



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Respect Cambourne's open spaces and facilities



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL: As the days get longer and weather gets warmer, we would like to remind residents to respect the open spaces and facilities in Cambourne. In recent weeks, we have had almost daily reports of increases in dog poo being left, needless vandalism and litter.

We urge residents to report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour to the Police by calling 101 or completing the online report form www.cambs.police.uk, or calling 999 if it is an emergency.

There are more than 50 bins situated around Cambourne that are emptied regularly. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of in the bins provided. Bags hanging from hedges is harmful to wildlife and dog poo can be harmful to human health too.

Disposable barbecues can be used on open spaces such as Great Cambourne green, Upper Cambourne green or Eco Park green. Users must ensure the grass is protected by raising barbecues off the ground. They must not be used on football or cricket pitches and must be fully extinguished before being put into a bin. No barbecues should be used in the country park, near the lakes or in wooded areas.

The Countryside Code

- Protect the Environment

Take your litter home - Leave no trace of your visit. Take care with BBQS (where permitted). Do not light fires. Always keep dogs under control and in sight. Dog poo - bag it and bin it, any public waste bin will do. Care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance.

Note from the editor

The article to the left is from the Town Council. As usual, they are very polite.

Pictured is the remnants of a fire started by children at the rear of the sports fields.

It was not an isolated occurrence and there have been other serious incidents recently.

Please take the time to explain to your children that vandalism, starting fires and throwing rocks at cars are not a lark or a good laugh but criminal acts.

If you are over 10 in the UK, according to the crown prosecution website, "Children between 10 and 17 can be arrested and taken to court if they commit a crime."

Even if they go to court and the case is discharged - regardless if it is absolute or conditional - according to the sentencing council the child could still bear a criminal record. Should a fine be imposed for a child aged under 16, the parent or guardian is responsible for payment.

As a community we must all respect and protect the open areas and the facilities we are lucky to have.

Repair Café



Volunteers sought for future Repair Cafés

■ See page 2 for more...

Prevent car chaos!



Have your say on the proposed new road to Cambourne Village College

■ More details on page 12...

Holi Festival 2022



Cambourne hosts Holi festival after two years of restrictions

■ Find out more on page 24...

CAMBOURNE CRIER

Cambourne Crier is the only independent, non-profit publication delivered to all Cambourne residents each month. Any profits are distributed to the community through our Community Fund. Cambourne Crier is compiled entirely by volunteers.

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You can now mail items to Cambourne Crier

The Hub, High Street, Great Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW

By submitting photographs you confirm you have permission from the photographer and anyone in the photos for us to print them.

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If you would like to join our editorial team, please get in touch on editorial@cambournecrier.org

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

Community Clean-Up Event

Saturday 14th May we will be hosting the community clean up event at the Hub community centre car park, High Street. We are pleased to be working with

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service again who will be providing the skips. You can bring down your old or unwanted items to recycle - wood, metal and electronic items. Some items will not be accepted, see full list of items that will and will not be accepted:

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/community-clean-up-event

Anything deemed in good condition and too good to recycle will be put on the 'Take it or Leave it' stall for someone else to take away and make use of for free!

We are also organising a clothes swap at the same time. If you want to take part in the clothes swap, please drop items off to the Town Council office, week commencing Monday 9th May during office hours. Clothes must be clean and in wearable condition. Full list of items we will accept and further information can be found on our website. Alongside all this, we will be hosting a community litter pick so come along and pick up some equipment and help get Cambourne litter free for Summer.

Picnic on the Green

Come and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June at Great Cambourne cricket field, Back Lane between 12pm and 6pm. Bring along a picnic and a blanket and enjoy an afternoon of music, performances, children's craft and garden games. We will be joined by local food and drink vendors too and Cambourne Cricket Club will be opening up their bar in the pavilion. We are still looking for local singers, musicians and dancers to perform at the jubilee celebration so please get in touch if you are available to perform! Any local community groups,

clubs, schools that are interested in contributing towards the celebration, please email community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Repair Café

Cambourne Repair Cafe is looking for volunteer repairers to help out at future Repair Cafes. We are looking for people with the relevant skills and experience to be comfortable attempting to repair electrical, electronic, and mechanical items (e.g. clocks, toasters, blenders, kettles, lamps, coffee machines, headphones and toys), bicycles, clothing (sewing) and potentially computers. The events are run by volunteers and usually run for 3 hours, with up to 4 items per repairer and free cakes and drinks on offer. Repair Cafes are non-commercial and there are no guarantees that an item can be repaired. The basic principle is to match people who have broken items with people who like fixing things!

