



# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## Goodbye 2020 - you won't be missed!

**It's been a tough year for all of us, full of challenges and heartbreak, limitations and new beginnings.** Now we've made it to 2021, let's take a look back at how it all unfolded.

### JANUARY

Australian bush fires devastate 47 million acres

Meghan and Harry quit the royal family  
People returning from mainland China to the UK are quarantined.

The UK formally withdraws from the EU and the first case of coronavirus is reported in the UK

WORD OF THE MONTH: Wuhan

### FEBRUARY

Trump impeached and acquitted

East West Rail announces Cambourne will have it's own train station

To help stop the spread of the pandemic, we are advised to wash our hands whilst singing Happy Birthday twice.

WORD OF THE MONTH: pandemic

### MARCH

People are urged not to buy more than they need from the supermarkets. Sales of Corona beer plummet.

20th March - the government closes cafes, pubs and restaurants.

23 March - Everyone in England is told to stay at home. Schools are closed and parents must educate children at home

26 March - UK applauds the NHS and key workers for the first time

27 March - Boris Johnson tests positive for coronavirus



The Cambourne Volunteer Task Force is set up

The Cambourne Crier goes out in two halves.

WORDS OF THE MONTH: Lockdown, key workers, furlough

### APRIL

The Cambourne Crier moves to an online only edition.

Community buildings, playgrounds and sportsfields in Cambourne are now closed until further notice

Easter Eggs, donated by Morrison's, are distributed by CVTF around the town.

Cambourne Tennis Club head coach Toby posts daily tennis challenges online to keep everyone active.

Rainbows are seen everywhere

5 April - Boris Johnson admitted to hospital with Covid-19

12 April - UK passes 10,000 deaths

Colonel Tom Moore completes 100 laps in aid of the NHS

27 April - Boris returns to work and announces we are past the peak

WORD OF THE MONTH: Remote working.

### MAY

End of year exams cancelled in schools

UK passes 30,000 deaths

CVTF has grown to 50 volunteers

46 year old George Floyd killed in the US triggering worldwide protests

"Stay at home" becomes "Stay alert".

WORD OF THE MONTH: unprecedented

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### A bright Christmas



The very first Cambourne Christmas Lights trail

■ See page 4 for full details

### Learning with the CVTF



A CVC student shares her experience of volunteering towards her DofE

■ More info on page 9

### New role at tennis club



Tennis club seeks a junior secretary to join the committee

■ Find out more on page 24

# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Our community fund enables us to make grants and donations to local clubs, societies or causes.

**Do you need new equipment for your group? Want to set up a new group and need some funding to get going?**

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# CAMBOURNE CRIER

JANUARY 2021

## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

### Reminder: Christmas Tree Recycling

The Christmas Tree Recycling point will be set up again on the ground adjacent to The Hub Community Centre carpark. Christmas trees may be left here in the New Year up until Monday 18 th January 2021 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne.

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

3 new AED's have been installed at the following locations: The Hub Community Centre (internal), The Sports Pavilion (external) and Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion (external). Thank you to Cambourne Cricket Club for their donation towards one of the AED's and also to London Herts who subsidised the cost of the AED's. The balance was paid for by the Town Council.

There are already AED's at the following locations: Lower Cambourne Co-Op

(external), Morrisons (internal), Monkfield Medical Practice (external) and Cambourne Sports Centre (internal).

### Councillor Vacancy

A notice for a vacancy has been displayed to fill the vacancy by co-option. If you are interested in being co-opted to the Town Council, please email [office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more information. The co-option will take place at the Council meeting on the 12 th January. Nominations are required by 5pm on Thursday 7 th January. For more information, visit the Town Council website.

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS January 2021 / February

12th January, 7.00pm - Council  
2nd February, 7.00pm - Council

John Vickery,  
Cambourne Town Clerk



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## Goodbye 2020...

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### JUNE

1 June - Schools reopen

Cambourne Open Gardens goes virtual in the Crier

Cambourne Tennis courts reopen

CVTF, now with 75 volunteers receives a visit from Anthony Browne MP

WORD OF THE MONTH: Support bubble

### JULY

Pubs, restaurants and hairdressers are allowed to reopen

The Cambourne Crier goes back to the printed edition.

Work on West Cambourne begins in earnest.

25th July Everyone Active reopens its doors and Cambourne Cricket club is able to start playing again.

### AUGUST

Town council offices reopen.

CVTF says they're here to stay

Cambourne Food Market goes ahead despite previous cancellation.

Iconic bench on Crow Hill disappears!

WORD OF THE MONTH: R number



### SEPTEMBER

The Rule of Six is announced

WORD OF THE MONTH: second wave

### OCTOBER

US President tests positive for Covid-19

Light Up Cambourne announces

Christmas lights will go ahead.

The three-tier lockdown system is introduced.

WORD OF THE MONTH: circuit breaker

### NOVEMBER

Joe Biden is "voted" 46th president of the United States

Second Lockdown begins in the UK

Three different Covid vaccines are announced.

### DECEMBER

Fierce negotiation as the Brexit deadline approaches

Grandmother Margaret Keenan becomes the first person to receive the Covid jab.

