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Covid Testing for some at the Hub



Rapid result testing for key workers begins in South Cambridgeshire

Residents who are key workers or cannot work from home are being urged to have regular rapid result tests to help track cases of Coronavirus and drive down transmission rates. Sites have been set up across the county offering rapid result tests to people aged 18 and over who have no symptoms of Coronavirus, including The Hub, High Street, Cambourne.

Tests will be offered from the week commencing 1 February, 8am to 8pm. People are being urged to take tests twice a week.

Around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers showing

no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

To book a test visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting. Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire, said: "We not only need people to have these tests regularly if they are leaving home for work, we also need them to act responsibly when they get their result. If you test positive, please isolate at home with other members of your household and ask for help if you need it. There is lots we can do to help you to self-isolate, including offering grants to those who will struggle financially or help with accessing food shopping, fetching medicines and so on."

The NHS Test and Trace Service will also get in touch with you to offer advice and ask about contacts. If you test negative, please continue to follow national guidance and limit all non-essential contact with others. While the rapid test identifies many people with the virus it doesn't identify everyone - so following the lockdown rules and other Covid-safe behaviours is essential even if you have a negative test."

The process of taking a test takes on average 15 minutes from arrival to departure. Results are known within an hour. People with symptoms will not be tested at the rapid testing sites. Anyone with one or more of these symptoms - a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Editors note: The NHS contact tracing app is available for android smart phones from the google play store and for I-phones you just go to the apple app store. Further info can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

Town football



The new town football team on back page

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East west rail survey



Important information about possible new rail station.

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Soul Music.



Recording studio for Cambourne youth.

■ Find out more on page 13

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Contact pamhume1@gmail.com for more information or download the application form at www.cambournecrier.org

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

National Lockdown - Town Council update

Following the Prime Minister's statement on Monday 4th January and the government's instructions on staying at home and away from others, the Town Council has closed the following facilities:

- " The Hub Community Centre (except for essential services allowed to continue)
- " The Blue Space (except for essential services allowed to continue)
- " Sports, Cricket and Bowls Pavilion (except for essential services allowed to continue)
- " 3G, MUGA and Sports Pitches
- " Outdoor gym and Trim trail
- " Skatepark
- " Basketball court
- " Tennis Courts (including Monkfield Lane)

The Council will reopen these venues as soon as the restrictions allow.

Playgrounds will remain open unless the Government enforces them to close.

A reminder that you can exercise in a public outdoor place:

- " By yourself
- " With the people you live with
- " With your support bubble (if you are legally permitted to form one)
- " In a childcare bubble where providing childcare
- " Or, when on your own, with 1 person from another household

The Town Council encourages everyone to follow the current rules set out which can be viewed here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Updates will be posted on the Town Council website and Facebook page. www.cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk/covid-19-updates/

Budget 2021 - 2022

Cambourne Town Council has to consider the budget for the next financial year and submit it to the District Council at the end of January each year. This has been even harder this year due to the effects of Covid-19. The Council has had to close all of its facilities throughout most of the year this has meant there had been a deficit of approximately £76,000 since 1st March 2020. The Town Council was able to get a £50,000 grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council under the parish support scheme.

As such, the Council has to consider carefully how it spends money on new projects as it has an impact on the Town precept.

When considering the budget for 2020 to 2021, it was apparent that if the Council wanted to maintain the current service level and budget for inflation, a pedestrian crossing, additional funds for the replacement of the skatepark, contribute the final funding for a 20mph speed limit in Cambourne and take account of the deficit over the last financial year and potential reduced income in 2021-2022, the Council would have to look at increasing the current Band D.

The budget includes the construction of the Youth Building and the first floor of The Hub both of these are funded by grants and s106 monies that have to be spent on these projects or be refunded to the developer or grant making body.

After reviewing the above considerations, it has had to increase the Band D point by 3% to £143.23, and increase of £4.14 per year (34.5p/month). Therefore, Cambourne Town Council will be levying a precept of £551,700.00 on South Cambs District Council.

Setting the Band D rate at £143.23 will allow the Town Council to continue to maintain and improve the level of service it provides for the community.

More council news on page 3



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More council news

Double Yellow Lines Consultation



As the next phase of yellow lines, the Town Council have been asked to carry out a new round of consultation on additional single or double yellow lines on the following roads:

"Jeavons Lane extending the existing yellow lines.

"School Lane extending the existing yellow lines.

