

PLANS UNVEILED FOR NEW SHOPS IN CAMBOURNE



Plans for additional retail provision in Cambourne were unveiled at a pre-application presentation at the Parish Council Planning committee meeting on January 24th. The proposals would see several new retail outlets open on three separate sites in Cambourne.

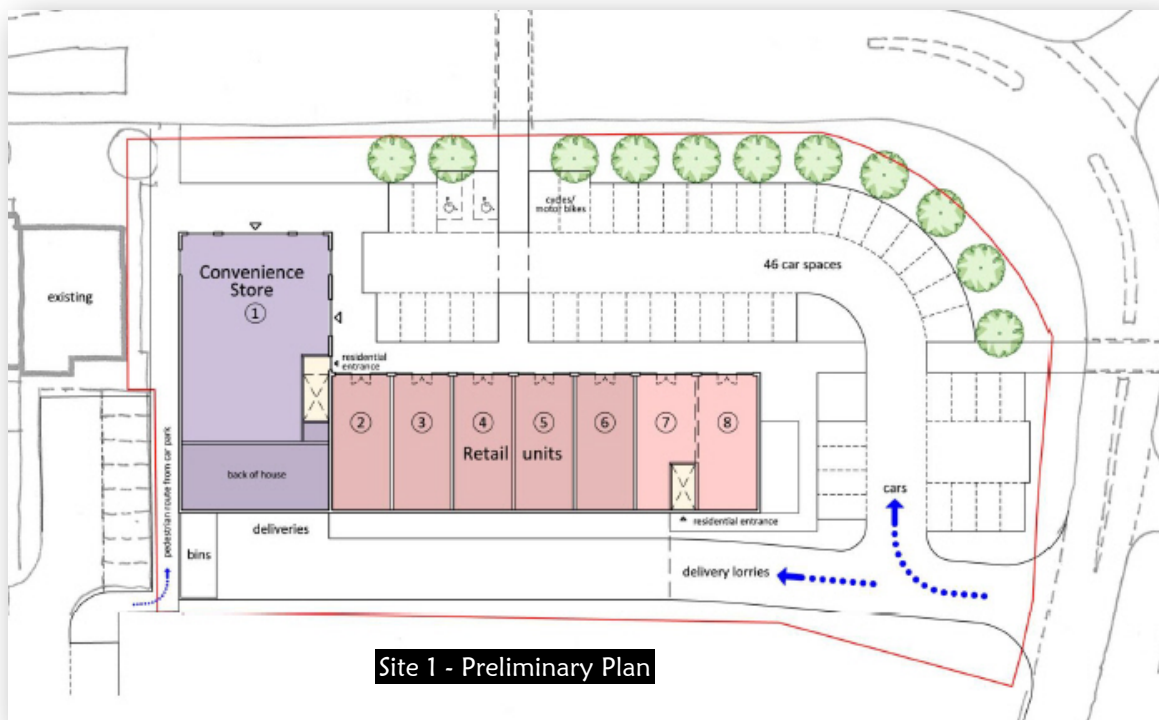
Plans are still very much at an early stage, and are subject to change. A public exhibition is planned for later in the year.

The three sites, comprising approximately 15 retail outlets (shown right) would include a convenience store and a number of larger retail outlets. Site 1 (pictured below) between the Monkfield Arms and the Vets would contain 7 retail outlets, and a convenience store plus parking provision. Duncan Mason, director at retail developer New Crest said it was too early to give details about shops that might feature as the company was still working up it's plans. He added further information would be revealed in a month's time. He said: ***"We're in discussion about the sort of thing we should be providing in***

Cambourne. We have to look at what we already have there, including a rather overbearing supermarket."

Clayton Hudson, chairman of Cambourne Parish Council said he thought there was an opportunity for a convenience store or an alternative food store as well as some larger shops on the sites. He added: ***"Most residents Will be pleased to see***

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

CU@4 7-11 years of age £1 Entry fee
Email officecyp@googlemail.com or call
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Juniors 7-11 years of age £1 Entry fee Email
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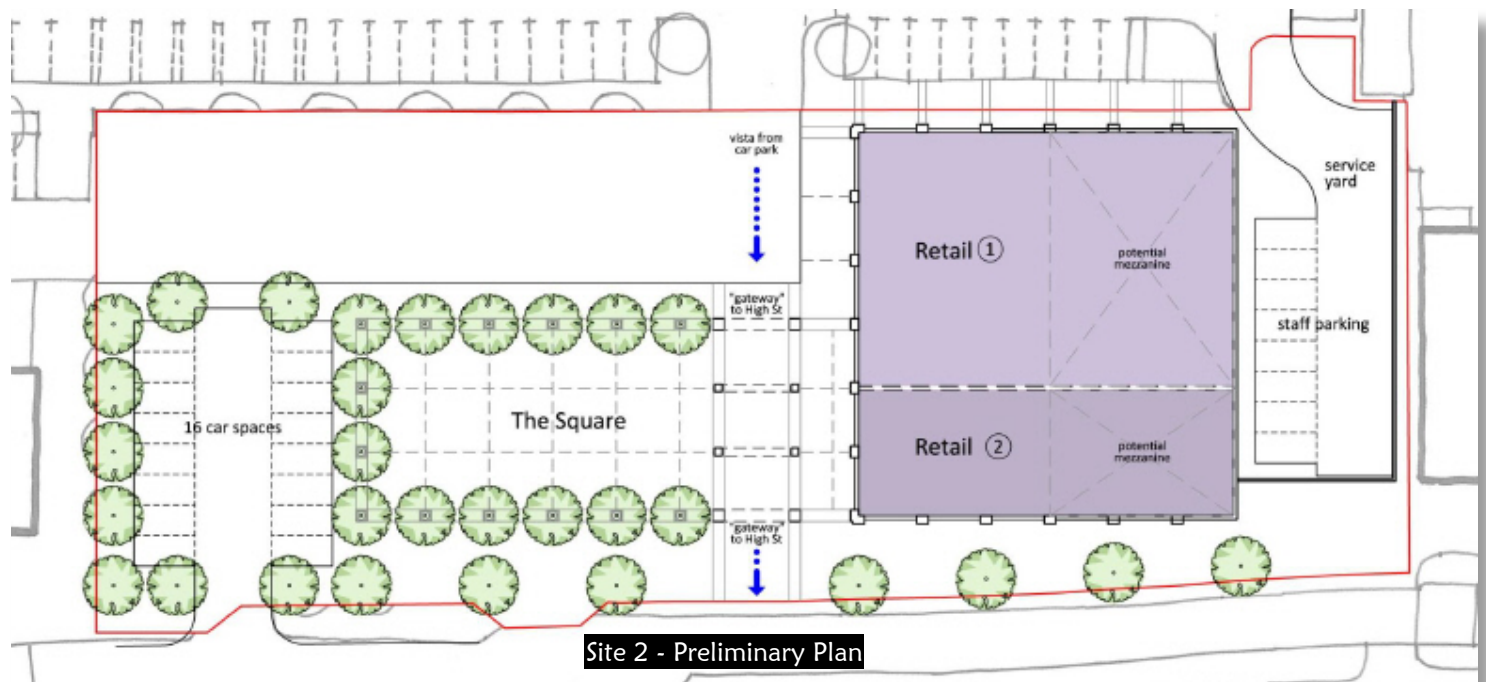
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Can The Crier Help You?

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.

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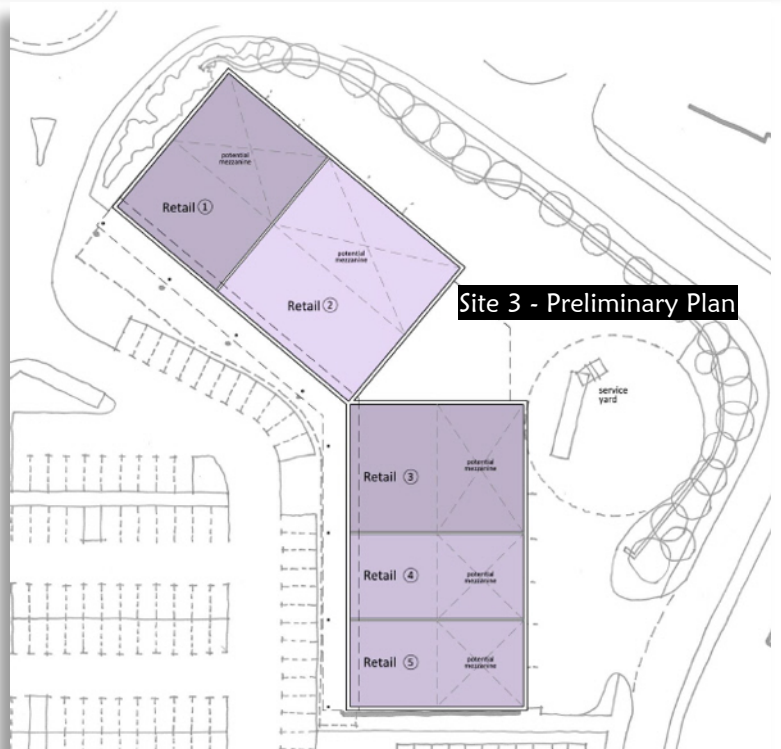


That there's more shops coming. People will think it's a positive thing, I think, and hopefully will want to contribute and get involved."