Boris Johnson: 'It will gradually make a huge, huge difference... but we haven't defeated this virus yet'

Father Christmas turns on the Christmas Lights in Cambourne.

*Happy New Year from all at the Cambourne Crier! All indications show that 2021 can only be a vast improvement.*

**Kingsdale**

[www.kingsdale.co.uk](http://www.kingsdale.co.uk)

### Cavendish Court, Cambourne Cambridgeshire

This full service development benefits from a central location in Cambourne. It was built to a high quality by Bovis Homes Ltd in 2003 and comprises of a mixture of 48 one and two bedroom apartments.

It is staffed 24 hours 7 days a week and owners enjoy a wide range of services including a restaurant, owners' lounge, hobbies room, guest suite, lovely gardens and gated parking.

The Management Team welcome viewings.



For details of available apartments please contact Chris Morris, Court Manager on 01954 714406 or email [cavendish@kingsdale.co.uk](mailto:cavendish@kingsdale.co.uk)

## ADDENBROOKE'S IS HERE FOR US.

*We're here for Addenbrooke's.*



Jan Brownfoot & Matt George wanted to show thanks to their hospital, "Leaving a gift in a will is just something we can do so easily."

Leaving a gift donation in your will is a wonderful way to say thank you and leave a lasting legacy. Just like Dr John Addenbrooke whose founding legacy helped build a hospital.

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## COMMUNITY

### Christmas Lights Trail Map



**Wow!!!! Your Christmas lights looked amazing!**

During December, The Friends of Monkfield Park, The Vine Volunteers and Jeavons Wood PTA joined forces to create Cambourne's first Christmas Lights Trail. The Trail provided a much needed socially distanced outside activity for families over the Christmas holiday. Numerous houses lit up Cambourne and along with the Christmas Lights provided by the Town Council Cambourne was glowing. We hope Cambourne Residents enjoyed the trail and lights as much as we did – maybe this year we can make it a competition.

Thank you so much to the many Parents, Carers and Cambourne Residents who were more than happy to feature in the Trail, we couldn't have done it without you.





## Happy New Year and Welcome Back from Cambourne Library

### Current Library Opening times:

**Tuesday: 10am – 2pm**

**Thursday: 2pm – 6pm**

**Sat&Fri: 10am – 2pm**

We are very happy to welcome back all our customers into the library, to browse and choose your own items. We have an additional session available to cater for those who prefer an afternoon visit.

We continue to provide our reservation, select and collect services. Photocopying service is also available along with access to our PCs. To keep all our customers safe please bear in mind that if you “drop in” to use the copier and the designated number allowed within our PC area has been reached there may be a wait for you to use it.

### Select and Collect

This enables you to use our online form to request books based on your preferred genres at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library). We choose books based on the information provided and stock available at Cambourne library. Alternatively call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225 to forward your request to the library. We will contact you when your items are ready for collection.

### Reservations 50p charge (adult)

Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way. With both the select and collect as well as reservations services we issue your books in advance. This way it enables us to keep safe our staff and customers by reducing the contact time needed for the books to be collected. They will show on your account until you collect them and you may receive an email reminding you. If you do not wish to collect, they will still show on your account until we check them in for others to be able to order.

### IT Facilities

IT facilities are available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customer.

### Printing and Photocopying

Please bring the correct change to drop into the coin box, 20p per page of A4 black and white and 75p per colour page.

To take advantage of the packed online programme of events from now until the end of the year log on to [WWW.library.live/the-library-presents-events](http://WWW.library.live/the-library-presents-events).

There is something for all ages across a range of art forms including; Music, Storytelling, Theatre, Dance, Visual Art, Magic, Animation, Poetry and Craft. Events will be released throughout the season, so keep checking back for new live events and new online activities and workshops.

Also view our [weekly online timetable](#) on our Facebook and Twitter pages or on our website

[www.library.live](http://www.library.live) is a new digital service offered by Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with Civic. The service is designed to provide a virtual experience of the physical library, including the ability to ‘Ask a Librarian’ a question, search local events and activities, participate in ‘The Library Presents’, an arts programme which is now virtual and explores local collections. Civic is a not-for profit organization that specialises in community building and place making and is working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Libraries on a project called the Future Libraries Initiative.

### The Business & IP Centres for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Just visit the library website and follow the link. It supports entrepreneurs, inventors and small businesses. We can help you from that first spark of inspiration, to successfully launching and developing your business. The Business & IP Centre Cambridgeshire is part of the [British Library Business & IP Centre national network](#). Our team will help you take the right steps to start up, protect and grow your business

- Develop your ideas with our market research and company databases.
- Learn new skills at a workshop.
- Have a confidential one to one.
- Take advantage of the British Library's expertise.
- Register for regular webinars, from wherever you are in the world.

**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. Events are held Tuesdays, 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.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/>

libraries or our Facebook page for further details at <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireLibraries/>

## COMMUNITY

# Efforts to Save Windmill in Bourn

Thank you very much to those of you who donated to the Save Bourn Windmill Appeal after reading about it in the November edition of the Crier. Over £3,000 has been raised via the website so far.