"Along Jeavons Lane (from the tennis courts down past the turning for Miller Way, Stagwell Road to Sitch Road. Cars are regularly being parked all the way down on the left-hand side and directly opposite the entrance to the roads off Jeavons Lane)

The Survey Monkey link will be available on Cambourne Town Council's website and Facebook page. Hard copies of the consultation will be available from the Town Council office.

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 for more information. The co-option will take place at the Council meeting on the 2nd of March. Nominations are required by 5pm on Thursday 25th February. For more information, visit the Town Council website.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

February/March

2nd February 7.00pm Council*

2nd March 7.00pm Council*

*Council meetings are being held by Teams. If you would like to attend the meeting, the link to join the meeting is published on the agenda which can be viewed on the Town Council website.

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East West Rail Survey

The East West Rail project will create a direct route from Oxford to Cambridge with a station near Cambourne. Although the exact location hasn't yet been decided, below is a map of their preferred corridor showing a station to the south of Cambourne.

Cambourne Town Council (CTC) is arguing for the station to be sited north of Cambourne, directly accessing the A428, not shattering our Country Park haven or generating unsustainable traffic on our surrounding roads.

CTC will consult residents by leafleting each household with our reasoning and conducting a survey via Survey Monkey - a few short questions - please spend a few minutes completing, it is your community. The Survey Monkey link will be available on Cambourne Town Council's website and Facebook page. Hard copies of the survey will be available from the Town Council office. For more information on East West Rail, visit communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk



Wildlife Trust Cambourne Nature Reserve 2021



Cambourne Nature reserve might look as if it's still asleep, but the first hints that winter is not forever, are out there now. This time of year is a good time to spot catkins - the clusters of (often dangly) flowers found on tree such as willow, alder, birch and hazel. The flowers are often wind pollinated so don't look very flashy as there is no need attract bees. They can be seen on trees in early winter and start to open during January and

February. There are willow trees in the wet areas of the reserve, and some of these produce furry buds which turn into yellow catkins.

The berries in the hedges have mostly been eaten by the thrushes and blackbirds now, so we'll be giving some areas a light trim soon to keep the branches from overhanging the paths too much.

If there are any other areas that need the odd bramble stem cutting back, please get in touch and we can get our super team of volunteer rangers on the case.

If you are looking to get outside with the family over half term, try the next self-guided trail which will be available via our BCN website in early February www.wildlifebcn.org/events for only a few pounds.

And the Trust run an engaging series of Wildlife Training Workshops covering a whole range of topics in the natural world to learn about, from dormice to dragonflies, bees to birdsong, there's something for everyone www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/training-workshops

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Greetings from Cambourne Library!

Current Library Opening Times:

Tuesday: 10am – 2pm

Friday: 10am – 2pm

Saturday: 10am – 2pm

Further to the ever changing government guidelines we have had to temporarily suspend browsing in libraries and our extra session on Thursdays.

We are operating the following services:

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. 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 issue the items to your account and contact you when your items are ready to collect.

Reservations 50p charge (adult)

Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way.

We issue your books in advance. This way it enables everyone to keep safe by reducing the contact time for books to be collected. They [books] will show on your account until you collect them and you will receive an email reminding you to do so. 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 and just for essential use, (i.e. looking at the government website, applying for jobs/benefits etc., 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 log on to 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 our website

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 which specialises in community building and place making and is working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Libraries on a project called the Future Libraries Initiative.

Just visit the library website and follow the link.

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- 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 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 at 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/>

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Project to Save Bourn Windmill

Those of you who have taken a walk over to admire the iconic Bourn Windmill since December will have noticed that its four sails have been removed. They have been stored safely. In the meantime, the buck (body of the mill) is now supported and surrounded by scaffolding.

Last year rot was found in the wooden beams that support the mill. So now a project is underway to establish the extent of the problem with an aim to eventual repair and the ultimate re-opening of the windmill.

This ancient monument is essential to preserve, as it is one of the oldest windmills in England. In fact, it is estimated to be at least 385 years old. Also, there are only around 50 of this type of open trestle post mills remaining in the UK!

The local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future who own the mill launched a 'Save Bourn Windmill Appeal' to raise funds for this work.

Of course, more donations are very much appreciated!

Please visit 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. Cambridge PPF is a registered charity No.204121.

Please help us keep the sails at Bourn Windmill turning!

Note: Grounds are closed until further notice for safety reasons but you can still view the mill from the footpath.



Look After Your Wellbeing this Winter!

Open Door Calm Space!

