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A Tribute to Peter Dare

Cambourne Parish Council is mourning the untimely death of Peter Dare, known affectionately to his colleagues as 'Grandad', on 30th October 2013 after a short but bravely borne battle with cancer. Peter was the Parish Council Caretaker, looking after all the Parish buildings and also worked as a Groundsman alongside the rest of the grounds team maintaining Cambourne's open spaces and sports facilities.

Peter, a Cambourne resident since 2007, leaves a wife, Wendy, and was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. His family meant the world to him and his passing has left a void in many lives.

Peter joined Cambourne Parish Council in March 2009 but before that he had many roles including, van deliveries, security at the Dorchester Hotel in London and mini cab driving, where he was known as Petrol Pete due to his ability to keep running out of it. Peter was a hard-working and respected member of the Parish Council team; his sense of humour and his ability to tell it like it is endeared him to those that met him. The tributes made to Peter at his funeral by his family and friends painted a picture of a man devoted to his family, willing to help anyone in need, generous and optimistic, but also somewhat rebellious with a wicked sense of humour.

Peter was a well known figure around Cambourne and was often to be seen out mowing on his favourite John Deere zero turn. This mower now has an additional name plate as can be seen in the photograph; so if you see it around the village take a moment to remember a man who gave so much to the community of Cambourne.



Parish council members and residents have been raising money for male cancer charities by growing moustaches for Movember, if you would like to donate, see their team website <http://uk.movember.com/team/982533>



[A Welcome to the New Coop store](#)

ARTISTIC youngsters have given Lower Cambourne's new Anglia Co-operative foodstore a colourful launch.

Children from the Blue School at Hardwick, The Vine Inter-Church Primary at Upper Cambourne and Monkfield Park Primary at Great Cambourne used their skills to come up with artwork for a giant welcome banner which will be hung at the School Lane store.

As a 'thank you' the children were invited to help with the store's official opening on Wednesday (November 6), joining with Anglia Co-operative board chairman Harry Whitelock, store manager Jamie Asque, parish council clerk John Vickery and representatives of Cambourne Youth Partnership and the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northants to cut a ribbon. The pupils were also presented with gifts by Mr Whitelock and Mr Asque and their schools each received cheque's for £200 to thank them for their support. The youth partnership and the local Wildlife Trust will both benefit from the store's Token of Support fundraising campaign, which was launched on Wednesday.

Over the next six weeks shoppers will be given a green token at every transaction and will be asked to place it in a special container for the cause they wish to support.

At the end of the campaign the cause receiving the most 'votes' will earn a cheque for £300 and £150 will go to the other.

The store is also supporting Cambourne Village College's appeal to buy a new minibus, donating £100 in vouchers as a raffle prize at a fundraising quiz night later this month.

Clerk John Vickery gave the new store the thumbs-up, saying: "Residents will welcome the chance for choice. It's useful having convenience too – not everyone needs to do a huge shop.

"The new store also helps to give the village a separate identity – and hopefully it will reduce car usage, with people being able to walk to it."

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A Christmas message from the Chairman of Cambourne Parish Council

As we approach the festive holiday period, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well and thank you for the support I have received this year.

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of the Cambourne this year and a delight to meet so many of you at the fete and Cambourne Fireworks. To see so much good work going on in our community is very rewarding. It is an honour to represent this Parish and its people.

It is with great sadness I have to tell you that one of the key members of ground staff passed away last month. Peter Dare known as 'Grandad' was a valued member of the team and will be missed by many.

On behalf of Cambourne Parish Council, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

- Cllr Dominic Plunkett – Chairman

A message from Anglian Water regarding surface water drainage rebates

Following meetings with the Parish Council it has come to light that a number of Cambourne residents may have been told incorrectly, by Anglian Water, that they were not eligible for the Surface Water Drainage rebate on their sewerage charges. Where this is the case, the rebate will be backdated to the start of the financial year in which they were misinformed.

Not all residents in Cambourne will qualify for the rebate, and in those cases the information they were given would have been correct, and so no adjustment needs to be made.

To help identify whether residents may or may not have been incorrectly informed, Anglian Water have provided the Parish Council with a map of the area showing which properties are served by our surface water sewers and from which date. Residents who believe they did receive the wrong information can apply for the backdated rebate by emailing AW at CustomerRelations@anglianwater.co.uk with their name and address, when they moved in, and when they were told they were not eligible. The rebates should be calculated within four weeks and added to their Cambridge Water account with any resulting credit balance being refunded.

Pumping Stations

Here in Cambourne, we rely on a network of pumping stations to take sewage safely away from our homes and businesses. Following significant investment and partnership working we are pleased that the historical issues associated with the pumping stations have largely been resolved.

Building on this work, we are now asking for your help... In recent months the pumps have been repeatedly blocked by household waste such as wipes and sanitary waste which should never be flushed. Most residents are unaware that this waste stops the sewer pumps from working effectively, increasing the risk of sewage flooding back into homes and spilling into the local environment.

Cambourne Parish Council is working with Anglian Water and a number of other organisations including Morrisons supermarket, housing developers and a number of housing associations to raise awareness about the problem amongst residents and provide advice on simple actions we can all take to prevent these 'avoidable' blockages and sewer flooding incidents.

Please dispose of sanitary waste and all used wipes, including baby wipes, facial wipes and household wipes in the bin, not down the toilet. With your help, we can help protect our homes and the local environment from the misery and inconvenience of sewer flooding and pollution incidents. Thank you.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling continues to be a problem and a source of many complaints in Cambourne. There are over 40 dog bins around Cambourne, with another 10 to be installed; please ensure that they are used. Leaving dog mess on the pavements, the open green spaces and the sports pitches 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.

3rd December 7:30pm Planning Committee
* Council

John Vickery

Cambourne Parish Clerk

17th December 7:30pm Planning Committee
* Finance & Policy

14th January 7:30pm Planning Committee
* Council

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

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

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

05/12/13	Green Bin and Blue Bin
12/12/13	Black Bin
19/12/13	Green Bin and Blue Bin
28/12/13	Black Bin
04/01/14	Green Bin and Blue Bin

Bin Collection Dates for this Month in Cambourne

You will receive a weekly collection each Thursday between 7am and 6:30pm, alternating each week between Green and Blue Bins and Black Bins. Bins will be collected a day later (Fridays) on weeks containing a bank holiday.

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

Note that Christmas and new year collections change day to Saturday 28th December and Saturday 4th January

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Dear Editor,

I would like to bring your attention to my recent experience whilst out walking my dog.

It was Mon 18th Nov at about 430pm, and starting to get dark, when my dog, "Homer", who was off lead at the time, suddenly disappeared.

After frantically searching and shouting for a good 10 minutes, I had the very good fortune to meet Ellen and Jordan, both 13 yrs old, who live in Lamb Drove, Great Cambourne.

