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CAMBOURNE. BT INFINITY UPDATE.

In late 2010, BT launched their nationwide 'Race to Infinity' competition. Aimed at giving rural areas the chance to bring 'super-fast fibre optic broadband' to rural areas that might otherwise have had to wait years, the competition involved residents voting for their telephone exchange. The winners would be the five exchanges with the most votes.

Several weeks later, after a vigorous and successful campaign run by Cambourne residents, The Caxton exchange (which serves Cambourne) was announced as one of the winners, and with the race won, Cambourne residents settled back to await their prize.

BT did eventually start placing the infrastructure in late 2011, a process that was to become significantly slowed by around 12 months of delays and legal wranglings,

Recently, in a move surprising to developers and residents alike, came the bad news that not all of Cambourne would be getting fibre-optic. It has come to light that premises constructed after 31/10/12 do not form part of the delivery plan. Current estimates suggest as many as **562 houses in Cambourne are currently flagged as being unable to have BT infinity**, many of which were built and occupied well before the 31/10/12 cut-off date. At time of writing there are 3363 occupied houses in Cambourne.

Cambourne residents are now once again banding together to campaign to get BT infinity bought to all of Cambourne. At a recent special meeting of Cambourne Parish Council residents had the opportunity to ask questions of, and express concerns to the managing directors of Taylor Wimpey and Bovis homes. Following a meeting with BT, MCA developments said:

"MCA Developments and BT met in December to discuss the issue of homes in Cambourne which are currently unable to access fibre broadband from BT. BT and its infrastructure division Openreach will be fully investigating the broadband network in Cambourne, before outlining the options for improving broadband provision to the remaining homes. To ensure every household currently unable to access the service is considered, Cambourne Parish Council will be collating the details of the demand for broadband from each of these homes. These details will be passed to BT, in order for an accurate view of the options available to be drawn up and considered."

Local social housing provider CHS said ***"As a social housing provider working in the area, CHS Group would wish to raise its concerns about any proposal that limits investment in digital inclusion to certain groups in the population. We would strongly urge the provider of this service to take the long view of the investment and help deliver the digital inclusion that is so critical to the future economic health and well-being of our communities"***.

The campaign group are appealing for anyone who has been told they cannot have BT infinity to contact them at cb23infinity@cjhudson.co.uk, providing the following information: House Number, Street Name, Postcode, Home Land line telephone number (PSTN) (if you have one).

An update will be given by BT and MCA Developments to the public at Cambourne Parish Council's meeting on Tuesday 15th January.

11/01/2013 (Friday)	Black Bin
17/01/2013	Green Bin and Blue Bin
24/01/2013	Black Bin
31/01/2013	Green Bin and Blue Bin
07/02/2013	Black Bin

Bin Collection Dates for this month in Cambourne

You will receive a weekly collection **each Thursday** between 7am and 6.30pm, alternating each week between green and blue bins, and then black bin. Bins will be collected a day late (Friday) if it's a bank holiday Monday week.

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

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CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire



New Year message from the Chairman

"Happy New Year! . It was really good to see so many people at the last parish meeting when we discussed the BT Infinity rollout. I would really like to see as many people at all our parish meetings. The meetings are open to the public and are non-political and non-religious. Part of your council tax goes to the parish council to maintain Cambourne and fund projects, many things happen behind the scenes to try and improve Cambourne. If you would like to find out more then you are all welcome to attend the parish meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month. The parish website www.cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk has the agenda and minutes for the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting in 2013."

Cllr Dominic Plunkett – Chairman

Message from newly elected Councillor Laura Selway

I am really pleased to have been voted in as the new Parish Councillor and am excited about the challenges the role will bring. I am looking forward to helping shape Cambourne's future and working to ensure that the sense of community we have here is preserved. I am very grateful for all the support I have received from Cambourne residents so far throughout my campaign and look forward to working both together with you and on your behalf.

Yellow Lines Consultation

Just a reminder that there is still time to respond to the Yellow Lines Consultation that was issued with the December issue of the Crier; the deadline for response is 14th January 2013. Further copies of the consultation document are available from the Parish Office in the Hub and on the Parish Council website www.cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Great Cambourne Green Play Area

The work to resurface the play area has now been completed. It is hoped that the addition of more coloured areas will spark some imaginative play.



John Vickery - Cambourne Parish Clerk

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

John Vickery the Parish Clerk is available at Parish Office, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW. Telephone 01954 714403 or by e-mail at clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk will normally be in the office between 9.30 and 1.00 Monday to Friday and by appointment at other times.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. January 2013

Date	Time	Meeting
15th Jan	7:30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council (urgent matters only)
5th Feb	7:30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council

editorial@cambournecrier.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Cambourne Crier is dedicated to acting as a voice and a forum for all the residents of Cambourne. 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.

This month, the Crier received an open letter from a Cambourne resident expressing concerns with regard to the urgent access appointment system currently run by Monkfield Medical Practice. The Crier contacted the medical practice and offered them the opportunity to respond. Letter and reply are printed below.

Dear Editors.

I live in Cambourne with my family and had to use the urgent access clinics (on the day appointments) on two occasions in Nov 2012, both times for my two young children. The first time, I had to wait for an hour and 20 minutes to be seen by a doctor and the second time an hour and 5 minutes. Clearly, the urgent access clinics are not delivering for patients when it comes to waiting times. I am fortunate to have an employer who allows flexible working and working from home on occasions, but that may not be the case for many in the community, necessitating a forced day off from work. I can understand doctors overrunning their appointments due to the complexity of the problems they have to deal with on the day and the odd day with longer than average waiting times due to shortage of doctors on the day (for eg. due to a GP calling in sick) but from my experience on two occasions this month, longer than one hour waiting time seems to be the norm rather than the exception. On the first occasion, I spoke to the surgery manager and the concerned GP but neither were able to offer any reassuring explanations that the problem is being dealt with. So, I am writing this in the interests of the wider community and would like the GP surgery to respond to the below open questions.

- 1) Does the GP surgery have a target for average waiting time for urgent access clinic appointments?
- 2) Does the practice monitor and measure waiting times for urgent access clinics?
- 3) If yes, are you able to publish the monthly averages for the last six months?
- 4) What steps have you taken to keep waiting times under control?

The first step to fixing anything that is broken is being able to measure the extent to which something is broken and then identifying the root causes against what the measurements tell you. Measuring waiting times is not hard, all you need is to get the time of check in from reception or from the automated checkin system and then the time one is seen from the doctor's record of the consultation.

Thanks.

Name and address supplied

The response.

Dear Editors

We are very sorry that waiting times in the urgent access clinic are often longer than either we or patients would like. Long waiting times in the clinic are the result of our decision to provide as many appointments as possible to meet the exceptionally high demands faced by the Practice.

The alternative is to reduce the number of slots which will mean that patients are less likely to wait because others have taken longer than the average appointment time of 8 minutes. We are reluctant to do this because we are aware that the demand for on-the-day appointments already outstrips supply. Another alternative would be to increase on-the-day availability by reducing the number of pre-bookable appointments available. Again we are reluctant to do this because demand for these appointments also outstrips supply.

Our appointment system does not allow us to automatically monitor waiting times in the surgery. We do not believe that counting the length of waiting times would solve what is a complex problem without a solution that would be acceptable to all.

We sincerely believe we are making the best use of the resources made available to us to provide health care services for Cambourne residents and would encourage all residents to read the following detailed explanation of the funding situation facing the Practice. This was presented as part of a report to the Cambourne Parish Council in November.

