

# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Cambourne residents gathered in Market Square on 26 November to witness the Christmas Lights Switch On, arranged by Light Up Cambourne.

The chilly evening was filled with warming aromas of mulled wine, mince pies and a hog roast and in the lead up

to the switch on, people gathered to sing carols, listen to music from Eversden Brass Band and enjoy entertainment courtesy of JezO.

At 6.30pm the High Street and Broad Street were simultaneously illuminated with festive lights when they were



officially switched on by Paralympian Harriet Lee and picture competition winners, Aishani Vinod from The Vine inter-Church Primary School and Tabeer Mir for Jeavons Wood Primary School.

The countdown to Christmas has begun! *By Dan Scruton*

## Cambourne Crier Christmas card competition winners!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Cambourne Crier Christmas Card Competition! We received many great entries, but our winners were Aaryan Gandhi, age 5; Delana Singh, age 5; Aadi Gandhi, age 7 and Ciara Walshe, age 9, whose cards are pictured here. We'd like to invite you to come along to the Library at 10am on Saturday 10 December to collect your prizes - 10 printed copies of your card, to send to friends and family this Christmas!



L-R: Cards by Aaryan Gandhi, Delana Singh, Aadi Gandhi and Ciara Walshe

## CAMBOURNE CRIER

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### CRIER COMMUNITY FUND

The Cambourne Crier operates a community fund which enables us to make grants and donations to local clubs, societies or causes.

**Do you need new equipment for your group?**

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Contact [pam.hume@ntlworld.com](mailto:pam.hume@ntlworld.com) or download the application form at [www.cambournecrier.org](http://www.cambournecrier.org)

## Cambourne Community Car Scheme

### We have a new telephone number: 07526 998 465

Our email address [cambournecarscheme@gmail.com](mailto:cambournecarscheme@gmail.com) is unchanged along with all other aspects of our service. We provide door to door transport for medical and social appointments for those unable to use public transport or when such transport cannot meet your needs.

All our drivers are locally based volunteers & give their time for free so please aim to give us a minimum of 48 hours notice before your appointment. To book transport or just make an enquiry please ring our new number above or send an e mail. If we are not available at the time of calling we will return your call the same day.

If you have a few spare hours in the week we welcome new volunteer drivers to help. Please enquire without obligation as above.

*Coordinators Paul Belo/Eric Cawkill*

## St Neots bus service

The Whippet bus now runs Mondays to Fridays, leaving at 9.55am (from outside Morrisons) and returning at 1.20pm. (It is the No. 6).

The journey is direct, travelling along the A428 and takes 30 minutes, leaving a good length of time in St Neots. There is also a service to St Ives, and to Huntingdon. More information can be obtained from [www.go-whippet.co.uk/routes-timetables/local-routes/](http://www.go-whippet.co.uk/routes-timetables/local-routes/)

## Waste and recycling collections

**Blue bin, paper caddy, green bin:** Thursday 8 December 2016

**Black bin:** Thursday 15 December 2016

**Blue bin, paper caddy:** Thursday 22 December 2016

- Bulky household items by arrangement.

- There is a charge of £30 for the first three items and £5 per extra item.

## CYP Youth and Children's Programme

Could you give a few hours of your time each week to help us staff our clubs? We are looking for volunteers to support all clubs on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in Music or Music Tech we have a fully equipped studio and lots of opportunities to make use of your skills. For more information please contact, Jonathan Buwert, Youth Worker, (07503 171869) or Jane Brooks, Children's Worker, (07850 961000).

### Family Fun Days @ CYP

We are planning the following Family Fun Days for 2017:

- Spring half-term – Thursday 16th February
- Easter – Thursday 13th April
- Summer half-term – 1st June
- Summer holidays - dates to be confirmed.

More details will be available in the January Crier. For more information please email [officecyp@gmail.com](mailto:officecyp@gmail.com) or text Jane on 07850961000.

For details of our weekly clubs, please see page 12.



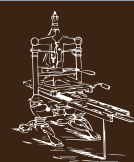
# Can you find 12 differences in our Christmas pictures? *By Ant Wynn*



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### Volunteers Fair

On Saturday 19 November Cambourne Parish Council hosted a Volunteers Fair, the first event of its kind in Cambourne.

The event was attended by a wide variety of Cambourne's voluntary organisations and was well attended by members of the public who were interested in volunteering and making a difference in the community.

All the organisations present were able to recruit new volunteers to help out in a variety of ways from joining a committee and helping on a regular basis to committing a couple of hours once a year to help at the Fete.

