

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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A dream come true for Rebecca

An open letter to the people of Cambourne from the Potter family

"Many of you may remember that the September edition of the Cambourne Crier featured our appeal to help raise funds to make adaptations to our home to provide a downstairs bedroom and wet room to enable Rebecca to remain living at home rather than move into a nursing home.

"We are delighted to say that with the incredibly generous help of the residents of Cambourne we reached our target and raised the necessary funds to allow this work to be done in an incredibly short period of time.

"Although the majority of the funding was provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council as a disabled facilities grant, we had to meet a shortfall of almost £18,000. We were incredibly fortunate to be awarded charitable funding of £7,500 with help from Cambs Home Improvement Agency, but the rest of the funding was down to the amazing generosity of the residents of Cambourne.



Annie and Rebecca Potter in Rebecca's new downstairs bedroom

"Work started on the 10 October and Rebecca was able to move into the new adaptations on 19 December. Giving her a most fantastic early Christmas present. The works have completely changed Rebecca's life and have made day to day living a lot easier for her. The best thing is that Rebecca's future living

at home with her family has been secured. We really couldn't have done this without the generosity of local people. It really goes to show what a wonderful community Cambourne is and you should all be proud of that!"

*Thank you,
Rebecca, Mike and Annie Potter*



Cambourne Parish Plan update

With so many Cambourne residents completing the Cambourne Parish Plan Community-wide Survey back in the summer of 2016, it has taken the steering committee a considerable amount of time to ensure that your comments, suggestions and ideas have been looked at and incorporated into their analysis.

The next step is to present their findings to the Parish Council in February before they are able to share the final report with you all.

"We are nearly there, and it won't be long before the summary document is published at the end of March 2017 and out in the public domain," said Clare Daniels of the Steering Committee.

Printed copies of the summary document will be delivered to each house in Cambourne following its publication.



A date for your diary:

**CAMBOURNE
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Saturday 17th and
Sunday 18th June 2017

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Please email articles and photographs to editorial@cambournecrier.org Photographs must be print quality and should be sent as separate images. By submitting photographs you confirm you have permission from the photographer and anyone in the photos for us to print them.

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If you have access to the internet and a PC and would like to join the editorial team as an editor, designer, writer or to help with our website, please get in touch on editorial@cambournecrier.org

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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.

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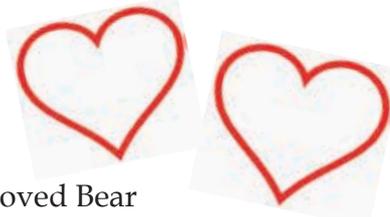
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

To 'Daddy'-monkey, JL monkey and JJ monkey
Happy Valentine's Day! Mummy-monkey loves you all so much.
Lots of hugs, kisses, tickles and raspberries for you all.
love Mummy-monkey xxx



To Lesley Barden,
You are the best mother in the world, love you lots
Paige

To Paul, you are a wonderful husband and an amazing father to our twin boys. I love you to the moon and back xx xx

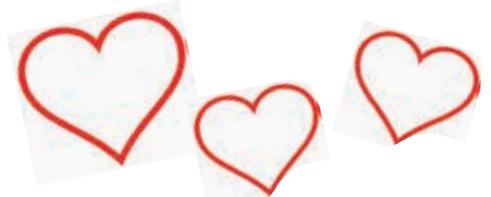


Happy Valentine's Day Phil
All my love from Moo xxx

To My Beloved Bear
Since we met we have been on many adventures but this year is the biggest yet. Can't wait to see all the hard work finally come to fruition
Love you lots
Hammy

To the best wife and Mummy we could wish for, love you, T&2A XX

Babe I love u so much more...
Happy Valentines day.
Told ya. x love Lou xx



My wonderful hubby Kev, I love you more than anything,
you are my world through sickness and health always and forever.
Your babe xx

Boo thanks for all your love and support over the last year!
Forever yours Bond xxx



Holly, you'll always be my Fairy Princess.
Happy Valentine's Day. Your Elf, Ben x

To P, you are my everything, Happy Valentine's Day, Love M x

Amber, thank you for being the perfect companion. Love Monty xxx

Delays expected on A428

Work is taking place to improve the street lighting and road markings on the A428, through Eltisley, near Cambourne.

The work is scheduled to take place Monday - Friday, between 8pm and 6am and continue from 30 January until the end of March.

Traffic lights will be in operation and for a period to be confirmed the road will be closed while the studs in the centre of the road are replaced.

When the A428 is closed, drivers will need to take the A1198 from Caxton Gibbet to Godmanchester, then follow the A15 westbound to junction 21 and at Brampton Hut take the A1 Southbound to Wyboston roundabout. Drivers heading eastbound will follow this diversion in reverse. For further details contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk

BIN DAYS ARE CHANGING

From Monday 27 February, most households across the district will have a change to the day that their bins are emptied, to the sequence in which their black or blue and green bins are collected, or to the time of their collection.

