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Happy new year, Cambourne!

The team at the Cambourne Crier would like to wish everyone in Cambourne a very happy new year.

If you would like to submit something for publication in 2017, please send it to editorial@cambournecrier.org.

The deadline is always 9pm on 19th of the month prior to the month of publication - so the deadline for the February edition is 19th January.

We can't guarantee to publish everything we receive as we have a limited amount of space, but we do try our best to fit everything in. We also reserve the right to edit any submission before publication.

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Finally, a huge thanks to all our contributors, to the volunteers who work so hard to produce the Cambourne Crier every month and to the delivery team which ensures everyone gets their copy the first full weekend of each month. Thanks also to Pendrill Publications for their continued support in printing the Crier.

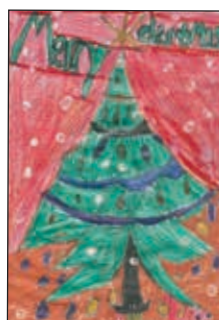
Cambourne Crier Christmas card competition winners collect their prizes

On Saturday 10 December, the winners of the 2016 Cambourne Crier Christmas Card Competition were presented with their prizes at Cambourne Library. Each winner received 10 printed copies of their card, to send to friends and family.

The winners, pictured right, were Ciara Walshe, age 9, Aadi Gandhi, age 7, Aaryan Gandhi, age 5 and Delana Singh, age 5.

Congratulations to all of you!

If you would like to enter next year's competition, keep an eye out for details in the October 2017 issue of the Cambourne Crier.



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

CAMBOURNE CRIER

The Cambourne Crier is compiled by volunteers. This month's editors were:

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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? Or are you thinking of setting up a new group and need some funding to get going?

Contact pam.hume@ntlworld.com or download the application form at www.cambournecrier.org

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Please allow a minimum of 48 hours notice for your journey as we need time to contact our drivers.

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/

Waste and recycling collections

Black bin: Thursdays 12 & 26 January 2017

Blue bin, paper caddy: Thursday 19 January 2017

- Bulky household items by arrangement.

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

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Does your club or group need financial help to get started, or to purchase new equipment?

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Email editorial@cambournecrier.org for more details.

1ST CAMBOURNE RAINBOWS

Would you like to join, or volunteer with, Rainbows?

The 1st Cambourne Rainbows have been enjoying a term learning all different crafts to get in to the christmas spirit! – from making Christmas cards to creating their own sequin bauble for their Christmas tree.

There has been a lot of fun and laughter for the girls and to celebrate their end of term badge a treat to the cinema is well deserved, with popcorn and lots of sweets of course!

We have a great group of 16 girls that come weekly to see their friends, play games and get creative.

We would like to welcome all girls from the age of 5-7 years old to sign up and become a rainbow and maybe progress to a brownie or even a guide.

The group would not be able to run without a great team of volunteers and parents – if you are interested in becoming a



volunteer for our rainbow group please email Hannah Skerrett, 1st Cambourne Rainbow Leader, on h.skerrett1@gmail.com.

We would like to encourage all ages to become a volunteer – why not become a qualified young leader from the age of 14? It is a great experience to see the girls have so much fun and enjoy taking their creative items home with them.



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Cambourne Parish Council would like to wish the residents of Cambourne a happy and prosperous 2017.

A look back at 2016

The start of the New Year is a good time to reflect back on the work of the Parish Council during 2016. 2016 has been a year of growth with the addition of new buildings and facilities, more events taking place and expansion of the volunteer schemes. Some of the work undertaken includes:

New Buildings

At the beginning of the year the office staff were finally able to move, after 11 years, from their 'temporary' office into their purpose built accommodation giving them much needed space and storage. In April the new Cricket Pavilion on the Great Cambourne Cricket Field was completed. This new facility, as well as being the new base for the Cambourne Cricket Club, has proved to be a very popular venue for private parties and community groups and classes. The Parish Council also took over the Blue School and the hall and classrooms are available to rent.

Public open spaces and play areas

The Grounds Team carry out regular inspections on the play areas to ensure that they are safe to use and they have continued to keep Cambourne's open spaces maintained to a high standard.

Sports

2016 saw the opening of the new 3g pitch and 3 additional tennis courts. This has been fully funded by S106 money for the 950 additional dwellings in Upper Cambourne that was required to provide additional pitch facilities and grant funding from the FA, the Premier League, the LTA, Cambs LTA and the Cambourne Parish Energy fund.