If you were unable to attend the event but would like more information on volunteering opportunities please contact the Parish Office for a list of organisations and contact details.

### Broad Street Junction Works

It has been confirmed that the improvement works to the Broad Street junction with High Street/School Lane will be commencing on 9 January 2016 and will last until 3 April 2017. During the works multiway traffic controls will be in place. A works compound is being set up on the land adjacent to Cromwell Vets ahead of the works.

### Playgrounds Close at Dusk

Please be aware, that for the safety of your children, the playgrounds should not be used once it is dark. This appeal is to parents and carers to support the Parish Council in the safeguarding of young people in Cambourne. Noisy play, litter and loud music is causing distress to residents. If you are the

parent or carer of teenagers please ensure that they understand that this behaviour is classed as anti-social behaviour. Thank you for your support.

- Cllr Mrs R Poulton, Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee.

### Christmas closing and Christmas tree recycling

The Hub and the Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday 23 December 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

A Christmas Tree Recycling point will be set up on the ground adjacent to The Hub Car Park. Christmas trees may be left here in the new year up until Sunday 15 January 2017 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Calendar of Meetings Dec 2016 / Jan 2017

Tues, 6 Dec at 7pm	Planning Committee, Council
Tues, 20 Dec at 7pm	Planning Committee, Finance & Policy Committee
Tues, 17 Jan at 7pm	Planning Committee, Council

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

The Parish Office: The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6GW.

Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4pm on Fridays. Tel: 01954 714403.

John Vickery, the Parish Clerk can be contacted on: [clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

For all other enquiries please email: [bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

The Cambourne library staff would like to thank all our customers and friends for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We hope to see you all in the New Year.

*Don't forget to pop along for your Xmas cards and stamps and of course your holiday reading and DVDs.*

### Xmas Opening Hours:

The library will close at 1pm on Saturday 24 December. The library will then be closed until Tuesday 3 January. Please note there are no drop box or computer access facilities during the closed period.

### Bumper Xmas Book Sale:

During December we are having a bumper book sale. All books 20p!

### Xmas Special Joint Rhyme/Story time!

Come along for some festive songs and crafts in a special joint session. Friday 16 December 9.30-10.30am.

### ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON:

#### "Adventures Of An Author" Wed 7 December 2-3.30pm

Talk by the Library Service's very own James Nicol who is now a published author. No need to book just pop along to the library. Refreshments available for a donation. Don't forget if you know anyone who would like to give a talk or if you would like to do a talk yourself please pop into the library to discuss with Caroline.

### Job Centre Plus

For free confidential advice on CVs, job applications and generally getting back into work drop in at the library.  
Wed 21 December 1.30- 3.30pm.

Interested in joining a friendly local **BOOK GROUP**? The Cambourne Caterpillars are looking for new members. They meet on a Monday evening once a month. Ask for details at the library.

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## Alternatives to Accident & Emergency

Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments are under enormous pressure at this time of year and waiting times can be very long for those who do not have an emergency. Priority will always be given to those with life threatening conditions such as a suspected heart attack or stroke, chest pain, severe breathing difficulties or head injuries.

If you're not sure if A&E is the right place to go, advice can be found by calling 111. This is a free-call service open all day, everyday and you will be asked questions by an advisor which will help the decision of what to do and support you in getting the right help.

For those with less severe problems there are a number of other options available. Pharmacists are highly trained and can offer confidential support with issues such as medicines advice, diarrhoea, hay fever, allergies, skin conditions and flu jabs without needing an appointment.

A well stocked medicine cabinet can also provide much of what you need to treat minor illnesses and injuries. If you do have an illness or injury that won't go away or long term conditions make an appointment with your GP or telephone for advice.

Outside normal GP opening hours support can be found at St Neots walk in centre (open 8-9am, 6-8pm weekdays and 9am-4pm at weekends) or by calling 111.

*Catherine Price RN, Cambourne Parish Nursing Service  
nurse@cambournechurch.org.uk*

## HEIDI ALLEN MP



## Any budding teachers out there?

This month, we're once again in uncharted waters, both nationally with regards to Brexit and also locally in terms of the City Deal.

I have been vocal about my opposition to the City Deal plan for Busway 3 and 3A (Cambourne to Cambridge route via the Westfields.) I believe a more creative and workable solution is possible which offers better value for money than the £140million partial route currently on the table.

