



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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The lights are on! Christmas arrives in Cambourne

Despite all the challenges of the pandemic and the impact on all community groups the Light Up Cambourne (LUC) team worked tirelessly to ensure our Christmas Lights continued to twinkle during the festive seasons.

Thanks to the support of the Town Council and their crew for setting up the lights and marquees and donations from local businesses, we had a great night of festive singing and dancing in the market square. Entertainment included JezO's masterful Mc-ing and live music from the Shambertans; while Santa's Grotto welcomed a record-breaking number of excited children. Food and drink were on sale and many seasonal cups of hot mulled wine and tasty mince pies and cookies were given away free.

LUC would like to say a very big thank you to all the residents and visitors to Cambourne who supported the event by coming out into the fortunately not too chilly night to enjoy the lighting up of



Cambourne. Thank you too for all your donations and contributions on the night and throughout the year.

The annual lighting event is brought to you thanks to year-round fundraising by LUC, a very small group of volunteers, so

please, if you have some time on your hands, make contact with them as they would really appreciate more support.

■ *Light Up Cambourne and all the team at Cambourne Crier wish you a very festive Christmas and a great 2022!*

Remembrance Day



Cambourne remembers, with Remembrance Day Parade

■ See page 26 for more...

Food Project



Hope CIC opens Cambourne Community Food Project

■ More details on page 10...

Diwali Festival 2021



Festival of Diwali celebrated by families in Cambourne

■ Find out more on page 24...

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CRIER COMMUNITY FUND

Our community fund enables us to make grants to local clubs, societies or causes. Do you need new equipment for your group? Do you want to set up a new group and need some funding to get going? Contact pamhume1@gmail.com for more information or download the application form at www.cambournecrier.org

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

SCDC Outdoor Christmas Market

Don't forget to stop by the Christmas Market on Sunday 5th December, 12pm – 6pm along the High Street.

The Town Council is hosting the children's Christmas craft activity marquee and will be joined by a local face painter too.

The team at South Cambs District Council have worked hard to organise this event for the residents of South Cambs to enjoy and get into the Christmas spirit.

Cambourne residents are kindly requested to walk or cycle where possible to free up parking spaces for non-Cambourne residents that will attend. A reminder of the festive fun on the day: market stalls, brass band, hot food and drink, funfair and more!

Volunteers Fair returns

We are pleased to be hosting the Volunteers Fair again which will take place on Saturday 22 January 2022 at the Hub Community Centre. If you are thinking of volunteering in the community, drop by to find out what types of voluntary opportunities you can get involved in, in and around Cambourne.

Town Council Christmas closure

The Town Council office will be closed for Christmas from Thursday 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022. There will be no winter gritting of footpaths during the Christmas closure due to no ground staff availability.

Christmas tree recycling

The Christmas Tree Recycling point will be set up again on the ground adjacent to The Hub Community Centre carpark.

Christmas trees may be left here in the New Year up until Monday 17 January 2022 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne.

The Town Council would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**December 2021 / January 2022**

■ 7th December, 7pm

Planning Committee, followed by Full Council

■ 21st December, 7pm

Planning Committee, followed by Finance & Policy Committee

■ 18th January, 7pm

- Planning Committee, followed by Full Council

■ Council meetings have returned to face to face and are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre.

Council Contact information:

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VOLUNTEERS FAIR
SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY
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Jessica Lydon, Community Development:

community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

COMMUNITY

Bourn Windmill volunteers continue fundraising efforts

As you will know from previous articles the Bourn Windmill has been closed all year because it was deemed unsafe due to extensive decay found within the wooden supporting trestle.

Scaffolding was erected during the summer of 2020 to ensure the weight of the mill was taken off the trestle, but also supporting it from the sides to make it safe in high winds.

Although no remedial work was done this year, the mill volunteers have not been idle. There have been several visits from the appointed engineers and the charity Cambridge, Past, Present and Future (CPPF) to ascertain the best way



forward. As you can imagine, with a Grade 1 listed building everything has to be run past the regulatory body, Historic England and this takes time. CPPF are currently preparing a bid for a Heritage Lottery Grant and the volunteers have done their

bit, by hosting three groups for an in-depth explanation (externally) of the history and workings of the mill followed by afternoon tea taken in Kate Armstrong's delightful garden. Donations from these visits along with private donations have so far reached the incredible total of £10,000, which, with the emergency grant of £23,500 from Historic England covered the cost of the scaffolding and investigations.

To highlight the plight of the mill, there have been various interactions with the media, namely radio interviews and most recently, interviews and filming with Look East.

Along with various grants, a further £12,500 is now required from donations in order to pay for the restoration and repairs, so we can safely re-open the mill to the public again. Please give what you can to www.cambridgeppf.org/Appeal/save-bourn-windmill-appeal

■ If you are part of a group who would like a visit to the mill and afternoon tea over the summer of 2022, then please get in touch with either Kate Armstrong: cfm.armstrong@gmail.com or Graham Bruce: g.m.bruce@btopenworld.com

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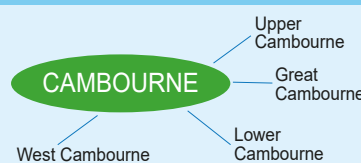
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COMMUNITY

Festive greetings and thanks from Cambourne Library!