Site 2, situated on land on the high st between Sackville house and the building society would consist of 2 larger retail outlets and a village square.

Site 3 is situated opposite the police station and consists of 5 larger outlets in an out-of-town retail park style.

Got an opinion? Write in to us at editorial@cambournecrier.org or join in the discussion at www.cambourneforum.net. The Crier will publish further details of the proposed developments as we get them. A planning application is expected to be submitted later this year following a public exhibition.



Bin Collection Dates 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)



09/02/2012	Black Bin
16/02/2012	Green Bin and Blue Bin
23/02/2012	Black Bin
01/03/2012	Green Bin and Blue Bin
08/03/2012	Black Bin



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

A New Bus Service for Cambourne. Meridian Line Travel Ltd. Service 29

Lt Paxton - St. Neots - Eltisley - Papworth - Elsworth - Cambourne - Toft - Comberton.

Meridian Line Travel's new Village Links service started on Monday (January 9) to provide a much-needed route between St Neots, Papworth and Comberton Village College.

Although it is primarily for students at the college, which opened a new Sixth Form in September, **members of the public are also be able to use the new 29 service.**

It will leave Little Paxton just before 7.00am and stop at various places within St Neots before heading down the A428 to Eltisley, across to Papworth, Elsworth, Cambourne and Toft to arrive at Comberton at 8.15am. The return service will leave Comberton at 3.00pm. With the new Sixth Form intake, Comberton now has in excess of 30 pupils able to take advantage of the 29, which is initially running on a one-term trial basis. Tim Dawes, managing director of Meridian Line, said: "**We are delighted to have been able to set up this route to work with Comberton and hope it will be a success. We also hope it will provide a useful service for the general public.**

"The stops we have set are not fixed and we will stop for passengers at any recognised bus stop on the route if requested."

A route map, timetable and fares guide is available on the Comberton website www.combertonvc.org or from Basingbourn-based Meridian Line (01763) 241999.

Location

Departure times

Lt Paxton - Gordon Road Jn.	06:58	16:12
St Neots Mkt Sq. Stop A	07:04	16:06
Longsands Rd - Cambridge Rd. Jn.	07:08	16:02
Tesco	07:13	15:57
Loves Farm - nr. Loves Way	07:17	15:53
Eltisley Green - Nr. Cricket Ground	07:26	15:44
Papworth - nr. Elm Way	07:34	15:36
Elsworth - nr. Brockley Road	07:44	15:26
Cambourne - School Lane (Monkfield Prim.)	07:56	15:14
Toft	08:08	15:02
Comberton Village College	08:15	15:00

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION 2012

24 MARCH, 10AM-5PM

SWAVESEY MEMORIAL HALL
FREE ENTRY!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2012

**Open Competition for the Swavesey Camera Club
Exhibition to be held on 24th March 2012.**

2 classes:

1. JUNIOR CLASS (16 and under)

2. ADULT CLASS (17 and over)

(excludes present members of Swavesey Camera Club or professional photographers).

Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size A4 and may be monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, address and phone number, age (over 17s may state "adult!"). A title is preferred but not compulsory. All entries and winners will be shown at the Camera Club Exhibition on SAT 24th March in the Memorial Hall.

Maximum of 2 prints per entrant in each category. There are 3 categories in each class;

- (1) Within a mile of home.**
- (2) A great big close-up.**
- (3) Yellow.**

Closing date for entries is Friday 16th March.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members.

Certificates will be given for the winner and runner up in each category; from these an overall winner and runner up will be selected from each class for whom there will be a cash prize and free membership for 1 year for Swavesey Camera Club.

**Prints for competition can be sent or delivered to: Peter Looper, 23 Moat Way, Swavesey CB24 4TR
no later than Friday 16th March 2011.**

Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if supplied with s.a.e.

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 editors.

My bike was stolen on Friday (Jan 13th) night out of our garden. Gents frame Dawes 201 serial no J30404496 colour red and silver with some black. Has two front light brackets, water bottle carrier, strange looking peddles for use with cycling shoes, a karrimore pannier in black and yellow (about 20yrs old and showing its age) with a mini pump inside the pocket.

If you see this bike, are offered a bike like this for sale or hear about someone who has just got one like this please inform the police and pass on the details to them.

Many thanks.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editors.

The children, staff, committee and parents would like to thank everybody that helped and participated towards making the Cambourne Children's Christmas Party held on the 19th December '11 a great success. We raised over £600 for the Cambourne Pre-School which the staff and Committee will use to further the education of the children attending.

Once again, thank you and we hope you will continue to support us throughout the coming years.

Cambourne Pre-School Fund Raising Committee.

A warning about Velux Windows.

In a letter to the Crier, A Cambourne resident relates an alarming tale after two Velux windows spontaneously imploded in her bathroom.

"..Luckily I was not in the bathroom at the time, also my grandchildren were staying with me at the time of the 2nd window imploding. It could have been a very nasty accident.."

In a statement on their website, Velux say ***"..We have registered a level of spontaneous glass breakage in a specific type of small pane produced and sold between 1997 and 2003. Under specific conditions, generally experienced in the winter, there is a minor risk that the inner glass may break spontaneously, with the possibility of glass fragments falling. We take the quality of our products seriously and have decided to issue a product warning to inform our customers.."***

To determine whether you have one of the panes in question in your roof window, you can call Velux services on 01592 778225 or check their website.

www.velux-pw.co.uk

The affected panes are the smaller ones, width of 39cm or less. To check your windows, open them all the way through a 180° rotation and make a note of the pane code (engraved on to the metal strip inside the pane).

Velux are replacing affected windows free of charge.





CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

.....is now up and running in Cambourne!

If you need help with transport to get to a doctor/hospital/hairdresser/social appointment, then get in touch with **Samantha Morrison** on **07930 855 833**

(please leave a landline number) or email **cambournecarscheme@gmail.com**

There is a charge for the service, but the scheme is not-for-profit. There are some restrictions on the scheme.

Can you give a little of your time to a good cause? The organizers would welcome some help in coordinating and admin.

More drivers also required: you will be reimbursed for your mileage and in most cases will be covered under your existing insurance.

Voluntary work always looks good on a CV.

If you would like to be involved, visit: <http://www.cambourne.info/carsharescheme.htm> or phone 07930 855 833 for more details.

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 plus a FREE cuppa and biscuits! So, if you are new to the area or just feel like getting out of the house, then please do come along.

Do you have too many toys cluttering up your house? Cambourne 123s will gladly take them off your hands, contact us on the email address/number below.

• **3rd Feb:** Music & Singing. • **10th Feb:** Valentines Hearts.

• **17th Feb:** Cake Decorating.

• **24th Feb:** Chalk Pictures. • **2nd March:** St David's Day Daffodils.

If you are interested please do come along, as we would love to see you or for more info please contact Ruth on 07503 398344 or email cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk



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

**Cost: £1.50 per family including refreshments.
Older siblings are welcome.**

• **10th February Play and Chat** • **17th February CLOSED for Half-Term** • **24th February Sign and Cuddles**
• **2nd March Nearly New Sale – book tables now**
(further details on our website and facebook page)

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. 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, contact us at **Cambourne.BabyAndMe@gmail.com** or see our website (**www.babyandme.org.uk**) or Facebook page (Baby and Me).

A Baby and Children's 'nearly new' tabletop sale

Is being held at the Cambourne Church on **Saturday 3rd March from 10am – 12pm** to raise money for 'The Sick Children's Trust' Rosie Appeal. The appeal is to fund a new 'home from home' being built as part of the extensions at the Rosie Hospital for parents to stay when their babies are in the special care unit.

The organiser, Cambourne resident Laura Selway, explains: 'The sale, which works in a similar way to a boot fair, is a great chance for people to make some money for themselves selling their used baby and children's items whilst supporting a great charity.'

Sellers pay just £10 and entrance for buyers on the day is 50p, all of which will go to the appeal, along with money made at the café which will be open on the day. If you would like to sell at the event, or for further details, please email **laura.selway@hotmail.co.uk**.



CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



Although Christmas seems a long and distant memory for most of us, it was a very exciting time for both children and staff alike at Monkfield Park. Year One treated everyone

to a wonderful nativity, where the emotion of the whole occasion caught both mummies and daddies a little off guard. Years Three and Four delighted us all to a terrific celebration of Christmas songs and readings. To see and hear such a wealth of talent among our children was a real privilege to be witness to. The traditional Christmas parties were then the order of the day. A surprise visit to our reception children from Father Christmas and his elf was a special experience for our youngest children. The children were then, on the last day of term treated to a staff pantomime – what a hoot – Mr Wall really does make rather a fetching Dame each year!

In the last week of term our Year Six children were delighted to have the opportunity to take part in Christmas bag-packing sessions at Morrisons supermarket. Prior to the visit the children had been honing their skills in class, so that they were able to offer shoppers a first class service. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and their manners, sunny smiles and stamina impressed everyone over the three days. All the money raised will be used to contribute to the coach costs of the the residential visit for Year Six pupils to PGL in May. We would like to express our thanks to Mr Gilbert and all the wonderful staff at Morrisons for being so accommodating and to the generous shoppers who kindly donated money.

Year One have had an exciting start to the term thinking of extra ideas for their Castles, Dragons and Princesses topic. The children decided they would like to make their role play areas into castles so we have been busy printing, building and making signs.

Another highlight is the Year Two Production- The Moon Thieves. The corridors are already ringing with the sounds of the songs from the production and we are all excitedly awaiting its premiere.

We are having a very busy time at the moment in Key Stage Two with tag rugby, netball and football matches and tournaments all coming up. Our football team is currently lying third in the league, with the leading goal scorer being Kieran. We have also appointed a match reporter, James, for our football games. His match reports can be seen displayed on our clubs board in school. Our netball team is also shining at the moment having played really well in the first round matches and going through very strongly to the second round.

We are also looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day and having Book Week in March and more exciting visitors in Science Week later this term.

Parents/carers of Key Stage One children are continuing to enjoy sharing a book with their children at our 'Come and Read' sessions on Friday mornings.

We have had a busy start to an action-packed and exciting term.

Year One



We Love Science at Jeavons Wood!

This was no ordinary day - it was the start to a very exciting week of Science. The week began with an explosion, when mad scientist '**Nitro Nicky**' visited to teach us about fire through some remarkable practical demonstrations. The children and staff looked fantastic dressed as '**Mad Scientists**' and had great fun carrying out many different scientific investigations using their skills of observation.

Throughout the week the children continued to be stimulated by a range of scientific challenges set for them. The Reception children were asked to help different story characters through a new investigation each day, such as testing waterproof materials and making parachutes. Children in KS1 and 2 were asked to respond to letters sent from '**Dougal**', (a deep sea diver) who had several scientific underwater problems for them to solve. During the week the Year 3 and 4 children had an additional treat as they were invited by Citrix, a local company, to learn more about computer sciences. **Kate Perry, the KS2 Leader** said "**The children were so excited to be given the opportunity to see computer sciences at work in such a practical and real life context. They came away from the visit enthused about software development and with a greater understanding of how IT shapes our lives**".

Throughout the week the children demonstrated great enthusiasm with each new challenge and became confident using a range of scientific vocabulary and skills. **Amber** said, "**I liked Science Week, it was awesome**" and **Harry** was particularly interested in the things that made the children go '**wow!**' Lots of the children said that they enjoyed the experience so much that they would like more time in the future to find things out by testing and using information books.

Since Science Week the teachers have noticed that the children are more aware of how they can learn about the world through



analytical and scientific questioning. For example, after a static electricity experiment, Ella T said, "**We can change the shape of the snake to see what happens if it is square,**" and when observing the mixing of oil and water, Joshua wondered, "**What else is not friends with oil?**" We are all very pleased and excited by the interest the children have shown in Science and are hoping to develop this further through our creative and child initiated curriculum.



CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



Year 4 of The Vine School went to Burwell House for a 3 day residential trip.

Follow the events of our trip.

Day 1

We arrived at Burwell in good spirits and had an active hour of the Snail Game. We thought it was good fun because we had to find answers to clues about the gardens and the house. One team managed to solve 11 clues! After a hefty lunch of shepherds pie and treacle pudding with custard we all visited the TV studio and were wowed and excited by the technology we were faced with! Then we split into 2 groups.

One group worked with Edd in the TV studio. We have somebody who has a promising career in floor management in the studio, we also had a great director, showing fantastic organisational skills, whilst we had children who did a great job as cameraman 3, and showed creative talents as an interviewer.

The other group learnt about Burwell House and the Ball family that lived there in the 1800s. It was interesting to find out about the family tree and the census of 1840 and 1860. Then we did some team building games. Balancing balls on other children was tricky especially as they could only have feet on the floor!!

Other skills we have learnt today are serving each other food at mealtimes, helping to clear away, working as a team and generally looking after ourselves. We had a quiet time before bed watching a DVD, colouring, reading books or playing quiet games.

All is now quiet with nearly all asleep and a few tired teachers!!!!

Day 2

Day 2 arrived bright and early (3am for some!!!). After a hearty breakfast some welcome visitors arrived - the "Cambourne day trippers" fresh and excited from The Vine. Ten children that have been doing their learning at school arrived in the minibus along with some more teachers. They quickly got into the swing of Burwell and took part in the excitement of producing and filming a news report in the TV studio. They also took part in various activities about Burwell House and some team challenges. Burwell House kitchen was also challenged by provided a delicious chicken pie lunch for 68 people!!

Later in the afternoon - another visitor arrived in the shape of yet another teacher who came to stay for the rest of the trip. This is her first visit and she was amazed to see how well the children had been learning and what fantastic independence skills they had learnt in such a short time. It's been a pleasure to spend these few days with the children and watch them blossom and embrace the whole experience. Manners and social interaction has been delightful.

After a dinner of homemade pizza, we opened the shop for the children to buy a souvenir of pens, pencils, notebooks. Mental maths skills were impressive when used to tot up totals and working out change!

Nearly all the children were in bed by nine o'clock (not quite asleep yet). Let's see if we have to wake THEM tomorrow morning rather than the other way round!!!!

Day 3

The day started later today - 6am!! The children (and staff!) had a busy start making sure every piece of clothing was packed, beds stripped and cases taken to another building to load on the bus to arrive later in the day. This was all before breakfast! Then the learning took place in the village and we found out about the policeman that was (allegedly) murdered by smugglers and his body thrown into the lode.

The rest of the day was back in the House where we followed clues, using map skills, to find out where PC Peakes had left the message that told us who the smugglers were. The photograph we found looked very much like the Burwell House staff!!! Then we played a Smugglers game which needed teamwork and good strategies to outwit the police and smuggle the goods. Lunchtime came quickly - a fantastic roast dinner- followed by a mouth-watering birthday cake presented for a boy on his 9th birthday.

We left Burwell House tired but happy. It has been a fantastic 3 days and we will be talking about it for a long time to come. Well done everybody who was involved in the organisation and the participation of the trip, and thank you to the parents who appreciated and supported the tremendous amount of work needed to make such a successful and enjoyable learning experience happen.

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



Mother's Day Messages

Sunday 18th March is Mother's Day and we would love to print your messages.

If you would like your message printed in the Crier please send it to

editorial@cambournecrier.org

by 19th February

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MUM

Half Term Fun at Comberton Leisure

stART Academy Presents **Pete's Dragon** - Mon 13th to Thurs 16th Feb

If you are looking for half term activities for your children then we might have the answer! Aimed at years 5, 6 & 7 we are running four days of workshops based on the popular children's story, 'Pete's Dragon' culminating in a production for family and friends in the Performance Hall. Led by director Ella Lyons, the sessions are from Monday 13th till Thursday 16th and run from 9.00am to 4.30pm and the cost is £50. For more information and a booking form please visit the Comberton Leisure website.

stART Youth Theatre Presents **The Crucible** – Saturday 18th Feb

A cast of young people are currently working towards a production of The Crucible on Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm. Directed by Ella Lyons, this adaptation of Arthur Miller's classic tale of the Salem Witch Trials is set in the Province of Massachusetts Bay around the 1690's. The play is an allegory of McCarthyism, and looks at issues of faith, family and betrayal. Tickets are £5 for adults or £3 for under 16's and over 60's and are available from Comberton Leisure reception or on the door.

Comberton Leisure Presents - Custard Comedy – **Friday 17th February**

Gary Delaney - "Razor-sharp one-liners" Daily Telegraph. **Tudur Owen** - Welsh stand-up hero. **Andrew Doyle** "One of the funniest, sharpest comedians out there" The Independent...and your compere **Juliet Meyers** "Devilish... excellent material with some on-the-edge gags" The Scotsman.

Tickets are £8 advance or £10 on the door available from Comberton Leisure. Doors open at 8.00pm first act 8.20pm-ish.

