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Cambourne Youth Have Not Been Forgotten.



An update from the Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill.

The past few months have brought with them huge change and uncertainty for us all, not least for young people, who are going through a stage of developing their identity as they process physical, emotional and social changes, explore and test boundaries, and manage a range of expectations that are put on them. Youth work is about the journey through this stage of life, providing safe spaces to increase their confidence, develop inter-personal skills, social networks and explore the consequences of their decisions, with the support of trusted adults who know what is needed. In our local community, Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill have been working together for many years to provide a range of youth activities to meet these needs, particularly focusing on those who are marginalised, isolated and at-risk.

During the current pandemic, our main concerns are the risks caused by an increase in mental health and wellbeing problems, loneliness and isolation, the lack of a safe space (if not available at home), and the extended period of disengagement from formal education. There will be an ongoing drive to assist individuals dealing with any traumatic issues.

We have kept in contact over these past few months offering both practical and emotional support, and will continue to do this as we identify the most vulnerable. We've also increased our online engagement through social media and the newly launched <u>www.cambournesoul.co.uk.</u> However, we are aware that some may experience difficulty engaging with support digitally through a lack of internet access or up-to-date devices. So detached youth work, which is about meeting people in open spaces, is also a priority of ours. Our overall aim is to enable and support progress towards training, work and positive involvement in the community. If you see us out and about, please do come and have a chat.

Lockdown learning?



Share your experiences or lessons learned during the lockdown this year

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Flu season is here..



Monkfield Medical Practice updates us on what to expect this year

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Tennis is back!



Courts open for doubles play and small-group coaching sessions, with guidelines to stay safe

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council office and Community Buildings Re-open

The Town Council office re-opened at the beginning of August. If you need to visit the office, please wear a face covering, and check to see if the reception area is clear before entering.

All of our community buildings have been shut since the beginning of lockdown, with the exception of facilitating Blood Donors, Diabetic Eye Screening, and Cambourne Volunteer Task Force so that these important services could continue to operate. Our community buildings will re-open on Monday 7th September for use by the usual regular bookings. All hirers will be following Government guidance to run their sessions safely.

Face coverings must be worn in the community buildings until it is appropriate to remove it (for example: for an exercise class). Hand sanitising stations have been installed in all community centres and pavilions and all will have cleaning supplies available so that surfaces can be wiped down before and after use.

The Council is awaiting Government guidance on social gatherings such as birthday parties, indoor community events etc. For now, we are not accepting any private bookings, but will announce on our website and Facebook page when we are able to take booking enquiries.

3G, MUGA and Grass Pitch bookings

The Council will now be the contact for 3G, MUGA and grass pitch bookings (previously this was Everyone Active). For enquiries, please email

pitches@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

The 3G will be open from September. All users must sanitise equipment and goal posts before and after use. One gate will be used for entrance only and another for exit only. Spectators will not be allowed on to the 3G. If all four quarters of the 3G are being used, the team/group should ensure social distancing is adhered to when entering and leaving. The same will apply for the MUGA, ensuring equipment is wiped down and ensuring social distancing is adhered to when entering and leaving the MUGA.

There will be changes to kick off times and pitch allocation for when the Football season starts. This is to minimise large numbers of people on the pitches at one time.

Pitches will be allocated an entry and exit point to reduce the number of people coming through one point. We would encourage only one parent/carer to attend matches for first-aid purposes. We also encourage walking to the pitches for Home matches to reduce the parking issues.

Cambourne Volunteer Task Force

We would like to give a massive thankyou to all the volunteers that signed up for Cambourne Volunteer Task Force and for donating their time and support to help those in need during lockdown, and continuing to do so now.

The pandemic has affected people in many ways, and without the efforts of the volunteers, some people would have been left without food, medicine, and social interaction. Over 60 residents signed up and are covered by the Town Council's volunteering insurance. We have had great feedback from households that have used the service, particularly those who did not have a support network and the Task Force was their lifeline. Cambourne Volunteer Task Force is a fantastic example of the community coming together to help those in need, and South Cambs District Council praised Cambourne for the volunteer's brilliant response to the pandemic.

Thank you to all at Cambourne Volunteer Task Force!

John Vickery Cambourne Town Clerk

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Keep Caring: the message from Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue

Keep caring - coronavirus hasn't gone away. Although lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted, everyone needs to take action to help us all return to a more normal life. So, the most important thing we can continue to do is to stay alert, control the virus and, in doing so, keep people safe and help save lives.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is getting behind the local #KeepCaring campaign led by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, and supported by partners. The campaign outlines ways that people can take care of themselves and each other, to help control the spread of coronavirus.