They were walking their dog "Jess", had heard me shouting, and had run from the other side of Womping Willow Lake to see if I needed help.

After a further 20 minutes of looking, eventually they found our bedraggled mutt!

Teenagers generally get a very bad press, but Jordan and Ellen were genuinely concerned, caring, and very generously gave up their time to help.

I will also be informing their schools, as I feel we are always very quick to remark on negative behaviours, but often fail to commend positive actions.

I am sure anyone who has had the experience of having their dog run off will completely understand the "heartsink" feeling, and appreciate the willingness and kindness when complete strangers offer their help.

A big thank you to Ellen and Jordan!

Yours, Jayne Gibbons, Lower Cambourne.

What's on at Comberton Sports and Arts

05/12/2013 Odyssey Doors 7:00pm £6/£4 cons

An epic musical epic based on Homer's classic

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06/12/2013 Odyssey Doors 7:00pm £7/£5 cons

An epic musical epic based on Homer's classic

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10/12/2013 CVC Music Concert Doors 7:00pm
£6/£4 cons

Music concert with carols and readings

www.combertonvc.org/

13/12/2013 Custard Comedy Doors 7:45pm £10
adv / £12 Door

Three comics and a compere tbc

www.combertonsa.org

22/12/2013 Icen Boxing Doors 7:00pm tbc
Icen ABC Hardwick - amateur boxing tournament

www.iceniabc.co.uk/

10/01/2014 Custard Comedy Doors 7:45pm £10
adv / £12 Door

Three comics and a compere tbc

www.combertonsa.org

Cambourne School Reports



Cambourne 123s is a fun and friendly toddler group
We meet on Fridays from 10-11.30am at the Sports Pavilion
Cost £2 per child (extra children 50p, under 1s free)

Cambourne 123's is run by a group of mums on a voluntary basis and hopes to provide a calm(ish!) environment for toddlers to play safely whilst their carers enjoy a chat plus a FREE cuppa and biscuits! So, if you are new to the area or just feel like getting out of the house, then please do come along. Do you have too many toys cluttering up your house? Cambourne 123s will gladly take them off your hands; contact us on the email address/number below.

If you are interested please do come along, as we would love to see you or for more info please contact Jane on 07530 537253 or email cambourne123s@hotmail.co.uk



The Vine Inter Church Primary School Fantastic Journeys Family Learning Workshop
WOW! What a fantastic morning we had!! We would like to say thank you to all the families who joined us for an amazing fun packed time. It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages enjoying the activities on offer. Families were able to cook, taste, dance, create, investigate, explore and imagine many different activities. The school was buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm. The Family Learning Workshop has grown year on year and we are so pleased that our families and visitors have enjoyed the learning workshop.

Last year we had 300+ visitors through the doors however this year we topped 430+ people!!! The whole atmosphere felt relaxed and happy. Thank you to everybody, including the Year 6 pupils who were involved in setting up and running activities.

Finally thank you for coming along and supporting us at The Vine!!!

Here are a few comments from our visitors; enjoy the photos too!!

"It's been absolutely fab! Really fun, so much to do. Really captures the spirit of the Vine. Very welcoming. Thank you." Jo

"Fabulous morning, lots to do, lots of information, happy atmosphere. Well done!"

"Great for the children and the mums and dads, we learnt a lot about the school."

"Had a great time thank you. Looking forward to next year's activities." (Mrs Teo)

"Great event, thank you very much. We really enjoyed the Beebots, building a car and the treasure hunt. We need more bacon rolls next year!!"

"I have enjoyed every activity, however especially how I was allowed to help out!" (Hope)

"1st time at one of these and brought Nanny & Grandad, we all loved it. Daisy saw many friends from school. Nanny tried on a Sari and I got henna tattoos. Loved the hedgehog bread."



In Ks1 we have been going back in time to the 1600s! The children were very excited to find an old treasure map which led them around the school grounds. They spent time digging in the mud, finding missing bits of the map and using magnifying glasses to identify clues on the ground. The suspense grew quickly and the children were brimming with excitement but after a few failed attempts to find the treasure, they began to lose hope! Fortunately, one of the children was quick to notice an unsettled mound of bark. Carefully, with

the help of a few others, the children dug around the bark to reveal a small parcel wrapped in hessian. How peculiar, no sparkling diamonds or radiant rubies. Not even a hint of gold! It was quickly decided that we should go back to the classroom to investigate further. Eventually the secret was revealed, a block of parmesan- how strange! After a bit of research, the children discovered that it belonged to Samuel Pepys, who infamously recorded the terrifying unfolding of the Great Fire of London. This was a fantastic use of mantle of the expert, which here at Jeavons Wood, we are very passionate about using. It is important to bring learning to life for the children to ensure they have a multi-faceted experience and develop an intrinsic love of learning. Visitors to the school are always very complimentary regarding the learning. They love to see such active learning, learning that has longevity and learning that will stay with the children for a long time.

Here is what some of the children said about our surprise treasure map adventure...

"I was so excited to get the map, we were real history detectives for the day"

"I know that Samuel Pepys buried his parmesan because he really liked it and it was expensive and he didn't want the fire to cook it!"

"I liked trying the parmesan, it was a bit salty!"

Stay tuned for more updates on the exciting learning happening here at Jeavons Wood next time around!



Cambourne Village College – December News

As we move into December, it seems that the pace of life at CamVC has slackened not a bit. We ended our first half term with the whole year group experiencing two 'Curriculum Extension Days', the students enjoying a day of sports here in our super indoor facilities and also visiting Ely Cathedral, where they learnt about its history, did some excellent sketching and brass-rubbing, and visited the Stained Glass Museum. We are really privileged to be working with the cathedral team to create a stained glass installation for our entrance hall, to which every student will contribute a glass panel, fired in the kiln at school. This will be ready by the end of the school year and along with the DT project in which each pupil is designing and making a door plate, means that everyone is contributing to the beauty of the school.

Auditions are taking place for our first big production, the musical 'Oliver', and we have begun to plan for our residential visit to Beaumanor Hall next summer. All of the students have taken part in an excellent collaborative project with Cambourne Library, in which they each chose two new books for the library stock. We commemorated Remembrance Day with a two minute silence – the students behaving with impeccable respect, while Children in Need day took on a rather different character. With a fancy-dress theme of 'Heroes, Heroines and Villains', the staff had a great time dressing up, and quite a few of the students did too! We raised £284 for the CIN appeal, and have also been running a collection for the victims of the Philippines Typhoon disaster.

At the end of last half term, we met with the Year 6 teachers from our catchment schools to reflect on what had gone well in the transition from primary to secondary phase, and to consider how we could improve the process for the pupils next time round. We are already thinking about next year's timetable and relishing the thought of doubling our student roll in one day!

