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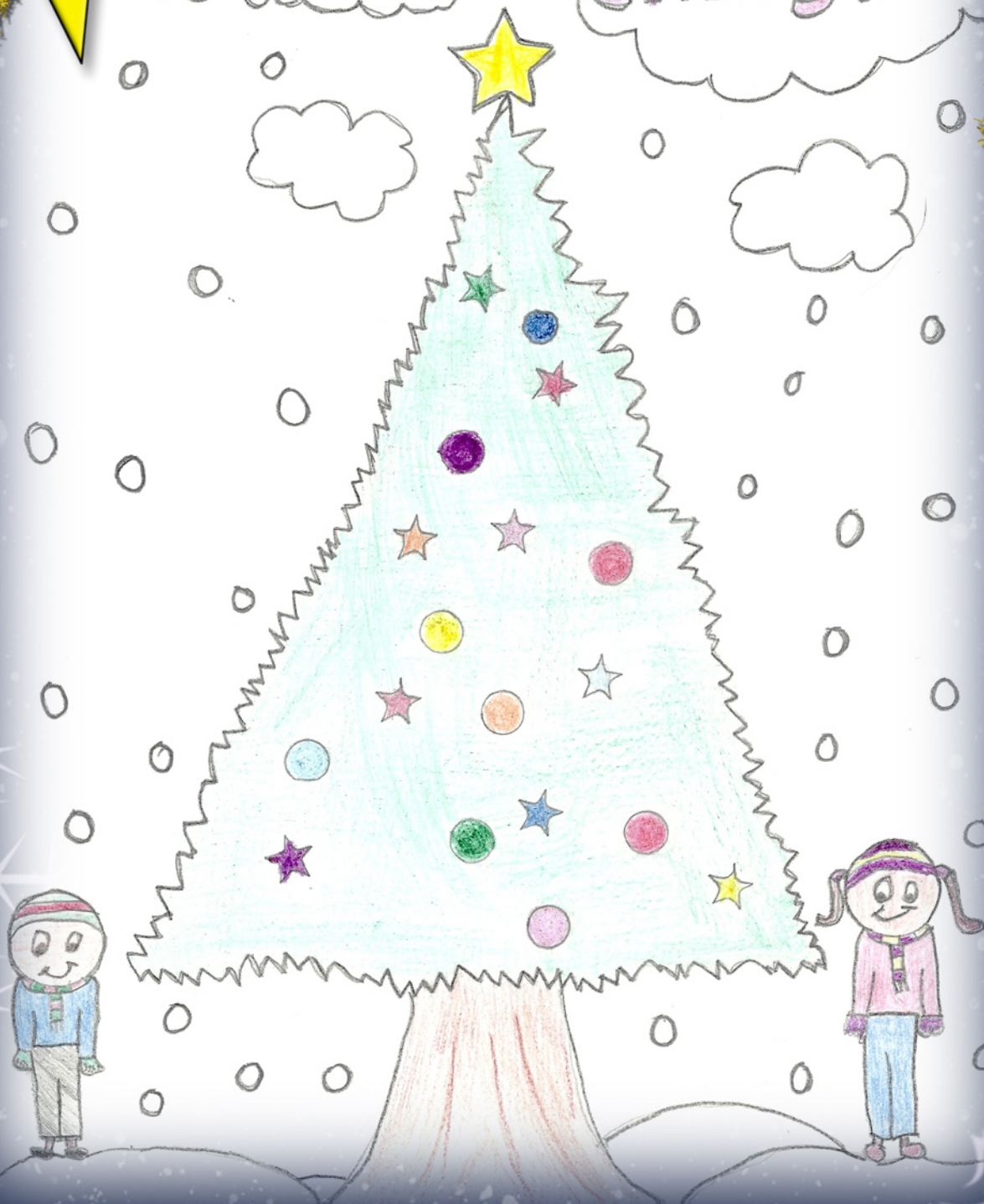
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Aged 9

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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.



The Cambourne Christmas Tree Fair

10th-11th December @ The Hub

A small, but special event for Cambourne at Christmas!

Christmas trees | decorations | festive food | toys
Local craft stalls | schools stalls | children's funfair rides | face painting

See your tree in the field and view our decorations:
<http://www.facebook.com/christmastreefair>

Christmas trees, stands and decorations on sale from 3rd – 18th December @ The Hub
Please don't forget: FREE tree recycling centre at The Hub

Community First Responders – Who are we?

We are a group of volunteers who live or work in Cambourne and are trained by the East of England Ambulance Service to respond to emergency calls in our local community. As we are local, we can reach patients quickly and start life saving treatment in those vital few minutes before the ambulance arrives. We are equipped to provide basic life support, including airway management, oxygen administration, CPR and defibrillation. Since our launch on the 19th April last year we have attended over 140 patients in Cambourne and the surrounding villages.

Our group is looking for new volunteers with the drive and passion to make a difference. To become a Community First Responder (CFR) you must:

- **Be physically fit**
- **Be over 18 years of age**
- **Agree to a Criminal Record Bureau Check**
- **Have a full driving licence and use of a car**
- **Have a caring nature**
- **Be ready to undertake training and annual retests.**

We also need help with fundraising, so that we can maintain and replace equipment. Cambourne Parish Council and The Crier have kindly provided financial support and we would also like to thank everyone who has put money into our collection boxes in Fish'n'Chick'n and Domino's Pizza.

If you are a group or business that would be interested in a Heart Start course contact Matt.



The gift of life is in your hands.

The Crier has kindly offered us a regular space in the magazine so we can update you on all we have been up to so watch this space and look out for us. You can also follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CambourneCFRs>

If you would like any further information please contact Matt: matt.wayland@gmail.com or **07733 268757**.

Happy Christmas from YOUR CFR group.

Christmas and New Year Refuse Collection Dates

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)



08/12/2011	Green and Blue Bins
15/12/2011	Black Bin
22/12/2011	Green and Blue Bins
31/12/2011 (Saturday)	Black Bin
07/01/2012 (Saturday)	Green and Blue Bins
13/01/2012 (Friday)	Black Bin



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

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During November I had reports of redwings around Cambourne. These birds, along with fieldfares, are winter migrant thrushes which we get coming over from Scandinavia to escape the even colder weather there. **Redwings** are similar to song thrushes, but are slightly smaller with a cream stripe over the eye and red under the wings. I've not had any sightings of **fieldfares** yet this year. Look out for a larger thrush with a grey head and brown back and let me know when you see them arrive!



Another exciting bird arrival is the appearance of **tree sparrows** in our office garden at the Manor House. These look like house sparrows at first glance, but have chestnut brown caps instead of grey and a white patch with a black dot on the cheeks. They are red list species because their numbers have declined drastically in the UK, though numbers are starting to increase again. Hopefully we can get a good population established at Cambourne. Please let me know if you get them in your garden.



Christmas Shopping

A range of Christmas gifts, perfect for the wildlife lover in your family, are available on our website www.wildlifebcn.org (or by popping into the Manor House during working hours). We have a Wildlife Trusts' calendar, Christmas cards and a selection of wildlife books. If you purchase Wildlife Trust gift membership this Christmas, you can choose a wildlife guide as an additional free gift while stocks last!

Double your gift to local owls this Christmas, for free!

Between 5th-9th December this year the Wildlife Trust are taking part in the Big Give's Christmas Challenge. Beautiful, elusive and mysterious - our focus during this week is on owls. Every day Trust staff and volunteers are defending the habitats that owls rely on and restoring and creating new countryside and green spaces near you. The Christmas Challenge is a one-week-only chance to double your gift to the Wildlife Trust and therefore double the amount of vital conservation work we can do with it, at no extra cost to you! To **double your gift** please donate online at www.wildlifebcn.org/biggive.htm from Monday 5th December at 10am. Please email david.jones@wildlifebcn.org if you would like to sign up for a donation reminder by email, text or phone on 5th December 2011 or if you have any questions about the Big Give or our work to help local owls.