As this year draws to a close we would like to thank all our customers for their continued support. It has been lovely to see so many of you back in the library and have a catch up!

We are gradually opening up our spaces to include all events and many groups that have enjoyed meeting in the library over the years. In order to keep our staff and customers safe we have completed a series of ventilation surveys throughout our council buildings in order to adjust, if needed, our restricted numbers.

For everyone's safety and comfort we continue to manage the numbers of people inside the library at any one time and importantly remind you, that as we share the same building as our Monkfield Medical Practice, you need to wear a face-covering before entering the building and maintain social distancing inside. Carbon dioxide monitors will be in place sometime in the new year to monitor concentration to help maintain standards. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Please note that loan periods make allowances for when the library is closed. Of course you can continue to download free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers at any time to your home device – please check our webpage Library online - Cambridgeshire County Council to find out how.

We continuously add to our regular book stock, so please drop in and see what's new. Find festive favourites, or absorbing books to help you escape the Christmas season if that's what you'd prefer!

We wish you all a wonderful happy and healthy Christmas holiday and look forward to the offerings that the new year will bring to you within our libraries.

The Library Presents - Voting for the Spring seasons events has now closed and we will soon be in a position to announce the selection of performances and creative workshops in the new year. Look online or ask at reception for details.

www.library.live/the-library-presents The Autumn Season is now drawing to a close with many sell out performances.

At Cambourne Library - Ceramics Workshop with Louise Beale for ages 4-10 and their parents/carers. This workshop will be hosted at the library on **Saturday 4th December** starting at 2.00 pm, tickets £3 per child. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult, who will not require a ticket.

Online events:

Jack Dean & Company Podcasts from Monday 6th December.

Fogland Lighthouse is a podcast series that shines a light on the obscure, unusual and downright weird stories from British History. Featuring doomed luxury airships, splinter nations on old military bases, brick giants and much more, all brought to life with an original score by award-winning writer and composer Jack Dean. Running time: 10-15 mins per episode, 5 episodes.

Suitable for: Adults and young people 10+ yrs Check it out:

www.jackdean.co.uk Tickets: Pay what you can. To donate,

please visit www.library.live/the-library-presents

Cambridgeshire Libraries have created a new Libraries and Wellbeing webpage. This provides links to activities, resources and support both national and local. Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing. Your feedback will help us improve our services online and in our libraries.

Global Online Bookclub - would you like to be part of a global online book club? Through our Libby app you can have access to the Big Library Read (<https://biglibraryread.com>) Upcoming release is Seven Dirty Secrets by Natalie D Richards.

eBooks and eAudiobooks: The library offers a wide range of eBooks and eAudiobooks – please check our catalogue for details <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk> We also add to our book stock on a regular basis, so please do drop in and see what's new.

IT Facilities: access to our computers is available on a drop-in basis, but if you would like to ensure a computer is available you can book 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.

Late fees: Please note that we have reintroduced late return charges, but only for adult loans – there are no late fees for children's books. Reservations remain at 50p and it now costs only £1 to borrow a DVD or audiobook for 3 weeks. Free services are available if you are housebound or visually impaired. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Tel: 0345 045 5225

Library Opening Times

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

Over Christmas all Cambridgeshire libraries will be closed from 1pm on Friday 24th December and will reopen Tuesday 5th January 5th 2022.

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

The Hub Car Park Mondays: 1.30pm-4:15pm
Wednesdays: 12.30-4:15pm
Tel: 0345 611 2970

The post office informs the Town Council of any changes and these will be updated on:
cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
www.facebook.com/cambournetowncouncil

BIN COLLECTIONS: (At the time of publication)

Black Bin: Thursday 16 December

Tuesday 4 January

Blue / Green Bins: Thursday 9 December

Thursday 23 December

Further info: www.scams.gov.uk/recycling

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HEALTH

Cambourne GP, Dr Rakesh Modi, wins research award

We are proud to have Dr Rakesh Modi working with Monkfield Medical Practice and celebrate with him having just received the RCGP/NIHR First5 Research award for his work on the SAFER trial, a programme of research investigating screening to detect atrial fibrillation, a heart condition responsible for 1 in 10 strokes.

The award scheme is organised by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and NIHR Clinical Research Network. It recognises outstanding general practitioners and their contributions to research.

The First5 Research award is for GPs who demonstrate an emerging interest and experience in delivering National Institute of Care Research/Clinical Research Network research within a primary care setting. Dr Modi won his award for his outstanding contributions to the SAFER atrial fibrillation research during the period from 1 January 2020 – 30 June 2021, an exceptionally challenging period.



Monkfield Medical Practice supports nurse apprentice Laura through part time degree

The nurse apprentice scheme at Monkfield Medical Centre is extremely valuable to encourage health care assistants to work towards becoming an NHS nurse.

We have supported Laura Stampe, our Senior Health Care Assistant, to become part of this scheme.