Since the very beginning in 2000 Monkfield Medical Practice has been funded differently from other local surgeries as a reflection of the fact that Cambourne is a rapidly growing community. Historically the Practice was paid considerably more per patient than other local practices and as a result we were able to invest in clinical services. This has meant a high ratio of practitioners to patients. However, our special funding arrangement ended on 31/3/12 and like every other part of the NHS, Monkfield Medical Practice now faces a challenging future of reduced funding in the face of the Government's £20 billion savings target over the next few years.

From April 2012 funding for the Practice was frozen for three years at 2010/11 levels minus a 2.4% efficiency saving each year (i.e. our core funding in 2012/13 is 2.4% less than it was in 2010/11).

In addition to this, in order to maintain this reduced level of funding we must provide a number of additional services as part of our core contract. In the past we received additional payment for these services. This element of our agreement with the PCT is consistent with the approach taken to a large number of other local practices who were historically funded at above average levels.

Although NHS Cambridgeshire could no longer continue with the special funding arrangement that has allowed our Practice to grow it recognised that Cambourne has unique needs – both the continued growth of the population and the almost unique profile of the patient population. Part of our core funding is dependent on the practice patient list growing. If the list does not reach the target each year funding will be cut further as a result of the shortfall.

When it reviewed our funding arrangements the PCT arranged for an independent review of the Practice to be carried out. The review confirmed that we are an extremely efficient organization. It showed that payments to staff and GPs are average, as are our administrative staffing numbers. Our clinical staffing level (i.e. doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical pharmacist, practice nurses and health care assistants) is significantly higher than would be expected for a Practice of our size.

Almost 9,000 people are now registered at the Practice; by 2016 we estimate we will be serving between 11,500 and 12,000 patients. The practice is contracted to provide services between 8 am and 6.30 pm Monday to Friday. The freeze on funding means that there is no scope for us to extend beyond these hours or increase our overall staffing levels (i.e. appoint more doctors or nurses) as patient numbers rise. We are committed to maintaining our current level of clinical staff.

We are keen to work with our patients to develop the service in the way they want, within the constraints we face.

Yours sincerely

Dr Alastair Anderson, Dr Jackie Koo, Dr Ruwani Siriwardena, Dr Jyoti Sharma

Monkfield Medical Practice Partners

Staff Changes at Monkfield Medical Practice in the New Year



Monkfield Medical Practice

There will be a number of staff changes at the Practice in the New Year. Dr Jackie Koo will be taking maternity leave for one year from mid-February. She will be replaced by Dr Miranda Shrimpton and Dr Elizabeth Halliday who will each be working two days a week.

Dr Shrimpton is already well-known to many MMP patients as she worked here a few years ago. She has a particular interest in and experience of gynaecology. Before she became a GP, Dr Halliday worked in paediatrics and has training and experience in this area. We are delighted that they have agreed to join us to cover Dr Koo's year off.

A further change which we are very sorry to announce is that our Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Sally Barltrop will be leaving us in early January to take up a senior post in Cambridge. Sally will be greatly missed by everyone at the Practice and, we are sure, by many, many people in Cambourne.

CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



Well it is the end of the first term of the 2012-2013 year. What a fun time we have had in Year Five. During our topic we have been to Mars and back in our spaceship Curiosity, through time to the Victorian era and finally the ever emotional, exhausting and energetic lead up to Christmas.

In Year Five this term we have studied rocks from Mars, on special loan from NASA and have found that there may be life on the planet. We have investigated the different planets in our solar system creating fact files, posters, presentations detailing the size, weight, atmosphere and the distances from the sun. We have found that our own planet, Earth, despite seeming epic in its size and treasures is actually....tiny.

After half term we travelled the spaceship Curiosity to the Delorean to the Victorian era. What different time it was, teachers with the cane, wearing gowns, children being quiet, speaking only when spoken to and classrooms in silence learning by rote. The Victorian school was certainly a different place to Monkfield Park.

Elsewhere in the school Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a day of yoga based activities around the theme Diwali with Sue from Tattybumpkins. The children travelled in their imaginations from Cambourne to India to see how families may celebrate Diwali. They learnt the candle pose and they themselves formed the row of candles before being transported back to Cambourne.

Year 2 were investigating the Great Fire of London, its causes and implications. Thanks to the Year 2s work we know that this disaster will never happen again.

Year 6 have just started their investigations into World War 1, who knows what historical treasures they will unfurl!

At the start of December the run up to Christmas had begun. The Christmas carols were being practised, snowflakes were appearing in the classrooms and of course the incredibly grand Christmas tree was put up by the Friends in the main hall.

Year 3 and 4 performed fantastically in their carol concert "Five Gold Rings" and Year 1 were saintly in the Nativity Play. The staff "flashmob" of carols performed during the children's Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all.

We wish all in Cambourne a fantastic and safe Christmas holiday, a happy New Year.



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

Cambourne



**Cambourne 123s is a fun and friendly toddler group.
We meet Fridays from 10-11.30 am at the Sports Pavilion
Cost £2 per child (extra children 50p, under 1's 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 123's will gladly take them off your hands, contact us on the email address/number below.

**11th January - Play Dough, 18th January - Making musical instruments and singing,
25th January - Australia Day snake mobiles, 1st February - Cake decorating and parachute play.**

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

CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



Happy New Year!

Despite severe cold, torrential rain and strong winds, I'm pleased to report that building work at Lower Cambourne is progressing well and is on programme. The main structure of the large spaces – gymnasium, sports hall and main hall - is already well established and the delivery of the classroom units is imminent. We have been promised a walk through the shell of the building in January, at which point we should begin to get a feel for the finished structure. We met with the architects in December to confirm the colour schemes within the College – picking out the vibrant shades of our logo – and this has really brought all the planning to life. If you log on to our website: cambournevc.org, you can see the latest site photos, or follow us on Twitter: <https://mobile.twitter.com/CambourneVC>.

Back at Comberton, a great deal of work is going on. Following the placing of a national advertisement, I'm delighted to report that Sean Sumner, currently Assistant Principal at Comberton, has been appointed Deputy Head of School, Cambourne, from a very strong field. Sean leads our ICT strategy at Comberton and will have a key role in overseeing the installation of our state-of-the-art ICT and computing facilities at Cambourne. Our Senior Administrator, Diane Bagulay, starts in January, and will begin the huge task of procuring all the furnishings and equipment for the new College. At interview, Diane told us she loves shopping, which may be just as well... We are currently interviewing to fill the Head of Year 7 and SENCo posts, and will begin to recruit for subject leaders from existing Comberton staff at the start of the January term.

Representatives from Cambourne Village College met recently with the Parish Council to discuss community use of the facilities, and we will publish our Community Strategy imminently. We have also been meeting with staff at the Sports and Fitness Centre to ensure we complement the activities already on offer in Cambourne when we plan our community programme. A consultation will be launched soon, so that all Cambourne residents will be able to express a view on what evening classes and other activities they would like to see offered at the Village College from next September.

A consultation process about school uniform at both Cambourne and Comberton Village Colleges has been taking place, with pupils at Comberton, Year 6 pupils at all catchment schools, parents and teachers being asked to submit their views on whether we should retain the current sweatshirt, or move to a blazer and poloshirt model. This has prompted some lively debate and the results of the consultation should be out soon.

A great deal of further information about Cambourne Village College can be found on our website, including details of the Admissions Process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

Claire Coates *Head of School, Cambourne Village College.*

Hardwick Community Primary School - The Blue School



The Blue School

We have had an extremely successful and enjoyable start to our life in Cambourne. During our first term we opened 'Academic Alley', our role play street. The children have been engaging in all manner of role play opportunities from postmen to mechanics, builders to chefs. We continue to be amazed at the array of fascinating storylines dreamt up by the children, many of which are soon to be serialised.

