

FIRSTLego success for Team CERC

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN A ROW a team based in Cambourne has won the FIRSTLego regional championship.

Students from Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (Team CERC) were crowned Cambridgeshire champions for the third time in the Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) FIRSTLego League UK and Ireland tournament held on Thursday 24 June.

The team also achieved first place for the Robot Performance Award, being the top scorer in the Robot games.

This science and technology challenge, which is aimed at 9- to 16-year-olds, tasks teams with building a robot to tackle a series of missions and create an innovative solution to a real-world problem. This year's RePLAY? Challenge saw students learn all about being active and healthy.

Team CERC was in first place in all categories: robot design, core value, robot performance and design projects. The organiser of the tournament said: "Sincere congratulations to you and the team – the judges were absolutely blown away."

The team consisted of three girls and five boys aged 11-14 years from Caxton, Cambourne, Bar Hill, Girton, Histon and



Cambridge and studying at five different schools.

Team CERC was selected for the Nationals held on Friday 2nd July and performed very well, securing second place in the Robot Performace Award.

The club is grateful to Qualcomm for sponsoring Team CERC.



Path and road closures



Will they affect you?

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Family Art Day



Joint CamCare and Timebank event

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Kwik Cricket



Cambourne CC hosts tournament

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CAMBOURNE CRIER

AUGUST 2021

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

School Lane Road Closure

The bridleway and road closure (School Lane) for rising main works for West Cambourne: From 19th July to 16th August the bridleway will be closed off in sections (approx. 200m long) working along footpath 1* to the crossing of the footway school entrance, completing the crossing but keeping access open, then continuing down Bridleway 2 towards School Lane. The closure will have a footway diversion in place. From 16th August to 27th August - closure at School Lane with a diversion via the A428 for a 2 week period whilst contractors install the outfall drainage system, do testing and reinstate. *See page 3 for details.

Cambourne 3G

There has been an increase in unauthorised access to the 3G pitches by children climbing over the fence or congregating on the 3G when it is open for training. Climbing the 4-metre fence could result in a serious or life threatening injury and we urge parents to speak to their children - it is not only a crime to access the 3G without permission, but is also extremely dangerous. Members of the public are encouraged to report anyone seen climbing over the fence or believe they have accessed without consent. Please report to 101 and the Town Council, you can also fill in a form to report at

www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report The more reports the Police receive the more likely they will patrol the area more regularly.

Cambourne Town FC Launch Tournament

To celebrate the launch of the new club, Cambourne Town FC are hosting a football tournament at Cambourne Sports Pitches the weekend of 4th & 5th September. We are working with the club to ensure parking information is given to attendees to prevent anti-social parking.



Cambourne Community Fete

The deadline for booking a stall at the fete is Friday 20th August. If you would like to attend the fete as a community group, sports club, business or food vendor, please email

fete@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk Cambourne Community Fete will be taking place on Saturday 11th September 2021, from 12pm to 6pm on Great Cambourne Green.

If you are a business interested in sponsoring the event or would like to donate a raffle prize, please email fete@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone the Town Office to discuss further.

Cambourne 10K and 1 Mile Fun Run

There is still time to enter the Cambourne 10K which takes place on Sunday 26th September at Cambourne Business Park. For more information and to enter visit: www.cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk/camb ridge-cambourne-10k-and-fun-run

School Lane (entering/exiting Lower Cambourne) will be closed for the duration of the race so that runners can safely cross. Diversions will be in place to enter Cambourne from the main entrance along the A428.

Beaufort Road will not be closed, but will be marshalled to allow runners to safely cross so please expect delays and leave with plenty of time if you need to be somewhere.

Skatepark and Youth Building Projects

The Youth Building start date has been pushed back due to steel shortages. The skatepark refurbishment has also been delayed due to delays with the contractor's prior project.

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The Town Council Office: The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW.



Tel: 01954 71403 or 07875 999028 or email office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk John Vickery, Parish Clerk: <u>clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

Jessica Lydon, Community Development: community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Footpath and bridleway closures



Works Location of Section 50 works in Lower Cambourne

Rising Main is currently installed in West Cambourne Development.

Section 50 application is to allow for installation of apparatus between points 1 & 2

Point 1 Cambourne Footpath 1 Lower Cambourne

Grid ref: TL 30878 59575

Point 2 School Lane Lower Cambourne CB23 5DX

40m East of Quidditch Lane / School Lane junction

Grid Ref: TL 31548 59508

Bird's-eye view of West Cambourne





■ New road layouts and lakes are now visible in the development of West Cambourne. Lower Cambourne is shown to the left and Caxton village towards the top of each photograph. *Photography by Andrew Fell*

COMMUNITY

Cambourne Library returns to normal opening hours!

