

Cambourne Community News

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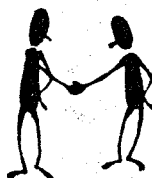


Welcome to the very first edition of Cambourne's community newsletter!!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I haven't met yet! My name is **Gerry Lambert** and I am the **Community Development Officer** for South Cambridgeshire District Council. I have been working in the District for 6 months now. One of my main areas of work is right here at the brand new developing site of Cambourne. My role is to work with local people, service providers, and anyone else with an interest in developing and supporting initiatives, which will enable Cambourne to become a new and thriving community.....

This newsletter is a beginning.....

In this first edition there are a variety of articles introducing people and services available to Cambourne residents..... The plan is to produce 6 newsletters this year and to develop **resident involvement** throughout... after all, you live here and it's your community..... **Contact me at the address / email / telephone number below if you would like to get involved...**



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Introductions

Monkfield Park Primary School



Lynne Anderson writes; 'I would like to introduce myself as the Head Teacher of Monkfield Park Primary School. I have been in post since June 1999 and the school opened for its first pupils in September 1999. We have grown from 5 pupils on day one to now having 16 pupils. We expect it to be at 22 by the beginning of February.

We shall be moving into our brand new, purpose built school in April 2000. We are very much looking forward to this as the building is designed and equipped to educate children for the 21st Century.

At present the staff consists of:

Administrator:	Mrs J. Durrant
Key stage 1 teacher:	Mrs H. Robinson
Key stage 2 teacher:	Mr P. Slater



We will expand the number of staff and classes as Cambourne grows. Phase one of the school is built to accommodate 120 pupils and once stage two is built it will accommodate 420 pupils



I would like to thank those of you in the community who supported our charity fundraising for Tear Fund, when we went carol singing around the village. It was a very pleasant evening and we all enjoyed meeting new residents.

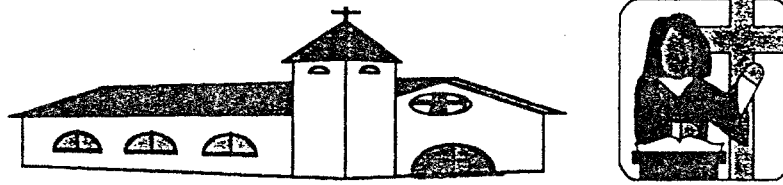


I am looking forward to the school being an active member of the village community and shall enjoy meeting members of Cambourne Village at school functions.

Happy New Year to you all!

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Cambourne's Churches Together

From the 1st of January Cambourne has yet another first for its burgeoning community life. No English village would be complete without its local vicar & church. Cambourne's first vicar represents all Christian denominations in a pioneering vision worthy of the new millennium; an ecumenical church which seeks to heal the divisions of history in a new expression of Christian unity and service. The Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton (44), has just been appointed by the local ecumenical council, as the minister for our developing village. Carrie, being well used to ministry on the move, can be found in her present 'office' - her white Citroen car! Carrie has worked in Congo, India, Hartlepool, Birmingham, Leeds and Bourn before moving to this new and exciting appointment.

Already well known to the children and staff at Monkfield Primary School, Carrie is in the process of visiting all fellow newcomers to Cambourne over the next two months. Carrie's lives just across the A428 in Elsworth in the Papworth team ministry, where those who would like to join Sunday worship are most welcome to come. Please ring her if you would like to know details and times on 01954 267199, or you can find updated details on the website at present hosted by: www.ely.anglican.org/parishes/cambourne.

Carrie hopes that after Easter 2000 Cambourne will have its own regular Christian act of worship to which all will be welcome....watch this space. Eventually as Cambourne develops and grows, its ecumenical church centre will be situated at the far end of the high street below the woods of Upper Cambourne.

Meantime if you would be interested in establishing a regular time for Christian fellowship, having to deal with difficulties at work or home, looking towards marriage, baptism or would simply appreciate someone to talk to or check out some new ideas, give Carrie a ring.

Carrie's contact number for February is: 01954 267199

Email: carrie.pemberton@ely.anglican.org



The Millennium Mill

Since at least the 13th century the hill overlooking Bourn, Caxton, and now Cambourne, has been crowned by a windmill. The present Bourn Mill was chosen last year by the people of Cambridgeshire as one of the sites to be included within the counties unique Millennium Festival of Monuments.



Throughout the spring and summer of 2000 the Millennium Festival of Monuments will bring celebrations of art and archaeology to each of eight sites forming part of the Festival. Celebrations will focus on themes of time and place and will explore ways in which people in the present and future understand and relate to their past. Events across the sites will reflect the abiding human concerns of time and measurement, recreation and celebration, transport and movement, military power, technology, religion and ritual. Music, discussion, open air sculpture, art workshops, archaeology OERoad shows' and demonstrations, will all form part of the wider Festival celebrations.



