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Town Council Elections: how you can get involved

Town Council Elections - Thursday 5th May

The whole council is up for election and a number of existing councillors are seeking re-election. There is an opportunity for you to stand for election to Cambourne Town Council.

Make a change become a councillor

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

What do local councils and councillors do?

Local (parish and town) councils and councillors make a massive difference to local people's quality of life. They are passionate about their communities and seek to make a change to help improve their residents' lives.

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less



known. These include introducing solar panels, setting up dementia-friendly groups, organising community buses, creating neighbourhood plans, implementing suitable housing, establishing youth projects, managing allotments and open spaces, maintaining footpaths, public seating and litter bins.

Councillors are elected to represent the local community, so you must either live or work in the council area. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make

a change in your community to help improve residents' lives.

A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and talking to the community about their needs and what the council is doing.

How to become a councillor?

If you are interested or need more information on becoming a councillor, please contact the Town Clerk (see p2).

Information provided by Cambourne Town Council.

Cambourne Crier seeks volunteers

Cambourne Crier is published by a group of independent volunteers who care about people in Cambourne getting information about what is going on around them.

We are looking for some additional people who have a few hours a month to give back to the community. If you have a windows-based PC we can provide

software and some basic training in how to use a desktop publishing package.

It is great experience in editing, layout and design skills and lets you meet and interact with many people that really make a difference in Cambourne. If you are interested or want to find out more, please email us at Editorial@cambournecrier.org



Skatepark opening



Refurbished skatepark to be officially opened on Wednesday 6th April

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Planning guidance



Green roofs, nest boxes, bat boxes and holes in fences for hedhehogs

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Billy Goats Gruff



The Vine Primary School welcomes visitors from the farm

■ Find out more on page 12...

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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editorial@cambournecrier.org

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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

A428 Forum

South Cambs District Council are holding two community forums on Wednesday 9th March. The first at 6pm for the A428 Development Cluster Forum for Cambourne, and second starting at 7pm for the A428 Development Cluster Forum for Bourn Airfield. Further information and how to join the online meeting can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3993z454>

Future dates for the forums: Wednesday 6th July and Wednesday 2nd November
Email: south.west@scambs.gov.uk

Skatepark refurbishment opening ceremony

The floodlights are now installed and the skatepark can be used until 10pm all year. The remaining item to be installed is the seating area (youth pod) which we hope to have installed before the opening ceremony. The celebration will take place on Wednesday 6th April (during Easter Holidays) at the skatepark from 1pm and free refreshments will be provided to attendees. In attendance will be representatives from the grant funders: Sport England and Amey Community Fund. More information to follow.

High Street

Newcrest (developers of the High Street) have been working with South Cambs District Council on a consideration of a pre-application submission for the High Street. This has been ongoing for over 33 months. Newcrest is ready to submit a planning application but has been waiting for the advice from the pre-app. The Town Council has arranged a meeting between planning officers from SCDC, Newcrest and their agents Pegasus Group to resolve the outstanding issues. Once this has been resolved the planning application will be submitted to enable Newcrest to bring forward the development of the High Street. High Street development so far: www.cambournehighstreet.com

**Cambourne Village College access**

The Town Council, County Council and the developers (Taylor Wimpey & Vistry) are working together to bring forward the completion of the cycle way on Swansley Lane to improve the safety of cyclists and pedestrians accessing and leaving the school site. The 20mph speed limit will also assist in improving safety on this road.

Business park access road

The Town Council, Cambourne Village College and the transportation and education department at Cambridgeshire County Council have raised the issue of completing the Business Park access through route to West Cambourne as an all vehicular road as this will provide a safer route to the school rather than going through the new housing development in West Cambourne on to Sheepfold Lane.

South Cambs District Council's initial response was that they were opposed to construction of new roads but after considering the strength of concern they agreed to review the situation with their highway consultant. (Continued on p3) □

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

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20mph speed limit

The Town Council submitted a private funding highway initiative application on 3rd August 2018. The County Council has been working on the design of the signage and any additional traffic calming that may be required to achieve a 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout the town. Cambourne was designed with all the housing parcels having a design of 15 or 20mph speed limits with only the main spine roads being designed for 30mph i.e. Back Lane, Broad Street, Lancaster Gate, Monkfield Lane, School Lane, and parts of Beaufort Road, Jeavons Lane, and Sterling Way.

The design work was put on hold by the County Council as they redirected staff to Coronavirus related tasks throughout the County. The Town Council has requested a timetable for the completion of the design process and when the consultation will take place ready for implementing. We will publish this once received. Our County Councillor is supporting us on this.