Welcome back everyone!

We hope that you have enjoyed the opportunity to browse and choose your own books in a safely managed way. The Library Service is still planning for the return to our full library offer. Please check the website and the library's social media platforms for the latest news.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021 -

Wild World Heroes. We are delighted to announce that the Challenge will be running in the library for children throughout the school summer holidays. We will be unable to hold our usual conversational sessions with you but will take delight in congratulating you on your reading and rewarding you with themed stickers, handouts and more when you visit during our open times. The Reading

Agency has teamed up with the WWF for this special nature-themed Challenge and it promises to be another big hit, with the chance for you to read some amazing books and learn more about how you can look after the planet! Register at the library or online via Cambridgeshire Libraries website

Wild World Heroes Crafts. Wednesday 25th August. Come along for some crafting fun, linked to our Summer Reading Challenge theme. We hope to host this session outside if the weather is fine. Further information on a host of events for children throughout the summer holidays will be available in the library, and online - Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook Family page @CambslibFamilies. We look forward to seeing you!

IT Facilities - No longer limited to essential use only. Booking can be made online, by telephone, or directly with library staff. Printing and photocopying are also available, 20p per A4 black and white page and 75p for colour; payment via the linked coin box.

The Library Presents – Brochures for the latest The Library Presents programmes are available in the library for you to collect. The full programme is also available online.

www.library.live/the-library-presents, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Tel: 0345 045 5225

Library Opening Times

Monday 9am - 5pm Tuesday 9am - 1pm Wednesday closed Thursday 4pm-7pm Fridays 9am - 5pm Saturdays 9am - 1pm Sunday closed

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(At the time of publication) Black Bin Thursdays August 12th, 26th Blue and Green Bins: Thursday August 5th, 19th and Friday 3rd September 10h Further info: www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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Beavers earn Chief Scout's Awards

2ND CAMBOURNE BEAVER SCOUT COLONY: As the

schools broke up for the summer break, so did Beavers. We've very much enjoyed a return to meeting in person this term after a lot of time on Zoom in the past year and the last few weeks have been as fun-packed as ever, with the Beavers learning camp skills - lighting fires and toasting marshmallows, putting up tents and tying knots and ending the term with a fun games evening and water balloons!

We wish all the best to those Beavers who are now moving up to Cubs and we look forward to welcoming lots of new Beavers in September. We'd also like to say a huge congratulations to Adam, Wilf, Henry and Charlie who have achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards - the highest award a Beaver Scout can earn!



Charlie will be able to Scout's Bronze Award on their Cub uniforms until they earn their Chief Scout's Silver Awards



COMMUNITY

Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill summer activities

Fun-packed Summer on the cards! CYP and Romsey Mill have an exciting programme of summer activities being lined up for young people in Cambourne:

Tuesday Lunchtimes for ages 16-19

Our regular weekly lunchtime group for those aged 16-19 is being expanded across August. Young people will be able to come along to the youth centre from 12.00-1.30pm to have lunch in an informal group, and then from 1.30-2.30pm there will be a focussed session based around transitioning into adulthood. The sessions will include topics such as CV writing, interview skills, job hunting, housing options, finance and budgeting. Young people can come to either or both of the lunch and focused discussion session. They are free of charge and there's no need to book, but it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers.

■ You can let Emma know on 07799 430739 if you're planning to come or if you have any questions.

Wednesday Afternoons for Years 6+

Every Wednesday afternoon in August we will be running fun, outdoor activities for any young people to join in with. There will be a range of activities such as inflatables and sports, along with some food available. The sessions will take place outside the youth centre; for those who will be starting Year 7 in September up to those who will be going into Year 10, the activities will be from 1.30-3.00pm. For those going into Year 11 and older (up to age 18), the activities will be from 3.30-5.00pm. All of the activities will be free of charge and there's no need to book – just turn up. Full details of what's happening each week will be available on our website at:

www.cambournesoul.co.uk/summer

Trips

For young people who have been part of our youth clubs over the past year, we will be running a trip for each group. We'll be enjoying activities such as trampolining, aqua park, paintballing and safari park. Those who have been attending groups will have already received information about these trips, but if you have any questions you can get in touch with:

Jonathan on 07503 171869

Blue Bag Project

Our newly launched Blue Bag Project will continue to be available for young people to access during the summer. Any young person who is in need of sanitary products can pick up a free blue bag from the youth centre during the Tuesday lunchtime sessions or the Wednesday afternoon activities.

