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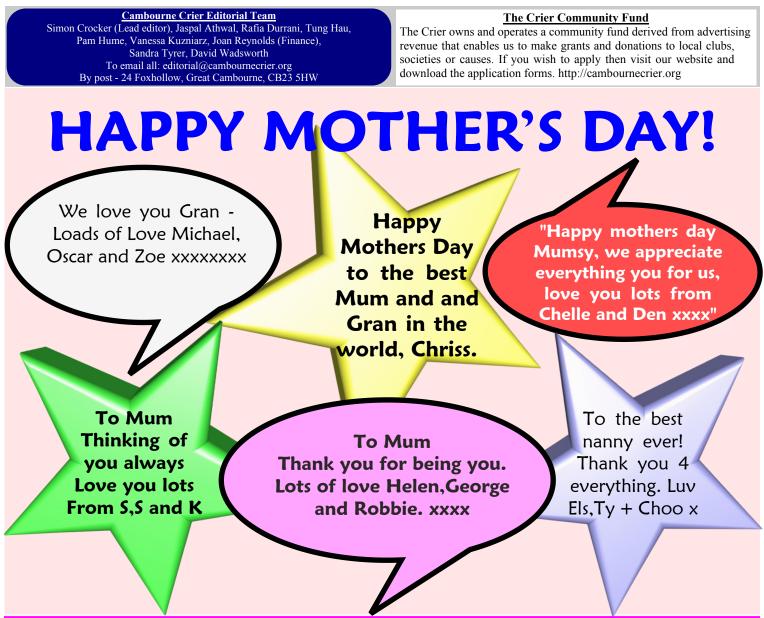


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THINK PINK! Community Spirit brightens the sky & raises money for Breast Cancer UK.

An overwhelming community spirit was given at a local fundraiser for Breast Cancer UK. Residents and businesses gave generously to make Think Pink a very special event! Organised by Jill Carter, to raise awareness, who worked around the clock to ensure the event was a success!

Cambourne Helium rose to the occasion, donating 60 balloons for the Balloon release in memory and to give hope to suffers, in exchange Cambourne Timebank gave their time to promote the business by doing a

leaflet drop. Kelly Lindsay, Shanie Leonard, Vicki Chapman and Tina`s Spray Tans gave up their time and donated their takings for the morning.

Many businesses gave prizes both local and far. `Snap- On Tools` ,Kettering were very generous and gave a whole table of raffle prizes which were gratefully received!

A beautiful display of pink cakes were donated from far and wide for the cake stall and a local resident Joan gave up her time to sell on the day. The Tombola was made up of gifts generously given by both locals and nearby villages.



An amazing £346.00 was raised and given to Breast Cancer UK. Well done to Everybody involved!

07/03/13	Black Bin	Bin Collection Dates for this month in Cambourne		
14/03/2013	Green Bin and Blue Bin	You will receive a weekly collection each Thursday between 7am ar		
21/03/2013	Black Bin	6.30pm, alternating each week between green and blue bins, and the black bin. Bins will be collected a day late(Friday) if it's a bank holic		
28/03/2013	Green Bin and Blue Bin	Monday week. For South Cambs District Council waste and recycling service call 03450 450 063.		
05/04/2013 (Friday)	Black Bin	Monday to Saturday 8am - 8pm (excludes bank holidays).		
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CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire



Grant Aid for Community Groups

Cambourne Parish Council aims to operate a grant aid system which considers grant applications. Applications are considered by the Finance and Policy Committee or by the full Council as appropriate.

The Parish Council Grant Aid System aims to:

- Help Cambourne voluntary groups to improve their effectiveness.
- Help to ensure the provision of services needed by Cambourne residents via the voluntary sector.
- Support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.
- Promote equality of access and opportunity for all Cambourne residents to the services and funds it provides

The Parish Council values the diversity and strengths of the local voluntary sector and acknowledges its independent role in the community as:

- A source of valuable services
- A means of enabling people to work together
- A channel for campaigning and advocacy

The Parish Council defines a voluntary group as a 'not-for-profit' organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.

If you consider your group could benefit from a grant and meet the criteria please contact the Parish Office for information on how to apply.

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. There are over 25 dog bins around Cambourne, please ensure that they are used. Leaving dog mess on the pavements and on the open green spaces is simply unacceptable, anti-social and unhygienic. Please help us maintain a clean and safe environment in Cambourne. Bag it and bin it! If you are aware of an area that needs a dog bin please contact the Parish Office.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - March/April 2013				
Date	Time	Meeting		
5 th March	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
	*	Council		
19 th March	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
	*	Finance & Policy Committee		
2 nd April	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
	*	Council		

Parking on Verges and Paths

Parking is a major issue with a number of vehicles Parking and Driving on the verges in Cambourne. The damage this causes to the grass and kerbs contributes to the delay in transferring the roads to the County Council.

If the situation continues after the verges are transferred to the County and Parish Council it will be you as Council Tax payers of Cambourne who will have to pay for their repair. Parking on the verges causes inconvenience to neighbours and residents using the footpaths and is a safety issue for children.

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.



The Practice will be closed for staff training on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March at 1pm. We will reopen as usual on Friday 22nd March. If you require urgent medical attention while we are closed, please contact Urgent Care Cambridgeshire. If you dial our number, you will automatically be transferred or you can call directly on 0330 123 9131. Alternatively, there is an NHS walk-in centre at St Monkfield Medical Practice Neots which is open Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm. The walk-in centre is at 24 Moores Walk, St Neots, PE19 1AG (01480 291317).

Additional clinical staff The partners are very pleased to inform you that we are currently in the process of recruiting an additional Nurse Practitioner; this will increase the number of pre-bookable and Urgent Access appointments.

Appointments

The Management team are frequently reviewing, and regularly changing, our appointment system. It has been most unfortunate that due to sudden Doctor absence for medical problems in the last three months, we have had to reduce the number of appointments we offer, as locums cannot always be found a very short notice.

Patient Participation Group

We value your opinions and comments about the surgery. Would you like to have a say in our future? If you are interested in joining our new patient participation group, please leave your details on c-pct.comments-mmp@nhs.net and we will be in touch.

Rachel Lovelidge - Practice Manager

CAMBOURNE CRIER EDITORIAL



The Cambourne Crier welcomes letters and contributions from any Cambourne resident on any topic. We accept such contributions in good faith and trust that they are an accurate reflection of opinion and circumstance. If you wish to report on anything, or air an opinion on the letters page, then please email us. We do require a name and address for our records before publishing but will withhold these on request. Please let us know how you want your letter signed. Photos always welcomed.

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

Dear Editor,

We, as the Cambourne community, need to throw our complete support behind our new village college. When Henry Morris introduced the village college system, it was predicated on the belief that a school lies at the heart of a community, and this is no less true in 2013 than it was in 1930 when the first village college opened in Sawston.