Laura is working whilst studying part-time to achieve a degree and ascertain a professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). The scheme provides a balance of practical skills, high-level knowledge and experience to enable her to provide quality compassionate care to our patients.

Laura has been awarded the first part of her qualification and now enters the second part that will result in her attaining her BSc (Hons) Nursing Degree.

At Monkfield Medical Centre, we are so proud of Laura, who has worked with the practice since February 2010 and are delighted in her achievements as she builds upon her skills whilst continuing to work with the MMP team with energy and commitment to our patients. Monkfield Medical Practice understands how important it is to celebrate these achievements and the contribution that our people and their skills make to enabling us to provide safe effective care to patients.

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CAMBOURNE

The Hub, High Street, CB23 6GW
THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
10AM - 12 NOON

Dates for 2022:

4th January	1st February	1st March	5th April
3rd May	7th June	5th July	2nd August
6th September	4th October	1st November	
6th December			

Supported by NHS Audiology and Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambourne Nature Reserve: lakes and ponds

The lakes and ponds around Cambourne provide habitat and freshwater for many different species. Did you know there is such a thing as a water stick insect? They look a bit like a mantis and can grow to 5cm. They breathe underwater by using their bottom like a snorkel! Young dragonflies (nymphs) live under water and eat anything smaller than themselves, including fish and tadpoles. Part of their jaw can shoot out from their face to capture prey. The plants and freshwater invertebrates provide food for larger animals like toads and ducks.

Here are some ways to ensure the lakes around Cambourne stay healthy for wildlife:

- Please keep dogs out of the water: they disturb wildlife and churn up silt. When silt settles in the water it covers underwater plants which reduces the oxygen levels in the water.
- Watch the ducks and swans, but please don't feed them: adding nutrients to the water can reduce oxygen levels and cause water birds to become aggressive.
- Please don't release fish or unwanted pets like terrapins into lakes and ponds. These affect the balance of predators and prey and reduce populations of our native species.

Many of the Trust's West Cambs Hundreds woodland reserves became very muddy over winter, which causes damage to sensitive plants on path edges. In order to ensure these woods



remain special for generations, the Trust will be restricting access during the winter and bluebell season. Please check our website for up-to-date information on reserve closures.

www.wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves

We are trialling work parties on Saturday mornings to enable local people to help keep Cambourne nature reserve great for wildlife and people. Sessions will run on the following dates: 18 Dec, 22 Jan and 12 Feb; please register interest by email at rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

And it's not too late to source Christmas gifts. Choosing local, wildlife themed, sustainable products shopping with the Trust shows you're standing up for nature and the environment – happy shopping! <https://shop.wildlifebcn.org/>

■ BCN Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn
 @BeccaBadgerWTBCN Visit: www.wildlifebcn.org
www.wildlifebcn.org/westcambsundreds

Cambridge Country Club

Festive Celebrations at Cambridge Country Club this Christmas

Marking the first Christmas since their launch, Cambridge Country Club is set to host a Christmas extravaganza of party nights across the festive season.

Every Friday Night across December, from 6.30pm til Midnight, join Cambridge Country Club for their Christmas Party Nights!

Starting the evening with a touch of sparkle, guests will be served with an arrival drink of Prosecco. They will then be seated for a 3 course festive meal designed by Executive Head Chef Lee Scott before partying the night away with a DJ & Disco.

Christmas Party Nights are still available for large groups and Christmas lunch is available in a private room on request.



If you're looking for the perfect Christmas gift for friends or family, look no further than our Cambridge Country Club Gift Vouchers! A trip to The Spa is the ultimate pampering present, promising restoration and relaxation with 7 treatment rooms, steam room, sauna and pool.



Offering skincare and massage treatments from Elemis and beauty treats from Gerrard International, you can spoil your loved ones with our variety of Spa packages and luxury treatments.

For those with an interest in getting active, why not treat them to a membership at The Cambridge Country Club gym? Brand new, state of the art equipment, full class time tables and personal training available we make fitness fun. And of course not forgetting a spot of Golf on the 18-hour championship greens.

With an array of dining options, including Afternoon Tea, there really is something for

everyone at our luxury health and wellness complex this Christmas. Monetary vouchers are available, as well as an e-voucher, beautifully printed and delivered straight to your door!

The Cambridge Country Club is now accepting bookings for all Christmas dining and events. Book now to avoid disappointment. For more information visit www.cambridgecountryclub.com



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COLUMNISTS



ANTHONY BROWNE

MP FOR SOUTH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Have your say on plans for congestion charging

One of the key questions asked by the Greater Cambridge Partnership's 'Making Connections' consultation is around congestion charging for vehicles entering Cambridge City.

Since many residents of Cambourne work, shop or visit Cambridge on a regular basis this is an issue which affects the majority of people in Cambourne. In their plans, a city-centre congestion charge could cost up to £15 per day, or a wider zone could cost £5, roughly the same cost as a day rider bus ticket.

