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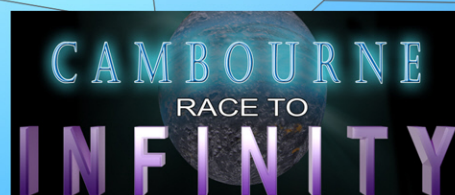
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CAMBOURNE SCHOOLS TOGETHER 2013

As many will know, the Crier is more than just a monthly community magazine. In the Eleven plus years we have existed, we have donated multiple thousands of pounds to local clubs, societies and organisations from the community fund we operate.

In 2011 we celebrated our 10th birthday, and decided to mark the event by offering funding to the 'Cambourne Schools Together' initiative. We are delighted to share with you news of how that donation was used with a letter from the three primary school head teachers.

Regards,

The Crier Editors.

"..We have started the new year with a wonderful present from the Cambourne Crier, a mosaic that celebrates the close collaboration that exists between Cambourne Schools.

The story goes back to 2011 when Jeavons Wood, Monkfield Park and The Vine decided to celebrate their strong partnership by holding a 'Cambourne Schools Together' week. This involved pupils from each school visiting one another's schools and sharing their learning. The headteachers also joined in by leading an assembly in a different school. Cambourne Schools Together week was so successful that it was repeated in 2012, this time with an Olympic theme, with a range of different activities including shared sports events and research into the first Olympics.

In 2011 The Cambourne Crier celebrated its 10th birthday and they decided to mark the event by offering funding to the Cambourne Schools Together. There was much excitement and much discussion about how this should be spent and eventually the decision was made to commission a piece of art for each school. So a competition was held and the winning design was sent to the artist last summer. Although it has been a long wait we are DELIGHTED with our mosaics. To us they seem to capture the sheer joy of living and learning together. In a clever design each mosaic is slightly different with the central figure wearing the school uniform colour of the host school. We love our new mosaics and would like to send our warmest thanks to everyone at the Cambourne Crier for sharing their birthday with us in this way.

This year there is a new member of the group and we look forward to welcoming Hardwick who will be joining the planning and organisation of Cambourne Schools Together 2013 – another opportunity to celebrate the vibrant learning community that we have in Cambourne.."

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28/02/2013	Green Bin and Blue Bin
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District of South Cambridgeshire



Precept 2013 to 2014

At a recent meeting the Parish Council considered what funding it would need for the next financial year, beginning on the 1st of April 2013. This is always a difficult process, but this year it was made more complicated by new legislation, Localising Support for Council Tax, this replaces Council Tax Benefits which was made at a national level. Under the new scheme the Government gives a grant to the collecting authority (South Cambridgeshire District Council) towards the cost of the support needed to cover the cost of council tax benefits. This year the grant will only cover 90% of the cost with no guarantee of future support. The effect is that the Tax Base which shows how many homes in Cambourne will pay the full Council Tax has been reduced to 3035.4. Last year this figure was 3096.6 and if the

funding had not changed it would have been 3282.8 this year.

The direct effect on the Council Tax payer in Cambourne is, in order that the Parish Council can maintain the quality of service it is providing, the Average Band D will rise by 10% to £120.75 (£10.98/year). If the legislation had not been changed the rise would have been 1.7% to £111.65 (£1.88/year). This is subject to District Council agreeing the level of grant being made to Parish Councils. The Parish Council, in its deliberations, looked at lower increases, but these would have meant greater increases in future years or not providing the services we currently provide. We hope you will understand the difficult decision the Council had to make to continue to provide the facilities and services that contribute to Cambourne being a wonderful place to live and work.

If you have any questions please contact the Parish Clerk.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Office continues to be inundated with complaints regarding the persistent problem of irresponsible dog owners. Dog fouling on the sports pitches is a major cause for concerns. Fouling on the pitches is a real health risk to those playing on the pitches, both children and adults alike. The sports pitches are not a suitable area to exercise dogs; there are many far more suitable open spaces around Cambourne. Do not allow your dog on to the pitches. Another area that we receive regular complaints about is footpaths that are used by parents on the school run. The numbers of children using these paths means that dog mess often finds its way into the schools, clearly another health risk. More dog bins are being put up, please be a responsible dog owner and bag it and bin it!

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.

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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 - February/March 2013

Date	Time	Meeting
5 th February	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council
19 th February	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Leisure and Amenities
5 th March	7.30pm	Planning Committee
	*	Council

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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.

Dear Editors,

I read with the interest the open letter to the Cambourne Crier in the January 2013 edition regarding the Monkfield Medical Practice. The author raised issues and concerns which I share. I recently tried without success on three successive days to call at 8am and secure an appointment. Ultimately I visited the walk in clinic in St Neots, as directed by the staff at our Practice. My medical condition in the intervening period had become compounded with a secondary condition as a direct consequence of not being seen when required. I waited for three hours to be seen and I enquired at the walk in clinic as to the level of staffing and also from where the majority of visitors attended. In April last year the service was cut to one Doctor from two, and from two Nurse Practitioners to one. I was staggered to discover that the vast majority of visitors to the walk in clinic are from Cambourne.

Naturally this suggests two things: namely, the Monkfield Medical Practice is not able to cope with the demand placed upon it and the location of the walk in clinic should surely be in Cambourne. I would suggest the latter ought to be organised sooner rather than later, not only do the residents of Cambourne suffer with a Practice which is struggling to cope with demand, but we have to travel to St Neots for urgent access attention.

So why is the Medical Practice struggling with demand?

I also read with interest the Monkfield's response in the same edition of the Crier. It strikes me that our Practice is caught between a rock and a hard place. I personally have no doubt that the staff of the Practice work very hard and provide an excellent service in the circumstances. I do feel personally that the current appointment process is not working. The fact that you have to phone on the day at 8am to secure an appointment presents me with extreme challenges which I fear simply result in me not being able to see someone. I am confident I am not alone in this. Surely for people in work, a facility needs to exist where an appointment can be arranged for some point in the future when

we call? But this is not the critical issue as I see it. That, in my opinion falls squarely at the doorstep of funding. We have to accept that we are living in times of austerity but the question is whether the extent of cuts made by the Government, is impacting on our health. The Government have a responsibility to us all and it appears on the face of it that our Practice is being denied the resource to adequately care for us. I would like to see the PCTs independent review report. To suggest we had too many practitioners is patently incorrect. Whether the reviewer had proper regard to the unique demographic in Cambourne I seriously doubt. All, no doubt, in pursuit of fostering funding cuts upon our Practice and in delivering the cuts the Government targeted.

So how do we challenge the level of funding for our Practice and help them deliver what they are striving for? We need to raise the issue by creating a meaningful debate with all the stakeholders. Is there a Community Group which helps the Practice? If not then I propose one should be created and I am more than happy to get involved. A simple survey of Cambourne Residents could establish the extent of the issue. If substantiated we could create a petition and use this as a mandate to create a dialogue with the PCT, local MP and if appropriate the County, Local and Parish Councils. For the avoidance of doubt my objective is not to secure a service which is above and beyond what others experience in other areas of the UK. Rather that the unique demographic of Cambourne is given proper regard.