Join the Cambourne Open Door calm spaces to dedicate some peace and quiet into your week. The aim of these sessions is to introduce self-help techniques such as mindfulness and meditation exercises which can help reduce stress and anxiety. You will have the opportunity to explore and develop your own practice alongside others in your community in a safe and friendly space.

Date Open Door Calm Space Thursdays 11:00am

4 th Feb	Tuning into the body
11 th Feb	Five senses check-in
18 th Feb	Progressive muscle relaxation
25 th Feb	Connecting to the here & now

Good Mood Cafe

The weekly Cambourne Good Mood cafe creates an opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals in your community, share interests and experiences and make new connections.

Date Good Mood cafe Tuesday 10:30am

2 nd Feb	5 ways to wellbeing: Be active
9 th Feb	5 ways to wellbeing: Keep learning
16 th Feb	5 ways to wellbeing: Give
23 rd Feb	Your wellbeing tool kit

You will be welcomed into these groups and encouraged to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Come along every week or drop in when you can.

Come and see if it's for you.

Email cambourne@cpslmind.org.uk to sign up and you will be sent a private link which you can use to safely and securely join on Zoom.

To find out more visit cpslmind.org.uk/good-life-online

These sessions are run by CPSL Mind in partnership with Monkfield Medical Practice.

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service News

Queen's Award for Chief Fire Officer



Cambridgeshire's fire chief has been recognised by Her Majesty The Queen in her New Years Honours List.

Chief Fire Officer Chris Strickland was awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal for his distinguished service.

Chris was recognised for providing outstanding leadership throughout his

career in Cambridgeshire, which has been particularly evident during the pandemic. This has certainly been a contributing factor in us being recognised as one of the top performing services in the country.

Fire Authority Seeks a Further £1.44 per Year for a Band D Property

Are you happy to pay an additional £1.44 a year for your fire and rescue service (based on a Band D property)?

With no increase to our government grant this year and additional costs managing the Covid pandemic, we are proposing a small increase to our share of the council tax to help meet

these costs and fund enhanced first aid training for our firefighters who are often first at the scene of an incident.

You can provide your feedback about the proposed increase via the short survey on the link below. There are just two questions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CFRScounciltaxconsultation2021>

Apply to Become a Firefighter



Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are currently accepting applications for wholtime firefighters!

If you're looking for a role where you can help make Cambridgeshire a safer place to live and work, then this

could be the role for you. As a firefighter, you would be responding to a wide range of incidents across the county, while also taking part in community safety and fire protection activities, to help keep our local residents and businesses safe in the diverse communities we serve.

Being a firefighter at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service offers an exciting and rewarding career, with many opportunities for development and progression.

For further details please see:-

<https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/careers/>

Council Support for South Cambs Residents During Lockdown

Council Reminds Residents that "We are Here for You" during Latest Lockdown

As people are being urged to stay at home under new National Lockdown restrictions, South Cambridgeshire residents struggling during the pandemic are reminded of the support available to them via the District Council.

The new guidelines are that no-one should leave or be outside of their home except where necessary to shop for basic necessities for themselves or a vulnerable person, to go to work if they cannot work from home, for exercise within a household or support bubble, or for medical assistance or to avoid injury, illness or risk of harm. Those in eligible sectors can also attend education or childcare.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has a wide range of support available and details of how to seek help, especially for those in the vulnerable, elderly or clinically extremely vulnerable categories.

The Council is supporting community organisations, parish councils and voluntary groups that are helping local residents to get through the pandemic by assisting with food and emergency supplies, priority shopping deliveries or accessing self-isolation payments, and there is also financial help available to local businesses with Government grants that can be claimed via the Council.

The Council's Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing Team is continuing to work hard organising and securing funding for free meals schemes in the community which are delivered to elderly and vulnerable residents.

They provided almost one thousand Christmas lunches to the most in-need families, vulnerable and elderly residents. So following its successful meals scheme in the summer with the C3 Church group it will soon relaunch and expand to help more households.

There is a wealth of information on the Council's website at www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus covering everything from information webinars, links with organisations in the voluntary sector and how to access financial or practical help.

The Council is also distributing the Government's Winter Support Grant scheme by using its £30,000 share of the grant pot allocated to the county to support local charities and community organisations. This includes:

- Cambridge Online which provides data packages or devices to children in families who currently have no internet access, enabling them to get online to learn and keep up-to-date with school work; and,
- Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS) to whom parishes and community groups can apply for sums of up to £500 for local projects to provide food, fuel and essential supplies.

COLUMNISTS



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Say Hello to a new "Can-do" Britain

Now that we have fully left the European Union, there are many exciting opportunities to pursue in new areas of public policy.