The educational climate today, however, would not be one that Morris would recognise, with competition between schools actively encouraged and the rhetoric of parent 'choice' supported by many politicians. Amidst all the talk about results and league tables, it is vital to remember that the overriding factor in the results that pupils gain is their socio-economic background. More affluent children tend to do better than less affluent children, and there is only some influence that even the best teachers can have over this. When one looks at the league tables, one must remember that the number of Grades A*-C achieved by pupils at a school are more a reflection of the socio-economic background of those pupils than how well they are being taught. The great myth of our time, which causes no end of worry for parents of Year 5 and 6 children, is that a school's results reflect the quality of teaching to be found there. If, therefore, we want to avoid this trap, then what might we look for instead? What might our expectations be of our new village college? I would suggest that to ask this question is to miss the point. With apologies to Kennedy, you should ask not what our new school can do for you, but ask what you can do for your school. Cambourne Village College can be counted as a success if it becomes the heart of our community, a school into which people from all walks of life find the time to support in whatever way they can.

What Cambourne Village College will need is a supportive community. When it is successful, we need to praise it; when it has difficulties, we in the community need to ask what we can do to help. It is *our* responsibility to make this school a success. Schools begin to fail when sectors of the community begin to turn their backs and we simply cannot allow this to happen. This is our school: let's make it exceptional.

Yours faithfully,

Name & Address Supplied

Dear Editor.

After reading the comments regarding the Monkfield Medical Centre in the February edition, I couldn't agree less.

We have had nothing but the best services from all the doctors, nurses and receptionists. We also have had to wait a while to see the doctor of our choice or else see someone else, and as for emergencies we have had excellent service.

Name & Address Supplied

Cambourne CC celebrates Paul Adams (1955-2012)

Cambourne Cricket Club we would like to acknowledge and thank the family of Paul Adams for their kind and generous donation from Paul's estate. Paul, whom many Cambourne folk will have known from his work at Morrison's, was a big hearted supporter of the cricket club.

The Club's committee has agreed to purchase a bench in Paul's memory with the donation that they have received. It will be positioned at the Upper Cambourne ground as a tribute to Paul's love of the game of cricket. The inscription will read:

Paul Adams 1955-2012 RIP 'a smile to be remembered' Cambourne Cricket Club

In addition the Club have also agreed to award an annual trophy in Paul's name to one of our junior members each year in recognition of their sportsmanship and commitment. Mark Tandy, Chairman of Cambourne Cricket Club, commented: "We are very touched as a club to receive this donation. Paul was a great man and we really appreciated his support; week in, week out. We hope that Cambourne people will use the bench to watch us play in the summer months, which is what Paul would have wanted to see."

BT INFINITY UPDATE

MCA Developments and BT have been working together to address the issue of homes in Cambourne which are currently unable to access fibre broadband from BT.

Both parties have devised a system which will improve the communication with residents who are awaiting rollout of the fibre network.

The uptake of BT Infinity has been phenomenal, with orders running at an extremely high rate. This has led BT to, at times, temporarily suspend the ability to take customer orders to allow it to work through the backlog of current orders.

The rollout process has been slowed by ducting difficulties – ducting was installed at Cambourne a number of years ago and was not laid in anticipation of a fibre network being applied.

MCA is assisting BT in identifying which developer developed the many parcels of land at Cambourne, as there are a number of homes built by other housebuilders, plus areas built on behalf of Registered Social Landlords.

An update will be given by BT and MCA Developments to the public at a Cambourne Parish Council meeting in approximately two months' time.

CAMBOURNE SCHOOL REPORTS



CAMBOURNE As I write this, there are only four and a half months left before we are due to be handed the keys to the new College, and the building continues 'on programme'. Last LAGECOLLEGE week the sun shone for the first time for our site visit - surely a sign that spring is on its way! - and we found the place busier than ever. An overflow car park has had to be

temporarily opened to take the additional contractors' vehicles, and we were told that over 120 workers were there at the time, working simultaneously on a multitude of tasks from levelling the tennis courts to installing light fittings in the corridors.

Back at Comberton, we are working through the mountain of paperwork demanded by the Department for Education when a new school opens, and enjoying the more interesting tasks such as looking at school uniform. Thank you to everyone who responded to the surveys last month: the sweatshirt option was preferred to the blazer model by a clear majority of pupils and parents, so we are currently researching suppliers and confirming the style of the Cambourne Village College sweatshirt while Miss Dawson, our subject leader for PE, is getting very excited about sports kit.

We are also working on the College ICT strategy and now that all the Subject Leaders are in place, the serious business of supporting learning in the classroom with the latest technology is under discussion.

We have not yet had confirmed the exact number of pupils who have applied for a place in our first-ever cohort of Year 7 pupils, but we do know that the news is highly positive. Should any parent still be intending to apply for a place for their child for this September, I would urge them to contact the Local Authority without delay.

Claire Coates, Head of School, Cambourne Village College







Comberton Village College Events

EXCITING plans for the new Adult Education programme at Cambourne Village College are already under way ahead of the start of classes in September. But Adult Education Manager Diana Cook, who already runs the department at Comberton Village College, wants your help to ensure the range of courses and day schools meet the needs and

desires of the local residents. She is looking to provide a range of daytime, evening and weekend courses so if there is anything you would like to see, now is the time to get in touch. Equally, if you are a tutor and would like to hold a class at the new college, please get in touch either by e-mail to commed@comberton.cambs.sch.uk or by telephone on 01223 264721

Meanwhile, there is a full programme of events and activities at Comberton Village College. As well as the on-going Adult Education classes and courses, Comberton Sports and Arts also host a wide range of classes, events and entertainment.

Among those is an Auction of Promises in aid of the Comberton minibus appeal. This 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 CVC Trust Fund at cvcfriends@gmail.com A fuller list of events from CSA plus some Community Education Day Schools is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, www.combertonvc.org or www.combertonsa.org

Date	Event	Time	Details
8th March	Custard Comedy - Josh Howie, Maureen Younger, Kelly Kingham MC, Steve N. Allen	8.00pm	£8 adv / £10 door
9th March	Friends of Comberton Village College presents: The Auction of Promises <u>http://www.about.combertonvc.org/trust_fund.cfm</u>	7.30pm	£5
10th March	Colours of Dance - Showcase http://www.coloursofdance.com/	2.00pm	£10
Thurs 21st March Sat 23rd March	Bourn Players Present—The Beauty & The Beast	7.30pm Thurs 2.30pm Sat	£10 & £6.50 Concessions
25th March	CVC Dance Showcase	7.30pm	£6 adults / £3 Concessions
27th March	Slam poetry with award winning page to performance	7.30pm	£2
6th April	Iceni Amateur Boxing Tournament	6:30pm	£20 entrance only £35 dinner tickets



Year 2 have been enjoying an action packed and exciting first half to the spring term. Since returning Monkfield Park to school after a relaxing Christmas break, we have been busy planning and rehearsing our production. With many songs and countless lines to learn, the children worked tirelessly to practice, practice and practice.