Burial Ground

The Burial Ground on the High Street was opened in 2016 with the first two burials taking place. Plots are also available to pre-purchase.

Events

The Cambourne Community Fete was once again organised by the Parish Council. Despite the best efforts of the weather to put a damper on proceedings the event in September was a success attracting large numbers of people who enjoyed live music, food from around the world and various attractions.

Two new events also took place in 2016. In April the first trade fair 'A Celebration of Business in Cambourne' was held to promote small businesses operating in Cambourne; members of the public that came along enjoyed a variety of discounts, free prize draws and free samples. In November the Parish Council hosted the first 'Volunteers Fair', an event that matched residents who were interested in volunteering in the community with various local voluntary organisations. Both events proved a great success and will become annual fixtures in the calendar.

The Parish Council once again organised successful visits from both the Fun Fair and the Circus and has supported both the Fireworks and Light Up Cambourne Committees to provide firework and Christmas lights displays for all to enjoy, and provided support to the Cambourne & Cambridge 10K.

Councillors

At the beginning of 2016 four councillors left the Council for a variety of personal reasons and we thank Ruth Betson, George Cooper, Sean Masters and Suzanne Smith for their contribution to the Council during their time in office. Following an uncontested election in May, Cllr Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, Cllr Peter Hedges, Cllr Simon Krintas and Cllr Kevin McIntyre were co-opted and welcomed to the Council.

Staff

This year we have said goodbye to some staff and welcomed new ones. All the Parish Council staff have undertaken a variety of training courses during 2016 to enhance their skills and maintain their Continuing Professional Development.

This is just a small sample of the work undertaken by Cambourne Parish Council during 2016 and we look forward to continuing this work and rising to the challenges that 2017 will bring.

Calendar of Meetings Jan / Feb 2017

17 January at 7pm	Planning Committee, Council
7 February at 7pm	Planning, Council
21 February at 7pm	Planning, Leisure & Amenities

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

For all other enquiries please email: bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

Mon: 9am – 5pm Tues: 9am – 1pm
 Wed: Closed all day Thurs: 4 – 7pm
 Fri: 9am – 5pm Sat: 9am – 1pm
 Reception area open 9am – 5.30pm every week day

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our Librarian Theatre "Christmas Carol" just before Christmas. The newly formed group of professional actors are on a mission to take theatre to libraries and make it more accessible to a wider audience. On the back of their wonderful Hamlet we managed to sell out tickets really quickly. The four members of Librarian Theatre yet again managed to perform to really professional standards with a wonderfully creative use of props and puppetry and the feedback was that everyone enjoyed the intimacy of the library space. We also had a little audience participation! Feedback from the company was that they instinctively got a great community feel from everyone and felt really welcomed and appreciated by staff and audience. Watch this space for another possible production in the Spring.

Events in the library in January:

ENGAGE: "Refugees in Greece – A Cambridge GPs experience" - Jane Wilson-Howarth. Wed 6 January 2–3.30pm. No booking required, just pop down to the library.

"Shopping Through the Ages" – Hannah Vandridge from the Norris Museum. Wed 1 February, 2–3.30pm.

Job Centre Plus – Drop into the library 1.30–3.30pm. Drop in for help with cvs, applying for jobs and job information. Pop into the library if you wish to book an appointment.

Rhyme Time and Story Time will re-start on Friday 6 January with Ryme Time. See the library for details.

As well as books, DVDs, Magazines and books on CD to borrow, we also offer an e-book service. As a library user you can download free magazines and newspapers, not to mention help with any local information you may need. There is also free Wi Fi at the library. For a welcoming atmosphere and a friendly smile visit the library :)



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HEALTH NEWS



Looking after yourself

There are a number of items you can have as part of a medicine cabinet or First Aid kit which can help you treat many everyday illnesses and minor ailments.

Pain relief medications (such as paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available from pharmacies, can be used for both adults and children and are effective at treating aches, pains and colds. Antihistamine creams or medicines are useful to treat minor allergies, insect bites and hay-fever.

Medication to treat diarrhoea, constipation and indigestion can also be very useful. Pharmacists can give expert advice on which medications are suitable for you or your family, depending on any health issues you may have.

Always keep medicines out of the reach of children and only give them medication which has been specifically formulated for children. However, if symptoms do not settle, then seek further advice from a pharmacist or GP. It is also important to always take medicines as directed on the packaging as well as checking they are in date.