■ If you are in need of sanitary products but coming along at those times doesn't work for you then get in touch with Emma on 07799 430739 and we'll arrange to get them to you.





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Volunteers needed! If anyone has a spare morning free any week day then please get in touch via our Facebook page or phone 07766 273 405

Thank You, Cilla - Cafe Manager

The Foyer, Cambourne Church Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne

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Wildlife Trust BCN: **West Cambridgeshire**

SUMMER IS THE TIME when the Trust's meadow reserves are cut to maintain a diverse community of plants. It can look destructive and sometimes people don't understand why we do it. Most wildflowers in hay meadows are perennial, which means they do not need to set seed to grow again the following year. Cutting a meadow before the plants have seeded does not stop the plant growing again. In fact, by reducing competition with grasses, it actually helps wildflowers grow better.

When maintaining a wildflower meadow, we aim to reduce the nutrient levels over time, because this favours a diverse array of wildflowers over a few dominant grasses. We cut at a time when the plants contain the most nutrients and the "arisings" (the clippings) are removed from the land (either as hay or made into habitat piles). This not only removes the maximum amount of nutrients, but also creates good quality hay. In Cambourne, we cut some areas every couple of years on rotation, so there are always areas left uncut for invertebrates.

If you have lived in Cambourne for a while, you might have noticed that the composition of plants in the grassy areas has changed over time. This may be because of a reduction in nutrients, or it might be due to "green hay strewing" where we spread hay containing desired seeds from a donor site nearby.

The "ridge and furrow" area to the NE of Oaks Wood is an example of where this method has been used successfully. This area was artificially created to have stripes of higher and lower ground to mimic conditions you might find in historic fields. The ridges and furrows create microhabitats which favour different species. You can help this amazing patch of wildflowers by sticking to the surfaced paths in this area.



We welcome everyone enjoying our sites in a sensitive way: here are some ways you can help look after the special places on your doorstep this summer:

1. Please never barbeque on nature reserves: disposable barbeques burn the ground, and can set long grass alight, or even set fire to the soil.

2. Do consider where to sit - we have benches on some reserves that usually have areas of shorter grass next to them where you will do less damage with a picnic blanket.

Contact me on <u>rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org</u>, or visit our website for summer and autumn programme of events. www.wildlifebcn.org/events, Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN BCN Facebook/Twitter @wildlifebcn, www.wildlifebcn.org The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley & Gransden Woods, plus Cambourne nature reserve.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP 🤊

NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre now open

1st Tuesday of every month

10.30am - 1pm

We are pleased to announce that we have opened an NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre at Cambourne, where you can go to get your hearing aids cleaned and retubed.

This is a drop-off and wait outside 20-minute service, by appointment only. From Tuesday 3rd August we are back at The Hub, High Street, Great Cambourne, CB23 6GW

To book an appointment please use our online booking service at: www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or telephone the office on 01223 416141



HEALTH

Help us to help you

GP surgeries across the country are under enormous stress, with the whole NHS currently experiencing some of the most severe pressures in its 70-year history.

Monkfield Medical Practice (MMP) has remained open throughout the pandemic, whilst managing staff isolation, shielding, huge changes to the way we work, including technology, infrastructure and practice process, all alongside delivering our own part of the COVID vaccination program and continuing to offer a primary care service.

Whilst we have dedicated staff, the impact has resulted in staff working longer hours, being exhausted, stressed and sadly some have chosen to leave the profession. Recruiting replacements is not easy as all GP surgeries are in the same position.

Our appointment availability is based on the number of staff we have on the day, and whilst we have identified ideal staffing levels, which in turn provide us with clinical cover to meet demand, we are not always able to sustain the level we would want.

In order for us to be able to deliver safe care in the community, we ask that you use the right service for the issue you have.

We have an online triage system DoctorLink, which signposts patients to the most appropriate place for the issue they have, such as local pharmacies, or self-care, however it will highlight when a GP appointment is required and within what timeframe.



Monkfield Medical Practice

We ask our receptionist to establish as much information as possible when the appointment is booked, which allows safe effective decisions to be taken regarding which clinician is most appropriate for the appointment to be booked with.

We also have the availability of our extended and out of hours service dedicated to MMP patients, which are delivered by our Cambridge GP federation as an extension to MMP. These are often at a more convenient time, later in the evening or at weekends.