'Our project to save Bourn Windmill is underway,' said James Littlewood, CEO of charity Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CPPF). 'Thanks to a grant from Historic England and crowdfunding efforts we have appointed a specialist team of conservation architect, structural engineer and millwright. They have designed a scaffold system to support the windmill and we hope to have this in place by Christmas, which will be a great relief. In the new year they will carry out inspections of the supporting beams in order to determine the extent of the problem and the best solution for repair.'

Kate Armstrong who lives at Mill Cottage added, 'The mill car park will be locked during this period, although there will be limited access to view the work via the footpath.'

Graham Bruce, Chairman of the charity's volunteer team who help maintain the mill, will be photographing the process and CPPF will be updating their website as things progress.'

The first phase of the project will cost upwards of £30,000. The second phase may cost up to £100,000.

**Please help us keep the sails at Bourn Windmill turning!**

To donate please visit the CambridgePPF

website [www.cambridgeppf.org/appeal/save-bourn-windmill-appeal](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/appeal/save-bourn-windmill-appeal) or

send your cheques to: Cambridge Past Present & Future, Wandlebury Country Park, Gog Magog Hills, Cambridge CB22 3AE. CambridgePPF is a registered charity No.204121.



## Healthwatch Cambridgeshire needs your Feedback to help the NHS and Care Teams Support Us All

**Have you seen your GP lately?**

**Had a Hospital or Dental appointment?**

**Perhaps you have Care Services at home or visit a loved one in a care home?**

If you, a family member or friend have used a local health or care service, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire wants to hear about your experience – good or bad.

Healthwatch are the local Health and Social Care champions and by sharing your feedback with us, local NHS and care services can find out what's working well or needs improving.

Please support our new campaign 'Because We All Care' by giving your feedback about the services you are using.

The scheme is being run with the Care Quality Commission and follows on from our big Covid-19 survey across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough earlier this year.

It only takes a few minutes to share your views with us. And your feedback helps services to continue providing the right support to local people.

It's very simple to share your views online. Just log onto:- [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views) and tell us what you think.

You can also call Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text your views on 0752 0635 176 or email

[enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

**healthwatch**  
Cambridgeshire

## Updated Covid-19 Business Support from SCDC

### Business Grants for the November Lockdown

The application process is now open for grants for businesses forced to close or adversely affected due to the national restrictions imposed on 5 November. Please visit our website for more information <https://tinyurl.com/y6dy9edx>

### Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRS)

Non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses forced to close will be eligible for this grant. This includes business that are closed but are offering an online or click to order/delivery service.

Current eligibility criteria:

- Properties with a rateable value of £15k or under, grants of £1,334 per month are available, or £667 per two weeks
- Properties with a rateable value of between £15k-£51k, grants of £2,000 per month are available or £1,000 per two weeks
- Properties with a rateable value of £51k or over, grants of £3,000 per month are available, or £1,500 per two weeks.

### Additional Restrictions Support Grant (AR)

The Additional Restrictions Support Grant has been made available by Government for each Local Authority to use its discretion to decide how best to support local businesses affected by local/national restrictions. South Cambridgeshire District Council will make this funding available to the following business types:

- Non-rate paying businesses required to close by Law because of the national lockdown measures (e.g. those operating in shared spaces or spaces where they pay rent but are not the ratepayer).
- Non-rate paying business which have not been mandated to close themselves but have been severely impacted by the restrictions.
- Rate-paying businesses which have not been mandated to close, but have been severely impacted by the restrictions. Businesses falling within the above categories and which are within South Cambridgeshire District Council's boundaries, will receive a single grant of up to £3,000 to cover the four-week national lockdown period.

### VAT deferral update

If you deferred VAT between 20 March and 30 June 2020 and still have payments to make, you can:

- pay the deferred VAT in full on or before 31 March 2021
- opt in to the VAT deferral new payment scheme when it launches in 2021
- contact HMRC if you need more help to pay.

### Guidance for businesses: Tier 2 regulations

South Cambridge District Council went into Tier 2 from 2nd December. This means:-

- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those which remain closed by Law,
- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants.
- Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to provide table

service only, in premises which sell alcohol close between 11pm and 5am.

- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through,
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm,
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors,
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone settings,
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s which can take place with larger groups mixing.

### Could More of your Staff Work from Home?

Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said, *"The virus passes easily from one person to another, and this can happen travelling to and from work or during breaks as well as in the workplace itself. We are urging employers to allow their staff to work from home where they can effectively do so. This will reduce interaction with others, protect themselves and avoid a potential outbreak in the workplace."*

The Government advice remains the same that people should be working from home where possible, and businesses are being asked to look at their workforce and consider whether everyone they have on site is absolutely necessary and whether more people could be working from home to limit the spread of the virus and potentially protect more workplaces from an outbreak occurring.