Here are some ways you can keep caring:

- Caring is keeping your distance inside or outside
- Caring is being responsible staying isolated if you think you've got

symptoms, or been close to someone who has Caring is covering your face even with no symptoms you might still spread virus

 Caring is washing your hands regularly, when you enter or leave a new place.

We're also asking residents to keep caring by being fire safe at home, and on the roads when out and about:

- Caring is testing your smoke alarm and reminding your loved ones to do the same.
- Caring is being careful in the kitchen not getting distracted while you're cooking and keeping items well away from the hob.
- Caring is discarding your cigarettes responsibly, so you don't accidentally start a fire
- Caring is not having a bonfire that could easily get out of control, putting you and others at risk.

 Caring is being a considerate driver – driving at the appropriate speed, not drinking or taking drugs if getting behind the wheel, making sure you and your passengers are wearing seatbelts and not using your phone while driving.

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Q: What did you learn during lockdown?

Lockdown has given me a longer beard, 5 extra kg and a daily activity pattern more akin to holidays than work time...it's been great!

Jules, Upper Cambourne

What did I learn? Never trust a toddler and a dog with a potty whilst on a conference call Dave, Upper Cambourne



After 5 years I've found out that my husband does know where the washing up liquid is!

Mel, Upper Cambourne

During lockdown I signed up for a free online photography course. As a result, I can explain aperture, shutter speed and IOS, and use them effectively. (Sometimes!) A weekly email explains a particular aspect and sets a task to put that into practice. As a result, I've had a diversity of aspects to focus on during my many walks around Cambourne.

PH, Great Cambourne

I started a family history of my family and the history of the island where they came from (Jersey). I discovered that my great grandfather died at the age of 42 in the 1918 flu epidemic. As he already had 12 children, it was probably a blessing in disguise! I have done a lot of sewing also - for myself mostly, but also for 2 female grandchildren. Most of my time has been occupied with daily exercises to strengthen my legs (hip and knee replacements have been carried out in 2019). I have also surprised myself by walking for 11/2 or 2 hours in the early mornings to avoid the heat of the day. To my joy, I have discovered 2 ponds off the purpose-made jogging paths in Cambourne.

Anita, Upper Cambourne



Quality time with husband 24x7. Got to know how messy men can be Jyoti, Upper Cambourne

More than ever I am constantly reminded and astonished by the kindness of strangers who give time and effort to those of us who are perhaps more vulnerable and who makes us feel cherished in this great community.

Janet, Greater Cambourne

I have been involved with the Volunteer Task Force. While Cambourne has always had a strong sense of community it has been fantastic to see people from various faiths, cultures, and backgrounds come together to help the residents during these unprecedented times.

Pam, Great Cambourne

One day during lockdown I discovered I couldn't buy eggs anywhere in Cambourne. It reminded me of how much we take for granted the constant

availability of the foods and products we know and love and how this line of supply is actually finite.

Simon, Upper Cambourne

I am a Biophysicist and recently took up a new and unusual hobby...wait for it... trucking! I passed my class 2 practical at the beginning of February prior to lockdown. Now that the government



measures are enabling some semblance of former everyday life, I have planned further lessons, this time in an articulated lorry for my class 1 licence.

Andrea, Great Cambourne

I learned that difficult times bring out the best in people, who selflessly volunteer and help others wherever possible. I also learned that the supermarkets and Amazon win and everyone else loses. Finally I learned that if you 100% want people to panic buy, all the Government has to say is, "Don't panic buy".

Paul, Upper Cambourne

Feel like joining the conversation?

Just email your answer to editorial@cambournecrier.org with the subject line "Cambourne Voices". Anything from a few lines to 150 words is welcome. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length. Deadline is the usual Crier editorial deadline (see page 1)

The question for October is "With the gradual easing of coronavirus restirictions, what are you looking forward to doing the most?

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Latest News from Cambourne Library

Current Library Opening times:

Tuesday: 10am – 2pm Friday: 10am – 2pm Saturday: 10am – pm

How are we doing since re-opening?

We re-opened the doors of Cambourne Library at the beginning of July, and have been delighted to see many of our customers in the few weeks we have been open. Currently, we are working to revised opening hours as outlined above. Please don't return books outside of these hours as we are working to strict quarantine rules. We are also currently unable to accept any donations.

At present there is no browsing of the shelves, and in order to maintain a safe environment for both our customers and staff we are operating a queueing system, as necessary, outside the library, to maintain social distancing. Once inside the library you are able to return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way, although reservations for picture books have been suspended. There are no reservation fees on adult cards for the time being. We have also introduced a Select and Collect Request Service, which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and staff will

ensure your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect.