> After lots of preparation the children were finally able to share their hard work with family and friends when they performed their show 'The Litter Muncher' on February 5th and 6th.

Year 2 took us on a journey through the idyllic Lazy Daisy Village - or at least it would be if it weren't for a litter problem. The children have been focusing on the importance of cleaning up after themselves and keeping places clean and tidy.

The show was enjoyed by all who came to see it and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time showing off their extensive acting and singing skills.

Foundation Stage and Key stage 1 were very fortunate to receive a Claytime performance. Claytime is an interactive theatre group created for 3 - 6 year olds. Each performance is unique: the story, setting and characters are spontaneously suggested by the audience and modelled out of clay by the performers. Afterwards, the children were able to make their very own wonderful worlds using clay. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The whole school enjoyed another RE festival afternoon learning about the Buddhist festival of Sangha. Sangha Day is the second most important Buddhist festival. All the children took part in several activities ranging from creating lotus flowers and mandala pictures.



Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre

We entertained our parents/carers with several Christmas-themed performances in December. The Winter Activity day in December was well attended by parents/carers, who enjoyed joining the children in their winter craft sessions. Father Christmas managed to find time in his hectic schedule to pay a visit to the pre-school children in December, and each child received a gift from him.

We welcomed our new children and families at the start of the spring term and celebrated the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake, with the children making and tasting Chinese foods. There were craft activities, making dragons, colouring pictures and generally taking part in other activities relating to Chinese New Year.

Children who attended the Holiday Club made pancakes and 'investigated' what was inside a computer, by dismantling an old one!

This half term we will be looking for signs of spring and celebrating Easter. We have received our "Let's Grow" order from the Morrison's vouchers collected and donated by parents/carers. Two wheelbarrows have been assembled ready for the children to use, and we also received brooms, tools and seeds.

The Care and Learning Centre Holiday Club runs during certain days in the school holidays. There are lots of fun activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, puppets, science activities, music, stories, songs and rhymes, karaoke and dance.

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

or for any General Enquiries, Mrs Marian Burling - Clerical Assistant, mburling@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk.

The office can also be contacted on 01954 273301. If there is no-one available to answer your call, please leave a message.



Jeavons Wood Primary School

At Jeavons Wood we have been eagerly anticipating the ceremony to celebrate the opening of our new school. We opened our new school building in September 2012 and have been very busy finding our way around and enjoying our new learning areas. We are looking forward to Jeavons Wood celebrating our 100th day of opening by inviting parents and visitors to enjoy everything that is great about our new school. Here is what we think:

"The school is brilliant because it's so big." Alfie. "Our school is bright and colourful." Isabelle

"There are lots of classes now – Dragonflies, Bumblebees, Ladybirds, Butterflies, Newts, Hedgehogs, Woodpeckers, Owls and our new classes Rabbits and Bears." Ella

"We have a huge playground and we have got some new equipment for the playground. We have hoola hoops, a bowling set, skipping ropes, footballs, bouncy hoppers, a racing track and lots of markings on the playground." Aaron

The field is still growing but hopefully in the summer we will be able to play on it. We cannot wait!" Elliott

"We have a huge agora with a massive library and thousands of books. The furniture in the agora is nice and comfy." Ella T "There are four curiosity shops in the agora and they have subjects related to them." Ella

"We have a Jeavons Wood song. It says 'the children are lovely, they're always polite. They're always learning and always bright." James and Oliver

All of the children love the teachers and we care about one another. We love our new school. We look forward to updating you about our celebration in the next edition of the Cambourne Crier.

Written by the School Council.



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.

• 8th March: NEARLY NEW SALE

• 15th March: Treasure Baskets •22nd March: EASTER PARTY •29th March: No group – GOOD FRIDAY

There will be no group on the 5th or 12th April due to the Easter holiday but we look forward to seeing you on the 19th April when we will be joined by Sign and Cuddles as well as running an activity and play and chat as usual.

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).

Carers & Tots



We are a friendly and popular group, meeting on Thursday mornings from 09.30 to 11.00 during term time. All parents, grandparents and childcarers are welcome, with children aged from birth to the start of school years.

> We have lots of toys and play equipment to keep the children occupied while carers can hopefully relax and make friends. There is a baby area, a craft table and we also make time for songs round the parachute towards the end of each session.

£1.50 for carer and first child, 50p for each additional child. Session charge includes tea/coffee and biscuits for yourself and a drink and a snack for your child.

Please drop in to see us, we would love to meet new toddlers and their carers. There is no need to pre-book, just turn up on the day! If you have any questions please contact Emily Mendes Tel: 07729 616007 / Email: emily.mendes@btinternet.com or Joy Jones Tel: 07591 500104 / Email: joyrapley@yahoo.co.uk.





Cambourne busy few months with lots of winter themed activities. We went on a

variety of walks in the local area and built very large snowmen in the park. We also climbed to the top of Crow hill and tried to spot where everyone lived. More recently we have had Australia Day although barbeques would have been difficult in the sleet, we had lots of fun making flags and researching all the different animals that live in Australia. We learnt to slither like snakes and hop like Kangaroos. Chinese New Year - was marked by a week of different activities and stories. On Monday 11th we had a Chinese menu for the day, including a Chinese banquet for afternoon tea. On pancake day the older children had pancake races and tossing competitions - very good at It they were too. All the children had pancakes for tea, cooked fresh by our own cook.

Coming up: St David's day - theme of yellow throughout the nursery. We will be holding a Mothers day "come and play afternoon with an international tea.

World book day (7th March) is on the same day as our parent consultation and information evening. We will be holding a second hand book stall from 6.30-8.30 both adults and children's books. Any donations from the public would be very welcome (please drop into the nursery from the 1st March onwards.

Friday the 15th is Comic relief day " Do something funny for Money" we are collecting amusing family anecdotes or sayings and displaying them on a board in the nursery. St Patrick's day - we will be looking at all things green.

For further details please call the nursery on 01954 719440



Amazingly the snow at the end of January caused relatively little disruption with the pre-school and the school only closed for one day. We were glad of our new heaters, which are not only

much smaller but also much warmer and although our homemade fireplace doesn't really give off any heat it certainly makes us feel cosy!

Before breaking up for half term we made Valentines cakes with the children. When we go back after half term we will start getting ready for spring with planting our seeds. We hope to grow tomatoes and sunflowers. With the daffodils already beginning to peak out of the soil it will not be long until we can start to enjoy spring and get ready for Mother's Day.

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



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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.

8th March - Mother's Day Card, 15th March - Book Mark, 22nd March - Easter Party, 29th March - Good Friday closed.

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



Year 6 has written biographies, here are 2 of them. Hope you enjoy! Biography of Jessica Watson. By Ella Fox

For Jessica Watson (aged 16 at the time), the 210 days between the 18th October 2009 and the 15th of May 2010 was just her, the sea, and a small pink boat. Despite the many drawbacks that came her way, she was soon to become the youngest person to sail around the world solo, making her exhausting trip well worth it and successful.