We continue to enjoy fantastic support from our parents' association, the 'Friends of CamVC', who will have held their first Quiz night – already a sell out – by the time this is published. We are also delighted to have been given a cheque for the fantastic sum of £1,509 by the Rhythm of Life Singers, who have generously donated the proceeds of their autumn concert to our Minibus Appeal Fund. Thank you all very much!

Visitors to the College continue to remark on the excellent behaviour and good manners of our students, and of utmost importance, their positive attitude to learning in the classroom. By the end of term, the pupils will thoroughly deserve their break – as will the staff who have worked tirelessly, but with huge enjoyment, to get us off to such a flying start.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and are looking forward to an even more exciting New Year.

Claire Coates, Head of School, Cambourne Village College.



Hardwick Community Primary School

We have had a busy and enjoyable time on both sites. The Y3/4 children had a great afternoon sharing their Caribbean work with their parents, and are now engrossed in their topic on Rainforests. The children in Y5/6 visited Bhaktivedanta Manor to enrich their work on India, and in Y1/2 a range of fire-related activities are distracting the children before they begin preparations for their Christmas production!

We are moving further forward with the plans for our permanent site in Cambourne, there's lots to think about in anticipation of this, and we are enjoying shaping how this will all happen and fine-tuning how classrooms and outdoor spaces will look.

As we approach the end of term, the children are now thinking more and more about Christmas. The performance rehearsals are well underway, and children from both sites are excited about teaming up with their friends from the other sites.

We also have our annual PTA 'Crafty Christmas' school bazaar on Saturday 7th December The time 13.30-16.30.

This will be at the Blue School, and is open to everyone who wants to pop down and join in the fun. There will be stalls, games, craft activities, delicious festive foods and of course a chance to meet Father Christmas himself!

For all parents with children looking to start school next September, we realise that decision time is fast approaching. If you haven't visited our school and would like to, please don't hesitate to ring the school office to arrange an appointment.

Finally, on behalf of all of us from Hardwick School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Monkfield Park

Primary School and Care & Learning Centre

News from Monkfield Park Care and Learning Centre

The New Term: This term we have been developing our imaginative and role play areas, we began the term with a shop; the children have been very busy in this area and are developing their narrative skills as they imitate and explore. We also have a café by the shop, where our budding Baristas have been serving up tea, coffee, juice, milkshakes, cakes, ice-creams and yogurts. This area has recently become a Post Office, and the children are having fun "writing" and sending letters to each other, and "serving" at the counter. These activities support, extend and develop the children's personal, social and emotional development, language and communication skills along with mathematical based language which is used when 'buying' things from the shop.

Autumn: We have also been exploring 'autumn treasures'. We have observed natural objects that include wheat ears, conkers, acorns, fir cones, ash keys, bark and leaves. Children have been using descriptive language to develop their ideas and have identified that conker shells can be 'spikey' as well as being 'smooth and soft'!

We have collected autumn leaves from the garden and have used these to do rubbings to explore patterns. We have also enjoyed singing some autumn songs.

Diwali Celebrations: To celebrate Diwali in the pre-school we made Vegetable Curry, Bombay Aloo, Mushroom Bhaji, and Dahl during the week, and tasted everything on Friday, along with rice popadums and nan bread.

Children in Need: We supported the Children in Need Appeal by bringing a teddy to pre-school in return for a donation to Pudsey Bear.

Christmas!! We are looking forward to the Christmas celebrations and the pre-school will be giving a Christmas production as usual. There will be a Drop-In day for parents of pre-school children, when they can come into the pre-school and work with their child at an activity.

PEACEHAVEN International Playgroup AFTERSCHOOL Art Club/Playgroup

Wednesday 3:30 to 5:00pm, except school holidays



Enjoy a piece of cake, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. There are refreshments and arts activities.

PIP is intended for children ages (0 to 12 years old) and parents/carers. All nationalities are welcome.

The entry fee is £1.00 per family for children ages 0 to 5 years old and £1.00 per session each for art students ages 6 to 12 years old. Registration is done in person.

For enquiries contact: Laura Bangs on (01954) 710510; email: Peacehavenip@aol.com;
Website: <http://peacehaven-international-playgroup.co.uk>

December 4 Spicy tree ornaments/Punched paper ornaments/Cool/Warm Colour Drawings & Paintings
December 11 Silver bells/Paper evergreens & Jamaican Festival
December 18 Snowmen pictures/Painting

*Sponsored by Peacehaven Baptist Church,
Cambourne Community Centre, The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire CB23 6GW*

Carers and Tots

We are a friendly, popular group meeting every Thursday from 09.30-11.00 in the main hall at the Hub.
Cost: £1.50 for carers and 1 child with 50p charged for each additional child. This fee includes refreshments.
Suitable for all pre-school children (0-5 years old).

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.

On the 19th December we will hold our Christmas Party and this will be the last session of 2013.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2014!

Carers and Tots 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 talk to us.



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

There is always play and chat but alongside there will be the following talks/sessions: We look forward to seeing you in 2014 – keep an eye on our facebook page and/or website.

We will also have people at the meetings who are involved with the Cambourne Sling Meet & Sling Library if you have any questions about babywearing. The Sling Meet will happen in the hall, alongside the group, once a month – please check facebook and our website to see when the next one will be.

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

December 6	Christmas Cards
December 13	Paper plate snowmen
December 20	CHRISTMAS PARTY, hand print calendars
December 27	CLOSED - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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).



Cambourne Church
A partnership of the
Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church
Service Times: Sunday 9.30 and 11.00am
1st Sunday in the month 10.00 am (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)
www.cambournechurch.org.uk



Welcome to Rev Dr Lynda and Nigel Taylor



I am pleased to have recently joined Cambourne Church as its new, part-time Assistant Minister. I am an ordained minister in the Church of England as well as an academic lecturer and researcher in the field of English language teaching and assessment at the University of Bedfordshire. My husband Nigel and I moved to Cambourne after living and working for many years in the centre of Cambridge. Nigel recently retired from Hills Road Sixth Form College where he was Assistant Principal. We value the international and multi-denominational nature of the church and its strong links with the wider community. As well as spending time with our married daughters, sons-in-law and 4 small grandchildren, we enjoy films and country walks. We are very much looking forward to settling into the local church and neighbourhood.