Already we have replaced the Common Agricultural Policy, established a new fisheries policy, changed our immigration rules and signed new trade agreements. What should we look at next?

I took a look at some of the possible reforms we could pursue outside of the shackles of EU regulation. Here are some other possibilities:

- Reform public procurement to make it fit for purpose and give small businesses more opportunities.

- Promote competition among retail banks by reforming EU inherited capital rules.
 - Remove VAT on housing insulation and other environmental products and reform the biofuels regime.
 - Transform our waste and recycling regime,
 - Reform the EU's second company directive to reduce red tape for public companies.
 - Reform the General Data Protection Regulation to protect privacy while reducing burdens on small charities and businesses.
 - Reform Solvency II so our insurance companies can compete globally.
 - Promote collaboration programmes with the Commonwealth, rather than just the EU.
- This policy area is the most exciting it has been for a generation. Say goodbye to can't do. *Say hello to the new "Can Do" Britain.*



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Sharing your Feelings During Lockdown

At the time of writing this, we're still in lockdown, and as I was wondering what my column would be about this month, I realised that I was struggling with what is becoming an all too familiar feeling: "Lockdown Meltdown".

I'm single, without a support bubble. I'm a manager with an intense and full on job. There are bound to be times when I just want to curl up under the duvet and tell the world to go away. Lockdown exacerbates those feelings and this weekend I'm not ok.

It's never going to be ok "not to be ok", but it is ok to say that you're not. *Reach out.!*

Don't feel that asking for help shows weakness or that it's just for others.

Talk to your family,

Talk to your friends or,

if need be, do a quick online search for a professional support system such as the Samaritans.

People do care, people will listen and if showing my vulnerability in my column this month helps just one person, then in my book that's a good job done.

I'm signing off now to cuddle my dog, call my family, have some chocolate and then it's either an afternoon nap or a bubble bath

My message to everyone remains:-

... *Stay mentally well,*

.....*Stay mentally safe.*



CATHERINE PRICE

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Time to Talk - Challenging Mental Health Stigma

Time to Talk Day is in February this year. Time to Talk is part of the Time to Change charity which promotes good mental health and challenges stigma and discrimination. Many people with mental health conditions report that they are misunderstood, ignored and sometimes verbally abused because of their condition. Sadly this can lead to delays in getting support and can worsen isolation. It can also impact on relationships and employment. Time to Talk Day highlights an opportunity to talk about mental health and

suggests that small conversations can make a big difference.

More of us than ever are at risk of struggling with our mental health. Even though we might not be able to meet in the ways we used to, finding any way of communicating is better than nothing, particularly if we take time to ask after each other's wellbeing and take time to listen. The stigma will only ever be broken down if we recognise that, like physical health, we all have mental health which may be better or worse at different times in our lives. Although we can never fully understand how someone else is feeling, we can take time to listen to one another and make talking about mental health an ordinary part of our conversation.

Reference/ Further information: www.time-to-change.org.uk

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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 Volunteer Task Force, towards her Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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 at 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 young people to gain volunteering experience for community work, required for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. If anyone is interested, please contact info@CambourneCrescent.org

(Editorial note: Due to a printing omission in January's issue, this article was only partially printed. Apologies for this error. This account by a fine community minded student is now reprinted in full this month)

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CAMBOURNE CHURCH



During the first two weeks of December Cambourne Church was a regional drop off location for the Samaritan's Purse UK Operation Christmas Child Appeal. On the 15th December, 16 crates of packed shoeboxes were collected to bring joy, love and hope to children in need around the world. These shoeboxes were donated by members of the Cambourne community and other churches and groups in the surrounding villages. Some of our local community also used the Samaritan's Purse UK website to pack a shoebox online which meant they could avoid visiting shops while still being able to choose from a range of gifts for the child their box would go to.

The National Collection Week had been due to be held in November; thanks to the second lockdown, boxes were collected in December which meant they were also to be distributed to children later than usual. In 2019 the shoeboxes collected in the UK

were sent to 10 countries across Eastern Europe, Africa, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Due to the continued coronavirus pandemic, there will be fewer countries receiving boxes collected at the end of 2020 due to restrictions imposed to try and limit the spread. After they have received their gift, children are invited to receive a bible story booklet.

Some of our community bought items for shoeboxes throughout the year whenever they saw suitable items on offer or at a good price. Could you consider doing this through 2021 and by the end of the year pack them up in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or another charity?