Potential regular market in Cambourne

The Town Council is working with South Cambs District Council Business Development team on the possibility of holding a regular market in Cambourne. Initially we are looking to hold this in the Hub Community Centre car park as there is space, toilets and it is an accessible location. This is in very early stages and further information will be given as it progresses.

Beaufort Road and Gladiator Road

Update on the adoption works to Gladiator Road (the next phase of spine roads to be completed in Upper Cambourne). It is estimated to take a year.

DA Cant will be starting the remedial and finishing works project in a few weeks time along all of Gladiator Road from the junction of Beaufort Road. There is a lot of work to complete: deep drainage repairs, new kerblines, breaking out existing binder before being finished to surface course. They are also busting out the concrete track and formalising that into its PROW hoggin finish and constructing the lit cycle-way link that runs behind Vine School playing field. It would not be safe to have that end open with all that will be going on, but when the project is complete they will be able to concentrate on formalising the adoption of all the infrastructure.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS March/April

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 22nd March 7.00pm: | Planning Committee |
| | Finance & Policy Committee |
| 1st April 7.00pm: | Planning Committee |
| | Followed by Full Council |

Council meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre.



Foxes Bridge Farm
Nursery &
Pre-School

New Nursery opens

Easter 2022

Childcare on a farm comes to Comberton this Easter! With 2000 acres, 200 sheep and a newly refurbished nursery building, there's plenty of unique learning experience. All perfect for early years education.

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COMMUNITY

Beavers get cooking, eating and reading!

2ND CAMBOURNE BEAVERS have continued the literary theme from last month by talking about books they have been reading recently, learning how to treat books with respect and designing covers for their favourite books - and they have all now achieved their book reader badges!

We also celebrated Chinese New Year, sampling some Chinese food and making Chinese dragons. In fact - food has been another theme of the past month, as the Beavers worked towards their cook badge - we talked about food hygiene and discussed how to create a balanced meal and then all the Beavers got to make (and eat of course!) their own slice of pizza.

On 22 February, many of our Beavers took part in World Thinking Day, wearing their Beaver uniforms to school alongside thousands of other young people involved in Scouting and Guiding all around the world.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate our two oldest Beavers on achieving their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. This is the highest award a Beaver can earn and it's something they work on gradually throughout their whole time in the section. Very well done to Harry and Austin!

■ If you have a child approaching 6 who would like to join our Beavers, please email: waitinglist@2ndcambourne-scoutgroup.org.uk If you are an adult interested in helping and joining our Leaders team, please email: clare.jenkins@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk



MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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Wednesdays: 12.30-4:00pm

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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 10, 24 March

Blue \ Green Bins: Thursday 17, 31 March

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

A428 Development Cluster Forum: Cambourne



Wednesday 9 March
6pm

A428 Development Cluster Forum: Bourn Airfield



Wednesday 9 March
7pm

These forums are held 'back-to-back' on the same evening. You can attend one or both forums.

Community Forums are free, open to all, public meetings bringing together residents, planners, developers and other stakeholders to discuss and share information about new development. All interested residents are welcome to join.

Please see our website for further details including agendas and timing.



www.scams.gov.uk/communityforums

To join our mailing list, request agenda items or raise questions for discussion, please email the team.



south.west@scams.gov.uk



Cambourne Crier is produced every month by volunteers. If you are interested in doing something new in 2022 and would like to join the editorial team, then do get in touch!
editorial@cambournecrier.org

Cambourne Nature Reserve: March 2022

Spring is here, hooray! In hedgerows and scrub areas blackthorn is flowering, and hawthorn and elder leaves are out. Hawthorn and blackthorn are very common hedgerow bushes that are great for wildlife - they can look similar over winter, but chances are, if you spot a swathe of white in a hedgerow in March it's blackthorn, and a mass of green is probably hawthorn. Blackthorn flowers before the leaves emerge, whereas hawthorn is the opposite. Elm is a common tree in the area which can be seen with pinkish flowers appearing in clusters during March; there are a few on the bridleway from School Lane into Oaks Wood. Before the summer migrants arrive in April, you can hear resident birds like blackbirds, chaffinches and yellow hammers singing their territorial songs, and great spotted woodpeckers drumming.

Several bird species nest on the ground near the lakes and in the grassy areas on Cambourne Nature Reserve - please keep dogs on leads to avoid disturbing them. Skylarks are another ground nesting bird found on the reserve which are in serious decline nationally.