New Wildlife Training Workshops programme

During 2012 the Wildlife Trust are running another varied programme of training workshops across the 3 counties, a number of which are being held in Cambourne. For those people who are interested in learning more about frogs, toads and newts, there is an **Introduction to Amphibians** workshop being held during March. Due to its popularity this year, another **Beginning with Landscape: Geology** has also been added to the programme, and is being held on the evenings of Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th August, where the focus will be on local landscapes and how they are formed. In addition to these workshops there are also sessions in Cambridgeshire on **ladybirds, dragonflies, birds, small mammals, charcoal burning and hedgelaying**.

For full details please visit www.wildlifebcn.org, or telephone Juliette Butler, Wildlife Training Workshops Officer on 01604 774031 or e-mail trainingworkshops@wildlifebcn.org

Finally - You might have noticed that our logo, website address and email addresses have changes slightly. Our members voted to change our name at our last AGM so we no longer include Peterborough in our title.

Get in touch - If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne please get in touch. Email: jenny.mackay@wildlifebcn.org Or Call: **01954 713516** (please leave a message)

Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer

A new type of Wildlife Trust office volunteer

Have you ever thought about learning how to identify a bat by its call, find out which plants grow locally or how many birds live in our local nature reserves? We currently have opportunities for volunteers to work alongside staff in the Cambourne office on a regular basis, during weekdays, on the various stages of organising surveys but mainly the processing of data. This data has been gathered by Ecology Group volunteers on nature reserves and ranges from species lists of birds, plants and insects to bat calls and photographs. Other work may include **event publicity and logistics, conference organisation and bookings, general administration and some weekday survey and monitoring**.

Essential skills required include good organisation, communication and team-working. Basic computer literacy (in Word and Excel) is required and an attention to detail is important. Proof-reading skills would be desirable but not essential.

If you live in the Cambourne area and would be interested in joining our office-based team at the local Wildlife Trust, please contact me for more details:

Henry Stanier, Ecology Groups Officer: henry.stanier@wildlifebcn.org

NEW NUMBER FOR LOCAL POLICE



you can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on **101** for all **non-emergency** calls.

The 0345 456 456 4 number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.

The change comes part of a national programme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales, giving residents an easy-to-remember number to contact local police wherever they are.

Please continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

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.

Dear Editor.

On the 9th Nov I lost my wallet in Cambourne as I explored the villages being here for only 5 days. I reported it to the local Police Station and was informed by them that it had been handed in minus the £35 cash that was in it.

I would like to thank the dog walker and 'Pickles' for finding and returning the wallet and inform the 'tea-leaf' that I am a practising sorcerer and the next time he falls off his bike he may just wonder....

Should they have a change of heart I ask that they hand it back to the Wildlife Trust Broad St as a gift to nature.

Thanks
Vic Phillip

Dear Editor

This year, I was not able to be at home on the evening of Halloween, so left a bag of goodies on my doormat with a note asking trick-or-treaters to help themselves to one treat, but to please leave the rest for later visitors.

I have done this on previous years with no problem and have even returned home to find some goodies still available, but this year, one of the first callers or passers-by took the whole bag. I know this, as I was just next door and popped home at the time of the second visitors of the night, to find the whole bag had disappeared.

So, if your child was one of those who returned home with what seemed like an inordinate amount of fun-size Mars, Milky Way & Maltesers, you now know why and I hope you have appropriate words with them.

Not only was I really disappointed by this turn of events, but it meant that all other trick-or-treaters who visited missed out.

I think there were enough local participants giving out goodies to have made such theft, for that's what it was, unnecessary. I thought Cambourne residents were better than this!

Name & address supplied

Dear Editor

Retirement of Dr Peter Bailey from Monkfield Medical Practice

At the end of January 2012 I will be taking early retirement from my work as an NHS General Practitioner. It has been my great privilege to work in Cambourne for the last eleven years.

I was appointed to my post by the health authority in 2000 with the brief of developing primary care services for the new community of Cambourne. Working with a small team from temporary premises the service has grown from a list size of zero to around 8500 patients.

Many Cambourne residents will remember the early days when the medical and nursing staff outnumbered the patients! Since I was a boy of 8, general practice has been my ambition and focus and I could not have been happier or more fulfilled than I have been at Monkfield Medical Practice.

Some of you may know that my wife is unwell. She has a constellation of autoimmune diseases including Lupus and Sjogren's syndrome and has had to retire on medical grounds from her job as a GP in Harston. Medications have stabilised her illness but she has limited stamina and energy. It is clear to me that my priority must be to her and it is for that reason that I have made my decision to retire. (I should not want to look back in a few years time and regret working instead of being with her.)

I know that you will understand and support me and I look to you to support my colleagues in the transitions ahead. We have appointed a new partner, Dr Ruwani Siriwardena, who is a very experienced general practitioner. She will start in February and I look forward to welcoming her to the partnership as I hand over.

I will leave with a sense of bereavement as well as satisfaction and I will miss my partners, colleagues and friends in Cambourne, and especially the children who form such a wonderful part of the work of general practice.

Kind Regards
Dr Peter Bailey

Dear Editor

A 'Thanks' from the Organisers of Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland 2011 was an enormous success thanks to all of the volunteers who cut, counted, traced, stuck and packed all of the crafts for this event. We can't thank you enough.

For the few hundred people that came, you can see what a huge event it is to organise and we do it all for YOU. This event and the others we do (organised by Violet and Tallulah Events) are just for our community. We feel so blessed to be able to serve you in this way. Thank you for coming and playing and crafting and eating. We appreciate you. See you next year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continued...



As an avid supporter and frequent customer to many of the local businesses in Cambourne I was very disappointed by what happened to me this week.

Whilst parking in the circular car-park near the 'Massif Bikes' shop, I was rudely accosted by a member of their staff. She stated that the car-park was for the businesses and NOT for parents dropping their children off at the schools, in fact there were actively trying to get this stopped. She also questioned as to why I hadn't used the school car-park or walked for a couple of minutes.

Firstly, this is probably not the best way to advertise your relatively new business especially as many of your customers will be Cambourne residents with a young family, the very people you intend to target.

As many of you reading this will understand, the school car-park is always full and utilised to its maximum as most parents/carers attempt to park here first. Although a small minority of parents/carers may only have a 'couple of minutes walk' and choose to drive a vast majority have indeed much further especially those living in Lower Cambourne which does not have its own primary school. Some of the children are as young as 3 years old with even younger siblings with up to a 20 minute walk mostly in the rain at this time of the year before starting a day at school, some parents choose to walk, some choose to drive, and it should be just that, a choice. Others rush off to work straight from dropping the kids off at the schools and cannot afford the 20 minute walk back home to collect the car.

It is right that parking should not be allowed on School Lane directly outside the schools as it does pose a danger and holds up traffic, however, rather than standing a Community Beat Officer' outside the schools informing us of this the tax payers money would be better invested in a controlled crossing and a lollipop lady!

On my final point, if the parking spaces in this area are so precious and given that the parents/carers are usually parked for less than 10 minutes, should the staff (some of whom live in Cambourne) also be forced to find alternative parking especially as many of them are parked there for 9 plus hours even though there is a 'maximum 4 hour stay' in force? Does a full car-park for 10 minutes a couple of times during the week days really matter; maybe they could capture this passing trade?

Name & address supplied

Massif Bikes have written in with a response.

"..Firstly, I apologise if you feel that you feel you were "accosted", I don't think this is the case, and the lady in question was in fact conversing in a pleasant and jovial manner.

Over the last 18 months or so, and indeed since Dominos Pizza has opened, the parking around the Caxton House area has deteriorated hugely. The motoring public are resorting to parking illegally and dangerously and this, I'm sure, many will agree, is just unacceptable. Parking, especially on pavements in Caxton House has become a constant menace, especially in poor weather, and we are all trying to take steps to ensure this is stopped before a fatal accident occurs.