Please do not ask to be seen as an emergency or urgent case unless you have a genuine medical need, as this prevents us from dealing with those that really do.

Finally, we are here to help and all staff are committed to helping our patients and are doing their best under very difficult circumstances. We ask that you treat our staff with respect and politeness at all times as we will do to you.

We will continue to adapt processes within the practice ensuring we capture what changes have been made for the better of the patients, and which ones need to be reviewed. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

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

East-West Rail: the latest consultation

Transport issues remain firmly on my agenda for Cambourne this month, with C2C (Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport) moving forward and the continued discussions around East West Rail.

With their emerging preference focused on a new railway station North of Cambourne, I am keen to hear the views of Cambourne residents. I would urge you to fill in my survey at www.anthonybrowne.org/form/ewr-survey

I am continuing to push to ensure the project is accountable, good value for money, and makes the changes we need – your views will help shape

my future response on all things East West Rail.

On that note, thank you to all of you who took the time to respond to my recent planning survey. In Cambourne, 85 per cent of respondents thought our infrastructure couldn't cope with more development, with 77 per cent feeling they were not listened to or understood by South Cambridgeshire District Council when it came to planning matters. A large majority of Cambourne respondents, 76 per cent, also called for more parking enforcement.

Finally, It was brilliant chatting to constituents recently about their environmental concerns at my third Environment Forum. We had over 60 people join to discuss all things environmental. It is great to listen to people and understand the issues that they are passionate about.



RUTH BETSON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR cllrbetson@scambs.gov.uk Twitter: @ruthbetson

We need to be involved in the planning process

At July's Council meeting, during a debate on planning, I made the case that Cambourne Town Council should always be included and consulted on all matters to do with Cambourne West and the Business Park.

Lately, this District Council administration seems to have neglected to do that, which is rather unfortunate.

The Town Council has been marginalised in the development of West Cambourne. The planning applications are now sent for 'information only' rather than for consultation and meaningful discussions are minimal. I wonder why, when Cambournians have a wealth of experience on everything to do with our town - some of us having lived here for 20 years. Shouldn't we be consulted? It would benefit residents, both present and future. We, especially our elected Town Council, should be fully involved and engaged in the development plans for the Business Park.

This would bolster local democracy, ensuring grass roots needs are being heard. Also, at the moment, the Business Park development seems to be its own project. It is unconnected to the rest of the town and is at risk of becoming a rejected appendage.

I have spoken out several times against this District Council's plans to develop Cambourne Business Park, as have your other councillors. I would prefer assistance to finally deliver our long awaited High Street.



CATHERINE PRICE CAMBOURNE PARISH NURSING SERVICE nurse@cambourne church.org.uk

Intolerance or allergy?

Food intolerances relate to difficulty digesting certain foods causing symptoms (e.g. bloating, abdominal pain, wind and/or diarrhoea), which usually come on a few hours after consuming the food. The easiest way to identify the cause is to use a food and symptom diary, then try excluding suspected foods one at a time for a few weeks and see if symptoms improve. You can then reintroduce the food gradually to see if symptoms return, as often there may be a certain quantity of a food you can tolerate before developing symptoms. Dairy and wheat are probably the biggest causes but also consider food additives, preservatives or chemicals.

A food allergy is where the body mistakenly treats proteins in food as a threat causing rapid, allergic symptoms (e.g. rash, wheezing and itching). These can develop after eating tiny amounts of the food and be very serious. Common food allergies in adults are to fish, shellfish and nuts, and in children to milk, eggs, nuts and fish.

If you have problems with food it is useful to discuss with a GP or a registered dietitian to make sure you still get all the nutrients you need. A GP can also assess if there may be another cause of your symptoms, particularly if you have problems with gluten or develop diarrhoea or lose weight. *Reference/ further information: NHS Food intolerance, <u>www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-intolerance</u>*

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BUSINESS

New fund launched for growing businesses in South Cambridgeshire



A new grant scheme has launched for South Cambridgeshire-based micro- and small- to medium-sized businesses looking to scale and grow.

The Growth Fund scheme, using funding provided by Government, is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including, sole traders and partnerships. One- off grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business said: "As Government Coronavirus restrictions ease, the Council is keen to support businesses from all sectors that may have put their growth ambitions on hold during the pandemic and help businesses recover and thrive in the District.