We have also been busy exploring Cambourne, visiting the woods and having wonderful visits from the local police and ambulance services.

We've also bought a school minibus and that has allowed the two sites of the school to come together for a range of activities. This included the fantastic Reception Christmas show 'A Christmas Story', which was a truly wonderful show performed to a packed house at our Hardwick site. This was part of our Christmas build up that also included carol singing around the village and our Christmas craft event. We have also been very pleased to welcome lots of new Cambourne members to our PTA and two new school governors from our Cambourne community.

At our Hardwick site, Christmas has allowed the year 1/2 children to shine in their Christmas show 'Mamma Mary – the musical'. This was a truly outstanding union of the Christmas story and the hits of Abba! We also enjoyed the school pantomime and comedy review, setting us all up for a great Yule tide season. We sincerely hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable festive break and, like us, are looking forward to the year ahead.

Hardwick Community Primary School is looking for people who would like to join our enthusiastic and supportive Governing Body. We already have governors who represent the parents, staff and Local Authority, but would like additional governors from the community. We need people who can spare some time and are keen to work with us on supporting and improving the education of our pupils both in Hardwick and Cambourne.

Our work includes committees that focus on finance, personnel, premises and curriculum matters, as well as working with school staff on the development of the school as a great place for teaching and learning.

- What we need from you is a commitment of two or three evenings a term for attending meetings and, if possible, occasional day-time visits during school hours to see how the school works and to meet with staff.
- What we can offer is a good opportunity to give something back to the community, excellent support as you get started and throughout your four-year term, and some stimulating debates and discussion on the education of young people.

If you are interested, please pass your contact details to the school office at either the Hardwick or Cambourne site, for the attention of the Chair of Governors, Jane Cadwalladr. Jane will then contact you with further details. **(see useful contacts page at the front of the Crier for contact details)**

CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



On Wednesday 28th November, Year 4 children at The Vine School went to Burwell House. 48 excited children clambered onto the coach and waved goodbye to their parents! Upon arrival, The first activity they played was the 'Snail Game' in which the children had to find the answers to questions which were around the grounds. Next, the children enjoyed serving each other a delicious lunch. Then there was an activity where feathers were collected for teamwork skills. Feathers collected were converted into points for each group to buy provisions. The materials bought were then used to create 'egg capsules' to protect the eggs from cracking during their fall from the top of the fire escape. Sadly, none of the groups managed to save their egg but it was eggs-cellent fun!

After less sleep than they would have liked, The children dressed as Victorian children to get into character before enjoying a hearty breakfast to set them up for the day. The children arrived on the minibus to share the Victorian fun. A carousel of activities took place throughout the day. They washed clothes with mangles, washboards and hung them to dry. There was a Victorian schoolroom with wooden desks, slates, a blackboard, dip pens, ink and a very strict teacher who was not afraid to use the cane, back straightener or finger stocks! They played traditional Victorian games which included croquet, shove ha'penny, tiddlywinks, pick-up sticks and cup and ball. The fourth activity included using a map of the grounds from Victorian times to compare with today.

Finally, the day ended with a Victorian Banquet complete with distinguished guests. Some of the children were servants and they served the guests with a mouth-watering roast dinner. Carols were sung, piano was played, jokes were told, and poems were recited. All too soon it was time to bid farewell to the day trippers and return to the year 2012!

During the last morning the children played 'Sky Eye' where they had to hold a mirror on the bridge of their nose, look down into it and experience 'walking on air'. It was funny to watch them trying to walk and stepping over trees! Another sensory game they played was 'Bat and Moth'. One child was a bat and two children were moths and they all wore blindfolds. The object of the game was for the bat to catch the moths by shouting 'bat', to which the moths replied 'moth'. This simulated echo location so the bat was able to capture the moths. The final game was the very popular 'Burwell Fox'. The children got into pairs and had to solve clues without being caught by the farmers (who were the teachers!). If they got caught they were stamped. The more stamps received, the sicker the fox became. Foxes in Year four ranged from the 'bleurgh' fox to the 'super' fox!

The children had a fantastic experience and wish that they could go back soon. As one child summarised it, "it was epic!"



Cambourne Pre-School would like to say a 'big' thank you to the Cambourne Crier for their donation of £100 towards our new 'outdoor music centre'.

Our children are enjoying expanding their musical horizons and delighting our pre-school teachers with the wonderful sounds they can make!

It makes a wonderful addition to our new building and is one of our most popular activities.



Community Navigators

Routes to activities and services

YOU
*can help older people
in your community.*



Local charity Care Network Cambridgeshire is looking for local people to help older people find their way to activities and services which they would enjoy or find useful.

There are lots of good groups, services, and support available in Cambridgeshire but not everyone knows what is out there or how to access it. We want all older people in Cambridgeshire to have someone in their community who they can turn to for information.

The type of information being given could be pointing people in the direction of a club or activity group, helping them access local transport like a community car scheme, or they may need information on benefits, modifications to their home, or help at home with the things they find difficult. Whatever the query we want all older people to have a 'Community Navigator' local to them who can help them find what they want.

By helping people find what they want, at the time when they need it, you can help older people avoid isolation and loneliness and remain active and independent for longer.

We will provide free training and on-going support to help you build up the skills, knowledge, and confidence to carry out the role. Plus your local co-ordinator will always be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Being a Community Navigator only takes a few hours a month, and compliments any involvement you may already have in your community. It's an opportunity to be part of something that can make a real difference to people's lives, and it should be interesting and fun too!

Whether you are already active in your community, or you would be willing to learn, we want to hear from you. Contact your local co-ordinator Rob Wallace for more information.

Call: 01954 211919 or Email: Rob.W@care-network.org.uk

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS NEARING DEADLINE

Parents in Cambridgeshire who have a child born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 are reminded that they must submit an application for their child to start school in September 2013.

The process, which opened this week, 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 2013.

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.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS NOTES

Primary schools in Cambourne

The 4 Primary schools in Cambourne have catchment areas. This doesn't make any difference to parents' choice of which school to send their youngsters to except when a school is full. Currently 3 of the schools have a maximum roll of 420. The 'Blue School' is in a slightly different position as it is run from Hardwick Primary School and it is smaller.

A resident of Lower Cambourne noted that, in the event Monkfield Park was full, she would have to send her son either to Jeavons Wood or The Vine. It's distance that counts here and she would have to pass one Primary school to reach another possibly two miles away. This is ridiculous but the birth-rate in Cambourne is such that Monkfield Park was filled with children who lived nearby or who could claim precedence by one of the "gateways" for special consideration e.g. a medical condition.

I am in discussions with the County's officers over this but their refusal to change the catchment areas has been supported by the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator (OSA) who is the referee in these matters. Our negotiations can only be described as unsatisfactory at this stage. The OSA is based in Darlington and so can be expected to have a detailed knowledge of Cambourne (!). It is nearly as far away as Paris or Amsterdam and Calais is closer.

The Heads of Cambourne's Primary Schools are concerned about parents moving their children out of one school and into another. In any other village, there is usually only one choice of school. In Cambourne it's different and some parents are 'school hopping' with all the downside consequences for the schools. This practice is likely to be stopped in the interests of continuity of learning.

Secondary Education in Cambourne

Still with matters educational: the new Secondary School being built on the edge of Cambourne will be run as a satellite of Comberton Village College. I supported this arrangement strongly all through the process. It is obviously vital that this School has gilt-edged credibility from the start. Comberton VC has Academy status which means it is independent of the Local Authority and pretty well any local accountability. It has chosen the name of the new School and shut the door on any children who don't live in Cambourne. People in Caxton have a right to be offended by this partly because their children must travel to a more distant school but mainly because the new School is being built in Caxton. I am in discussions with the Legal Department to see if this high-handed action can be resolved as it may be a contravention of Human Rights law.