IT Facilities

Access to the IT facilities is available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customer. Although, the session time allowed is much shorter than in normal times, we are pleased to be able to tell you that we now have new computers with updated software, so hope that these will prove popular.

Copy Facilities

Printing and photocopying are available, but, as there is no cash handling, you will need the correct change to drop into the coin box, 20p per page of A4 black and white and 75p per colour page.

Latest News!

EngAGE online is a new offer from Cambridgeshire Libraries and is a programme of talks and interactive events for adults, free to join and hosted on Zoom. The weekly events are held Tuesday afternoons, 2pm – 3pm. A virtual ticket is required and full details are available in the 'join in with our online events' listing on the library website.

Check out our website

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries or our Facebook page for further details at https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireLibraries/

Street Food Comes to Cambourne



For some time now Cambourne's residents have been getting their Friday night dinners from the food trucks based at the Cricket Pavilion in Upper Cambourne.

With them being outdoors, it is easy to social distance, get a meal type of your choice, be it a pizza, burger, Caribbean or Mexican gastronomic delight.

Speaking to Sam, owner of 400 Degrees Pizzeria, he says the food truck concept got up and running with the council's ratification and support about two and a half years ago, after he suggested it. Sam used to sell food when he worked alongside the cricket club, but he then thought it could be a successful venture, not just for him personally as a business, but for other vendors like him in the community. So, with the full backing of South Cambridgeshire District Council it is what it is today – a success!

The food trucks operate independently of one another on Fridays and Saturdays, but they work well together to provide a one-stop shop for a variety of dishes. Business for the food trucks increased when the public health measures were more strict earlier on in the pandemic because there were no Friday nights out at our local pub or nearby eateries. Fortunately, the popularity of the food trucks' remains strong as we ease from lockdown.

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Cambourne Curiousities - The Village Markers







You probably walk past at least one of them every day. Maybe you've had to stop your kids from fulfilling the temptation to climb on them. But how much do you know about the Cambourne village markers?

Did you know for instance, that the three sculptures in Upper, Lower and Great Cambourne connect up to spell out the phrase "Wide – Open - Space"? Great Cambourne's oak leaf symbolises heritage and folklore, Upper's sycamore key signifies growth and Lower's feather represents wildlife. But it wasn't always going to be this way.

The sculptor Martin Heron, a prolific designer of public space sculptures around the UK, had originally put forward the idea of sculptures in the shape of garden tools. "My concept for the Cambourne village marker sculptures is devised in response to my research of Cambourne and its people" he said at the time. "The designs of the three village markers were designed originally to reflect the history of the site - farming, the monks tilling the land, fruit growing - and also with reference to people's obsessions with objects and, in particular, tools." Based on these thoughts, Heron had proposed to go with a trowel, a fork and a dibber "to represent an intimate contact with the land in terms of clearing, digging, and planting: the way in which Cambourne itself has evolved."

The early residents of Cambourne weren't convinced and quickly rejected this idea. It was felt they were "inappropriate, too clumpy and bore no real link to Cambourne" according to a resident at the time.

The next proposal was for abstract figures "in flight" which depicted taking off (Great Cambourne), in flight (Lower

Cambourne), and landing, (Upper Cambourne). This was received well, but alas, was deemed too expensive.

So, Heron went back to the drawing board again and came up with the now familiar nature-inspired markers, also shaped like propeller blades as a nod to the wartime aviation history of the area. They were originally going to be made in stainless steel, but a sudden rise in steel and manufacturing costs put this out of budget, so corten or "weathering steel" was used - a material designed to rust into a maintenance free finish.

"Personally I prefer corten to stainless" says Heron today. "It looks less corporate, weathers better, feels right as a material for outdoor sculpture and works well for these three nature inspired pieces in Cambourne."

Despite the challenges of getting it right, Heron enjoyed the job: "I met and worked with a lot of wonderful residents and it was a great project to be involved in."



* With thanks to the late Roger Hume and artist Martin Heron, who provided background information

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ANTHONY BROWNE MP FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE anthony.browne.mp @parliament.uk.

Mobile Phone Signal Strength in Cambourne

As we continue to forge a path through this crisis, I remain deeply proud of the community in Cambourne who have stepped up to the plate to support not only each other but vulnerable residents across South Cambridgeshire.

I was delighted to help out local Dr Yogish Joshi and Sewaday volunteers deliver a metric ton of food to Cambridge Foodbank, and heard some great stories of local support from residents who I met outside Morrisons with Cambourne Cllr Mark Howell at my first ever Street Surgery. This month, I want to talk about one of the constant irritations in our lives - poor phone reception.