The police have been out moving drivers along from School lane, problem is, those same drivers are either there in the same spot the next day, parked all over the pavements, or clogging up the delivery bay outside the Dry Cleaners forcing delivery drivers to park up in an even more precarious position, i.e. across the junction of Broad St and School Lane. Large Lorries too are exacerbating the problem, and we also encourage them to park/off load in the correct areas. Whilst drivers may at times feel a little aggrieved, and that parking awkwardly for just five minutes is okay, it's all the last minute drivers who suddenly rush in, that will cause the accidents.

I have been on site here early and personally witnessed, on a number of occasions, some very near misses. Whilst those drivers are not speeding, they are indeed driving too fast for the conditions. I'm very sure that nobody wants this to be their child when it can so easily be avoided, and if this is allowed to continue, a serious accident will be inevitable, it's just a question of time.

Parking on the pavements also has huge repercussions for the walking public who have to walk around cars, into the road with prams and buggies, as well as the huge damage cars and lorries cause to the paving, which is not designed to be parked on, this costs all the retail stores more in their annual service charges to repair.

Parking in this area is indeed for customers to Caxton House only, 4 hours maximum. It has been an issue in the past with bus commuters, and has been resolved with the advent of clamping by Hyline Security, for drivers overstaying. Pay & Park meters were proposed, but rejected by the retail tenants.

Parking is, and always will be an issue in Cambourne, something the Parish and District council are constantly and tirelessly working on for the safety of all residents, and visitors to the village.."

Regards,
Massif Bikes.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME IN CAMBOURNE

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

WE NOW HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER 07930 855 833 -If you have one, leave a land line number and the co-ordinator will call you back. Or email cambournecarscheme@gmail.com



We now have a Co-ordinator Samantha (Sam) Morrison and although the scheme is in its infancy - (only 3 drivers) we will do our best! I am very pleased to say we have a new volunteer, Possibly a Second co-ordinator or driver Jenny Leung from Great Cambourne

We do still need more Drivers

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CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



The Children of Jeavons Wood 'Remember'

On the 11th November at 11:00 a.m., the children and adults of Jeavons Wood joined the nation in remembrance of those who fought and died in order to preserve justice and peace. Every child made a poppy to put in their class wreath and some of the older children read lines of verse. During the silence that followed, we remembered the dead and reflected on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we have freedom and do not have to fear for our safety.



Time Capsule Burial reported by Beatriz Gomez and Alwaaz Khan (Y4)

On Wednesday we went to bury our time capsule under the new school that they are building for us across the road. They gave us some white hard helmets and some Kier yellow jackets so that we would be seen and wouldn't get hurt. They stopped the machines working so we would be safe. They showed us around the building site and told us about some of the vehicles that they are using to build the new school.



After that, we buried the time capsule. Using a broom we pushed it into a hole under the pavement under the main entrance to the school. They are going to put a metal plaque up to show where the time capsule is going to be buried.

In the time capsule we put information about things that are going on now in Cambourne. We put in surveys and letters and all types of data. Beatriz Gomez reports, "I put a map showing where the places in Cambourne were, like Jeavons Wood School and The Vine." Alwaaz Khan said, "I put a letter in to tell the pupils of Jeavons Wood of 2111 information to help them with their history projects."

All of the children had a fun time putting things together for our time capsule and we really liked seeing where our classrooms were going to be.

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

It's been a busy Autumn Term at the Care & Learning Centre; we have welcomed our new families, explored the changing weather and seasons and celebrated Diwali.

We have collected the Morrison's 'Let's Grow' vouchers again this year and are just in the process of counting them up and choosing some new equipment. Thank you to everyone who has donated vouchers to us.

We are now getting ready for Christmas, this year we will be sharing our Christmas Celebration with parents/carers during the week commencing **5th December 2011**.

The children will also be busy taking part in a range of Christmas activities leading up to the end of term; these will include creative and messy activities as well as learning new songs and exploring instruments.

We are hoping that Father Christmas will be able to find time in his busy schedule to fit in a visit to the pre-school and see the children.

The pre-school closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December 2011 and re-opens on Wednesday

4th January 2012. If you are interested in a place for your child at the After School Club and/or Breakfast Club, please contact the Care and Learning Centre.

The Care and Learning Centre runs a Holiday Club during school holidays. We open from 8.00am to 6.00pm and parents/carers can book by the hour to suit their needs. A registration fee is payable upon acceptance of a place.

The Christmas Holiday Club will be open from **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd December 2011 and Tuesday 3rd January 2012.**

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.

We would like to wish all the families of Cambourne a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

If you would like further details about any aspect of the Care and Learning Centre, please telephone **01954 273301** or email clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk.

What's On At Comberton...

For more information on these and any of the events at Comberton Village College, please visit our website www.combertonvc.org or call into either the school reception or the reception at Comberton Leisure.

Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Bazaar	11.00-3.00pm	Free admission
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas concert	7.00	TBC
Saturday 10 th December	Winter Dance Showcase	7.30	£5/£3
Friday 16 th December	Custard Comedy	Doors Open 8.00	£8 adv / £10 Door
Saturday 14 th January	Splitz Dance Show	TBC	TBC

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CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



Skeletons in Coral and Ruby Class.

Coral and Ruby class have settled really happily into life at the Vine School. They have made new friends, are following classroom routines and are developing curiosity and an excitement for learning. After a well earned break the pupils continue to show how enthusiastic they are to learn. They are constantly delighted in their new skills and love to share these with others.

This half term we are learning about ourselves and our bodies. We have enjoyed listening to Funnybones stories and learning about our skeletons. We have created skeleton hands using Artstraws and drawn skeletons using white pastels on black paper. Skeleton jigsaws were a little tricky to assemble but with the help of a friend, we managed it!

Here are some things we have found out:

'Your arms and legs would go all floppy and you would just lay down without a skeleton' Olivia

'An octopus doesn't have a skeleton' Tristan

'It's a body with lots of bones' Georgia

'Skeletons have rib bones to keep your waist safe' Calum

'If we didn't have knuckles you couldn't grab hold of something' Charlie.



We are now creating a class portrait gallery and with the help of mirrors we are looking closely at ourselves to create our self portraits.

to find out more about The Vine School contact Headteacher Debbie Higham on 01954 719630 or e-mail: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk



Jeavons Wood Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) AGM

Friday 9th of December at 9am. In the Church hall

The PTFA hereby give notice of their AGM. All are welcome to attend. Please note however, that immediately following this meeting, the school children will be performing their play. This can only be attended if you have a ticket due to space restrictions.

If you would like to stand for election to the Committee or have a motion to put forward, please email enquiries@jeavonswoodptfa.org.uk for further information.

Parents are automatically members of the PTFA when their child starts school.

Could you enter a team to compete in the Old Fashioned School Olympics It's a Knockout Competition at next year's Cambourne Youth Fest on Saturday 14th July 2012??

Teams can have between 4 and 12 members of any age and can be made up of any combination of friends, work colleagues, families, clubs, streets, sports groups etc. The competition is purely for fun and will consist of good old fashioned races including Egg and Spoon Race, Three Legged Race, Sack Race and many more.

A small entry fee will be charged per team.

If you are interested, please email - officecyp@goolemail.com.



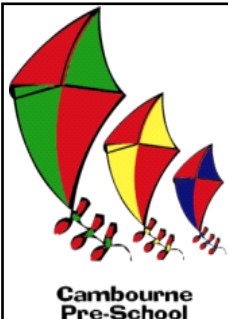
Cambourne 123's is a fun and friendly toddler group

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!

9th December: Christmas Bauble/Cone Decorating, 16th December: Christmas Party

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



Monday 19th December
Cambourne Church Hall 10:30am – 1:30pm

Young Children's CHRISTMAS PARTY

With
JezO's Magic Show
and

Visit and Present from Father Christmas
Craft Activities Buffet Lunch Face Painting Music, games
and lots more!



£5 per child with an adult (£3 for extra siblings)

For tickets, contact Vicky on **07510 051125** Or **cambournepreschoolfundraising@gmail.com**

Book now – limited tickets available!

19 – the coffee house - will be open throughout. Other festive foods will be on sale in the hall
All proceeds will go to Cambourne Pre-School (Registered Charity 1122459)



Every Friday from 10-11.25 in the main hall at the Hub

Cost: £1.50 per family including refreshments.