I would appreciate any feedback via the Crier and in particular if anyone would join me in the creation of Group who will work with the Practice.

Yours in anticipation,

Name and Address Supplied.

Dear Editors,

Yet again the residents of Broad Street have been subjected to the destructive behaviour and verbal abuse of the youths that congregate in the park. This time it was snowballs with stones with verbal and racist abuse.

We are tired of the lack of police response to reports of either drunken teenagers in groups of 15 or more, mopeds being revved and driven up and down the footpath in 'drag races', wilful destruction of the trees and shrubs, littering, throwing objects at windows, verbal abuse and disturbing the peace.

If the police do arrive the perpetrators have scattered and we are left picking up the pieces or being afraid to open our windows. It is completely unreasonable that we have to put up with this abuse on an ongoing basis and nothing is done.

When our property is damaged it is we who end up footing the bill instead of the parents of these teenagers who are seemly allowed to run amok. When will something be done?

Name and Address supplied.

Dear Editors,

I am writing to complain about the appointments system at Monkfield Medical Practice. I very rarely need to go to the Doctors but I found myself needing an appointment on 3 January 2013 after a sore throat/cough I contracted on Boxing Day turned into an upper respiratory tract infection which the Pharmacist at the local chemists advised me I needed antibiotics for. I rang that morning at 8 a.m. and when I finally got through at 8.20 a.m. I was told all the appointments for that day had already gone. I then had to ask what they suggested I do as I was feeling very poorly and I was told to try again tomorrow (risky) or to go to the walk in centre in St Neots. I said this was not satisfactory.

I tried going to the surgery in person just before 1 p.m. on 3 January and again I was told there were no appointments and my only option was to go to the walk in centre in St Neots. I wasn't even asked my name or what was wrong with me and the manner in which I was dealt with lacked the slightest care, not what you expect when you are at your most vulnerable.

I am 55 years old and was brought up on a large council estate in Hackney. We had two doctors serving the whole area. I subsequently moved to Enfield and then Hertford. I have never in all my 55 years found that when I really needed to see a doctor I was turned away. I said to the Receptionist at Monkfield Medical Practice that if I was an old person having to spend an hour waiting for a bus in the cold then at least a couple of hours at the walk in centre then an hour travelling back it would be much too much and as it was I really was not well enough to get on a bus or drive myself. I had call my husband to take me. It is very dangerous expecting ill people to drive themselves a fairly long distance and back as they could be taken ill at the wheel and cause an accident.

We eventually found the walk in centre as we do not know St Neots that well, it not being near to where we live. I waited for an hour and a half which I thought was good as I have waited at Monkfield Medical Practice for nearly that time when I have had an actual appointment.

The doctor examined me and prescribed antibiotics (this part taking all of 5 minutes). Whilst at the walk in centre I gleaned that it is also a Doctors Surgery and they were seeing their regular patients as well as the emergencies from other practices, mainly the Monkfield Medical Practice from what I overheard. I also overheard the Practice Nurse saying "I'm fed up of other practices sending their patients to us".

There really must be a better way for the appointments system to be handled at the Monkfield Medical Practice and using the template of the St Neots walk in centre might be a good place to start. Surely one doctor could be set aside to see all emergencies as what is actually happening is that the first come first served basis of the 8 a.m. morning lottery phone call will see non-emergencies take preference to emergencies and the people who need to see a doctor having to go miles and take half a day to get a 5 minute appointment to be prescribed antibiotics which I am sure with the bugs going round is the cure for the majority of cases. How much is this delay in dealing with patients costing the economy in people being off work longer than necessary – it's a false economy.

I have seen the joint letter from the doctors at the Practice in the Cambourne Crier after a complaint that a mother had to wait over an hour on two occasions for appointments for her children – she was lucky to even get the appointments in my experience and from what I have heard from other Cambourne residents. I don't think self-congratulation is in order when the majority of your patients who need urgent attention are being sent elsewhere and as for needing to get more patients on your books you have to be joking. I for one will be looking to change doctors and I am sure I won't be the only one as things can only get worse. I am really terrified that if I or my husband need to see a doctor urgently we will have the fiasco of being sent to St Neots again. I have no confidence in the Monkfield Medical Practice and really feel that you do not care enough about your patients. It is an absolute disgrace. The people of Cambourne deserve better.

Yours sincerely,

Name and Address Supplied

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Year One have started the term with great excitement as they thought up ideas for their Castles, Dragons and Princesses topic. We are very much looking forward to our Castles Day on 16th January when we are dressing up as knights, princesses and peasants to make candles and eat medieval food at a banquet in our giant castle. The children decided they would like to make their role play areas into castles so we have been busy printing, building and making signs.

The Claytime Workshop for Key Stage One will be an opportunity to engage in the sensory experience of clay and fill our school hall with giant clay sculptures. The children are very excited at the prospect of a wide range of activities brought to us by all sorts of visitors for Culture Week, including storytellers, drama experts, singers and the Friends of Monkfield Park who have planned exciting art/craft activities. We can't wait!

Another highlight will be the Year Two Production. Lots of singing can be heard as the children find out more about recycling in the lead up to performing 'The Litter Muncher'.

Reception children have been zooming into Outer space in their shiny new rockets to meet aliens and explore uncharted planets. They have had an alien invasion, with the aliens stealing all their underpants, linking to Literacy work around the Colin McNaughton book "Aliens Love Underpants".

At the opposite end of the school Year Six have been seen following clues in their Treasure Hunt to discover items, which were introduced to England in Tudor times, by explorers such as Vasco di Gama, as a starting point for their topic on the Tudors. We are also looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day and having Book Week in March with a variety of exciting activities and 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 have had a very exciting start back this term. Our Christmas present was a Cinderella Theatre. We thought it was amazing and very funny because they kept on dancing to songs we knew.

We have also been very busy learning in our classrooms. In Key Stage 1 we have been Polar explorers. We have been making a plastic igloo for us to sit in in the agora. It is made out of milk bottles. Our role play areas are the base camps for polar explorers. We have been learning about famous people who have been going to the North and South Pole and we have been making a collage of polar animals.

In Key Stage 2 our new topic is chocolate. This week we went into the hall to a Café called 'Coca Jeavons.' It was really cool. We got to try lots of different chocolate, even chocolate from America. It was delicious! We have got sweet shops in our classrooms and we have made our own sweets to go in them. We have also been reading Charlie and the chocolate factory and thinking about what the different characters are like. Our favourite character is Charlie because he's really humble and doesn't get spoilt by his parents. We are really excited about a visit from the book fair next week so that we can raise money to buy more books for our awesome new library.

- **Written by The School Council**



Pre School Update

Unfortunately we have been unable to make the required appointment of a Manager to open the Pre School at Easter this year which means the opening will have to be delayed until September 2013. We know this will be disappointing to many and we will be working hard to put the staffing in place for the new academic year and will keep parents informed.



On December 11th, Year 5 went back in time as part of our learning about WWII to find out what life was like for the evacuees during the war. They had learnt that these children were sent to the safety of the countryside away from their families in the cities to escape from the German bombing raids. They couldn't take much with them except a small suitcase of belongings and their gas mask. The children agreed that it must have been both frightening and exciting and to find out more they imagined that they had been evacuated from London to Cambourne...