People across Cambridgeshire who have been working from home throughout the pandemic have shared their stories with us about how they have found the experience. You can view the video blogs Cambridgeshire County Council's YouTube channel <https://tinyurl.com/yx472uc>

*If you have some tips for making working from home as productive and sociable as working in the office, please send your clips to [communications@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:communications@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).*

**Further information: Tracey Brockman at South Cambs District Council : [Tracey.Brockman@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Tracey.Brockman@scambs.gov.uk) or 07895 214530**



## COLUMNISTS



### ANTHONY BROWNE

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## The Covid-19 Vaccine is Good News for 2021

**I was delighted to hear the news that the Covid Pfizer vaccine has been approved.**

While there is still plenty of work to be done, this is undoubtedly good news and marks the beginning of the end of this pandemic. I expect the vaccination programme will begin steadily, targeting those who most need it, and in the meantime we must continue to press for fair treatment here in South Cambridgeshire.

I have said throughout the national lockdown that a one-size-fits-all approach would mean far higher than necessary restrictions on low infection areas like South Cambridgeshire, which would dramatically increase the economic damage.

Therefore, the only logical alternative is a localised tiered approach. That does not mean I think the current localised tiered system is perfect – far from it. With its very low infection rate, South Cambs should be in Tier 1, not least because I know how important this is to our pubs and hospitality industry.

I think there are strong arguments for Tier 1, but I know that public health authorities are adamant that we should not move down until the population is vaccinated.

I think that gets the balance wrong, because it only looks at tackling the virus, not at the wider harms from the restrictions, not least in terms of livelihoods and mental health. I also don't think decisions should be made on a Cambridgeshire-wide basis. I will be campaigning to make the tiered system more fit for purpose, or at least, fit for South Cambridgeshire.



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## My Wishes for Cambourne for 2021

**My wish for New Year 2021** is for us to focus on our family and neighbours with compassion and kindness and be supportive to each other.

As responsible residents, we are following everything that the Government has mandated.

We have spent ten long hard months with the pandemic crisis and managed to keep the number of cases low compared to many other areas. Throughout the whole time the one thing bringing us hope has been the scientific work towards making an effective vaccine.

Many of us felt lonely and stressed for not meeting our loved ones during Christmas and throughout the pandemic. We have seen many

charities and local community groups doing wonderful jobs during the pandemic. I was fortunate enough to run several community events in Cambourne and stay connected with the residents in many innovative ways and to reduce loneliness using food, science, arts, travel and language.

On the subject of Business Grants – several eligible businesses in our region have not yet applied for a business support grant. Information and application forms can be found on Council's website: <https://tinyurl.com/y2k3v83l>

Discussions took place in C2C Local Liaison Forum, GCP and East West Rail and we are still waiting to hear some good news for Cambourne. I still believe that we can focus on better bus routes, using the existing roads and giving the current generation a fast, reliable and affordable public transport service.



### CATHERINE PRICE

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## Feeling Good about Yourself in 2021

**January often brings plans to improve our health and wellbeing which can soon be forgotten despite our best intentions.**

Making changes is not always successful for a variety of reasons including our sense of self worth or self esteem.

When we do not feel good about ourselves it can affect our ability to cope and may prevent us making positive changes. This can lead to avoiding new things or challenges or using unhealthy ways of coping.

Causes of low self esteem are complex but often affected by taking on board negative things

others may have said about us and negative things we say about ourselves.

Improving self esteem can be difficult but recognising the negative things you are hearing from others or saying about yourself is a first step.

Most of us are much more harsh in what we say to ourselves than we'd ever say to another person. Challenge some of the negative thoughts you say to yourself - if you wouldn't say it to someone else then don't say it to yourself.

Write down things you are good at or good qualities you have. Try and spend more time with people who appreciate you and allow yourself to accept compliments. Set yourself goals to do things that are good for your wellbeing, not just because it's good for you but because you're worth looking after. **Reference/further info:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) (search for self esteem)



## Seasons Greetings from u3a

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never more to mind ,  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot ,  
Remember we are online.*

*Happy new Year everyone, hope  
we all meet together soon!*



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## My 'Duke of Edinburgh award experience' with CVTF



**Tabeer Zahra Mir, a student at Cambourne Village College shares her experience of volunteering with the Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force, towards her The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)**

My first volunteering experience was in April, just after the beginning of the first lockdown, where I was helping with distribution of handouts for the Cambourne Volunteering Task

Force in case anyone was in isolation or needed any help. This was a very difficult time for many people as they either had to stay home with work closed or were working and providing essential service during the pandemic.

Recently, the CVTF has been creating Christmas hampers, for those currently struggling or to thank staff at schools and key workers who have been helpful throughout the past months. As well as helping the community, assisting at the Volunteering Task Force is useful for my Duke of Edinburgh's Award as one section of the award is dedicated to volunteering. There are many activities to choose from such as creating food parcels, helping to distribute these parcels and medications, arranging and distributing hot meals and litter picking. In my experience, volunteering activities can be a lot of fun if you do them with friends.

My next activity is going to be helping to prepare hot meals on Christmas eve.

*Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force and Cambourne Crescent along with the Cambourne Town Council is providing an opportunity to the youth to gain volunteering experience for community work, required for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. If anyone is interested, please contact on [info@CambourneCrescent.org](mailto:info@CambourneCrescent.org)*

## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH

In his 1939 Christmas broadcast, introduced to a new generation by the film *The King's Speech*, George VI quoted the opening lines of a poem:

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'  
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way.'