Contractors have been on site recently replacing some bridges and repairing the potholes in Oaks Wood car park; please feel free to report any damaged infrastructures such as benches, fences or bridges. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer



ranger to help with community activities such as litter picking, please do get in touch on Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org

Throughout the year the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants deliver guided walks and family sessions to share more about local wildlife, and how everyone can help look after our special reserves www.wildlifebcn.org/events
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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

In 1798, Wordsworth wrote a poem in which he invited his sister to go for a walk in the countryside.

It begins, "It is the first mild day of March: / Each minute sweeter than before..." and ends, "And bring no book: for this one day / We'll give to idleness."

We are privileged in Cambourne to have access to a tract of beautiful, well-managed countryside. Perhaps we are rather spoiled - it is easy to nip through the country park, on our way to school or the shops, and miss what a fabulous place it really is.

Such reflections bring to mind the words of another poem, originally in Swedish but translated into English as the hymn 'How Great Thou Art':

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul...how great Thou art!*

I, like many Christians, find my spirit especially drawn to God while walking in nature - then, indeed, sings my soul, 'How great thou art!'

Whether this is something you experience or not, as the days begin to lengthen and the weather sweetens from the winds of winter into spring sunshine, why not spend a while enjoying the beauty of the country park? But just as Wordsworth entreated his sister to 'bring no book', leave the phone at home and spend some time - however brief - in idleness.

David Wadsworth (Cambourne Church Writer-in-Residence)

Services and events for March 2022

Sunday 6th March
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 13th March
10.00am: Morning Worship with Communion followed by the church AGM

Sunday 20th March
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 27th March
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd April
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship



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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Dealing with grief.

During the past month, we have had one of our former members pass on due to organ failure. Also, some of the editorial group have suffered the loss of loved ones. In fact, many in our community these past few years have endured the passing of friends and loved ones. So what do you do? I have also in years past have seen the loss of both a father and much earlier a child in the womb. The grief is difficult to describe but different for each instance.

For some, it is like a wall of ice on your soul with no emotion able to cross. Isolation and desolation. Other times like a hungry void swallowing up all your energy and burning as it consumes. Grief may be delayed, but it is inevitable and needed if you are to progress. Emotions are messy, I do not like them much, but even the most detached person cannot run forever from those emotions. It may take a while, but it will come.



Pastor, Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church

But when dealt with in a healthy manner recovery is possible. But it is not instant. It is not often a single event, but more like a stone being thrown into the water causing a series of waves that wash over you, but over time they decrease. Allow yourself time to grieve. Some amongst Christian circles say oh you should not be sad or your faith is weak. I think they are wrong. As it says in Ecclesiastes chapter 3 there is a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Yes for believers there is an eternal hope and we may deal with things a little differently, but regardless of your position please allow yourself and others a time for grief and help them when the time for getting back up comes.

I continue to upload messages at <https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark>

Pastor Donavan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 11am morning message or later online - find links on Facebook for Peacehaven Baptist Church or look for Donavan Bangs on Youtube

At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub
Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510
PeacehavenBC@aol.com
www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

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Cambourne Library

Current library opening times:

Monday: 9am – 5pm

Tuesday: 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – closed

Thursday: 4pm – 7pm

Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday – closed

Engage – These talks at Cambourne library were successfully reintroduced by our library colleague and development officer this week. We hope you enjoyed listening about our enhanced services on offer to you within our libraries and online. If you have any further questions about any topics or services discussed please drop by and ask or have look on the website.

Our next talk will be on **Wed 6th April 2pm - 3.30pm**. Ask at reception for further details on this talk about the fascinating lifetime of one of our local residents.

Rhymetime every Thursday 9.30am – 10am in the junior library.

Digital Assistance If you think you would be interested in volunteering as a Digital Assistant please enquire at Cambourne Library reception. Your support will be very gratefully received.

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.

The Library Presents will soon announce the performances and workshop that have been selected for the new Spring season. For up-to-date information please ask at the library or check the website. It won't be long before the new brochure will be available for you to collect. www.library.live/the-library-presents

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/>).

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 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 that 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.

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. Tel: 0345 045 5225



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The Wildlife Trust

The nights are getting lighter and there is real hope that we can look forward to a restriction free Spring for the first time since 2019.

This has given me the opportunity to get out and about in my constituency. I recently enjoyed a meeting with Craig Bennett, the CEO of the Wildlife Trust, at Trumpington Meadows.

We discussed how the Government can help to increase biodiversity, improve access to the countryside and adapt the planning system to find a sustainable balance between growth and protecting the environment. As we all know, this is a major issue and one that I am focussing on.