If you are interested in volunteering as a repairer, or helping out with the organisation and running of future events, please email cambournerrepaircafe@gmail.com. You will find more details at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes

Cambourne Community Fete

Date for your diary! Cambourne Community Fete will be held at a new location! Cambourne sports pitches, Back Lane, on Saturday 17th September from 12pm - 6pm. The next day (Sunday 18th September) an exciting new music event CambFest will take place with soul legends The Real Thing taking to the stage as well as other local talent. If you are interested in attending Cambourne Community Fete, please email community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk and for CambFest please email cambourneccevents@gmail.com



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www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ No Mow May

The Council will be participating in No Mow May for verges and some open spaces (not including village greens, play areas or sports pitches) which has been encouraged by Taylor Wimpey, Vistry and Cambridgeshire County Council who contract us to cut the grass. No Mow May is a scheme promoted by bodies such as National Trust and is promoted by Plantlife; the campaign encourages to not cut the grass in May in order to create habitat for invertebrates. This also increases nectar availability for pollinators.

The benefits from a 2019 survey: Over 200 species of flowers were found on lawns; the top three lawn flowers were daisy, white clover and selfheal.

Plantlife created the National Nectar Score - all lawn flowers included in the survey produced a combined 23kg of nectar sugar per day, colossal! This is enough to support 2.1 million honey bees - or around 60,000 hives. 80% of lawns involved in the survey were found to support the equivalent of around 400 bees



a day. 20% were considered "superlawns" - these could support up to 10 times as many - up to 4000 bees a day!

■ More information:

www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may



Meetings May/ June 2022

3rd May, 7pm: Planning Committee followed by Annual Town Meeting
17th May, 7pm Annual Council Meeting
7th June, 7pm Planning Committee followed by Full Council



**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.

Be the first to tour the new Nursery and Pre-School.

**Call 01223 609574 or visit
foxesbridgefarmdaynursery.co.uk
to register.**

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CAMBOURNE LIBRARY

Opening times Monday 9am - 5pm Tuesday 9am - 1pm

Wednesday closed Thursday 4pm- 7pm

Fridays 9am - 5pm, Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Sunday closed

The library will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of June.

Would you like to join the library but never find time to visit? Sign up online and start downloading free eBooks, eMagazines and more straight away! We have recently introduced card-free membership - find out more by visiting

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Do you want to learn more about the history of where you live? May is Local & Community History Month - a great time to visit the library and explore our local studies resources. Also look out for our Read Local display, highlighting fiction set in and around Cambridgeshire.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Wed 1st June - join us for a fun biscuit decorating morning Session 1: 10am-10.45am, Session 2: 11am - 11.45am. Please book and pay for your place in advance at the library reception. Parents and carers please stay with your child.

Engage

Wed 4th May 2pm -3.30pm "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf", a talk by Pam Harper, long standing volunteer and advocate for the charity.

Wed 1st June 2pm-3.30pm "The History of Bourn Windmill", one of the oldest windmills in England' This is an illustrated talk by Graham Bruce and Kate Armstrong and will include the history of milling.

Rhymetime/ Storytime 9.30am -10am alternate Fridays in the junior library. There is now no need to book.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - If you are interested in volunteering to help at our Summer Reading Challenge we would love to hear from you. Please pop into the library for details on how to apply.

Digital Assistance We are pleased to welcome our resident volunteer who will be at Cambourne library every Monday between 10am and 12noon. Please make an appointment with reception.

Family History - Bi monthly on the third Monday of the month. 16th May 1pm -3pm. Our family history representative returns and you are welcome to drop in for advice.

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.

At Cambourne Library The Library Presents

28th May - 11am Samba Drumming Workshop. This high energy all-inclusive experience will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythms. Experience Djembe drums and a wide range of exciting percussion instruments, and learn a little about the history of Samba in Brazil.

11th June, 4pm Graffiti Classics 16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone, young and old

www.library.live/the-library-presents

16-22 May is Dementia Action Week. The library has books and information about dementia, to help everyone better understand the condition and find support if needed.

Need Help with your homework?

Use a resource you can trust. Encyclopaedia Britannica is available online in three versions that caters for all school ages and adult research. This is free both in the library and at home using your library card. Access safe, up-to-date and age-appropriate information for your projects, and have fun with games, videos and cool images.

Ask your library staff how to get started or visit us at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-online

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/>).

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. Remote Printing - Need to print a document but not a library member? This is now achievable, ask at the library for details.

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.

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

The Hub Car Park Mondays: 1.30pm - 4:00pm

Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4:00pm Tel: 0345 611 2970

Closed Public Holidays

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: Friday 6th May, Thursday 19th May and Saturday 4th June

Blue / Green Bin: Thursday 12th and 26th May (Please note changed days)

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

Cambourne Crier is usually delivered to Cambourne homes on the first full weekend of each month. Please note the June edition will be delivered over the weekend of 11-12 June not the previous weekend, which is the Spring Bank Holiday / Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

Good News for Bourn Windmill

"I bring good news!", says Graham Bruce, a Cambridge Past Present & Future volunteer who helps maintain Bourn Windmill.

"Firstly, following a dendrochronology analysis of Bourn Windmill, we can now definitively state that it is the oldest post mill in the country! The central oak post has been dated as being a tree felled during the first half of the sixteenth century. That means the mill could have been built before 1550, when Henry VIII was King (1509-1547)."