A supply of different size plasters, sterile dressings, bandages and medical tape, a basic thermometer and tweezers for removing splinters is a good start for your First Aid Kit.

Some excellent self-care factsheets (including information on childhood illnesses) are available to download from www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk or the 'Choose well Cambridgeshire' App.

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

HEIDI ALLEN MP



Keeping Cambs moving

May I wish all readers a very prosperous New Year.

I was delighted to welcome the Prime Minister to Hinxton in November for her visit to the Sanger Institute Wellcome Genome Campus. Theresa May was impressed by the world-leading research taking place and announced the launch of a £2bn fund intended to keep Britain at the forefront of research and development in science and technology. I was so proud to show off our constituency!

South Cambs is now part of a 'Growth corridor' from Cambridgeshire to Oxford. Cambridgeshire received a massive infrastructure boost with the announcement of £27m for the Oxford to Cambridgeshire Expressway (£10m of which will specifically explore options within South Cambs); £110m of funding in East West Rail and a grant of £1.5m to repair our roads and potholes.

This will deliver further infrastructure improvements similar to the A14 upgrade which is *finally* underway. The next phase of upgrade works was officially started by Chris Grayling, Transport Secretary. I also met with other local MPs and Highways England at the A428 Member's Forum to ensure we keep the dualling project on track.

My 'No appointment' surgeries are proving to be increasingly popular so if you feel I could help, don't hesitate to pop along. You can find details here www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries or phone 01954 212707 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!

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COMMUNITY

Community groups encouraged to apply for £5,000 funding boost

COMMUNITY groups in the area are being urged to get their applications in to try and scoop up to £5,000 in funding.

Central England Co-operative is issuing a plea to clubs, charities and schools across the area to take part in its Community Dividend Scheme.

Grants of between £100 and £5,000 are handed out every three months to a wide range of applicants.

The fund guarantees that at least one per cent of the Society's trading profit is reinvested in local communities in a bid to help projects to thrive across its trading area of 16 counties from the Midlands to the east coast.

Martyn Cheatle, Chief Executive of Central England Co-operative, said: "We handed out over £140,000 to projects in our communities in 2015 and over £2 million since the scheme was established in 2007. Our latest round of funding saw 30 groups share £70,224.

"The scheme helps to benefit a wide variety of projects, raising from a £100 boost to a £5,000 cash injection, that will make the communities that we serve a better place for our members to live, work and visit.

"I would like to urge all of our members to get in touch and put forward a community cause close to their heart for the Community Dividend scheme."

People can apply for funding by visiting <https://communities.centralengland.coop/> or heading in store to pick up an application form.

Potential applicants have to have been a Central England Co-operative member for six months, the project should be in the trading area of a Central England Co-operative store and all applications will need a referee.

The deadline for submissions for the February edition of the Cambourne Crier is 9pm on 19th January, 2017.

Please email text and photos to editorial@cambournecrier.org

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WILDLIFE REVIEW JANUARY

Lots of winter thrushes have been seen around Cambourne in the last month or so. Redwings and fieldfares come over from Scandinavia when the weather turns too cold for them over there and take advantage of all the berry-laden hedges around Cambourne, roaming around in large noisy flocks.

What were your wildlife highlights for 2016? What are you going to be looking out for in 2017? Send your sightings in to me at the details below or share them with us on social media. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn and Twitter @wildlifebcn. We love to know what you are spotting on our Nature Reserves when we can't be there.



Cambourne 10k - Get fit for Wildlife

If you enjoy being active outdoors and want to see your local wildlife thrive, then why not combine the two and enter our 10k Business Challenge.

Local businesses are invited to enter a team of four to run in the Cambourne 10k, to win the coveted 10k Business Challenge trophy and raise money for the Wildlife Trust. The race will be held on Sunday 2 April around the beautiful nature reserve and country park and is popular with first time runners as well as seasoned racers. To find out more, email helen.daniel@wildlifebcn.org or call 01954 713500.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the green spaces in Cambourne please get in touch.

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).

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn and Twitter @wildlifebcn

To find out more about your local Wildlife Trust, what we offer in Cambourne and how you can support us, please visit www.wildlifebcn.org

bpha is looking for tenants who have a view on how it delivers its housing services to be part of an important working group.