Saturday 21st December

19 the Coffee House open 10-12

Sunday 22nd December 10.00

All age service ~ **Nativity**

Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm All Age Christmas Eve service

11.30 pm Reflective Watchnight service with Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December

10.30 service

All Age Christmas day celebration

Christmas Celebrations

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm

Family Christingle service

Monday 16th December 7.30pm Carols around Upper Cambourne Starting from the junction of Lancaster Gate with Eastgate. All welcome! - Beer and Carols in the Monkfield Arms Wed 18th at 8-30pm

Carols on the Green In Lower Cambourne

Friday 20th December at 6.30pm Led by: Salvation Army Brass Band
And Rhythm of Life singers Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards
Bring a torch



CAMBOURNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December marks the beginning of Advent and commences Sunday December 2nd and ends Monday 24th December. The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning "*coming*". We are of course looking forward to the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ into the world. The advent wreath's symbolism of the advent of light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles help to symbolise not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Advent is a time of reflection. We are to look back at the birth of Christ in Bethlehem and we are also to look forward to the second coming at the end of time. We are caught in the juxtaposition between the two and recognise that God became man, in the humility, innocence and vulnerability of a baby. He came to bring us hope, truth and to show us how to live and love and to give meaning to our lives. He gave us a means of knowing him and following him after his death on the cross by establishing his Church to guide us, the sacraments to sustain us and the Word of God in the Bible to nourish us.

The readings from the Scriptures in Advent will turn our minds and attention to the end times and the Second Coming. We are fortified with hope and reminded to stay awake and be watchful so that he does not find us asleep with the slumber and cares of the world which do not last. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ. Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life here and the life to come.

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

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



Peacehaven Baptist Church



Meeting Sundays at the Hub
10 am Bible Study and Sunday School
11 am Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings 7 pm Pastor's home

For more info email Peacehavenbc@aol.com www.peacehavenbc.org.uk
or call Pastor Donovan Bangs 01954 710510

Pastoral Thoughts

Now it is December, the month in which Christians celebrate one of the two biggest events in history. The birth of Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God and God the Son. The other event being the crucifixion and resurrection which we often refer to as Easter.

Christ was the solution promised for the problem of Mans sin, the perfect payment and supreme substitutionary sacrifice. He was born of a virgin as prophesied. (Isaiah 7:14) so that there was no sin of man in his conception (Romans 5:12). Born in Bethlehem as prophesied (Micah 5:2) to the house of David. His birth alone fulfilled so many more prophecies. He was born in a stable for he was the Lamb, (John 1:29) the prophesied seed of the woman that would bruise the serpents head. (Genesis 3:15). As the Angels announced to the frightened shepherds that message still rings for you and I this Christmas Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

All people includes you and I , regardless of your background this is good news. The first Christmas gift was given for you. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This is the meaning of Christmas. This gift of Christ that I hope you will all receive with the love in which it was given.

Merry Christmas Cambourne

If you have any questions or just need to Chat let us know.

Pastor Donovan Bangs

You are invited to

Peacehaven International

Playgroup's

Jamaican Festival

Where: Cambourne Community Centre

When: December 11, 2013

3:30 to 5:30 pm

Supper and arts activities included

One pound per family

For bookings & enquiries contact:

Laura Bangs, (01954) 710510

Peacehavenip@aol.com

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland 2013 on Saturday 2nd November was a huge success with over 350 people coming along to make christmas crafts with their children. It was a wonderful time with families working alongside their young ones, getting sticky, gooey, messy, sparkly and having a relaxed time together. It is our seventh year of putting on this event for our community and started from a christian church group who asked themselves "what can we do FOR other people". It has grown and expanded over the years and we want to thank the amazing volunteers who join us each year in this adventure. It wouldn't happen without you, so we publicly thank you and want you to know how thoughtful and special you are to give of your time and effort in this way. Communities are made better by people like you. Next year's Winter Wonderland will be held on Saturday the 8th November from 1pm - 5pm for all of those who want to come along and for those of you who'd like to volunteer on a craft table. Call Hayley on 01954 719503 for information and if you'd like to help. No experience necessary.



Report ALL Faulty Cambourne Street lights
Email Cambournelights@mail.com or fill in the online web form
www.cambourne.info - under local information tab
please also check if the light has a number.

State road and address of nearest house and builder to avoid delays,
or phone or send a text to Rogers mobile 07982 412567



SEASONS GREETINGS FROM CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

The Cambourne Library staff would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Xmas.

The library will be closed from 1.00pm on 24th DECEMBER until 2ND JANUARY 2014.

Please note that Cambridge Central Library will be open for some of the Christmas period.
Please see the library website for details.

Cambourne Library are having a special Xmas Book Sale in December.
We also have a great selection of Xmas cards for sale.

XMAS RHYME TIME AND STORY TIME – We will be having a special festive combined Rhyme and Storytime on Friday 13th December from 9.30 – 10.30.

FREE EVENTS IN YOUR LIBRARY:

ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON – Wed 8th January 2.00 – 3.30pm See library for details.

FAMILY HISTORY DROP-IN Session – Monday 20th January 2014 2.30 – 4.30. Just pop into the library for assistance with tracing your ancestors.

JOB CENTRE PLUS – 15th January 1.30 – 3.30. Drop in for help with cvs, applying for jobs and job information.

If you haven't joined yet we hope to see you in the New Year.

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. The scheme had a very busy October and needs volunteer drivers, no ongoing commitment is necessary.

Minimum cost to Cambridge is £6, Addenbrooke's is £9, anywhere in Cambourne is £2.50.

- our volunteers are able to help ordinary people with appointments or some social engagements.

The scheme still currently needs volunteer drivers please contact :- the co-ordinator for the Cambourne Scheme Samantha (Sam) Morrison (or Roger Hume 01954 201808) 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).

Sponsored by Cambs CC, Cambourne Parish Council and South Cambs DC

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



DECEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke: Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking your Christmas dinner. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.

Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.

Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.

Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works.

And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.



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



CAMBOURNE ARTS

ART GANG

This group meets in the Monkfield Arms at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month for people interested in art either professionally or as a hobby to meet and chat about their work and art in general.

WORDS FOR PLEASURE

'Words for Pleasure' is a friendly, fun and welcoming writers' group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in Cambourne Library at 1.30pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday December 5th, when the topic will be 'Christmas'

For more information please get in touch by phoning Pat Callaghan 01954 718836, ask at the library or just turn up on the day.

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

The Beginners Group meets in the Lower Cambourne cricket pavilion on Tuesday morning 10am -12 noon, and Improvers meet in the Sports Pavilion at the back of the Leisure Centre on Wednesday morning, also from 10am – 12 noon. The tutor for both sessions is a local artist and experienced teacher. Planning ahead, please phone 01954 710858 if you would like to sign up for the Spring term at a cost of around £65 for 10 sessions

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. Regular meetings take place on Tuesday evenings in the Belfry. For more details visit the website:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotohistorygroup/> 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. The next session takes place on Tuesday December 17th. To book a place, cost approx £7, phone 01954 710858

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



Cambourne Garden Club

The Club will meet in the Belfry Hotel at 7.30pm on Thursday January 23rd and

anyone is welcome. We will be talking about various aspects of gardening and gardens and planning for the year ahead.

If you have an allotment, or just a window box, come along and share your problems, hints and questions with like-minded people, some with green fingers and some just with muddy fingers.

There is no charge while the Club is meeting at the Belfry, apart from the price of a drink.