Older siblings are welcome.

2nd December Christmas Fayre

9th December Christmas Party

From **16th December** we are closed for the holiday period and look forward to seeing you on **13th January 2012**.

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 that we can carry on past Christmas. Baby and Me is now in its 7th year and it would be a shame if we had to close. If you are able to help on the committee or can just come earlier to help set up, please e-mail us.

For further information, schedule updates or if you have any queries please e-mail us at **Cambourne.BabyAndMe@gmail.com** or visit **www.babyandme.org.uk**

Find us on Facebook (Baby and Me).

Cambourne Craft Fair a Huge Success!

Cambourne Craft Fair was held on Saturday October 29th in the church, and proved to be a fantastic event! Around 200 people came through the doors to listen to the great music, have a

cuppa in the cafe and potter around the 25 stalls.

All of the crafts looked lovely and the quality of produce on sale was extremely high. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the fair and the atmosphere. Many people commented on how much they enjoyed themselves: sellers, buyers and cafe customers all had a fantastic time and the support from the community was amazing.

Thank you so much to everyone who came along and made the fair such a great success! We hope to see you all again at the next fair on **Saturday 25th February 2012**, many stalls have already been confirmed. If you are interested in having a stall please email Laura Watts at **lewatts@hotmail.co.uk**. Stalls will be allocated on a first come first served basis, priority given to returning stallholders.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

The Alzheimer's Society drop in

The Alzheimer's Society works with anyone who is confused and forgetful, their carers and families, not just people with Alzheimer's disease. We are here to provide information, to help people to understand confusion, help people to find strategies to cope, to provide someone to talk to who understands and to provide friendship and opportunities to meet other people in a similar situation.

On Tuesday 13th December between we will be at the Monkfield-Medical Practice in Cambourne. Staff will be present to help you. We can help with financial issues, carers assessments as well as provide you with information and support. We will have a confidential area where we can chat if needed. Carers and people with dementia can also meet up and chat over coffee.

Please call our office on 01223 884031.



Coffee Mornings & Playgroup

The Hub - Wednesdays 10 am to Noon
(except school holidays)

We celebrated Diwali in October and Eid in November.
You are welcome to join us in the festivities in December.
Free entry.

December meetings.

- 7th: Christmas Festival (everyone bring a dish)
- 14th: Candle Making

Contact: Laura Bangs Tel:(01954) 710510

Cambourne.clic@gmail.com

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

In November we started our preparations for Christmas by learning some new Christmas crafts and cookery. The room was filled with card, templates and brightly coloured ribbon as we all learned some new skills.

Our meeting in December will be a chance to socialise with some nice nibbles and the odd glass of festive wine.

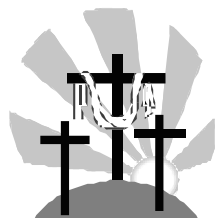
The Cambourne WI has several groups running which include

- **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 *The lovely bones*. 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 likeminded ladies and women then get in touch and come and join the Cambourne WI. For more information please contact Gill on 718566.

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



Something a bit different this month. A carol, and most will know it, but may not have considered its implications on their own lives. Here's a bit of explanation to help.

Hark the herald angels sing

*Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners
reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of
the skies With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in
Bethlehem" Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the
newborn King!"*

*Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a Virgin's
womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate
Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our
Emmanuel Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the
newborn King!"*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of
Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with
healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that
man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth Hark! The herald angels
sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

I would encourage Believers to get your Bibles to look up those verses as they will bring you joy. And if you are not a believer, look them up anyway just so next time you sing it you may know more about what it means. If you don't have a Bible either look them up online or ask me, and I will get you one for free. This carol is a great gospel message. Jesus coming to earth to redeem us from our sin. To substitute himself for our penalty, taking our sin and bearing it to the cross so that we who turn to him may be free. The greatest gift was that child and what he did. I pray that this season you would receive that gift. If you have any questions or just need to chat let us know and Merry Christmas Cambourne, from Peacehaven Baptist Church.

Luke 2:9 -14 gives the account, that the Christ had been born in Bethlehem. He was peace and mercy. He is the instrument of reconciliation. That meaning by him God and sinners are brought back together in a working relationship. Our sins separated us from God and they must be paid for to be cleansed and it was through Christ this could be achieved. He being sinless could become the perfect sacrifice for our sin. All of us regardless of nation or background can rejoice in this.

His position and eternal status are proclaimed here. His predicted arrival as was foretold in Isaiah 7:14 as well as in Genesis after the fall of man. Declared the Son of God before birth in Luke 1:32. A title Emmanuel meaning God with us. Came to earth to live as man, to pay the price for man's sin and redeem, that is to purchase our freedom from sin and death.

Isaiah 9:6 (Also a great verse). Hebrews 1:8 (The way his kingdom works). John 1:4 and John 8:12 (Direction and life). Malachi 4:2 (He has the healing for our lives). John 11:25-26 (Eternal life in Him). John 6:40 (Promise of the resurrection). John 3:16 (The necessity to be born again). This was a big event with meaning for the entire world including you today.

Meeting Sundays
10am
Bible study and
Sunday school

11am
Morning worship
at the Hub

Wednesday
evenings
7 pm
at The Maple
Centre in
Huntingdon

For more info
email

Peacehavenbc@aol.com

or call
01954 710510
Pastor
Donavan Bangs

Donavan Bangs



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



Christmas Celebrations

Sunday 18th December –
10.00 All age service ~ *Nativity*

Monday 19th December at 4.00pm
Christingle service
for Pre-schoolers & KS1

Wednesday 21st December
4.00pm Carols at Cavendish

Saturday 24th December
6.30pm All Age Christmas Eve service

1130pm Reflective Watchnight service with Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th December – 10.30 service
All Age Christmas day celebration

Carols on the Green In Lower Cambourne

Friday 16th December at 6.30pm

~ MUSIC ~

**Salvation Army Brass Band &
The Rhythm of Life singers**

Bring a Torch

Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.



Beer and Carols In the Monkfield Arms

Tuesday 20th December at 8.30pm



Bring a neighbour!

Youth Stuff...

Soccer Sunday

Sunday **4th & 18th Dec** at 4.30-6 at MUGA

Thirst

Dec 4th at 6.30 - 8.30 - youth service with free meal

Ignite

Dec 18th at 6.30 - 8.30 For Young people to express themselves, live music, Pool, pizza, etc

Chillax Youth club

Every Tuesday 4.15 til 6 - Table tennis, Pool, Table football, Tuck shop, Playstation, etc

For more details on any of these contact
Jon Sanders 07798858302
jono_sanders@hotmail.com



Alpha – Exploring faith

New course starting

Tuesday January 10th 2012
Contact Peter Wood Tel. 715558

HERE TO HELP!



The Isaiah58 project is all about giving young people the chance to help people in Cambourne who would like it! In the past we have painted a wall, washed cars, mowed lawns and tidied up gardens, cleaned up sheds and helped people around the house. We could also

help with shopping, computers or anything else you want to suggest! We do not want to be paid but feel free to provide cake...

For more info on this project or if you would like help with something, contact Cambourne church Youth worker Jon Sanders on 07798858302 or

jon.sanders@romseymill.org



In a letter to the Crier, County Councillor for the Bourn Division Lister Wilson explains the Primary School catchment areas in Cambourne, and dispels a few myths regarding which schools you can apply to send your children to

'Catchment Areas' and choosing your child's first Primary School

On 7th. November Cambridgeshire County Council issued the following:

"..Parents in Cambridgeshire who have a child born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 are reminded that they must submit an application for their child to start school in September 2012.

The process, which opens on 14 November 2011, can be completed online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions or by returning a paper form, which can be obtained from any primary school and returned to the Admissions Team at Cambridgeshire County Council.

The completed form must be received by the Admissions Team by the close of business on the national closing date, 15 January 2012.

If parents submit their applications late - or do not make an application - there is a risk that their child will not offered a place at one of their preferred schools, including their catchment school, as other children's applications (those received by the deadline) will be processed ahead of theirs.."