The Wildlife Trusts are promoting the concept of creating areas of protected "wild belt" land in our countryside, towns and cities, specifically

designated as places for nature recovery.

They are pushing for 30% of England to be in nature recovery by 2030. This could include anywhere from a river bank to a roadside embankment or a new nature reserve that would be given "wild belt" status and then managed to put nature into recovery. It would create more access to nature for people, the health and wellbeing benefits of which are well known.

I am particularly interested in how we can make this work in South Cambridgeshire. I would love to hear from the residents of Cambourne to learn how we can increase biodiversity in our region.

When plans are being drawn up to pave over our countryside it would be hugely beneficial for me to know my constituents' ideas to protect and enhance our natural environment. Please email me with your thoughts on this crucial issue.



GAVIN CLAYTON
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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My farewell message

Four years ago I was elected to Council to represent the people of Cambourne by one single vote. I was clear I stood for equity, diversity and inclusion and that any community, national or local is judged by how it cares for all. As I stand down in May, I reflect on the change that has been possible:

- A 'Benefits Income Maximisation Officer' has been in post for a year to help those on the lowest incomes in our community.
- LGBTQI+ residents will now be supported through the inclusion of an equality pledge by local businesses in the development of the business and tourism strategies.
- An arts and culture strategy will now be included in the Business Plan for Council.

- Task and Finish Group is planned to address the needs of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people.

At a time of great political controversy I would like to stress that if you want to make a difference and care for the most vulnerable in our communities, then remember:

Every single vote still counts in the May 2022 elections. www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Public service as Councillor is an interesting and rewarding experience and you may, like me, be surprised by what can be achieved.

I hope Cambourne, South Cambridgeshire's first ever Town, will continue to work towards being a diverse and inclusive community where all residents feel safe, welcome and supported. *It has been a great honour.*

Thank you all and especially that one single voter ... *you know who you are.*



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Suffering from anxiety affects your life

Anxiety is common and unpleasant. More than just being about emotions like feeling nervous, fearful or worrying, it can affect how you physically feel such as loss of appetite, aches and pains and breathlessness.

Anxiety can also cause change in behaviour such as not being able to enjoy things you might normally, enjoy avoiding certain situations and difficulties in looking after yourself.

When times of anxiety are particularly intense or sudden, this can trigger panic attacks. These are frightening episodes which may include a racing

heart rate, shaking, rapid breathing, a feeling of loss of control, tingling in fingers and toes and feeling sick. Panic attacks are extremely distressing but not dangerous.

Feelings of anxiety are nothing to be ashamed of and can improve. Talking about how you are feeling is the first step, either with someone you know or a charity or health professional.

There are other things that can help too; regular exercise in some form can make a real difference; eating well and avoiding too much caffeine; calming breathing exercises; mindfulness and taking things one step at a time by setting small targets that you know you can achieve.

More details and suggestions can be found on: www.nhs.uk/mental-health www.mind.org.uk

COMMUNITY

Healthwatch seeks new members

Help improve health and care for local people.

Do you have lived experience of being a family carer, have a learning disability, physical disability or sensory impairment? Then local health and care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire would like to hear from you.

It's looking for new members for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Partnership Boards which work with local councils to improve health and care services.

If you have experience of using adult social care, or care for someone that does, please share what you know and help make care better for carers, disabled people and older people across our area. You'll bring your knowledge and experience to meetings every two or three months and represent the views of other care users, helping to shape services and support for others. You'll get training and support, including help with communications if you need it - such as a British Sign Language interpreter or information in Easy Read. We also pay out of pocket expenses.

■ *Get in touch: Like to make a difference? Have a chat with Graham Lewis, Healthwatch Partnership Development Manager. Tel: 07432 865996 or email*

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Nest boxes, bat boxes and holes in fences for hedgehogs: new planning guidance for Greater Cambridge

A joint release on behalf of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service came out on 7 February 2022.

It says that new planning guidance about how to better protect and enhance biodiversity when development takes place has now been adopted by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service in a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The new SPD is a technical planning guidance document which carries weight in planning decisions. Building on front-line experience from local government ecologists, it was created to guide developers on how to fulfil existing "green" policies.

There is a growing need for up-to-date and accurate guidance on biodiversity regulations for planning which provides clarity on existing local policy and newly updated national policy. Greater Cambridge is one of the fastest developing areas in the country, yet has a relatively small amount of land managed for nature or wild spaces. As such, it is vital that biodiversity is protected and enhanced, both in terms of the amount of land managed specifically for nature, and the quality and richness of biodiversity throughout our urban and rural environments.