District and County Councillors in South Cambs have raised serious concerns about congestion

charging in the past, and I agree with their remarks around cost implications, business impact and inequality. Chief amongst those are worries that the charge is regressive, one that would unduly impact those less well off.

In my view, any charge would need to be introduced in tandem with much improved, far cheaper public transport.

However, I am very aware that many residents of South Cambridgeshire rely on transport links into Cambridge. It is therefore vital that I fully understand your views on this. If you have two minutes, please do fill out my short survey below so I can better represent your views to the GCP and the Department of Transport.

You can access the survey on the following link: www.anthonybrowne.org/form/congestion-charge



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

Why not stand for election in May 2022

When I first stood for election in 2013, I did so because I was shocked by the hateful language used by the UKIP candidate in their campaign literature. I so wanted to beat him in an election ... which I did ... twice!

As we witness the latest allegations of sleaze, dodgy deals and overly compromised climate negotiations you may feel powerless to do much about it all ... but you are not powerless.

You have your vote of course and having won by one vote myself in 2018 I surely know that every vote counts! But have you ever thought of standing for election yourself? No? Why not?

Are you aware of change that is needed or have issues close to your heart that you could help support and campaign for within the council?

Elections for South Cambs District Council are fast approaching (May 2022) and political parties will be seeking candidates, so now is a good time to make contact. If you are 18+, a British, or eligible Commonwealth Citizen and a registered voter in South Cambs then why not have a go.

If you want more info (regardless of the party you would like to represent) then you can email me at cllr.clayton@councillor.online.

■ My column in September had a typeset error in a web address, so here is the organisation that promotes a better quality of life for LGBT+ people in Cambridgeshire:

encompassnetwork.org.uk/saferspaces



CATHERINE PRICE
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Five steps to mental wellbeing

Evidence suggests there are five steps that can improve your mental health and wellbeing:

1. Connect with people

Social relationships are important in promoting mental wellbeing. Talking and listening helps us feel connected and have a sense of belonging. Avoid relying on social media alone.

2. Be physically active

Regular physical activity is linked with lower rates of depression and anxiety. Whether regularly walking more, using the stairs, cycling or joining a gym or exercise class, the important thing is to do what you can and enjoy what you do.

3. Learn new skills

Continuing to learn through life is good for self-esteem and confidence and encourages social interaction. It could be learning to cook, taking up a new sport/hobby or an adult education course.

4. Give to others

This may be giving time, words, gifts or practical help. Whether volunteering regularly or small acts of kindness, giving to others is associated with an improvement in our own wellbeing.

5. Mindfulness

Pay attention to the present moment. Being aware of what is taking place in the present and enjoying 'the moment' is good for your wellbeing. Take time to regularly notice your thoughts, feelings and body. Enjoy the environment around you and the simple things.

■ Reference/Further info: www.mind.org.uk

COMMUNITY

Morrisons Cambourne launches Christmas charity activities

Charitable activities are taking place at Morrisons Cambourne, this Christmas.

Look out for the 'Community Giving Tree' with a nominated local charity. Located at the entrance, it has £1, £3 and £5 token bubbles hanging which can be handed over at the checkout.

This year the store is again planning '12 Days of Kindness' from 10-22 December celebrating Local Heroes and volunteers. Please email the Community Champions if you know anyone local who has served the community in an extraordinary way.

You can also pick up free cards for children to draw, colour in and write Christmas messages. Once they are done, please drop them back in the store. These will be presented to local elderly and isolated people.

A 'Gift Donation Station' with the benefitting charities named on it, has been set up opposite customer services where shoppers can contribute new or near new gift items. Also, look out for three new Christmas Pin Badges at the checkouts. They are £1 each and the proceeds benefit Young Lives vs Cancer.

Lastly, the store has issued a call for the donation of Christmas themed books for its Little Children's Library!

■ For more information or to find out how Morrisons can support your charity or social welfare project, please email the Community Champion: seema.achall@morrisonsplc.co.uk



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www.kingsdale.co.uk

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COMMUNITY

Hope CIC: Environmentally- friendly foodbank opens in Cambourne

The Cambourne Community Food Project is now open for users from 11am to 2pm every Wednesday, at the Hub community centre, supporting the community during the winter period. All South Cambridgeshire residents are welcome to access the foodbank, which will provide affordable food from as little as 25p, as well as free emergency food for those in crisis. In addition, further financial support and signposting to onward referrals, such as to Citizens Advice or South Cambridgeshire District Council's new Income Maximisation Officer, will be provided.

The Cambourne Community Food Project is run by Hope CIC (Community Interest Company) – an organisation that has run successful projects such as male support services, school projects, befriending services and supporting residents to access emergency food and other essential items – with support from South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Town Council and food donations from Morrisons Cambourne.

The pilot will initially run for a trial period of four months, and residents in the area are encouraged to use the service if they are in need. Cllr Bill Handley, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Community Resilience, Health and Wellbeing, said: "It's fantastic to see what can happen when a team of dedicated individuals set their minds on caring for the community." Throughout the pandemic, Hope CIC has been supporting South Cambridgeshire residents and it's brilliant to see that the next stage of this support come to fruition, as the four-month pilot project launches.