"The Growth Fund scheme is aimed at supporting local micro and SME businesses, with plans to expand. The scheme is open to businesses from all sectors affected by local and national restrictions. In particular, we will be prioritising those who were ineligible for the rate paying schemes such as the Local Restrictions Support Grant and Restart Grant. We also really want to encourage businesses with strong green credentials to apply, to kickstart a green pandemic recovery in South Cambridgeshire."

All grants require an online application form to be completed. Full details and eligibility criteria on the Growth Fund Scheme, along with information about how to apply, can be found at: <u>www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-</u> <u>advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme/</u>. A handy 'How to Apply' guide is also available on the website. The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

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COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

The bus adventure continues for the Hunt family

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EDUCATING OTHERWISE: Last August we wrote about refitting our ex-London bus for an epic drive across the planet. In typical 2020/21 style we've "adjusted" our plans due to the ongoing pandemic. Lockdowns and material shortages, combined with the simple fact that "driving across the planet" is even more of a challenge led us to shift our priorities, so we're still working on the Bus refit, planning on a 2022 completion.

Luckily we rarely rely on outside businesses for Bus parts; if we did, the pandemic may have seen the end of the whole idea as they are suffering with similar supply issues, materials, staffing, etc, so we are thankful Rick has the equipment and skills to manufacture the parts we require. Sadly the Bus is still looking pretty sorry for itself, as there is still much to do and with the world slowly returning to normality we'll be able to get our timeframes back in check.

The Teens are good - lots of hands-on learning - they've been



building practical skills to help with the refit, maintenance and emergency repairs as required. It's not just the teens, I joined in too as we all learnt to weld (a personal milestone for me); courtesy of Rick. The picture shows us all in our welding gear having a great time.

We have also done some of our regular house/pet sits recently, which are like little mini holidays and serve well in keeping us in that "Just keep moving" mindset.

The Hunt Family, Cambourne

u3a Open day



We were able with the fortune of good weather, to welcome members and newcomers to our first physical meet for over a year. With a rolling display of past speakers and a line up of interest groups, 14 new people put their name down to join. Thankyou to everyone for making this a successful morning. So good to chat. **u3a.cambourne.org**



EDUCATION

CVC reflects on an unusual 2020-2021 school year

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: When we returned to school last September our hopes for a smoother learning experience for the pupils than the previous year were dashed. So many exciting and fun things - such as residentials and trips, clubs, fixtures, drama and music productions - were disrupted by Covid restrictions. Infection control measures meant that most pupils spent the year based in one classroom our last Year 7 still don't know their way around the school - and mental health issues amongst our youngsters have increased significantly. But we have so much to be thankful for.

A number of our staff and pupils have suffered family losses and we felt for them

- but as a school, we are relieved to have contained large-scale transmission of the virus for almost the entire year. With a professional school nurse, help from local volunteers and great support from families, the Covid-testing regimes imposed by the government have been smoothly managed – and Cambourne has had one of the highest uptakes of hometesting in Cambridgeshire.

Through basing year groups in separate wings of the building and bringing teaching staff to them, transmission of the virus has been effectively limited, with typically only 20-30 direct contacts of a positive case. And because most of our pupils already had tablets or computers to work on, home learning has been delivered effectively when needed.

Above all, I pay tribute to the wonderful team of teaching and support staff we have at the College. The workload this year has been relentless, especially since we took on the work of the exam boards this summer - but the staff have risen to every challenge. They have adapted lessons in order to teach science in the English Department and DT in geography rooms. Virtual concerts and drama productions replaced live performances while virtual sport challenges have kept us healthy. We have learnt to teach on-line and were able to plan an enrichment week for the last week of term - delivered in bubbles; a joyful reminder of better times returning.

Thank you to the Cambourne community for all your support. We wish you a safe and happy summer.

We wish you a safe and happy summer. Claire Coates, Principal

The Vine school hosts a campover

THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL: In

Year 6, we were privileged to have the first ever campover in Vine history on 2nd and 3rd of July, when we slept under the stars in our school field.

The action-packed evening consisted of a carousel of games organised by activity leaders. Featuring a campfire in which we ate s'mores, orienteering (a wild hunt to find the most symbols around our school), and team games – a test of control and communication. After this, the students played 'Owls and Mice', arguably the best part while the sun set. Before we went home, we participated in an old Vine tradition: 'Soak a Year 6'.

Here's what some of our pupils and teachers thought of the occasion.