The day started at school, 1940s style. The teachers were very strict. They could be quite rude and shouted a lot! First, the children had an arithmetic lesson to practice the times tables and then an English lesson. During this, the air-raid siren went off and the class had to put their gas masks on and dive under the tables! This was a false alarm and the lesson continued. If the children didn't know something or misbehaved they had to wear a dunce's hat and write lines on a blackboard. If they were *really* naughty they got caned by the teacher! After break, the children had to learn some Latin, which was a bit boring, and then had a geography lesson. During this the air-raid siren went off again! This time planes flew overhead, bombs dropped and huge explosions were heard.



The children spent the afternoon learning about the kinds of games that would have played in the 1940s, like marbles and Happy Families. Finally, they heard a radio broadcast from Mr Churchill telling them that the war was over. It was VE Day and it was celebrated by eating carrot cake that the children had baked and drinking cream soda and dandelion and burdock.

Year 5 thought that they had learnt a lot from the experience and really enjoyed their day as wartime evacuees, except from the caning, of course!

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Lots of intensive work is continuing, both on and off site, to ensure that we have pupils learning in Cambourne Village College at the start of September this year. Well before the end of January, the base units for the classroom wings were all in place, and as promised by Kier Construction, we were able to walk through what is really beginning to feel like our new school. The three teaching wings are linked by a central spine of a corridor, with the performance, dining and sports areas all located on the opposite side. Much of the timber that could be seen in the first part of the building process is retained as the interior finish of the large spaces; the exterior will be finished with brick and timber cladding, or rendered.

Back at Comberton, interviews for Subject Leader positions have been in full swing, with healthy interest shown by existing staff keen to play a part in establishing outstanding teaching in the new school, from the moment we open.

Plans for the community dimension of the College are proceeding well. Diana Cook, our Adult Education Manager at Comberton will take on this role for Cambourne also, and would be very pleased to hear about the evening classes or courses that would interest you, or indeed, to hear from any tutor who would like to offer a course. Diana can be contacted via the website: www.commed.combertonvc.org.

We are very pleased to report that applications for places at Cambourne Village College for September 2013 have been very strong. If there are any enquiries regarding admissions, including details of how to apply for a place, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. For the avoidance of doubt, the designated catchment area for Cambourne Village College is the community of Cambourne (as confirmed through all of the appropriate local consultation processes a little while ago). However, families living outside of this designated catchment area can exercise their right of parental choice and seek to gain a place at the school if they wish to do so.

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



Congratulations to Stephen Munday. The Executive Principal of Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges, has been made a CBE. He was honoured in the New Year's Honours list for 'services to education'.



- A new arts festival for South Cambridgeshire called EMERGE will take place throughout February and March 2013. If any local drama, music, dance or other arts groups would like to be included in EMERGE publicity they can contact Richard Brown rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk for more details.
- An Auction of Promises in aid of the Comberton minibus appeal will be held on March 9th. If you would like to reserve a catalogue or are able to donate a promise of any kind then please contact the Friends of Comberton Village Trust Fund at cvcfriends@gmail.com

A fuller list of events is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, www.combertonvc.org or www.combertonleisure.com

Date	Event	Details
8th February	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC
9th February	Rhubarb Cabaret	Line up TBC
16th/17th February	Stage Right dance showcase	Line up TBC – check the website for details. www.combertonleisure.com
23rd/24th February	Eden dance showcase	
2nd march	The Wow show	Magic and Illusion
8th march	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC



On the 22nd December'12 children and parents got into the Christmas spirit at a fun-filled party. Excited youngsters gathered at the Hub in the middle of the village to raise money for Cambourne Pre-School. Activities included a disco, party games, face-painting and a special puppet and magic show. Members of staff from the Pre-School also provided an activity table for children to make Christmas decorations. Meanwhile, parents were able to look over well stocked craft stalls. There was also the kitchen selling hot and cold drinks with a variety of cakes and snacks. and a raffle. The children had been given lunchboxes to decorate, with prizes awarded for the best designs. And with a visit and present from Father Christmas fun was had by children and parents alike.



Cambourne pre-school would like to say a massive thank-you to everyone who supported the event and donated prizes to the raffle. Over £330 was raised for a worthy cause.

CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS

Elsworth Pre-School

The children have been going back to pre-school after the Christmas holidays. Whilst the Christmas decorations have been taken down, we are still enjoying our fireplace that we made out of cardboard and paper! It was in front of the fireplace that the children sang Christmas songs and carols before Christmas to their parents. A proud moment for us parents and great fun for the kids!

Although Christmas is now over we still have lots to celebrate this half term: Chinese New Year, for example, will give the children a chance to learn about how people celebrate in other parts of the world.

A number of new children have started in the past couple of weeks. It is always exciting for them, the other children and the staff to get to know them and welcome them to the pre-school. The pre-school is now filled up on some days so if you would like your child to attend this year (or next) please do get in contact with us as early as possible.



If you are interested in finding out more; please visit our website www.elsworthpreschool.org.uk or call on 01954 268050!



Every Friday from 10-11.30 in the main hall at the Hub. Cost: £1.50 per family including refreshments. Suitable for 0-2 although older siblings are welcome.

Baby and Me is run entirely by volunteers and is a non-profit making organisation. Volunteers move on to other things as their children grow up and we need more volunteers to join the committee to make sure that we can carry on – we really do not want to have to close. If you are able to help on the committee or can just come earlier to help set up, please e-mail us.

For further information, schedule updates or if you have any queries please e-mail us at Cambourne.BabyAndMe@gmail.com or see our website (www.babyandme.org.uk) or Facebook page (Baby and Me).

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

Enjoy a piece of cake, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. There are refreshments and arts & crafts for the women children. There are luncheons at the end of each term.

P.I.P is intended for children (0-5years) and ladies.

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

February: 6th - Paper Lanterns / Heart Boxes 13th - No PIP coffee morning 20th - Masks / Rice paper wall art 27th - Finger puppets / Origami paper containers

Contact: Laura Bangs Tel: (01954) 710510

Peacehavenip@aol.com

Adult Education Activities in the new Village College what would you like to see on offer?

Would you like to go to a part time evening or day course for adults in Cambourne? If so, what kind of things are you interested in? The new Village College opens in September and will offer a programme of activities for local people. But before we start to plan the programme, we want to urgently hear from Cambourne residents.

Whether you are interested in Art, Languages, Cookery, Bee Keeping or I.T. (this is a short list, to get you thinking) your ideas are important to us. Do please get in touch by contacting Diana Cook at Comberton Village College commed@comberton.cambs.sch.uk (01223 264721). Additional information about preferred days and times is also very useful to us and whether you would hope to gain a qualification. (N.B. our evening class programme will run on Tuesday evenings, with other activities running on week days and some Saturdays.)

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Diana Cook
(Adult Education Manager)

Cambourne Family Fun Group Presents



Valentine's Disco.