Services and events for February

At the time of writing we are unable to confirm what services we will be able to offer through February due to changing restrictions and the local COVID infection rates.

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

This New Year.

In a recent message I spoke of what the future may hold. Basing it on James 4:13-17. In the introduction I said. "It is possible that we may have a great year or another awkward year. Now I won't say an awful year as my definition of awful is a little darker than most and it would make small children weep or worse. The beginnings are indeed unpleasant. But not as bad as it could be. There is not mass rioting in the streets in the UK, and we have not been invaded by a massive army and the asteroid did not actually hit. But we are not without dangers and indeed our lives are but vapours. Humans generally are rather squishy and easily damaged. We sicken and we get injured. That is life and life happens you can insert other words instead of life happens but the meaning is the same. We live by the grace of God and we as believers die by the grace of God.

Romans 14:7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Verse 8, For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

This can bear with it a type of resignation but not one of constraint but a resignation of liberty. Like when reliving oneself of the burden of senseless struggle through realising and accepting the current state of being in Christ. You, if you know

Christ that is the definitive factor, that is the enduring thing and it remains unchanged even if life itself changes. Your state of life whether here before death or in eternity after death or the return of Christ continues. Eternal life is just that eternal and this physical stage will pass just as all the troubles will pass. That is

not the issue here, it is not the circumstances but our reaction to the circumstances that make a difference. In that same chapter it goes on to say...

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Personal responsibility NOT concerning the circumstances but our actions and attitudes within them. We will stand before God but I will not be answering for the pandemic or wildfires or flooding. That has

little to do with me. I will however answer for my actions. Did I show any love or compassion to anyone? Did I encourage anyone? Did I point anyone to perhaps deepening their faith in this time? Was I salt to a bland existence? Was I any part a light in the darkness? My actions my responsibility and your actions and your responsibility." Take hope and alter the things or the attitudes that you can this month.

We cannot meet in person at this time due to building use but I upload messages at <https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark>

Pastor Donavan Bangs



Pastor Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church

EDUCATION

Educating Otherwise: A Poem

**Floating in the Shades of
Elation**

*Flitter to a creamy petal,
wings so delicately untouched.
Patterns so precisely scattered,
flicker up towards the sun.
Dance in a song of ecstasy.
A burst of colour, a shining
jewel.
Flutter through the blades of grass.
Carefree and dainty, wild, yet elegant.
Fragile yet determined, impossible to catch.
Glide chaotically through the day, tumble madly in the air
A loopy warrior,
A crazed dancer so carelessly free,
come to rest upon dewy leaf,
gently sleep.
Hold so still those stained - glass wings,
sense a whisper of vibration.
Begin again a dazzling rush,
Of pure exhilaration
The butterfly - a picture of joy.*



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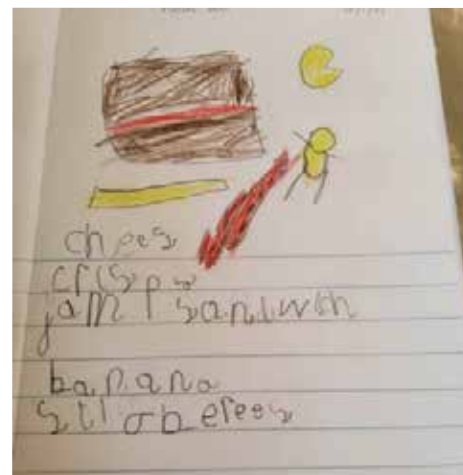
This past week we have been remote learning from home. We have enjoyed watching our teachers' videos on the website and speaking to them on the phone. During half term we are focusing

on a different traditional tale each week.

For our English this week we have read and retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Already known to most of us which makes it an exciting topic. Our first task was to use different types of media to make a picture of the woods. Lots of us chose to use paint, felt tip pens or crayons while our more adventurous pupils used twigs and leaves from our gardens. These were stuck on pieces of paper to make a realistic picture of the woods where Grandma's cabin was. We then chose to have a picnic. In true English style, it rained on Wednesday when we were going to eat our picnics however that didn't stop us! We decided to spread a blanket and have our picnics in our homes with our families. We also made lists of all

of the food we would like to eat for our picnic and pretended to share it with Grandma!

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Concern about Footpaths in Cambourne Country Park

*Written by a concerned Cambourne Resident
(name and contact details provided)*

I am writing this as a concerned resident of Cambourne to see if anybody else concerned about the continuing deterioration of our Country Park footpaths?