"Delightful, relaxing and entertaining. Unique experience." - A Year 6 Student

"It was fantastic experience, the children and adults loved it. The Year 6 campover was a great way to celebrate the end of a tough year." - A Year 6 Teacher

"I thought it was a great celebration and I really enjoyed it!" - A Year 6 Pupil

We would like to thank the teachers and volunteers who participated in the event and ensured the children had an amazing time.



COMMUNITY

Eid after Covid

In Islam, there are two major festivals - Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Adha. Muslims celebrate the first one, Eid ul fitr as we rejoice for the end of Ramadan The second Eid, Eid UI Adha, reminds us of Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham) willingness to sacrifice his son when Allah ordered him. It is believed that Allah appeared in Ibrahim's dream and asked him to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience. Ibrahim agreed as he would do anything for Allah and when he was about to kill his son (who had also agreed it was the right thing to do) Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice in his place. In most Muslim-countries, Eid

is a public holiday just like Christmas in the UK. Here, we may take the day off from work or school to join in the festival. We decorate our homes, wear new festive clothes and celebrate with our friends and family.

Coronavirus and lockdown have affected everybody's lives and also the way we celebrated our festivals. Socially distant prayers were held, social gatherings in the parks replaced the parties normally held indoors and lots of celebrations and get togethers were held through video calls.

This year, on Eid al Adha, the restrictions will be released the day before Eid, meaning that we can meet each other as we would have done in the previous years. Although I liked spending more time with my family, I prefer seeing my friends in person and having fun together. (*This article, submited by a Cambourne student, has been edited* for length)





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An annual event in Cambourne, 'The Family Art Day' was organised by CamCare UK and Timebank in the Cambourne Hub following the Covid protocols.

A restricted number of children were allowed to take part along with their parents in this fun filled activity this year.

Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya, the organiser of the event said, "The immunisation programme in the U.K. will help people to come back to normal life so the people can participate more in the community events, where they can meet and socialise with others, which is very important for their wellbeing and mental health.

Parul Burman, a local Cambourne artist, also helped to run this event.





Movolytics offers apprenticeship scheme in Cambourne

Movolytics, a vehicle tracking and international fleet management company have recently relocated their head office to Cambourne Business Park and are keen to integrate into, and support, the local community.

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Are you grateful? And what are you grateful for? Healthcare? Education? Home? Food? Family? All the above?

I am especially grateful for double doses of the COVID vaccine, helping to keep us safe. I am grateful for the open spaces in and around Cambourne, which have been such a blessing during the pandemic. I am grateful for telecommunications, which have enabled us to stay connected with loved ones whom we were not able to visit in person. I am grateful for essential workers, who went out to keep the wheels of our society moving when many others quite rightly hunkered down at home.

We can each make a list of things for which we are grateful. It is good and healthy to do this. Thankfulness nourishes the soul. But making a list of things for which we are thankful is only a first step. It begs a question. To whom we are grateful? Sometimes there are people whom it is easy to identify - the person nursing your ill parent, teaching your young child or bringing essential supplies to your door. But sometimes the people to whom we are grateful are no longer around to receive our thanks - the previous generations who have planted acorns where we now see oaks.

As a Christian I can and should express my gratitude to God for all of this and more.

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God; for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God; for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

Bill Miller

Services and events for August

At the time of writing, we are waiting for the official announcement about the possible move into Step 4 of the government's roadmap for unlocking. It is our intention to move our main Sunday service back into the building once we reach Step 4. We still await guidance on singing and social distancing, and we all know that the date for the beginning of Step 4 may yet be delayed.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for updates and information about services planned. For information on the services we offer to welcome a child, and those to mark other life events, please visit <u>www.cambournechurch.org.uk/lifeevents</u> or contact the church office on <u>office@cambournechurch.org.uk</u> or 01954 710644. We would love to hear from you.

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts



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had so dearly missed. Communal worship for the believer is at times like a cup of cold water to a thirsty soul. Even if I misplaced a cable or two since the lockdown started it still went well.

Back to work

not been in a while.

We had our anniversary Sunday picnic which was great. With many in attendance including a few that had

What was even better than that was the following week when we could meet again as a church back in the Hub. Our

piano player was back in her place and

we sang the songs of praise that we

I also must admit I really missed my pulpit. Trying to preach outside with my notes in a binder was awkward at best. However, the solid old wood I had put together was reasuring and held my notes without fear of a breeze snatching them away.