Feb 13th – 3-5pm

The Hub, High Street, Great Cambourne

There will be a disco, party food, fun and games & who will be the Prince and Princess & King and Queen of the ball?

£1 per ticket (includes entry for 1 child and 1 adult)
Due to space restrictions only 1 adult can be admitted per child

**To book please contact us on...
Cambourne.FunGroup@gmail.com or call 07592 781106**

A letter from the Minister of Cambourne Church as he moves on.

“..When I arrived back in 2001 Cambourne was a huddle of houses in a series of muddy fields. There was much enthusiastic talk of the future and what the new development could become. Now twelve years later Cambourne is a thriving community with schools, shops, lots of different community groups, sporting clubs and over twenty different languages spoken at local schools. It is youthful, dynamic and ever evolving! Cambourne has gone from being simply a concept in the eye of the developer to being a place where people are living and working, where friends are made and somewhere we call home. As well as people giving birth –which we’re pretty good at! –some residents have married here and soon people will be buried in Cambourne. Seeing the whole cycle of human life confirms, I think, Cambourne’s coming of age as a place.

It has been an enormous privilege to have been in some small way part of Cambourne’s growth and development over these past twelve years. Yes, certain things could have been done differently but there is a lot of good that has been achieved. I believe that God has brought some fantastic people here who have helped positively to shape this community in a variety of different ways. It has been significant, that from the start, people have been discussing ‘community’ –what it means to be a good and healthy community and how that can be achieved. I do hope that the big heartedness shown by key community leaders for those beyond themselves remains and that residents are not tempted to settle for shutting the doors of their houses on the world outside.

Seeing the Christian community grow has been particularly satisfying. Obviously folks will think in terms of visible symbols and will recall the days of meeting in The Ark, moving to The Hub, when we could no longer squeeze into the Ark and the eventual realisation of a new church building. Personally I am equally excited by what is happening amongst people –be it the excellent youth work and childrens’ work or the commitment of the café team or the number of small groups and networks which exist or the huge contribution that The Vine school makes to our community. I can but thank God for all those involved in these different areas of Cambourne’s life.

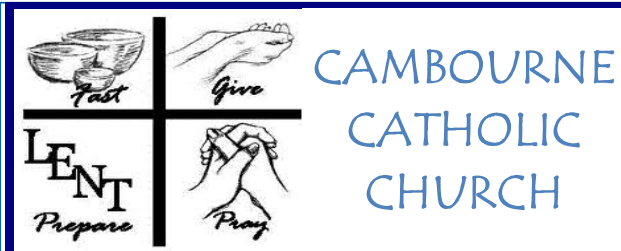
Leaving after seeing such significant development and after making such good friends is not easy but life has different seasons and offers new challenges.

We will not be moving too far and I will be working for the diocese helping churches to be more outward facing. I thank so many people for all that you have taught me about what’s important in life and human endeavour.

Cambourne has been the only home all that our kids have known and they have had many happy times here. There are plenty of challenges ahead for Cambourne yet I think that, people are well placed to ask good questions, develop vision and commit to working out the next stage in the life of this community..”

Rev. Peter Wood





Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 13th and is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics. It leads us to Easter, which for Christians, is the greatest feast in the Church's year as it celebrates the ultimate sacrifice made by our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and his victory over death.

The season of lent is a period of forty days before culminating in the great feast of the Church, Easter. The word lent comes from Anglo Saxon times which means 'spring'. In the first three centuries of Christianity, preparation for the Easter feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint

Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for Easter. As of the 5th century, some Church Fathers, such as St. Leo, believed the 40 day fast to be an Apostolic tradition.

Lent, like the new life of spring, invites us to transform spiritually to come closer to our creator. How we do this in lent is of particular significance. Some will traditionally think of lent as a time where one gives up something, such as chocolate or sweets. However, this journey of spiritual awakening, like the blossoming of the daffodils in spring, is much more profound. The Church encourages us to this by means of prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

Through prayer we are nourishing the growth of our souls to imitate the likeness of Christ, just as the flower will need water and sunlight to grow. Through fasting we are to draw closer to our inner selves through small acts of self denial which helps us focus less on our material needs and more on our spiritual needs. Fasting and abstinence gives Catholics an opportunity to slow down and draw nourishment from a different source. Acts of penance, fasting and abstinence help us acknowledge the sin in our lives. When we fast and abstain we take attention away from ourselves.

Alms-giving in lent reminds us all of our common brother and sisterhood with our fellow human beings, to reach out to others less fortunate than ourselves through spiritual or material means. In the Gospel reading of Matthew 4: 1-11 (The Temptation of Jesus by the devil in the desert) Jesus is tempted to possess the entire world. He only needs to worship Satan and he'll have everything. He is given the opportunity to "have it all," without losing his own life. We are called to greater things than material possessions and wealth and through alms-giving we see the needs of others and think less of ourselves.

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 Saturdays at 5pm

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Thoughts

There is nothing like a hymn to help the mind to focus upon spiritual matters. In this edition I want to share with you the lyrics of one I particularly like. Often we lose focus of what our priorities should be in life. Pressure from work and friends. The push of the consumerist society to have more. Often feeling like things are too much with no good end in sight. Monotony or depravity or depression. We need to stop to get our bearings before we are carried off with the flow of the world into places we do not want to be. To me the hymn speaks of refocus for the believer in what matters, refreshment in his promises and provision and redirection with power and purpose.

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!*

Refrain:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

*Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion-
For more than conqu'rors we are!*

*His Word shall not fail you-He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!*

(Hymn by Helen H. Lemmel)

You can find this song online in many places or perhaps come along to services sometime we may be singing it or something similar. So this month turn your eyes so that you may turn your head and heart to what is good and just. So that you can focus on real priorities and not transient vanities this world offers as a substitute for real redemption.

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

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Meeting
Sundays
10am
Bible study and
Sunday school

11am
Morning
worship
at the Hub

Wednesday
Evenings
7 pm Pastor's
Home

For more info
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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 in February

Sunday 3rd Feb 10.00 - Education Sunday

Wed 13th Feb -Ash Wednesday 8-9.30pm

The church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection to mark the beginning of Lent

Sunday 17th Feb - 9.30 & 11.00
 "Ash" Sunday

Sunday 24th Feb - 10.00

Please note the different time

Peter Wood's farewell service followed by a bring and share lunch

As you will have seen in the editorial pages, Peter Wood is moving on from Cambourne at the end of February.

As part of our farewell to Peter, Emma and the family and to show our appreciation for all they have been to this community, we are holding:

An evening to celebrate Peter's ministry and service in Cambourne

**Friday 22nd February 6.30-8.30pm at
 Cambourne Church**

If you would like to wish Peter well, do call in. If you have a message of thanks that you would like passed on, please contact Julie Whitbread
administrator@cambournechurch.org.uk

Pancake Party

Tuesday 12th Feb 5-7pm in the church foyer

Join us if you like eating pancakes and especially if you are new to Cambourne. Contact Jon Sanders for more info: jon.sanders@romseymill.org

Youth Stuff

Thirst - 13rd February

Monthly Youth service
 for school years 7-13
 7.00 -8.30pm

Chillax Youth Cafe

Tuesdays 4.15-6pm
 at Cambourne Church
 from 4.15 - 6.00pm
 Pool, Table football, Wii, Table
 Tennis, Ben & Jerry's
 milkshakes, Toasties, Tuck shop,
 Magazines.