Rural South Cambridgeshire may be one of the most affluent parts of the country, but it definitely has problems with its mobile phone signals. On the floor of the House of Commons, I urged Oliver Dowden, the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, to help South Cambridgeshire in the battle to sort out our mobile phones.

The challenge is that the mobile phone operators, which are private businesses, are currently deciding which areas of the country to roll out further support to first. I am keen for South Cambridgeshire to be at the top of the priority list.

Therefore, I need to hear exactly where the biggest issues with signal are - if you fill in our survey on www.anthonybrowne.org/mobilesurvey, we can make a strong case to remove these "Not-Spots" and keep South Cambridgeshire moving forward.



GAVIN CLAYTON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR cllr.clayton@scambs.gov.uk

World Mental Health Day - October 10th

Levels of mental ill health have increased during the COVID19 pandemic with an ongoing national study showing 35% of adults reporting their mental health as being worse than usual.

This figure increases to around 50% when looking at young adults, those with diagnosed mental health problems, long term health conditions and people from BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) backgrounds.

With this in mind I would like to flag up World Mental Health Day on October 10 and before that, Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Week, Sept 7-13 (also appropriate given the links between

These are all factors that I have seen come to the fore in Cambourne during lockdown through the mutual aid groups that supported vulnerable

inflammatory disease and depression) which

includes in its focus this year; connecting with others. mindfulness, kindness, giving & learning.

and disadvantaged members of our community and which we must not allow to fade as volunteers return to work, our young people deal with fallout from exam results, parents return children to school and job insecurity rises.

We still need to be there for one another through collective endeavours such as the food bank every Thursday and a new hot food provision which has begun and is set to grow. Embrace these sentiments with compassion and empathy for all people who may have found themselves in a worse position than ourselves.



CATHERINE PRICE CAMBOURNE PARISH NURSING SERVICE nurse@cambournechurch. org.uk

Protect the NHS - Get a Flu Jab

In some ways Covid-19 is similar to flu.

It is an extremely infectious viral illness that spreads in respiratory droplets. Some of the symptoms may be similar; with fever, a cough and other unpleasant viral symptoms. However, one major difference is that we can protect ourselves against flu with a vaccination.

In 2020 the government is rolling out the biggest flu vaccination programme in history to include all those over 65, those with with underlying health conditions, pregnant women, children aged 2-3 and all school children up to year 7. Carers and front line health workers. In addition, the vaccine

will also be offered later in the year to anyone aged 50 - 64.

Several thousand people are hospitalised each year with flu; many needing intensive care. Should this be the case this winter and it is combined with the anticipated rise in Covid-19 numbers, then the NHS may be put under considerable strain.

Flu vaccination clinics start soon and as the flu virus changes all the time, it is necessary to have a new vaccine each year. The flu vaccine does not cause flu; some people notice a mild temperature or aching muscles which usually only last a couple of days. This year if you fall into any of the categories above, then please do your bit to protect yourself and the NHS and get a flu jab. Reference/ further information: www.nhs.uk : Flu / www.gov.uk : Flu

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Hoping for a Green Recovery Flu Vaccination Season



Cambourne residents Darcy Simpson and Fran Panrucker were among 40 constituents across South Cambridgeshire who met via Zoom with MP Anthony Browne in June for 'The Time is Now' virtual lobby of the UK government to request a clean, green, fair recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We discussed the government's commitment to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 to limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celcius and how 'build back better' plans for a strong economy are an opportunity to also tackle fossil fuel use, air pollution, the decline in wildlife and - particularly pertinent in South Cambridgeshire - low water levels.

We all agreed there is a need to increase green jobs, improve public transport, make electric cars more affordable, transition to renewable energies like wind turbines and solar panels, plant more trees, protect wild spaces, promote carbon storage in soil by landowners and retrofit buildings to make them more energy efficient.

The virtual meeting was positive and Anthony Browne has proposed holding such Environment Forums quarterly or biannually. We are hoping for another one at the end of September to continue our conversation in support of a happy, healthy future for all.

If you would like to join in please email us on:greengroupssss@gmail.com

(Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston who are co-ordinating our local email contact list). You may also like to visit www.thetimeisnow.uk and join the Facebook group: 'The Time is Now – East of England Region'.

The Time Is Now' is a campaign run by The Climate Coalition, the UK's largest group of people, including the National Trust, Women's Institute, Oxfam and RSPB, dedicated to action against climate change.



Monkfield Medical Practice

This year the NHS aims for 75% of those of us who are eligible to receive the Flu vaccination, an increase of two thirds on previous years.

This will be challenging due to the impact COVID-19 has had on all of us, including staff and patients at Monkfield Medical Practice.

It is expected that there will be an increase in the uptake of flu vaccine this year and in addition to this the Government have increased the pool of patient's eligible for free (NHS funded) vaccination.