On 11 January, Cambridge City Council voted to approve the use of the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document when determining planning applications submitted to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team (the shared Planning Service between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council).

On 7 February, the guidance was approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council's meeting of Cabinet. As both Councils need to approve the document prior to adoption, the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document is now adopted.

The new SPD will now be a "material consideration", meaning that it must be



Green roof by Dmitry Limonov

considered and applied appropriately in planning decisions, alongside other existing considerations.

What is in the guidance?

- 100% of all new homes will require an integrated nest box for species such as swifts.
- 25% of new homes on housing developments will need to include bat boxes.
- Fences will need to feature gaps for hedgehogs and other species to roam more freely.
- Green roofs will be encouraged, to create valuable habitats of flowering plants and grasses for wildlife in urban settings.
- A reduction in artificial lighting which harms nocturnal species in their habitats, woodland edges, hedgerows and wetlands will be required.



Swift in a box by Simon Richardson

Advice related to provisions in the Environment Act that give developers a two year window to transition from current rules around biodiversity, to new rules that will require a 10% increase in biodiversity as a result of development.

"The guidance in this Supplementary Planning Document will be a real help to applicants by showing how they can meet the policies of both Councils' Local Plans as well as relevant national legislation. It provides clear information on how developments can enhance biodiversity from the outset to ensure it is properly integrated into projects and that all developments help the environment."

■ Further information can be found at www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/biodiversityspd



EDUCATION

Monkfield Park celebrates public speaking

It has been another term brimming with exciting learning at **Monkfield Park**. Year 1 decided that they had lots of questions they needed answers to about our capital city. They have been exploring London and have been amazed by what they have discovered. Did you know that the Tower of London houses 230,000 crown jewels and that Big Ben weighs more than an elephant? The children had their own celebratory tea party to mark the end of their topic with a visit from two very special guests, Paddington Bear and Mrs Howell, who kindly stood in for the Queen.

Year 5 have been studying the Victorian era and what life was like for children at this time. Following a whole day immersing themselves in the world of a Victorian school child, they were a little shocked to realise it wasn't quite as romantic as they had imagined. After a whole day of strict rules, very formal lessons and only speaking when spoken to, they decided that their lessons today are much more exciting and school in 2022 is a kinder place to learn.

The end of term saw three Key Stage 2 children competing in the Network CB23 Public Speaking Competition. The children presented speeches on who they would be if they were a book character and five things they would put into a time capsule. Competition was fierce and following three very accomplished performances we were very proud to be the joint winners of the Year 3 / 4 category.



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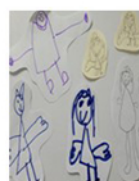
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The Vine entertains some hairy visitors



THE VINE INTER CHURCH SCHOOL: This term EYFS have taken part in some enriching activities to help bring our learning alive. We celebrated Chinese New Year by cooking sticky rice cakes, making Chinese lanterns and taking part in a dragon parade across the playground.

As part of our traditional tales Literacy learning FS2 read the story of the Billy Goats Gruff after having had a visit from some real goats from Monach Farm. They also brought with them some sheep and miniature ponies.

We were so excited to have animals at The Vine and the pupils were brilliant at remembering to talk quietly and stroke them carefully and respectfully.

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CVC salutes its multi-cultural community

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: This Spring term here at CamVC we are hoping to hold what we think will be a true celebration of our multi-cultural community, an event to appreciate all backgrounds while also acknowledging the challenges faced across society.

Since the beginning of 2021, the group Taking Up Space - an intersectional feminist club focusing on representation and challenging any racism in our school community - have been thinking of ways to help present the complex ideas around race, belonging and culture in ways that

celebrate, challenge and encourage dialogue; and have decided on an open art gallery event accessible to the general public and the school.

Focusing on the beauty of diversity and embracing all things cultural, we hope to show all kinds of art from paintings to videos, photographs to performances of music and dance. Foods from different backgrounds will also be served and we hope that the Cambourne community can get involved too. We are asking for any submissions of art involving ideas of heritage, race, culture and belonging, to

showcase in our gallery. These pieces can be anything from videos, pictures, drawings and even just stories you would like to tell about your own experiences.

Anything and everything will be welcome as long as it fits with the theme. If you would like to get involved and submit your pieces, please contact:

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The event will be held on 24th March and we hope to see you there! We plan a formal and entertaining evening for our gallery launch!

Thanks, The Taking Up Space Team!