Seema Achall, Community Champion at Morrisons, said: "It's an added bonus for the project that, through partnering with Morrisons in Cambourne, not only will good ambient food with 1+ year shelf life be provided, but also some fresh food that is still good quality that would otherwise end up in landfill can be used and appreciated while it is still nutritious and fresh."

Mahesh Hettiarchchi, Founder of Hope CIC, said: "Hope CIC was set up to support disadvantaged communities, in particular those who are in poverty and facing social isolation including those from BAME communities. The need for our project was identified through the volunteering work we undertook during the Covid crisis, such as delivering food parcels, collecting prescriptions and undertaking other home help activities for those who were isolated or shielding.



During the lockdowns we also managed to help local schools in Cambridge by providing laptops for students who did not have access to online learning.

"Our aim is to work with our local community to identify other needs they have and support them through these needs in the long term. For now, please just drop in if you need any support from affordable food to other advice."

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Christmas approaches. Trees and decorations are appearing in more and more places. Christmas music begins to accompany our day. Our preparations for gifts, food and celebrations are gaining pace. At the heart of it all is the beautiful truth that God himself came among us in the person of Jesus, when the manger in Bethlehem became a bed for the King of Glory.

William Temple, who was Archbishop of Canterbury during World War II, once said: "Christianity is the most materialistic of all great religions." If some faiths are about trying to move beyond the limitations of earthly existence, Christianity celebrates the God who chooses to go in the opposite direction - who chooses to embrace human limitations for the sake of his cosmic rescue mission to a world gone astray.

Christians say that the material Universe matters. God not only made it, fixing its natural laws, and creating its atoms and molecules, but in Jesus he embraced the limitations and possibilities of a life made up of those atoms. That is the wonder of the incarnation - God becoming flesh.

And so we cannot ignore the very real threats to God's Creation, which stem from our own behaviour. We cannot say that only the spiritual realm really matters. God took on flesh. He entered his Creation. In my mind COP26 and Christmas are linked - because God and his Creation joined together in the person of Jesus.

Have a Happy Christmas, and may we tread carefully in the Creation that God embraced in Jesus.

Bill Miller

Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Merry Christmas Cambourne.

This year we again face difficulties, not like last year, but we have hope. Despite all the problems we may face one thing usually brings comfort. Someone saying I love you. Someone caring and that is what Christmas is. Christ coming to be born in Bethlehem. Yes, He was proclaimed by angels and gifted items from wise men, but He came to sacrifice for your sin and mine. And as we hear the carols this year each one in a way whispers from God, I love you and I have proved it. Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

I continue to upload messages at <https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark> We meet at the moment at 11am Sundays, but will not be there on the 5th as they needed the Hub for other things and we try to be accomodating.

Pastor Donavan Bangs



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EDUCATION

CVC progresses with fit-out of new Performance Hall

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: So far, November has been quite challenging!

On a positive note, after issues with supplies and labour, we're at last making progress with the fit-out of the Performance Hall.

The tiered seating is being installed against a high mezzanine platform that will function as the director's box, and allow space beneath for storage. After lots of structural issues, the rigging to take the stage lights and curtains looks likely to be fitted early next year.

This has all been made possible through the work of the Cambourne VC Charitable

Trust, some wonderfully generous donations, and substantial financial support from the Cam Academy Trust.

Rehearsals are currently being held for our first big musical theatre production at school for two years: *The Addams Family*. This will make a suitably ambitious project for the launch of these wonderful new facilities next March.

On a less positive note, despite a substantial drop in positive Covid cases amongst pupils, we're still working under the restrictions associated with Cambridgeshire being an Enhanced Resource Area for Covid 19, and are

experiencing unusually heavy levels of staff absence due to Covid and other nasty infections.

The NHS vaccination team visited school on Friday 12 November and most pupils with consent received their jabs: we're hoping that this, alongside sustained home testing, will help to drive down cases further as we move into the colder months.

At present, we're still holding out some hope that a Christmas concert and end-of-term festivities will be possible – watch this space!

Claire Coates, Principal

Jeavons' Year Six studies survival skills and geography

JEAVONS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL: On the first day back after half term, Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a fantastic wow day where they learnt a variety of survival skills!

This kickstarted their work focusing on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. Our survival day gave the children the opportunity to understand the situation of the main character in the story, Michael, who was stranded on a deserted island.

Throughout the day, we learnt a variety of skills including tying a range of different knots, building shelters and dens to keep us warm and dry, making arrows and spears (very important when catching your own food!) and building our own fires; when we were rewarded with marshmallows and hot chocolate! We thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciated the valuable new skills we were taught.

As well as using *Kensuke's Kingdom* for our English work this term, we will also learn about North and South America in Geography as well as survival in our science lessons as we look at evolution and inheritance. Charles Darwin is one of the key scientists that we will be focusing on and we are looking forward to writing our own pages for his scientific journal!