Born in Queensland, Australia, Jessica is daughter to Julie and Roger Watson. From the start Jessica lived in a more exciting way to most; spending 5 years of her life on a cruiser and later a purpose-built, double-decker bus. Jessica and her three siblings, Emily, Tom and Hannah always enjoyed the outdoors, taking sailing lessons from a young age. When she was 11 (and still living on the cruiser) Jessica's mum read her Jesse Martin's book about Jesse's exploration on a boat. This was inspiration to Jessica, and she decided that when she was old enough, she too would sail around the world.

Jessica was 16 when she decided she would start her preparation to beat the world record of the youngest person to sail around the world unassisted. She chose to buy a 10.23 meter boat, named Ella's Pink Lady, which was a florescent pink inside and out. The boat was the same design as Jessica's role model's boat, Jesse Martin, and was powered by a self-steering wind system. Jessica named the system 'Parker' after the pink Rolls-Royce chauffer in Thunderbirds. The boat had to have many test runs before it was able to be used. Disaster struck though, when the boat suffered a crash with a large boat on its final test run (the night before Jessica departed), but fortunately nobody was hurt and the boat was still in perfect condition.

On the 18th of October 2009, Jessica set off on her challenging journey from Sydney Harbour. Her trip had a bad start, when, in West Australia, she came upon in a fierce storm, in which she suffered three knockdowns. This is when the sail lies flat on the surface of the sea and again, in another storm, a little later on she was knocked down four times. Not long after, Jessica's Mum and Dad hired a private plane to fly over to see her passage, and were pleased to see there were no more drawbacks and Jessica was making good progress. Eventually, after a challenging 210 days, Jessica arrived back at Sydney Harbour on the 15th May 2010, only 3 days before her 17th birthday. If I was asked of my opinion on Jessica, I would say she was a very determined person with a lot of endurance as it must've take a lot of courage to not turn around and come back, especially with the way she suffered so badly at the beginning. I think her trip was worth the exhaustion because she won the honour of being the youngest person to sail the world, unassisted

Biography of Ernest Shackleton (15th Feb 1874 - 5th Jan 1922)

By Yasmin Maycroft

Introduction

Ernest Henry Shackleton was a famous explorer, born in Kikea, county Kildare, Ireland. He was mainly known for going on many expeditions to Antarctica. He was involved in the very famous Terra Nova expedition, led by Robert Scott. Childhood

As a child, Shackleton was surrounded by his enormous family. His Father, Henry Shackleton, was originally from Yorkshire but his family were Anglo-Irish. He was married to Henrietta Letita Sophia Gavan, Ernest's mother. Ernest was the 2nd of 10 children, but the 1st of the two sons. In 1880, when Ernest was six, Henry Shackleton gave up his job, being a landowner, and moved to the city of Dublin, to study medicine at Trinity College. Furthermore, they moved again four years later, from Ireland over to England to Sydneham, London. This is partly because his father wanted more professional prospects, as he was newly qualified doctor.

Shackleton was schooled by a governess, until the age of 11. After that he went to a school called Fir Lodge Preparatory School, in South-East London. Although he did not think much of himself or think that he was clever, at the final term of school he got 5th place in a class of 31 pupils. Next he went to Dulwich College, a boarding school in London. Expeditions

Ernest went on thirteen different expeditions, such as the Terra Nova, the Discovery and the Endurance. These three expeditions were named after the ships they travelled on. The Endurance is known to be one of the most heroic journeys ever. There were 28 crewmen working together in Antarctica, striving to survive. On the way there, their ship crashed, and they were stuck in ice for nine months, until the ship sank. Luckily, they all got out safely before they got trapped. They had to camp in the middle of nowhere for four months! They then used the emergency boats from the ship and sailed 1,400km (870 miles) to an island for help. Fortunately, they were found and saved. Death

Sadly, on one of Shackleton's last expeditions he couldn't last out and died in the South Sandwich Islands. Near the end of his time, he quoted this "superhuman effort isn't worth a damn unless it achieves results." Conclusion

In my opinion, Ernest Shackleton was a very brave man who risked his life for something amazing, and out of this world

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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



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Easter Services

9.30 &11.00 Palm Sunday 24th March

7.00pm - 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Quiet reflections 28th March

10.00 Quiet Good Friday Service

with activities for primary-aged children in the Ark 29th March

After the Good Friday service a short Easter Prayer Walk starting 1100 from the church. Finishes with hot cross buns back in the church!

Easter Sunday 31st March

8.00 Easter morning awakening A short act of worship on Crow Hill

9.30 Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion

11.00 All Age Easter Sunday Celebration

Cambourne Church AGM

will take place on Sunday 7th April following the 10.00 service

Youth Stuff

WCCYM Weekend way - Letton Hall - 8th -10th March

Games, Go-karting, bonfire, gunging, etc

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 *** Express Yourself*** 6.30 - 8.30 on the 24th March

Graffiti, live music, Pizza, Xbox36+0. Pool, etc for young people in school years 7-13

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

Join us to Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight on Wednesday 6th March at the Monkfield Arms from 7pm

- ^{*} Live music
- * Fairtrade Fashion
- * Film screening
- * Fairtrade goodies

And lots of Fairtrade Fun!!!

Come and find out about Fairtrade and how our community supports a fairer deal for developing world countries.

For further info contact crafft.info@gmail.com

Gethsemane Garments on display in Cambourne Church until 18th March 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



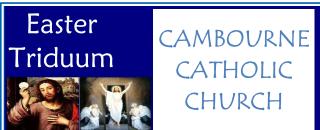
A group of young people from Cambourne recently went to Birmingham to watch Aston Villa v Newcastle Utd. Youth workers and volunteers from Romsey Mill and

Cambourne church arranged the trip after the young people said that they would like to go to a Premier league match.

Newcastle were the better team in the first half but Villa came back strongly. The game was an entertaining one and finished 2-1 to Newcastle. All the lads loved it and secretly all want to be Villa supporters!

For more info on Youth activities in Cambourne contact Youth Development Worker Jon Sanders on 07798858302 or jon.sanders@romseymill.org





The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, it is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.

Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ.

From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the Church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age-old questions: Does God love us? Is God merciful?

Does God care for us?

We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ.

These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world we find the beginning of our Church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.

Holy Thursday

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples. Like the Paschal lamb, killed and eaten by the people, according to the Old Testament account read from Exodus this evening, he is a sign of God's salvation.