**Ignite - 17th February
 Youth Café Night**

Monthly event for young people in school years 7-13
**Live Music * Smoothies and Pizza * Games* You
 tube* Table football* Explore Big Questions**

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

Fair Trade Fortnight 25th February-10th March

If you would like to find out more about fair trade issues or fancy becoming involved in CRAFFT: Cambourne Residents Action for Fair Trade as we pursue fair trade town status for Cambourne, contact Daisy Miceli daisy_miceli@sky.com

**Gethsemane Garments on display in
 Cambourne Church**



Ongoing exhibitions
 of garments which
 help us reflect on the
 Easter story.

Through fabric and
 texts they explore
 the themes of pain,
 suffering, hope and
 renewal.

All welcome

**Gethsemane Garments on display in
 Cambourne Church
 From 11th February until 18th March**

Young people from Cambourne church recently secured some funding to start up a Fair trade Jewellery business! The money came through the 'Dragons Den' process from Young Lives. Emma Whitbread, 15, has been key in starting up this: "We have given the name for the business 'Maisha' which means 'life' in Swahili. We are making bracelets and earrings using Fair trade beads which make great presents for people, so make sure you buy something"! The young people will be making the jewellery during the Youth cafe held at Cambourne church on Tuesdays. Any money raised will go towards CRAFFT (Cambourne Residents Action for Fair Trade) who will use the money to raise more awareness of Fair trade as we work to help Cambourne become a Fair trade town. If you wish to buy the Jewellery look out for it at Cambourne Church and also watch out for further news on our website launch! Alternatively, to make an order or for further info on CRAFFT please email crafft.info@gmail.com If you want to know more information about the Youth cafe or other Youth work in Cambourne contact Youth Development Worker Jon Sanders on jon.sanders@romseymill.org or 07798858302

Looking to make a difference?

Romsey Mill are looking for help with the youth activities in Cambourne! We have opportunities available to support the work in a variety of contexts, whether it be Boxing, Music, General Youth clubs or a new club supporting children on the Autistic spectrum. For more information contact Youth Development Worker Jon Sanders on 07798858302 or jon.sanders@romseymill.org Thank you!

Community Cafe

Cambourne

"IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMBOURNE TIME BANK"

Every wednesday at The Hub

9.30 - 11.30am

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US, ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME !

CAFE IS RUN ON A TOTALLY VOLUNTARY BASIS, ALL WE ASK IS FOR YOUR COMPANY AND A DONATION TOWARDS THE RUNNING COSTS!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU !



BT Infinity Update

Following meetings between BT, Cambourne developers, and Cambourne Parish Council, it has now been announced that all homes with a post code registered by 31st December 2012 will be included in the current BT infinity roll out. It may take a while to sort out all the issues and backlog.

If you have yet to report your home as not eligible, please email the campaign team.
cb23infinity@cjhudson.co.uk

District Councillor Notes

People working in Cambourne can improve their health with free lunchtime fitness sessions. I'm looking forward to trying out the new Trim Trail as I never get time to exercise at all. The first session will be on Monday 21st January and run for four weeks, so will still be going by the time you read this. The sessions, led by a qualified personal trainer, will use nine exercise stations sited around the eco-park opposite Monkfield Park Primary School, including multi-use exercise benches, ladders, chin-up bars and sit-up benches. The Trim Trail was built using developer funds known as Section 106 contributions and will be run by the Parish Council. Anyone can take part in the training sessions; meet at Cambourne Business Park Marketing Office at 12.15pm or 12.30pm at the Trim Trail February 4th or 11th.

A plea now to please recycle as much as possible into the blue and green bins in order to keep down the stuff we do put into the black bin. The 'terminator' (a giant waste-munching machine) will be out of action until December. This was designed to retrieve anything recyclable that we accidentally put into our black bins and cut down on landfill costs. Nearly 4,700 tonnes of waste and recycling was picked up from homes across the district after Christmas last year. Each tonne of waste sent to landfill costs £64 in taxes so by recycling more waste residents will help protect the environment as well as the budget. Recyclables in the blue and green bins still do not go to landfill.

The new website (www.scamb.gov.uk) was launched on December 14th. It is now much more streamlined and the design has taken on board how residents have and want to use the website - so it is much more interactive. For instance you can make payments and resolve issues without always the need for telephone calls or e-mails. Also a rapidly increasing number of people are using mobile applications (now 25% of users, a year ago 15%). So we developed the new website with mobile apps also in mind. It's very different and I've found the best way to find anything is to search for exactly what you want either in google, or the search box actually on the website.

Councillor Alison Elcox

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.

Welcome to Cambourne Library. We are situated in Sackville House. It is completely free to join. As well as a wealth of books and information we provide internet access, fax and photocopying facilities, DVDs to hire, stamps card and books to buy and much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Engage In The Afternoon: Wed 6th February 2.00pm "The Wildlife of Fen Drayton Lakes". All are welcome. No need to book just pop along and enjoy the talk and a chat.

Our local book group will be meeting on Wed. 13th February at 12.30 in the library. If you would like to join or just pop along to see the group please do.

Family History Research Sessions. There will be a drop-in Family History Session at the library every 3rd Monday in the Month from

2.30- 4.30. Just pop in for advice. All areas of the country covered. NEXT SESSION Monday 18th February.

Need help with CVs, application forms or finding a job?

The Job Centre Plus will be meeting in the library on Wed 20th February. You do not need to book just come along for advice.

We have display cabinets in the Sackville House reception area for any local crafts. Come into reception and enquire if you are interested in displaying anything.

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please send all editorial contributions to editorial@cambournecrier.org. Please note the deadline for the March 2013 edition is midnight on Tuesday 19th of February.

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).

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



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

Wildlife Review February 2013

As I write we have just had our first snow fall of the year, it has made everything look so clean and fresh after months of mud! The wet ground has really hampered our work around the county. With woodland rides inaccessible to vehicles, even our trusty quad bike, we have had to carry everything in by hand.

If you have heard loud screaming or screeching noises at night it may be the local foxes. They are breeding about now and the calls are part of their territorial behaviour, but they can sound eerily like human screams. They have bred in various places around Cambourne in the past, so keep an eye out for the cubs later in the year.

A Lower Cambourne resident wrote saying they had noticed that reed buntings had not been to their feeders as usual this winter. I have also noticed fewer birds coming to the feeders at the Manor House. I wonder if this is a result of the wet weather last year. It certainly affected a lot of small birds, making it hard for them to find enough food to raise their chicks on. Hopefully the weather this year will be a bit more favourable and the birds can recover. Let me know if you have noticed wildlife behaving differently.

Ever wanted to try a zip slide?