Every household will receive a leaflet detailing the bin changes and a spring 2017 collection calendar shortly

CRAFTY LADIES RAISE £900

THE CRAFTY OLD LADIES would like to say a HUGE Thank You to everyone who supported us in 2016.

We raised just over £900 for our chosen charities, our best result ever! We couldn't do it without the generous donations given by our members and friends of the group, nor could we raise so much without those of you who come and buy from our stalls at the summer fete, and winter craft fair.

If you are interested in crafts, then you might be interested in joining us one Tuesday afternoon. We meet in the Hub every other Tuesday, from 2.30-4.30pm, and charge just £2 per session, to cover costs. (This includes a drink and a biscuit). Meetings in the near future are on: February 14th, 28th; March 14th, 28th and April 11th, 25th.

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West Cambourne development gets go ahead from district council

At a meeting of its planning committee on Wednesday 11 January, the district council approved the application to develop up to 2,350 new homes on land to the West of Cambourne. Details of the scheme going forward can be viewed on the district council's website at <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/cambourne>. Please do consider attending your Parish Council meetings to find out more about what is planned.

Community Governance Review

At the request of the Parish Council, the District Council is undertaking a community governance review of the parish of Cambourne to consider if there should be an increase in the number of Parish Councillors from 13 to 19. The population of Cambourne (currently over 11,000) has grown significantly since the number of Parish Councillor seats was initially set in 2004, and will grow to nearly 20,000 as West Cambourne progresses. The Parish Council already has a busy workload with over 72 (approx.) meetings per year and many time consuming projects underway. The Parish Council undertakes many ever increasing duties including liaising with developers, authorities and over 300 community groups, clubs and societies. The list below shows Parish Councillor seats compared to size of electorate (in brackets, as of September 2016) for parishes in the district with Councillor numbers equal to, or greater, than that of Cambourne:

Cambourne (6,962) 13 seats

Sawston (5,633) 19 seats

Histon & Impington combined (6,405) 19 seats

Cottenham (4,792) 15 seats

Melbourn (3,719) 15 seats

Girton (3,582) 15 seats

Waterbeach (3,572) 15 seats

Linton (3,545) 15 seats

Great Shelford (3,529) 15 seats

Milton (3,331) 15 seats

Willingham (3,206) 15 seats

Bar Hill (3,204) 13 seats

Fulbourn (3,138) 15 seats

Gamlingay (2,996) 15 seats

Papworth (2,744) 13 seats

An online consultation form will be available from 6 February 2017 at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews> and will give you the chance to agree or disagree with the proposal of increasing the Parish Council size in Cambourne, and leave any further comments you may have on this proposal. Paper copies will also be available at South Cambridgeshire District Council Offices and Cambourne Parish Council Office at The Hub in Cambourne.

The community governance review will commence on 6 February 2017 and all responses must be made online or paper copies returned to South Cambridgeshire District Council Offices by 2 April 2017.

Budget 2017-2018

The Parish Council has to consider the budget for the next financial year and submit it to the District Council at the end of January each year. This is a difficult process as Cambourne continues to grow and the Council always strives to maintain or improve the services it provides to the residents. When considering the budget for 2017 to 2018 the Council considered whether the current Band D point could be maintained. However after reviewing the ongoing costs of maintaining the new and existing services, such as taking over the Blue School, it has decided to increase the Band D point by 1% to £121.95; an increase of £1.20 per year if you live in a band D house. This is the first increase in the precept per household since 2012-2013. Setting the Band D rate at £121.95 will allow the Council will continue to maintain and improve the level of service the Council provides for the Community.

Calendar of Meetings Feb / March 2017

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

7 March 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

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

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CHARITY & VOLUNTEERING

Romsey Mill seeks youth development worker



Romsey Mill is a Cambridgeshire charity helping young people facing difficult life circumstances to discover a brighter future.

Romsey Mill's Youth Development Team have been working alongside Cambourne Youth Partnership, delivering local youth groups and activities for children. We also work with local children with autistic spectrum conditions who have remained in mainstream education.

This programme, called Aspire, is for children ranging from 9-19 years old and we are looking for people in and around Cambourne who might be

interested in volunteering on a weekly basis. Please call Ruth Watt on 01223 213162

We also have a job vacancy for a Full Time Youth Development Worker here in Cambourne. Please visit www.romseymill.org/work-for-us/ for details.

Closing date: 16 February.

On 15 February we are holding a Romsey Mill Quiz night at the Cambridge Guildhall, with live music by Deep Blue. This will be a great way to support Romsey Mill so why not join us for a fun evening? Team size 6-8. Arrive 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 from www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk or 01223 357851.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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How to get a good night's sleep



Sleep is not only important for both our sense of emotional wellbeing, concentration and ability to cope, but also for our physical health. Heart disease, diabetes, obesity, infertility and poor immunity may all be at higher risk for those who get too little sleep. The risk of accidents and injuries are also increased.