My other focus continues to be education. I'm not letting up on the fairer funding issue for our schools and championing a campaign to recruit more teachers into Cambridgeshire. If we have any budding teachers out there, this is your chance to find out how you can make a real difference to our children's futures.

I met more of our extraordinary talent this month when I visited The Technology Partnership in Melbourn, with the Prime Minister's new advisor on Industrial Policy. TTP flagged up a need to support British companies through sustained local growth that builds on R&D work, rather than outsourcing innovation to foreign suppliers. I'm proud of the work our local research is producing and will do everything I can to keep South Cambridgeshire as one of the brightest stars in the research, technology and science cluster.

Please do get in touch with any issues or call into my next surgery on Saturday 19 November.

*Heidi Allen, MP for South Cambridgeshire*

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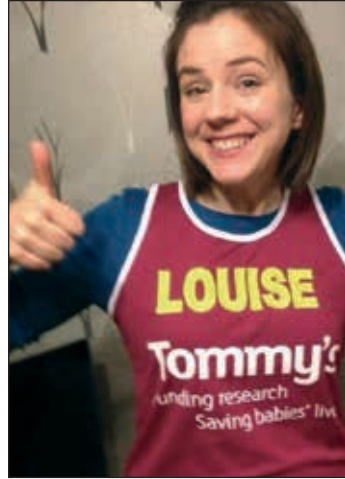
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## COMMUNITY

# Spook-tacular Halloween disco raises more than £500 for Tommy's charity



On Friday 28th October a spook-tacular Halloween disco, organised by local resident Louise Kirk, raised more than £500 for Tommy's Charity.

The sell-out event, held at Cambourne Hub, was hugely popular with the little ones who were treated to glitter tattoos, home-made cakes and hotdogs, alongside a disco provided by Goldmine Disco. There were also prizes given out for the best Halloween costumes.

Louise Kirk has been raising money for Tommy's charity, who fund research into miscarriages and stillbirths, for over a year now - with more than £4200 raised so far.

Louise said: "This charity is very close to my heart, having very sadly experienced five miscarriages myself. The funding for miscarriage research is just so lacking, that families who experience this, like ourselves, are told to just keep trying or it's not meant to be but it's still unknown why many miscarriages happen. This, I feel is unacceptable."

Louise's fundraising mission all began at the end of 2015 as she needed to raise £2000 to run a marathon for Tommy's. She started off by making personalised Christmas stockings and sacks which soon became very popular.

Since then she has exhibited at craft fairs, run the Cambridge half marathon and even participated in a group skydive with work colleagues and family.

Yet Louise's fundraising isn't stopping there! She is now preparing to take part in the 2017 London marathon and will continue to raise money in her local community. To read Louise's story and to make a donation, visit her fundraising page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Louise-Kirk7](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Louise-Kirk7)

By Carla Greenwood

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## POLICE

# How secure is your home?



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Have you considered how secure your property is? If not, you may be interested to know that there is an online quiz designed to confirm how safe your property is.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland from South Cambs Policing team created the quiz and once completed it tells you how safe your home is.

The "bad-wolf test" takes just two minutes to complete and tells you how safe your home is from burglars. You get a score of bricks, twigs or straw.

Anyone who gets the STRAW rating is given an email contact address and encouraged to get in contact with Cambs Police so that they are given the opportunity to have an officer from South Cambs Police come out and do a free full home security survey. Try the quiz yourself to see how safe your home is: <http://tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test>

Another option to consider is the Bobby Scheme.

The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme is a local charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The Bobby Scheme works with a number of partner agencies, including the Police, Fire Service, Local Authorities, Age UK and other charities.

The trained staff come out and fit a range of security devices to help people feel safe in their own homes. Devices such as window locks, door chains, personal attack alarms, window and door alarms etc.

They also provide other security advice and reassurance.

On average it costs the Bobby Scheme £130 to work at each home, so they do ask people to consider making a donation so that they can continue to provide such a great service.

This is how the scheme works:

- If you have been a victim of crime and you are over 60, you can receive a free visit.

- If you are 65 and over or disabled and would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme to reduce your chance of becoming a victim, they ask for a contribution of £30 towards their costs.
- Key safes supplied and fitted from £50 and £80.
- Other specialist products are available to be purchased.

The number to call if you would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme is 01480 413311 or 07866 602100.

They also have a website which is [www.thebobbyscheme.org](http://www.thebobbyscheme.org)

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact PCSO 7239 Leanne Fisher – Business Watch and Engagement Officer for South Cambs.