Cllr Lister Wilson

County Councillor for the villages of Bourn, Cambourne and Caxton
Cambridgeshire County Council

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS NOTES

Planning Policy & Localism

During the first public consultation on Issues and Options for the new Local Plan, over 1,000 people attended events across the district to talk to planning officers about potential new development proposals and possible revisions to policies for deciding planning applications. In total, residents, businesses and parish councils sent in over 12,000 comments. From this we are starting to draw together common themes and a coherent package of sites that could be recommended for housing to 2031.

Following on from this consultation, the second stage is about to begin. This time the City and South Cambs will both be consulting over the same period, from 7th January to 18th February 2013. There will be two parts: Part 1: A joint consultation with the City Council on options for the development strategy for the wider Cambridge area and for site options on the edge of Cambridge on land in the Green Belt. Current thinking is that there is very little land in the Green Belt that could be taken out of it without harming Green Belt purposes – only enough for about 1,000 houses. That probably means finding more sites in villages. Part 2: Will be different for each council. South Cambs will explore ways of taking forward responses to the summer consultation, including possible new site options for allocation as well as matters such as possible changes to village frameworks and designations to protect village character.

Councillor Alison Elcox

District Councillor for Bourn Ward



info@cambournecrescent.org
www.cambournecrescent.org

This month was dedicated to raising funding for the group, in particular the Arabic School at the Ark. One of the initiatives led by Maria and Rafia and also supported by Natasha and Amber was fund raising through food for all residents in Cambourne.

A succulent and scrumptious home made authentic Indian dinner was cooked up consisting of vegetable samosa snacks, rice pulao, chicken tikka masala (chicken curry with yogurt and coconut Milk) with extra boxes of each as shown in pictures.



The ladies worked long hours on Thursday evening, ensuring that everything was as fresh as possible.



A dinner box for 2 sold for £15.00 and a dinner box for 4 sold for £25.00. The food was delivered to households on Friday the 14th in the evening with the much needed help of extra volunteers. The ladies managed to raise over £200.00 for the community charity which will help pay towards books and rental costs of the building.

A few orders were received from Cambridge but unfortunately could not be fulfilled due to distance for delivery.

Charity and donating for good causes is promoted by every religion of the world.

A society can flourish only when its members do not spend all their wealth to fulfil their own desires but reserve a portion of it for parents, relatives, neighbors, the poor and the debilitated. As the saying goes: Charity begins at home. A true believer is thus always prepared, after meeting the needs of his

family, to assist other people in need of his help.

Thus the spirit of kindness and well wishing is the essence of charity. The giver does not expect any reward from the beneficiary as there awaits for him or her an abundant reward from God - material, moral and spiritual - what God deems it best to confer on his servant.

Christingle service celebrates God's love at Christmas and raises funds for Children's Society.

In the run up to Christmas, children in Cambourne enjoyed a candlelit service in the Church where each child made a 'Christingle'. These feature an orange (representing the world), wrapped in a red ribbon (indicating the love and blood of Christ), and marked with dried fruits and sweets (symbols of God's creations). The centrepiece is a lit candle – symbolising Jesus, the light of the world. As they made their Christingles, the children talked about God's love for the world, and how Jesus came, that first Christmas, to bring freedom to all.

Like the similar events being held at an estimated 6000 schools and churches across the country, children in Cambourne wanted to do what they can to help bring freedom and happiness to others. The events not only celebrate God's love, but inspire children to live out that message, and raise essential funds to support the Children's Society's work with vulnerable children and young people.

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Thoughts

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

We conclude our series on the great commission, with discipleship. Because where it says Teaching them to observe all things is literally speaking about making disciples of them. The word disciple, literally translated from the Greek means to be "a learner."

Dictionary.com defines disciple as:

- A person who is a pupil or adherent of the doctrines of another.
- One who embraces and assists in spreading the teaching of another.

Discipleship is the process of learning about the teachings of another, internalizing them, then acting upon them. It is not just knowledge. Simply knowing something does not mean you agree with, nor place its values in your life. Similarly getting biblical knowledge by itself is not discipleship. Hearing the Word is good, but if it stops at your ears it does no practical good in your or anyone else's life. James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

I have been trained in many types of fire extinguishers. If I see a fire and I have the equipment I know what to do, but unless I actually do it, it is of no use. So, knowing and doing are two different things, both must be present for discipleship.

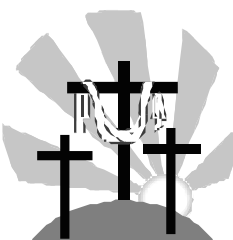
Who should be involved? Believers. For a disciple of Christ, is one who learns of and follows Christ. This is not possible with the lost as they do not follow him. They can learn more information, but until they repent of their sin and turn to Him it is just academic.

Discipleship occurs after salvation and baptism as our main verse points out. However, what must be understood is that discipleship unlike salvation and baptism is a process not an event, it is a life long process.

Discipleship often is done in church settings such as a Sunday school class or maybe in a home or even a café like a training session or in day to day life using events as teaching tools and learning from good examples. It is important for us to be committed to discipleship as it is our training in the Christian life. That is why we should find a good church to help disciple us. And remember like fighting fires, without effective discipleship you will not be as effective to rescue those in peril.

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

Donavan Bangs



Meeting Sundays
10am

Bible study and
Sunday school

11am

Morning worship
at the Hub

Wednesday
Evenings

7 pm Locations
vary call for venue

For more info email
Peacehavenbc
@aol.com

or call
01954 710510

Pastor
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 3RD 10.00 – EDUCATION SUNDAY

FOCUSSING ON THE NEW CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

JAN 18TH – 25TH – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE EACH OTHER'S
 TRADITIONS AND SO THE INDIAN ORTHODOX, ROMAN
 CATHOLIC & CAMBOURNE CHURCH CONGREGATIONS
 MEETING IN THE BUILDING WILL ENJOY VISITING EACH
 OTHER'S SERVICES AND JOINING TOGETHER IN
 WORSHIP*

Burns Night Ceilidh

Sat 26th January 7.45pm at the Hub
 £15 tickets to include hot food and lots of
 dancing.

Licensed bar * Live Ceilidh band

See Julie Whitbread for

tickets julie.whitbread@ntlworld.com

Tel 01954 202546.

3C's Club –retired folks

Come and join us! We are a growing group
 of seniors who enjoy having a laugh and
 who look to support one another. We
 meet fortnightly at 2.00pm in the foyer of
 the church which is a beautiful spot on a
 sunny afternoon.

See dates below for the next term:

14th & 28th Jan ** 11th & 25th Feb ** 11th & 25th March

If you want more information speak to -
 Kath Pell on 715742

19 the coffee house reopens

Monday 7th January 10.00-12.00

Normal opening hours 8.45-12.00 from

Tuesday 8th January Monday to Friday -
 Foyer of Cambourne Church

Call in for a Cappuccino/
 Latte/ Tea and sample some
 of our home baking or an
 irresistible bacon/egg roll!



Youth Stuff

Thirst – 13th January

Monthly Youth service for school years 7-13

7.00 -8.30pm

Ignite – 27th January

Youth Café Night

Monthly event for young people in school years
 7-13

Live Music * Smoothies and Pizza * Games*
 Youtube* Table football* Explore Big Questions

Youth café – every Tuesday

at Cambourne Church from 4.15 – 6.00pm
 Pool, Table football, Wii, Table Tennis, Ben & Jerry's
 milkshakes, Toasties, Tuck shop, Magazines.