Good Friday

The Good Friday rites centre around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. According to ancient tradition, an image or relic of the cross is venerated this day, and the sacrament of Christ's love for his church is received. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. With a rich display of symbols, rites and readings, the Church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being. Rejoice! This night says as it brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again. 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

CHILDREN'S MUSIC GROUP

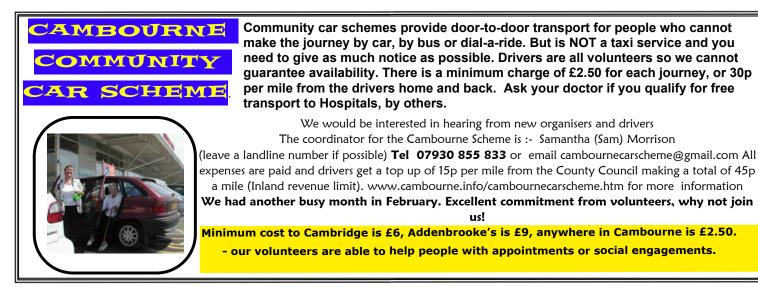
A new, exciting music group for children is coming soon to Cambourne.... more details to follow'

HINCHINGBROOKE MATERNITY UNIT OPEN DAY.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital are opening their doors to the public on Saturday, 23rd of March!

Anyone is welcome (pregnant or not) to come along from 11am - 3pm and have a look around the unit, meet some members of the team and ask plenty of questions!

There will also be refreshments available.



Women's International Group Come and enjoy making new friends from all over the world.



This Group is for women of all ages and ethnic background to come for a chat and relax with a cup of tea etc. Children are welcome to play in a safe environment.

There is no membership charge to join but small voluntary contributions for tea etc would be highly appreciated.

For more info please contact Ana on 07780146761 or alternatively email: <u>womensinternationalgroup@yahoo.com</u>

MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

There are a few messages the Service wants to remind residents of as we leave the winter months behind. Get sweeping: Chimney's should be professionally swept and brickwork inspected at least once a year to prevent chimney fires. Our advice is to check yours before and after the winter period.

As the clocks go forward, push the button: Everyone should have a correctly fitted, working smoke alarm in their home. You should test it at least once a week by pushing the button. If you have forgotten to do yours recently, why not test it when you turn your clocks forward?

Easter school holidays: Arson can often increase during the school holidays. Stay vigilant, call 999 if you see a crime taking place and do not attempt to put the fire out yourself. If you are a parent, speak to your child about the dangers of playing with fire.

It's DIY time: We frequently receive an increase in calls relating to homeowners getting into accidents associated with DIY. These can involve electrical equipment which has been stored in a damp shed over the winter and heavy-duty garden equipment. Be careful, read the instructions and take expert advice from a DIY store.

For free home fire safety advice, log on to <u>www.cambsfire.gov.uk</u>. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

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:

Our local book group will be meeting on Wed. 13th March 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 March. Need help with CVs, application forms or finding a job? **The Job Centre Plus** will be meeting in the library on Wed 20th March. 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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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

Peacehaven International Playgroup

Sponsored by Peacehaven Baptist Church

Enjoy a piece of cake, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. There are refreshments and arts activities. There are luncheons at the end of each term.

P.I.P is intended for children (0-5years) and parents/carers. The entry fee is £1 per family session. All nationalities are welcome.

March: 6th - Feather Flowers / Mother's Day Cards 13th - Pasta Art / Stamping Crafts 20th - Yarn Art / Fabric Painting 27th - Filipino Festival (catered Luncheon)

For enquiries contact: Laura Bangs. Tel: (01954) 710510 Peacehavenip@aol.com

Funded in part by Create, Awards for All, Co-operative Community Fund, South Cambridgeshire District Council & Young Lives



Are you unemployed and over the age of 18?

Do you have a mental health problem (this also includes anxiety and depression)?

Do you live in Cambridge City, South or East Cambridgeshire?

If the answer is yes and you feel ready to take steps towards work-related activities, then our service may be for you.

Richmond Fellowship Cambridge Employment Service provides free, confidential and specialist employment support for people recovering from mental health problems to find paid employment, voluntary work, education and relevant training.

We offer a range of services including: information, advice and guidance; career choice and planning; identifying skills and development; practical support with job search, job applications, CVs and interview preparation; and access to free courses for personal and career development.

If you would like to find out more, please call us on 01223 301032.

Richmond Fellowship Cambridge Employment Service 23 Signet Court, Swanns Road, Cambridge, CB5 8LA

cambridge@richmondfellowship.org.uk

www.richmondfellowship.org.uk

Dog walking volunteers urgently required in Papworth Everard

The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their much loved, much needed pets. Volunteers help to keep owners and pets together either by walking a dog for a housebound owner, fostering pets when the owners need hospital care and even cleaning out a bird cage.

Unfortunately we have a shortage of volunteers in Papworth Everard who are able to offer some much needed walks for two lovely dogs a 6 year old Golden Retriever and a 6 year old Westie. The Cinnamon Trust is desperate for volunteers in this area even if you can only offer an hour a week it will improve the dog's quality of life and give the owners peace of mind.

If anyone can help please call Sally on **01736 758707** Or email *volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk*. Please check out the web site for more details *www.cinnamon.org.uk*

The Cinnamon Trust is a limited company registered in England & Wales. Company Number 07004861. Registered Charity No 1134680.



Don't forget! British daylight saving time begins on Sunday, 31 March 2013. At 01:00 the clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 02:00.



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Cambourne Garden Club

- 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
- Sept 26th Building Bird Boxes-The Wildlife Trust. Date to be decided: Bird Walk Around Cambourne, organised in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust

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

March: Our February meeting was held on Valentine's Day but instead of romance and flowers we had geisha girls, cats, skeletons and cuts and bruises all courtesy

of our speaker, make up artist Chris Clarke. As she transformed some WI volunteers with a few simple brush strokes, she told us

interesting and funny stories of her experiences as film and stage make up artist.

Our group meets once a month on the second Thursday in the hub and we have a range of different speakers and activities. We also



have several smaller groups that are linked to the WI including the following.

- **Book club** and our book for March is One Day which is a novel by David Nicholls, published in 2009. Each chapter covers the lives of two protagonists on 15 July, St. Swithin's Day, for twenty years. The novel attracted generally positive reviews, and was named 2010 Galaxy Book of the Year. Contact Fran for more information about joining this group on 710858.
- **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.
- **The Darts group** meets on Monday evenings and competition is on the way with high hopes that Cambourne WI will exceed even last year's excellent results. Support is always welcome and if you would like to 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. Cambourne WI is a vibrant group of women of all ages. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you are new to the area or would just like to meet like minded ladies and women then get in touch and come and join the Cambourne WI. **For more information please contact Gill on 07525657567.**



Join us to Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight.

Wednesday 6th March

The Monkfield Arms from 7pm

- Live music Fairtrade fashion
- Film screening Fairtrade goodies

And lots of Fairtrade Fun!!!



Come and find out about Fairtrade and how our community supports a fairer deal for developing world countries.

For further info contact crafft.info@gmail.com

Fabulous Fairtrade Ideas for Mothers Day...!



Beautiful Fairtrade Roses are available from Morrisons priced at £5 a bunch.