For those who struggle to sleep, a regular routine may be useful including taking time to wind down. Have a warm (not hot) bath, listen to relaxing music or stories or read before you go to bed.

Bedrooms should be associated with sleep and where there are distractions such as a TV, tablets or phones, the association with sleep is weakened. Having a comfortable bed, keeping the room dark and avoiding nicotine, caffeine or eating too late can all be useful. Although some people use alcohol to help them sleep, this can cause sleep disruptions later in the night so may not be helpful.

Many people find their worries can affect their sleep. Writing a list of tasks for the next day before going to bed can be useful to help order your thoughts. In the night, relaxation techniques, meditation or prayer may help.

If you struggle with sleeping, use the link below for some more ideas including advice on completing a 'sleep diary'. Reference/ further information: www.nhs.uk (search: 'Sleep')

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

HEIDI ALLEN MP

Saving lives and improving lives



I recently visited the Blood Donation Centre for my first ever blood donation. It was utterly painless and I even had my choice of biscuits afterwards! Giving blood is easy, very quick and saves lives. If you can donate, please go to www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

I'm also delighted to share the launch of Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities Innovation Fund which gives community groups the opportunity to apply for funding for initiatives which will improve lives. If you know of a scheme that enhances your community, please see: www.cambscf.org.uk/ccif.html for details of how to apply.

December also saw the publication of the National Schools Funding Formula from the Department of Education. If you want to make your views heard, please do so on:- <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

Turning to buses and trains, I'm inviting constituents to contact me about any issues they have with existing public transport services. If this affects you please contact my office using the contact details below.

One of the best parts of my job is getting to know you at my surgeries so if you have a concern you think I could help with, or some feedback you'd like to share with me, please get in touch.

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WILDLIFE REVIEW

Singing with Nightingales

The nightingale, *Luscinia megarhynchos*, is one of the most treasured of Britain's birds, loved for the rich tone of song and exceptional musicality of its territorial song. Much has now been discovered of the nightingale's



overwintering habits due to a tagging project at the Wildlife Trust's Grafham Water run by the BTO, tracing the birds to Senegal, Sierra Leone and the Gambia. As a way of raising the profile for the decline in the species, while celebrating its beautiful song, folk singer and nature lover Sam Lee is bringing a series of unique evening events to Grafham Water, starting from Easter every weekend through until mid-May. These events will be a celebration of nightingales, their habitat and their melodious song: a series of musicians will commune with the birds deep in the woods after dark. For further information visit www.wildlifebcn.org/nightingales and www.singingwithnightingales.com/

Cambourne 10k

If you enjoy running around the reserve, why not help to keep it thriving by entering the Cambourne 10k and raising sponsorship for the Wildlife Trust? Teams of 3 or 4 people are invited to run in our 10k Business Challenge for a chance of winning this year's trophy, so get together your team and email helen.daniel@wildlifebcn.org (01954 713560). We also welcome individual runners who would like to run for us.

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)

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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

February Services and Events

Sunday 5th February
9.30am and 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th February
9.30am and 11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 19th February
9.30am and 11am Morning Worship
7.30pm Time to Pray

Sunday 26th February
9.30am and 11am Morning Worship with Communion
7pm Encounter

Sunday 5th March
9.30am and 11am Morning Worship

A brand new evening service

Everyone is welcome to come along to 'encounter' - a brand new evening service on the 4th Sunday of the month starting at 7pm in the church - with a focus on sung worship and the creative arts. Dates for this term are - 26th February, 26th March and 23rd April.



Holiday Club 2017: save the date

Sunday 23rd July: 10am Launch Service
Monday 24th - Friday 28th July: 9:30am-12 noon
Sunday 30th July: 10am Celebration service
Cost: £15 per child. Family discount available. Do put the date in your diary and watch this space for more information about this year's Holiday Club. Booking opens in May!

Practicing Gratitude



So this is the first 'tool' for a happy life and it features heavily in the bible. Paul wrote to the Ephesian Church saying "I do not cease to give thanks for you." That's pretty impressive gratitude!

So some tips for practicing gratitude:
1234 at 12.34 remember something you are grateful for
At meal times, say grace, go around your table and each say something you are grateful for.

Rev Matthew Trick

GAZEBO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We have some places available in our Gazebo After School Club, a Christian Club run by Cambourne Church for children in Years 3, 4 and 5, which includes games, craft, Bible stories and prayer times

When?	Wednesdays during term time 3:15 - 5pm
Where?	Cambourne Church
How much?	£1.50 per child per week, plus donations for refreshments for parents/carers and siblings during family time at start.

For more information please contact
jane.brooks@cambournechurch.org.uk or txt 07850 961000

Fathers' and Children's Breakfast 8.30 -10.30am at Cambourne Church 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 March and 1st April



A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church
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2nd and 4th Sunday in month:
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PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Well January was an interesting month, with many developments around the world and some closer to home. Many promising developments that few expected, but with perseverance and determination we can certainly prosper.