Leanne is based at Sawston Police Station, 4 Cambridge Road, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3DG  
[leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk)  
 Telephone – 01223 497610.

## Lost lives. Gained Glory.

Bent backs like old beggars,  
 trudging in fatigue to the line of death,  
 All dreams faded, melancholy cries from a close depth,  
 The resonance of wild beasts, second by second  
 Killing the innocent and -  
 They watch.  
 Helpless, they walk in debility with a fake of  
 bravery on their faces,  
 Through the mist sorrows of pain  
 And of the lifeless, misery etched on their grimace,

Stories left untouched, again and again.  
 They fight,  
 They fight for their country, glum heroes,  
 Realising the phenomenon of life.  
 They were loved, but they vanished,  
 turning into golden dust.  
 Drowning, choking on their last words.  
 They lost lives. They gained glory.  
*A poem for Remembrance Day,*  
*by Aarushi Vinod, Year 6, The Vine School*





**Sunday services - 10.30am**  
**Additional Family Carol Service**  
**Sunday December 18, 4pm.**  
**Meeting at Cambourne Village**  
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## Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Well where did that year go? We are approaching Christmas time again. Now this year is a little different as Christmas falls on a Sunday. Since we have the Hub we are extending our time that day as no one else is using it. What we will do is have services almost like normal and then right afterwards we will have our Christmas dinner right there. Plenty of tables and chairs and some space for the kids to play. Although a few of our folks will be away it should be a good

time. Now some people have no place to go or feel a little lonely or just can't be bothered to cook. Or perhaps you traditionally go to church at Christmas. I would like to say if you want to come along for services and the meal just let us know (to make sure we have plenty). Although that has never been a problem as leftovers are often given out. Last year I did a beef joint covered with turkey covered with bacon, slow cooked for 16 hrs. A few carols, some good food and rejoicing of the Gift of the Saviour who was born in Bethlehem, but lives in the hearts of His people. It is not about the presents or trees or any of

that. It is the love of the Father sending his willing Son. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. And the angels proclaimed it in 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.

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## CAMBOURNE CHURCH

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### December Services and Events

- Sun 4th Dec 10am Morning Worship
- Wed 7th Dec 8pm Beer and Carols in the Monkfield Arms with  
Cambourne Community Gospel Choir
- Fri 9th Dec 7pm Carols at the Upper Cambourne  
Amphitheatre. Carol service sharing the Christmas story  
through carols, readings and Nativity figures.
- Sun 11th Dec 9.30am & 11am Morning Worship (Communion)  
4pm Family Christingle Service. Come and make  
your own Christingle!
- Fri 16th Dec 6.30pm Carols on the Lower Cambourne Green  
with the Salvation Army band and local singers.  
Mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies served  
afterwards.
- Sun 18th Dec 10am All Age Nativity service. If you would like to  
be part of the nativity scene, please come dressed  
as a character from the nativity story.
- Sat 24th Dec 6.30pm Community carol service. All ages  
welcome.  
11.30pm Watchnight service with Holy  
Communion
- Sun 25th Dec 10.30am: All Age Celebration
- Sun 1st Jan 10am All Age service



**Many of us will have followed the yellow route** markers around an Ikea store passing room scenes featuring brand new furniture, kitchens and bathrooms. But follow the same yellow route markers in one Ikea store in Slepndon, Norway and you'll come across a very different scene.

You will find an installation of a replica Syrian home with bare block walls and no mattresses. The installation recreates the home of Rana, a mother of four children living in Jamarana, Damascus.

This Christmas, Cambourne Church is exploring how the light of Christ comes into our homes through Jesus becoming man. There's a lot of synergy between the cold unadorned surroundings of the stable Jesus was born in and the barren surroundings of Rana's home, which gives me encouragement that Jesus knows the experience of those living in poverty.

Of course, Christ's light can shine in all our homes. In fact, this advent, the time leading up Christmas, Cambourne Church is sending the figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey around homes in Cambourne to invite people to welcome Christ into their homes this Christmas. You can follow the Posada journey by liking the Cambourne Church Facebook page.

Our prayer and hope this Christmas is that the light and love of Jesus may fill your homes as you celebrate Christmas.

**Rev'd Matthew Trick**

### Fathers' and Children's Breakfast

8:30-10:30am at Cambourne Church

The first Saturday of every month.

It would be great to see any dads with their kids for a bacon roll, toast or just a coffee. Breakfast is free although donations are welcome.