Maisha jewellery, exclusively available in Cambourne, makes a perfect gift. The bracelets priced at £4.95 and earrings priced at £2.95 will be available at events during Fairtrade Fortnight (25th February - 10th March) or to make an order please email crafft.info@gmail.com

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CAMBOURNE CRAFT

Welcome to Cambourne Craft - this month we will be using up lots of buttons to make jewellery.

What you'll need:

Buttons of any colours (the ones with holes not shanks), linen thread - colour of your own choice or you could use elastic for the bracelets, clasps (trigger clasp or if you can't get those a barrel clasp with the 2 French crimps and crimping pliers), scissors, optional beads.

1. Collect all the buttons and beads you want to work with. For a bracelet measure around your own wrist some linen thread approximately 30 cms long and for the necklace 70 cms long -you will need extra to do the clasps.

2. With linen thread buttons do not slide along so you could thread through one by one all facing the same way. But the best way is to thread alternatively.

3. Start by putting on one button in the centre of your thread and then work from there. The next button is threaded through but facing the opposite way. Continue doing this all the way along your thread so that it has two sides.

4. Check your necklace or bracelet for size and that you have given yourself enough thread to close up. Make any adjustments you feel necessary.

5. If you have decided to use elastic for your bracelet then to close up just tie the two ends together and cut off extra to

neaten it up. 6. Using the crimping pliers finish your ends with a knot and close the French crimps and then you can add the barrel clasp. Alternatively attach the thread to the trigger clasp again crimping the ends with pliers.



7. Voila! You have completed it.

Easier – if the whole idea of using clasps and crimping pliers is too tricky just tie a knot at the end - using a reef knot. For the more confident – why not try using silver wire and make dangly bits and spirals OR have three threads of three different lengths and attach them together.

Sonia Mrowiec

BOURN WINDMILL One of the oldest post mills in the country. Be a part of this history and join our jolly band of volunteers; full training is given.

Contact: Graham Bruce on 718221; g.m.bruce@btopenworld.com or Kate Armstrong on 719745 cfm.armstrong@gmail.com

Open

12 May, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 29 September



Our February meeting was an "Observing Basics" session, hosted by Dave Roberts from St Neots Astronomy Association. We managed to choose one of the few perfectly clear evenings this year and were able to spend over an hour outside, observing the night sky.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 6th March when our guest speaker will be Paul Hewett, director of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge. Paul has a wide range of interests including cosmology and fundamental physics, galaxies and active galactic nuclei, but his topic for the evening will be "The search for the highest redshift quasars".

All meetings are held 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.



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DISPATCHES

AIRFORCE The latest news from the 2848 (Bassingbourne) AIR CADETS Squadron and 2848 (Cambourne) Detached Flight Air



Air Cadets honour their History

As part of the 72nd Anniversary of the formation of the Air Training Corps, 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron and 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight assembled with others from the local area for this this year's annual parade and church service.



All seven squadrons from the Western Sector the of Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire wing, with their Squadron standards, marched from The Priory Centre down the High Street accompanied by the 2500 (St Neots) Band, to arrive at St Marys Church. Here a service was held by the Reverend Dr Paul Andrews, Vicar of St Neots and chaplain at 2500 (St Neots) Squadron.

After the service, the parade marched back towards The Priory Centre along the High Street, where the salute was taken by Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing Western Sector Commander, Squadron Leader Paul Thomson-Clark RAF VR(T).

Ambassador Role for recognised Air Cadet

Cadet Flight Sergeant Katherine Hanley (18) from Bassingbourn Air Cadets has been selected as this year's representative cadet

for the Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Hugh Duberly Esq CBE.

This prestigious award was given to Katherine in recognition of all her hard work and commitment to the Air Cadet Organisation. In the four years that she has been a member of 2484



(Bassingbourn) Squadron, Katherine has participated in many events, including band, sports, BTEC awards and first aid. She was recently selected as the best female cadet in the western sector of Beds & Cambs wing, and is going on to complete her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award later this year.

Her role as a Lord-Lieutenants representative cadet are too assist the Lord-Lieutenant as required often on parade for Royal visits and act as ambassadors for their organisations and the young people of Cambridgeshire

Officer Commanding of 2484 Bassingbourn Sqn, Flt Lt Andrew Kyprianou RAFVR(T), said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for Katherine and is well deserved. She is a highly respected and dedicated Cadet, and a good role model for younger cadets."

Cambourne ACF Detachment hit 2013 at a sprint!

No such thing as a gentle start to the year for Cambourne Detachment, Cambridgeshire ACF. January and February saw the Detachment busy for both cadets and adults alike. Through January, the Basic cadre continued to complete the training level, with a view to completing their Basic Training at the Company Camp at the end of February. The 1-Star Cadre finished off their Heart Start and CasAid training in January before switching to Fieldcraft and Introduction to the L98A2 Rifle in preparation for Camp. The 2- and 3-Star level are preparing for Map and Compass, Skill at Arms and Fieldcraft

assessments at the beginning of March, so it's all go go go!

Throughout all this, individual cadets have been away to the Brigade Cadet Training Camp at Beckingham in LincoInshire. Sgt's Perry and Holmes plus Cpl Farmery have attended the Senior Cadet Instructors



Course, run by Regular Army Instructors and all passed with flying colours – it is a hard week of instruction both in a classroom environment and in the field – with the delights of heavy snow and rain just to keep them on their toes. It is unusual for a Detachment to have one SCIC cadet – let alone three

The Brigade camp also runs specific courses for Adult Instructors; Sergeant Instructor Emily Brook is to be congratulated on passing her Short Range qualification, allowing her to plan and run ranges, both indoor and outdoor.

Particular congratulations to Sergeant Instructor Jude Ruffels who has completed the Pre-Cadet Force Commissioning Board Course and has been appointed as an Acting Under Officer, the first step to gaining her commission as a TA Officer within the ACF.

AUO Ruffels is currently attending a course at Frimley Park, the home of the ACF and is well on the way to becoming a qualified weapons instructor, we look forward to her return and putting her to work at Company Camp.

Finally, welcome to all our new cadets who continue to keep the Basic Training Team busy – and welcome to Sergeant Instructor Michael Coombs and Probationary Instructor Alex Grogan who have joined the Detachment.

The Detachment continues to grow both in numbers and stature within the County and we would like to take this opportunity to thank both the cadets and particularly the parents for their continued support.

For more information about the Air Cadets contact **CJRelec@aol.com** or visit the Cambourne Sports Pavillion, Mondays or Wednesdays between 7-9pm and for more information on the Army Cadet Force contact **dc.cambourne@gmail.com** or visit the Sports Pavilion on Thursdays from 7:15pm. please send all editorial contributions to *editorial@cambournecrier.org*. Please note the deadline for the April 2013 edition is midnight on Tuesdayday 19th of March.



ART GANG

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month for people interested in art either professionally or as a hobby, to work on a specific aspect of art or craft, or to bring their

own things to work on. There is sometimes a still life set up for drawing or painting. The next meeting will be on **Monday, March 11th**. 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 **March 14th** and will continue the theme on 'Writing Short Stories'. It is suggested that any short stories by Katherine Mansfield would be a good introduction to this style of writing.