Now getting back into things should be taken one step at a time so for the month of August we will be having a single service at 11am. There is ample space if you wish to distance and any other precautions you wish to take are up to you as we are adults and can make our own informed decisions now the legal mandates are removed. Or at least at the moment, but as with many things this may be subject to change. And for those that

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The online event was attended by teachers, students and parents from six primary schools from different parts of South Cambridgeshire, including Monkfield Park, Jeavons Wood, The Vine Inter-church, Hardwick and Cambourne, Bewicksbridge Community Primary School and Milton Park Primary.

The children in the age group of 4 to 11 years old, presented a well-coordinated and mesmerising show of various activities relating to the importance of

education and physical well-being such as reciting Mantras fluently in Sanskrit, sharing thoughts of Vivekananda, 'leading and performing' Yoga Asans, Surya Namaskar and a Shikshak prayer to express their gratitude towards their teachers. The programme had a traditional start by the lighting of a lamp and seeking Lord Ganesha's blessings in the form of song performed by the youngest participant.

The guest speaker of the program, Shri Kulbhushan ji Joshi, a retired teacher from East London and senior member of the organisation, shared his thoughts on the immense contribution of teachers and parents in shaping the future of our children "The Hindu Dharma believes 'Teaching' to be a noble profession and recommends 'Shikshak Vandan' by students annually."

Mrs. Howell, the deputy headteacher from Monkfield Park Primary school expressed her gratitude for being invited to the program and learning more about the organisation and how constructively, the children spend their time outside school. In her own words 'Teaching is our vocation, and we feel it is a great privilege to teach the future generations.' Another teacher expressed excitement at the possibility of using some of the recitation in Sanskrit and other activities in the school exclaimed "So lovely to see the children in such a different light!" These sentiments were echoed by other teachers as well, who also expressed their happiness in seeing the appreciation of their role as educators, especially during the challenging times we have seen over the pandemic.



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There's been so much going on that it would be impossible to list, but get in touch if you would like to find out more or join our CAMBOURNE CATHOLIC CHURCH or OLOLSJF Facebook pages. Fr John is based in Sawston for our vast parish of over 50 villages, so our community has a great number of enthusiastic and committed people and you are very, very welcome to join us by whatever means you can. *Mel Ward, Catechist Melanie.marie.ward@gmail.com*

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MASS 5pm Sat and Sunday, 12:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 7:15pm Thursday and Friday.

SPORT

Cambourne Comets looking forward to competing



CAMBOURNE COMETS: Cambourne Comets finished training for the Summer on July 24th. After working so hard to get our members fitness back after lockdown and skills perfected once again. We were all looking forward to a bit of Sunshine.

It has been over a year since our members entered their last competition, but with restrictions being lifted we hope by November we will be able to travel to our first Open for the new year. This will get our competitive members ready for the British Gymnastics Regional qualifiers in January 2022.

This year we are able to run evening Holiday sessions again for all our members and non members. Details and booking info can be found on our Website or use this link -(bookwhen.com/cambournecomets54) we will be continuing to run sessions with Covid restrictions in place. Our coaches' and participants' safety is very important to us. www.cambournecomets.co.uk



Cambourne Fishing Club open day

CAMBOURNE FISHING CLUB OPEN DAY SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

Free coaching sessions (nearly full) PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE VIA OUR WEBSITE www.cambournefishingclub.com You will also need to complete a consent form to be completed online and send to cambournefishingclub@hotmail.com Session times: 9.30am -10.30am, 11.00am -12.00pm, 12.30pm - 1.30pm You are more than welcome to come down and see first hand what we are about. If we are able to provide any other activities we will advertise nearer the date. **Taster session** Try the lake for free: 9.30am - 2.30pm AS SPACES ARE LIMITED PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE VIA OUR WEBSITE www.cambournefishingclub.com

You will also need to complete a consent form to be completed online and send to cambournefishingclub@hotmail.com for our insurance purposes.



SPORT

Cambourne Town FC hosts inaugural AGM

CAMBOURNE TOWN FC: It has been a busy time at Cambourne Town FC as the inaugural AGM took place – a huge milestone as we begin a new era of football for the benefit of Cambourne. At the AGM, Chair, Greg Thompson thanked all involved who have made this possible – with it all starting as an idea first discussed in summer 2019 – based on the principle of what would be in the best interests of anyone who wants to play club football in Cambourne.

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers the formation of Cambourne Town FC was completed by 7th July 2021. At the meeting the Election of the Committee took place, and Club Committee roles and contact details can now be viewed at www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

We now reflect on the huge success of the previous football

clubs in Cambourne and the passion and commitment shown by all, which the new club has a responsibility to nurture and preserve. We look to further exciting times ahead together as Cambourne Town FC, starting with the Summer Tournament on 4th and 5th September.