In Cambourne we have great open spaces and we used to have great footpaths. Sadly they are now deteriorating extremely quickly with the onset of winter. I was informed that the maintenance of the parks is carried out by the Wildlife Trust and the Council have passed on the comments contained here, but nothing has happened.

In some places our footpaths are a complete disgrace. There are areas around Cambourne where what was a 4 foot wide gravel surfaced footpath has been turned into a 20 foot mud footpath as more and more people are having to walk off the footpath onto the surrounding grass to get out of the mud and thick puddles and of course these areas are now themselves



becoming just puddles and mud or where there are footpaths over bridges or between trees there is now just thick mud which can't be bypassed. On Crow Hill for example the footpaths are disappearing as almost no serious thought has been given to taking the surface water away from the footpaths! By the way the photographs were taken after about 5 days of dry and sunny weather. When it has rained they are much much worse.

All households understand the adage 'a stitch in time saves nine' so surely in this day and age as an initial emergency measure it would not be difficult or too expensive to have a lorry drive along whilst tipping appropriate surfacing material followed by a roller to at least remove the worst of the mud and surface water. Those of us who have houses on gravel cut-de-sacs do this every few years.

It makes one wonder if our town clerk or members of the Council ever use our footpaths?

(Editorial Note Having spoken to the town clerk he said they do not actually control the paths in the wildlife park and they are managed by the developers and wildlife organisation)

Cambourne Indian Club Thanked by Night Shelter



Dear Friends,

I am writing to say a huge thank you to the Cambourne Indian Club for supporting Jimmy's once again with not only the various gifts we have received but also the donations of £40.00 and £20.00 to go

towards hot food. All of your support is much appreciated.

The team of staff and volunteers, along with all the people we are here to help, have worked really hard together to remain open despite all the challenges everyone is facing. It is donations like yours that keep Jimmy's going not only financially, but in terms of the support and kindness we feel when people think of us in this way.

Your donation will help us to continue to provide support to people who have been rough sleeping and who come to Jimmy's

for shelter and support. We work with them to help deal with the challenges they face, and to move on with their lives including into more permanent accommodation. Last year we pioneered a new approach to housing people in purpose built modular homes, which is working really well.

Thank you again for the donation you have given us, from all of us here at Jimmy's we wish you all the best for 2021.

Yours sincerely,
Sara Dunn
Comms Officer, Jimmy's Cambridge

COMMUNITY

Cambourne Soul Recording Studio



Over the past few months, youth work in Cambourne has continued to adapt to the evolving needs of young people, within the guidance of the National Youth Agency.

We have been able to maintain our work with those young people who need support the most, through some groups and one-to-one support, but we've also spent time developing our recording studio space.

The recording studio had previously been housed in a metal container behind the youth centre, but the restrictions around COVID meant that this space no longer gave us the flexibility we need to run music sessions. At the same time,

space has become available in the main building as we've been running much smaller groups, and so the decision was made to move the recording studio into the main building and expand its facilities. Led by one of our volunteers, we've transformed our IT room into a studio control room which can double as a rehearsal space, and are putting the finishing touches on a sound booth. As it becomes possible to run more sessions and activities in the months ahead we are looking forward to using these facilities as we create opportunities with young people to overcome disadvantage, promote inclusion and develop wellbeing.

We're very grateful to the volunteers who



give their time and energy to support our work in Cambourne - those who get involved directly with young people and those to help behind the scenes with projects like this. We're starting to explore some ideas for landscaping and garden design around the outside of the building, so if this is an area that you have interest and skills in and would like to volunteer to get involved, then please get in touch with Jonathan at jonathan.buwert@romseymill.org.

*Jonathan Buwert
Lead Youth Development Worker for
Romsey Mill and Cambourne Youth
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The Cambridge Sewa Day team continues to facilitate donations to the foodbanks in this difficult time. We have been facilitating the delivery of public donations in Morrisons to



the Cambridge City Food Bank, as well collecting and delivering donations of food items from members of the community in Cambourne. If you would like to help, by donating food, acting as a hub for food collection or delivering to the foodbank, please contact us through the email below.

The Sewa Day team is also continuing with its national 'Help Your Neighbour' campaign, where we do our best to support those in need with shopping, medicine delivery etc. For support, please contact us on the same email. More volunteers are always welcome!