The Wildlife Trust are staging a zip slide event on **Sunday March 24** at Peterborough United FC, giving people the chance to experience a unique zip ride across the London Road stadium. Any thrill seekers



wanting to take part will need to register now to be in with a chance to do this once in a lifetime activity. The event will help raise vital funds for the Wildlife Trust BCN's work protecting rare habitat and species. To find out more, register, download entry forms, etc., please visit: www.wildlifebcn.org/zipslide

Cycle challenge

Calling all cyclists! Do you fancy raising some money for the Wildlife Trust BCN by taking part in an organised charity bike ride from London to Cambridge in July? The Wildlife Trust BCN is gearing up to take part in the London to Cambridge sponsored bike ride on

Sunday July 28 to raise money for local wildlife. Join our team of intrepid, pedal powered fundraisers to cycle the 60 miles from London to Midsummer Common in Cambridge. Registration costs just £20 per person. We will then send you your information pack and sponsorship details. Transport and parking are available. E-mail Challenge@wildlifebcn.org for further details and to register your interest.

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

- February 28th 'Fuchsias: their cultivation and origin', a talk by Allan Leverton, fuchsia expert.
- March 28th Workshop: taking cuttings
- April 25th Plant and seed swap
- May 23rd Workshop: seed sowing
- June 27th AGM and quiz
- July 25th Garden Crawl
- August 22nd Bat Safari

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



Cambourne WI

February

The Cambourne WI are looking forward to meeting in the Hub on the second Thursday of February to

learn all about the art of stage and film make up. This promises to be a very interesting meeting.

The Cambourne WI will be continuing with the following groups in the 2013 and are always looking for new members.

- Book club which meets on the third Wednesday of the month. You can collect your book from Cambourne library and then come and join us for a lively discussion in the pub on the book of the month. Non-members of the WI are very welcome and for more information please contact Fran on 07780 266511
- The Walking Group tackle walks of between 4-7 miles contact Fran on 710858 or Penny on 200126 for information on the forthcoming walk or even better come along and give us your suggestions of favourite walks.
- Coffee mornings are held in Greens Coffee shop on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am. This has become a very popular event and Greens make us all very welcome so come and join us for coffee and cake.
- The Darts group meets on Monday evenings to hone skills of aim, dexterity and maths. We have one full team but are now looking for a second team. All levels of skills are very welcome including those who are only just able to hit the board. To find out how you could join this winning team please contact Joan on 200908 or Edna on 717360.
- If you want to be a Lady who Lunches then watch out for lunch dates and venues to be announced in the near future.
- Our Theatre group will also be planning future trips and if you want to experience some afternoon culture look out for diary dates in the near future.

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.



Quick! Get your tickets for the Cambourne Quiz Night!

On Saturday 16th March
from 7:30 until 11pm at the Hub.

Tickets: £10.00 each - including buffet dinner.

Limited Bar Available from which to purchase drinks.

For tickets please email Ambika at cambournescoutswlist@gmail.com
or telephone Debbie on 01954 714933.
Quiz night for 18 year olds and over.

Cambourne Craft Fair is Back!

Saturday 2nd March. 1 – 4 pm

Cambourne Church, Great Cambourne

Stalls include...handmade cards, delicious cakes, original artwork, jewellery, sweets, handmade toys, knitting, quilt-work, home furnishings, soaps, candles, glassware, fairy crafts and much, much more!!

Come and get all your Mother's Day gifts!

Live Music from MaidofAle

Café with homemade cakes

Free Entry

THE Masked DISCO Ball

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.

Cambourne Kitchen - Bacon and Onion Roly Poly

Ingredients:

Pastry:

- 300g self-raising flour
- 100g suet
- 100g spread/butter
- 1 tsp baking powder,
- 15g finely chopped parsley
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- Water to bind

Filling:

- 2 onions finely sliced
- 200-300g bacon/gammon chopped up
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard (optional)
- 1 tbsp pate (optional)
- Pinch of salt and pepper

Local resident Louise Wilson writes and submits our monthly recipe. For requests and feedback please email editorial@cambournecrier.org

Method:

Put all the dry ingredients for the pastry into a large mixing bowl and mix to evenly distribute everything. Then gently rub the spread/butter into the flour to create a very fine breadcrumb consistency. Next add cold water but do this a dessertspoonful at a time to avoid adding too much. Use a knife to stir the water in and when you see it starting to come together into a dough, tip the contents onto a dry surface and gently knead it until it just comes together. (If there is lots of flour still not combined add a teaspoon of water at a time but if there is just a small amount left then don't worry, this should combine when you roll the dough out.)

Cut a rectangular piece of baking paper that fits the longest part of your slow cooker. Place the dough onto the baking paper and use a rolling pin to roll the pastry out to about a thickness of 3-4mm. It doesn't matter if this spills over the edges of the paper as it will be rolled up anyway.



Spread the pate and mustard over the surface of the pastry and then the onion and bacon. Season lightly (be careful with salt as the bacon will already be slightly salty) and then carefully roll the pastry into a swiss roll shape. Fold the ends in to seal the roly poly.

Carefully fold the paper over the roly poly leaving some room for it to expand. Then roll with some foil and finally cling film to seal it completely leaving space each time for expansion. Tie the ends tightly with string. When you are ready, place the roly poly in the slow cooker and fill about half way up with boiling water; switch to low setting. Cook for at least 3 hours, although you can leave it all day in the slow cooker and it's ready when you are. Serve with gravy (or as I did – a cheese sauce) and vegetables then enjoy!!

(If you don't have a slow cooker then you could do this in a pudding bowl with a double boiler or steamer like any other suet pudding but remember you can't leave it unattended because you will need to check water levels.)

For any left overs: I cut them into slices and poured cheese sauce over the top, added a little grated cheese and baked until golden and crispy which was delicious. If you had it with gravy in the first instance the cheese provides an entirely different meal the following day with no effort.

I hope you enjoy eating this as much as I enjoyed creating it!

PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWS

We started our 2013 programme with a presentation by Nik Szymanek, the renowned astrophotographer. Nik explained how you can photograph the night sky on a limited budget and show some of his images. We were impressed with the quality of the images he captured in his back garden in Essex as well as the pictures taken from professional observatory sites!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 6th February when Dave Roberts from St Neots Astronomy Association will lead a practical session called "Observing Basics". Bring along that new telescope you were given for Christmas and ask the experts for help using it! Future meetings will play host to Paul Hewett from the Institute of Astronomy (6th March), Andreas Schroerr from the Open University (3rd April), and Professor John Zarnecki from CEPSAR who is also team leader for ESA's Mars rover mission (1st May). More details nearer the time.

All 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. The next meeting will be on February 7th and will be on 'Writing Short Stories'. For more information please get in touch, either by enquiring at the library desk or by phoning Pat Callaghan 01954 718836.

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

There are now two separate watercolour classes: Beginners, which meets in the Lower Cambourne cricket pavilion on Tuesday morning 10am -12, 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/cambournephotohographygroup> 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

There will be a watercolour workshop on April 28th with local artist Chris Lockwood. Details will be out soon of a sugar craft demonstration in May.

There will be other painting and art talks and demonstrations in future 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



Would you like to make a difference to the life of a child or young person with learning disabilities in your area?