Next Meetings: 7th January, 4th February



## LOCAL GROUPS

### CAMBOURNE HEALTH & WELLBEING CLUB

The group meets alternate Fridays (next meetings: 2nd and 16th of December,) from 10.30am -12.00 midday at the Blue School site (behind the Church).

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### CAMBOURNE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH AND CHILDREN PROGRAMME

December 2016 – January 2017

Wednesday- 4pm - 5.30pm Juniors Club (Year 7- 9)

Wednesday- 7pm - 9pm Seniors Club (Year 9+)

Last session for Autumn Term 14.12.16

Session restart on 04/01/17

Thursday - 3.45pm - 4.45pm All stars (FS & Key 1)

Thursday - 5pm - 6.15pm Crazy Crew (Key 2)

Last session on 08.12.16

Session restart 12.01.17

### FRIDAY WALK

The next walk will be on Friday 9th of December. We are walking to Bourn. Come to the library, near the rear entrance at 10.15am or, if you prefer, e-mail pam.hume@mail.com.

### SUNDAY WALK

The last Sunday in December is Christmas Day, so there will no walk this month. If you are interested contact Dave for details at e-mail david.ellis910@ntlworld.com

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### CAMBOURNE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Junior Youth Club - Wednesdays 4.00 - 5.30 kids in School Years 7-9. Senior Youth Club - Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00 kids in School Year 9+. For further information contact Jonathan Buwert on 07503 171869. Clubs meet at Cambourne Soul, Back Lane. All stars Kids Club - Thursdays 3.45 - 4.45 kids in Reception and School Year 1 - 2.

Crazy Crew Kids Club - Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15 kids in Reception and School Year 3-6. For further information contact Jane Brooks on 0785096100. Clubs meet at Cambourne Soul, Back Lane.

### THE ARMY CADET FORCE

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### 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. For more information please get in touch by: phoning Pat Callaghan 01954 718836, asking at the library or just turning up on the day.

### PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

This is friendly self-help group, to which new members are very welcome. Levels of expertise vary from beginner to advanced, with everything in between. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Belfry hotel. For more information contact Nicola Marriott on 07811 154901. Photography group website: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotohographygroup/>

### WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

There is now a Monday evening group which meets in the new cricket pavilion in Upper Cambourne from 7-9pm and for which there are still places available. For information, phone 01954 710858 or email [fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON

Saturday, 3 December 2016 from 1.00pm to 4pm

### Winter Tree Identification

*Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307*

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There are lots of other activities happening, for further information on those please visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)

Saturday, 21 January 2017 at 7pm

### Traditional Burns Night Supper

*Village Hall, Green End, Comberton*

Tickets cost £45 per person, includes the meal, drinks and live band. There are tables of 8, 10, and 12 places available, if you wish to put a private grouping together. Individual bookings are also taken. For further details please contact NSPCC Cambridgeshire Branch and the Kenyan 'Assist a Child to School' charities.



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## SCHOOLS

## A term of celebration at Cambourne Pre-school

Cambourne Pre-school have had a term of celebrations; we have celebrated the Diwali, bonfire night, thanksgiving, children in need and Christmas. The children had a chance to make a diva lamp to take home and make rangoli patterns.

Firework playdough was a popular activity with lots of firework sounds being made by the children and many re-

calling what fireworks they had seen and describing them. Other activities included a cake sale for children in need, a thanksgiving snack, making turkeys from cardboard tubes and rehearsals for a forthcoming production!

The pre-school are selling Christmas raffle tickets with some wonderful prizes up for grabs, the first prize being

dinner for 2 with prosecco at Jamie Oliver's London restaurant followed by a river cruise!

All profit will go towards fundraising for some new outdoor equipment for the pre-school garden. If any local businesses are able to donate a prize please contact the pre-school. To buy tickets please contact the pre-school.

## Hardwick Primary in a Christmas Spirit

In our Nursery class the Christmas spirit is definitely with us and the children are all showing early signs of over-excitement! The children have been working really hard, learning songs for their Christmas spectacular - we hope to see all nursery parents and families there.

The Reception classes are busy learning songs, dances lines for their play 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. It is a delightful show that we are sure you'll love watching just as much as they love performing it.

They also have their annual trip to see Father Christmas on the miniature railway at Audley End, and have been eagerly writing their lists ready to take with them.

Year 1 and 2 have seen the revival of a Mrs. Humphries Original Production - Mamma Mary - the musical! This incredible retelling of the nativity was penned by our in house screen writers, and proved to be such a huge hit four years ago that it's back for an exclusive, special run of two nights only! The hottest ticket in town!