For more info about Youthwork in Cambourne
 church contact Jon Sanders
 at jon.sanders@romseymill.org or
 07798858302.

Xtreme Weekend Away

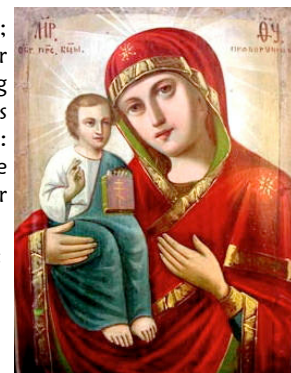
At the end of November, 18 young people and 6
 youth leaders from Cambourne Church went away
 to Sheringham for a weekend away. Staying in a
 large house near the sea meant that the group was
 close to both the beach, for an early morning warm-
 up and games, and to the town centre, for team
 challenges and swimming. Lots of other activities
 were also enjoyed by the group, including crafts,
 sports, film making, quiz, talent show and sessions
 exploring the Bible.





CAMBOURNE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

The Church celebrates the New Year on January 1st with a special feast; the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, which is a special day for all Christians. The significance of this represents Mary's role in bringing Jesus to us and the world, for she is the 'God-bearer'. Since Mary is Jesus' mother, it must be concluded that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the



Mother of God. We have recently celebrated his birth into the world through Mary at Christmas and we now honour her role in God's plan for our salvation.

Throughout the first few centuries of Christianity this was a widely held belief, Irenaeus from the early Church writes in AD 189;

"The Virgin Mary, being obedient to his word, received from an angel the glad tidings that she would bear God" (Against Heresies, 5:19:1 [A.D. 189]).

This belief was formerly acknowledged as a truth of the faith in the first council of Ephesus in AD 431. Above all this feast raises the dimension of motherhood entirely. Mary, throughout her earthly life was not immune to struggles and hardships. She accepted her mission with humility and openness. She cared for and nurtured the child Jesus throughout his youth. She experienced many great sorrows with this mission. She and Joseph were warned in a dream to take flight into Egypt after King Herod was intent on killing the child Jesus. All of us may have experienced the stress of moving house, but this pales into comparison to uprooting to a foreign country with a newborn.

Mary lost Jesus for three days after visiting Jerusalem for the Passover feast when he was just 12 years old. Mary met her son on the way to the cross and watched her son die on the cross in agony. Throughout her life, then, Mary was a follower of her Son. At the foot of the cross, her motherhood reached a new maturity when Mary experienced her Son's redeeming love for the world. From his cross, Jesus, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing there, said to Mary, "Woman, behold your son." (John 19, 25-27)

"The words uttered by Jesus signify that the motherhood of her who bore Christ finds a 'new' continuation in the Church and through the Church, symbolized and represented by John." (Redemptoris Mater, 24)

Mary's motherhood epitomises her motherhood for humanity and she points the way to her son Jesus for "all generations shall call me blessed for the almighty has done great things for me-holy is his name" Luke 1, 48-49).

For mass times and updates on monthly activities please see our facebook page (note: you do not need to be a member of facebook to view this page) .www.facebook.com/cambournecatholicchurch

Mass time in Cambourne Church on Christmas Eve is at 4pm.

Peacehaven International Playgroup



Coffee Mornings & Playgroup

Wednesday 10 am to Noon Except school holidays

Meeting at the Cambourne Cricket Pavilion,

1 Woodfield Lane, Lower Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6FD

Sponsored by Peacehaven Baptist Church

We are starting on January 16th, 2013. Ladies can enjoy a piece of cake, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. There are refreshments and arts & crafts for the children as well. There are luncheons at the end of each term.

PIP is intended for children of preschool age (0-5years) and ladies. Ladies come and along and bring a friend.

The entry fee is £1 per family session. All nationalities are welcome.

January 16- Alphabet art & Tote bags 23- Mozaic pictures & Textured string bracelets 30- Fancy glasses & Edged punched cards

Contact: Laura Bangs Tel: (01954) 710510 Peacehavenip@aol.com

Greetings from Cambourne Library

Mon: 9.00-5.00, **Tues:** 9.00-1.00, **Wed:** Closed all day, **Thurs:** 4.00-7.00, **Fri:** 9.00-5.00, **Sat:** 9.00-1.00.

Cambourne Library would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year!

If you have not seen the library please pop into Sackville House and give us a visit! We offer books, cds, dvds, computer access, photocopying and faxing facilities and much more. Membership is free.

Engage in the Afternoon

Please note late date this month.

Wednesday Jan 23rd 2.00-3.30pm.

"Worldwide Connection Project" A way of connecting people around the world (developed with developing countries) so they can share their everyday interests, experiences and begin to collaborate about matters of mutual concern using the combined resources available to them. By David Bale and visiting head teacher from Zambia. – Everyone welcome.

If you know anyone who would be interested in speaking or demonstrating at our Engage events please contact Caroline Aldridge at the library or contact caroline.aldrige@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Family History Session.

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 advice.

There will be a manned desk with information on Open University Courses at the library on Thursday 31st January.

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

CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

Community car schemes provide door-to-door transport for people who cannot make the journey by car, by bus or dial-a-ride. But is **NOT** a taxi service and you need to give as much notice as possible. Drivers are all volunteers so we cannot guarantee availability. There is a minimum charge of £2.50 for each journey, or 30p per mile from the drivers home and back. Ask your doctor if you qualify for free transport to Hospitals, by others.

**Minimum cost to Cambridge is £6, Addenbrookes is £9, anywhere in Cambourne is £2.50.
- our volunteers are able to help people with appointments or social engagements.**

We would be interested in hearing from new organisers and drivers. Thanks to the Crier for the publicity!

The coordinator for the Cambourne Scheme is:- **Samantha (Sam) Morrison** (leave a landline number if possible) Tel 07930 855 833 or cambournecarscheme@gmail.com All expenses are paid and drivers get a top up of 15p per mile from the County Council making a total of 45p a mile (Inland revenue limit). The scheme had its busiest time ever in November and December with more than 32 journeys (12 in one week alone) - **some commitment from volunteers!**



www.cambourne.info/cambournecarscheme.htm for more information



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Wildlife Review January 2013 - Happy New Year!

What is your New Year's resolution? Here are my suggestions:

1. Visit more nature reserves

One of my resolutions each year is to get out and visit more reserves and see more wildlife. I also like to visit other organisations' nature reserves to see how they do things differently from us and get ideas. But if you don't want to travel too far, the Trust has some beautiful reserves close to Cambourne - from ancient woodlands to orchid filled meadows. Why not take a look at the information about them on our website and make a wish list of the ones you would like to visit this year? One of the nearest is Hardwick Wood, which you can reach on foot from Cambourne if you are feeling adventurous (approx. 20km round trip). A map is available from our website on the Cambourne page, which shows the public rights of way in the surrounding area and includes a suggested route to visit Hardwick Wood. Find it at www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/cambourne (click on read more and then the leaflet link).



2. Volunteer

The Wildlife Trust relies a lot on the generosity of local people who give so much of their time to volunteer for us. Whether you just have a few hours to spare or would like to gain work experience, whether you want to help look after one of our nature reserves or prefer to stay in the warm and dry, there are lots of ways you can volunteer. Check out the volunteering pages of our website for more information on all the options and details of who to contact www.wildlifebcn.org/volunteer

3. Learn about Wildlife

Have you ever wanted to know more about beetles, learn how to identify wildflowers or know what birds you can hear as you walk through the woods? Our programme of wildlife training workshops has been running for many years now and we have some excellent trainers that will guide you through whichever subject you choose. I always get to go on a few each year and this year I am hoping to improve my grass identification. Based in Cambourne this year are a workshop on water voles in April and one on willows in July. For more information have a look at our website www.wildlifebcn.org/trainingworkshops or call into the office to pick up a programme and booking form.