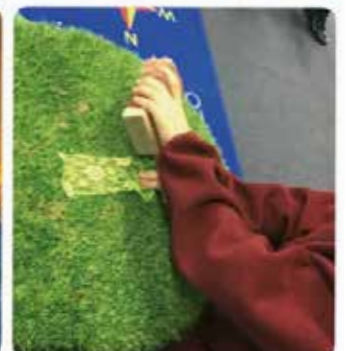
The Great Fire of London at Jeavons Wood Primary

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SCHOOL: Our Year Two children have been transported back to the 17th Century this half term engrossed in learning about the Great Fire of London. The topic was launched with a visit from history off the page where they were able to take part in some fascinating activities, learning many interesting facts and having lots of hands-on experiences.

The children also built their own houses and even set fire to them to replicate how the fire spread so quickly. This was met with much excitement, not to mention horror, from some! With all of these incredible experiences to draw on, the children wrote some wonderfully detailed diary entries and even performed the timeline of the fire through dance.

At Jeavons Wood, we are now lucky enough to have iPads in every classroom and our Year Two students have been showing us how amazing they are at using these as a resource to support their learning. In computing, they have developed their skills in using the numbers app to present data that has been gathered from our fun and exciting science investigations. We are so proud of them all.



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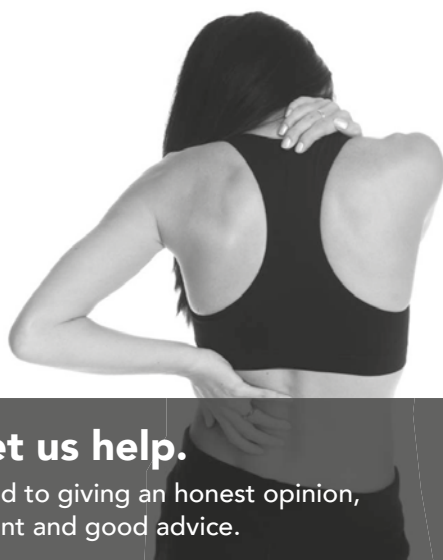
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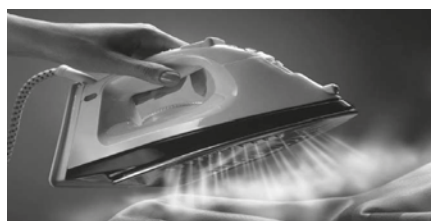
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Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club/ Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club

Come Cook Dine with Me

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Christchurch Cambourne

www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

Cambourne Catholic Community

http://cambournerc.com

Storyblog www.pastconnect.net

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Monkfield Medical Practice:

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School Office - 01954 719630

office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Educating Otherwise: - see facebook

group 'Home Education - Cambourne'.

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Arabic Language School

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Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

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www.cambourne.info/lightform.htm

Vets: Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715161

Wildlife Trust: Jenny Mackay

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SPORTS & LEISURE

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Trampoline and DMT Club

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Cambourne Bowls Club:

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Cambourne Town FC

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Soccer School: Saturday 9am - 10am

Everyone Active 3G pitch from September

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Cambourne Karate School (AKS)

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Cambourne Balkan Dance Club

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Cambourne Army Cadet force:

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Cambourne junior parkrun

parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

COMMUNITY

**Run your code in the Space Station
by the Astronauts**

MISSION ZERO

Young people write a simple program to send a humbling message (under the International Space Station) and communicate it to the astronauts with a personal message, which will be displayed for 30 seconds.

Eligible: Age 19 and under ✓ Suitable for beginners

Call: <https://cifstem.org>
CamCare UK: <https://camcare.org.uk>
ESA Astro Pi: <https://astro-pi.org/mission-zero>

Cambridge Innovation Foundation (CiF) and CamCare UK will target 500+ students this year to send their programs to the International Space Station (ISS) run by the astronauts as a part of ESA's Mission Zero project.

More than 150 students in last 3 years have sent their codes to the astronauts at ISS through Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC).

Please give an opportunity to your child to code and communicate with the astronauts and receive certificates from the European Space Agency (ESA).

Free online sessions mentored by an Aerospace Engineer and EdTech Specialist, Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya PhD/ME BE SMIEE FIETE
(<https://cifstem.org/mentor/>).

Date: 12th Feb – 18th March 2022 **Time:** Various timings
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/astro-pi-2022>

Mission Zero is open to young people aged 19 or younger from ESA Member States, or Slovenia, Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, or Malta.
<https://cifstem.org/>

Please give an opportunity to your child to take part in ESA's Astro Pi Mission. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/astro-pi-2022>
Mentor: <https://cifstem.org/mentor/>



Café Open: Tuesday - Friday each week

Breakfast served: 9.00am-11.00am

Light lunches served: 11.00am-12:30pm

See our Facebook page for the 'Monthly Special'

The Café needs You!