"Secondly, work will commence on replacing the decayed trestle beams at the end of May. This will take around four months and will be done using French oak that has been air dried for a minimum of four years."

This restoration has been made possible through a grant of £149k from The Heritage Lottery Fund and £54k from Historic England. The Heritage Lottery Grant also enables CPPF to provide new signs, two walking trails, renewed interpretation boards and a descriptive video.

At the start of the project, an amazing £20k was raised from public donations along with a grant of £23.5k that enabled the mill to be made safe and for the investigative work to begin. CPPF still needs to raise a further £10k from public donations to complete the project.

The last time the trestle was replaced was in 1874 so, if you'd like to help preserve this wonderful monument of industrial heritage for a further 150 years, then please donate what you can to:

www.cambridgeppf.org/Appeal/save-bourn-windmill-appeal.



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CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Do you enjoy Scrabble or Rummikub? I sometimes play Scrabble online, but what is missing is interaction and banter over the game board.

One group that we run as a church is called 3Cs: a group primarily of older folk, who meet every other Monday in the church annexe from 2.00pm to 3.30pm for coffee, company, and chat. Scrabble and Rummikub are among their favourite games. Some of those who attend are members of the church. Others are not. But all have fun together, making new friendships and strengthening existing ones. Newcomers are most welcome.

There is a book in the Old Testament of the Bible called Proverbs. It is full of ancient wisdom, and in Proverbs 27 v.10 we find these words: "A friend nearby is better than relatives far away."

We all need to build good relationships in our own locality, and new residents are still arriving in places such as Uplands Court and elsewhere. It is, of course, a feature of Cambourne that only the very young have lived here all their lives.

We are a community of incomers, and 3Cs is one way in which we can connect. After months of COVID-related disruption to the pattern of meeting it is good to have it up and running again.

"A friend nearby is better than relatives far away." I think it is probably also true to say that a game of Scrabble in person is better than an online game with those at a distance. What do you think?

Bill Miller

Services and events for May 2022

Sunday 1st May
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 8th May
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 15th May
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd May
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

Sunday 29th May
9.30am: Morning Worship
11.00am: Morning Worship

A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church
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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

New helper arriving

Several years ago, we had a young man visit our church from the United States with the intention to find out God's calling for him. He felt that what God would have him do is to come assist in the works here in Cambourne as well as another ministry in another city about an hour away.

Well, he has finally managed to get things sorted out and is now here for a while. I will also be teaching him things you cannot learn in Bible college such as local customs, cultural differences as well as the day-to-day operations in England that differ from many other parts of the world. I mean even just getting a bank account is not the easiest thing in a new country.

Thankfully there should not be much of a language barrier, but some mentoring is always useful. With just a little assistance much can be done. All of us need a little help at times. And that is



Pastor, Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church

the great thing about mentoring and training; it is a mutually beneficial situation. The better you teach the more useful the pupil becomes. Training the next generation is not to be seen as a burden but an investment. And it makes no difference if they are younger staff at work or your children. I would encourage you all to be investing in those around you. There is always someone who could do with a little more concern especially children as they are often a direct reflection of what we pour into their lives. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he

should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. So, over the next few months we should be restoring our earlier service and being more proactive in our outreach. Have a great month Cambourne.

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
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COLUMNISTS



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Fuel and homes for Ukraine in Cambourne

Local issues are never far from my mind. Two jump out from the many that constituents raise with me – fuel and homes for Ukraine.

My team is working hard to support residents who are giving space to refugees, but I share their concerns with the timings and information flow from the Home Office. I have raised the matter repeatedly, including writing a letter to the Home Secretary setting out feedback that I have heard from residents, and will keep everyone updated.

I am glad to see the unacceptable fuel shortages, that caused understandable anguish across South Cambridgeshire, have now largely abated. I was aware that Cambourne Morrisons

and most nearby stations ran out, and brought this issue repeatedly to ministers. I was glad to see the police cracking down on the fanatics who are trying to close down the oil terminals. I am strongly committed to tackling climate change, but they are undermining public support.

Lastly, I hear regularly from residents about youth facilities for Cambourne – they will be as pleased as I am with the progress on opening the new youth building, Cambourne Soul. It will make a huge difference to young people in the area. They are at the heart of the process, with open days being held to consult them on what they want. The building is hugely impressive - large, versatile and even carbon friendly.

I'll keep pushing for more, including a high street and a swimming pool, but it's fantastic to see something like this!



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Cambourne Youth Partnership

Over the past 15 years, Cambourne Youth Partnership has been providing youth work support for young people in Cambourne, through a variety of groups and activities.

We are currently based at the Cambourne Soul Youth Centre, where we have a team of youth workers and volunteers running open access youth clubs, football and boxing groups, music sessions, baking and cooking activities and a wellbeing cafe. We also support young people on an individual basis, getting alongside and journeying with them through the challenges they face.