Local support for people with learning disabilities

Cambridgeshire Mencap is looking for volunteers for its Family Support Scheme. Our scheme provides extra help for parents and carers when and where they need it most by providing a trained volunteer to regularly visit the child or young person and provide practical help to the family.

A Family Support Service volunteer can help a child or young person to get out and about and do something they enjoy – from a walk in the park to a visit to the cinema. Or, they can look after a child or young person at home so that carers can take a well-earned break.

We think our volunteers are exceptional and you could be too! We give training and support. It only takes a few hours of your time and really does change lives.

Like to know more? Contact Marika Newman on 01223 883141 or email marika@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk

NSPCC 
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Dates for your Diary...

Monday, 25th February: 12.00 noon at La Mimosa, Thompsons Lane, Cambridge
2 Courses with Coffee £16.50

The speaker is Richard Gant, Head Gardener at Madingley Hall

NSPCC Cambridge Dining Club welcomes new members – both men and women

Enquiries/Bookings: cfm.armstrong@gmail.com Tel: Kate Armstrong 01954 719745

Saturday, 16th March: 7.00 p.m. at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Flying Visits – with 7 Top Chefs – Pork Fayre
£70 per head for Canapés, 7 courses and paired wines
Enquiries/Bookings: catering@corpus.cam.ac.uk Tel: 01223 338024 See also website: www.dingleydeell.com/flying-visits

These event are fundraisers for the local branch of the NSPCC, which raises funds to support young children and teenagers at risk in the region.



The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

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



If you've started running in January you will probably be starting to see the benefits of your New Year fitness regime. You will perhaps have seen some weight loss and hopefully you'll be feeling fitter than you did before you started. This is a great time because you can see real reward for all your hard work. The next thing is to keep the momentum going and keep on reaping those rewards into the future. So, don't let things like bad weather or shortness of time become an obstacle to your running, see getting over these barriers and sticking with your running as achievements in themselves.

Stay motivated and on track by entering future races or start taking part in Parkruns such as those at Milton or the Wimpole Estate. The Parkruns are free, and let you run a timed and marshalled 5k route. Gaining these times will give you a target to beat and increase motivation. Get out there and enjoy your running!

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 and The Wimpole Estate both Start at 9am.

Cambourne School Runners

(no children necessary!)
still running...

Meeting: Monkfield Park School Car Park

Time: 9.15

£2 a session; all proceeds 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

CAMBOURNE FISHING CLUB

www.cambournefishingclub.com

Email address cambourne_fishingclub@yahoo.co.uk



Lake Ewart in Cambourne became club water 2010. Stocked with Carp into the double figures plus perch, bream, crucians, roach, chub. Children under the age of 13 can fish for free and must be supervised by an adult (member or valid day ticket holder).

Tickets can be purchased from:

M A D Tackle, 22 Levellers Lane, Eynesbury, St Neots, PE19 3JL
Massif Bikes, Caxton House, Cambourne (opposite Morrisons)

Car Park available (near Lake entrance)



CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB

Back to Netball
www.englandnetball.co.uk/backtonetball

Want a new year's fitness resolution for 2013 you can stick to? Thinking about getting back into Netball? Or want to try it for the first time? Cambourne Netball Club is running a 6 week Back to Netball Course

Date: Every Thursday

(from 24th Jan 2013 – 28th Feb 2013)

Time: 7.30- 9pm

Location: Cambourne MUGA, Back Lane, Great Cambourne.

Cost: £20 for 6 weeks

Coach led sessions covering basic skill development and court play. The emphasis of these sessions is on learning new skills and having fun playing Netball. We also have 3 established teams of all abilities who play competitively in the Cambridgeshire League.



**To book your place email: cambournenetball@googlemail.com
Call Emma for more information: 01954 710034**

Walking Group

Do you enjoy a walk, a chat, and maybe a coffee or lunch? Then join us on the 2nd Friday of each month.

We meet at the rear entrance to the library at 10.15am and walk an average of 5 miles - sometimes ending in a stop for lunch or a coffee if a good pub presents itself.

Upcoming walks:

Fen Ditton to Anglesey Abbey: February 8th

Childerley to Boxworth: March 8th

Cambourne to Elsworth: April 12th

Gog magogs; circular walk: May 10th

Llammas Land to Granchester June 14th

If you would like more details you are welcome to e-mail Pam.hume@mail.com, or telephone Penny Flanagan on 01954 200126.



Cambourne Eagles Football Club



Contact Details: www.cambourneeglesfc.co.uk

Tracey Ashford, Club Secretary: 01954 203162

EAGLES CELEBRATE AWARD OF CHARTER STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CLUB STATUS

The committee of Cambourne Eagles are celebrating the accolade of being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status. The Eagles are one of only 3 clubs in the county of Cambridgeshire to have been awarded the status so far (FA Handbook 2012/13). This prestigious award recognises that the club are committed to the ongoing development of both its players and its management in the shared goal of achieving quality football for all.

The Charter Standard Development logo is recognised throughout the football world as the sign of a leading club, somewhere parents can be confident that their children will learn to play the beautiful game in a fun and safe environment. Working closely alongside Cambridgeshire Football



Association, who have supported us in writing a complex three year football development plan, we have been able to secure top level football for the village of Cambourne and beyond for many years to come.

One of the requirements of the status is to have an FA Level 2 qualified coach. Eagles are fortunate to have had Mark Gibbs on our coaching team since the clubs inception in September 2006. The lengthy process of application also involved sending two of our coaches, Ian Peck and Andy

Carter, on Module 1 of the FA Youth Award. This detailed new one week course looks at the future of developing Youth Football. It can only be an asset to the club and its players to have coaches qualified at this high level. This expertise is now being filtered through all of our teams.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Lisa Hubbard, Club Vice Chair, and Tracey Ashford, Club Secretary, who have played instrumental roles alongside me in securing this status for our club. If you would like more information on what this all means, or would like to join us at this exciting time (player, coach or committee), please do get in touch with our club secretary or via our website. We will always make spaces in our teams and all new faces will be made very welcome!



Cambourne FC News



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Email: joracher@hotmail.com

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February News - CFC U11's triumph at the London Soccer Dome, CFC welcome new U7 Players, CFC U9's go 11 games unbeaten.

Committee - The Cambourne FC Committee are preparing for the future as the club continues to grow. The new managers are taking their Level 1 coaching courses and managers are already preparing for next season as their squads grow in numbers. We are certainly looking forward to the next few months and look forward to seeing how far our teams will go.

Soccer School - Coached by former CUFC player Chris Racher, Soccer School is held every Saturday morning, for children under the age of six, 9-10am at the Cambourne MUGA. CFC are now looking to form the teams for next seasons U7s Hunts League which will be formed from the Soccer School players - chris.racher@hotmail.co.uk.

CFC U7 Teams - The U7 teams have started 2013 displaying some amazing football. The players are certainly enjoying their first season of football in the Hunts league and both teams have come together so well which is a credit to both the players and the coaches. patricktarpey@btinternet.com.