■ If you would like to find out more about our school, please contact the school office on 01954 717180 or email office@jeavonswood.cambs.sch.uk



The Vine sets up wellbeing room to support students' mental health



THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY

SCHOOL: The Vine Preschool has recently set up a new wellbeing room, and is enormously thankful to CMS Cambridge, the furniture division at Cambridge, design and fit-out specialist COEL, who donated a sofa, chairs and a storage unit as well as a soft cuddly fox.

The Good Plant Company also learnt about the project and supplied some stunning plants for the room.

The need for a wellbeing room for such young children has come from the impact of COVID and the restrictions that the lockdowns placed on them during their formative years.

Many of the children have missed out on fundamental social experiences, not visiting extended family, places such as a

beach, a zoo or even a cafe. Arriving at preschool for the first time amidst the hurly burly of many other little ones and no mummy or daddy to be seen can be overwhelming and it is hard for them to process.

Since children have returned we have noticed a demand for a quiet space, somewhere peaceful and calm.

We wanted to create a breakout area where children can re-centre themselves. The kids may come here on their own, with an assistant or a friend.

They are free to talk about their emotions and what they can do to cope with their feelings.

The room is deliberately kept clear of distracting or stimulating things such as games or activities. If a little one comes

here it is to rest and restore and feel comforted; sitting peacefully, looking at a picture book or talking about how he or she feels with a helper.

We are already seeing the benefit of having the wellbeing room. Making the space comfy with appealing furniture and beautiful plants really helps calm the children down. They feel peaceful in this space and we have no doubt it will help facilitate an easier transition for the youngsters as they get used to a new environment.

The Vine school has a strong biblically rooted vision, which drives all aspects of our school life. Through supporting our pupils' mental wellbeing, we aim to 'let peace dwell here and the rooms be full of contentment.'

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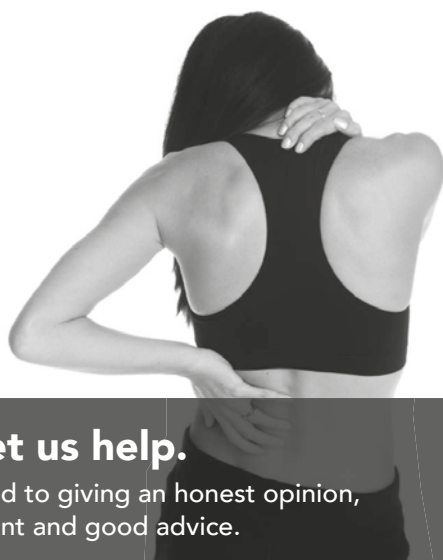
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Children's Chess Club:

cambourne.chess@gmail.com

Sundial Theatre Company

www.sundialtheatre.company

Water colour class

Robert Street r_m_street@yahoo.co.uk

Come Cook Dine with Me

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WW2 Aircraft Club

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CHURCHES

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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

Community First Responder:

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Cambourne Dental Practice:

(01954) 718585 www.cambournedental.com

Lloyds Pharmacy: 01954 718296

Monkfield Medical Practice:

01954 282153 www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

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Comberton Village College:

School Office - 01223 262503

Hardwick and Cambourne Community

Primary:

School Office - 01954 719085

blue@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

School Office - 01954 717180

office@jeavonswood.cambs.sch.uk

Monkfield Park Primary School:

School Office - 01954 273377

office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

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

Contact linfo@cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Crescent Science &

Technology Club: Contact

Info@cambournecrescent.org

Cllr.akhter@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

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Carers And Tots:

cambourne.carersandtots@gmail.com

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

Office: 01954 273301

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Sunflower Nursery: 01954 719440

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Community Car Scheme:

07526 998 465 or e-mail:

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com.

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

Cambourne Comets:

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Trampoline and DMT Club

Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre:

01954 714070

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Cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Town FC

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk

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Everyone Active 3G pitch from September

soccerschool@cambournetownfc.org.uk

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Cambourne Exiles (Rugby):

www.cambourneexiles.com

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

Facebook: cambournerraptorsbasketballclub

Cambourne Runners:

cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

Cambourne Women Runners

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Cambourne Tennis Club:

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

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club

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Cambs Tai Chi Club

www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

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Cambourne Karate School (AKS)

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Cambourne Balkan Dance Club

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Wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk

Cambourne junior parkrun

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COMMUNITY



Cambourne Diwali Festival 2021

The Diwali Festival

Cambourne witnessed its post-covid Diwali or Deepa-vali (in Sanskrit, Deepa means light and Vali means in a row, thus, Diwali signifies as the series of lights) on Sunday 31st October at the Hub community centre. The organiser Cllr. Shrobona Bhattacharya said: "Nearly 10 community groups came forward to support this festival together to illuminate the light within the communities in Cambourne."

The five days' of Diwali is celebrated by the Hindu, Sikh,

Jain and Buddhist (Nepal) communities around the world.

The festival of Diwali symbolises the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and right over wrong. It signifies the opening of our own true light which sparkles within us. The communities ignite the oil lamps in their houses and exchanged sweets and gifts among the families in Cambourne. Many houses in Cambourne were seen decorated with the lights and rangoli designs.



One might have noticed that Diwali festival falls on different dates each year as it depends upon the position of the moon and Hindu Lunar Calendar.