For more information about these events please visit: www.combertonleisure.com or email stART Arts Development Manager Richard Brown: richard@start-arts.org.uk

Other Comberton Leisure Events in February

Saturday 4 February	stART Presents: Energize - The South Cambs District Dance Showcase	Dancers from schools across South Cambs will come together to share their work with family and friends and each other. Free entry.
Sunday 5 February	stART presents: Energize – Free Dance Workshops for young people	Two classes – one for under 11's and one for over 11's both free but sign up in advance. Contact Richard Brown for details
Saturday 25 February	Rhubarb Cabaret!	A night of magic, comedy, music, circus, mime and dance is planned for the first night. Bring a friend and watch the night sparkle! £10 adv / £12 door

Would you like to play a part in your local community? Learn new skills?

Contribute towards children's education?



If you have answered 'yes' to these questions then you could be just the person that Monkfield Park Primary School is looking for!

We have a vacancy for a community governor at Monkfield Park. Being a school governor is a very rewarding role and you don't need to have any special qualifications to do it.

To be a community governor you don't need to have children at the school. It is usually someone who lives or works in the community served by the school and who is committed to its continuing success.

As a governor your duties will include visiting the school, helping to set policies and working in partnership to support continued improvement. Your contribution can make a real difference to the success of our school.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor at Monkfield Park then please get in touch as any of the governing body would be happy to discuss the role with you in further detail.

Please contact us on **01954 273377** or email **head@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk**



Nearly New Sale

Saturday 3rd March 2012

10.00am-12.00pm

The Vine School

Ladies clothes & shoes, Men's clothes

Children's clothes & shoes

Babywear

Handbags & Accessories

Books & Toys

Household items

Come along and grab yourself a bargain

Refreshments available

For donations or more information please contact

Linda Morgan - 07941 108154

CAMBOURNE ARTS

CREATIVE WRITING: Using words for pleasure -- meet in Cambourne Library, Monday 6 January. The topic will be 'Lady at the Checkout'. For more information please get in touch with **Pat Callaghan** on **01954 718836**



WATERCOLOUR CLASSES: Due to the popularity of this class, we have now split into two! The 'beginners' meet on Tuesdays and the 'improvers' meet on Wednesday. Both classes run from 10am-12 noon for ten sessions. There are a few spaces for newcomers. **Phone 01954 710858**

THE ART GANG: An informal get-together for anyone with an interest in the arts: we meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday in the month to share ideas, chat, organise events and network with local creative professionals and amateurs. This year we are changing the format of the group, so some months will be in the pub and others will take place elsewhere depending on the activity planned for that evening. **Phone 01954 710858**

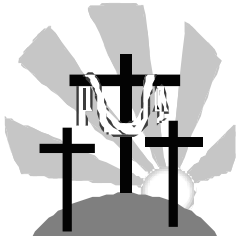
PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP: In this local group, levels of expertise vary from beginner to advanced, with everything in between, and more members will be very welcome. Fortnightly Tuesday evening meetings. For more details visit <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/> or **phone 01954 205050**

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**

ART COMPETITION: Advance notice for this event, which will be subject to funding. A workshop is proposed for sometime in May or June, and a competition for both adults and children will then be held in November. The remit will be to produce a piece of art that can hang on a wall and there will be a prize for each of various age groups.

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, Also, check out The Cambourne Arts Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/cambourne.arts> For further information on any aspect of Cambourne Arts, contact: Fran - fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or **01954 710858**

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



Meeting Sundays
10am
Bible study and
Sunday school

11am
Morning worship
at the Hub

Wednesday
evenings
7 pm
The Maple Centre
in Huntingdon

For more info email
**Peacehavenbc
@aol.com**

or call
01954 710510

Pastor
Donavan Bangs

John 21:19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

Individual responsibility of the Christian is an important matter. As we know sometimes other individuals bear some responsibility or accountability for us to some degree. For example parents to children, husbands to wives, pastors to the people. However, this is still individual responsibility concerning people that God has placed in our lives. Ultimately we must all stand before God to give an account for what we have done. In this particular passage there is a difficulty, Christ had just said to Peter follow me and Peter looks around to see what everyone else is doing. Peter sees another disciple following and asks about him. When Christ says follow me you don't need to turn around, you need to Obey. Luke 9:61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

When Christ says follow me you do not need to be concerned so much with the obedience of others as with

your own obedience, your main priority is to ensure that your spiritual life is where it needs to be. Also, don't look to others to blame them for your commitment level.

Maybe you didn't have a great example of how to live as a Christian growing up.

So what, follow thou me.

Perhaps your husband is not as spiritual as he should be.

So what, follow thou me.

Maybe your wife doesn't help in spiritual matters.

So what, follow thou me.

Maybe even your pastor or teachers are not doing as they should.

So what, follow thou me.

It does not matter what other people do as they are secondary compared to Christ's Command to follow him. In actuality many people use others action try to justify their lack of obedience. This is in many aspects of life. How often do teenagers say well nobody else is doing this or that, or this person is doing wrong or that person doing wrong so why should I do what is right? Because God commands you. Your orders are your orders and your task maybe different from someone else's. It may be harder, maybe easier, either way you have a choice whether to obey or to disobey. Stop looking around and do what you're supposed to do regardless of others' obedience or disobedience. If you do that, you will accomplish more and sin less.

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

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



SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

**FEB 5TH — EDUCATION SUNDAYS
SERVICE**

AT 10.00 WITH THE BISHOP OF ELY

**FEB 19TH — NOTE THE 11.00 SERVICE
WILL BE ALL-AGE**

**FEB 26TH — ASH SUNDAY BEGINNING
OF LENT**

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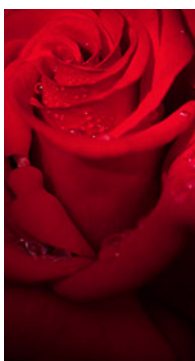
### Marriage Enrichment

3 Sunday evenings 8 - 9.15pm

from 12<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> February  
in the church foyer

\* DVDs \* Conversation \*  
Refreshments

Contact Peter Wood  
Tel. 715558



### Cambourne Church Quiz Night

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.45 for 8pm

£10 per ticket to include fish and chips  
(concessions for those new to Cambourne)  
Tickets and more info Julie Whitbread 202546

### Pancakes – Shrove Tuesday

**21<sup>st</sup> February**

**6.00-7.30pm in the church foyer**

Join us for pancakes, especially if you are new  
to Cambourne. Let us know if you can make  
it: Deidre Farmery 07876696267

### Mid-Week House Groups

Come chat and make new friends, discuss, pray and  
read the bible..

Currently there are four small groups running in  
the week. For more information regarding any of  
these groups contact Peter Wood on 715558  
or email [info@cambournechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@cambournechurch.org.uk)

### Men's Football

Every Monday evening 7.00-8.00pm  
@ The MUGA

All welcome for a kick about and then the  
option of a pint in the pub afterwards.  
For more information contact Jon Sanders

### Youth Stuff...

#### Soccer Sunday

Open to school years 7 -13  
4.30-6.30pm at the MUGA

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and Mar 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

For more information contact Jon Sanders  
on 07798 858302



### 3C's Club –retired folks

\*\* Jan 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> \*\* Feb 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> \*\*

\*\* Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> \*\* Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> \*\*

If you want more information speak to  
Kath Pell on 715742

### 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, com-  
puters 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](mailto:jon.sanders@romseymill.org).



# Cambourne Community First Responders

## ..HARD AND FAST..

I expect if you are like most people, as soon as certain adverts appear on television you reach for the mute button on the remote, especially if it's a rotund man in a dinner suit with a moustache that looks like Hercule Poirots on steroids. However the one advert you should have watched from start to finish is Vinnie Jones and the British Heart Foundation Hard and Fast one. It gives you the very basics for CPR or if you like the full names it's Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

In 30 seconds they can't give you the whole story. A picture (or video) is better than a thousand words there is a fuller version on youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILxjxfB4zNk>. Air way management is something that is not mentioned on the TV advert. This is simply making sure that if the patient is breathing, even a bit, air can get into the body. Try a little experiment. Put your chin right down on your chest (ignore the Christmas double chin) and try to breath. Now look up and you can see how much easier it is to breath. That's why its very important to keep the head back during CPR.

If you would be interested in a 'Drop-in' session on CPR on a Saturday in the future at the Hub please email [CambourneCFR@aol.com](mailto:CambourneCFR@aol.com) and register your interest.

Imagine how you would feel if a relative, friend or work colleague needed your help and you didn't know what to do.

### Top Tips

- Look at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILxjxfB4zNk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILxjxfB4zNk)
- Try our breathing tip.
- Don't ignore Vinnie Jones and remember; 30 times to Staying alive.

