEW TEAM FOR THIS SEASON - The season's first U9's game was at the Cherry Hinton tournament. In this, the boys played with a really positive attitude and did considerably well. The 2011/2012 campaign kicked off with the U9 lads playing well and showing signs they are gaining a good understanding of the way we want them to play football. Hopefully this season is going to bring lots of positives. I am sure you will all join me in wishing the boys good luck for the rest of the campaign ahead!

UNDER 10's - The U10 boys have made a really positive start for 2011/2012. They have begun their training and managed to fit in a friendly game versus Comberton before their first league game of the season, which was against the same team. Comberton ran out 5-3 winners in the friendly, as the boys took a while to adjust to the bigger sized pitch. The following weekend, our lads travelled to Comberton and came away with a deserved 0-0 draw. Comberton Manager Steve Duff commented, "Playing Eagles was the best game we have ever been involved in, and the Reds can be proud that they became the first team to stop us from scoring a goal in over two seasons."

UNDER 12's - UNBEATEN ALL SEASON - The U12's have made an excellent start to the season, having played two friendlies and two leagues games, winning 3 and drawing the other. They kicked off pre-season with a 9-1 demolition of Red Lodge, after which they hammered Comberton 5-0 - particularly impressive given that the half time score was 0-0. The boys started their league campaign with a trip to Linton to play Aztecs. This encounter, which ended in a 2-1 win, came just before an excellent home game against Burwell Tigers, which saw two evenly matched teams play out a 1-1 draw.

UNDER 15's - The Eagles welcome on board everyone who make up the U15's. Over the last month, our U15's team beat West Wrattling 5-4 on their open day on the 6th of August, before further victories in friendlies against Papworth & Newmarket. The boys triumphed 6-2 & 4-2 respectively in these two games. The U15's first competitive fixture is on the 25th of Sept. Good Luck!

MENS - The men's team got off to a great start by winning their first ever game 1-0 against Royston. In their league debut, the Eagles men overcame the Rising Sun-day team 8-3. Thomas Heginbottom scored all 8 goals in this high-scoring affair - his fantastic performance would not have been possible without the full support of the team around him. A further friendly vs Cambourne Rovers ended with a 1-1 draw, while the latest game in the league, against Fulbourn Sports, ended with a 5-2 win.

The Eagles aim is to have fun every week whilst improving and learning more and more about the game. We hope to build a healthy goal tally as we go. It's been great to see parents, siblings and friends supporting the Eagles at training and matches. They turn out to cheer our players every week, even when the heavens open! A big thanks to you all and please keep it up! If you would like to join any of our successful teams, please contact our club secretary on the number at the top of this page. **Article written by Sally Day.**



Cambourne Exiles RFC

After the long summer break, September gave Cambourne Exiles RFC an opportunity to put their training into practise, and finally play some competitive matches of Rugby. **The first match of the season versus Ely 3's was a close fought**

affair, with Cambourne dominating the early exchanges and building a healthy lead, before tiring in the second half and letting the home team back into the game. Despite being level with seconds to go, Ely scored a late try to win the opening fixture **31-24**.

The following week saw a second friendly against Hitchin 3's, another team who have historically proved a tough test. The opening passage of play saw Hitchin capitalise on Cambourne's errors to take an early lead. But the Exiles redoubled their efforts and the solid defence and a dominant pack resulted in **Cambourne building a significant lead, eventually running out 40-5 winners**.

Unfortunately the most recent fixture v Sawston was cancelled by the opposition at the eleventh hour. So with no hope of arranging a game against another local side at the last minute, the team met up and played a training match following 7's rules, followed by an early trip to the Monkfield arms.

October sees the first home match of the season against Sawston 2's on the 1st, followed by another **home game with Ely 3's on the 8th** - a chance to get some revenge! There are two further fixtures to watch out for in October, with a cup match still to be drawn on **October 15th** and a **trip to play Shelford 5's set for October 22nd**.

As always we value the support of the local community and would love to see you on the touchlines cheering us on. **Training is from 7-9pm at the pitch on Monday and Wednesday** - all new players are welcome.