The Service Improvement Panel is an independent group made up of bpha tenants which meets up every six weeks to read reports, research other housing providers and visit bpha's offices to meet employees.

Liz Parsons, Director of Quality and Communications at bpha, said: "The Service Improvement Panel exists to

scrutinise and ensure bpha is accountable. It plays a very important part in helping to make us operate better and more efficiently, and if any residents have just a few hours to spare each month, I would urge them to please contact us."

Full training and guidance will be given. For more information contact Elaine Warwick, Resident Engagement and Scrutiny Co-ordinator at bpha, on 01234 221327 or email elaine.warwick@bpha.org.uk

Looking for something new to do in 2017?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme.

Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a Community Champion as CFRS is always seeking people from diverse backgrounds.

The scheme is run by the charity Groundwork on behalf of CFRS.

To find out more about the Community Champions scheme, contact Katie Dean on 01480 587140 / 07736 132870 or email katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk

Don't forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month, by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, please visit our website.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.



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Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510 PeacehavenBC@aol.com www.peacehavenbc.org.uk



Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Now we have the new year stretched out ahead of us, full of possibilities.

Recently I had the privilege to attend a citizenship ceremony in Cambridge where my wife Laura was naturalised as a British citizen. She now holds, like myself and our son, dual nationality, both UK and USA. The process is long, involved and expensive, but as I looked around I saw people from all over the world there. They sought long and hard and in a legal manner to obtain the

freedom that comes with being British. Many people there were from nations where freedom is curtailed or even some from places that freedom is like a whispered dream, a secret longing in a darkened world. Freedom is an amazing thing and should never be taken lightly.

We have been studying the book of Judges in our Sunday school hour, how Israel was oppressed after they wandered into sin then God raised a judge, a deliverer for them time and time again. To restore freedom and righteousness in the land. This principle of a redeemer from the consequences of sin is reflected in Christ. The principle

of a Saviour to restore freedom and righteousness is also reflected in Christ.

So as we live this year in a country where we are free to worship as we please, do not forget this freedom is precious and was purchased in blood by many in years past and is still the envy or hope of many. And I for one thank God that I live in this blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England. There are many less happy lands, so even if your lot in life seems drear, thank the Lord your lot lies here.

I invite you to come find out more some time.

Pastor Donavan Bangs

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January Services and Events

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(see below for changes to individual service times)
Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
at 9:30am & 11am

Sunday 1st January	10am All Age service
Sunday 8th January	10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 15th January	9.30am and 11am Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd January	9.30am and 11am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 29th January	9.30am and 11am Morning Worship
Sunday 5th February	9.30am and 11am Morning Worship

Looking back, the year 2016 strikes me as a somewhat challenging year: the division over Brexit, the war in Syria as well as any number of problems that ordinary people face everyday. So what if there was someone who came to make your life happy and enable you to flourish? Well, the Bible tells us that Jesus - the Jesus we celebrate at Christmas - is just that person and what he came to do: to make us happy!

"I have come that they {that's you and me}
may have life and have it to the full"
John 10.10

Happiness is an emotional state, yes, but it's one we can cultivate more of, even given the challenges we face. The Catholic priest and monk, Richard Rohr writes, "Authentic spirituality is always about changing you. It's not about trying to change anyone else." In other words, it's our job to cultivate the change we want to see this new year. It's our job to make ourselves happier. Over the coming six months, I'm going to write about six ways to become happier. These are:

- * Journaling gratitude
- * Practicing acts of kindness
- * Learning to forgive
- * Being with friends and family
- * Looking after body and soul
- * Coping strategies for life's challenges

So, come back to this page next month as we think about looking out for things in our everyday lives that we can be grateful for amidst the stuff that we're not. You can be happier in 2017.

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

4th February, 4th March



LOCAL GROUPS

CAMBOURNE HEALTH & WELLBEING CLUB

The group meets alternate Fridays (next meetings: 13th and 27th of January; 10th and 24th February) from 10.30am - 12.00 midday at the Blue School site (behind the Church). Each time there will be a speaker, refreshments, chair-based exercises and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is FREE. For more details please contact Catherine on 01954 710644.

WW2 AIRCRAFT CLUB

The club started in Cambourne and this is a non profit organisation devoted to the study of WW2 aircraft in theaters. Meetings are held in Cambourne on the 1st Monday of every month. If you are interested contact Cameron for details at 01954 269173 or e-mail iancameron692@gmail.com

FRIDAY WALK

The group does not walk in January. Instead we will be planning the year's walks. Look out for details in the February Crier.