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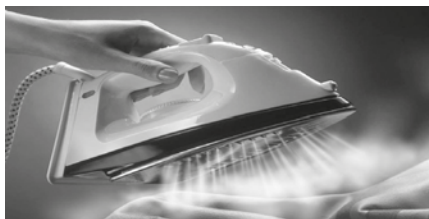
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Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

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Peacehaven Baptist Church

www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

Christchurch Cambourne

www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

Cambourne Catholic Community

http://cambournerc.com

HEALTH CARE

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Cambourne Dental Practice:

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Lloyds Pharmacy: 01954 718296

Monkfield Medical Practice:

01954 282153 www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

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EDUCATION

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www.cambournevc.org

Comberton Village College:

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Primary:

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blue@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

School Office - 01954 717180

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Monkfield Park Primary School:

School Office - 01954 273377

office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

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School Office - 01954 719630

office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Educating Otherwise: - see facebook

group 'Home Education - Cambourne'.

Home Educators Multisports: Contact

annettelesage@btinternet.com

Arabic Language School

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Cambourne Crescent Science &
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Info@cambournecrescent.org

Cllr.akhter@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

Cambourne Pre-school:

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cam.preschool@btinternet.com

Carers And Tots:

cambourne.carersandtots@gmail.com

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.

48 hours notice required

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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01954 714070

Cambourne Fishing Club:

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Cambourne Bowls Club:

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Cambourne FC: www.cambournefc.org

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Cambourne Exiles (Rugby):

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Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

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Cambourne Women Runners

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Cambourne Tennis Club:

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

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club

www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

Cambs Tai Chi Club

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Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: See facebook

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Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club

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BUSINESS

South Cambridgeshire District Council Urges Businesses to Apply for Lockdown Grants

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire can now apply for the latest round of Government financial help for closures through to Spring.

South Cambridgeshire District Council, which is administering the business grants, has opened applications for local businesses suffering from the most recent lockdown restrictions - Tier 4 restrictions from 26 December to 4 January, and the latest National Lockdown.

There are several different Government grants available for these periods

1. For the Tier 4 period in South Cambridgeshire, which ran for ten days immediately after Christmas, affected businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) can apply online for the LRSG (Closed) Tier 4 grant scheme. The eligibility criteria and payments are structured in a similar way to previous grants given during earlier restrictions.

2. For the National Lockdown, which started on 5th January, three new schemes are available. Businesses which applied for the Tier 4 grant do not need to re-apply but will be contacted automatically by the Council. Those which haven't applied for earlier grants should fill in an online application form.

3. The new Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed)

Addendum: 5 January onwards covers the current 42-day period

for business closures up until 31 March 2021, with one-off payments ranging from £2,001 to £4,500 depending on the rateable value of a business which must have been registered for business rates on 5 January 2021 and required by law to close.

Those receiving this grant will also be entitled to an additional one-off Closed Business Lockdown payment for the same 42-day qualifying restriction period which will range from £4,000 to £9,000 and will be paid automatically.

4. The Council is also receiving additional funding to allocate at its discretion under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme and will make initial use of these funds to provide top-ups to those most in-need businesses in the District which are eligible for the Closed Business Lockdown Payment.

The application closure date for the new grant schemes is 31 March 2021 with final payments being made by 30 April 2021.

In the meantime, businesses can also still apply for various earlier grants via the Council website covering the following: Local Restrictions from November 5 to December 2; Christmas support payments for wet-led pubs (final applications must be received by January 31, 2021); and Tier 2 Restrictions imposed in South Cambridgeshire from December 2 to 25.

For full guidance on all financial support grant funding for businesses in South Cambridgeshire and to apply see www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/local-restrictions-support-grants/

For further information contact Judy Foster in South Cambridgeshire District Council's communications team on judy.foster@scambs.gov.uk,

Cambourne Crier Publishing Editor



The Cambourne Crier is run entirely by volunteers who give up a few hours each month to get the Cambourne Crier delivered to your door every month.

An opportunity has arisen for a person with publishing and IT skills to assist the Lead Editor with the work necessary to produce the magazine each month.

No previous experience of magazine editing is required but a solid understanding of IT is essential.

The candidate will be asked to assist with the layout of the magazine and an eye for detail is required. The candidate will have a knowledge of how to sort files and folders from emails and the ability to convert files into different formats i.e. pdf or png to jpg files. Experience with desktop publishing software would be beneficial.

Training will be given for the specific software in use, which is currently Page Plus X4. If you would like to know a little more about the actual process there are videos on YouTube, simply search for Cambourne Crier Page Plus. These videos were made as a training aid for the Cambourne Crier volunteers.

The position is voluntary, but makes an incredibly worthwhile contribution to Cambourne.

Please apply by emailing us on editorial@cambournecrier.org, with Publishing Editor in the subject line or just contact us for further information.