Should your child then wish to continue with us for the new season (starting 11th September) you can go through the formal registration process. Boys and Girls are welcome to attend the Soccer School, although we recommend that girls attend our Sunday Wildcats sessions. To register your interest, or to ask questions about our Soccer School please contact <u>soccerschool@cambournetownfc.org.uk</u> or if you have enquiries about the Sunday Wildcats sessions for girls please contact <u>wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk</u>

Summer Goalkeeper Sessions

We are offering summer goalkeeping sessions for Boys and Girls with our brilliant Coach Adam. Learn new skills or improve your existing skills – all abilities very welcome! Dedicated sessions on 5th or 29th Aug for U7-U11 (Boys and Girls). Then on 6th or 20th Aug sessions will run for U12 upwards (Boys and Girls). All sessions are run 10am-2pm and cost £10. See our website or Email adam.smith@1982@yahoo.co.uk

Soccer School – FREE taster sessions

The Cambourne Town FC Soccer School for Reception and Year 1 children (Sep 2021 intake) will commence with some FREE taster sessions in August starting on Saturday 7th August. The soccer school is a fun introduction to football for young children, where they can make friends and start to develop a love for the beautiful game. Sessions will run every Saturday 9am-10am at the Everyone Active 3G pitches in Cambourne throughout the month.





Take part in organised sessions in a fun, engaging and safe environment with our new football sessions. Suitable for girl aged 5-11.

Girls' Soccer School (FA Wildcats Centre) for ages 4-9

Do you have a daughter who loves being active and trying new sports? Or maybe you know a girl would like to make new friends or build their confidence? Our Girls' Soccer School (FA Wildcats Centre) encourages all children to develop their skills with dedicated coaches teaching the children in small groups based on their age. We currently have space for 4–7-year-old girls - Every Sunday at 10am on the 3G. Email wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk for more information.

Get involved - Sponsorship and Volunteering opportunities

If you are interested in becoming involved with the club either as a business wanting to sponsor a team, or on an individual looking to volunteer, or have a playing enquiry for the new season, you can email hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk for more details.

Please follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts for the latest club news: @cambournetownfc

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Willow throws the hammer for Cambridgeshire!

WILLOW BEDDING - in year 10 at Cambourne Village College - is representing Cambridgeshire County Schools Athletics for the second time!

In year 7 she qualified to compete for the county in cross country. In year 10 she is competing in track and field, throwing the hammer. Due to training issues English Schools athletics dropped the qualifying distances and instead indicated that the top 16 ranked athletes in England would throw at the English Schools Track & Field Championships in Manchester on the 9th, 10th & 11th of July.

At the time of selection Willow was ranked 11th in England and 13th in the UK having thrown in excess of 43m. Being in year one of the intermediate category (school years 10 & 11) she was one of four year one intermediate girls to compete in Manchester.

Willow ended up finishing 14th but will hope to obtain the qualifying distance so that she may compete next year and being one of the older ladies, finish in a higher position.



Cambourne CC hosts kwikcricket schools tournament

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

celebrated the launch of our partnership with The MindEd Trust through a kwik-cricket Schools Tournament held on Friday 2nd July.

Cambourne, Comberton, Impington, Melbourn and Swavesey Village Colleges showcased some unbelievable batting, bowling and fielding skills that made for a highly compelling day, played in great spirits, and reminded all present how powerful sport can be as a way of uplifting its participants and unifying our communities.

The quality and competitiveness on display in each game rivalled Cambourne CC's own open-age XIs! Neutral umpires and scorers in the form of Cambourne and Impington VC sports leaders were on hand to ensure fair, fun matches played in the spirit of the game.

Swavesey progressed from the group stage to beat Cambourne in the first semi-final, with the other semi

being an all-Comberton tie that was anything but a laid back derby match! Comberton secured victory over Swavesey in the final before receiving their trophy and medals in a special presentation by Club President, Chris James, and Chair of the MindEd Trust, Steve Mallen.

The way in which the teams conducted themselves on and off the field was exemplary and a true credit to our beloved game.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all those who made the day possible: the participating village colleges, the MindEd Trust, the Town Council and our Club volunteers.

We cannot wait to host the next edition of the Cambourne CC & MindEd Trust Schools Tournament and hope that this year is the first of many congratulations to our inaugural winners Comberton Village College!

For a full report of the day please visit our twitter @cambourne_cc