Cambourne F.C. News

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> **C.F.C Gain Sponsorship from Bovis and Taylor Wimpey**

> **C.F.C U17s Kick-off Pavilion Opening**

> **C.F.C Record Great Start to New Season**



Soccer School

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Chris, Simone, Barry and Graeme, Soccer School is going from strength to strength, with more than 20 players turning up every week. The children are thoroughly enjoying their introduction to football and even at this very early stage we can see teams forming, ready for next season's U7s. The children who attend the school are developing very well, improving in both ability and attitude. Soccer School is always welcoming new players and is held every Saturday morning (9.00-10.00am). The school is open to school children below the age of 6 (Year 1 and Reception).

C.F.C U7 – White

Cambourne White U7s kicked off the season with a keenly contested away match against Little Paxton Colts. The crowd was treated to a feast of football. Fine goalkeeping performances, rugged defending, creative midfield play, and some clinical finishing were there for all to see in abundance. Many thanks to Little Paxton for their hospitality, and well done to all the players!

C.F.C U7 – Silver

After a promising start, the U7 Silver Team was beaten in their opening match against Warboys Colts Black. Nevertheless, despite a lack of substi-

tutes, the players gave their all and showed great team spirit, which should stand them in good stead for the forthcoming fixtures.

C.F.C U7 – Black

What a start to the new season for the six players of the Cambourne FC U7 Black team (also known as "The Badgers"), who travelled to Ramsey for their first match. A great start saw many goals being scored and very high quality passing, great control, and fantastic team work, which delighted the very enthusiastic and encouraging supporters. Well done Badgers! We are all looking forward to more of the same. We are always looking for talented young players – if you are interested in joining the Cambourne FC U7 teams, please get in touch.

C.F.C U8

A month into the new season, and the children are really enjoying playing against new teams following our entry into the Cambridgeshire Mini League. It has been a bright start from all the players in the squad and we are looking to develop further as the season progresses. If you have a child who would like to participate in our training sessions, held on Tuesday evenings (6.00-7.00pm) on the MUGA, please contact Jez Jubb using the details below.

C.F.C U9

The U9s made a fantastic start to the season, beating Histon 10-1. Oliver B and Oliver C both grabbed hat tricks while Tom, Alfie, George and Ben added further goals. An additional well done goes to Christian for another strong performance.

C.F.C U10

The U10s remained unbeaten this summer after games against Walpole, Spartak and Sutton. The team finished their pre-season friendlies beating Spartak and Sutton 4-1 and 4-2 respectively. The U10s started the league in absolutely amazing form. They defeated Bar Hill 3-0 in their opening match, thanks to goals from Will Racher, Thomas and Sam. The entire team has progressed so much over the summer, but Thomas Bell, Joe



Ambery and Dennis Whelan all deserve a special mention for their impressive performances. Well done lads!

C.F.C U13

The U13s played well in their first two games of the season. These were tough games against strong teams, but the U13s still managed to score six goals in the two games. We still have spaces available on the team. Training is on Fridays (5.00-6.00pm) at the MUGA. We have also had a request for open training to start again – watch this space for more details...

C.F.C U17

The U17s are finding the step-up in the league difficult at the moment, losing the first two games 5-2 against Chesterton Villa and Cherry Hinton Lions. We can, however, take positives from both games – especially the second half against Cherry Hinton, where we played much better and were more solid. We have our best ever squad – the lads just need to believe in themselves and the new players just need to settle into the team. We hope to add one more player, a striker, to complete the squad. There are no easy games in this league – all the teams are good. Our next game is against Godmanchester Rovers in the cup at home. Hopefully we can put in the performance we are capable of.

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The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

From the Run Leader of Cambourne Runners – Run in England Group

Setting goals gives you two things: a solid objective to accomplish and a great sense of achievement when you reach that goal. However, it is important to avoid disappointment and to keep your goals sensible. For instance, do not start training with the goal of running Lands End to John O'Groats in a couple of months. However, you could say that you want to be running three miles in March and happily achieve that one. Use the popular [mnemonic SMART](#) to help set your goals, keeping them **Specific, Measurable, Attainable** and **Time** framed. The goals do not have to be huge, like running a marathon; enter a free Parkrun, set a time, and try to beat that target the next time you go along.