As we look to the future, we're excited by the opportunities offered by the new Cambourne Soul building. We are in conversation with Cambourne Town Council, who will be operating the new building, about continuing to provide open access youth clubs in the youth centre and are looking forward to doing this with improved facilities, such as a proper kitchen, recording studio and hall.

Some of our youth clubs, particularly those for Years 7-9 are currently pushing at the capacity of the existing building, and when we move across into the new space we expect the numbers attending to continue to grow. We are looking for new volunteers who would like to join the team, with training opportunities provided for those who would like to develop their youth work skills.

■ **Contact me by email or on 07503 171869**



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Sun safety and skin cancer

Keeping safe in the sun helps to protect us from sunburn and the risk of skin cancer.

In the UK the sun is at its strongest from March to October and sunburn can happen even when it's cloudy. Anyone can develop skin cancer but those with fair skin, fair or red hair or who have lots of moles or freckles are at most risk.

Babies have skin that is extremely sensitive and they should be kept out of strong, direct sunlight altogether.

Advice includes wearing protective clothing, a wide brimmed sun hat and sunglasses and keeping in the shade between 11am and 3pm.

Use at least an SPF 30 sunscreen, paying particular attention to skin not protected by clothing. Star ratings show the level of protection against UV radiation with a 5 star rating being the most effective.

There are several types of skin cancer but melanoma is the deadliest. Watch for any changes to your skin including bumps, lumps, sores that do not heal, new moles or changes to existing moles including increase in size, itching, bleeding or crusting.

Also watch for moles that have an irregular or uneven shape or change in colour. These changes can happen over weeks or months and should always be reported to your doctor.

■ **Reference and further information: www.nhs.uk (sun safety moles)**

Additional financial support for South Cambridgeshire businesses impacted by COVID

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire which have been adversely affected by the pandemic but unable to access COVID-19 support linked to their business rates may be eligible for the latest financial support.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is now welcoming applications for its discretionary COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF).

The Government funding is to provide additional business rates relief to support rate-paying businesses affected by the pandemic between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. The support is for businesses which weren't eligible for previous support linked to business rates, who can prove they have been adversely affected by the pandemic and have been unable to adequately adapt to that impact.

Eligibility criteria will apply, and the scheme will not cover ratepayers who were eligible for Extended Retail Discount (covering Retail, Hospitality and Leisure), those who were eligible for Nursery Discount, or businesses where the premises was unoccupied.

Premises that were temporarily closed due to government advice on COVID-19 may still apply.

Full details and eligibility criteria, along with an application form, can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/CARF

Applications will close on 13 May 2022. Rate Relief will be paid onto Business Rates accounts as soon as possible after all applications have been assessed.

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



"EVERYONE IS WELCOME."

**JOIN OUR JUBILEE CELEBRATION
26TH MAY 2022, FROM 2PM UNTIL
4PM AT UPLANDS PLACE, CAMBOURNE**

Please join our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be opening the doors of our wonderful development to mark this special occasion. There will be refreshments in our beautiful sky lounge, plus come and take a look around our stunning show apartments.

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We can't wait to see you there.

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Morrisons Cambourne - supporting the local community



Morrisons supports 'Young Lives vs Cancer': Morrisons Cambourne was awarded a certificate of recognition for supporting 'Young Lives vs Cancer' for the past 5 years. Morrisons Cambourne would like to say a big thanks to its colleagues and customers for raising an incredible £14,185.32 since 2017 for 'Young Lives vs Cancer'. The new charity that Morrisons will be supporting for next few years is 'Together for Short Lives'.

William Ecclestone - Morrisons Cambourne congratulated the local young scout, William Ecclestone, on his selection to go to

the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Morrisons donated a hamper (with a selection of chocolates, biscuits and sweets) as a raffle prize towards William's efforts for fundraising to finance the fee.

Mothers Day @Morrisons - Around Mother's Day, Morrisons Cambourne surprised many mothers with a bunch of daffodils as they were exiting the store.

■ For donations and support, please contact the Community Champion, Seema Achall, via email: Seema.achall@morrisonsplc.co.uk

CAMBOURNE
 (1) Street Art Party
 (2) Children Art Contest
 &
 (3) Art Exhibition
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shrobona@gmail.com

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 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*

COMMUNITY

Amazing time to appreciate wildlife in Cambourne

May is an amazing time in nature, and is the best time to go on an early morning walk to listen to the birds because the summer migrants and resident birds are in full song.

In Cambourne nature reserve willow warblers have recently arrived from Southern Africa and can be heard singing a tuneful down-the-scale song, also the unusual grasshopper warbler can be heard in scrubby areas. Learn more about identifying birds by their song - join us on a Birds for Beginners walk in Cambourne on 19 May.