Whatever you decide to do this year, I hope you see lots of wildlife, and don't forget to send me any interesting sightings from around Cambourne.

Get in touch

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne please get in touch. Email me at jenny.mackay@wildlifebcn.org or call 01954 713516 (please leave a message and I will get back to you)

- Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer

www.wildlifebcn.org

Wildlife illustrations – Mike Langman

Cambourne Garden Club



The November meeting, a demonstration by Andrew Mikolajski about obtaining plants for free, turned out to be not quite what we expected! Andrew is a highly entertaining speaker so there was a lot of hilarity during the evening. But unusually, he told us how to make one daffodil bulb into at least 8 little bulbs which would then produce new plants, if you could wait long enough as there was a lot of nurturing involved. He also gave us a lot of insight into the bulb industry, mostly based in Holland, and explained why the bulbs we buy one year will not automatically produce flowers the next. He left time for questions, and I was able to get his advice about my geranium cuttings.

There was no December meeting, but on January 26th, Jon from the Wildlife Trust will be talking to us about the birds we might see in Cambourne and generally throughout our local Trust area. This will be followed up later in the year with another member of the Trust showing us how to build a bird box to attract specific birds to make their nests in our gardens.

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

For further info on the club, contact Fran on 710858

The Cambourne Green Man

"A voice from the 'hedge' of reason".



By the time you read this Christmas will have passed but you will be left wondering what to do with your Christmas flowers & plant arrangements.

Poinsettias are probably the most common indoor plant for the festive season. These brightly 'leaved' plants are from the euphorbia family, the sap inside is a milky white and can be a skin irritant to some people. They require average warmth not less than 55-60 degrees Fahrenheit. Place in a bright spot but not in direct sunlight or above a heat source. Let compost dry out moderately between watering. Wilting foliage can mean over or under watering, cold breezes or too much warmth. Misting occasionally can help. The flowers are yellow and develop on the stems near to where the coloured foliage grows. These plants should really only be counted as temporary decoration as getting them to survive, and re-colour, from year to year is a laborious task. I would say keep them for as long as they look good, then put them in the recycle bin.



Plant of the month.
Sarcococca confusa
(Christmas Box)

Cyclamen. The large flowered types and mini forms are also popular as house plants. They like a cooler house 50 degrees F or so, is ideal. Again, bright light but not direct sun. Keep compost moist at all times watering from a saucer or pebble tray. Occasional misting and dead heading will help keep these plants going for longer. When removing dead flowers try to remove the whole of the flower stem as well as this can rot back onto the tuber. When flowering has finished, lay the pot on its side in a greenhouse and keep dry until July. Re-plant with the tuber half proud of the soil. Success is not guaranteed but worth a try.

Schlumbergia or Christmas Cactus are a fairly resilient choice. These are originally a form of forest cacti and prefer warmth, between 55-70 degrees F. Well lit but out of full sun, misted frequently, watering slightly more frequently when in flower than when resting. Use rain water if you tap water is hard. Cuttings are easy. Just slice off a terminal leaf or stem tip, let it dry out for a couple of days, then insert it into some peat based compost. My parents have been able to keep these plants for years although their flowering does go out of sync with Christmas.

Mixed bowls and arrangements are often given as gifts. These have a variety of different house plants in them and are designed to last for a temporary period before the recipient splits them up so that each individual plant can be treated as per its own requirements. A general rule is to just keep the compost moist, drying slightly between watering, and put in a light spot away from heat sources. Be warned some bowls and containers are not water proof and may leak, so do not put one on top of your antique table without first sitting it in a saucer. Please dispose of your trees responsibly.

Yours informatively,
Green Man.

Send your questions to The Green Man at greenman@cambournecrier.org

'Next Steps in Family History' Day School

This fun day is for you if you have already done some basic research and now want to progress further.

It covers –

- **Finding & using parish registers** • **Occupational records & trade directories**
- **Military records** • **Poor law and criminal records**
- **Practical sessions using Ancestry & original records**

Cambridge Central Library (Conference Room, 3rd Floor) Saturday 2nd February at 10.00am – 3.30pm

For more information and to book a place contact –

**The Cambridgeshire Collection, 3rd Floor, Cambridge Central Library 01223 728519
cambridgeshire.collection@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Cost is £25 per person (lunch not included)

Cambourne Kitchen

Baked Nectarines with an Ameretti and Orange stuffing

Local resident Louise Wilson writes and submits our monthly recipe. If you would like to request anything particular or send any feedback please email editorial@cambournecrier.org

Happy new year everyone!! Welcome to 2013. Are you feeling suitably indulged and partied out? Have you made ridiculous resolutions? Well this recipe is really easy to manage; it's light, pretty healthy and doesn't taste as though you're chewing on gravel for the sake of it. It could be enjoyed after a meal; halve it for a light snack or eat it all for a breakfast time treat to start the day with a zing.

For 4 people (based on two halves each):

- **4 ripe nectarines**
- **2 dsp butter or spread**
- **Zest and juice of 1 orange**
- **125g crushed ameretti biscuits**
- **A small drizzle of amaretto liqueur (optional)**
- **Greek yoghurt to serve**

Method:

In a saucepan gently melt the butter with the zest of the orange over a medium heat (or use a bowl in the microwave). Once the butter has fully melted and the zest has started to emit an aroma, remove from the heat, add the biscuits, and mix to fully incorporate them.

Halve the nectarines and carefully remove the stone to keep the cavities as intact as possible. Place them in a baking dish and equally distribute the biscuit mixture into the cavities in the nectarines. Drizzle with the orange juice and the liqueur (if using). Bake in the oven (approx 170°C) until soft and the topping sizzles slightly. Serve with Greek yoghurt and enjoy.

The great thing about this recipe is that it really is just a starting point – you could use peaches, plums or apricots as an alternative. Experiment with a little shredded basil or a crack of black pepper over the top (believe me it really does work well). For added crunch you could sprinkle over toasted, flaked almonds. It can be eaten hot or cold and prepared well ahead of time. Give it a try and be as adventurous or conservative as you wish. It takes no time at all but the combination is gorgeous and well worth it.



PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWS

Our first meeting of the New Year was on 2nd January. Our guest was Nik Szymanek, the renowned astrophotographer, who gave a talk on photographing the night sky and show some of his images. If you aren't familiar with Nik's work, take a look at his web site:

<http://s175657640.websitehome.co.uk/CCDLandWebSite/index.html>.

As in previous years, we are planning to link this meeting with the BBC's Stargazing Live series, which will return in January. (The tentative broadcast dates are 8, 9, and 10 January 2013.)

Wednesday 6th February is the new date for the observing evening, which will be led by Dave Roberts from St Neots Astronomy Association. Meet at the Vinter Room at the usual time.

Both meetings will be at the Vinter Room, Papworth Everard at 7:30PM. The Vinter Room is 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**.



ART GANG

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month to work on a specific aspect of art or craft, or to bring their own things to work on. There is generally a still life set up for drawing or painting practice. It's a good opportunity for a chat and advice. At the moment we meet in members' homes: please ring 01954 710858 for the venue address.