It is good to share your goals with others too; telling friends and family what you intend to do makes it a lot harder to give in. If your new fitness program involves running, enter a race to give a solid focus for your efforts. Try running with others and join a running group, such as the Cambourne Runners or one of the many local clubs like Cambridge and Coleridge AC. Sharing your running with others can help the miles fly by and become an enjoyable experience again. If you have to run alone, add variety to your runs. Simply reversing a well used route can make a real difference, or try out and back runs where you run to a set point, note your time, and then run back to your start point aiming to beat that time. So, set goals and keep motivated!

The Cambourne Runners Group meets Saturday mornings at 9.00am and Wednesday Evenings at 7.00pm outside the Hub

Upcoming Local Races:

Every Saturday: Cambridge Parkrun 5 km trail, Milton Park

Sun 20th Oct: RAF Henlow 10 miles, Bedfordshire

Celebrating Ten Years of The Crier:

Past, Present, and Future

In the Beginning...

Ten years have passed since *The Cambourne Crier* made its first formal appearance as a monthly community magazine. However, the *Crier* story actually began in 1999, when the first informal issue was published just in time for Christmas. Initially photocopied, stapled, and distributed by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), a few issues followed at three-month intervals. By September 2001, a group of residents had volunteered to produce the *Crier* on a more formal basis, and the first issue of the *Crier* in its current monthly format was released.

At that time there were no more than 200 homes in Cambourne. SCDC awarded the residents a grant of £400, which was enough to cover production costs for six months. In turn, SCDC no longer needed to commit its own staff towards producing and distributing the *Crier*. In these early years each edition was around four pages long, which meant that only a small number of adverts were required to cover initial costs. By way of comparison, the *Crier* is now 40 pages long and 3,265 copies are distributed every month.

That's a whopping 1.5 Million sides of A4 every year! (and a lot of proof-reading)

The *Crier* has also evolved in other respects. For some years, a single resident edited the *Crier* largely on his own – sometimes working through the night to meet deadlines. When he moved away from Cambourne, it took an entire team of editors to replace him! At one point, a second resident purchased printing and collating machines in order to keep costs to a minimum. His commitment and hard work allowed printing and collation to be performed internally for two years, before growing circulation figures rendered this approach unviable. Nowadays, after the editors have compiled it, a commercial operator prints the *Crier* and handles its advertising.

Serving the Community

Whilst the *Crier* has certainly seen many changes over the years, other things have stayed the same. The editorial team, comprising ten editors, a lead editor, a chairman, and a treasurer, is still made up of volunteers. The lead editor oversees the nine members of delivery staff who distribute the *Crier*, and is himself no stranger to working all night every now and again. However, perhaps the most important aspect to remain unchanged has been the *Crier's* commitment to supporting local groups and organisations.

Over the years, the magazine's advertising revenue has been used to establish a reserve fund from which community donations are made. Since its inception, the *Crier* has donated multiple thousands of pounds to local groups and good causes. Today, despite escalating printing and distribution costs that fund continues to be topped up, and donations continue to be made. The *Crier* remains fully committed to donating money to community organisations in Cambourne. Indeed, in the next month or two, we hope to be able to bring you news of a large community project we are working on as a way of marking our tenth anniversary.

Onwards and Upwards

The *Crier* editorial team have firm ideas about the future direction of the magazine. The editors wish to maintain the *Crier's* position as a leading platform for community news, a cost effective advertising forum for local tradesmen, and a source of community funding.

We have reached the stage where we can offer colour advertising and editorial features. One of our long-term goals is to provide a full colour publication that serves the needs of existing and future Cambourne residents. Our continued success will depend heavily on the hard work of volunteer editors. If you would like to contribute some of your spare time to production of the *Crier*, please feel free to contact the editorial team!

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