In association with the Cambridge Preservation Society, the Bourn windmill will be the focus for events exploring the role of technology and wind power. In addition, sculpture and art events reflecting these themes will be held, and special open days will be hosted for residents of all the local communities.



So come and celebrate a time and a place in the year 2000.

Contact Millennium Festival of Monuments, Rm 104, Cambridgeshire County Council, Castle Court, Cambridge CB3 0AP. 01223 717013 for further information.

Mobile Library

You can borrow up to 12 items - books and talking books for 8 weeks and videos for 2 weeks.

Mobile: Cambridge



Your mobile library also gives you access to the 1.1 million books and 30,000 videos available through Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Service. Please ask the library staff to help you find what you are looking for. A small charge is made to reserve a book or a video.



Route 6
(alternate Thursdays)

Although it is free to borrow books, hire charges apply when borrowing talking books and videos. Some people are exempt from charges - please ask the library staff for details.

Fines are charged for books kept for longer than they were issued, but please remember you can extend the loan providing no other customer is waiting for them. We can do this for you up to 3 times! All you have to do is to let us know which books you would like to keep. You can bring them to the mobile library or send a note with your name, address and book details to:- Libraries and Information Service, Roger Ascham Site, Ascham Road, Cambridge, CB4 2BD or just ring 01223 718362. (You can also ring this number if you have any other enquiries regarding the mobile library service). If a visit is cancelled, you may keep items until the next mobile visit without incurring extra charges.

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| 1. Mill Road, St Barnabas Church | 11.15 - 11.45 |
| 2. Harlton, Lay-by | 1.10 - 1.30 |
| 3. Harlton, Bolton Way | 1.35 - 1.45 |
| 4. Barton, Mailes Close | 1.55 - 2.55 |
| 5. Barton, Kings Grove | 3.00 - 3.40 |
| 6. Grantchester, Stulpfield Close | 3.45 - 4.15 |
| Cambourne Village Green | 10.15 - 10.45 |

Suggestions and complaints are always welcome - pick up a leaflet from your mobile library.





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A Garden Club And A Chance To Meet New Friends

Welcome to your new home! A sentiment I am sure echoed by many trades people as they chase after your business! At Waresley, we believe that there can be something we can give in return for that business. We count ourselves lucky to be in a situation where we are able to share with our customers, a joy in what we do together. It is this partnership which makes our business different from some others. Once we have a customer we should keep them a long time, happy and satisfied as their garden evolves.

There is usually an initial effort in the garden after moving in, to work with any existing material left by developers. However, there is something to be said for taking a while to live in the property, have a feel for it, while looking for ideas, and then start work. One thing to guard against, is the urge to visit a garden centre, choose plants that look good at the time, and use them all in one go. Do ask staff or use books, and of course ask your neighbours, otherwise you end up with a garden that only looks good at one time of the year, where of course, we are looking to find all year round interest, in flower colour, leaf shape or form, and we need to make sure there is plenty of fragrance in the garden. Witness the scent of a honeysuckle on a warm summer evening. A favourite of mine, planted beside the patio area with a bench that can be out in all weathers and can then be used at any time, even if only for a couple of minutes

I am aware that many communities have their own gardening club where like minded people can join together and discuss their hobby, learning from each other and from talks arranged for members. I propose that we should establish such a club, meeting in the first instance at Waresley until such time as a base and a committee can be established at Camboume. I would dearly like to hear from anyone interested, with the proviso that there is no commitment, and no knowledge of gardening is required. In fact other club members gain satisfaction in sharing knowledge with less experienced gardeners, so when you come to a club, everyone gains. What better way is there to meet new people, start up a conversation, and create some community spirit?

We could have an initial meeting of anyone who is interested in their outdoor living space, where we can discuss what potential members want, what sort of special trading terms we can offer, and how we can move forward. Although I don't foresee an immediate need for a committee to start work straight away, any volunteers with or without experience would be most welcome to make themselves known. *TUESDAY FEB. 29TH MEET AT THE GARDEN CENTRE COFFEE SHOP AT 7pm.*

There is much to do in the new garden, and in the armchair with a good gardening book! Ideas have to be formulated and issues discussed as they are raised. Some would include the merits of grass seed against turf, where a plot has to be grassed. Do we need grass at all? There is a huge movement towards the low maintenance garden from those who would rather sit out rather than work in it. This then raises points on plants to be used, the laying of a mulch material (a matting to stop weeds growing but allowing moisture to permeate through it), followed by a covering of gravel, bark or the like as a means of disguise. Pots and how to obtain the best from them, having in mind plants that perform well and the maintenance thereof. Think about installing underground services such as electricity supplying a water pump for a pond or water feature, and a water pipe for automatic irrigation.