As we enter 2021 those words are as appropriate as ever. We do not know what the year ahead may hold. 2020 surprised us all in ways we never imagined, and the past twelve months have brought much that has been hard to bear. The same could have been said of 1939 by those listening to the king's Christmas speech following the outbreak of the Second World War. But in the midst of it all we are encouraged to place our hands into the Hand of God - like a toddler venturing into the unknown with confidence because of the comfort, guidance and protection of a loved and trusted parent.

A similar sentiment was expressed by the American Civil Rights leader, Ralph Abernathy, who said, "I don't know what the future may hold, but I know who holds the future."

God is to be trusted even as we step into the unknown of this new year. As it says in Psalm 37, "Trust in the Lord, and do good."

Rev'd Bill Miller

Please check our website and Facebook page for the latest information on our services and activities.

Currently we have one online service and one in-building service each Sunday:

9.30 Short Communion Service (booking required)  
10.15 Sunday Different (on our YouTube channel)

A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church

[www.cambournechurch.org.uk](http://www.cambournechurch.org.uk) Twitter: @cambournechurch  
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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

### A time to mourn.

Recently in our church we have had a death of a long time member. This was not covid related. I was called upon by the family to preach at the funeral. This man was a husband, a father and a friend. This was made the more awkward by the current restrictions but we pressed on. This was not the first time I had spoken at that place as a few years earlier I preached my own father's funeral there. It was hard with my father as his spiritual status was a little shaky. However this man I knew his testimony of salvation well and it did indeed shine forth that that heart was touched by the Lord. I was able to reassure the family that this is merely for the believer a pause in the relationship. Within God's family there are no goodbyes only until we meet again. One of his wishes was that the gospel be preached at his funeral. And I did so, and it was recorded so I was able to upload it to the church youtube channel located at <https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark>

This will enable his relatives and friends who are fellow believers all around the world to say until we meet again. I spoke of the 3 defining loves of his life. His love of family which was displayed daily both in word and in deed. A good example of a life of faith is one of the greatest expressions of love we can show. He also loved life inasmuch as a believer does, he had joy despite the hardship of the years and the frailty of the body for life is more than just our physical selves and is never defined on what you

take from it but what degree do you give. Giving the thing needed



**Pastor Donovan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church**

which is time and understanding and direction to a path of faith. The last thing he loved was the Lord or perhaps that is the first and everything is built from there. And he understood through the gift that was offered eternal life is gained. I spoke of a passage of scripture that this particular member loved.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,

and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

We will see each other again in a better place as was promised to believers in...

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Things went well enough though we never look forward to such events we can be comforted that even in the darkest times God's love shines through. I am sure others out there have gone through similar times. If you need to talk, give me a call.

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## EDUCATION

### Educating Otherwise: Our Family Food Tour.



"In November, my family and I went around the world tasting different foods - all in the safety of our own home (it was lockdown after all!).

The first stop was Poland, where we made dumplings and ate some Polish sausages. We also looked at all the colourful traditional clothes. Then we went to Mauritius (a small island 1,300 kilometres east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean) where we made tropical drinks and discovered its multicultural history. Our next stop was New Zealand, where we cooked food underground in what is called a Hangi, like the indigenous people did and still do. We also tried out the haka, which was my five-year-old brother's favourite bit. Then we were off to Japan where we painted a map of its countless islands and had sushi, ramen and green tea (see photo). We also read a Japanese folk tale. Our last stop was Mexico where we deep-fried some churros and tacos using a taco press. My favourite country was Japan because I quite liked my map painting and I loved the ramen.

We have been home educating for three and a half years, so during the Covid-19 lockdown we didn't have to change our lifestyle too much. But not being able to go out has opened new ways of learning, and we are looking forward to going out with friends again."

By Elijah Cathie (12)

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### Monkfield Primary enjoyed a festive finale.



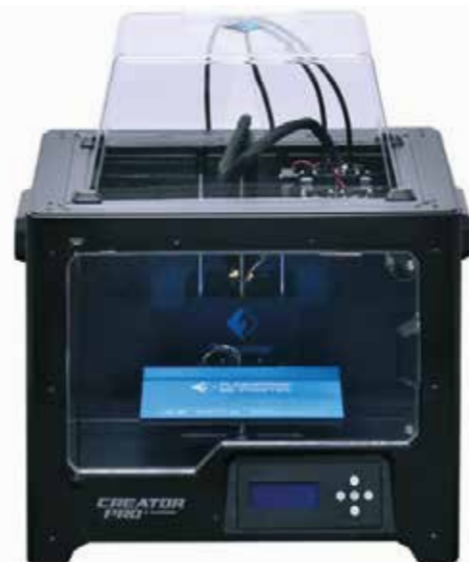
**At Monkfield Primary:** Christmas wouldn't really be Christmas without our usual festive productions. For twenty years we have always presented a Nativity Play and a traditional Carol Concert for our families to enjoy. This year we were determined that the pandemic wasn't going to stop us as our families are more in need of some Christmas cheer than ever before. So, with the help of zoom and a very talented member of staff, Year 1 have performed their version of the Nativity Play – This Way to Bethlehem. The children told the story accompanied by some wonderful songs, of the Nativity characters who needed some help on their journeys to the stable in Bethlehem, where they all arrived safely and celebrated the birth of baby Jesus. The pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 usually form a massed choir to delight everyone with their rendition of classic Christmas carols and songs. This year however, the performance was limited to a series of songs and carols in the children's year group pods due to social distancing. Nothing daunts the kids and they rose to the occasion with their usual resilience. Both performances were filmed and streamed to families via zoom. It was a wonderful end to the term and we are truly pleased that we were able to bring the festive spirit to everyone thanks to the new technology.