SUNDAY WALK

If you would like to join us in 2017, all you need to do is turn up at Monks Wood car park on School Lane at 10 am on 29th of January. If you are interested contact Dave for details by e-mailing david.ellis910@ntlworld.com

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.

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/cambournephotohraphygroup/>

CAMBOURNE ARTS WEBSITE

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WORD 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 on 01954 718836, asking at the library or just turning up on the day.

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

WHAT'S ON

Every Thursday: 10 am or 10.30am to 11am

Healthy Walking

Stable Rooms at Wandlebury Country Park on A1307

Meet at 10 for a longer walk or 10.30 for a shorter walk. It is free of charge, no need to book. The parking on site is £3 per vehicle, members free. All are welcomed - suitable for all abilities.

Saturday 14th and 21st of January, 11.00am to 3.30pm

Conservation Volunteer Activity – hedge laying

Wandlebury Country Park on A1307

The team and volunteers will be 'laying' a hedge, which will strengthen the structure making it better for wildlife. Tools will be provided. Please wear waterproof clothing and bring a packed lunch. It is a free event but booking is essential as numbers are limited. Parking on site is available and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

Saturday 28th January and 4th February, 11.00am – 3.30 pm

Conservation Volunteer Activity –

Coppicing and Coppice products

Wandlebury Country Park on A1307

Re– coppicing some of the hazel stools at Wandlebury to help increase biodiversity in the woodland. Tools will be provided. Also please wear warm waterproof clothing and bring a packed lunch. Adults only. Meet at Wandlebury, notice on board at the top of the car park. Parking costs £3 per vehicle. It is a free event but booking is essential as there are limited available places.

For further information, email bookings@cambridgepff.org or call 01223 243830 extension 207.

CAMBOURNE WI

It is with some sadness that I am writing to inform residents that the Cambourne WI has now closed.

However, it is hoped that there will be a new WI at some point in the future.

Anyone, of any age, can contact the WI headquarters in Cambridge for help/advice with regard to starting a new WI.

Meetings could take place during the daytime, or evening and if a WI opens in Cambourne within three years then there is a pot of money which will be available to help with running costs, speakers etc.

In the meantime I would like to thank everyone who served on the committee, and particularly Joan Roe, who was involved from the very beginning of the Cambourne WI and served on the committee for most of its life.

I would also like to thank those who supported the WI, as members or visitors.

I look forward to supporting another WI in Cambourne in the not too distant future.

Pam Hume



Winter Wonderland

A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that have helped to create Cambourne's Winter Wonderland over the past 10 years.

It has been our absolute pleasure to bring this event into our community, and a joy to have been a blessing to thousands of people over those years.

Many families attended year after year and people consistently said "this event is the beginning of our Christmas season".

There have been countless volunteers, and you know who you all are, so thank you. Nothing gets done without a team of people. You should feel proud that you have helped to shape your community.

God bless you all, Ali and Hayley
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Christmas Activities at Monkfield Primary Care and Learning Centre

We have had a very exciting end to the autumn term with parents/carers being invited to attend one of our four Winter Activity Sessions. These involved completing activities such as making Christmas cards, playing with glittery sand, shaving foam and jelly; making Christmas tree decorations and calendars with the children and ended with Christmas singing.

On Friday 16 December, the children were invited to wear a Christmas jumper/top in order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK which is Monkfield Park's Charity of the Year. Voluntary contributions of £1 for the charity were collected and will be donated along with money raised in the school.

The pre-school children enjoyed Christmas dinner on Monday 19 December and were very pleased that Father Christmas found time in his busy schedule to visit them before the end of term so they could tell him about what they would like for Christmas.

We finished the term with some more Christmas activities such as parties in the pre-school and the children who come to After School Club had a daily advent activity to complete. The Activity Advent Calendar for the OOSC children proved



popular, with children engaging in Christmas crafts and making models to take home. Other Advent activities have included the 'Christmas Alphabet Challenge' - can you think of a Christmas related word for each letter of the alphabet?



Our holiday club will be running on 21, 22 and 23 December 2016 and 3 January 2017 where the children will enjoy a further range of Christmas activities including making popcorn garlands, decorations and playing games.