A quick thank you to all the families who came and helped out with the bulb planting- the school will look resplendent come spring!

The last thing to say is that we hope you all will have had a good break by the time school starts again, and so we wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Diwali Celebration at Monkfield Care and Learning Centre

We have started this half term by celebrating Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children tried different foods, shared

stories and took part in activities linked to Diwali. The children prepared and tasted the dahl, matar paneer and many more. We supported the BBC Children in Need Appeal on 18 November by wearing spotty clothes and bringing in a donation. We have installed some new equipment and resources for the children to use including new water trays, messy play tables and a snuggle pod.

We have been investigating the autumnal changes in our environment and we will be ending the term with Christmas celebrations. The children will be practising songs for the Christmas Activity Days, when parents and carers can attend the pre-school to join the Christmas fun!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy New Year!



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## SCHOOLS

## Festival of Lights at the Vine Primary

Year 1 have been learning about how light is used to celebrate, and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the tradition of bonfire night and Guy Fawkes. As part of their forest school learning, the children decided to create a pretend bonfire and constructed firework freeze frames.

They have also been learning about how fireworks are used to celebrate Diwali, and are currently in the process of making their own diya lamps. They are also investigating how light is used in different religions. We are looking forward to the parents coming in to share some Hanukkah activities in a few weeks' time.

There have been some wonderful poems linked to bonfire night, and the children have come up with ideas to write their poetry about light.



If you would like to find out more about The Vine School then Debbie Higham, Headteacher, would be pleased to hear from you on 01954 719630 or e-mail: [office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk)

## Future Engineers at Monkfield Park Primary



Through our 'design a drone' competition with Amazon Prime Air, children from Year 2-5 were asked to design a drone that could deliver parcels within 30 minutes. Competition was open to all Cambridgeshire schools and our pupils took the top three prizes.

In the photograph you are able to see the winning 'bee drone' which was designed and made by Lauren, who won £3,500 for the school and received £300 worth of Amazon goodies. Both of the runners up were rewarded with £100 worth of Amazon resources.

The competition was a chance for children to bring their scientific, creative and technological skills to shine. Pupils are really looking forward to science week. If any member of the Cambourne community would be able to talk about their scientific profession please contact us at the details below.

If you are a parent interested in a place for your child and would like to find out more about Monkfield Park Primary School and the exciting learning that goes on every day then Sarah Jarman, the Headteacher, would be delighted to hear from you.

## CHS Sunflower Nursery children visit Darwin Manor residents

CHS's Sunflower Nursery kids visited the residents of independent living facility Darwin Manor in Cambourne to celebrate harvest. The children sang to the residents as well as delivering freshly made bread and pictures they'd drawn to connect with other local organisations in the area.

Sunflower Nursery is part of CHS Group, a charitable housing association, established in 1927, providing high quality and good value affordable housing together with support, care and community services to enable people to enhance their quality of life and further their personal development.





## SCHOOLS

# Jeavons Wood year 6 go to Stibbington

The year 6 pupils are currently learning about the topic of War.

A couple of weeks ago we took a field trip to Stibbington to explore what it would have been like to arrive there after being evacuated in 1942.

We arrived by train and the children found themselves quickly adjusting to the smells and sights of the countryside. They found out which homes they had been billeted to and who they were staying with. After, the children then made their identity cards and took part in a quiz. Following great spam sandwiches and fruit cakes the children had a lesson.

They wrote a postcard home to their parents, practised their handwriting and sang songs. There was even a practice for air raid and the kids did great by going off to the shelter.

It was a great trip and the kids really enjoyed all aspects of it. Next week we welcome History re-visited, when we will be starting to learn more about the first world war.



## Mid Term at Cambourne Village College

This term is progressing at its usual fast speed; pupils and staff are all working hard, and Year 10 pupils in particular are adjusting well to the demands of their new GCSE courses. Our Year 7 pupils are now fully familiar with school routines, and they produced work of exceptional quality in their recent Geography project competition.

The building work on the site is well under the way with each day getting closer and closer to our new fantastic facilities. The pupils are cooperating fully as we work in somewhat cramped facilities at the moment.

This is the first term in which Cambourne Village College has enjoyed



Teaching School status. This designation provides a range of extra opportunities for pupils and staff, and we are looking forward to welcoming trainee teachers next year, as well as co-operating in a range of research projects with our partner schools.

Preparations for Christmas are beginning and our Christmas concert takes

place on Thursday 1 December, and the exchange visit to Germany takes place towards the end of term. We wish everyone a very happy festive season.