BIN COLLECTIONS:(At the time of publication)

Black Bin: Thursday 11, 25 February

Blue Bins: Thursday 18 February, 4 March

Green Bin: Thursday 4 March

Further info:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling>

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

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

The Cricket Club is re-launching in 2021



CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: intends to run the very popular ECB All Stars for children aged 5-8 years old. Due to positive feedback from our free Cricket in the Community taster sessions and growing demand, this year we will also launch the ECB Dynamos for kids 8-11

years old. Both courses are perfect for complete beginners and children just starting their cricket journey.

All Stars and Dynamos are scheduled to start on 8th May, running regularly on Saturdays from 10-11am until the end of June. Registration begins in March and more information about this will be on our club website very soon. Cambourne's Academy indoor training sessions at Cambourne Village College have been postponed due to lockdown, but we aim to start these as soon as we are allowed.

Our senior XI players also hope to return to nets when restrictions permit, with a view to starting the season as set out by the League. Off the field we are working hard to secure long-term success for the Club with upcoming investment in our facilities and equipment, along with

discussions about ongoing plans to increase our presence in the community as a sports club along with social events when it is safe to host them.

Everyone at the club hopes the local community will continue to stay safe and cannot wait for the preparations for the 2021 season to get underway.

Darren de Souza



Cambourne Tennis Celebrate their under 8 Stars

Sadly while our courts remain closed in line with the current lockdown restrictions, we want to highlight some fantastic results from our under 8 red ball players! On Sunday January 3rd, we had 3 players: Daniel, James and Mendel enter the Cambridgeshire County Red Tournament. They all did really well but the special mention goes to Daniel who came 3rd in the event! Well done everyone! Hopefully we can all enjoy some court action soon.

In the meantime, you can learn more about the club and our members through the Cambourne Tennis podcast on our YouTube channel. In the podcast Jamie Dixon speaks with prominent members of the club about their Tennis journey. The first three podcasts featured our head coach Toby Jackson, our previous social Tennis secretary Nigel Hillyard and Neha Kibria one of our top players. You can find our YouTube channel by searching for "Cambourne Tennis Podcast", or via the direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/yygq2wbc>

Finally, our 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held online on March 14th from 7-9pm. All members will be sent information by email. General information about the Tennis club can be found on our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/>



SPORTS

Introducing Cambourne Town Football Club



Cambourne Town Council is delighted to announce that from the start of the new 2021-22 season, the current Cambourne Eagles, Cambourne Rovers (the Men's team who are already playing as Cambourne Town) and Cambourne United teams will join together to

form a single football club for the local community. The new club will be known as Cambourne Town Football Club. The decision is the result of discussions amongst the Council, the clubs involved and Cambridgeshire FA. It will result in the formation of the largest club in Cambourne and one of the largest in Cambridgeshire, covering junior and adult football for boys, girls, men and women.

Cambridgeshire FA's support extends to granting the new club Hub Club status, something which provides extended support and investment to the club and the football community within Cambourne above what it currently receives. The support of the Town Council in the initiative will mean the vision for the club will be easier to realise over time. Involvement of the adult age teams within the club structure will provide a natural pathway to adult football for children.

The aim is to create a club which provides inclusive football to players of all ages and abilities in a safe, friendly and fun environment; encouraging players to achieve their full potential and promote excellence including good behaviour and respect for others. This will be fulfilled through age-appropriate coaching to support long-term playing and personal development. As part of the vision for the longer term we will also be involved in the progression of football in the local community, partnering to develop walking and disability football.

Chris Abbott at Cambridgeshire FA said: "The Cambridgeshire Football Association has been delighted to have supported the clubs and Cambourne Town Council to form this fantastic new club that will provide the ultimate pathway for both male and



female football as well as the opportunity as a Hub Club to develop the club even further. We would like to place on record our thanks to everyone involved for their hard work and commitment to achieve this outcome and look forward to an exciting future."

The club will officially launch for the start of the new season but in the meantime all of the parties involved are busily working on the formation activities to get the club up and running. The clubs are in communication with their own committees, coaches, players and supporters throughout this process to smooth the transition.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the journey from the beginning, then please let us know. We will need a wide range of skills, so if you're keen to help but not sure how please contact us at enquiriescambournetownfc@gmail.com

The club will maintain ties with the numerous club sponsors from the existing teams, as well developing new partnerships with local businesses. If you would be interested in supporting this exciting initiative, then please contact us on the same address. Together we look forward to developing the future of football in Cambourne.