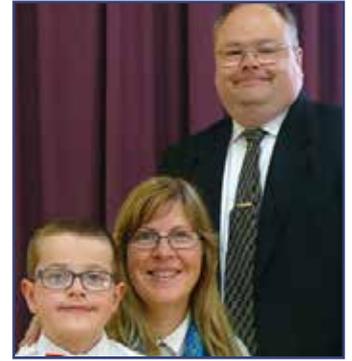
One local thing is that on **19 February** we will not be holding service at the Hub as they will be refinishing the floors. So, instead we will

meet at my house, which works out as we have many birthdays in the church at that time so afterwards maybe some pulled pork and cake. Call for directions.

We are finishing in our study in Judges having just covered Samson. He was strong, but reactionary and too emotional and his moral compass was a little off at times. But, he was brought so low by giving into fleshly desires. We too must consider what we desire and

not allow obsessions to control us, whether they are with other people or self obsessions.

Maintaining balance early will allow any course corrections we make to be small ones. Kind of like driving on ice, a slow thought-out pathway and no sharp or sudden movements and you will be able to get through much better. Now if you are already spinning out of control in life, like on ice, a tip is to stop accelerating and



get some help. If we can be of any help let us know; we all struggle, but it need not be alone. More next month.

Pastor Donovan Bangs



COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

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SUNDAY MORNINGS - 11 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - 7 PM

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SCHOOLS

From Rome to Africa with Year 4 at Jeavons Wood



JEAVONS WOOD: Before the Christmas break, Year 4 had been discovering what life was like during the Roman Invasion of Britain. They wrote newspaper articles about the battles with Boudicca as well as trying to decipher Roman numerals using the 'Additive' and 'Subtractive' principles. As a topic finale we had a Roman Day, complete with pot making, shield designing, battle schooling and many other fun activities.

Following on from the Christmas break, the children now are learning about the continent of Africa, more specifically Kenya. The kids will be researching and designing their own masks, writing Anansi style stories as well as some non-chronological reports about the wildlife.

The kids will be learning Swahili, courtesy of the jambo song and exploring African percussion instruments.

We are also excited about our trip into London, a morning at the Science Museum will be followed by attending a Matinee showing of the Lion King. We hope to also get lots of tips in both acting and singing as we begin to audition and practise for our own LKS2 production of 'Joseph', which will be performed next half term.



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SCHOOLS

New topic explorations at Hardwick Primary School

HARDWICK PRIMARY: With a new year and a new set of school topics, some children wrote about their new topics, to tell us what they really think!

A Reception child wrote of her topic 'Frozen lands', "We are learning about Antarctica. Did you know that Penguins live in Antarctica, but Polar Bears don't live in Antarctica. Did you also know that Penguins lay eggs?".

In Year 1 and 2 the topic is 'Pirates!' When asked about what they are

learning about in the topic, one child replied, "In English we are learning about instructions, and we are writing how to make Pirate cookies. In science we are trying to find out about materials to see which would be good for a Pirate to use for their clothing, it needs to be waterproof!".

In Year 3 and 4 the topic is 'Magic'. This has really caught the imagination of the children; one child wrote "We are practising magic tricks. We are

practising so much and we're building up to do a mysterious magic show to show our parents. In English we are writing about 'My Magic Box', a poem by Kit Wright. I love this poem! I would rate it five stars because it has a cowboy riding a broomstick and a witch riding a white horse. It includes abstract nouns and impossible things like surfing in the great wild Atlantic. We are now writing our own poems based on this."

Vine school twins toilets around the world



THE VINE SCHOOL Harvest Festival focus this year was to support the Toilet Twinning Organisation and provide clean water and proper toilets to those people around the world who live in poverty. We found out that 2.4bn people don't have somewhere safe, clean and hygienic to go to the loo.

We wanted help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper toilet and clean water. We learnt that Toilet Twinning is a simple way to solve a serious problem and save lives. For just £60, we twinned our loos with toilets halfway around the world, in countries of our choosing. For £240, we twinned with school toilet blocks.

Each of our twinned toilets has become the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a photo and

GPS coordinates so we can look up our twin on Google Maps. Toilet Twinning funds the work of international relief and development agency Tearfund.

The donations will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education. This vital combination works together to prevent the spread of disease. Together the donations from the Link Church, our families, the Vine Bake Sale and money from the refreshments sold at the Family Learning Workshop have raised enough money to buy 15 toilets in ten different countries. We plan to hold further events during this academic year and hope to be able to twin all of our 33 toilets. Thank you to all pupils and their families for your generosity!



CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES

CAMBOURNE PRE-SCHOOL has reopened its doors following the Christmas break and would like to welcome the new families who have started with us. We would like to thank Workflow group, Malcolm's estate agents, Sharman Quinney, Dion Gallichan Photography, Taylor Made Home Creations and Charlotte's Ice Cream, for their generous donations for

our Christmas raffle; your support is greatly appreciated.