We are able to offer more funded courses this year, thanks to Comberton Adult Education Centre covering costs: Wildlife for Beginners, short course at Cambourne nature reserve is a series of three guided walks in a small group, identifying common wildlife, with a similar programme at nearby Gamlingay and Waresley and Gransden Woods. There are other funded sessions running in Cambourne, for toddlers (Little Bugs), and parents or carers of pre-walking babies (Wild Babies). There are also family sessions during the school holidays, and guided walks for adults throughout spring, summer and autumn - supporting our events gives an opportunity to ask questions about our reserves, and helps us continue to share our love of nature; Wildlife Trust BCN members get a discount on most events. Please see: www.wildlifebcn.org/events

30 Days Wild

This month each primary school in the area will receive a pack of Wildlife Trust 30 Days Wild resources to help prepare for our annual campaign - free resources are also available online for families, care homes or individuals. The campaign runs throughout June, encouraging people to connect with nature by doing something wild every day – do try it! Sign up via our website www.wildlifebcn.org/30DaysWild

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Rebecca Neal, Communities and Wildlife Officer,
The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants



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EDUCATION

Monkfield Park receives Heritage Schools Award

MONKFIELD PARK: As the Spring term drew to a close we are delighted to be presented with the prestigious Heritage Schools Award for our work on embedding the study of local history and heritage into our curriculum. As part of our work the children participated in a project inspired by the street names in Cambourne. This led them to study the part Bourn Airfield played in WWII and the exploits of the brave Wing Commander, TJ 'Jeff' Jefferson. The pupils collaborated with the folk group The Young Uns, to write a song dedicated to the brave pilots who carried out bombing and reconnaissance missions. The Years 4 and 5 students have been tracing the history of habitation in Cambourne back to 800 B.C. and with the help of travel writer



Tom Kitching, they participated in workshops to celebrate the history of Cambourne, writing about the artefacts and clues left by our ancestors.

Meanwhile, Year 1 enjoyed an interactive history WOW day to round off their topic about medieval castles with a huge range of activities, including writing medieval music to accompany the telling of the story 'Hairy, Scary Castle', baking bread for dragons, jousting and medieval dancing. Year 2 were transported back to Ancient Egypt, swapping their school uniforms for an

array of dazzling costumes. The children preserved tomatoes using natron, investigated mummification methods and made Canopic jars to protect their mummified tomatoes on the journey to the after-life.

Village College and Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary needs your support. Now!



Anyone who drives to Cambourne & Hardwick Primary School or to the Village College will be aware of the building activity for West Cambourne now taking place along Sheepfold Lane, the schools' main access road. You may not be aware, however, that our current, direct approach to the schools is to be replaced with a narrowed route through the new estate, including two road junctions and two sharp bends, before re-joining the new section of Sheepfold Lane outside the schools – see photos of construction. These new roads will serve a dense area of housing with cars inevitably parking on the roadside.

The plans can be seen on the South Cambridgeshire Planning Portal: Applications Search (greatercambridgeplanning.org) : Application Reference number: 20/01640/REM

Visitors to the schools will know that a single car parked along our existing access road at peak times can bring traffic to a standstill and gridlock the schools' car parks. When coaches are present, the situation is worse. The new access route will intensify this problem with journey times, congestion and carbon emissions all set to rise. Ideally, fewer cars would access our sites – most of the older pupils already walk or cycle – but this is not an option for everyone. We recorded 1,215 car journeys onto our site on a single day last term, yet neither school was directly consulted



about the proposed changes during the planning process, while connectivity, transport flows and travel efficiency seem not to have been adequately considered. At some point, a one-way system through the schools' sites may have to be created – but this is not an imminent, or desirable solution.

There would seem to be two options that would resolve this problem:

Either: Retain access along Sheepfold Lane – at a cost to the developers, Taylor Wimpey/Bovis Homes.

Or: Build a short link road from the Business Park onto Sheepfold Lane – at a cost to South Cambs District Council.

These routes and contact details for the above were illustrated in the joint letter sent to parents of both schools in March and can be viewed on CamVC website: www.cambournevc.org

We would urge all Cambourne residents to make their views known to their local representatives, in order to try to resolve this situation: Your Councillors (moderngov.co.uk) and Cabinet members - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)

Cate Thompson & James Hoban
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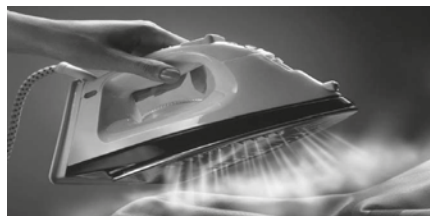
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Hub Meeting Room, Thursday 19th May from 8pm - 9:30pm for anyone interested in finding out more about the group or how to get involved. You can come along to meet current members, and see what we've done previously. If you can't make it, or would like to know more, visit our website at www.cambournecommunitytheatre.org or e-mail info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

Coffee morning fundraising

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friends, family, other organisations and residents of Cambourne who helped, baked and came to support us.