Traditionally, families stay awake the whole night to keep replenishing ghee in the diyas for these to stay lit till the morning.

The Diwali festival celebrates Bhagwan (God) Shri Ram's returning home at Ayodhya along with his wife Sita ji and brother Lakshman ji, after exile of 14 years living as a Sanyasi (monk) culminating in the slaying of the evil demon king Ravan who had abducted Sita ji.

In Cambourne, on this evening, during a specific muhurat (auspicious period), people performed puja of Bhagwan Shri Ram, Sita ji, Lakshman ji, Devi Lakshmi (Goddess of wealth), Devi Kali and Bhagwan Shri Krishan. The children enjoyed fireworks and helping with making Rangoli - patterns drawn at the entrance and inside the home, using rice flour, colours, flowers and diyas.



UK Parliament Week event by Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha at Cambourne



On the 12 November 2021, Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha (a branch of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh UK) organised a local meeting as part of UK Parliament Week. We were joined by Mr Mark Howell, County Councillor, Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, District Councillor, and Mr Jeyur Patel, Cambourne Town Councillor.

The session began with a public speaking game in which players were challenged to spontaneously talk about a subject for a minute without any hesitation. The topics included Sewa (selfless service) in recent times, your

favourite sport, art or your favourite thing about school.

Following this there was a quiz to learn more about the UK parliamentary system and its main components. The eminent political figures present gave their valuable input in elaborating the answers. Thus, giving the audience a better insight into how the system works.

After these entertaining activities, we had a formal introduction of all the councillors and introduced ourselves. We had a question-and-answer session with the councillors, who provided a fantastic

insight into some of the more obscure parts of our democracy as well as parts that are directly relevant to us locally, such as the different areas and duties of county, district and town councillors.

The evening had a good share of laughs too making a heavy subject more enjoyable and fun.

Overall, the Parliament Week meeting was a great educational opportunity for us to learn about how politics works in the UK, and encouraged all of us to get more involved.

10k sewa walk raises funds for CVC arts facility

Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha, a branch of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh UK, organised a walk as their annual sewa (service) project to raise money for an Arts Facility at Cambourne Village College.

Twenty people from all age groups took part in a 10K walk to raise funds for the project. Each person paid a small amount to take part in the walk, and some also raised sponsorship from their friends and colleagues.

Employees of Morrisons Cambourne sponsored Ms Seema Achall and contributed £118. We had an enjoyable and invigorating walk whilst raising £294 for our local school.



Cambourne Village College has been the location of Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha activities since 2016, and we wanted to give something back by raising money for new seating facilities in the Performance Hall.

A few members of the shakha met with Mrs Claire Coates, the Principal of the school, to present her with the cheque.

She expressed her gratitude on behalf of the

school. We look forward to the completion of these new facilities which should be an asset for the whole community in Cambourne and surrounding areas.

COMMUNITY

Beavers on parade for Remembrance Day

Following on from last month's look at hygiene, this month at 2nd Cambourne Beavers has been all about health, fitness and safety. We did an assault course and learned how to take our pulses to see how much they increased after the activity, and then designed our own super-healthy smoothies!

We also welcomed back nurse and former leader Butterfly to give us a first aid masterclass. We were taught how to deal with minor cuts and burns, how to call the emergency services and practiced putting each other into the recovery position. (We also

had some fun with the bandages!)

We've talked about stranger danger, fire safety and safety in the home and crossing the road using the green cross code too.

On 14 November, the Beavers were very proud to represent their colony on Remembrance Sunday, taking part in the parade to Cambourne Church and laying a wreath along with the Cubs and Scouts. We'd talked about Remembrance Day and what it meant and the leaders were very proud to see how many Beavers took part and how smart they looked on the day!



Co-op supports CTFC

CAMBOURNE TOWN FC: We are delighted to announce that the Co-op has included Cambourne Town FC in their Local Community Fund scheme. All monies raised will be used to develop our pan-ability football activities, ensuring that Cambourne Town Football Club is accessible to all. Our aim is to be a fully inclusive Football Club and ensure players who require additional support due to a disability, mental or physical needs have access and enjoy everything our growing club and superb facilities can offer. This is a significant project for Cambourne Town FC, and we hope our local community and club members will support us.

How to support your club: Every time you shop you can help the club raise funds. When members buy selected Co-op branded products, 1p from every pound goes to support our cause. Go to membership.coop.co.uk/causes/64260 then: 1. Sign up to become a co-op member, if you are not already or sign into your account. 2. Choose our cause as your chosen cause. 3. Get a Co-op Card or key fob and use it when making Co-op purchases - you must scan your card/fob on every purchase so the club benefits!

■ Please note membership and the associated fundraising campaign is part of the Co-op Group Limited and applies to local Co-op stores at Upper Cambourne and Papworth Everard and other Co-op Group stores in the region (the Central England Co-op in Lower Cambourne is not part of this network).

CHRISTCHURCH CAMBOURNE

Carol service

Christ Church Cambourne invites you to join us for our family carol service.