### CERC integrates 3D Mechanical Design



#### Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club

(CERC) will integrate 3D mechanical design with the existing electronics design in its unique mentor-led project-based learning pedagogy. The 3D printer will now provide opportunities to the young students to design and integrate mechanical designs like gears, wheels, chassis, etc. in their electronics projects like rovers, robots and particularly projects involving movements. Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya, the mentor of CERC said, "3D printing for the club will enable faster, more affordable prototyping and customization of robots. It will give young students the ability to quickly create, prototype, test, and modify different robot designs. 3D printing will also give an opportunity to design and print virtually any parts required for any STEM projects for a fraction of the cost. We are constantly refining our curriculum to bring engineering design practices and its applications in the STEM field as early as possible to prepare them better for future education and careers." CERC is grateful to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and technology innovative company TTP in Melbourne, UK to support this initiative. We will soon organise a workshop on 3D modelling software and would love to hear from the experts in this field to contribute.



For more information regarding CERC (<http://camcare.org.uk/cerc/>), please email Cllr. Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)



## There is an air of optimism at the Village College

At Cambourne Village College the thought of a vaccine creates optimism that schools can start to plan ahead for a return to normality next summer, with school trips, fixtures, concerts, sports days, transition events for Years 6 and 11, and all the activities that make school joyful; not to mention being able to welcome you all into school again.

The autumn term was tough with most students restricted to small areas of the school within their year group 'bubbles'. Teachers moving around to pupils' bases instead of teaching in their own specialist area and staff working incredibly hard at adapting the curriculum to keep up with the learning lost in the first lockdown – in addition to the ongoing worry of positive Covid cases and isolations. However, the College has emerged stronger than ever. Staff have responded with their typical dedication and ingenuity to every challenge; we've been thrust into using exciting new technologies that would otherwise have taken us years to embrace fully, and pupils, teachers, support

staff, Governors and the Cam Academy Trust have displayed fantastic mutual support and teamwork to ensure that learning is still stimulating and enjoyable.

Year 11 sat their first round of mock exams in December. Possibly chastened by the dread of another disrupted examination season next summer, their behaviour and work ethic has been exemplary and they are now buoyed up by the hope of some easing of the burden of next summer's GCSEs and other qualifications, as announced by the Government. It really is a sign of strange times when students are pleased at the thought of actually sitting exams! And further ahead of course, we have the exciting prospect of planning for future developments of the school, and a sixth form for Cambourne.

Happy 2021, everyone – there is so much to look forward to!  
*Claire Coates, Principal, Cambourne Village College*

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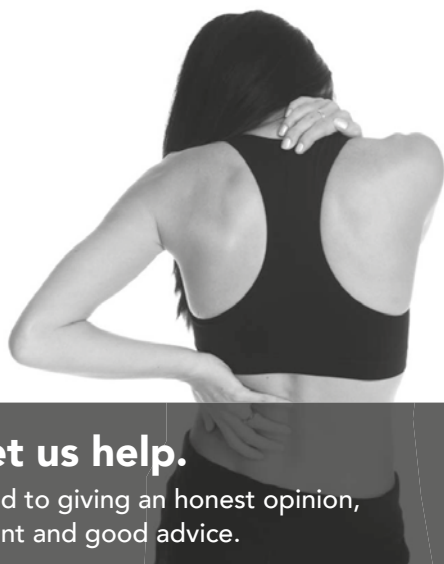
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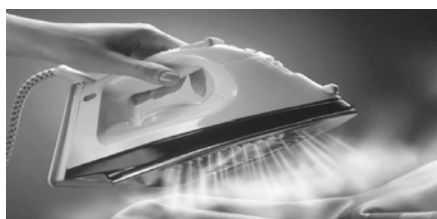
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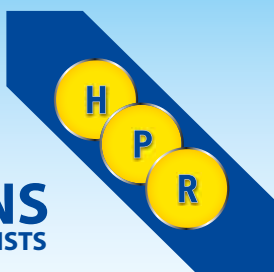
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#### Cambourne Crescent:

www.cambournecrescent.org

#### Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club/

#### Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club

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#### Words for Pleasure Writers' Group

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#### Watercolour Classes /Children's Art

#### Club/Cambourne Arts: / Cambourne and

#### District U3A:

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#### Photography Group:

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#### Timebank:

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#### Crafty Ladies: Enid - (01954) 715292 or

Edna - (01954) 717360

#### Friday walks:

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#### Sunday Walks: Contact Sandra: 07747

012245 or scalcraft@gmail.com.