For more information please get in touch 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. A new 10 week term begins after Easter. 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/cambournephotographygroup 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,

• A demonstration of 'oriental string work' will be presented by wellknown sugar artist Wendy Field on Tuesday May 21st.

• 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.

TRIP TO STAMFORD OPEN AIR THEATRE

Pat Callaghan is again organising this popular trip to the Rutland Open Air Theatre at Tollethorpe Hall near Stamford, this time to see Shakespeare's 'A Comedy of Errors' in June or July.

From the directors of last season's hit comedy *Twelfth Night* comes Shakespeare's funniest play *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS*. A hilarious tale of mistaken identities in a fast and frenetic romp set in the Ephesus Grand Hotel in the midst of the roaring twenties. Antipholus and his servant Dromio check in, unaware that their long-lost identical twins are in the room next door. As they explore the city the men are greeted like old friends and find they have both acquired wives. Everyone in Ephesus is behaving very strangely towards them. Then things start to get out of hand....To get an idea of the best time to book tickets and coach, please contact Pat to register an interest on 01954 718836

Cambourne Arts 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

COMBERTON RAMBLERS

Join our friendly group for wonderful walks - Comberton Ramblers' Association walks an average of 5-6 miles every Sunday morning fortnightly. We are a very friendly group who greatly enjoy the lead walks in our beautiful countryside. There's time to take a rest break if needed or to simply stop and enjoy the view or visit places of interest along the way. Our members come from many local villages and from within Cambridge itself. Go on, give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people. Annual membership £7.50, young people under 18 go free. Please contact Eileen Marsh (Secretary) on 01223 262940 email

m@gmail.com or visit our website www.combertonramblers.org.uk

Upcoming Walks				
Date	Walk Route			
03/03/2013	Great Eversden, Cobbs Farm, Orwell 5 miles. Meet at The Hoops Tandoori Rest.			
17/03/2013	Manuden (nr Bishops Stortford) 5 miles. Meet at Yew Tree. The village of Manuden was extensively used for the T.V. series Lovejoy.			
07/04/2013	Rutland Water Meet at The Finch's Arms Hambleton			

Cambourne Walking Group

Well, the February walk, ostensibly from Fen Ditton to Anglesey Abbey, didn't happen as planned. Instead, we decided to drive straight to Anglesey Abbey, and take time to enjoy the snowdrops. There was a walk from the Abbey car park to Quy, but we opted to stroll around the grounds instead. After an hour's walk we spent time over coffee before spending money on some of the beautiful Irises, Cyclamen and Snowdrops we had seen in bloom in the gardens. The next walk should be a bit longer, but not too strenuous. It is expected to be from Childerley to Boxworth on **March 8th**. Other walks planned are: Cambourne to Elsworth: **April 12th**, Gog magogs; circular walk: **May 10th**, Llammas Land to Granchester: **June 14th**.

If 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 10.15 a.m. and walk an average of 5 miles - sometimes ending in a stop for lunch or a coffee if a good pub presents itself. If you would like more details you are welcome to e-mail Pam.hume@mail.com, or telephone Penny Flanagan: **01954 200126**.

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The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners From the Run Leader of Cambourne Runners – Run in England Group

Well hopefully we've seen the last of the snow and ice and we are heading towards spring and the better weather now. But, I'm pleased to say, the bad weather didn't stop the Cambourne Runners setting out every cold snow covered Saturday morning. Thanks to excellent post run coffees and hot drinks, served at a welcoming Greens Coffee & Co, we all defrosted well before setting off back home.

The new beginners group sessions started in early February and have been a great success so far and all taking part are well on target for reaching their goal of running 5km (3 miles) non-stop. If the bad weather hasn't put you off running, perhaps consider investing in a GPS sports watch. Along with the basic stopwatch functions, if you need a challenge while running some have a virtual training partner function that allows you to 'race' against an opponent on your watch. Many allow you to set up interval training sessions and give reminders when you are running over or below your target pace. Additionally it is possible to see the route run, calories burnt, speeds and heart rates. This data can be uploaded to your PC and allows you to observe progress and improvement. GPS watches come in a variety of styles and prices, often the best deals are to be found online. Look at what you need from the watch, research and then decide on the right one for you.

The Cambourne Runners Group meets outside the Hub Saturday mornings at 8:50 am for a 9am start*. Aimed at those that can already run 5km (in under 45mins). A friendly and free run group! *Please note that on the last Saturday of each month there is 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. Sunday March 31st: City 2 City Run, Ely to Cambridge Trail Run.



CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

Contact Details: www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk

New Joiners are always welcome, for information on joining the club contact Andy Holcombe at andyholcombe@ntlworld.com or (07921) 025394. You can also find information on joining the club on the website www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk. Club sessions from 6.30pm until the flood lights turn off on Wednesdays, and from 2 til 5 pm on Sundays. Everyone's welcome.



Cambourne Cricket Club Wants You!

Cambourne Cricket Club is looking to bring in new players for the email 2013 season to continue to build on the fantastic growth it has seen over the past 7 years of competitive cricket. In short, there is no better time to start playing cricket in Cambourne. Whether it be as a player, umpire, scorer or helper, the club is fully inclusive of all genders, races and ages and puts an emphasis on having fun over everything else. As an ECB Clubmark certified club, we have proven higher levels of training, safety, fairness and management so you can be sure that you or your children can enjoy cricket in the best environment. We are a friendly and welcoming club and as we are relatively new, there are no decade long cliques for newcomers to break into. Don't take our word for it though, here are the thoughts of two of our players:

"Cambourne CC is a friendly inclusive club where all are made welcome regardless of ability. I've been with the club since its early days and have been encouraged to get involved in all areas from playing (for the 2nd XI) to writing articles for the local news papers most of which have been published! I really enjoy the camaraderie here." Rishi Sharma - U18s

"I was given a positive and friendly welcome to a community-based club, which evidently has the enthusiasm and vision to develop itself both on and off the field, but also to improve the ability and enjoyment of all its players - regardless of their age or experience." Neil Thompson – Left Arm Bowler

How do I get involved?

going Join the email distribution list by to sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/cambournecc or by sending an from other trained coaches from within the club.

to cambournecc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and following the instructions in the reply. Visit www.cambournecc.com to see club news and join discussions on our forum. Come along to one of our training sessions. Currently we nets on Sunday evenings at Cambourne Sports Centre (7-8pm for Under 18s and 8-10pm for Seniors).

Do I have to be able to play cricket?

As well as players, we welcome other people looking for a social outlet to help with the operational running of the club. If you want to be an Umpire, full umpire training may be offered and paid for by the club if the enthusiasm and commitment is there. Even if you have never watched or played cricket before, you might enjoy becoming a scorer.