Volunteers are needed – Are you interested?

Please get in touch on our

Facebook page or Tel: 07766 273 405

*The Foyer, Cambourne Church
Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne*

**Holi Festival
of Colours**
March 12th /or 19th
11-3 PM
**Outdoor event/
Weather dependent**

Contact: Shrobona Bhattacharya
shrobona@gmail.com

07852753216

**Colours
Dance
Food**



**Only at
Cambourne
New Cricket Pavilion
Watch the
community pages**

Gambourne Balkan Dance Club



SUNDAY DANCE

Every Sunday, enthusiasts meet up to practice
a variety of dances from Bulgaria and Greece,
for fun and fitness.

The dance is open to all.

5:10pm (Beginners)
Easy and basic dances

6:30pm (Intermediate)
Complex and quick dances

**The Blue School, Cambourne
CB23 6DZ**

Find us on Google or Facebook  [@Cam.Balkan.Dance](https://www.facebook.com/Cam.Balkan.Dance)

Festival of Languages and International Food



Festival of languages and International Food attracted more than 300 people in Cambourne on Saturday 12th February at the Hub Community Centre where British Sign Language, Urdu, Panjabi, Farsi, Bengali, Telugu, English, Japanese, Arabic and Hindi were demonstrated and explained to the visitors.

Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya, the organiser of the event explained, "Diversity, Equality and Inclusion are the very essence of a multicultural society. The more we understand the differences, a more respectful, unified, balanced society we make. Cambourne is a Town where nearly 60 languages are spoken and we need to acknowledge this diversity to make a better place to live in".

The stall holders were appreciated by the residents and visitors who put efforts to exhibit different global languages in the festival. A great variety of authentic home-cooked food from different countries was also served as part of the International Food Festival.



Spring craft fair

Saturday 19th March, The Hub Cambourne
10-3pm

Join us and support local businesses...

- Cakes
- Jewellery
- Handmade items
- Artwork
- Sewn / crochet / knitted items
- Wax melts
- Soaps and skin care
- Home decor
- Sweets
- Plants
- Toys
- Cider

Free entry

HISTORIC

Join us for our first free community conference!
The lectures are open to all and will be hosted at CamVC and streamed via Microsoft Teams.

Community Conference
29th-30th April 2022

FREE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Friday 29th April

2pm-3pm: Dr James Crossland (Liverpool John Moores University): *The First War on Terror: Bomb-Throwers, Spies and Panic in the Victorian Age*

3.30pm-4.30pm: Professor Malcolm Gaskill: *Witches on the Frontier: A Seventeenth-Century American Tragedy*

Saturday 30th April

11.30am-12.30pm: Family lecture: Details TBC

1pm-2pm: Chris Thatcher (Oxford Archaeology): *Cambourne's Archaeology*

2.30pm-3.30pm: Professor Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln): *Digging pandemics - how to find the Black Death in a garden near you*

Find out more information & register your interest here:

Follow us on Twitter @Historic_All for updates.

For more information contact:
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CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE

SCAN ME

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SPORT

Cambourne Football Club says #LetGirlsPlay

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: It's time to take a stand, to make a difference for girls to play football – one simple message #LetGirlsPlay

On Wednesday 9th March 2022, England Football and Barclays UK are putting on the Biggest Ever Football Session for girls in school.

We need your help to get your school involved!

Whether they are already delivering girls' football or want to take that first step to give girls equal access, the #LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football session is one not to be missed.

Share this link with your school so they can sign up now!

<https://girlsfootballinschools.org>



Return of the Cambourne 10K & Fun run events

CAMBOURNE 10K Run: The popular Cambourne 10k run is back in 2022 together with its sister Fun run event.

After a couple of years of disruptions due to Covid, the event will be back at its normal time on Sunday 10th April. However, the organizers at Cambridge & Coleridge AC have taken the decision to move to an earlier start time of 9:30 am to minimize disruption to Cambourne residents and to ensure runner safety.