The Pre-school is currently full but we will be able to offer places for the new school year in September, for anyone interested in these places we will be holding open days on the following dates: Thursday 9th February 1.30-2.30pm and Friday 10th February 10-11 am. Two more will happen on Monday

13th March 1.30-2.30pm and Friday 17th March 10-11 am. These will be for 2,3 and 4 year old places including funded 2's. Please call or email us on the details below to book a place.

If you are a business who would be able to support the Pre-school or donate a prize in advance for our summer fete please contact us on cam.preschool@btinternet.com

SCHOOLS

From Polar exploration to the Great Fire

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY: This half term, Reception's learning focus has been 'The Arctic and Antarctic'. To kick start their topic, the children were lucky to have a visit from an explorer/scientist from The British Antarctic Survey. The children were amazed to see how much equipment is needed to be an explorer and got to try some of them out. The children were full of questions and eager to find out information about the ice cold destination.

Year 2 have participated in a terrific Great Fire of London day where History off the Page came to visit. They made bread, candles, medicine and perfume. The children learnt lots of interesting facts about the Great Fire, including the secret diary writer, Samuel Pepys.

Year 1 have been focusing on healthy eating and tasting various foods. Year 3 are learning about hot climates and life in a desert. Year 4 have begun their swimming lessons and are trying hard to gain their certificates. Year 5 are focusing on financial capability and will soon be able to handle real money on a trip to Morrisons. Year 6 are looking forward to using ICT to make films and then sending their entries onto the Film Festival.

After a busy day of learning, the children get the opportunity to take part in many clubs at the school. They can choose from Code Club, Stitch and Sew, Drama, Football, Boxercise, Dance, Gymnastics and even Yoga.



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Sundays 4 to 6pm

The Link

Vine Family Centre

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4th February, 11.00am – 3.30pm

Conservation Volunteer Activity – Coppicing and Coppice products

Wandlebury Country Park

Re-coppicing some of the hazel stools at Wandlebury to help increase biodiversity. Wear warm waterproof clothing and bring packed lunch. Adults only. Tools will be provided. It is a free event but booking is essential as there are limited available places. For further information, email bookings@cambridgeppf.org or call 01223 243830 extension 207.

For Further Activities visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whatson

9 February 2017, 7.30pm

Gardening club

The Belfrey

If you are interested in gardening, come along to find out more.

15 February 2017

Romsey Mill Quiz night with live music by Deep Blue

Cambridge Guildhall

A great way to support Romsey Mill. Team size 6-8. Arrive 7.30pm. Tickets £5 available from Cambridge Live Box Office: 01223 357851 or www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk

Thursday 16 February,
11.15am to 4.15pm

Family Fun Day at CYP

Cambourne Soul, Back Lane

Come join the fun; programme including pizza factory, a craft project, a Multi Sport Session, tuck shop and games. The cost is £4 per child. To book email Jane or Stacy on officecyp@gmail.com or text Jane on 07850961000.

21 February 2017, 7.30 p.m.

Police Panel Meeting, Cambourne Sector

Common Room, Melbourn Village College, The Moor, Melbourn, Royston SG8 6EF

Quarterly meeting. Residents, councillors and business owners are encouraged to attend and share their crime and disorder concerns, thereby influencing local policing priorities for the next four months.

28 February 2017

Cambridge Network Recruitment

Hauser Forum, The Entrepreneurship Centre, 3 Charles Babbage Road, CB3 0GT

Are you considering a career move this year? Are you keen to network with local businesses? We're running our second candidate evening, for job seekers to come and network and listen to talks about recruitment processes. For more information go to the website below. www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/events

2nd, 3rd and 4th of March, 7.30pm

4th March Matinee, 2.30pm

The Producers

Performance Hall at Comberton Village College.

Mel Brooks musical. Tickets are on sale at www.bournplayers.org.uk and at Bourn Village Shop. The production will be supporting Riding for the Disabled.

Saturday 25 March, 11am-3pm

Celebration of Business in Cambourne

The Hub Community Centre

If you run a business in Cambourne, Cambourne Parish Council invites you to take part in a FREE event giving small businesses the opportunity to promote themselves. Limited spaces available. For more information and a booking form call 01954 714403 or email liz.pinchen@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Events in the library in February:

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Reading Group. Wed 8 Feb 12.30.

If you would like to join a day time reading group please do pop along.

Job Centre Plus – Wed 15 Feb.

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 in advance.

Family History Drop In –

Mon 20 February. Help with tracing your ancestors on a one-to-one basis in the library. Just drop in or you can pop in to the library in advance if you wish to make an appointment.

Engage in the Afternoon: Free monthly talk at the library. No ticket required. Wed 1 March. 2-3.30pm. See library for details. Donation for refreshments.