For further info on the club, contact Fran on 710858

BT Infinity Update : from Dominic Plunkett

I've had the following from BT :

"Due to the unprecedented levels of demand for fibre services in Caxton, we are having to expand the capacity of the fibre equipment at the exchange. We have ordered the necessary electronic equipment, and aim to prioritise its installation, but this is complex work and will take some time. We would ask residents to bear with us whilst we conduct this work, and would like to reassure them that we will be making every effort to enable them to place orders as rapidly as possible in the new year."

If you haven't yet filled in my survey of properties who can't get Infinity please do. If you have already filled it in thanks very much, there is no need to fill it in again.

<http://www.cambourne.info/broadband-responses-please/>



CAMBOURNE WI - December

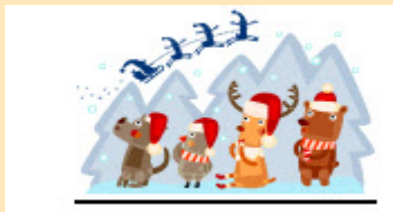
Would you like an evening out with like-minded ladies?

Over the year we have had a variety of speakers. Amongst other things we have learnt to make felt, viewed some wonderful photographs from all over the world, We have entered the world of Theatrical make up and heard more about the History of Cambourne.

Our last meeting of the year will be a 'bring and share' Christmas Social. We meet in the Hub on 12th December, at 7.30 p.m.

- The Book club meets on the first Thursday of the month. You can collect your book from Cambourne library and then come and join us for a lively discussion in the hotel on the book of the month. Non-members of the WI are very welcome. For more information please contact Fran on 07780266511
- 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 have some new members. Practices are aimed at honing skills of aim, dexterity and maths. Non-WI members are welcome, although to play in matches, which are held between April and July, you need to be a WI member. If you are interested in playing darts please contact Joan on 200908 or Edna on 717360.

If you are new to the area or would just like to meet likeminded ladies then get in touch and come and try us out. Visitors are more than welcome. For more information please contact Pam on 201808 or pam.hume@ntlworld.com, or telephone Joan on 200908.



Monkfield Medical Practice



NHS 111 Service

The new NHS 111 service for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough was launched on Tuesday the 12th November. Calls to NHS 111 are free from both landlines and mobiles when called directly.

Practice Closure- Clinical Governance Training

The practice will be closed for Clinical Governance training on the afternoon of Wednesday 11 December 2013 from 1pm, during this time calls will be diverted to Urgent Care Cambridge.

Christmas and New Year Opening

The Practice will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year Day Bank Holidays. There will be emergency appointments only available on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

Record sharing within the NHS

The Department of Health is now implementing its national initiative to ensure that information about you and the care you receive within the NHS is shared by Healthcare staff in a secure system. If you are happy for your information to be shared you do not need to do anything. If you have concerns or would like more information, the health and Social Care Information Centre have produced leaflets which will be available from your GP surgery. You can also get further information from these websites: www.nhs.uk/caredata or www.hscic.gov.uk , you do have a choice about how your information is used and shared.

Patient records

In addition to the above you will be asked to complete a leaflet produced by the local Clinical Commissioning Group, Many health services, including this practice use a secure electronic health record system called SystmOne. With your permission, this system can allow other clinicians access to your record when you are seeking their services. If you have any queries then please contact the Patient Experience Team on 0800 279 2535 or capccg.pet@nhs.net Their contact details are included in the leaflet

Parking

Please remember that parking in the surgery car park is reserved for staff and disabled badge holders only. There is ample free parking for other patients in the supermarket car park with access to the surgery via the pedestrian gates.

Pneumococcal vaccinations

We are sending out phased invitations to all of our patients over 65 years of age who have not had the Pneumococcal vaccination or declined to have it within the last 2 years. Please book an appointment in one of the clinics which are being held at the practice.

If you do not wish to have the vaccine then please complete the 'decline slip' at the bottom of the invitation and hand it in at reception. We can then up date our records

Repeat prescriptions

You probably order your repeat prescriptions via e mail. Now you can order through our clinical system from a link on our website. www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk Please register for this service at reception where you will be issued with a user name and a password and will then be able to access your repeat medication lists and select the ones you want. This method is safer because you will no longer have to remember the spelling of your medication simply tick a box.

Happy Christmas and Best wishes for 2014
From All staff @ Monkfield Medical Practice

YOUR CAMBOURNE TIMEBANK – Come and Join us!



It's LOCAL, FREE and FUN and suitable for nearly everyone, whatever your age!

Not so long ago we all knew our neighbours - we knew who to ask for help from and our neighbours knew us and who to ask for a favour in return. We had time to perhaps give our time for free and expect nothing in return. BUT Life has changed – our friends and family don't always live nearby, we're often too busy with family life or working and it's not easy to ask for help from people we don't know very well, especially if new to an area, or even the country!

What is a Timebank?

Quite simply, it's a FREE sharing of help, skills, knowledge and time in your community – you volunteer your time to other members when it suits you, building up credits in the 'Timebank', and you take out time when you need something in return.

Everyone's time is equal – One hour = One Time Credit

So one member could earn credits by helping a neighbour with their shopping then spend their credits having their garden tidied up. We have even linked up with local community organisations and Businesses to provide links to local services and events, work experience, Legal advice and Sports activities!!

Get in touch with Tricia or Louise for more information, see us at a local event (We're at The HUB on 23 November and 11 December) or why not just pop along to our friendly Coffee Club on a Wednesday morning, 10-11.30 at Café 19, The Church.

Tricia Bush, Timebank Co-Ordinator, CHS Group 07240 122624/01223 713768, Louise Walpole, Timebank Ambassador



Wildlife Review December 2013



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

With the branches almost bare and cold grey mornings, it may seem like quite a drab time of year. But the advantage of the leaves falling is that birds are much more visible and the muddy or snowy ground is perfect for spotting tracks and signs of animals. If you take a winter walk over the Christmas holidays let me know about the wildlife you see.

If you would like to improve your wildlife knowledge our Wildlife Training Workshops programme for 2014 has just come out. You can find it on our website or call into the office for a leaflet. There are courses based in Cambourne and nearby on topics including geology, water voles, birdsong, small mammals and coppicing. It could make a good Christmas present for someone! We also have Christmas cards, calendars, mugs and other gifts on our website www.wildlifebcn.org

Great Fen

If you want somewhere different to visit over the winter, why not try the Great Fen? This is one of the most exciting habitat restoration schemes ever undertaken in Europe. We're aiming to return 14 square miles of arable fields in Cambridgeshire back to wildlife-rich and people-friendly fenland. Already some of the rarest species in Britain such as otter, water vole and the scarce chaser dragonfly are returning since we began work. We now have a fantastic opportunity to transform another 182 hectares (450 acres) of land at the heart of the Great Fen at Engine Farm. This would increase the area for wildlife by almost a fifth in one go. To find out more about visiting the Great Fen go to www.greatfen.org.uk. Please help us by donating to our appeal. Visit www.wildlifebcn.org/appeals Text TRUST FEN3 £5 to 70070 or call 01954 713543

Path works

Thank you for your patience with the path repairs to the southern boundary. Hopefully it will be finished by the time you read this, but it would benefit from limited use for a while to allow the surface to settle in. In particular it would be good if bicycles and horses could keep off it for as long as possible so that holes don't form while the surface is still soft. Once it had firmed up then it should last a good long time and not have the erosion problems of the previous surface.