In 2020 and 2021, groups eligible for the NHS funded flu vaccination programme can be located on this website link:https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-fluvaccine/

We know that there will be a nationally run recall system, so you will be contacted to inform you that you are eligible. We ask that at this point you do not contact the surgery to request your flu jab.

We have an estimated date of delivery for our vaccines, and will be co-ordinating our approach to ensure at risk groups (such as those who were shielding) are safely prioritised.

In order to maintain social distancing, we will be offering appointments when the time comes in a co-ordinated manner to maximise the number of patients we can safely vaccinate.

Please be reassured that we will be putting out further communication on our website and via our Facebook page and contacting you direct when we have a clear plan of action. https://www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/ and

https://www.facebook.com/MonkfieldMedicalPractice/

Thank you for your continued support and understanding whilst we continue to adapt our working practices to ensure you get the service you need while keeping us all safe.

Hannah Crisford, Practice Manager

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Cambourne Crescent Covid Volunteer Task Force – Here to Stay



Although official shielding finished on the 1st of August the Cambourne Crescent Covid Volunteer Task Force, initially set up to help local residents during lockdown, is still going strong and has absolutely no intention of winding down. Rather, the group's activities will change and evolve with the circumstances and types of problems faced by Cambourne residents. Over 850 requests for help have been fulfilled by the group including shopping and prescriptions for those with limited online access, recently unemployed, those in work with mounting debts, and those shielding.

For one local family with a small child for instance, the breadwinner was a construction worker whose tools were all locked up on site. The Task Force were able to assist with food parcels and signposting for financial help until he could resume work. Another household lost a carer because of Covid and the Force provided companionship on the telephone. For the lodger who spent his savings Task Force stepped in until he found work, while another received food parcels for 6 weeks because his new employer could not offer a salary. Telephone support has been very important to residents whose mental health deteriorated during lockdown, leading to growing depression and anxiety

fears. There were also complex cases, such as a wheelchair user with multiple health problems who was shielding completely and unable to access food supplies or collect subscriptions. The Task Force provided telephone support, food parcels and delivered his prescriptions.

The Force is here to stay. We are establishing links with other local organisations, assisting schools with providing parcels to struggling families, while working with the official food bank Trussell Trust, to signpost those to the right aid. Food parcels can be collected from the Blue School on Saturdays 10 -11. The Force will continue to assist with online prescription services and free deliveries courtesy of Royal Mail. The intention is to expand work into other areas like setting up a community kitchen in the Hub in collaboration with the Town Council and the Church, for social meals on a regular basis. If successful, you will soon read more about this in your Crier.

The Task Force is here to stay. Please contact us if you are in need and we will make every effort to help you at www.cambournecrescent.org/vtf (preferred) or message/call 07593 396855.



If you are retired or semi retired and living in Cambourne or the surrounding district, you may be interested in joining our U3A. Although we have not been able to physically meet during the Lockdown, we have offered Zoom training and recently put on two events with speakers via that

medium. Furthermore, some interest groups such as French and Bridge have continued with virtual meetings. So if you are interested in being part of our community please visit u3a.cambourne.org You will be very welcome.

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EDUCATION

Educating Otherwise: Hatching Eggs Under Lockdown

When you keep hens, then every so often you have one of them go broody. They sit on the nest and refuse to get off. Most hens will be persuaded by just keeping them off the nest and lifting them every time you find them sitting. This hen of ours (Beaky) is not like this. She will lose condition if you try to do this with her, since she has raised on brood before. Now she is 7 yr so years old and this is probably her last chance of being a mum.

As we don't have a rooster, she has no chance of fertilised eggs, and, once they are broody, they stop laying, so no chance of sending her to a man to do the duty as Dad.

Hence we had to adopt 6 fertilised eggs. One got badly broken very early, another has cracked badly, so she is left with 4. She has been sitting on these for nearly 3 weeks as I write. They have about 4 days left. We need to transfer her to the broody box to keep her and the chicks away from the rest of the flock, where they will be harassed. We tried this about a week ago and she was not happy, so we need to work out how to do it so that she knows they are her eggs still.

The cracked egg, we are keeping warm under a heat lamp, we have to turn it, keep it moist and basically do the job that the hen does so much better.

The hens have been a blessing under the lock down, no shopping for scarce eggs in the early days, easy meals when we got ill and couldn't go out and very tasty too.

Once they hatch we will watch and tend them as they grow and consider all we have learned about responsibility, reproduction, growth and development.