Stand with Ukraine against War Foundation to date has sent three lorries of aid, gathered with the help of Cambourne residents and business who generously donated at The Hub, where donations are still accepted at the Cambourne Town Office during their opening hours.

Various organisations are collecting on our behalf and the latest lorry was jam packed with goods from Morrisons Cambourne, Kathleen Doggett from Cambridge Ukrainians and Supporters of

Ukraine who also donated £250, Cambridge Baptist Church sent £130 along with donations, Emma at Stourbridge Community Ukrainian Response, Emma and Paul at Old Swinford Hospital School as well as many, many more. None of the loading and moving and packing of goods would not have happened if it wasn't for a wonderful team of a local company, Impact Furniture, who are palletising and loading as well Cambourne Self Storage who have donated storage space.

Ryunosuke Satoro's quote sums it up perfectly: "Individually we are one drop, together, we are an ocean."



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Ramadan is considered the holiest month in Islam. It is the month of communal prayer, devotion to the Quran, and internal reflection. Islam follows the lunar calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar, which is why the start date for Ramadan changes every year. This year, the first day of Ramadan was April 2 which was determined by visual sightings of the crescent moon.

From dawn until dusk, Muslims practice self-restraint to uphold one of the basic tenets of Islam - fasting. This daily practice includes abstaining from food and beverage and all forms of immoral or any unkind behaviour.

Ramadan stimulates the ethos of sharing and caring, extra generosity, respect and giving preference to fellow human beings.



Many mosques hold food drives or fundraisers for charity during Ramadan. Many mosques also host open houses for their friends and neighbours of other faiths to join them for their fast-breaking dinner at the end of the fasting day. This year, over 450 residents attended an annual big Iftar event organised by Cambourne Crescent. Ramadan is also a time for significant community and family spirit and providing support. Many individuals and families will

pray and eat together and support each other in many ways throughout this month. The end of Ramadan is a celebration known as Eid al-Fitr, one of the major holidays for Muslims. Families and friends get together, and there is a special communal prayer to mark the end of Ramadan. People often dress up in traditional clothing and eat traditional foods. The greeting Eid Mubarak means "blessed holiday!".

Ramadan reflection

For me, this year's observance of Ramadan promises a particularly exciting, though almost unfamiliar, return to the spiritual community.

It marks my first big communal iftar - the meal to signify the conclusion of the daily fast - and my first taraweeh prayers - the set of community-led, nightly prayers distinct to the month of Ramadan - in three years. Perhaps most exceptionally, this will be my first-time celebrating Ramadan with the Muslim community in Cambourne.

Spending time with family and friends, both at home and at mosques, is a common custom during Ramadan. Ramadan is to me a metaphor for unity across boundaries. It reminds me that multiplicity and diversity are a blessing. With most of the year spent feeling busy and stuck in a routine, Ramadan demands that we reach out to our local community to build a brighter future of cohesion, understanding and solidarity.

I always see Ramadan as that special time when we can enter a holy quarantine to better ourselves as human beings. It is a time to reflect on our aspirations and endeavours, to renew our sense of faith and refocus on our ultimate goal.



Dr Yomna Helmy

B I N G O

Night

Saturday, June 25, 2022
The Hub, Cambourne
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COMMUNITY



Holi Festival 2022 Celebrated in Cambourne

More than 500 hundred people gathered and played colours at Holi Festival on Saturday 19th March at Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion.

A much-needed joyful community event, the Holi festival was organised by CamCare UK after 2 years of restrictions. In the Holi festival of colours, people smeared and threw powdered colours on their friends and family and played with the utmost cheerfulness in Cambourne. Free colours were supplied to everyone who came to the festival.

On a clear sky and bright sunny day, people as far from Milton Keynes, Bedford, Peterborough, Royston, St. Neots, Sawston, Longstanton, Milton, Northstowe, Cambridge city and many other destinations attended the Cambourne Holi event.

Cambridge Banana Leaf, Eleema's kitchen,

Sam's ice-cream, Angie's kitchen brought ethnic and traditional food, sweets and ice cream and other community businesses organised clothes, jewellery, and home-décor at the Holi. The stalls were kept free of charge with a request to donate to the CamCare UK charity only if they had a good sale.

Cambourne Holi turned out to be a successful community event with dance, music, playing colours, meeting people and party food in the green space in the open air.

Cambourne's DJ Jordi and photographer Joanna Patterson-Cross volunteered for the event for music and photography.

The organiser of the event, Shrobona Bhattacharya, said, "we are happy to see so many people sharing these joyful moments together which is an essential part to make a stronger community in Cambourne."



Editor's note: Background to Holi Festival

Holi is celebrated over a period of two days.

A big fire is lit on the first evening to commemorate Bhakt Prahlada surviving the fire and conspirator 'Holika' turning to ashes as well as Bhagwan Narasimha slaying the arrogant and cruel demon king Hiranyakashipu. The peculiar conditions under which Hiranyakashipu could be killed, made it no less than a tricky puzzle to solve! The conditions such as it couldn't be day or night, inside or outside, man or woman, weapon or poison... to name some. The story shows us the bad results of arrogance, anger and blind ambition apart from that ultimately good wins over evil.