#### Cambourne Community Website Group

John Panrucker: 07734 258 059 or

www.cambourne.info/about

#### Child and Family Centre:

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Centre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

#### Children's Chess Club:

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#### Sundial Theatre Company

www.sundialtheatre.company

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#### Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

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#### Peacehaven Baptist Church

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#### Christchurch Cambourne

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#### Cambourne Catholic Community

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#### Educating Otherwise: - see facebook

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#### Arabic Language School

Contact linfo@cambournecrescent.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Science &

#### Technology Club: Contact

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### PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

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#### Carers And Tots:

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#### Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

Office: 01954 273301

clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

#### Sunflower Nursery: 01954 719440

### SERVICES

#### Community Car Scheme:

07526 998 465 or e-mail: cambournecarscheme@gmail.com. Min. 48 hours notice.

#### Streetlight Faults:

www.cambourne.info/lightform.htm

#### Vets: Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715161

#### Wildlife Trust: Jenny Mackay

01954 713516 www.wildlifebcn.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Food Bank

Info@cambournecrescent.org

### SPORTS & LEISURE

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#### Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club

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## High tech Christmas AmDram is a hit on Zoom



**Sundial Theatre Company, Cambourne's own community theatre group, scored a hit with their Zoom based version of "A Christmas Carol" in December. All four performances achieved a steady audience of around 20 devices for each show, meaning that over £100 was raised for CVTF, their chosen charity.**

Audience members confirmed their enjoyment on social media: "Well done for doing something so positive in this pandemic".

"Fantastic! We all thoroughly enjoyed it and think you did an outstanding job." "So clever what you did with the technology. All came together perfectly."

"To be honest," says show director Simon Hagan "When we started out we didn't know what we were getting into. But as the show gradually came together - combining the talents of an enthusiastic cast of 8, all performing live from their own homes, together with the programming skills of technical director, Paul Wright - I could see we were creating something special."

If you missed the show, a recording is now available on YouTube at [bit.ly/sundial-christmas-carol](https://bit.ly/sundial-christmas-carol)

With social distancing still an issue, staging live shows continues to be a challenge, but Sundial is here to stay. "We've shown that we can put on a successful and entertaining production in lockdown, so we're optimistic that we can continue our calendar of social events and shows into 2021 in some form or another," says Simon. "And we look forward to welcoming any new members who are interested in theatre, acting or backstage - old or young, beginners or old hands."

You can find out more about the group or join the mailing list at [www.sundialtheatre.company](http://www.sundialtheatre.company) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sundiallers](https://www.facebook.com/sundiallers).

## Living war memorial planted in Cambourne Business Park

**The Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council has planted a Magnolia 'Heaven Scent' tree at the Council's offices, to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.**

The Council had planned for the tree planting to take place in November at around the time of Remembrance Sunday, but this was not possible due to the lockdown.

In early December, Council Chairman Cllr Douglas de Lacey was joined by Vice Chairman Cllr Anna Bradnam at a social distancing compliant tree planting. Also present was Cllr De Lacey's wife, Dr Penny de Lacey, who read out a poem written for the occasion by the councillor himself.

A simple plaque to commemorate the tree planting has been installed alongside the tree at South Cambridgeshire Hall in Cambourne. Council Vice Chairman Cllr Anna Bradnam said: "This Council has made a commitment to be green to our core and to support the planting of trees and hedges to improve biodiversity throughout the district."

"We owe a great debt to all those who fought, and all those who supported them, during the grim years of War," said Cllr de Lacey. "I hope the tree that we have planted today encourages passers-by to pause and reflect as it grows in the years and decades ahead."

"What better way could we find to honour the sacrifices made by those who died in World War 2, but whose strength lives on, than to plant a tree?"



## Customer-facing businesses urged to join new South Cambridgeshire 'Shop local' directory

The Council is urging all customer-facing businesses in South Cambridgeshire to submit details about safety measures they are taking to adapt during the pandemic – such as click and collect facilities, local deliveries, or new outdoor seating areas – to contribute to a directory that makes it easier for residents to support local businesses.

The new growing 'Shop local' directory is already live: [www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory). It is free to list your details, and the form only takes a few minutes to complete via the same link. The Council is also promoting the directory to residents to encourage them to shop locally as much as possible, to support the local economy and local jobs.

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A new Reopening the High Streets Safely team was established at the Council in the spring, thanks to European Regional Development Fund funding which was ring-fenced by the Government to support High Street businesses to safely reopen after the first lockdown.

The team has been visiting businesses this year, providing guidance and support, and sharing videos online of the businesses visited, to promote the many ways businesses have been adapting and bouncing back in response to national

restrictions and to reassure residents about the Covid-secure measures put in place. The new directory is the next phase of support for these businesses, but also supports the Council's long-term aim to support local businesses and grow the local economy.