To connect with other local people educating otherwise than at school please join the Facebook group 'Home Education -Cambourne



Editors Note: A fun learning activity can be asking where does my breakfast come from? Explain or test or research how everything came to be on the plate that morning. It could cover agriculture, livestock, transportation and sales. Was it local or imported? From a shop or online order. You may even discuss who would have been involved? How many people have jobs so you can eat today?



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Saving up for Christmas: The Big Garage Sale



Light Up Cambourne's fundraising mass Garage Sale was a real success. 40 sellers spread across Upper, Lower and Greater Cambourne and taking place over an entire weekend, a total of £403.78 was made towards the funding for this years Christmas lights. Another event is planned, so look out for the details.







Online Alpha



Starting on 15th September at 7.45pm for 11 weeks

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and to share points of view. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

If you would like more information about the course do contact us at office@cambournechurch.org.uk We'd love to hear from you!

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COMMUNITY

The Mysterious Case of the Disappearing Bench



Social media became energised this month when the bench on top of Crow Hill was found in pieces. It's still uncertain whether it was as a result of vandalism or wear and tear.

Whether as a rest after a long uphill walk, a break from jogging or a meeting place for young lovers, it's generally agreed this bench has "iconic" status among the Cambournites who frequent it to admire the amazing views across the countryside

In fact, at one point it seemed that local people were ready to get out their tools and replace it themselves. However, the Town Council has reassured us that the bench has now been fully removed to be repaired and reinstated to its rightful place in a short while.

Christ Church abandons Zoom for outdoor worship



Church is not the building, but the people! Christ Church Cambourne were very clearly reminded of this truth on Sunday 23rd August as they gathered together for the first time in 5 months - outside!

During lockdown, the church had been conducting services online using Zoom. Whilst thankful for technology, it was no substitute for the church family being together in person.

So, with the restrictions easing we were very grateful to Cambourne town council for allowing us to be able to use the space at the Upper Cambourne amphitheatre. It was big enough for 50 regular church members to gather whilst being socially distanced. Access to the power point at the amphitheatre allowed everyone to hear all parts of the service including our regular talk from the Bible about Jesus.

The church was really encouraged to meet again in person. One member said, "despite ongoing restrictions it was so good to see the church family together in person, rather than on a screen, even though we couldn't sing and chat as we normally would!"

The church will be gathering again at the amphitheatre throughout August. They will be meeting again in Cambourne Village College, their regular venue, from Sunday 6th September. If you would like to know more, please do contact Ben Twiss (pastor) ben@christchurchcambourne.org.uk



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Cambourne-at Home with the Church.

It looks like our unexpected 'Sabbath' away from Mass and our other 'on site' activities may come to an end soon. "Churches Together" who own Cambourne Church where we worship are taking great care to 'open up' wisely and well-so do look at their website and info to see when it is feasible to pop in for private prayer.

We have several lively and friendly WhatsApp groups and 24/7 prayer and Mass streamed on our Cambourne Catholic Church Facebook page twice daily from our main parish church in Sawston. Our Zoom parties and prayer meetings have been fun and encouraging with moving and magical performances by our youth. The dramatisation of the life of St John Fisher on his feast day by our youth dotted around West Cambridge in their homes was a definite highlight-historical and hysterical!

Please contact us if you or anyone you know have any needs or know someone who would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. We are a large and numerous parish (over 50 villages) and rely on personal initiative, persistence, patience and prayer! Please make sure we have your correct contacts. We have a gift for all our youth, for example, which has been sent out, which we hope no one misses. Thanks to all those helping to deliver palm crosses to plums, service sheets and sunflower seeds far and wide!

Fr. John is still happy to hold baptisms at Our Lady of Lourdes . More specific info about sacramental preparation etc will hopefully be forthcoming early in the autumn. We miss you all and can't wait for church family to meet again.

As St Paul said to the beleaguered little community in Philippi

"I thank my God each time I think of you and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy" So with love and hope, for now, Mel Ward (Catechist)

CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

The pandemic and the lockdown have prevented us from doing many of the things that we wanted to do. As with every family and every organisation the church has had to adapt, moving much of our life out of the building. But this has provided opportunities too, and we are pleased to offer the chance for people to bring their questions about faith, life and God through a course called Alpha Online. It is open to everyone - including you. We will look at various topics through video presentations and conversations in small groups over Zoom. And we will engage with the questions you bring, all from the comfort of your own home. Why not make space this autumn to explore some of the questions that really matter?

Cambourne Church's Alpha Online starts on Tuesday 15th September at 7.45pm and more details can be found by contacting office@cambournechurch.org.uk or through the dedicated page on the church website.

There are other ways you might want to engage with the church this month. 13th September is Education Sunday when we celebrate and pray for the town's schools at the beginning of a new academic year, and our online service will be on that theme. On September 21st we will have an online Harvest Festival service. As with all our Sunday services at the moment you can find these on the Cambourne Church YouTube channel. And we are also just beginning to run some socially distanced services in our building too!