Celebrations

Next year the Wildlife Trust will be celebrating 10 years in Cambourne and invite you to join in the fun. There will be a programme of free events throughout the year including guided walks, talks, exhibitions and wildlife surveys. More details will follow in the next Crier.

In the mean time I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jenny Mackay - Wildlife Trust Reserves Officer Email: jenny.mackay@wildlifebcn.org

Call: 01954 713516 (usually on voicemail as I am out and about or call the main office number 713500 for urgent messages)

To find out more about your local Wildlife Trust, please visit www.wildlifebcn.org

Cambourne Mens Bake Club

You may have noticed, thanks to TV ads on since September, that it's nearly Christmas.

It goes without saying this is both a great opportunity for putting your baking skills through their paces and a very busy time too. So if time is short but you still want to impress family and friends, with your baked food, why not knock out some easy mince pies.

Now, you can do the thin filled type like grandma used to make but why not go big and make these deep filled no nonsense mince pies. This recipe will make 12 man sized mince pies.

Ingredients:

225g cold butter, chopped
350g plain flour
100g icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
410g jar mincemeat

Method:

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Rub the butter into the flour and icing sugar with your fingertips, or blend in a food processor, until the mixture comes together in a ball – you don't need to add any liquid or chill it. Knead briefly, then cut into 12 equal pieces.

2. Taking a piece of dough at a time, cut off two-thirds and press into the base and up the sides of a muffin tin hole. Repeat to make 12. Spoon the mincemeat into the pastry cases – it won't completely fill them.

3. Now take the 12 remaining smaller pieces of pastry. Roll each into a ball and flatten to make a disc for the mince pie lid. Add one to each pie and tuck the pastry that comes up the sides of the tin down to seal it. Prick the tops with a fork a few times.

4. Bake for 12-15 mins or until pale golden. Cool in the tins for about 10 mins, then give the pies a little twist to stop them from sticking. When cool, carefully remove from the tins. Dust with icing sugar when ready to serve.

5. When cold these pies can be frozen ready to defrost and enjoy when required.

Remember, if you want to join us at our next Mens Bake Club meeting keep a look out at Greens Coffee for our posters,

follow us on facebook or contact me at: cambournebakeclub@gmail.com

CAMBOURNE KITCHEN

A Simple Indulgent Hot Chocolate

Okay, so we must finally admit that winter is indeed here. We've had a wonderful summer and autumn but now what we all like on those cold, dark evenings is something warm and comforting. Cue recipe. This is so easy to make and without being heavy it just gives you that lift you need when we get in from a long day. It's also great because it can often get so hectic over this festive period so something quick to hand can be a great fall back and relieve some of that tension.

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp good quality hot chocolate powder (plus a little extra for dusting) You could use 1½ tsp cocoa and 1-2tsp sugar instead
- 100ml boiling water
- 200ml milk (whatever your preference – I have used whole milk but skimmed, semi or even dairy alternatives would be fine)
- A drop of almond extract
- A scoop of ice cream
- A dollop of whipped cream
- A small sprinkling of orange zest

Method:

In a tall glass or mug make a paste with the chocolate powder and water. Add the milk and heat in a microwave for about two minutes (you could just as easily heat in a pan on the hob). Add the almond extract and stir through. Top with the ice cream and then the cream and dust the top with a little chocolate powder and the zest of orange. Da dah! Done and ready for you to dive into.

The contrast between the cool top and the hot liquid is lovely and of course, the ice cream immediately starts to melt and create a delicious sweet creamy top.

Be creative. I have suggested almond and orange (a little Christmassy flavour) but you could add anything. Why not try a wee dram of something like Irish cream, whisky, brandy. Or non-alcoholic; coffee, ginger, cinnamon or mint. The sky really is the limit. So get indulging and enjoying!





Strictly Panto
Little Red Riding Hood

Adults - £10
Children - £7.50
Family Ticket -
2 Adults and up
to 3 Children -
£32.50

Cambourne
Village
College

Saturday 18th
January 2014
at 2:00pm and
7:30pm

Sunday 19th
January 2014
at 2:00pm

For tickets, call the Box
office: 01480 830 934

Cambourne Business Park Christmas Market Wednesday 11th December From 1200 till 2pm At the Marketing Office

Join us for free mulled wine and mince
pies and an opportunity for a bit of
Christmas shopping

With seasonal music from the Salvation
Army band
Stalls include handmade sweets cards,
jewellery, cosmetics, children's books
and toys, handbags, and many more gift
ideas



1st Cambourne Cubs visited RAF Hendon on the 17th November. This was to complete our air activities badge.

We started the day by looking inside the World War 1 hangar. This was where the draftsmen and women drew the planes and saw them actually turned into aircraft. The boys got to touch the materials these planes were made out of. They were glad they didn't have to fly in these rather 'flimsy' looking planes.

The 'Battle of Britain' hangar gave the Cubs a real taste of life during the Second World War. They enjoyed watching the various films showing the aircraft being skilfully flown. They also liked walking through a plane that could land on water!

The remainder of our visit saw us walking around the main indoor hangers. These are crammed full of many different types of planes. The boys found the Lancaster bomber most impressive but did wonder how on earth it ever took off! We also enjoyed climbing into a real cockpit and being able to touch the controls.

To round off our day we ended up in the 'hands on' section of the museum. There was a range of activities to help explain the theory behind flight. The Cubs particularly enjoyed having to control a beach ball with air and loading a plane with a 'bomb' which they could then drop over a target.

What a fabulous day out we all had. The cubs arrived back in Cambourne extremely weary but with their heads filled with aeroplanes.



Would you like to be part of an active Cub pack? Could your company offer our Cubs an entertaining evening out? Please get in touch on 1stcambournecubs@gmail.com.



DISPATCHES

The latest news from the 2484 (Bassingbourne) Squadron and 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight Air Training Corps.

For The Fallen

Cadets and Staff of 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight, Air Training Corps remembered the fallen at the Annual ceremony of Remembrance in Bassingbourn on Sunday 10th November 2013, Cadets respectfully laid crosses on the individual graves of the fallen at Bassingbourn Cemetery.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old / Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning / We will remember them."*

The Cadets then marched from the cemetery, down the streets of Bassingbourn Village to the War Memorial, where they joined the Royal British Legion, Bassingbourn Parish Council, Village College school students, Children of the 1st Bassingbourn Brownies, and representatives of the Army. While 53 names of the fallen were read out, wreaths and personal tributes were laid before the bugler signalled the start of the two minute silence with the playing of The Last post. After the parade, there was a remembrance service at the parish church where 2484 Squadron banner party performed their sequence in support of the service proceedings.