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**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
- 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

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

You can follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CambourneCFRs>

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

**The gift of life is in your hands.**



## Cambourne Youth Partnership - Fun in the Sun 2012

Last summer the Cambourne Youth Partnership organised a hugely successful programme of activities over the six week school holiday period for children, young people and their families.

We are planning to do this again in 2012 and want to include affordable activities during the summer holidays such as activities, trips, creative arts, sports camps etc and are currently looking for companies and organisations that could help fund this.

We have applied for a 'Cash for the Community' fund and, if successful, the community will be able to collect tokens from the Cambridge Evening News and take these to the Cambridge Building Society.

Please collect these and help us raise funds if you are able. Preparations for the Extreme Youth Fest 2012 on 14th July are well underway. The Wall of Death is confirmed. More details to follow in next month's edition of The Crier.

If you feel you are able to help in any way to make this year's Summer activities bigger and better, please contact us at The Soul or e-mail: [officecyp@googlemail.com](mailto:officecyp@googlemail.com)



## Cambourne Ladies International Club

### Coffee Mornings & Playgroup

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

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - Nail Chronicles    8<sup>th</sup> - Spray Painting  
15<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day celebration    22<sup>nd</sup> - Italian Festival**

**Contact:** Laura Bangs Tel: (01954) 710510 [Cambourne.clc@gmail.com](mailto:Cambourne.clc@gmail.com) [www.cambourne-ladies-international-club.org](http://www.cambourne-ladies-international-club.org)



# GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

## The library opening hours are:

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

**There will be an Open University Information Desk in Sackville House On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

### Engage in the Afternoon

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – 3.30pm in the library. ***“The House of Faberge” – talk by Dr. Colin Lattimore.***

**No need to book – just come along.**  
If anyone has any old mobile phones that they would like to donate to Charity could they please bring them to this session.

### Family History Research Sessions.

There will be a drop in Family History Session by the Cambridgeshire Family History Society at the library every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the Month from 3.30 – 5.30.  
Just pop in for advice.

NEXT SESSION 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.

Don't forget we sell stamps, cards, posters and children's workbooks and regularly sell books.

***Many thanks to all our loyal customers for their continued support and offers of help.***

## CAMBOURNE KITCHEN

Mixed meatballs, Prawn and Mango curry

A happy new year to all (as I write, it's still relatively appropriate to say that even though you will read this in February. Someone said to me recently that "... not enough people wish me a 'happy new year'" in September!) and welcome back to 'Cambourne Kitchen'. Have you still got bits of turkey, ham or sausage-meat languishing in the back of the freezer somewhere? Great, then this recipe is for you – it's super for using up 'this and that' and creating an Asian/European-inspired dish which is a bit of a one-pot wonder. Don't be intimidated by the list of ingredients – it really is straightforward.



### **For the meatballs:**

- 400g chicken, ham, turkey etc, chopped fairly small
- 300g good quality sausage-meat
- 2 generous tsp cumin
- 1tsp ground coriander
- 1tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp good quality smoked paprika
- 2tsp chilli flakes/powder (optional)
- 200g breadcrumbs or crumbled scones
- 2tsp salt
- ½ small onion finely diced
- 2 small eggs
- 50g suet (this keeps the mixture moist)

### **Method:**

Place all the meatball ingredients in a large bowl and give it a good mix with your hands ensuring everything has incorporated well.

The sweetness of scones works really well here to create balance and they crumble easily. Roll the mixture into equal sized meatballs (these can be any size you wish but I recommend slightly larger than a golf ball). (To prevent the mixture sticking have a bowl of water to the side and occasionally wet your hands.) Place the finished meatballs in the fridge for a minimum of 30 mins (longer is absolutely fine and it's actually ideal for preparing ahead of time) in order to let them set. They will hold together better when you cook them.

In the meantime, use a wide-bottomed frying pan or saucepan and drizzle a little vegetable oil in the base. Over a medium heat place your onions in the pan and cook for about 5 mins before adding the tomatoes. Turn the heat up slightly and cook for a further 5 mins until the tomatoes really begin to break down and you get a good colour on the onions. Turn the heat down again to medium and then add the spices. Allow them to cook for another 5 mins to ensure the flavours have a chance to infuse the sauce. Stir occasionally to prevent the mixture sticking.

At this point add the meatballs to the pan. Make sure you don't overload the pan or the meatballs will simply stew. Add as many as you can at one time leaving at least half a centimetre between them. Allow the meatballs to brown and then you will need to add a little water to the pan to start creating the sauce. I would suggest that about 500ml is enough but add it slowly to begin with and really it depends on how thick you want the end result.

Turn the heat down low and cover with a lid; leave to cook for about 15-20 mins until the meatballs are thoroughly cooked through. When you are ready to serve and only just before add the mango, prawns, cream and yoghurt and stir through but do not allow the curry to boil or else the yoghurt will split. (If using raw king prawns they will turn pink and you'll know they are done, if using pre-cooked then they just need warming through and in each case the residual heat is enough so take the pan off the heat as soon as you've stirred them through.)

Serve with rice and a sprinkle of coriander, parsley or mint over the top. (You could serve this with potatoes, pasta or couscous – don't limit yourself, it's quite versatile.)



# CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

## District of South Cambridgeshire

Neville Stebbing – Project Director left Cambourne at the beginning of December last year. In the time he worked in Cambourne a lot was achieved in moving the development of Cambourne forward in a positive way. We did not always agree on the best way forward, but a compromise was always found that benefited Cambourne residents. Neville wrote the following on his time working for McA in Cambourne:

*"My first introduction to Cambourne was back in July 2007 when I was impressed to see just how established this new community had become in less than ten years. Yes, there were issues but, by and large, the original master plan had worked out well. The scheme at the time was clearly a credit to the previous administration directed as it was by David Chare; nonetheless any project of this size and complexity would inevitably have its problems. Would Cambourne turn-out to be a poison challis, or the crown jewel of my career as major projects director for Taylor Wimpey? That was the question confronting me as I approached Cambourne for the first time. First impressions are deceiving, approached from Cambridge along the A428 one would hardly know it is there. The approach to Morrison's car park is pleasant enough, and this may be as far as most visitors venture; however, when you go beyond the supermarket the 'Pandora's box' that is the community of Cambourne gradually unfolds. During a career spanning nearly forty years building numerous major housing schemes up & down the country I have not found a better example of a complete community built from scratch to a state of (in my opinion) near perfection; true, I know more about building than social engineering and have not made an objective study of new housing communities; but I know what I like and by & large the people I asked agree that Cambourne is a great place to live. Developers and councils talk a lot about 'sustainability' and sustainable development such that it is fast becoming the 'Holy Grail' of just about everything; we all want to save the planet, some with solar panels on our roofs, others by walking instead of driving; fact is, Cambourne has most of the credentials for sustainable living. This fact contributes significantly to people's well-being. When asked 'what do you like about living at Cambourne' most people will say "the environment" I know what they mean and winning the Landscape Institute's award for 'Best major housing scheme' last year bears this out. It's all about people. Developers pump millions of pounds into large housing projects, and so they should; but, all too often much of this money goes on anonymous schemes far from the immediate needs of residents. This is not the case at Cambourne where residents have bonded together forming a strong and representative Parish Council from the fledgling 'residents association' that has its roots way back at the very start in 1994; as now, these people were prepared to put themselves out for the good their community; I doff my cap to them. In the final analysis it is people that make the place and it has been my pleasure to work with some of the most enthusiastic and committed people I have ever met; people who really believe in their community, they deserve your support. Long live 'localism' I have enjoyed my time as project director; thank you, good people of Cambourne."*

- Neville Stebbing

### Dog and Litter Bins

The Parish Council in conjunction with McA the developers and the Wildlife Trust have installed a large number of bins around Cambourne. We would request that people use them rather than dumping litter and broken glass on footpaths and open spaces. Our ground staff carry out regular litter picks around Cambourne and regularly have to collect litter and broken glass from the paths and open spaces which take them away from carrying out other maintenance work. The broken glass also causes a risk of injury to children and pets using the paths and open spaces. If you notice any broken glass please report this to the Parish Office.

### Bowling Green

A meeting will be held to form a Bowls Club on the **28th February 2012 at 6.30pm** in the meeting room at The Hub. We have some volunteers to form the basis of a committee and would invite any one interested in assisting with the development of a Club to attend the meeting.

- **John Vickery, Cambourne Parish Clerk**

**Residents are welcome to address a 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.**

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. Feb-March 2012

| Date      | Time   | Meeting                         |
|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 7th Feb   | 7.30pm | Planning Committee              |
|           | *      | Council                         |
| 21st Feb  | *      | Planning Committee              |
|           | *      | Leisure and Amenities Committee |
| 6th March | 7.30pm | Planning Committee              |
|           | *      | Council                         |

## Cambourne Craft Fair

**Saturday 25th February, 1 – 4 pm Cambourne Church, Great Cambourne**  
Café and live, acoustic music.

Stalls include...