Services and events for September

Sunday Services in the building are not taking place at this time, but this is subject to review. The church centre will be open on occasions for private prayer and also for short communion services. (Details from our website and Facebook page.)

"We are trying to stay connected and to serve our community in various ways. Cambourne Church is alive and well. You can still get in touch with us in these difficult times." Bill Miller

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Maybe restarting but all subject to change?

Well, we may be able to restart in-person services as the Hub opens up for use. There will be measures in place to minimise risks. Exactly what they will be is subject to change as it seems each week we have new directives and such. We will of course be sterilising the tables and anything we use. In fact I am even going to have our folks bring in their own folding chairs, that way there are no problems with that. Any visitors can use the normal chairs and we can cover them in plastic before use or, bring their own. There is plenty of space for social distancing and such. Still not sure about the music as far as the singing goes as there is some debate. This will change as the time approaches and we may start off with a single service and as things get better re-add the Sunday school hour. There are literally pages and pages of restrictions and government regulations and such, even about bathroom use. It is quite complex, and this is coming from a guy who has been trained in chemical, biological, and nuclear warfare when I was in



Pastor Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church

the service. But since I no longer have my gas mask we will work with other things. But it does not matter where we meet as the church is never a building but the people. Christ did not die for a building but for the people and that is whom we are trying to reach. In reality, it has been a very odd year. And if you want to come along and want more information just contact us. I may still

also continue to upload messages to Youtube located at https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark

Now this recording will probably not be live in service but may be still from my office and uploaded afterwards. Hopefully, we can eventually get all this behind us and return to some normality, or at least closer than we are now. We at Peacehaven continue to pray for all of Cambourne. **Pastor Donavan Bangs**

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PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

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YOUTH GROUPS

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deliveries too in our community:

EATERIES

Food Outlets and Pop-up Restaurants Available for Take Away Service: During the lockdown period please refer to either facebook or Cambourne's community website for contact details to get inforrmation on those offering not only collection but

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NATURE

Swift Community Action to Help 'Amazing' **Birds in South Cambs**



A 'Save the Swifts' task force is spearheading a revival of the endangered bird in South Cambridgeshire - working closely with residents, community groups and the District Council.

The Over and Swavesey Swift Conservation Project 2020 has installed more than 120 nest boxes under the eaves or behind the brickwork of homes, offices, a primary school and a Memorial Hall with a £5,000 grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. The majority are state-of-the-art swift boxes that sit on the outside of buildings but eight are innovative S Bricks, resembling traditional bricks with hidden nesting spaces behind, that can be built into new properties, or retrofitted into existing walls.

The District Council is looking at the feasibility of incorporating nesting sites into the designs of future public buildings at Northstowe, including a sports pavilion, community centre and civic hub. Plus, it plans to include them in as many of its 5,300



Council homes as possible as part of a rolling refurbishment programme, and welcomes requests from Council tenants wanting to install their own boxes.

The conservation group's work in partnership with Action For Swifts is a significant step towards increasing local Swift numbers, which have plummeted in the UK by more than half in just 20 years as nesting spaces in refurbished buildings are lost, according to the RSPB. Favoured nesting sites for the migratory birds have rich sources of insects at lakes and pools. The migrationis a 6,000-mile journey back from Africa in late April/early May each year,

Over Parish Cllr Helen Pletts, who leads the conservation project, said significant progress had been made despite lockdown thanks to extensive support from local groups in making and installing swift homes.

So many residents enjoy seeing these birds return to our villages each year. It's given them a real interest, particularly during lockdown and we shouldn't underestimate the power of this.



We are delighted that the swifts have new homes to welcome them. We hope to see their populations rise and to inspire others with the potential to take up the baton to help save these amazing birds."

Cllr Pletts is also encouraging developers to incorporate the S Brick into the design of all future homes, including at Northstowe and Cambourne, and is keen to hear from residents interested in having a box installed at their own property.

Over Primary School has a large Swift box that was specially designed and built by Dick Newell, with wooden pieces supplied by Greg Veit. The box includes space for a webcam to enable pupils to follow the progress of any resident swifts in the future.

The Council is updating its Wildlife Enhancement Scheme, which provided the £5,000 grant for the project, and will advise residents and local groups when it relaunches.

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SPORT

The Netball Club is Back and in Training - Join us

CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB: The 2019/2020 season for Cambourne Netball Club was on course for a strong finish with two of our adult teams in a promotional position and our Juniors continuing to progress well. At the start of lockdown we packed up our bibs, but we have been proud of many of our club members - nurses, midwives, physios, teachers and others - who have been deployed on the frontline during the COVID crisis as key workers. With government guidelines now easing for sports clubs, we are delighted to begin Fitness training.