Some of the most memorable games we have played in were because of a fantastic tea between innings! Us cricketers like being looked after so maybe you might be able to help prepare the teas or help looking after the pavilion on matchdays.

Is gardening your thing? A lot of work goes into looking after the ground and preparing the wicket each week and although we do get some council assistance, your help as an assistant groundsman would be appreciated.

You don't have to have played cricket before to become a good cricket coach. Cambourne requires help with coaching, particularly with the Colts sides. We can offer ECB approved training courses as well as help

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DEVELOPMENT CLUE





Contact Details: <u>www.cambourneeaglesfc.co.uk</u>

Tracey Ashford, Club Secretary: 01954 203162



Another month has passed in the football calendar and finally some drier weather and the hope of getting some of postponed matches played at last! This month's spot light is on our under 8 Blue team and our under 16 team. Both teams are doing incredibly well, with the U8s romping through their season, after gaining lots of experience last year playing football against older opposition, and the U16s sitting pretty in their league and with a place in the final of the County cup. Congratulations to both teams!

U8 Blue - It's been a slow February for the team, with only 2 games played due to the wintry weather. The team has continued its great scoring streak, but it is in defence where we have improved the most. We're looking forward to more games during March and keeping up our strong league performances.

U16s - After the extended Winter break, the U16s returned to the green fields of Cambourne to showcase their talents. The local youth team that everyone seems to stop and watch were welcoming Burwell Tigers to the blustery and still soggy pitch 3. A tepid first half saw Burwell get at Cambourne, most of the players seemingly focussing their attentions to the peds they now all have! After a warming at half time in the



delightful changing rooms, The Red Eagles of Cambourne came out for the second half and camped in Burwell's half. The focus back on football and the result emphatic as the Reds ran out 6-0 winners.

A week later saw the short awaited semi-final vs. Milton Colts on a non blustery and less soggy pitch 3. A real mouth watering tie awaited and it did not disappoint. The sun was out, a rare hike in temperature to a Caribbean 5c, and three officials of the highest order.



Supporters aplenty from both clubs, free flowing tea, coffee and cakes, and of course two well oiled teams full of nerves, but also full of talent. After taking an assailing 4-1 lead, and with the clock showing just fifteen minutes remaining, it did look like an uphill battle for Milton. But they tried and battled hard to get back into it. Unfortunately for them, time ran out as their comeback stalled at 4-3, sending the U16s of Cambourne Eagles into a cup final on 3rd May at the Glasswell Stadium, the home of Histon FC. Well done to the whole squad who made it happen as a group. Now the team can concentrate on the league, starting with a tough league game against..........Milton Colts!!



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Tel: 01954 715959 CHARTER STANDARD

March News: CFC Pass Charter Standard Health Check, CFC Soccer C.F.C U9 - CFC U9s amazing form continued through February, School look to the future, CFC U10s unbeaten in 2013

Committee - The Cambourne FC Committee is celebrating the club passing our fourth annual Charter Standard Health check. Many thanks go to all of the Managers and Coaches who have made this possible. In line with our Charter status, we would like to congratulate Soccer Schools Chris Racher on passing his FA Level 1 Coaching Course.

Soccer School - Soccer School welcomed four new players in February as the session looks to form the teams for next season's U7s teams which will be entered into the Hunts League. 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 - chris.racher@hotmail.co.uk

C.F.C U7 Teams - The U7 teams recorded some amazing results in February, with some great performances and very emotional games for both the players and the Managers. The Managers are so pleased that their players have been able to compete and gain results from teams

that have much larger catchment areas. Congratulations goes to everyone involved patricktarpey@btinternet.com

C.F.C U8 Teams - CFC U8s continue to enjoy training and matches, with all the players progressing in every game played. The players are doing everyone proud with the effort and enthusiasm they put into their football - simondowe@yahoo.co.uk



much to the credit of all the players and the amazing commitment of



the coaching team. The U9s have played games every weekend, sometimes on both Saturday and Sunday to ensure every player gets a game. The U9s have now scored 149 goals, conceding just 29. Amazing! jezjubb@shacklog.co.uk

C.F.C U10 Team - CFC U10s

continued their unbeaten run in February, beating Melbourn Dynamo Tigers 5-1. Oliver Barton remains heads of the leader board for goals scored, netting 29 goals so far this season. Congratulations go to the players, Gary and Glenn for such a great performance so far this season. - g.maylin@hotmail.co.uk

C.F.C U11 - CFC U11s welcomed Ji Kai to the squad in February as the lads prepared for the second half of the season. The U11s first reverse fixture was against Aztecs who we had lost 2-0 against in our first game of the season. The team did not disappoint as we created chance after chance but again, the ball just would not go in. The lads undeservedly lost the fixture 2-1 but the improvement in the team was praised by all who watched. Well done to all - sracher@hotmail.com

C.F.C U14 - CFC U14s put on a great performance in their only fixture in February, away to Stretham Sporting. The team was extremely unlucky to lose the fixture 0-1 after putting on such a fantastic display of football - clmbuilder@btinternet.com



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 714993. Quiz night for 18 year olds and over.

Wildlife Review March 2013



Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

Signs of spring are well on the way with bluebell leaves emerging from the woodland floors and more and more birds adding to the dawn chorus each day. Let me know when you first spot frogspawn in your ponds or around the Nature Reserve or any other signs of spring emerging.

You may have seen we have recently been doing some more hedgelaying along Crow Dene bridleway. We have left the hedge alone for a few years to allow the sections that were layed before to grow up, but they are getting back to a good height now so we can start tackling the remaining sections in between. The laying helps to restore old gappy hedges by encouraging new bushy growth at the base, while still maintaining the barrier effect. This benefits a range of wildlife, from butterflies to birds and small mammals, and also maintains a traditional countryside craft.

Dog training

We are working with Cambridge Canine Education Group to bring some dog training to Cambourne. We will be hosting a 6 week beginners course at the Manor House on Sundays. If this is successful we hope to host more in the future. To find out more and book a place please see the CCEG website <u>www.cceg.co.uk</u> or look out for more publicity around Cambourne.

Garden volunteers

We are keen to find a small group of green-fingered volunteers who could help us maintain the garden at our Cambourne office. The garden has been designed with a wildlife focus and includes a wildflower meadow, garden pond, bird-feeding station and herbaceous borders. We are looking to redesign some aspects of the garden in early spring 2013 to make it more inviting to wildlife and people. For this we need regular volunteers to help us with essential tasks like planting, weeding, pruning and watering. If you have some gardening knowledge and would like to help us out, please email sarah.gandee@widllifebcn.org or call 01954 713518 to find out more and register your interest.



Bird Food

We are now stocking limited items of Vine House Farm bird food including mixed seed (£3.99 per 2kg bag) and suet balls (£1.45 for 6 or £10 for 50). The Trust Offices at Cambourne are open for sales on Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Some visitor parking available, just drive in. Every purchase you make will help support local wildlife – please consider supporting the Trust when purchasing your bird food in future. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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

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