WORDS FOR PLEASURE

'Words for Pleasure' is a writers' group which meets in Cambourne Library, monthly on a Thursday afternoon. Sincere apologies to the lady who turned up in November, please give us another try. The next session, in January, will be on Thursday 10th. For more information please get in touch, either by enquiring at the library desk or by phoning either: Alan Gibson 01480 880442; Pat Callaghan 01954 718836;

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

There are now two separate watercolour classes: Beginners, which meets in the Lower Cambourne cricket pavilion on Tuesday afternoon from 1-3pm, and Improvers which meets in the Sports

Pavilion at the back of the Leisure Centre on Wednesday morning from 10am – 12 noon. The tutor for both sessions is a local artist and experienced teacher. There are one or two spaces in each of these groups. 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. For more details visit the website: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotoarygroup/> or phone 01954 205050

LIFE DRAWING

This is an untutored monthly session, but friendly advice is always available, and experience levels vary greatly. New members always welcome. Please also get in touch if you would like to model for the group as one of our models has moved away from the area. For details of the next session and to book a place, phone 01954 710858.

2013 PROGRAMME

We are working on presenting a number of events over next year. So far, there will be a watercolour workshop in April, a demonstration of sugar craft in May, and other painting and art talks and demonstrations in other months. For each of these events there will be a charge to cover the venue and the artist's fee. If you have a particular skill and would like to offer something similar, please get in touch. The Big Draw will run again in the autumn, and we would be glad of more volunteers: please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

NEW WEBSITE

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

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



CAMBOURNE ARMY CADETS - CAMBOURNE DETACHMENT CONFIRMS No1 STATUS

2 (Cromwell) Company's Christmas Camp is always a fun affair with a mixture of training and the Xmas Dinner/Disco. As always Cambourne Detachment were well represented with a total of 54 cadets and adults involved over the weekend, covering a range of activities from shooting, map reading, drill to skill at arms training.

The highlight of the weekend is the annual presentation to the Detachments of the training trophies. For the second year running, Cambourne swept the board of all six training trophies; Senior and Junior Shooting, Most Attendance at Annual Camp, Most Basic Passes, Most APC Passes (Army Proficiency Certificate) and Most Attendances at Training Events.

"It has been a very busy year, all the Cadets, Staff and parents should be very proud about what has been achieved, to clear all the trophies in one year is something, to repeat it for a second consecutive year is exceptional and shows the dedication of both Cadets and Staff to make it happen. Again we have set the benchmark for other Detachments to try and attain" said Lt Sandy Grogan, Detachment Commander.

Congratulations should go to SI Emily Brook who has just qualified as a Cadet Force Skill at Arms Instructor after an intense week-long course at Frimley Park, the home of the ACF – and to SI Jude Ruffels on her appointment to run the Company level 1 Star training cadre. Further congratulations to Cambourne's first Cadet Sergeants; Sgt Alex Ditton, Sgt Jess Holmes and Sgt Phoebe Perry.

The Detachment continues to grow, but there is room for further growth into 2013! Joining the Army Cadet force opens up all sorts of opportunities to you. There are the D of E levels, Heart Start & First Aid quals, shooting, Expedition and when you are 16 years of age Adventure Training courses held right across the globe. So if you are a minimum of 12 years of age and in year 8 at school all you need to ask yourself is: "Why not...." For more information email dc.cambourne@gmail.com. Here's to another award-winning year – Seasons Greetings to All!



Cambourne Exiles Season So Far.

Following a dominant league performance ending in promotion the 2011 – 12 season was always going to be a hard act to follow. So far the Exiles have made a strong start to life in their new league standing up well to some much tougher opposition. As well as league fixtures the club has also played a number of friendly games against local clubs. Off the pitch the club recently held its traditional 'black tie' Christmas dinner at the Monkfield Arms, followed by some woeful Karaoke singing. There are loads of social events planned for 2013 including the annual Southwold Beach Rugby tour and various pub crawls!



The club is currently looking for new players to build up the squad and eventually establish a second team. If you have played in the past and want to get back into Rugby or are just looking for a new sport for 2013 then please get in touch and come along to a training session. Players of any experience and ability level are always welcome.

Find us on Facebook or www.CambourneExiles.com.



CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB



"The years had whizzed by and, like most women living a modern hectic lifestyle, my fitness had gradually decreased. In an attempt to regain my fitness, every January I would start the same routine at the gym; a routine which would last until the first week of February! This all changed once I started playing netball again. I hadn't played netball for many years and so it was with a little anxiety that I approached the MUGA in Cambourne at 7.30pm one Thursday evening. Any worries quickly left me though with the friendly and warm welcome I received from all the ladies at Cambourne Netball Club. I spent the following weeks learning basic skills during the back to netball course and increasing my basic level of fitness. I have since progressed on to play competitive matches for one of the Cambourne Netball Club squads. I never imagined that I would be able to enjoy regaining my fitness whilst also getting to know other local women and gaining a real sense of achievement from a team win; I would genuinely recommend the back to netball course to all local women." (By Michelle Ritchie)

CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB ARE RUNNING A 6 WEEK BACK TO NETBALL COURSE FROM 17TH JANUARY TO 21ST FEBRUARY THE COST OF WHICH IS £20 FOR THE FULL 6 WEEKS AND IT IS BEING HELD AT CAMBOURNE MUGA, BACK LANE, GREAT CAMBOURNE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT EMMA ON 01954 710034 OR EMAIL US AT CAMBOURNENETBALL@GOOGLEMAIL.COM.

CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB AGM - Cambourne Netball Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th January 2013, 7.30-9.00pm at The Cricket Pavillion, opposite the cricket pitch in Lower Cambourne. For more information please contact Emma Smith on 01954 710034 or e-mail at cambournenetball@googlemail.com.



CAMBOURNE BOWLS CLUB



Parish Council staff have been very busy in the cold preparing a lowered base for a clubroom - Great news!!!

Updated information
www.cambourne.info Events



The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

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



January 2013 sees the Cambourne Runners reach their 2nd anniversary. Over that time I have been lucky enough to train with a large amount of runners. Many of those hardy souls that turned up to the first session have stuck with the group training week in week out. They have transformed from running novices to hardcore runners, many taking on the challenge of half and full marathons.

But perhaps more importantly, we have become a group of friends who get together for everything from post-run coffee at Greens, to bowling evenings and Christmas bashes. It's a real pleasure and pride for me to train with such a great mixed bunch of runners. If you would like to begin running either with the aim of joining our group or just running for yourself then read on...

NEW 2013 BEGINNERS GROUP

If you want to take up running as part of a new fitness regime for 2013, or as a way to lose weight, then you might be interested in joining the 2013 Cambourne Runners Beginners Group. This popular and successful group will be in its third year in 2013 - its aim is, over a two month period, to take people with no running experience to being able to run 5k. The group will meet on Saturday mornings following the experienced runners session. It's all done for free, so no obligations or memberships to pay for - what have you got to lose? If you are interested please drop me an email to cambournerunners@gmail.com to get more details and register for a place.

The Cambourne Runners Group meets Saturday mornings at 9am for those that can already run 5km (in 45mins and under) and Wednesday Evenings at 7pm for those who already run 10km (under 60mins). Both meet outside the Hub. *Please note that on the last Saturday of each month there will be no regular group as members take part in Parkrun. Upcoming Local Races: Every Saturday: Cambridge Parkrun 5 km trail, Milton Park.*



Press Release - Race to the website - now online! - Register now for the fifth Cambridge Festival of Running

The new website for the 2013 Cambridge Festival of Running has now been launched, featuring details and registration for the popular Cambridge Cambourne 10K Run. "Places are limited and there is always early demand, so we recommend runners to register now at www.cambridgefestivalofrunning.com" explains

Lesley Scobell, one of the organisers of this annual event. The Cambridge Cambourne 10K, Preview Run and Fun Run are now established events in the running calendar. The events are organised by Advanced Performance, Cambridge and Coleridge Athletic Club and Cambourne Business Park.