CYP Youth and Children's Programme

January – March 2017 (Term time)

Wednesdays:

4-5:30pm, Juniors club (Year 7-9)

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

No meeting during Half Term

Thursdays:

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

5-6.15pm, Crazy crew (Key 2)

No meeting during Half Term, but enjoy the Family Fun Day - see event listings.

For more information please contact: Jonathan Buwert, Youth Worker, (07503 171869)

Jane Brooks, Children's Worker, (07850 961000). All clubs are at the 'Soul Building', next to the Sports Centre, on Back Lane.

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Cambourne Children's Centre:

01954 284672
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 cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambourne Love Justice Group:

Len Thornton: 01954 710370

Network Business Breakfast:

Jo Christy hello@stirupmedia.com
 07852 227917

Words for Pleasure writers' group

Meets on the first Thursday of the month
 in Cambourne Library at 1.30pm
 Pat Callaghan 01954 718836

Watercolour classes

Monday evening group meeting in the
 Upper Cambourne cricket pavilion in
 Upper Cambourne from 7- 9pm. Suitable
 for beginners. Wednesday morning
 group for intermediate painters. Please
 get in touch if interested: 01954 710858
 or fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk

Photography group

Beginner to advanced. Meetings on the
 third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in
 the Belfry hotel. Nicola Marriott on 07811
 154901 <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/>

Reading Groups:

carolinealdridge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Timebank: 0300 111 3555 or Laura
 Papanikolaou 01223 713555

Crafty Ladies: Enid - (01954) 715292 or
 Edna - (01954) 717360

WW2 aircraft club:

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 theaters. Meeting in Cambourne on the
 1st Monday of the month.

Ian Cameron 01954 269 173 or
 iancameron692@gmail.com

Friday walks: Next walk - 10 Feb: from
 Chesterton to Baits Bite Lock, returning
 via Fen Ditton. Upcoming walks:
 Wimpole to Great Eversden, Comberton
 to Toft, Bourn/ Caldecote/Hardwick
 Wood. Meet at the rear entrance to the
 library at 10.15am. Penny Flanagan on
 01954 200126 or
 pam.hume@ntlworld.com

Sunday walks

Next walk - 26 Feb: meet at 10am in
 Monks Wood car park, School Lane.
 Dave 01954 202792 or
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Gardening club

If you are interested in gardening, come
 along to The Belfry on Thursday,
 February 9th at 7.30pm to find out more.

CHURCHES

Cambourne Church

Church office: 01954 710644
 Open Mon-Fri 9am-12pm
 Offices are located in the
 Blue Space on Eastgate
 www.cambournechurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Matthew Trick

matthew.trick@cambournechurch.org.uk

Administrators and Church Bookings

Stacy Buwert and Jacqui Huckle
 administrator@cambournechurch.org.uk

Youth Worker: Jonathan Buwert

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 cambournechurch.org.uk

Children and Family Champion: Jane

Brooks 07850 961000
 jane.brooks@cambournechurch.org.uk

Parish Nurse: Catherine Price

nurse@cambournechurch.org.uk

Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

julie.whitbread@
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19 the coffee house: Cait Dawkins and

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Peacehaven Baptist Church

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 www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

Christchurch Cambourne

Sunday services - 10.30am
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 www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

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Community First Responder:

Mark Taylor, 07858 394719
 mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

Cambourne Dental Practice:

(01954) 718585
 www.cambouredental.com

Lloyds Pharmacy 01954 718296

Monkfield Medical Practice

01954 282153
 www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

NCT: (National Childbirth Trust)

Candice Lattimore - 07595 909793
 candicelattimore@gmail.com

Cambourne Health and Wellbeing Club

FREE. Alternate Fridays (next meetings:
 10 & 24 Feb; 10 & 24 March) 10.30am
 -12pm at the Blue School site. Speaker,
 refreshments, chair-based exercises and
 time for conversation. No booking
 required. Catherine Price: 01954 710644
 or nurse@cambournechurch.org.uk.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Parish Council Office:

Parish Clerk 01954 714403
 clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
 www.cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Venue Bookings: 01954 714403

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 cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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District Councillors for Cambourne:

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SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Cambourne Village College:

www.cambournevc.org

Comberton Village College:

School Office - 01223 262503

The Blue School (Hardwick Community
 Primary): Co-heads: Andy Matthews &
 Ruth French. School Office - 01954
 719085

blue@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

Headteacher - Sue Wright
 School Office - 01954 717180
 office@jeavonswood.cambs.sch.uk

Monkfield Park Primary School:

Headteacher - Sarah Porter
 School Office - 01954 273377
 office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

GROUPS, SERVICES & CONTACTS

Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

Headteacher - Debbie Higham
School Office - 01954 719630
office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

PLAYGROUPS & PRE-SCHOOLS

Baby And Me:

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cambourne.babyandme@gmail.com

Cambourne Pre-school:

Donna O'Shea: 01954 715150
cam.preschool@btinternet.com

Carers And Tots:

Pippa 07803 504220
cambourne.carersandtots@gmail.com

Monkfield Park Care & Learning

Centre: Office: 01954 273301
cloffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Sunflower Nursery: 01954 719440

SERVICES

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Mon: 9am – 5pm Tues: 9am – 1pm
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Cambourne Community Fire Station:

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PCSO Alex Giltinane; Tel: 101

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Wildlife Trust: Jenny Mackay

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Cambourne Fishing Club:

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Robin Bailey – 01954 269328

Facebook: Cambourne Bowls

Cambourne Cricket Club:

Callum Healy - 07714 007 282

cccadmin@cambournecc.com

www.cambournecc.com

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Secretary - Danny Brooks

07516 630552

secretary@cambourneeeaglesfc.co.uk

www.cambourneeeaglesfc.co.uk

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Cambourne Netball Club:

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cambournenetball@googlemail.com

Cambourne Exiles (Rugby):

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cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

Cambourne Women Runners

Information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambourne Tennis Club:

Nigel Hillyard: 07787 565045

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www.cambournetennisclub.co.uk

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YOUTH GROUPS

Cambourne Air Cadets: Sgt. (ATC)

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2484df@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadet force:

dc.cambourne@gmail.com

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Cambourne Youth Partnership:

All Clubs at Cambourne Soul, Back Lane
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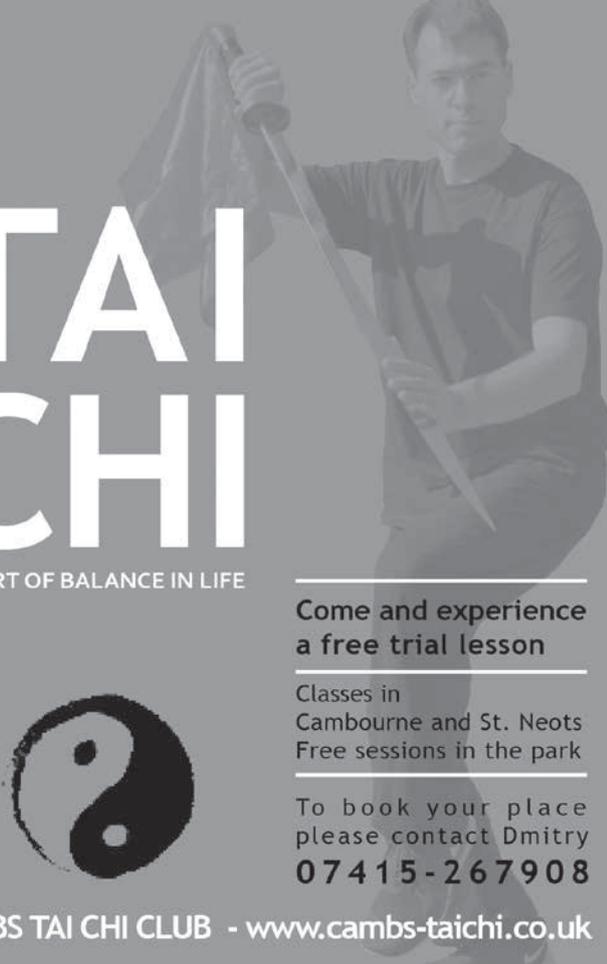
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Most recently, the Exiles travelled to West Norfolk to play a very strong team of 'fen-men'. Despite Cambourne having only 14 men, they dominated the game right up to the end of the half. The second half saw the younger legs, and the 10 odd

subs, tell on the score line which ended up very close. Cambourne came out on top with a final score of 32-25, putting them 3 points clear on top of the league with a game in hand. James Totten came off the pitch as the Man Of The Match.

The team certainly feels the difference this year since Mickey Wolfe has taken up the position of coach. All of the players have come on leaps and bounds thanks to his guidance.

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In addition, the club is now making preparations to field a team in next year's local league. Players interested will be invited to commit to the squad over the next few weeks allowing us to begin dedicated training sessions. If you have a desire to try out, please get in touch. We will also be looking for people to support the club in other ways, such as scoring.

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Tennis Club seeks Sport England funding for taster sessions

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On 6th November we opened our three new courts obtained with funding from Sport England, Cambs LTA and the Parish Council. The weather was not as we'd hoped, but we still got a decent turn out for the special guests invited by our coaching company OverAndIn; Marcus Willis (famous for playing Federer at Wimbledon 2016) and David Rice (a former professional turned coach). David and Marcus did a great job on the courts, playing in the rain and staying on to hit with juniors.

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Safa and Connor, posing with Marcus Willis and David Rice

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CAMBOURNE NETBALL TEAMS TOP THEIR DIVISIONS



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The Adult and Under 11's Junior Club are both full with a waiting list. Junior netball teams include Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s - training takes place on a Thursday evening at Cambourne Village College indoors (U12s and U14s) and at the MUGA (U16s).