Quality handmade jewellery, fair trade bag and candles, original artwork, photography, Malaysian and Indonesian craft items, flower pots, handmade cards, flower arrangements, home furnishings, yummy cakes, and much, much more!

**FREE ENTRY!**





Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

## Wildlife Review February 2012

For this month I am handing over my article to Laura Watson, our Community Conservation Officer. One of her projects is GardenWatch and it is being done a bit differently this year. Here are Laura's words to explain:

### GardenWatch

As local wildlife is waking up after the cold snap, we are preparing to launch this year's survey. Last year, an impressive 2,500 wildlife records were submitted from gardens across our three counties. This year we would like you to take a closer look at your gardens (balconies or allotments) and help us to build a picture of the status of some key species. Every two months there will be a new species for you to focus on.



The species for February and March is the **common toad** – a common sight around the Cambourne ponds. Despite the large numbers of them here, toads have suffered over the years and their numbers have dropped dramatically. Toads are loyal to ponds and will endeavour to return to the same pond to breed each year even if this means crossing busy roads. Unfortunately this is one of the main reasons for their decline. Toads spend the winter hibernating in cool damp places such as log piles and compost heaps. When the temperatures warm up they will embark on their journeys to ponds and can often be seen arriving en-masse at a pond. In March, look out for hundreds of toads in the ponds of the Eco Park with males gentle calling to attract a mate.



Common Frog

To find out how to tell your frogs from your toads and to submit your toad sighting, please visit the GardenWatch web page [www.wildlifebcn.org/gardenwatch.htm](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/gardenwatch.htm) or call the Wildlife Trust on 01954 713500. We also want to know if you haven't got any toads in your garden. The records gathered will help us to map the distribution of toads in the county and understand more about the movements of these fascinating creatures. Later in the year we will be asking for records of butterflies, birds, mammals and spiders so keep an eye on the website for the latest news.



Common Toad

### Wildlife Training Workshop

#### Introduction to Amphibians, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 3-9pm, Cambourne

This course will cover the identification, life history and habitats of the native amphibians found in Cambridgeshire. By the end of the session you will be able to confidently tell frogs from toads and identify the different species of newt. There will be an evening tour of nearby ponds to see the animals up close and to practice the techniques of amphibian surveying.

**For more details and to book a place please email [Juliette.butler@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:Juliette.butler@wildlifebcn.org) or call 01604 774031.**

### The Wildlife Trust's Big Wildlife Garden

The national network of gardens is our largest nature reserve and now you can join it. By registering your garden on the Big Wildlife Garden web site, you can access customised advice and hints and tips on gardening for wildlife. I've registered our wildlife garden at The Manor House and have received a plaque and certificate to celebrate our efforts. If you register before the end of May, you can also enter in to the national competition for the chance to win some great prizes. There are six categories so it doesn't matter how big or small your garden is. With over 3,400 gardens registered so far, you too can be part of the Wildlife Trust's Big Wildlife Garden – [www.bigwildlifegarden.org.uk](http://www.bigwildlifegarden.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:jenny.mackay@wildlifebcn.org) or Call: 01954 713516 (please leave a message and I will get back to you)

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

- Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer

Illustrations – Mike Langman

### CAMBOURNE GARDEN CLUB

#### February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: DIY seed sowing with demo, tips and advice from members.

You don't have to have a big garden or deep pocket to get a lovely display of flowers or some veg of your own. Come and find out how to make the most of your growing space but cheaply. Learn how to sow three different vegetables and also some flower seeds and how to encourage them to grow. If you have children or grandchildren you can have fun teaching the skills to them later.



The Garden Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at **7.30pm** for **7.45pm** in the Hub Committee room. Visitors welcome. Membership is £15 a year. For further info on the club, contact Debbie on 719091 or Fran on 710858

- Finish off winter digging
- Keep off the lawn, but if mild and dry give a mow, on a high setting
- Check to see if containers in the garden need watering, about once a week
- Protect plants and containers from frost
- Don't be in a hurry to plant up containers with new spring bedding

- In mild dry condition plant out polyanthus, once they've been hardened off.
- Check and carry out any maintenance to tools, including the mower
- Prune autumn fruiting raspberries
- Chit first early seed potatoes; sow early crops of vegetables and salads, covering over with horticultural fleece.
- Finish winter pruning standard apple and pear trees

### Jobs for February:

## Cambourne WI - February

If it suddenly seemed darker and much more gloomy one night in January that may have been because the ladies of the Cambourne WI, dressed in glittering finery left Cambourne for The Golden Balls in Boxworth. Our annual Christmas meal was successful as the staff at the Golden Balls looked after us very well with good food and excellent service complete with Christmas crackers and party poppers.

Now in the new year we look forward to a busy programme ahead starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February with our speaker, Anne Datson who will be teaching us Serviettework which is a decorative craft similar to collage or decoupage using paper serviettes. We are told that it is simple and easy to do yet the end results can be very effective and colourful.

Anne will give a demonstration of this craft and if you would like to try this please remember to bring with you a pretty serviette with small bold designs, small sharp scissors and a soft paint brush.

If walking into a larger group feels a bit daunting why not join one of our smaller groups? These include the following

- **Book club** which meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We are currently reading the *Small Island* which was serialised last year but readers of this book will know that the book is always better than any film or TV programme. If you have not read this book previously treat yourself to this modern day classic and come and join us for a discussion. 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 who are getting ready for the competition which starts in March so just enough time for any new members to join and start practicing. 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**.

## PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWS

In January, Papworth Astronomy Club entertained Professor Alan Aylward of the Atmospheric Physics Laboratory at University College London, who is leading a small team participating in international research into exoplanets - planets found outside our solar system. He explained that researchers have already moved on from simply looking for exoplanets to characterising them. Apparently, at the current rate of progress, it will take several decades to characterise the exoplanets that have been discovered recently. A number of exoplanets have already been characterised as earth-like, but this does not necessarily mean they could support life.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM. Katie Hassell from EADS Astrium in Stevenage will give a presentation about the projects the company is currently working on. Club members who were able to visit the Stevenage site a few years ago were impressed with the state-of-the-art facilities there and I am sure this will be an interesting evening.

The meeting 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](http://www.papworthastronomy.org)). You can also email Peter Sandford on [peter@cheere.demon.co.uk](mailto:peter@cheere.demon.co.uk) or phone **01480 830729**.

### A New Year, A New Detached Flight

by 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron

#### **Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Air Training Corps**

Air Cadets living around the local area of Cambourne can now undergo their cadet activities closer to home. Cadets and staff situated near Cambourne are now able to parade locally at the Cambourne Sports Pavilion, after six months of having to travel ten miles every Monday and Wednesday just to be a part of an Air Cadet Squadron.

2484 Bassingbourn Squadron – parent squadron of Cambourne Detached Flight (DF) – proved a warm and welcoming temporary home, albeit a distant one for the 24 cadets. Over the course of their stay, Cambourne Cadets integrated into the Bassingbourn numbers and participated in a huge range of activities ranging from rifle shooting to flying, with friendships being forged throughout.

Cambourne is not unfamiliar ground for the cadets as they have attended events in the area such as the Cambourne fest, working together to promote their cause and help the community. The detached flight will remain a valued part of Bassingbourn squadron and will increase the opportunities available to young people in the area.

Cambourne DF are currently recruiting young people between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. They meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 6.45pm and 9.45pm. For more information, please visit our website and [2484aircadets.co.uk](http://2484aircadets.co.uk) or call 01763 249156.

2484(Bassingbourn) Squadron - Air Training Corps





The winter coaching term started this week, delivered by Over and In, and will run from 13th January -26th March. There are a small number of spaces available for all ages from under 8s to adult lessons. Please contact Kay to reserve your place.

e-mail: [cambournecoaching@gmail.com](mailto:cambournecoaching@gmail.com) Mobile: 07775910280. More information at <http://www.cambournetenniscub.co.uk>



**CWR – otherwise known as Chicks Wot Run!**

For those of you who haven't heard of us before, we kind of do what the label says – based in Cambourne, lots of women... and we run! Simple! The group has been going nearly five years now and, since we have so much fun, we 'share the love' each January!

Following a cry that went out a few weeks ago in the Cambourne Crier, 26 fledging runners started our third ten-week beginners group last Tuesday night. And we don't just have Cambournites. They travel from far and wide – well, at least Gransden and Caxton! Although the first week's run might appear short, with temperatures hitting sub zero earlier on in the day, motivating oneself to leave a cosy house is up there with Monday morning duvet moments!

Under the nurturing supervision of our UK Athletics Endurance Coach Julie, and the lilting strains of the Chariots of Fire theme tune (okay – made that bit up), our lovely ladies took to the dark streets of Cambourne. For the first week, things were taken nice and slow – alternating between running and walking every 10mins or so. The course follows a nationally recognized theme (with the odd stop at the Cambourne pub!).