The event takes place mostly on the trails around Cambourne and welcomes all ages from 15 years upwards for the 10k, and from 5 years (with adult accompaniment) for the Fun Run. Chip timing, medals for all, and prizes for the fastest runners are on offer. Set yourself a new goal for 2022 by registering for the event now! Search for Cambourne 10k on the Active Training World website (activetrainingworld.co.uk) or use this link <https://bit.ly/3nkY46M>




Cambridge Cambourne 10K

SUNDAY 10th APRIL
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6DW

10K & 1 MILE FUN RUN

NEW MEDAL



- Start time 9.30am
- Rural course through Cambourne country park
- Challenging yet suitable for beginners with training
- Fun Run for 5yrs +
- Free parking
- Refreshments
- Prizes for fastest runners

Enter online now
www.cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk

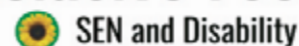
CTFC launches more inclusive training sessions for children

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Our regular Inclusive football sessions have now started on a weekly basis every Sunday morning 11:30am to 12:30pm in the 3G pitches behind Everyone Active. At each session there will be qualified and experienced coaches with more coaches to come on board during 2022.

These dedicated sessions are supported by the Club, the Town Council and the welcome support of sponsor SEN Legal - a nationwide specialist legal practice representing the families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. To register for these sessions please contact Owen Baker, Football Development Officer by email: owen.baker@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk



Inclusive Football



SEN and Disability

Sessions launching in 2022
Sundays 11:30



Sponsored by:



CTFC & South Cambs Amblers host walking football

Cambourne Town FC: Cambourne Town FC is delighted to be partnering with South Cambs Amblers WFC who run walking football sessions for the over 50s.

These sessions are currently full, but now that we will be working together we hope to run more sessions in the future coming together as Cambourne Town Amblers.

If you're interested in future sessions please email Owen Baker, Football Development Officer by email: owen.baker@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk



Please support Harry's sponsored walk

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Harry from Cambourne Town FC U10 Pumas is doing a sponsored walk from Cambourne to Cambridge United Football Club on Monday 18th April raising money for Cancer Research UK.

This is a brilliant cause and a great challenge for Harry, and it is expected to take him 5 hours to walk to the Abbey Stadium.

You can read more and make a donation at:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/harriets-giving-page-202>

 **Go Harry!**



CAMBOURNE TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

SPORT

A local tennis star and court improvements

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB:

A great start to the year for Diya, one of our Green-ball players who has participated in three tournaments finishing 4th, 2nd and 1st! Well done Diya, and keep going!

We kindly thank the Town Council for having pressure-washed courts 1-3, making them look new again and also for digging a French drain near the southeast corner of the courts. Hopefully, it will reduce the occasional surface water problems on court 1. In addition, we have serviced the net winding mechanisms on all courts, which should make it easier to loosen and retighten the nets. A word of advice when setting up the nets, please ensure that the net cable does not get stuck, as this can damage the winding mechanism. If you notice any problems, please contact one of the committee members:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/cambourneltc/Contact.

We are excited to see that even during the colder winter months, many members are attending our twice-weekly social mix-in tennis sessions, league matches, coaching sessions, or have a hit with family or friends. We look forward to even better tennis conditions as spring arrives.

As a final note, our 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held online on Sunday 13th March, from 6-8 pm. Members will receive an invitation by email.

■ General information about the Tennis club can be found on our website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

If you are interested in learning to play tennis please sign up for one of our junior or adult coaching sessions via www.gamesettennis.co.uk or email Toby Jackson toby@gamesettennis.co.uk.



Cambourne Cricket Club planning for success in 2022

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: Preparations for the 2022 season continue apace, with indoor training for the Academy and Senior teams underway at the village college.

As the first weekend of the season draws nearer, our open-age teams have also benefited from focused sessions at the Fenner's facilities in Cambridge. We are delighted to be able to share details of our Senior teams' first league fixtures of the year (date and location in brackets):

1st XI vs Wisbech Town II (30th April – H)

2nd XI vs Ramsey II (7th May – A)

3rd XI vs Cambridge St. Giles III (7th May – H)

4th XI vs Sawston & Babraham IV (14th May – H)

Sunday XI vs Godmanchester Town (8th May – A)

With the promotion of the 1st XI to the Cambridgeshire and

Huntingdonshire Premier League Whiting & Partners Division 3, your support is vital; we cannot wait to welcome you back to the Third Man pavilion bar at Upper Cambourne throughout the season.

There are also new opportunities for local businesses – please contact us at cambournecc@gmail.com if you wish to explore the wide variety of sponsorship packages the Club has to offer.

There is still an open invite to girls currently in Years 5-8 to join training sessions for our new under-13 Girls' team, starting this Spring. Please check www.cambournecc.com for further information.

Finally, the Club would like to sincerely thank all residents, passers-by, Town council employees and Club members who helped move the net at Lower Cambourne back to safety after strong winds during Storm Eunice had blown it onto the road.

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