A full update of events at the College will be published in our school magazine, *News@Cam*, in the last week of term on the College website: [www.cambournevc.org](http://www.cambournevc.org)

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## Cambourne Women Runners Celebrate 10 years of running!

In January 2007, the Cambourne Women's Running Club was established to encourage women of all ages and abilities to come together not only to run but to have fun and make friends.

The club has attracted a wide range of members over the years, and still continues to do so. We are a friendly, sociable club and welcome all female runners.

Runs take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm from the Blue School, and occasionally at weekends.

During 2017, we will be holding a number of events for all members past and present to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. We'd love to see as many of you as possible, so why not join us in the New Year, not only to get into shape but to join the celebrations and catch up with friends.

**Jan 17th 2017 - Beginners Running Course** - starts Jan 17th and runs for 10 Weeks - Cost £25 - includes Annual Club Membership - All abilities welcome from non-runners and those looking to get back into running.

**April 2nd 2017 - Cambourne 10k** - Help us achieve our goal of entering our biggest club entry. If you want to get back into running and/or train with us we'll be running a programme to train for this event from January. Entries for the event open early December 2016.

**May 16th 2017 - Pimms Sports Day** - a fun evening of 'sports day activities' with plenty of Pimms to liven up the event. Details to be announced nearer the time

**For more information on any of these events, and to register your interest, contact [information.cwr@gmail.com](mailto:information.cwr@gmail.com)**

## Spartans FC continue winning streak

Spartans remain currently unbeaten in seventeen games!

The boys' 12 to 1 win in the Cambourne derby against the Eagles Blue placed the Spartans atop the U13 League, scoring 154 goals in the process. The boys have also made the last eight of the Cup, facing an away trip to Witchford Colts to progress to the Semi Final.

CFC Spartans would like to say a

big thank you to our sponsors. In particular, thank you to JR Surfacing and JL Plumbing & Heating, who recently bought the boys rain jackets for the coming wetter months.

We would also like to say thanks to Anderton Haulage, MEM Construction and LANAI who have sponsored kit bags and tracksuits for the team making the Spartans dream possible.



## SPORT

## Cambourne Tennis Club opens new courts and awards new champions

We enjoyed opening three new courts on 6th November. Thanks to everyone who joined us that day. Although they haven't been painted green yet, the new court surface feels fantastic and is not slippery even in the wet.

We are having our Club Christmas Party on 9th December this year. Don't forget to contact Ana if you would like to join us: [annaspringham@btinternet.com](mailto:annaspringham@btinternet.com)

New **coaching** sessions will start in January. Book online through [overandin.com](http://overandin.com). Alternatively contact [coaching@overandin.com](mailto:coaching@overandin.com) or 0844 776 1763.

Everyone is welcome to our Club **Social Mix-in Sessions**, running on

Wednesdays from 19:00 and Sundays from 14:00.

**Membership** gives access to our floodlit courts and the chance to book them online. All court fees are included in membership.

For further details look online <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Cambourn> eLTC/Membership/Join but please also contact [nigel.hillyard@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.hillyard@btinternet.com) for a big discount at this time of year.

Our annual Club Championships proved it was a year for young stars in the Singles. Congratulations to Darius on his hard-fought, victory over defending champion, Arif. Darius becomes the youngest ever Mens' Singles Champion for the club! Well



done also to Neha, who beat Parisa in the Ladies final to retain her title. Darius and Neha are going to be hard to beat during the next few years!

## Osteopathy... more than just backs

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## Cambourne Fishing Club

We wish you all a very  
**Happy Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year!**



**2017 TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FROM 1ST DECEMBER**

### MEMBERSHIP PRICES 2016/2017

Adult £22.50 (inc fish care spray)  
Junior £10.00 (12 - 16 year olds)  
DAY TICKETS £5.00 Dawn till Dusk

Children under 11 fish for FREE and must be supervised by an Adult member or valid day ticket holder.

Tickets can be purchased from:

Ouse Valley Specialist Angling  
Huntingdon Street, St Neots PE19 3JL  
Or via PayPal go to our website for details  
**[www.cambournefishingclub.com](http://www.cambournefishingclub.com)**  
Car Park available (near Lake entrance)

**MUST HAVE A VALID ROD LICENSE BEFORE  
FISHING AS IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT**

Bailiffs Required: Tel 07496 055311



## SPORT

## Cambourne Eagles FC

**Academy & U7** - Our Academy intake currently covers Reception and Year 1 children. We will start to train on Tuesday nights at Cambourne VC. Our recently formed U7 team train Wednesdays 1800-1900 and will start to play matches in January. Please get in touch if you want to join us or are able to help run the sessions.