So, we counted them out... and counted them all back in again... and then we asked them a few questions about the whole experience:

**Q: How did you find out about our beginners group?**

**A: In unison – the Cambourne Crier – yeah!**

**Q: What made you decide to join in tonight?**

**A: The answers were as unique as the ladies themselves but here's a flavour:**

- Jacqui: determined to get fit after losing weight
- Sophie: wanted to try something different
- Emily: getting ready to pass her Special Constable test in April
- Hazel: joining her friends and aiming to complete a half marathon before she turns 61
- Ghazala, Nousheen, Shakira, and Lily: aiming to continue running as a group between the Tuesday meets
- Isabelle: 'I felt very unfit after Christmas and, although I have done some running before, it was not too taxing and I really enjoyed it... good to get the endorphins going... may even attempt the Cambourne 10k run... always good to have a motivator'

Other comments heard were 'had a good time', 'wasn't too painful', and 'good job it's dark!' All these may seem beginners' dreams, but we also have ladies who completed the beginners course in 2010 and are now easily running 10km. Alison, for example, has done five 10km and is registered for the Cambridge half marathon.

The group caters for all with no pressure. Whether you just want to turn up and jog with us for a few minutes or train hard for miles, we will welcome you all. We hope that this article will resonate with many and for those women who have similar thoughts, just turn up at **The Ark on Tuesday at 7.30pm**. Come have a jog, a run, a gossip, and most importantly a laugh with the girls!

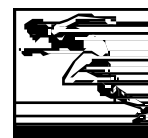
For more information please email Cambourne Women Runners at [information.cwr@gmail.com](mailto:information.cwr@gmail.com).



## The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

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



January saw the start of the Cambourne Runners Absolute Beginners group. Thirty hardy souls braved a cold start to their Saturday and took their first steps to becoming fully fledged runners. It is always a great inspiration to me to see people take on a new challenge.

Last year's intake of runners is a shining example of what dedication and hard work can achieve. Many doubted that they would be running 5km, but most of those doubters have gone on to reach and surpass personal goals – now running anything from 10km to full marathons!

I always recommend that the first thing on a new runner's shopping list should be a pair of good running shoes – ideally purchased from a specialist running shop with experienced staff rather than a high street chain. A good specialist shop will offer GAIT analysis which highlights your particular running style, and allows the staff to help you select a shoe that is right for you. Don't be put off by the price – these will last the average recreational runner a year and can save you a lot of pain and discomfort. Once you know your shoe type, you can shop online and get some real bargains.

**The Cambourne Runners Group meets Saturday mornings at 9.00am for those that can already run 5km (under 45mins) and Wednesday Evenings at 7.00pm for those who already run 10km (under 60mins). Both meet outside the Hub.**

### Upcoming Local Races:

- > Every Saturday: Cambridge Parkrun 5 km trail, Milton Park
- > Sign up now for the Cambourne 10k in April – places are selling fast!

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN** - Eagles children and their families raised a whopping £500 for EACH at their Christmas disco and charity auction. A huge thank you goes to Tracey Rayner and Phil Katz who made the evening such a success. It was great to see so many of you there.

**Dates for your diary: Sat 1st Sept 2012: Cambourne Eagles Showcase Day** - Come along and see all our teams play their favourite opposition at a pre season warm up on our family fun day. The day will include BBQ, bouncy castles and football, football and more football!!!

**TOTBALL** - The totballers are still meeting on a Friday from 2.15-2.45pm on the MUGA. We have a great bunch of 2,3 and 4 year olds who are keen to learn and ready to play! Player of the week this week was Thomas who had stiff competition for the award from little Flora who daintily jumps through the ladder in her lovely purple shoes! Please do come and join us!

**THE ACADEMY** - As popular as ever, the Academy goes from strength to strength with more children joining us each week. It provides a great foundation into football and teaches the children all they need to know in preparation for playing 'real matches' next year!

**UNDER 8s BLUE** - The Blues have had a great start to the new year with a friendly match where they were able to showcase their newly acquired skills. This team of boys is really coming together and the future looks bright for the team. We would like to welcome Martin Withers to the Blues coaching team. Its great to have him on board.

**UNDER 8s WHITE** - U8 Whites had a great rest over Christmas and started 2012 back in winning ways. All players are contributing to the team and some very strong performances are coming through. Everyone is training hard and improving each week. We look forward to some warmer weather!

**UNDER 8s YELLOW** - The U8 Yellows continue to give their best and have come up against some very good opposition! We continue to look for more players to boost our numbers, as we have played half our games with just 6 players (with very tired legs!). So if anybody wants to join they will be most welcome, regardless of ability.

**UNDER 9s** - With the Christmas period over and the new year under way, the under 9s resumed training and got straight back into the football with a match in the first week of January. The Christmas break proved to be a good thing as the U9s produced a stunning performance to come away with their first points of the season against a strong Comberton side. The boys played as a team and based a good performance on a strong defensive display, they are improving with each game and we are all looking forward to the future.

**UNDER 10s** - The lads are now back in training after the Christmas break and will be eager to play their first game of 2012. It was good to see so many of the under 10s supporting the club at our charity disco in December, as expected with them, they were all outside playing football..... any opportunity, always taken! Good luck for the rest of the current season boys.

**UNDER 12s - TEAM OF THE MONTH** - At the start of the season, the under 12s headed into a bit of the unknown. After five seasons

playing the Mini Soccer League mainly against the same teams, it was time for us to enter the big world of competitive football - we ended up in the A league of the 9v9 youth league. We didn't really know how we would get on but there shouldn't be any surprise that we are doing well. The boys have shown how good they are and in 8 league games have won 4, drawn 1 and lost 3 as well as reaching the quarter final of the cup. Although this places us in fifth place in the league, we are only 5 points off second with 2 games in hand.



After a Christmas break and a match postponement due to a frozen pitch, we are looking forward to a busy period. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have made it to the next round of the cup - fingers crossed!!!

**UNDER 15s** - At the time of writing this report, 'The Reds' are placed 4th in the Sunday colts A league. A remarkable turn around, given that they sat bottom after their first four games. With 2012 now underway, the boys recorded back to back home wins against St.Ives and Haverhill. Next up is a tough away game versus second placed Milton Colts with the return fixture two weeks later. The boys are more than capable of finishing in the top six, but with so many good teams in the A league, it will be tough.

**UNDER 20s/MENS** - The under 20s had a remarkable 2011, winning every game except one at home - it was one of the best games of the year, played in snow at times. We were 3-1 down in the second half and made a magnificent effort to bring the game back to 3-3. Our momentum could possibly have carried us to a win, but the game was stopped a few minutes early as Willingham's goalkeeper was injured - the correct call from the referee. This meant we were unbeaten at home in all league competition in 2011. The lads should be proud.

We started the New Year with a League Cup game against a very strong Kingsleys team, who are second in the Premier Division. After a poor first half, we put in a credible performance in the second 45 and managed to create two goals. The first scored by Ore as we were beaten 8-2. This gave us a gauge of where we need to aspire to be in the next couple of years.

**TO JOIN ANY OF OUR TEAMS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB SECRETARY ON THE NUMBER ABOVE, YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME!**

The Exiles begin 2012 sitting second in the Greene King Deuxieme League after a commanding first half of the season. Six wins and a draw from nine league games mean Cambourne are chasing what would be the first promotion in the club's short history. The Christmas period saw several friendly matches being played, including a development game providing an opportunity for some of our less experienced players to gain pitch time. The club aims to arrange several more of these types of fixtures over the coming months, so now is the ideal time for new players, inspired by England's performance in the six nations, to give Rugby a try.



## Cambourne Exiles RFC

Forthcoming home fixtures include a tough game against Cottenham Renegades on February 4th, followed by Ely 3s on the 11th and Shelford 5s on the 18th. It is always nice to have supporters on the side-lines, or watching with a beer from the clubhouse balcony. Training takes place on Wednesday nights from 7pm and we are always on the lookout for new players.



# Cambourne F.C. News

## CFC Committee

January saw Cambourne F.C.'s highest growth of the season with new players joining almost every age group. We would like to welcome all of our new members and look forward to seeing the new players on the pitch.

We also send our congratulations out to all of our teams; the results coming in are nothing short of amazing. To see our teams doing so well in their leagues shows our focus on football is serving all of our players well and we can not wait to see just how far they can all go. Well done to all.

## Soccer School

Soccer School is still attracting high numbers, even in the cold weather! Soccer School welcomed five new children to the session in January. The mix of children of all ages from all over Cambourne is great to see. The children are certainly enjoying this session with their cheers being heard all over Cambourne.