I print this knowing that by the time you read it, there will not be much time to make your Application if you haven't done it. We do our best to make everyone aware of the process but the County knows that there will be some who miss out, mainly because they move to Cambourne after the deadline. Please contact me if this applies to you.

There are 3 Primary Schools to choose from.: The Vine (an inter-Church faith school), Jeavons Wood, and Monkfield Park. From September 2012 Jeavons Wood will be in a splendid new building surrounded by trees. If you look on-line you will see where the Catchment Area boundaries have been drawn for the Primary Schools in Cambourne:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/admission/catchmentsearch.htm>

A zoomable map has also been produced by a Cambourne resident and can be seen at:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/tim.morley2/perm/catchments/cambourne.html>

So what does this mean for you? First of all, I am opposed to the setting of Catchment Areas for any schools. This is because I have an unshakeable belief that people should be able to make choices for themselves, not have someone else tell them that they can't. So if a resident of Lower Cambourne wants to choose The Vine then they should be allowed to even though it means passing the fronts of two other schools to get there. In the same way, parents in Upper Cambourne should be able to send their children to Monkfield Park.

Looking at the Catchment Areas set down in September 2007, you might think that a family from Upper Cambourne couldn't send their child to Monkfield Park because they live in the Catchment Area of The Vine and Jeavons Wood. This is not the case. You can make a free choice. In fact, The Vine is open to all Cambourne residents wherever they live. This is because it is a faith school and some parents want this kind of education. Many children from Lower Cambourne already attend The Vine. So my demand for parents to choose is met.

There is only reason where I would accept the enforcement of Catchment Areas and that is if one school is full. The maximum size of each Primary School in Cambourne is 420. At the time of writing, for September 2012 none of the Schools is full and so parents can send their children to the school of their choice. For the record, Jeavons Wood will have 206, Monkfield Park 406 and The Vine 406. Some parents may also choose Hardwick which will have 245.

Making Catchment Areas is done for purely practical reasons i.e. to make sure one school doesn't face over-large classes whilst another has empty rooms. But I would also support competition between schools so that popular schools are allowed to expand and failing ones close. All Cambourne's schools are thriving and very popular so this doesn't apply here.

The County Council as Education Authority must also follow the DfE Code:

"..2.40 The 1997 Rotherham Judgment confirmed that there is nothing unlawful in the principle of admission authorities operating catchment areas as part of their oversubscription criteria and thereby giving priority to local children whose parents have expressed a preference for the school. However, admission authorities must not guarantee places to parents in a local catchment area, in case the pattern of preferences expressed does not allow this guarantee to be met. In drawing up catchment areas, admission authorities should ensure that they reflect the diversity of the community served by the school, and must not exclude particular housing estates or addresses in a way that might disadvantage particular social groups. A catchment area does not prevent parents expressing a preference for the school if they do not live in the area.

2.41 Local authorities and admission authorities must not suggest that parents are required to express a preference for the school in whose catchment area they live, or that they have been allocated a place at that school before they have expressed a preference. Local authorities must be clear that parents have a statutory right to express a preference for any school they choose, although they must explain the possible consequences of not expressing a preference for a school in whose catchment area they live.."

So I can emphasise that catchment areas only really come into play when a school is oversubscribed and then the County has to determine priority for admission against the published criteria (which includes Catchment Areas).

If parents living in The Vine/Jeavons Wood joint catchment area want to apply for a place at Monkfield Park they can do so and we have a duty to try to meet that preference. However, if Monkfield Park is oversubscribed they would be lower down the priority list than someone living in Monkfield Park's catchment area.

**Lister Wilson
County Councillor for the Bourn Division
Cambridgeshire County Council
November 2011**

Cambourne Kitchen

Carrot and Marmalade Ale Drizzle Cake with a Cream Cheese Frosting

I know what you're thinking (my mother thought it too!), "Ale! In a cake?!", but trust me this really works. I've deliberately chosen an ale which has a hint of honey in it but I do believe that this will work with most medium ales. I've been inspired to 'think British' and to think, more specifically, about using beer/ale in more adventurous ways than just the standard beef and ale pie, and this is what came into my head. I gave it a try and think it's well worth sharing with you.

Method:

- Line the bottom of a 10 inch square cake tin with baking paper and pre-heat your oven to 180°C.

- Pour the ale and water into a saucepan with the zest and bring it to the boil. Turn down to medium and allow the liquid to reduce by half. When ready take off the heat and leave to cool.

- In the meantime, add your butter and sugar to a large mixing bowl and beat until light, pale in colour and fluffy (this first stage is really beneficial so give it some time). Gradually beat in each egg until fully incorporated. Then beat in the marmalade, zest and juice of the orange, mixed spice and carrots. Once mixed sift in your flour and baking powder and use a spatula to fold in, being careful not to overwork the mixture.

- Pour the cake mix into the prepared tin and place on the middle shelf of the oven.

- Whilst the cake cooks, turn your attention to the syrup – very simple. Once the ale has cooled add a squeeze of lemon juice and tip in the sugar. Leave to the side.

- After 40 minutes test to see whether the cake is cooked by using a skewer or knife pushed into the centre. If it comes out clean the cake is ready; if not, place the cake back in the oven and check every 5 minutes until the skewer/knife comes out clean. When you are happy it is thoroughly cooked take the cake out, prick it all over and spoon half the syrup mix evenly all over the cake (whilst it is still hot) making sure you reach all the corners and scooping up the sugar that settles at the bottom of the pan (this is important as it will form a crust). - Now leave the cake to cool.

The frosting is optional but it is a delicious accompaniment. In a separate bowl beat the cream cheese. Add about 4 tbsp syrup a little at a time (this makes it easier to mix) and beat in the icing sugar. Serve a little on the side of the cake. If you have any syrup left over, use this to drizzle when you serve.

This cake really is a lovely treat and a nice alternative to a Christmas pudding. It's much lighter but still has a lovely hint of that familiar Christmas taste that we all love to indulge in at this time of the year. If you don't fancy the frosting you could serve it with a little crème fraîche or yoghurt to add a little acidity for balance. You can also serve it warm if you prefer.

For the cake:

- 250g butter/margarine
- 250g caster sugar
- 5 medium eggs (approx 250/300g)
- ½ jar marmalade (standard 454g jar)
- 3 tsp ground mixed spice
- Zest and juice 1 large orange
- 3 medium carrots finely grated (approx 250g)
- 450g plain flour
- 3 tsp baking powder

For the syrup:

- 500ml ale (I used 'Humdinger' ale which is made in Manchester)
- 100ml water
- Zest of 1 orange
- 450g caster sugar
- Squeeze lemon juice

For the frosting:

- 300g cream cheese
- 2dsp icing sugar
- Some of the syrup



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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

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.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES:

The library will be closed from
25th December – 2nd January inclusive.
Re-opening at 9.00 on Tues 3rd Jan 2012.

Engage in the Afternoon Wed 7th December
2.00pm – 3.30pm in the library.

Cambridgeshire Trading Standards talk on their work and future initiatives. 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 3.30 – 5.30. Just pop in for free help and advice. Next date 19th December 2011.

Beginners Computer Course. We can now start another computer course. If you would like to learn the basics, or slightly improve or refresh your skills please enquire at the library. Lessons are on a Wed morning in the library.

The library staff would like to wish all their customers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



At the last talk of the year in November, Mark Ekin talked to the group about **'Plants for Christmas'**.

Mark gave us a highly entertaining and useful presentation which involved making a Christmas wreath just using items from the garden (or that of a friend), planting bulbs in plenty of time to force them into flower for Christmas, using twigs and greenery to create stunning decorations and how to persuade a small, cheap poinsettia to become much more like its expensive, showy neighbour at a fraction of the cost. We hope to invite Mark back for another of his talks very soon.

There is no meeting of the Garden Club in December, but we have put together an excellent programme for the next year, beginning on January 26th with one of our favourite speakers, Peter Walker, who will be talking about 'My Garden Year'

The Club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm for 7.45pm in the Hub Committee room. Visitors welcome. Membership £15 a year.