Friday 24th December
4pm at Cambourne Village College.
All are welcome.

Cambourne Football Club turns players into legends!

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB is excited to have signed up to the Club Legends promotion. This has given children a professional photo opportunity in November and photo and gift opportunities to parents and carers. This is the first stage of the partnership with Club Legends as those who took part in the photo session will then be able to sign up to a Panini-style sticker book ... for Cambourne Town FC!

This exciting sticker book opportunity will allow children to collect player stickers for their very own club! We think this will be a fun activity for children to get involved in during 2022 whilst raising funds for the club. More details will follow but it is anticipated sticker books and stickers will be on sale at local retailers early in 2022.

■ For more information see www.cambournetownfc.org.uk/news where we will add further updates or you can read more about the initiative at www.clublegends.co.uk/sticker-books/



CAMBOURNE TOWN FC Men's Team are looking for players to build the squad!

Are you interested in playing football at a great club with good facilities? The Men's

Team train every Wednesday night 8-9pm on the 3G pitches behind Everyone Active.

Matches then take place on a Saturday afternoon in the Cambridgeshire League.

■ For more info see the team page on our website www.cambournetownfc.org.uk or contact the Coach Adrian Winter on 07979 600131 or adrian@taylor-and-co.net



Gambourne Balkan Dance Club



SUNDAY DANCE

Every Sunday, enthusiasts meet up to practice a variety of dances from Bulgaria and Greece, having fun together. The dance is open to all.

5:10pm (Beginners)
Easy and basic dances

6:20pm (Intermediate)
Complex and quick dances

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CB23 6DZ



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SPORT



Half-price tennis membership deals still on

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB: With the cold weather closing in, attendance on the tennis courts usually diminishes. However, this year we are experiencing unprecedented numbers of members joining our bi-weekly social 'mix-in' sessions. Long may it last! The Social mix-in tennis sessions continue all year round.

If you are an adult member looking for the opportunity to play singles or doubles against other adult members of similar ability, you can also join our "Anyone for Tennis?" What's App Group.

Details on joining and using the group are in the 'What's on' section of the club website clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

Given our booming membership, we will hold two different seasonal events this year to accommodate as many of our members as possible in a covid-safe way. We have planned the two dinners on different nights at separate venues around Cambourne to help support our local businesses.

We are still offering half-price membership deals that allow unlimited floodlit tennis until the end of March 2022 without court booking fees. For example, a Single Adult Membership for £35. More information on how to join can be found at clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/Membership/Join (look for the membership packages labelled "Winter").

Cambourne Cricket Club celebrates a successful year

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: The Club's annual Awards Night & AGM at our Great Cambourne Pavilion gave all members the chance to reflect on what was a truly special season for CCC. The 1st XI, Midweek XI and Sunday XI all won their respective leagues, with our Academy also going well.

Here are the 2021 award winners:

■ **Paul Adams Trophy: Rupesh Chelliah**
Presented to an academy player going above and beyond for the Club.

■ **President's Award: Henry Ashman**
(pictured) Fixtures Secretary, for his truly outstanding work in getting a record 111 adult games organised and played despite last-minute changes and cancellations.

■ **Chairman's Award: Darren de Souza**
For a Club-record 60 wickets and his work on the Committee including securing sponsorship and establishing a charity partnership.

■ **Magic Moment Award: Ben Miller**
For a breathtaking 24* to secure victory against Newport CC and survival for our 2nd XI in his first-ever Senior League



game, after being called up only minutes before the game!

■ **1st XI Best batter: Humberto de Sousa** (370 runs). **1st XI Best bowler: Salar Baig** (36 wickets). **1st XI Captain's Choice: Rumman Hasan** (949 runs; 30 wickets)

■ **2nd XI Best batter: Jonny Abbott** (347 runs). **2nd XI Best bowler: Ali Tariq Mairaj** (8 wickets). **2nd XI Captain's Choice: Elliot James** (24 wickets).

■ **3rd XI Best batter: Sajid Mahmood** (773 runs). **3rd XI Best bowler: Issac**

Zacharia (40 wickets). **3rd XI Captain's Choice: Alex Warburton** (18 catches; 4 stumpings).

■ **4th XI Best batter: James Barker** (533 runs). **4th XI Best bowler: Ibrahim Asif** (19 wickets). **4th XI Captain's Choice: Henry Ashman** (344 runs; 45 wickets).

■ **Sunday XI Best batter: Rumman Hasan** (949 runs; 30 wickets). **Sunday XI Best bowler: Darren de Souza** (60 wickets). **Sunday XI Captain's Choice: Willow White** (400 runs; 17 wickets).

Congratulations to all our winners and to all the players who made 2021 such a success on and off the field! We would also like to thank our sponsors Barons Cambridge BMW, whose generosity allowed us to equip all players with a heavily-subsidised match shirt, and the MindEd Trust, with whom we ran a tournament for local secondary schools and whose work we were able to highlight in local media such as *Cambourne Crier* and Cambridge 105 radio. A remarkable year for Cambourne Cricket Club and we cannot wait for 2022 - Up The Bombers!