The colourful Holi is played on the second day celebrating love and friendship of Bhagwan Shri Krishan and Radha. People smear Gulal as well as squirt water on each other with pistons. The motto on this day is not leave any part of the face uncoloured and no one left dry! On this day, people forget the differences, leave the grudges and become friends again.



COMMUNITY



Cambourne Mela 2022

Most of the towns and cities have their own Mela in the UK. Cambourne celebrated its Ethnic Community Fête, 7th Cambourne Mela on Sunday 10th April at the Hub Community Centre.

Stalls were given free to the local communities, small businesses, art & craft groups, book stall, African bags, Nigerian groceries, community food stalls and the stalls for heartfulness meditation, cancer

awareness and Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club.

CamCare UK Chair, Shrobona Bhattacharya, who organised this event, expressed her joy to see the community back to normal.



Team CERC selected for Whirlpool Innovation and PA Raspberry Pi Competitions

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) team has been selected for the Whirlpool Purposeful Innovation to submit a design idea related to either a tumble dryer, washing machine or fridge/freezer, and develop an entry covering how their new appliance will work and look. The team will be invited to present their work to a panel of judges at Whirlpool HQ during the live final event on 30th June 2022 in Peterborough. The team members are working on ideas to make a smart fridge and washing machine with multiple drums.

Team CERC has been selected as a finalist for the PA Raspberry Pi competition, taking place on 5th May at the Science Museum in London. Seven

members of the team submitted a project based on Raspberry Pi and Google API titled "Smart Navigation Last-Mile Decision System". More than 150 teams participated with their ideas all over the UK and only 14 teams were selected as finalists for 4 winners for different age groups.

The judges said: "Great to see you have taken the initiative to discuss your ideas with companies that will be your first customers and adapting your design based on their feedback, which is a really important part of engineering. It's a great concept and tackles the least eco-friendly part of delivering packages. Your video was also brilliant. It would be good to see more evidence of proof of working and instructions in time for Awards Day!" Wishing Team CERC all the best for these competitions.

SPORTS

Tennis Club bids farewell to Ana

Thank you, Ana Springham. Ana Springham was elected chair of Cambourne Lawn Tennis Club at the 2016 AGM and has led the tennis club from strength to strength.

During Ana's tenure, the membership has doubled from 200 to 400 and the number of courts has more than doubled from 3 to 5 Macadam courts which our members can use all year round.

Following 6 years of leadership, Ana has handed over the reins to Arif Kibria who has been an active member of the committee for several years so will hit the ground running. Thank you Ana and Arif. Here's to continued growth and support in the community!

Courts fully open again: Following several periods of court closure due to the pandemic, we look forward to a full year of tennis again. The courts have been alive with players which is always fabulous to see, while the league teams have enjoyed a great summer and winter. The juniors also had great success in their tournaments and clearly lots of fun.

Family tournament: Toby will also run a fun family tournament



on Sunday 22nd May, 1-3 pm. What: Short Tennis with red balls to even the playing field. Who: Adults (18+) play with children 16U (2 events for 10Us & 16Us).

The entry cost is £5 per pair. Email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk or message 07972 149874 to sign up.

■ CLTC website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/ contains detailed information about the club including events, coaching sessions, teams and how to join.

Basketball teams spectacular in the winter league

CAMBOURNE BASKETBALL: Our U10 and U12 teams competed at the Fastbreak Winter league. Cambourne U10 team dominated the competition beating every team comfortably. In the U10 Final, Cambourne Raptors Juniors beat Northstowe Jets Juniors 35 vs 10. In the U12 group, Cambourne players proved that they can beat any team, losing only to NH Knights.

In other news, the 'United' U14 and U16 teams of Cambourne and Northstowe finished their matches in Nene Valley Peterborough League and reached the semi-finals. Our U10, U12 and U14 teams will play in a new Fastbreak Summer League starting in May. There has never been a better time to join the club! Cambourne basketball junior sessions are run by Fastbreak Basketball. Our sessions are on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with matches on Saturday - optional for those who would like to compete. New players are welcome for all age groups and abilities.

Please visit our website <https://fastbreakbasketball.co.uk/clubs/cambourne-junior-basketball/> or send an email to cambourne@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk for more information.

U14 England Player Started His Basketball Journey in Cambourne!



Congratulations to 12-year old Jenson Green for being selected to represent U14 England team in Spain in a European competition. Jenson attended our very first Cambourne Junior basketball sessions in February 2016 when he was only 6 years old! Since then he has attended many of

our sessions alongside other training sessions. The local England star will have two additional years to play in the U14 team before moving on to the next stage. We are very proud to have contributed to his great achievement and we wish him every success in Spain.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are seeking sponsorship amongst the local businesses and companies to help us meet growing demand, please contact John Quinn on sponsorship@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk regarding sponsorship of Fastbreak Basketball and our local teams.