For further info on the club, contact Debbie on 719091 or Fran on 710858

Jobs for December in the garden include:

- Clear away debris to discourage over-wintering slugs and snails.
- Continue winter digging and forking over (unless like me you prefer not to dig).
- Check the garden for plants etc that might need protection over the winter.
- Collect up dead leaves (start a bag of leafmould if you've got a spare corner where you can leave it for a year or so).
- Protect patio plants from wind and rain damage.
- Start planning for next year by looking through seed catalogues.

Papworth Astronomy Club News

Papworth Astronomy Club's November meeting included a talk given by Dr David Green, a senior lecturer at the Cavendish laboratory in Cambridge. Dave gave us a very well-delivered combination of historical astronomy and modern research on supernova explosions. He described the remnants of a number of supernova explosions that were recorded by earlier civilisations, notably the Crab nebula. He described the way the ancient Chinese plotted the constellations, noting that they sometimes consisted of only a single star. Current research focuses on radio observations of the structure of the supernova remnants.

The December talk will be an observing session (weather permitting), led by Dave Eagle. Dave will give a brief presentation of objects that are visible in the night sky at this time of year before we move outdoors. If the weather is poor, we will stay indoors and Dave will show us some of his images from previous sessions. Join us on **Wednesday 7th December at 7:30pm**. All are welcome. If you have your own telescope, you can bring it along but equipment will be provided.

Advanced warning that Dr Alan Aylward of University College London will be the speaker at our January 4th meeting. He will give us an update on his group's research into exoplanets. Have we found another planet like Earth yet? This meeting will be supporting the BBC's Stargazing Live programme, which is returning with a second series in the new year.

All meetings will be at the Vinter Room, Papworth Everard. 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**.

JUST IMAGINE...

"Christmas is over, all that planning and waiting, and then it's gone.....January can be such an anti climax.

But wait, what's this! A panto in January, it can't be, and in Cambourne too! From a new group - **Strictly Panto** - with a familiar story, **Cinderella**, but with some strange and interesting changes including some you may recognise.

What will happen to Cinderella; can Buttons help her overcome the dreary life she has with her overpowering stepmother and gruesome step sisters; will her friends the mice be able to avoid the clutches of that verbal maestro the Ratcatcher? Will Prince Charming step up to the mark and whisk Cinders away, or will he have to make do with one of the gruesome twosome?

And what of the King and Queen - will they ever get their son and heir a suitable bride to secure their dynasty, and can the footman ensure fair treatment as he just tries to do a fair day's work? And who is the mysterious Churney and why has he lost his bottle? Well, there's only one way to find out - get a ticket and discover what really happens in this mythical but strangely familiar world and give the Christmas festivities one last blast!

TICKET PRICES: Adults: £10, Children: £7.50, Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children): £30

TO BOOK:

Log on to: www.strictlypanto.co.uk or Tel 01480 830934

FRI 20 JAN - 7:00PM
SAT 21 JAN - 2:00PM & 7:30PM

BOX OFFICE: STRICTLYPANTO.CO.UK
OR **01480 830 934**

STRICTLY PANTO PRESENTS
Cinderella
AT THE CAMBOURNE CHURCH

ADULTS £10 CHILDREN £7.50
FAMILY TICKET 2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN £30

Like Totally 80's Party

Presented by Violet and Tallulah of Winter Wonderland, 80's Prom Night, 70's Sat Night Fever and Red Hot Salsa.

The Hub, Cambourne



Saturday 11th Feb 2012.

Doors open 8pm-Midnight. Limited Bar Available

**Like, call 01954 719503 for tickets dudes. £8 per ticket - includes meal, dessert, disco and fun!
18+ ONLY**

CFRS COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service (CFRS) are now looking for people who live in the South Cambridgeshire area to volunteer to become 'Community Champions'.

Community Champions will be trained to speak to local community groups about home fire safety and escape plans, and to refer those people who are unable to carry out a check of their own home to CFRS for additional support.

Champions will also attend community events and take part in CFRS's public consultation activity.

Cambridgeshire ACRE is running this pilot scheme on behalf of CFRS and encourage anyone looking for a opportunity to take on a more active role in their community to consider becoming a Community Champion.

For more information on the scheme contact Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865037.

Cambourne sports and social club opened it's doors for the first time on November the 19th. The club, open to residents at weekends is run by Trevor and Julie Symonds of Great Cambourne. The Crier went along to meet them a few days before the grand opening.

Situated on the first floor of the new sports pavilion, the club boasts a range of facilities including sky sports, pool table and of course a bar. Trevor and Julie plan to host a range of events in the future including discos, live music and race nights. Moves are already afoot to form a pool league.

The £500,000 sports pavilion was opened in August and will provide spacious clubroom with balcony overlooking the sports field, as well as much need facilities for the sports clubs of Cambourne.

In a deal with the Parish council, the club has an initial contract for one year and has capacity to hold 60 people. Trevor said "We want to make this a sports club facility to be proud of". Longer term plans include introducing a hot food service and hosting larger events.

You can visit the club's website at <http://www.cambournesportsandsocialclub.co.uk> for opening hours and details of forthcoming events

Message from the Chairman

Another month has passed and our Sponsors Bovis Homes have done us proud with coverage in both the Crier and the Cambridge Evening News - a huge thank you to them, as this has resulted in several new signings for this season! Looking ahead, December 17th sees Eagles second fundraising event, a Christmas disco and charity auction in aid of EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). If you would like to bid on any item in our auction, they are available to view on our website, or even better, if you are able to donate something to auction, to raise money for a worthy cause, please do get in touch with me. I would like to take this opportunity to wish my committee members, players, their families and all our supporters a very Happy Christmas and prosperous new year. Thank you for supporting us and I look forward to spending 2012 with you on the side of yet more pitches!! **Sally**

Eagles soar with new sponsor - A £750 sponsorship deal with Bovis Homes has has paid for a new kit for the Eagles' three Under 8's teams, who this month started their football careers in the Cambridgeshire Mini League.

Each player will now proudly don smart new white football



shorts, socks and red football shirts for each of their Saturday games. As a thank you for the sponsorship, Cambourne Eagles has dedicated the Bovis Homes Cup in the company's honour. The Cup for Endeavour is an annual trophy that is presented to the junior

player who has shown most commitment throughout the season. This includes encouraging others, working hard both individually and as a team player and representing the Cambourne Eagles in a positive way. This summer the Cup winner was 9-year-old Josh Day who played for the Under 9's squad.

Totball - There are some new stars shining in Cambourne this week, as Josh and Timmy took to the pitch in our mini totball match. Not content with just playing in goal, Josh felt he ought to be able to play on the pitch and in goal at the same time! (And he actually seemed to carry it off!). And Harry, lovely Harry, you are truly brilliant! What a great bunch of kids these are! Player of the week- Timmy.

Academy - Both Academy sessions are going from strength to strength, with the Thursday session full to bursting and news of the quality of coaching available at the Saturday session spreading so fast that only five places remain. Hurry and grab yours!

Under 8 Blue - The boys are continuing to have great fun playing in the mini-league, with great progress being shown in our positioning and ball skills. The squad has grown over the last few weeks, with three new players joining and making an impact on the team already. We have a busy time up to Christmas, with a mixture of league and friendly games to play, and as always we would welcome any new players.

Under 8 White - Another fun filled month with the White team. The whole team is developing well and enjoying the highs and lows of the matches. We are also lucky enough to have two new players, so welcome on board to Mervik and Cameron.

Under 8 Yellow (U7's) - The Yellows are playing some top football and developing at a rapid rate -it's great to see how far they have come. Enthusiastic and committed, that's the Yellows. The Yellow team would like to welcome Andy Carter, who will assist with team management.

Under 9's – TEAM OF THE MONTH - From the start of the season, we knew the U9's were going to be in for a tough time. The boys were all new to football and had never played in a team together. Every other team in their league had an extra year of experience than them. With that in mind, we started to build a team from scratch. The boys have now played their first few games of the season and, despite facing some tough opposition, are slowly building confidence and showing signs that they are going to be a fantastic team in the not too distant future! We would like to say well done to all the boys for their hard work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their support.