Do you need a shed for storage, or a greenhouse for extending your gardening season, (or even for sitting in when it's too cold outside)? Where is the best place to site these? All these and many more questions may come to mind when moving into a new home.

But all these are questions that we deal with on a regular basis. The interesting part of my job is that not one person has the same answer, so we advise and guide, but in the end it is you the customer who makes the final decision. What we can do is to put topics into court, and help you score the winning points!

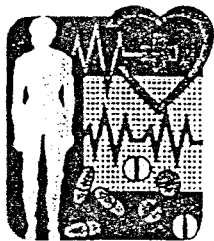
I do look forward to hearing from you by any means. 'phone, fax, e-mail

e.t.c. I will of course make myself available to field any initial questions you may have. May I take this opportunity to thank Gerry Lambert for her help, and her invitation to write to you via this newsletter.

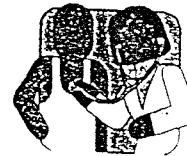
Chris Thome,
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Find us on the web at www.waresley.co.uk. e-mail chris@waresley.co.uk
21 years manager at Waresley
Weekly gardening column in St Neots Town Crier.
Monthly spot on B.B.C. Radio Cambridgeshire. FM 96.0 Next on 22nd Jan about 3.10 p.m. with a live 'phone in for your gardening questions.

Waresley Park Garden Centre is situated some 2 miles south of the A428 and the village of Elkstey. Turn left out of Camboume towards St Neots, and left again onto the B1040 towards Biggleswade.





Health News!



The Bourn Surgery continues to offer medical services to Cambourne residents. Dr Tobin and his partners and staff have had to make a number of changes to the way their surgery is run in order to meet the needs of the early Cambourne residents.

We are extremely grateful for all they have done and the excellent service they provide.

Choosing a new GP is not something that should be taken lightly. For the good of your long term health and health needs, it is preferable to establish a long-term relationship with a particular Doctor and their Practice. We therefore hope that Cambourne residents who have registered at Bourne will be well served by that Practice for many years to come.

From late summer a new GP Practice will be starting in Cambourne. Initially this will be based in Monkfield Farm House, currently the temporary home of the Infants School. By summer 2001 a new Primary Care Health Centre, linked with the library, will be opened on

The new GP is being recruited during March. The Primary Care Group Board feel that local residents should have some involvement in the appointment process as the Doctor appointed will have a key role in the development of the community. Gerry Lambert, Community Development Worker, hopes to identify residents who may be interested in being involved in this process.

If you would be interested in being involved with the above please call Gerry on 01223 724155 to express your interest.



Cambridgeshire Catering and
Cleaning Services



Job Vacancy

CATERING ASSISTANT
required for
MONKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAMBOURNE
7.50 HOURS PER WEEK. £3.88 PER HOUR.

Monday to Friday. Term time only
Training & Uniform will be provided
Experience, is not essential

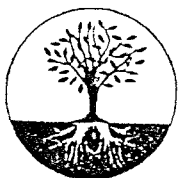
If you are interested please contact Denyse Bennett on 01480 375710

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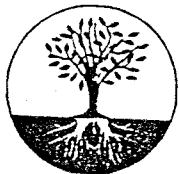
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Cambourne Ecology...



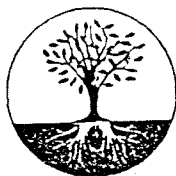
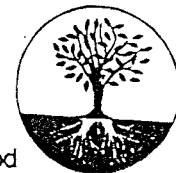
Monkfield Wood

By now most residents will hopefully have braved the weather and begun to explore this wood. Despite its small size and isolation, this wood has both a fascinating history and a high value for nature conservation; it actually encapsulates a whole range of mediaeval and later landscapes and their faunal communities. To help explain this, a leaflet showing a self-guided landscape and nature trail is being prepared. Copies of this leaflet will be delivered to all houses as soon as it is ready.

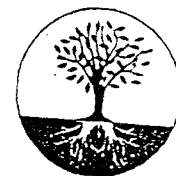


Eco-Park

At the moment most of the open areas of Cambourne other than Monkfield Wood are unfortunately still 'out-of-bounds' since they are active working and construction sites with an obvious safety hazard. However, planning and construction of the Eco-Park has now been given high priority in order to provide a recreational area for residents. The Eco-Park is intended to have 'pocket' examples of all the habitats which would have been present in this part of South Cambridgeshire before the agricultural intensification of the last century. This will include existing woodland and wood-pasture (The Oaks and Poplar Plantation), new grasslands of several kinds, and in time new wetland habitats, including a reedbed, marshes, wet woodland and open water. The plans also include a plum-and-cherry orchard, and the planting of a number of tree species, such as the native black poplar, which are now very rare in this county.