The national governing body England Netball, have produced a roadmap advising clubs on how to resume training safely. We are anticipating a course of Netball Fitness sessions run by qualified coaches in the upcoming weeks. This will involve socially distanced fitness training with minimal equipment sharing; which will be fun and challenging preparing us for match play in the near future.

This is a great time to join Cambourne Netball club as we are appealing to both beginner and elite players; full of friendly ladies aged 16-60 - as we proceed to re-invigorate teams. We have support packages in place for anyone who may need assistance with fees due to the current circumstances. Get in touch for more information with Club Chair, Cat Blee: cblee1978@hotmail.co.uk and check out 'Cambourne Netball Club' on Facebook for news updates.

Our Junior Training (for girls in school years 5-11) will also hopefully be resuming early in the Autumn Term. For more info, parents/carers can contact: cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com



Want To Play Netball?

In School Years 5 & 6 from September? Free on Tuesdays 4.30pm till 5.30pm?

Cambourne NC would love to hear from you

Sessions are suitable for complete beginners or experienced players and are a great introduction to the sport and progression to our growing junior club.

Due to COVID19 we are still unsure about when our sessions will be able to restart in September but we are happy for new players to contact us to be placed on our waiting list for when sessions resume. To book your place at these sessions please email cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com

You will be sent a confirmation email to secure your booking. Sessions cost £20.00 per term . Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information contact us on cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com



Cambourne Bowls is Back in Business





The Cambourne Bowls Club :

Club nights continue on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm and all residents are welcome to attend. We are operating under Covid restrictions and for any potential members please email robin.doreen@btopenworld.com so for details of our Covid risk assessment and instructions.

Our season will soon be drawing to a close, the last club night will be

Thursday 17th September so there is still time to join us even if this is your first time.

The 2021 season will start towards the end of April 2021 so look out for a notice in the Cambourne Crier or on our Facebook page 'Cambourne Bowls Club'. Robin Bailey Bowls sec. robin.doreen@btopenworld.com or tel. 01954 269328 or 07711 613559.

SPORT

The Tennis Club returns in the Autumn.

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB: We would like to thank everyone who has supported Game Set Tennis and our coaching programme throughout the Summer! More good news: our coaching programme is returning back to its norm with a familiar schedule in September. The Autumn Term starts 7th September and finishes 12th December - 13 week term. Prices start from £45.50 for half a term with children's groups limited to 10 and adult groups 8. The LTA coronavirus guidelines will remain in place currently available on the booking page. For more information www.gamesettennis.co.uk or contact Toby on 07972 149874 or toby@gamesettennis.co.uk.

As you might be aware, the usual Tennis Leagues for the current year have been cancelled, and we are hoping to restart these in full in 2021. To still give players an opportunity to play some competitive tennis, the County are now offering a special "2020 Celebration League;" Ladies' & Men's Doubles based loosely around our summer league divisions. There won't be any promotional or relegation and no nomination rules, but there will be some form of recognition for division champions. Matches may potentially start from September 5th onwards. We would hope to enter three men's and one ladies' team and are inviting players of all abilities to join this fun competition. If you are interested, please contact our Competition Secretary Arif Kibria on 07854 741308 or arifkibria@hotmail.com.

Finally, we would like to highlight our special family membership package: for only £120 this includes memberships for up to two parents and any children under 18 within the family group, for the whole tennis year (until the end of March 2021). More information on how to join here:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/Membership/Join.



Cambourne FC United welcomes junior players

CAMBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB

We hope that all families are safe and well at this time. Lockdown has been detrimental and it's been wonderful to have our kids back training again and having fun. It's been particularly great to see our Girls' Soccer School (FA Wildcats Centre) back again since March. This season we have arranged the girls into three groups: U5s & U6s (for girls aged 4 & 5); U7s & U8s (aged 6 & 7); and U9s (aged 8). We welcomed 16 new girls along to our first session on 15th August. With many more signing up for the coming sessions - a tremendously encouraging start to the new season! If you have a daughter aged 4 - 8 who is also interested in coming along, please contact cambourne.united@gmail.com for more details. Sessions are free.

At the start of August, our four U8s boys' teams arranged a mini festival amongst themselves in the sunshine, whilst ensuring everyone adhered to FA guidelines and social distancing. It was clear from the joy on the kids' faces how much they've missed catching up with friends and having the chance to just play. We have girls' football aged 4 to adult, and boys' football aged 7 to 9, so if you have a child interested in playing, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email address above.