Under 10's - The lads have had a good month in the league with a win and a draw. Both were exciting games, with the opposing teams of Barhill and Gransden Blue playing their part in making them that way. The U10's are developing all the time and are doing better than expected at this stage, with only one loss in five league games. The squad is now up to 16/17 boys, and we hope to field two U10 teams next season.

Under 12's - After a good unbeaten run, the U12's have recently suffered two narrow 1-0 defeats. In both games, the lads were excellent, but were beaten late on against Great Bardfield and also lost to Hardwick. If we keep playing as we are, we'll be back to winning ways soon!

Under 15's - After a shaky start to the season, the squad has been rewarded for continuing what it set out to do - compete at the level they are in. Two back to back away wins in the last month have lifted the team's confidence. Both victories coincided with a `new goalkeeper` and the return of one of our goal scorers. But unfortunately, we've lost a player to the Histon Academy, not ideal, but of course we wish Bupe the very best of luck, an outstanding talent. We have managed to replace Bupe, and we welcome on board Michael B, who is an exceptionally powerful defender/midfielder. Well done to all the boys for putting in a lot of hard work and producing the results.

Under 20's - Four strong performances have helped the men's team back on track. They suffered a narrow loss 3-2 in the Centenary Cup - a cruel blow as we felt a draw at full time would have given us the edge in extra time in a physical affair. Meanwhile, a controversial offside cost us in the league against Studlands Park Rangers, but our hard work paid off in a 4-0 league cup win against Coleridge Crusaders and a 6-0 league win against The J's. We're half way through the season and this week, we are playing for third spot in the league.

Contact our club secretary on the details above for further information on joining any of our teams. You will be made welcome!

Cambourne F.C. News



CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS



C.F.C Committee:

The Cambourne F.C Committee would like to wish all of our players, members, sponsors, and the wider community a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

Soccer School

C.F.C Soccer School achieved its highest numbers in November, with just under 30 children attending the School. The children are certainly enjoying this session – their cheers are being heard all over Cambourne! C.F.C Soccer School is held every Saturday morning (9.00-10.00am) at the Cambourne MUGA. The School is open to school children below the age of six. Chris, Simone, Barry, and Graeme would like to wish Cambourne's smallest but brightest stars a very Merry Christmas.

C.F.C U7 – Black

Another great performance from the Badgers in a friendly against the Eagles U8s – good quality goals, great individual skills and a very noticeable improvement in the way the team is getting organised. All of this is the result of lots of effort being put in during training by all players. Two more tough matches are coming up in the next month – good luck Bad-

gers! Cambourne F.C U7s train on Saturdays (9.00am) if you want to join in.

C.F.C U7 – White

The U7 White team continues to impress, displaying amazing improvement in every game. The players are certainly enjoying their first season of football in the Hunts League and have come together very well as a team. The coaches would like to wish all of the players and parents a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

C.F.C U7 – Silver

The U7 Silver team continued enjoying its season with a home match against Sawtry Colts Yellow Sox. The team once again showed excellent spirit throughout the match, and is developing at a fast rate. Most of the players also took part in the Linton Festival at half term, which provided another opportunity for them to gain more experience of playing in matches.

C.F.C U8

With the festive season approaching fast, and the weather turning colder and wetter, we are still experiencing a fantastic turnout at the U8 training sessions every Tuesday evening at the MUGA. The youngsters are as keen as mustard to play as often as possible and are never put off by the weather conditions. Spirits are always high – especially for the league matches and friendlies that we have most Saturdays. The players enjoy every moment – win or lose – which makes all the effort put in by the coaches so worthwhile.

C.F.C U9

Cambourne U9s maintained their impressive scoring record by netting 65 goals in just six games. The U9s beat Papworth



13-7 before suffering their first league defeat of the season, losing 7-5 in an away fixture against Over. At this stage, the U9D League could go one of three

ways, with Cambourne up there with the favorites.

C.F.C U10

The U10s remain top of the U10F League, with a game in hand, going into December. Cambourne beat Gransden 1-0, before Cambourne and Comberton, the two league favorites, came head to head. The game was decided by a single slip as Cambourne lost the away fixture 1-0. Comberton wrote in their match report: "Cambourne are an impressive side and by far the best team we have played all season; big, strong, and skilful, with a work ethic that would not be out place in the Bundesliga". We certainly look forward to the reverse fixture. Stuart, Richard, and Chris would like to wish all of our players and supporters a very Merry Christmas.

C.F.C U13

The U13s continue to play some great football, demonstrating just how far they have come. A grandparent of one of the players recently commented: "I love how this team gives every player the chance to play football, and how much they are improving each week"; another really positive comment about the boys and coaching staff. The U13s are looking for a couple more players. If you are in Years 7 or 8 and would like the chance to play football, then please come along to our training session on a Friday (5.00-6.00pm) at the MUGA.

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The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

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

Now that the dark evenings are upon us it is worth considering wearing some Hi Viz running gear when you go out for your run. Why not kill two birds with one stone and keep warm too by getting a hi-viz long sleeve top combined with a hat. If you don't fancy running around looking like you are radioactive, buy tops, leggings or shorts that incorporate reflective piping and panels. If you can't afford to invest in a whole new set of running gear just for the winter, then go for the cheaper option of a hi-viz bib or tabard and combine it with your existing run clothing.

So, you've got your reflective gear and you are ready to go. Now is the time to consider where you are going to run. Routes that are fine and familiar in daylight can be very different in the dark – that easily avoided pothole in daylight becomes an invisible ankle breaker in the dark. Avoid trail routes, or wear a head torch if you need your trail running fix. If you run along roadsides, then run in the direction of oncoming traffic. That way you can clearly see what is coming towards you and take evasive action if you need to.

By taking a few precautions and investing in some hi-viz kit, running doesn't have to be off the agenda and can be carried out safely during autumn and winter. Get out there and embrace the darkness!

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

NEW Cambourne Runners Beginners Group Starting in January 2012!

Do you want to get fit, lose weight and achieve your New Year goals, all while having fun and gaining new friends? If the answer is yes to any of the above, the new Cambourne Runners Beginners Group is for you! Last year's beginners have gone on to run distances from 5km to half and full marathons. I hope to repeat that success in 2012.

The new training sessions are free of charge and last about an hour. We will meet up outside the Hub for the first session on **Saturday 7th January 2011 at 10:15am**. The aim is that in just seven weeks you will go from beginner to being able to comfortably run 5km (3miles).

The existing Saturday group will continue at its 9.00am start time for those who can already run 5km. And don't forget our Wednesday evening group for all those happy to run up to 10km.

Please contact Garry for further details on: 07807498951 or email: cambournerunners@gmail.com

Cambourne Women Keep on Running

Launching the **NEW** Cambourne Women Runners Club (CWR)...



... Chicks Wot Run!!!

Cambourne Women Runners 10 Week Beginners Running Course

Starts 17th January 2012

Join us Tuesday evenings to get into shape for 2012!

Meet at the ARK
Tuesdays 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

For more information, and to register your interest, contact **information.cwr@gmail.com**.

With the demise of the Women's Running Network earlier this year, the local Cambourne group was forced to decide whether to affiliate with another local club or to set up on our own as an independent club. Members voted unanimously to become an independent club. It has taken us a few months, but we are delighted that the new club has now been approved by England Athletics. We have a new committee, new club colours, and a new name.

The group was originally formed in January 2007. At this point we had modest hopes for the new club and we were hopeful that a couple of people would join us on our first night – 20 turned up! Ever since then, the club has gone from strength to strength. Over the past five years, we have welcomed over 200 ladies on Tuesday evenings, many of whom still run with us (although not every week!). Eight of those who joined on the first night in January 2007 are still running with us – Julie, Mali, Ruth, Joanne, Mel, Isobelle, Catherine and Antonia. On average, 20 women join us on a club run each week.