Customer-facing businesses will this week be receiving festive posters and table talkers from the High Street team, which can be displayed to remind customers of the essential safety measures to prevent the spread of the disease – from 'Hands, Face, Space' to checking in using the NHS Test & Trace App. Any business which has not received these, is invited to contact the team to request these, or for any other support around safely reopening: [Reopening@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Reopening@scambs.gov.uk)

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery and Skills at South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "South Cambridgeshire businesses have worked incredibly hard to respond and adapt to changing restrictions this year, and as we emerge from the national lockdown into the festive season, we want to really help residents discover new local businesses that they may wish to support as they do their Christmas shopping, or stock up on festive food, or venture into local eateries for the first time this winter, and to do so as safely as possible."

## Winter grant funding will help South Cambs children get online

Digitally-excluded children in South Cambridgeshire are to be given a helping hand to get online with funding from a package of grants financed via the Government's Winter Support Grant scheme. The extra support for children and families aims to ensure vulnerable households do not go hungry or without essential items over the cold winter months as the effects of the Covid virus continue to bite.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is using its £30,000 share of the grant pot allocated to the county to support local charities and community organisations, such as Cambridge Online. The long-established digital charity will help provide data packages or devices to children in families in the District who currently have no internet access, enabling them to get online to learn and keep up-to-date with school work and to socialise this winter.

In response to the pandemic, Cambridge Online has been providing free computer tablets and internet connections to isolated people across Cambridgeshire, giving them access to the outside world, such as when ordering food deliveries online or keeping in touch with family and friends. A new team of digital champions has also been supporting people to learn digital skills by 'phone. With a £5,000 payment from the Winter Support Grant, awarded via the District Council, it will be able to provide devices and data to children who have been particularly affected. For more details, see [www.cambridgeonline.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeonline.org.uk), email to [help@cambridgeonline.org.uk](mailto:help@cambridgeonline.org.uk) or call the Cambridge Online helpline on 01223 300407, quoting 'South Cambs Winter Support Grant'.

From Wednesday, January 6, South Cambridgeshire parishes and community groups will be able to apply to the charity for sums of up to £500 for local projects which provide food, fuel and essential supplies. More information can be found at <http://www.cambridgecvcs.org.uk/home>

### BIN COLLECTIONS: (At the time of publication)

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Blue Bin: Thursday 21 January 2021

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<http://cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cambourne-towncouncil>



## The Raptors are still confident of a return in 2021

**CAMBOURNE BASKETBALL CLUB:** With the introduction of the tier system and after the Christmas holiday period, Cambourne Raptors are reviewing the situation, considering the advice from Basketball England and the availability of venues. We hope to restart our regular Junior, Senior and Scrimmage sessions in the new year as soon as we can.

In the meantime, check our website and Facebook page for the latest information.

## Cambourne grateful for grassroots football



**A BIG  
WELL DONE  
TO ALL!**

**CAMBOURNE UNITED:** We want to wish all our players, families and coaching staff a very Happy New Year and a big well done for how we all adapted during 2020 to make sure grassroots football could continue safely in the community. It has been a testing time but the commitment of everyone involved has been wonderful to see.

The start of December after lockdown saw the return of grassroots football but unfortunately, the wet and icy weather meant many games were postponed – so we hope kinder weather in 2021 would lead to less of a fixtures headache! We look forward to welcoming back everyone to training and matches in 2021 and exciting times in our footballing community as the year progresses.

Do you have a daughter aged 4-8 who loves being active? Or maybe you know a girl who would like to make new friends whilst building her confidence? Our Girls' Soccer School (FA Wildcats Centre) encourages children to develop their skills with dedicated coaches teaching in small groups based on their age. Come along and try some fun football-themed games - contact [cambourne.united@gmail.com](mailto:cambourne.united@gmail.com) for more information.

## Cambourne Tennis wants a Junior Secretary

Happy New Year from Cambourne tennis club! After a difficult 2020, we look forward to a year full of tennis and hopefully a return to social activities such as our Christmas Social and Awards session. To cater for our young members' needs and development we are looking to create a junior secretary role on the committee. We anticipate that the prospective candidate would: 1. Liaise with junior members (ideally through a junior committee) and report any ideas, concerns etc. to the main committee. 2. Organise and supervise junior social session(s) and ladder competitions. 3. Promote junior initiatives and club news through social media. 4. Liaise with the club welfare officer to ensure a safe, fun and inclusive environment for all junior players. 5. Promote 'fair play' both on and off court. The role is open to anyone between the ages of 14 to 21 to apply and we hope to have someone in place by our next AGM, February 2021. This is a great opportunity to add a position of responsibility to

your CV. In recognition of your contribution to the club, we will offer you membership and the club coach, Toby, will give you 3 free tennis lessons. If you are interested in the role, or would like to find out more, please contact Arif Kibria [arifkibria@hotmail.com](mailto:arifkibria@hotmail.com) by January 31st.

We have recently relaunched our adult 'ladder' competition: a fun competition in which members play against players of similar ability and, depending on the match result, move up or down the competition ladder. For more information see the news item on our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/> or contact Navtej Achall [navtej.achall@sap.com](mailto:navtej.achall@sap.com).

Coaching: we will be starting back with our group and 1-1 lessons on 4th January and running until 27th March (11 weeks). Please book via [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk). Strict COVID-19 guidelines will still be followed, these can be found on the booking page.