If you would like any further information about the Care and Learning Centre or would like to register your child for any of the sessions we offer, please contact us on 01954 273301 or via email clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Year 2 Christmas Performance at the Vine Primary

This term the Year 2's English focus was on exploring newspaper articles and wrote, as eyewitnesses, about how the Great Fire of London started. The children also wrote their own diary entry and an article about the Christmas Performance "Babushka".

On Monday and Tuesday the 12th and 13th of December 2016 Year 2 performed our Christmas play. It was called 'Babushka'. At the beginning of the play Babushka had an empty heart, but at the end her heart was full because she made everybody happy with her gifts. The children performed amazingly to a crowd of proud mums and dads. A few words from the children:

"It was good being Babushka because I got to sweep with the brush and say lots of lines." *Aishani*

"It was fun beacuse I liked walking around as the fly." *Charlie*

"Making the audience laugh when I said 'Oh she is bossier than my mum!', was great." *Matthew*



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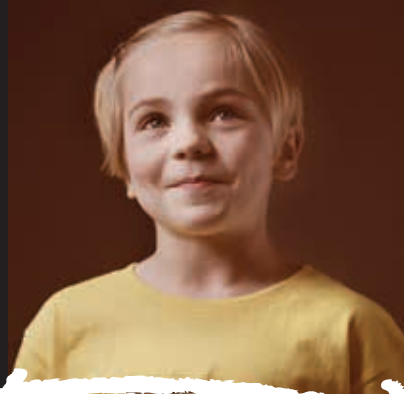
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Technology Experts at Monkfield Park Primary

In November, Year 4 were visited by Mr Thompson and his 3D printer. Prior to the visit, Year 4 sketched their chairs from different perspectives in preparation to creating their own chairs, which was linked to the literacy topic of Alice in Wonderland. On the day of his visit, the children worked on laptops to turn their Mad Hatter chair designs into 3D electronic creations. The winning four designs were chosen based on both their creativity and practicality, following Mr Thompson's advice. Staying with technology, ten deserving children visited the top secret Amazon Prime Air Lab in Cambridge following the school's competition to design their own flying drone. The children got an opportunity to use computer simulations, as well as flying real-life drones.

The end of November saw an opportunity for all of the pupils to meet with the rest of their house team. They spent an afternoon doing Children In Need related activities. Back in school, rehearsals are underway for the Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert, which will be performed to pupils and parents before the end of term. Year 1 pupils have also



been working hard rehearsing for their upcoming Christmas Nativity performance.

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.

Space exploration at Jeavons Wood

This half-term, the Year 5s at Jeavons Wood have been learning about life, the universe and everything in between, in their cosmically captivating topic of SPACE! The countdown began with an incredible trip to the National Space Centre where pupils set off rockets, rode hover machines and touched-down in a life-size replica of the International Space Station. Of course, after being blown away by all the amazing things they'd learnt during their trip, the pupils had no choice but to design and launch their very own rockets in Cambourne! Unfortunately, the massive build-up of water pressure needed to launch the Bottle Rockets drenched all of the pupils, which the staff were very upset



about and didn't enjoy in the slightest. A glimpse in English books this half-term would reveal informative Solar System fact files on one page and action-packed Sci-Fi stories on the next. Meanwhile, the pupils have also been getting their teeth into a variety of

space-themed Maths problems and working hard to explain the reasoning behind their chosen methods. When you read this we will have moved back in time to study our next topic: the Ancient Greeks. We can't wait to share all our fabulous learning with you soon!

SCHOOLS

First Nativity play at Cambourne Pre-School

Cambourne Pre-School had a very busy few weeks in the lead up to the Christmas break.

We performed our first nativity play this year. The children spent 4 weeks practicing the songs, learning their parts and their lines.

The children have also enjoyed a visit to the church, where Jane used figures

to retell the nativity story. Special thanks to Jane for taking the time for our visit.

The week ended with a party which included Christmas crafts, glitter tattoos, musical chairs, a fun festive photo booth and a special visit from Santa.

To raise money for new outdoor equipment, we held a christmas raffle,

and would like to thank the following companies for their generous prize donations which helped us to raise £151.

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Christmas production at Hardwick Primary



Although you may be reading this in a slight daze as Christmas has been and gone, at the time of writing our younger children have all been performing their Christmas productions to huge crowds!

We say the same thing every year (mainly because it's true!), we could not be prouder! They have, once again, been amazing. Each and every one is a star in their own right.