We currently meet at the ARK, and we are hugely thankful to the Church for allowing us to use this facility. Since we started we have run four beginners courses to encourage those who've not run before to have a go. Our 2012 course starts on Tuesday 17th January.

Club members enjoy supporting and taking part in local running events – Cambourne 10k, Bourn 10k, St Neots half marathon, Race for life and others. Socials are also a big part of the club, enabling members to get to know each other and to have some fun. Christmas meals, Easter Egg Hunts, Pub trips, Annual Club Challenge and, this year, even pancake races! Social events for 2012 will be revealed shortly, but plans are well underway for our fifth anniversary party in January.

During the last five years we have been very fortunate to have had lots of support. Our members have made the club what it is today – a thriving, friendly, and social running club which encourages women whatever their age, size, or ability to run together safely in a friendly, supportive environment to improve their health, fitness, and confidence. Although there have been a few changes, the ethos of the club remains the same and we hope to welcome more of you to our club over the coming months and years.

If you are interested in joining then please contact information.cwr@gmail.com, and look out for our new website which will be launched very shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our runners a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2012. Happy Running!

Contributions for the JANUARY issue must be received by Friday 16th December. Please note submission deadline is earlier than usual due to the holiday period.



CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB AGM

Cambourne Netball Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on:
Thursday 12th January 2012
7.30-9pm

At: The Cricket Pavillion, opposite the cricket pitch in Lower Cambourne.

For more information please contact Emma Smith on 01954 710034 or e-mail
cambournenetball@googlemail.com

COMBERTON RAMBLERS

Join our friendly group for wonderful walks

Comberton Ramblers' Association walks an average of 5-6 miles every fortnight on a Sunday morning. We are a very friendly group who totally enjoy the lead walks in our beautiful countryside. There's time to take a rest break if needed, or to simply stop and enjoy the view or visit places of interest along the way.

Our members come from many local villages and from within Cambridge.

Go on, give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people.

Membership is £7.50 per person for the year, and people under 18 can join for free.

For more information and a further list of our walks, please contact our Secretary, **Eileen Marsh** on **01223 262940** or email marsh.eileen@gmail.com. You can also get further information at www.combertonramblers.org.uk

Our next walk: **11th December 2011** to **Wimpole 5.5 miles** - beautiful undulating farmland and woods. **Meet at the Hardwick Arms Tel: 01223 208802**



Cambourne Exiles RFC

Cambourne Exiles finished October strongly with a 28-7 victory over Shelford. With Captain Ben Yeats unable to play the full game and Vice-Captain Chris Wallis struggling with an injury, captaincy duties passed for the first time to a very proud Darren Macey - one of only 2 of the club's founder members who still plays regularly.

November has been a tougher month for Cambourne with some tricky fixtures against strong opposition. First up was a tight match away against Newmarket 3's, who's 9 proved the difference in a hard fought contest that ended 24-17 to the home team. This was followed by a trip to Cottenham Renegades, promoted from the Exiles league at the end of last season. The 24-12 scoreline was fair, highlighting that while the Exiles have improved rapidly over the last year, we still have a lot of work to do if the goal of promotion is to be achieved this season.

The final game to report, only the second home game of the season, was a comfortable 48-0 win despite injuries and absences forcing some fairly significant reshuffling throughout the Cambourne team.

Forthcoming Fixtures: 10/12/2011 Home v Cantabs, 17/12/2011 Away v Shelford 4's.

The Club Christmas Bash is taking place at the Monkfield Arms on December 10th. Current players get your deposits to Matt Bullen ASAP, and for everyone else, come and introduce yourselves if you are in the pub, we are always on the lookout for new players.

CAMBOURNE FISHING CLUB

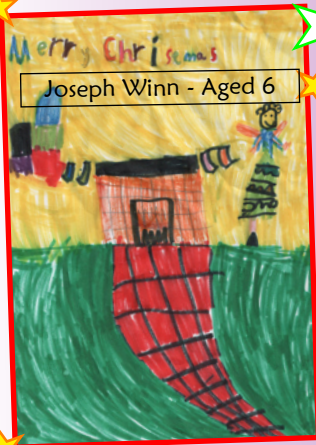
Cambourne Fishing Club would like to inform Members and day ticket Anglers, that our prices will remain the same for 2012 From 1st January – 31st December. The prices are as follows: Adult tickets: **£20**, 13 – 16 year olds tickets: **£10** and day tickets: **£5**.

Tickets can be purchased from Massif Bike Shop Cambourne (during their opening times), or Mad Tackle (formerly Masterbaits1), Levellers Lane, St Neots. Massif Bikes is NOT OPEN ON A SUNDAYS, so tickets must be purchased beforehand.

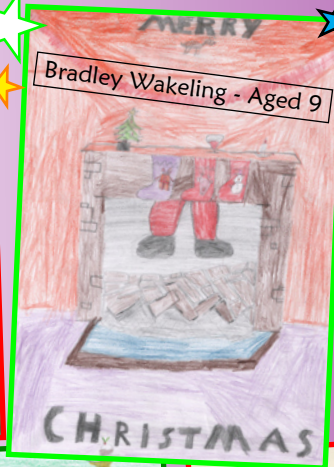
We hope to re-stock this year with Perch, Crucian Carp, Bream and possibly Chubb.

Finally, Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Cambourne Fishing Club.



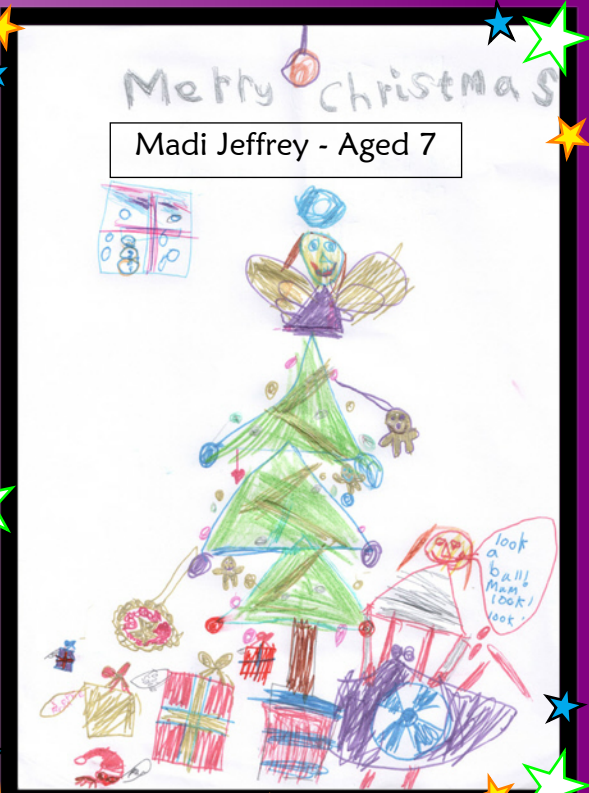


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Bradley Wakeling - Aged 9

2nd Place



Madi Jeffrey - Aged 7



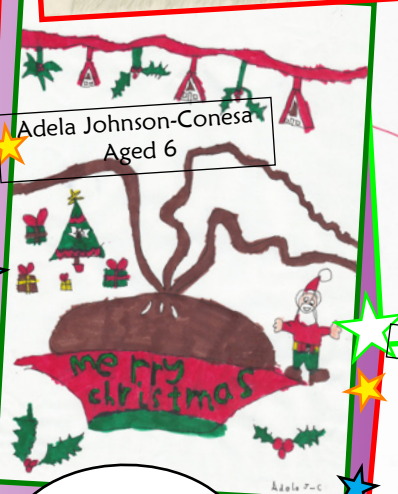
Nada Kaminski - Aged 11



Daniella Arguinarena-Villegas
Aged 9



Darren Walpole - Aged 6



Adela Johnson-Conesa
Aged 6



Julia Johnson-Conesa
Aged 3



Ciara Walshe
Aged 4



Natalie Walpole - Aged 9



Kelsey Patterson - Aged 6



Toby Walpole - Aged 4

3rd Place



Michelle Kaminski - Aged 8



Leon Johnson - Aged 5



Thomas French - Aged 5