CFC U8 Teams - CFC U8s are enjoying their first season in the Cams League, playing against different teams with new challenges. The players are working well together learning new skills and techniques in training. simondowe@yahoo.co.uk.

CFC U9 - CFC U9s impressive form continued into the New Year, scoring 29 goals and conceding just 3 in their last 2 games!

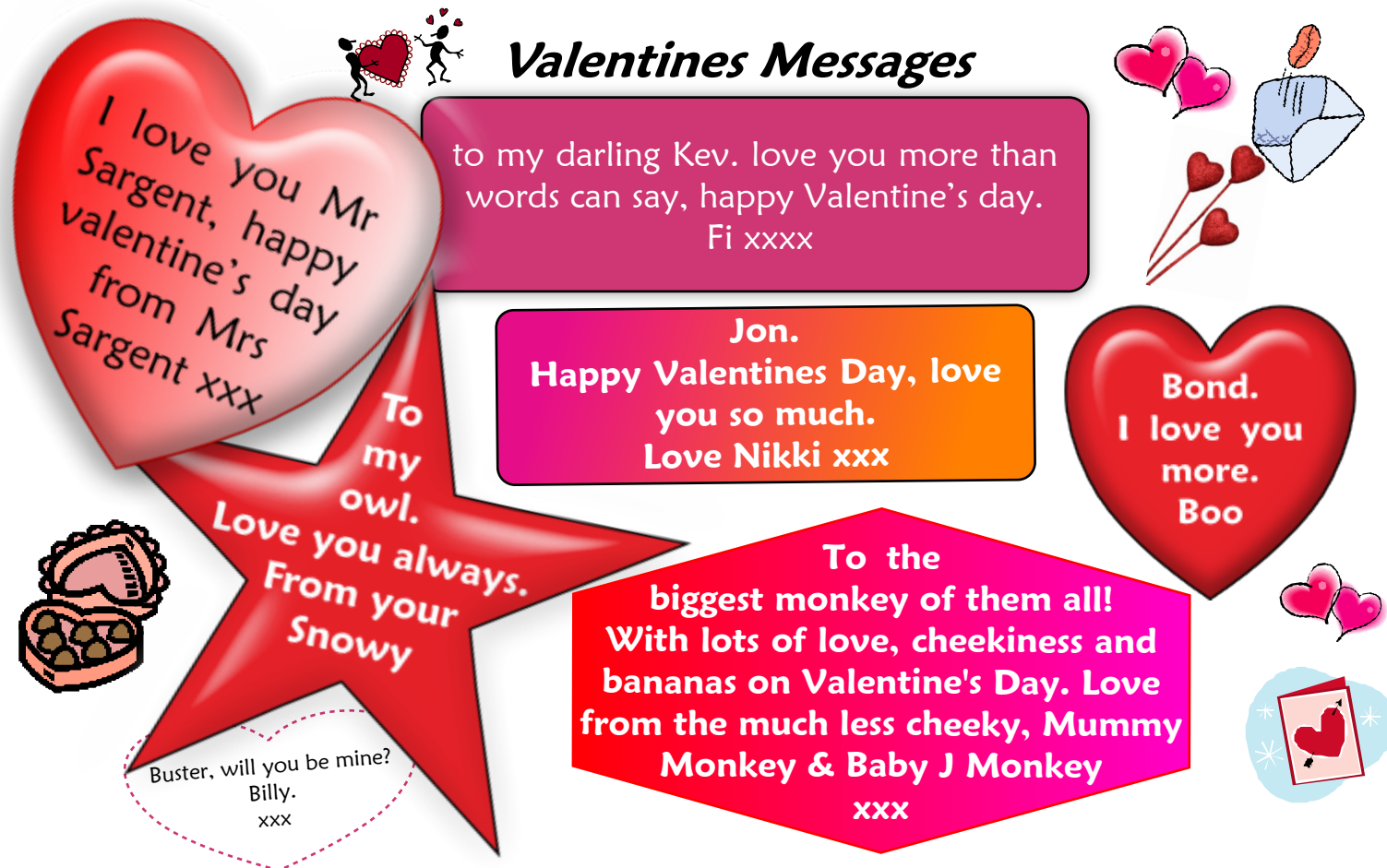
The U9s last win was an impressive 12-1 against Bar Hill. Congratulations go to the players, Jez and Richard. jezjubb@shacklog.co.uk.

CFC U10 Team - Cambourne FC's U10s played their first match of 2013 away against Melbourn Dynamos. Cambourne took the lead through Oliver Barton, but Melbourn equalised before the break. After the break, Cambourne improved and managed to capitalise on this improvement through two goals each by Ben Colman and Thomas Wraight, resulting in a 5-1 win. The boys continue their great run having lost only one match this season and winning all the others. g.maylin@hotmail.co.uk.

CFC U11 - CFC's U11 team travelled to the London Soccer Dome and thoroughly enjoyed playing in brilliant surroundings, with signed shirts from the likes of Lionel Messi, Ronaldinho and David Beckham lining the entrance to the pitch. Cambourne rose to the occasion, securing second place in Group 'A', beating SASS and Flitch United. CFC continued to impress with success over Potters Bar in the last eight, before overcoming Thames Boys to book their place in the final. CFC lost 2-0 in the final to Hemel, but what an amazing achievement by every player - well done lads. racher@hotmail.com.

CFC U14 - CFC U14s recorded an impressive away draw against Huntingdon Rowdies as the team looked to improve on the reverse fixture. Goals from Cameran and Louis helped the team to a well deserved point - well done to all. clmbuilder@btinternet.com.





DISPATCHES

**ROYAL
AIR FORCE
AIR CADETS**
the next generation

The latest news from the 2848 (Bassingbourne) Squadron and 2848 (Cambourne) Detached Flight Air Training Corps.

Through an Air Cadet's Eyes

Cadet Sophie Scowen (15) 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight recently attended a weekend camp being held at R.A.F Henlow. She writes:

"On arrival at RAF Henlow with Fellow Cadets from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron and 2484 (Cambourne) DF we were allocated accommodation and attended a briefing at which we were assigned to a flight. We also met cadets from 2065 (Biggleswade), 22 (Sandy), 73 (Huntingdon), 2462 (Oakley) and 2500 (St Neots) Squadrons.

Once in our flights we were given a paper plane challenge. We had to construct paper planes of various designs and sizes using only the equipment that was issued and I am happy to report that my flight was the overall winner.

Saturday started early with some PT, which was challenging but enjoyable, after which we enjoyed a well-deserved breakfast, before forming up for inspection and drill. After a quick uniform change we gathered to collect equipment needed to build a bridge. The objective was to erect a wooden tripod frame on one side of a river and then attach a rope around a big tree on the other side. We were then shown a technique to get over the river via the rope and one by one we made our attempt to cross. It was terrifying and not all of us made it.

Sunday was another early morning and another round of PT, inspection and drill followed by some leadership exercises.

I found the weekend to be difficult but well worth it, and enjoyed meeting new people and learning new skills."



CAMBOURNE SNOW PICTURES!

JAN 2013

The photos shown were kindly sent in by residents of Cambourne; showing a range of snowy scenes around the village during last month's snowfall.