The Nursery children sang a huge variety of songs to a big crowd (over 40 parents and relatives came) and loved being able to show their songs off.

The Reception children were superb in their version of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel', with beautifully sung songs and great delivery of lines.

Finally, Year 1 and 2 produced a perfectly performed production of 'Mamma Mary- the Musical', and it was absolutely astounding!

The feedback from parents about all three shows was great, a lot of hard work goes into putting these shows together, not least from the children but the thrill of performing and sense of achievement is so good- it'll keep us grinning till next year when we'll be ready to do it all again!

We also need to thank the school PTA, staff and all the children and families who came to our Christmas Fayre at the Cambourne Campus. It was a wonderful afternoon, with many noting how the atmosphere was so festive and warming.

A lot of hard work goes into running these events and it was clearly worth it all, not just in the amount of money it raised (a record high this year) but also how much everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We hope you've all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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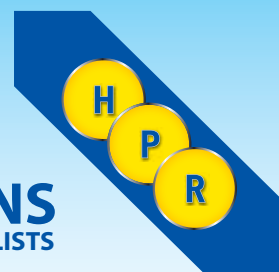
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Cambourne Raptors Basketball



2016 was the year that the **Raptors Senior Basketball** club was born. Thanks to the support of our members and the parish Council, the club quickly established itself and is now looking forward to an exciting 2017. With the largest number of registered players in the county, our sights are set on participating in next year's league whilst also promoting basketball purely for fun.

The club hosts two open sessions on Monday and Thursdays to allow players of all abilities to just turn up and play. These sessions are half court or full court games, involving beginners through to league players. Monday 'Warm Up' 8-8.30pm - £2 members, £3 non-members
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Cambourne Cats Junior Basketball beat the youngest of the Cambridge Cats teams. The match started slowly for both teams, with Cambourne finishing the first quarter ahead 12-2. Then, Cambridge took control of the match and ended the second quarter ahead 16-26. However, Cambourne fought back to tie and the scores remained close until Cambourne scored twice in the very last minute to clinch a victory, 40-36! It was a fantastic effort by all. Thanks to Clinton for organising this match.

Training sessions for juniors are held at the Cambourne Village College every Monday. These are run by the experienced Cambridge Cats Coach, Clinton Wedderburn. The 9- to 12-year olds start at 6pm with the 13- to 16-year olds playing from 7-8pm. All abilities are welcome.
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Cambourne Cricket Club presentation

The club held its annual presentation evening in December in the club's new home at the Great Cambourne pavilion. Members celebrated achievements of the 2016 season, including promotion for the 1st XI to Senior League 2, county squad selection for four junior members and an ECB 'Heartbeat of the Club' award for the club stalwart Danny White. Individual awards were presented to:

Batting

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3rd XI: Graham Saint (290 runs)
U18: James Teale

Bowling

1st XI: Temoor Khan (24 wickets)
2nd XI: Abhi Sharma (16 wickets)
3rd XI: Mo Sayeed (17 wickets)
U18: Achintya Prasad

Most improved senior: Josh White

Most improved junior:

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Best Fielder: Humberto de Sousa

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The Chris James Trophy for Cricketer of the Year: James Darrington

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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.

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SPORT

Exiles at the top of the table

Cambourne Exiles assembled a small band of merry men over this Christmas period to travel to Shelford. A good mixing of youth with experience proved to be the squad's strength.

The start could not have gone better with a try being set up by team stalwart Chris Wallis allowing Scott Conway to batter his way over the line.

Exiles soon scored a second with the man mountain Andrew Soer crashing over from great link-up play between the forwards and backs, again with Chris Wallis featuring heavily. The Exiles' overwhelming strength and size advantage meant Shelford were on the back foot for most of the game. The set pieces were solid giving Cambourne a good base for the backs to run off. Captain Josh Cox certainly made his weight advantage tell, crashing runs up the middle. Just before the half, the Exiles suffered a yellow card with the official mistakenly sending the wrong man off - who afterward said that "maybe he needed to go to Specsavers."

Shelford's defence at times was stoic, but it had to be or it would have been a 100 plus score line. Their only try came when their back line took advantage of a penalty close to the Exiles line, uncharacteristically catching Ben Yeats asleep, stepping around him and sliding in for a try.