CFC 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. If you are interested in joining, please either come along to the session or contact Chris using the details below.

## C.F.C U7 – Black

We started 2012 with a great performance in a hard fought contest against Huntingdon Rowdies. We are now preparing for an away fixture in Huntingdon and a home fixture versus Ramsey later this month. The Beanie hats that the players received as a Christmas present from the club have been most welcome, as our recent practice took place in near arctic conditions.

## C.F.C U7 – White

The U7 White team has started 2012 with some amazing displays of football. The players are certainly enjoying their first season of football in the Hunts league and have come together very well as a team.



## C.F.C U7 – Silver

The Silver team started the New Year with a closely contested friendly against Cambourne Eagles. A great team performance saw goals that both sets of supporters could enjoy. The team is now looking forward to a home friendly against Longstanton followed by a league match against St Ives U7 Blue Sox.

## C.F.C U8

The U8s are continuing their excellent season with a fantastic start to the New Year! At the time of writing, we had already scored 27 goals after just 2 matches! The team is getting stronger and stronger every week, with the kids really engaging in all of the training sessions. If your child is interested in joining our training sessions on Tuesday nights, then please do contact us on the number below.

## C.F.C U9

The U9s continued their amazing league form, beating Swavesey Spartans 14-4. Goals from Oliver Colchester, Christian Ndjanda, Thomas Wraight, Ben Coleman, George Simpson and Rubens Sanches-Kuiper helped the U9s to this impressive win. The U9s have now scored 103 goals in just 9 games! Well done to the whole team.

## C.F.C U10

The U10s were left disappointed after their two January fixtures were postponed. However, this gave the team an opportunity for extra training, and enabled us to arrange a friendly with CFC U9s which was a great



match. The U10s welcomed another new player into the team, Felix, who demonstrated his ability by scoring on his debut. The U10s now face Witchford in a friendly before their next league game against Bar Hill. If you would like to join the U10s team, please come along to training on a Monday, 6.00-7.00pm at the MUGA, or ring 01954 715959.

## C.F.C U13

What an impressive start to the New Year! The U13s have won all their games so far this year, including a spectacular 13-0 victory over Chatteris and a 4-3 win over Stukeley. A special mention to Jesse Kissi and Thomas Mee; Jesse is now top goal scorer in our league and has scored some amazing goals this season. Thomas, who joined us last month, has settled into the team well, made some fantastic saves, and kept a clean sheet against Chatteris. Congratulations to the whole team for your dedication, commitment, and team spirit – you really are a great bunch of boys!

If you would like to join the only U13s team in Cambourne, please come along to training on a Friday, 5.00-6.00pm at the MUGA, or ring 01954 714428.

## Contact:

Soccer School - [chris.racher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.racher@hotmail.co.uk)  
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Under 10 - [sracher@hotmail.com](mailto:sracher@hotmail.com)  
Under 13 - [clmbuilder@btinternet.com](mailto:clmbuilder@btinternet.com)  
Under 17 - [Steve:stevepdoidge@aol.com](mailto:Steve:stevepdoidge@aol.com)  
Men's - [sracher@hotmail.com](mailto:sracher@hotmail.com)

**Club E-mail:** [joracher@hotmail.com](mailto:joracher@hotmail.com)

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## CAMBOURNE FISHING CLUB

As from 16th June 2010, Lake Ewart in Cambourne is now a club water, stocked with Carp into the double figures, roach and rudd. To be stocked with different varieties later this year. **MEMBERSHIP ONLY.** Ticket costs to fish with us are below.

**Adult £20.00, Junior £10.00 (13 – 16 year olds), Day tickets £5.00.** Children under the age of 13 can fish for free with a club member or adult day ticket holder. All children under 13 must be supervised.

Tickets can be purchased from:

- **Mad Tackle (formerly Masterbaits1),** 22 Levellers Lane, Eynesbury, St Neots, PE19 3JL
- **Massifs Bikes,** Caxton House, Cambourne, Car Park available opposite open until 9.00pm

**The season ticket to fish lake Ewart starts on the 1st of January, not the 31st of March like the rod licence and most other clubs, so the sooner you get yours the better the value.**

Fishing can be slow at this time of year, but I had three small carp in one hour forty five minutes by popping my baits up ten inches in order to find the thermo layer the fish were swimming in. So it is still worth fishing at this time of year, you just need to think a bit more about how to find the fish. I recommend frequent moves and a lot of casting and experimenting with flavours.

Many of you will have met Pete on the bank - he is one of the founding members of the Cambourne fishing club and we all wish him a speedy recovery from his recent serious illness. We hope to see him fishing in a few months so get well soon Pete. Tight Lines for the new year from all at CFC.



## GIRL GUIDING IN CAMBOURNE: WE NEED YOU!

LAST YEAR we celebrated ten years of Brownies in Cambourne and this February we celebrate ten years of Rainbows. Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides thrive in Cambourne because of the wonderful dedication of our adult volunteers, unit helpers, young leaders, and Guides/DofE extra volunteers. No one is paid for their time – it is freely given to benefit girls in the village. Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides activities would often not carry on without all of these wonderful people.

We have 47 girls in Rainbows, 80 girls in Brownies, and 55 girls in Guides. To ensure that everyone is given an equal chance to be a part of our units, we operate a first come first served waiting list for all sections: a single waiting list for all Rainbows and Brownies and a separate one for Guides.

I have been the District Commissioner for Guiding in Childerley (Cambourne, Caldecote and Hardwick) since 2008. One of the things that gives me the most pleasure (and also the most grief) is helping to find adult volunteers to keep these units staffed. Just when you think everything is fine, people's circumstances change and they can no longer continue helping.

**WE NEED EXTRA HELPERS!** If you have your own children on our waiting list for Rainbows – I have twelve girls already waiting and, by September, 35 girls will be looking for a place – please bear in mind that they may not get their chance if you or someone just like you does not volunteer to help.



Taking on this kind of a role can be a worry, but there is always support and information available. You also have lots of people in Cambourne to share your experience with. It doesn't matter if you don't do crafts, or if sports aren't your thing – we do a bit of everything. You will find plenty to enjoy in the various activities we do with the girls.

SO, WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? People join for different reasons:

- To help their child get into Rainbows/Brownies (we do allow your child to jump the queue if YOU become a guiding leader and take charge (singly or with others) in the running of a unit);
- To be part of the community and make some good friends (we are a friendly bunch and the people working with you in the unit will be with you every week);
- They like being with children and it cheers them up to see their happy smiling faces;
- To get out of the house once a week and, as they get to know us, be part of their unit team.

If you are interested in helping, but do not feel that you could help each week, please still get in touch – there are always jobs that we need people to help with. Finally, just to illustrate what it is all about, take a look at the pictures accompanying this article – a sample of our units with girls who are having a good time thanks to someone, just like you, who volunteered.

Kim Clegg - Cambourne Girl Guiding

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### Valentines Messages

*My rock,  
especially during the  
trauma  
of the past year  
Love you lots*

Dear Mr H,  
20 years married. Love you loads. Looking forward to a cosy evening in.  
Love Mrs H xxxx

H♥K

*To my lobster,  
Love doesn't make the world go round,  
love in what makes the ride worthwhile.  
Happy Valentines day  
Love you forever. Your lobster xxx*

To my lovely  
wife Jitka

15 years together, 9 years married, 2 beautiful boys and I love you as much as I did on day one. Coz

*To the love of my life  
You will always have my heart  
Even when your cat farts  
Love you always and true  
All my love is with you*

**Happy 1st Valentines Daddy and Happy 9th Valentines Jay!**  
With all our love Zachary and Debbie xxxxx

Peter,  
This is just a small note to tell you how much you mean to me.

You are not only my boyfriend, but my best friend and my soul mate and life would just not be the same without you. You are my rock. You have given me my most treasured memories and I can only hope that, since we met nearly nine years ago, there are many more to come. Thank you for just being you. I love you, always, Karen

HH,  
The past 9 years have been amazing you are a wonderful husband and my best friend  
PN xxx

Love you lots Sadie  
Fanx, Tron.

To the biggest cheeky monkey of them all. With lots of love and a touch of cheekiness on Valentines day  
SJ & JL xxx

MB hearts JS  
4eva

The one I love Jon  
Happy Valentines,  
Love you more than you know  
Love Nikki

To Nikki, Happy Valentines day  
From Jack, Caitlyn and daddy  
We love you lots XXX

**To my noodle noo  
Love always  
Winny woo**  
(Nick and Sarah Green)

Mr T  
Luv u lots like jelly  
Mrs T xxx

**RG  
Love you lots  
NT**

Dearest Boo,  
You are amazing, please be my valentine!  
Forever yours Bond!

**To Fluffy. You are the one  
for us. Love Piggy & Slobbers  
xxxxxxx**