**U8 Red** - The poor weather has meant a couple of Saturday's off, but they kept the team spirit going with a great game of bowling in St Neot's last Saturday!

**U11** - The squad would like to thank Shane and everyone at Everyone Active for the 2-year sponsor deal which has provided match kit, personalised tops and coats for all of the players and coaches. Thank you!

**U14** - Another excellent month for the under 14's has seen us continue our seven-match unbeaten run. A recent derby victory was the highlight for the boys with goals coming from right across the team, in what was our best display of the season. Keep up the hard work boys, it's really paying off.

**U15** - Cambourne Eagles U15 welcomes new signing Emile to the team. The newly formed league we are in is proving tough, but the boys are battling on. If you are in school year 10 and would like to join us for training please get in touch



with Lisa on 07809-504891.

On behalf of everyone at Cambourne Eagles, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

**Please contact us with any queries at [secretary@cambourne eaglesfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cambourne eaglesfc.co.uk).**

## Tae Kwon Do Students achieve success during skills grading

We've been having fun concentrating a lot on our kicking, punching and blocking techniques recently in preparation for our grading.

Well done to Connor Lacey who worked hard to achieve his new red belt and performed especially well in grading, sparring and his patterns; such that our grading examiner Master Brian Towndrow, 8th degree black belt, marked him extra for his technique and effort!

Huge congratulations are also in order to Edward Roberts, who attended his grading at the Bristol Academy and impressed the examiners enough to be promoted to first degree black belt. He had to demonstrate his patterns, sparring skills and self-defence techniques in front of five extremely experienced Masters and performed very well in a pressured environment.

If you're interested in Tae Kwon Do and would like to learn what Connor and Edward have been doing, achieve their success or just want to find a new physical activity to try out, then come along to try it yourself. We have beginner classes for adults and children on Tuesday evenings at the Vine School and Saturday mornings at the Sports Centre.



**Edward Roberts, 1st Degree Black Belt and Connor Lacey, Red Belt**

**The first month's training is free so please contact Stephen on 07905 744777 or [stephenlacey73@gmail.com](mailto:stephenlacey73@gmail.com) for more details or visit our Cambourne TKD Facebook page.**

## COMMUNITY

## Fireworks display went off with a bang!

More than 11,000 people attended the Cambourne firework display on 5 November - more than ever before.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: "We had lots of great feedback about our delicious, free mulled wine, it was so popular we had run out by 7:10pm, so we will make sure we have more next year. We also had very popular food stalls including Cambourne Grill and Maikki a Venezuelan street food stall and the Monkfield Arms' mobile bar."

They added: "This year the committee decided to have a laser and light show for the younger spectators but sadly it wasn't as successful as we had expected due to the weather conditions. We apologise for any disappointment, but we need to try new things and see if they work."

The team also thanked all the volunteers, Army Cadets, Air



*Photos by Peter Laborne*

Cadets, Police Cadets, Rainbows and Guides whose help was invaluable. Next year's fireworks display will be held on Saturday 4th November.



**CAMBOURNE RESIDENTS FROM VARIOUS NATIONS** tried on colourful Sarees and Kurtas at the Festival of Lights, or Diwali, at the Hub last month. Children made Rangoli designs with the sand-colours and enjoyed sparklers.

Organiser, Cllr. Bhattacharya said: "Our main goal was to create a homely atmosphere and engage people in various activities." The event was free for all and a delicious homemade Indian meal was served for everyone.

Physicist Dr. Ranjan Vasudevan demonstrated and explained ancient Vedic rituals and Cambridge Professor Shumone Ray raised £100 for his slum community kitchen in Kolkata through the NNEd Project in the Festival night.



**TEN MEMBERS OF CAMBOURNE RUNNERS ARC** braved the weather to complete the St Neots Riverside Half Marathon on Sunday 20 November. Congratulations to all! Pictured are (L-R) back row: Matt Pocock, Andy Warne, Ian Bavin, Martha Burton, Tim Nash. Front row: Carl Robinson, Heidi Hurst. Not pictured, Marsha Robinson, Warren Clark and Simon Pennington.

The club organises weekly runs, all ability on Saturday morning 9am and Wednesday 7.10pm from the Hub. Details: [cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com](mailto:cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com)