At the AGM in January, the Club recognised the contributions of all its volunteers. Catherine Blee continues in the position of Chairperson and her level of commitment and time spent ensuring the smooth running of Cambourne Netball Club was acknowledged and very much appreciated.

Some things to look forward to this year include netball tours in Spain and Condover Hall, as well as watching England play at the Copperbox Arena in London.

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CAMBOURNE FC TEAMS CLIMB UP THE TABLES

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We have lots of coaches which guarantees a good coach-to-child ratio for your child's development. Please do come and join us for lots of fun.

Our boys football teams continue to impress. Our U12s keep getting better, having climbed to second in the table. Our U13s Spartans team are still unbeaten and top of the table. Girls football is developing well. The U12s Red team (Years 6 & 7) are third in the table and the U12s Black team (in their first season) are getting better each week. The U14s (Years 8 & 9) made it 4 wins in a row with an 8-2 win last week.

Our Girls Football Academy (for 4 - 6 year-olds) is getting good numbers (Sat 9am - 10am, 3G pitch) but we still want more girls involved in the Academy, as well as in the 7 - 10 year-old age group (with Alex Minei). We are also proud to announce that we are starting a Women's Team that will start



Cambourne FC's Under 13's Team (top) and Under 7's Whites Team (right)

training in February. If you fancy a kick about, all ages and skill levels are welcome. For information, email Chris at cambournefc@gmail.com



Eagles' U12s run out with Cambridge United FC

CAMBOURNE EAGLES FC: Our Academy intake currently covers Reception and Year 1 children and we train on Wednesday nights between 18:00-19:00 at Cambourne VC.

Please get in touch if you have a Reception or Year 1 child who wants to learn to play football in a supportive and encouraging environment.

U7 - A number of our 2016 Academy players, decked out in their new strip, recently played their first U7 League game and had a fantastic morning! All the boys are eagerly looking forward to the next fixture and the boys who have not quite turned 6 (old enough to play in the League) cannot wait to join the team.

U10 Red - A great positive start to the New Year in a new League. We have welcomed some new players to training who are fitting in well. We have also added a very professional pre-match Strategy Board for the players to



visualise their positions in the game. U12 - An excellent start to 2017 with our team beating Soham United 4-3 with some great football from all the boys. One goal from Casper and a Hat trick from Connor earning him Man-of-the-Match. Cambourne Eagles under 12's ran out proudly onto the Abbey stadium pitch to assist Cambridge United FC after being given the privileged duty of ball boys for the day. Well done boys! You did a grand job in a match which the U's



scored some great goals and won 2-1 against Crewe. U14 - We have picked up where they left off before Christmas. Two good away wins including a clean sheet leave us second in the league at the halfway point. The boys are continuing to work hard in training and it shows in both their team and individual performances. Keep working hard boys. For more information please contact us by emailing secretary@cambourneaglesfc.co.uk

COMMUNITY

Stuart aims to raise £2,000 for World Cancer Research

Cambourne-based runner Stuart Matthews is aiming to raise £2,000 for World Cancer Research Fund UK by running the Cambridge Half Marathon on 5 March, the Cambourne 10K on 10 April and the London Marathon on 23 April.

“My mum was diagnosed with terminal cancer last year and is bravely battling this terrible disease,” said Stuart.

“World Cancer Research Fund UK carries out research into how to prevent cancer, and I really want to do everything I can to raise as much money for this worthy cause.



Stuart Matthews finishing November's St Neots Half Marathon

“It would be great if any Cambourne Crier readers would like to support me.”

You can sponsor Stuart at www.justgiving.com/runningstu



Meet the Neighbours Boxing Day walk: Bringing the community together

The sun shone bright as Cambourne's Neighbours gathered on Boxing Day morning, armed with hats, scarves, walking sticks, dogs, buggies, and Wildlife Trust maps. Several families had only recently moved in: it was a pleasure to be able to welcome them to Cambourne, showing off our local environment and getting to know each other better.

We visited Monkfield Wood, Lake Sirius, and Whomping Willow Lake before seeking out the Newt Pond.

Disheartened by the amount of litter at the pond, on our return we contacted the Wildlife Trust BCN and offered to help litter pick. They were grateful for our offer, but want to use their specialist team for that particular area. However, if any Neighbours want to litter pick elsewhere, they'd love to support us. *Perhaps our next Meet the Neighbours project?*

From there, we climbed Crow Hill (well done buggy-pushers!), stopping to take in the panorama. The children ran down the hill towards Lake Ewart, before we used Oaks Wood to complete the circuit. Before heading home we played with ideas for future events... litter picks, treasure hunts, more cake? *Meet the Neighbours are local residents organising events for local residents in association with local organisations including The Deckchair Listening Project, Cambourne Parish Council, Cambourne Crier, Cambourne Church, Taylor Wimpey, The Link, and the Wildlife Trust. If you want to meet more neighbours this year, find us on Facebook, share your ideas, and help make them happen!*