If you would like information on how to join the Air Cadets, become a member of staff or support the Flight by joining the Civilian Committee, please call to arrange a visit us at Bassingbourn Barracks or at Cambourne Sports Pavilion, Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9pm.

Remembrance Sunday Parade

With a fantastic turnout of parents and children alike, Guiding and Scouting members in Cambourne paraded from the Monkfield Arms to the Church to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday. Over 100 adults and children met at the Monkfield Arms for the parade. Scout and Guiding leaders organised the groups of children with wreaths and poppy embellished crosses to lay at the Church.

Guides read the words from "Taking a Stand" by John Bailey, a veteran of recent military conflict. Brownies read "Never Again" by Scott Bailey aged 10 and "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae, while the Rainbows read part of "Are you sleeping" and a short poem entitled "Little Poppy". The speeches finished with a few words from the Scouts. We were so pleased that so many of the children had an opportunity to be present on the day and to take an active part in our reflections at the church.

After our 2 minutes silence we walked back to the Monkfield Arms in glorious sunshine for drinks and cakes, provided by the families present on the day. Donations for refreshments collected on the day came to over £200 which went straight to the poppy appeal.

It was a fantastic opportunity for all of us to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. The children behaved fantastically – even the youngest recognising the solemnity of the occasion.

Huge thanks to Toni Hall, Monique Carew and Rachel Moore of the 3rd Cambourne Rainbows for organising the event and for Mark Sayer and his Scouting colleagues for being involved. Special thanks to the team at the Monkfield Arms for opening their doors and helping us to provide all those refreshments on the day – we couldn't have raised so much without your help.

Representatives from all Scouting and Guiding units in the village were represented and all agreed that it must be a regular feature of Cambourne Village life.



Lake Ewart is Cambourne's only fishable lake with an average depth of 4 ½ ft. Located in Cambourne Country Park there are 31 marked pegs to fish from. It is stocked with Rudd, Roach, Chub, Bream, Perch, Barbel, and also Carp of mirror, common and crucian varieties. The largest reported Carp so far has weighed in at 19lb. Float, leger, pole, method and fly fishing techniques are welcome. There are 2 specimen awards yearly open to members.

Day tickets are only £5 (Dawn till Dusk) Season ticket Adult £20 (16 onwards)

Children under 13 FREE (must be accompanied by an adult member or day ticket holder)

Season ticket Junior £10 (13 – 16 year olds)

Please visit the website for the lake rules and more information. www.cambournefishingclub.com

The perfect Xmas gift for those that fish Due to popular demand 2014 season tickets will be on sale from the 1st December this year. Tickets can be bought from Massif Bikes in Cambourne or MAD Tackle in St. Neots



The Running Man

Hints, Tips and Info for Runners

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



Hopefully you've been embracing the cold and dark and still getting out and running. We are lucky in Cambourne to have such a variety of places to run from the local paths and roads to the trails of the country park. I still never tire of running around Cambourne and the Cambridgeshire countryside in general. There is nothing like the simple pleasure of pulling on a pair of run shoes and forgetting your problems while on a run.

I'm lucky enough to be able to share this passion for running with a great bunch of people each week as part of the Cambourne Runners.

NEW 2014 BEGINNERS GROUP

If you want to take up running as part of a new fitness regime for 2014 or as a way to lose weight then you might be interested in joining the 2014 Cambourne Runners Beginners Group. This popular and successful group will be in its fourth year in 2014 its aim, over a two month period, to take people with no running experience to being able to run 5k confidently. The group will meet on Saturday mornings following the experienced runners session.

This years group of beginners have all gone from strength to strength, many going from complete novices to half marathon runners in the space of just nine months!

It's all done for free, so no obligations or memberships to pay for - what have you got to lose?

If you are interested please drop me an email to cambournerunners@gmail.com to get more details and register for a place.

The Cambourne Runners Group meets 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: Parkrun 5 km trail Cambridge, Milton Park and The Wimpole Estate and Huntingdon all Start at 9am.
Sunday May 19th: Wimpole HooHaah 10k

Walking Group

Five of us walked from Chesterton, along the towpath to Baits Bite Lock, returning the other side of the river, via Fen Ditton. Some of us stayed in Chesterton for a pub lunch - which was very good. Everyone enjoyed the walk, indeed it is a favourite of some members.

The December walk is to Bourn, via the windmill. We will almost certainly stop for coffee in Bourn - and browse the shops. This is an ideal walk for those who are unsure of what distance they are capable of walking. We meet at the rear entrance of the library at 10.15 am on the second Friday of the month, the 13th. Hopefully, some of you will be able to join us.

In January we will meet to plan next year's walks, so look out for our plans in the February edition of the Crier

Beginners Running Course

10 Weeks starting 28th January 2014

All abilities welcome, Join us in the New Year to get into shape!

Cambourne Women Runners Meet at the ARK Tuesdays 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.
For more information, and to register your interest, contact information.cwr@gmail.com.



Chicks Wot Run....



CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

Contact Details: www.cambournetenniscub.co.uk

The Cambourne Tennis Club recently had a friendly match for U8, U9, U10 and U15 on November 10, 2013 Sunday at Ely Tennis Club. The event was organised by Ely Tennis Club Head Coach Sebastien Scaux and Cambourne Tennis Club Coach Kay Yanagawa

Cambourne Tennis Club teams were: (U8) Timmy, Conner, Nichole and Joes (U9) David, Tate, Zak and Callum (U10) Shivek, Oliver and Anmol (U15) Tom, Bryan and Oliver



Tournament Winners

Under 8 -Name: Conner Ecclestone, Age: 7 Tennis Experience: 2 years

Favorite Player: Andy Murray Match Experiences: 4/5 matches

Connor likes playing tennis as it is his favorite sport and he likes watching tennis too. Connor was lucky enough to go to Wimbledon this year which he thought was fantastic.

Under 9 -Name: Zak Boualen Age: 9 Tennis Experience: 3 years

Favorite Player: Roger Federer Match Experience: 1 match this summer

Zak likes tennis because I like the way you can hit the ball in many directions and the strokes are all different

It is getting colder but we are still having coaching though winter (indoor coaching too), so please contact Over and In.

Club sessions run twice a week on Wednesdays at 18.00 and Sundays at 14.00. If you want to meet a group of friendly people and give tennis a try then come on down and give it a go, we'd love to see you there.