The home team didn't score again and the Exiles continued in the same vein; possession, recycling, offloading and finally passing the ball down the line to our strong back line. Man of the Match was Chris Wallis, who controlled the forwards and provided the link with the Backs that featured in nearly all of the tries.

Final Score: Shelford 5ths 5 v Cambourne Exiles 36

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Girls Football continues to flourish. The U12s Red team (Years 6 & 7) has won 5 out of its 8 games this season and the U14s (Years 8 & 9) have won their last 3 in a row. Whilst the U12s Black team is still awaiting its first victory, there has been enough encouraging play to suggest that it will come soon.

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At the end of the Christmas term the senior youth club enjoyed a Christmas dinner expertly cooked by the young people themselves. We had a great evening of food, fun and good music to help get us into the festive mood. The Kids clubs – All stars and Crazy Crew – enjoyed some festive fun with their Christmas Parties. Christmas decorations were made, biscuits decorated (and eaten!). We had lots of party games and plenty of yummy food! Fun was had by all. CYP staff would like to say a special 'Thank you' to all our volunteers who help run our clubs. We can't do it without you!

Family Fun Days @ CYP – Spring Half Term

Come and join in the fun! Thursday 16th February 2017, 11:15am – 4:15pm, Cambourne Soul, Back Lane
Cost: £4 per child



Who: Families – parents and children in Primary School (a few pre-school children can be accommodated by arrangement – please speak to Jane on Booking). It is expected that parents/carers attend with their child(ren).
Programme: Pizza Factory (we will make pizzas for lunch – both adults and children!), a craft project, another activity to be confirmed, such as a sports session or wildlife trail, tuck shop and games!

To book on to the Funday please email Jane or Stacy on officecyp@gmail.com or text Jane on 07850961000.

Other Family Fun Days for 2017

* Easter – Thursday 13th April

* Summer half-term – 1st June

* Summer holidays - dates to be confirmed.

COMMUNITY

London Marathon runners aim to raise £2,500 for Parkinson's UK

On 23 April 2017, Mia Sockett of Granary Way and Dr Helen Smith of School Lane, will be running the London Marathon in aid of Parkinson's UK.

Mia is a partner at John Lewis in Cambridge and Helen is a Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at Addenbrooke's.

Mia told Cambourne Crier: "We are running the London Marathon in aid of Parkinson's UK.

"Helen's aunt had Parkinson's and now her brother, Andrew. He is totally inspirational. He ran the third London Marathon in 1983 gaining his place by sleeping outside the post office to ensure he had access to the application form.

"Helen and Andrew were due to run the London Marathon together in 2002 but he had to pull out.

"He has, throughout his life, enjoyed many sports; bungee jumping, parachuting - including free falling - hang-gliding and



Mia Sockett and Dr Helen Smith, pictured at the start of their training for the London Marathon in October

in spite of being severely restricted by Parkinson's Disease at the age of 54, still enjoys skiing and mountain biking. We are running this race for Andrew."

Mia and Helen have asked if readers of the Cambourne Crier would be willing to sponsor them and by supporting Parkinson's UK, make a big difference in helping find a cure and to support those who suffer with this debilitating disease.

Their sponsorship page can be found here:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=HelenSmith54>

All funds raised go directly to the charity and they aim to raise at least £2,500.

Cambourne 10k to raise money for Maggie's Wallace Centre

The Cambridge Cambourne 10K and Fun Run 2017 has announced its nominated charity as Maggie's Wallace Centre.

Now in its ninth year, over £60,000 has been raised by the 10K and Fun Run and everyone who runs contributes to the total just by entering. Taking place on Sunday 2 April at Cambourne Business Park, runners now have the exciting option to team up and run the 10K as a 2-leg relay alongside the usual 10K and Fun Run which historically attract over 1,000 runners.

Beth Jones, from the organising team, said, "We are very proud of the race's history in supporting local charities and we're so pleased to be supporting the work of the Maggie's Wallace Centre."

The Maggie's Wallace Centre has been providing free, evidence-based practical, emotional and social support

for people with cancer and their families and friends for over four years in the local area.

Andrea Chupacova, from Maggie's Wallace Centre, said: "We are honoured to be the chosen charity for the race next year. All money raised from the

event will go directly to our Centre in Cambridge to support people with cancer, their families and friends."

More information on the Cambridge Cambourne 10K and Fun Run is available via the event website www.cambridgecambourne10k.com.