Further bulletins will be issued as the plans mature, and as for Monkfield Wood, a self-guided tour leaflet will be prepared for all residents as soon as it is possible to open up at least part of the Eco-Park.



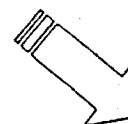
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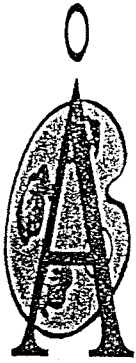
'People of Cambourne' a project which will involve an artist in residence working alongside the people living in Cambourne and the locality. The artist will be based at Wysing Arts, Bourn.

The project will look and the past, present and future creating artwork in the process. Starting late February and run for three months it will culminate in an exhibition of the work produced. As part of the project there will also be the creation of a CD-ROM which will contain information gathered as part of the project.

Look out for a programme of forthcoming workshops as part of this project.



Wysing Arts



Wysing Arts is an arts centre situated two miles from the Cambourne development, near the village of Bourn.

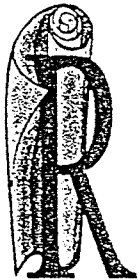
The 11 acre site comprises 26 artists studios, gallery, performance and education spaces. Throughout the year Wysing presents a programme of arts workshops, exhibitions and events. Workshops are devised for all age groups, including children, adults and family groups.

We are also able to provide 'Open access' studios for sculpture and ceramics. These studios are open throughout the week, and trained facilitators who are also practising artists are available to offer technical and/or creative assistance. The studios offer facilities for the use of a wide range of materials and equipment, including throwing on the potter's wheel, welding, modelling, and casting.

As well as our programme of arts activities, we run a weekly horticultural project for local adults with learning disabilities, called the 'Wysing Gardeners'. The group work throughout the year to produce organic vegetables, herbs and flowering plants to sell to generate further income for the project. The group work towards creative solutions to the maintenance and development of the site, including turf seating and natural fencing.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the site throughout the year, and there is often outdoor site-specific sculpture to see, including our permanently sited 'Tree Keep', a fantastic three storey house made from trees and recycled wood.

Coming up in 2000....

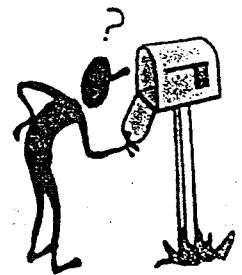


- A series of family workshops to mark National Science (SET) week, including 'Kites and Chaos' and 'Bugs and Beasties'
- 'Wider View' a collaborative project between scientists and artists, culminating in an exhibition in July
- Events and workshops as part of Museums and galleries week 2000. including National Children's Art Day and Adult Learners Week.



To find out more our work, and to receive a copy of our latest programme, please contact us:

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Cambridge Evening News

Stop Press!..... The Cambridge Evening News are hoping to begin delivering orders of this paper at Cambourne by the end of February.....It is full of local and national news plus an excellent 'what's on' section.....



Neighbourhood News

And finally.....

- **CHILDRENS PLAY AREA:** It is envisaged that this will be completed by Easter 2000.
- **DELIVERIES:** Moves are a foot to try and establish visits by mobile food / grocery delivery services, for example it is hoped that the fresh fish delivery van will be able to include Cambourne in his rounds. Watch this space for more information.
- **RESIDENTS VOICES:** Many of you have expressed a wish to form some kind of 'Residents Association', so I have arranged for a meeting to take place at Monkfield Primary School on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7.30PM - 9.30pm** This will be the first meeting of the 'CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY FORUM', a space for residents, and others involved in the development and support of Cambourne, to meet, raise concerns, voice ideas, look at ways to find answers, tackle common problems, initiate community projects.....and so on. This first meeting will be a chance to look at ways we can work together through the forum to ensure good communication between all those involved in Cambourne and how to organise this group to be the vehicle for this..... This is your opportunity to start to get involved in your neighbourhood..... I would like to have an agenda ready for the night so if there are any particular things you would like to raise can you phone / fax / email / post them through to me... This will help me try and get the appropriate people along to the meeting. We may not be able to look at everything at this first meeting, but I would like to arrange another one in March, so bring your diaries!!!!
- **NEXT EDITIONS:** I will be looking to get the next newsletter out in the week beginning 3rd April so, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contribute..... I will need to have any material by March 22nd.
- **CREATIVE CAPTIONS:** COMPETITION TIME..... What shall we call this newsletter??? Can you come up with a name and a logo for your newsletter??? - you must be able to do better than my effort!!!! Entries by 22nd of March please - PRIZES AVAILABLE!!!!!!
- **REMINDER:** Inside your Community Development information packs is a short community profile questionnaire. *Please* take a little time to fill this out and send it back to me as it will enable me to compile a growing picture of Cambourne. (All information treated confidentially). Thankyou.

I look forward to seeing you on February 28th... Hope you enjoy this first edition.....