Club contact information: www.cambournetenniscub.co.uk



This month has had mixed results for Cambourne's Adult teams. Unfortunately Cambourne 2 experienced their first Winter League defeat in nearly two years when they were beaten 33:27 by Ely. They came back fighting last week though to secure a 32:28 victory over MI7 and are now focusing on regaining their first position in the table.

Cambourne 3 however, have continued to go from strength to strength by beating Swifts by 29:25 and Hawks 42:20, placing them joint top of the table with City of Ely, who they will face in the new year.

Cambourne 4 have had similar success in the Katie Coulson cup, having won their latest match 13:12 and looking forward to the next.

Cambourne 1 were disappointed to have their match cancelled this week but are sitting comfortably at 3rd in the table having won their latest match 44:26.

The club has had more reasons to celebrate recently as our youngest member and Cambourne 2 player,

Laura Howard achieved her Level 1 Coaching qualification. Hopefully she will now be able to give the rest of the team some pointers and advice to improve our skills! We also have several ladies soon to complete umpiring qualifications and assessments.

Lastly, our Junior Club has continued to grow with around 15 members who are busy preparing for their first competitive match in a few weeks. We are still hoping to boost our junior numbers so are calling all girls from years 7-9 to join us on a Thursday evening, 6-7pm at Cambourne Village College. For more information please contact cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm at the Cricket Pavillion.

For more information please see:

Facebook: Cambourne Netball Club

Twitter: @CambourneNetbal



Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambournenetballclub E-mail: cambournenetball@googlemail.com

 <p>Cambourne Eagles We are Prepared</p>	 <p>Cambourne Eagles Football Club</p>	 <p>Football Foundation football's biggest supporter</p>	 <p>The FA CHARTER STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CLUB</p>
<p>Contact Details: www.cambourneeglesfc.co.uk</p>		<p>Tracey Ashford, Club Secretary: 01954 203162</p>	

The committee of Cambourne Eagles FC would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. A special thanks goes to all our sponsors for their support over the past year. Players and parents- enjoy the rest over the Christmas break! See you on a wet soggy pitch in January!

Academy- Cambourne village college, Wednesday 6-7pm. Our new venue is working really well, allowing the children to enjoy to enjoy their football in the dry! The last few spaces are filling quickly so if you wish to register and play please contact sallyaday@gmail.com asap!

U7 red- The team are happy to be back and resumed matches again after a three week break. We recently played an amazing match against little Paxton colts, both teams really enjoyed it with some great football played from both sides..

U7 Blue- Our boys have recently moved into a tough new league group and the transition is proving a real challenge but they continue to have fun and the new challenge will assist their development.



U8 team photo

U8's- Gelling well, the squad have enjoyed many close-run games. With the latest signing of Will K, the squad is now at a maximum of 12. Continuing the focus on 'fun', amazingly - all 12 have now played in goal!

U11-After 4 weeks without a game, the u11's returned to action with a visit from tough local rivals Comberton Crusaders. A closely fought game saw Comberton run out the victors.

The squad is starting to gel nicely and are looking forward to a good run of games over the coming weeks.

U12's- The boys are continuing to play some great football and remain unbeaten in the league. They showed some real spirit in the latest win over Caldecote, coming from 2 goals down at half time to win 3-2. A fantastic team effort!

U14's-The Under 14s have continued their excellent start to the season with two more wins in the past month. This makes 6 wins out of 7 games and currently second place in the league. Well done to all the boys and let us hope the good run continues.



Committee

Cambourne FC



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On 20 December, Cambourne FC's Christmas Party and Disco is being held at the Cambourne Sports and Social Club from 7pm as the Club's members, both young and old, look to celebrate Christmas and the midpoint of this successful new season.

Soccer School

Soccer School, for children up to 6 years old, is held every Saturday morning 9-10am at the Cambourne MUGA. Please contact Barrie Wilkinson at barrie.wilkinson@jic.ac.uk or the Club Secretary at cambournefc@gmail.com if you would like to join in the fun.

U7s- The U7s go into the next phase of the season with much enthusiasm. Our youngest team has recently welcomed more new additions to the squad and it is wonderful to see these children take their first steps in football.

U8s- oth U8s teams continue to impress, making their managers, their parents and the club very proud of them. Goals and results continue to flow.

U9s- This month saw the U9s Black team put in a fine display against Gamlingay United, whilst the White team continued their unbeaten run against Papworth Blasters.

U10s- The U10s White team fought valiantly though in vain against Dynamo Foxton, followed by a narrow exit from the Cup 2-0 away to Godmanchester Rovers, despite some excellent play. Excellent finishing by five different goal scorers saw the U10 Blues beat Haverhill 5-1 in the Cup to move into the Third Round and set up an away tie with Willingham Wolves. This match followed a similarly impressive 5-3 victory against Histon in the League.

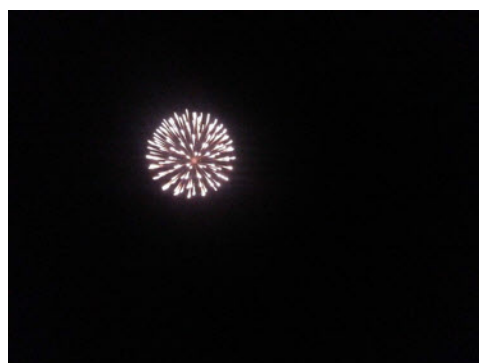
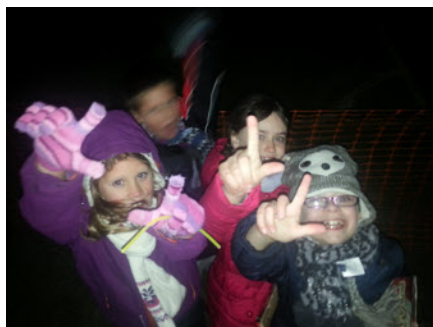
U11s- On 9th November, the Cambourne FC U11s played Burwell Tigers away in the Second Round of the Cup. On a difficult pitch, Cambourne FC took the lead early on after Tom Wraight tapped in a ball that slipped through the keeper's hands. Tom added a second before half time and completed his hat trick shortly after the restart. The second half was a bit more open and allowed Cambourne a bit more space to play their passing game. This enabled first Ty Bartley and then Oliver Colchester to add to the score. In addition, the boys hit the woodwork three times that half. Burwell scored a late consolation goal for a 1-5 final score. Cambourne will now face Cherry Hinton Lions away in the next round.

U12s- The U12s went unbeaten in the League over the last month, winning 1-0 away to Spartak 78 before holding Saffron Walden Town to a 1-1 draw.

U15s- As the season progresses, although the U15s have struggled to establish themselves in the League and lost their Cup match 3-1 to Chatteris Town, there are many encouraging signs as the team battles on.

Cambourne Fireworks

Esmée with her friends, sent in by a Cambourne resident



Sent in by Sandra

Harry and Rosie



Courtesy of Roger