The 10K Run will be held next year on Sunday April 14 2013 at Cambourne Business Park and there are 1,250 places available for runners. The Run will again start on the Business Park and follow a safe, multi-terrain course around Cambourne. There will be a Fun Run of about one mile for 200 beginners and children aged 9 and over. This is always well supported as so many people are now keen to try running as a sport.

The Festival of Running is not only a great sporting event, but can now demonstrate real fund raising success. £33,800 has been raised since the Run started. In 2013 we will again be raising funds for local charities including Cam Sight, a local charity for the visually impaired and the Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Trust. The Run will also be supporting the local Wildlife Trust, whose HQ is at Cambourne. Following the success of last year's Preview Run, the organisers have planned another free Preview Run for up to 100 entrants on 24 February. This gives really serious entrants the chance to experience the course before the big day.

"The 10K Run has been supported by runners over the years because we have a challenging course, but also we work very hard to provide a great day out for runners and their families, with entertainment on site, great prizes, chip timing and high quality support from trained marshals," explains Lesley.

To register for the 10K Race, the other events, or for more details of the Cambridge Festival of Running 2013, visit www.cambridgefestivalofrunning.com.

Too many mince pies? Cambourne School Runners (UKA affiliated)

Couch to 5km

Starting: Friday 18th Jan 2013

Meeting: Monkfield Park School car park

Time: 9.15

£2 a session all proceeds to go to local school PTA funds.

Absolute beginners or just getting back into running...all welcome.

We run then go to Greens for a coffee and a chat after.

**Interested? Please contact Sam:
samhellawell@gmail.com**

10 Week Beginners Running Course Starts 22nd January 2013

Join us Tuesday evenings to get into shape for 2013!

Cambourne Women Runners

Meet at the ARK Tuesdays 7.30pm for 7.40pm start.

For more information, and to register your interest, contact

information.cwr@gmail.com



**Chicks
Wot
Run....**



Cambourne Eagles
Football Club



Contact Details:
www.cambourneaglesfc.co.uk
Tracey Ashford, Club Secretary:
01954 203162

Happy New Year to all our players and their families. We look forward to the second half of our season together and playing all those matches that have been postponed because of the bad weather! Loads of exciting things going on behind the scenes at Eagles with committee members putting in some really hard work. Watch this space for more news! **Sally Day, Chairman**

Totball (2-3 Year olds) - We meet on Fridays on the MUGA from 2.15pm-2.45pm.

Academy (4-5 Year olds) - Thursdays 5-6pm and Saturdays 11-12.

U8 Blue - We have had our best run of the season so far, scoring a tremendous number of goals and keeping a clean sheet for the first time ever. The boys have been working really hard on their passing during training, leading to some really nice play, mostly at the opposition's end of the pitch. Happy New Year - let's hope it continues this successful spell for the team! **U8 Red -** Contact the club for details.



Cambourne Eagles U8 Red Team

U9 Yellow - With the winter weather taking hold, the Christmas break, boys being ill, and games being rearranged, it's been a quiet spell for the under 9's. Training too has been sporadic and we have done our best to keep going despite the elements. Looking forward to starting again with plenty of matches in January and beyond.

U10's - The boys had a rollercoaster start to the Christmas period with two losses which were down to having a number of the squad absent with sickness. This was followed by a brilliant win against Sawston in cold conditions. This relatively new under 10's team is getting better each week, and are looking forward to the future.

U11's - The boys bounced back well from a 4-3 defeat by Bar Hill to wallop Soham Rangers 8-0. The game included a superb 4 goal haul from man of match Max Le Blonde. We wish all players and their families a Happy New Year!

U13's - We've got into an unhappy habit of playing well and then losing or drawing very close games. The latest example came when a last minute goal consigned us to a 2-1 loss to Cambridge Celts. Let's hope for the same level of performance but better results in future games!

U16's - The weather really hit in late November/December and the team only got two further games played - both away, and both good wins; 3-0 and 6-0 against Finchingfield from Essex and Wisbech respectively. The latter result sent us into the quarter finals of the PYE Cup. We would also like to welcome on board Adam Brown, who joins us from Ely Academy, and we look forward to what lies ahead in 2013.

U20's - At last we competed at the high level we are used to against Histon this month, with all players working extremely hard. I hope we can carry on from this for the rest of the season and hopefully go on a cup run in the New Year. **Contact us to join any of our teams!**



Cambourne FC News



www.cambournefc.org.uk

Email: joracher@hotmail.com

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The Cambourne FC committee wishes all Managers, Coaches, players and their families a very Happy New Year as we look back on 2012.



CFC's first player signs with Cambridge United as the club builds on our great relationship with CUFC and sponsor Everyone Active.

Soccer School grows further, as 2 more teams start league football thanks to the efforts of Chris, Graham, Barry and Simeon.

CFC continues its good relationships with sponsors, as Taylor Wimpey sponsor the new U7 kit and S2 with Call a Cab continue to support.

Gary & Glenn win the U9 League, Stuart and the U10's also win their League.



CFC beat off competition and collect the Charter Standard award from the FA.

CFC hold their biggest trophy presentation thanks to Jules at Cambourne Sports & Social Club.

U13's wins the Chatteris Tournament with last seasons U10's coming runners up.

CFC current U8's perform magnificently at the CUFC Tournament, beating strong opposition including Arsenal!

Steve Fallon joins CFC and is pictured with our current U9's who top their League and remain undefeated.

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Saturday February 23rd 2013
8pm at the Hub.



Tel: (01954) 719503 for Tickets.

Tickets : £8 per person. Includes buffet meal, dessert, disco and game. 18+ ONLY.

Limited bar available for purchase ONLY.

Fancy Dress if you dare.

A Violet and Tallulah Event for our community.



Cadets Gather to see Iconic Coca-Cola Truck

Cadets from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron and 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight gathered to witness the world famous Christmas advertising icon during December, as the Coca-Cola Truck visited Cambourne during December. The illuminated vehicles have been in our lives and hearts since they launched on TV back in 1995. These days we are very fortunate to be able to get closer to the magic as the Coca-Cola Trucks head up and down the UK on their Nationwide Christmas Truck Tour.

The cadets wanted to be a part of this festive celebration. To bring attention to the Squadron and the Detached Flight for all their important work that they do in their community. Cadet Jade Warne expressed her excitement by saying 'Seeing the Coca Cola Truck has really got me into the Christmas Spirit' and Cadet Emily Randall Bowen said 'I am so excited to finally see the Coca Cola Truck because it's not every day you get the opportunity.' We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Pilot Officer Charles Rogers

Gibson Goblet for Pilot Officer Rogers

Pilot Officer Charles Rogers, Officer Commanding 2484 Cambourne Detached Flight has been awarded the Gibson Goblet for 'performance well above and Beyond the call of duty'. The award is in recognition of his vast contributions to the Air Training Corps.

Pilot Officer Rogers is committed to the Air Training Corps and this has only increased since his commission in 2010. He has continued to make vital contributions to the Air Cadets and was paramount in the formation and running of the newly formed Cambourne Detached Flight.

Pilot Officer Charles Rogers said 'I would like to thank all the staff for their continued support in the forming and running of the Detached Flight.' The Air Training Corps would not happen without the continued support of Staff and Civilians who freely give their time. If you would like information on how to join the Air Cadets, become a member of staff or support the Flight by joining the Civilian Committee, please visit us at the Cambourne Sports Pavilion, Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9pm. For further details please contact Pilot Officer Rogers on 07813 897949 or e-mail him on CJRelec@aol.com.