CTFC is still on the hunt for new players

Cambourne Town FC: Our U14 Reds team is looking for new players to join the squad. Players with previous Colts football experience will be offered a trial. Please contact Matt Whiteley for details. Email whiteleys@mattandjess.co.uk
Our Men's team is also looking for new players to join the squad.

Email: owen.baker@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
Our Ladies' team is in search of new players, if you or someone you know is keen to get into playing regular football please contact coach David Pickavance: Email: D.pickavance@hotmail.com

Co-op supports Cambourne Football

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Every time you shop at the Co-op you can help the club raise funds for Cambourne Town FC's inclusive football. Plus... can you ask your friends and family to support our Club too? It doesn't matter which Co-op they shop in, if they register for our cause and use their membership card when paying for items then the Club will benefit.

How to support us:

Go to: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/64260> then:



1. Sign up to become a co-op member, if you are not already, or log in to your account.
 2. Choose our cause as your chosen cause.
 3. Scan your card or fob on every purchase - you have to scan your card/fob on every purchase so the club benefits!
- Participating Co-ops must be a 'blue' logo Co-op.

Cambourne Town FC still seeking sponsors

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Many of our teams will need new playing kits for the 2022/23 season, and are looking for a sponsor who can support their progress. Can you help or know someone who could be interested in stepping up and becoming a sponsor? Your investment as a sponsor gets:
Announcement on website and social media
Sponsor spotlight – feature your business on our channels

Opportunity to share company news to our channels, photo opportunity at season events e.g. Trophy Day and summer tournament. Opportunity to have a photo session with the team. Watch your team play and award the Player of the Match. To find out more email Jane Thompson, Marketing and Sponsorship Officer: marketingandsponsorship@cambournetownfc.org.uk

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SPORT

Cricket Club invites you to Cambfest 2022

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB, in conjunction with Cambourne Town Council, proudly presents Cambfest, a festival of music and entertainment for all. Our inaugural 2022 event will be headlined by Masters of Soul and Motown The Real Thing who rose to fame in the '70s with top singles "You to Me are Everything", "Can't Get By Without You" and "Can You Feel the Force".

Original band members Chris Amoo and Dave Smith, celebrating 45 years in the music industry, along with a live 5 piece band will put on a spectacular show of their classic hit anthems along with a new soulful single "Hang on Never Let Go" from their first new album of original material in over 40 years **A BRAND NEW DAY**.

Bring along a blanket or camping chair, relax and soak in the party atmosphere with family and friends on a day that will surely be remembered! The event will go ahead regardless but we are hoping for sunshine! Gates open at 12 noon.

Picnics welcome, no glass or sharp knives, please. Alcohol is limited to 2 cans (including non-alcoholic) per person or 1 box of wine per couple; No seating provided.

Variety of hot food and snacks available for purchase on-site; Licensed Bars serving a variety of drinks including Cambourne Cricket Club 'Third Man' Ale and Wines, plus other local beers and ciders available for purchase on-site;

On-site toilets will be available with accessible facilities.

No dogs with the exception of guide dogs;

Dedicated parking within a 5-10 mins walk away at Cambourne Business Park / what3words available on a first-come-first-served basis;

Limited Disabled parking for Blue Badge holders within close proximity to the site at Cambourne CC Upper Pavilion / what3words. Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis with a nearby drop off point once full.

Covid safe event which will follow government guidelines in place on the day. Donations are welcome for The MindEd Trust, a charity we are very proud to support and have helped fundraise for a number of years. Please donate what you can and help us support the prevention of mental illness in young people. Together we can make a difference.



Cambourne Cricketers back in action

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: A busy off-season has seen indoor and outdoor training in Cambourne and surrounds; indoor cricket at Bedford College; and even a five-a-side football league – a spirited selection looking to keep fit over the winter have taken on all comers each Thursday in Trumpington since November! Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the plethora of winter activities, something which had not been possible since the pandemic started.

Full focus now returns to the field, as the cricketing season begins in earnest for Cambourne CC in the merry month of May. The Bombers' open-age XIs are in action every single Saturday and Sunday this month and there is also weekday action, as Cambourne now has two Midweek teams playing both competitive and friendly matches. A full list of upcoming fixtures is available on: cambournecc.play-cricket.com/

Preparations for our inaugural Girls' team are also underway, with training at Lower Cambourne on Sundays from 10-11am. Our junior Academy will also be running sessions on Fridays from 5-7pm. New players and beginners are always welcome to join, and if you would like to find out more, please email us at cambournecc@gmail.com.

Our Third Man bar at the Great Cambourne pavilion has been revamped and is now open on every Friday during the season, as well as every Saturday on which there is a home fixture. Come on down!

Finally, we are delighted to launch Cambfest 2022 in partnership with the Town Council, a day of music and activities on Sunday 18th September at the Cambourne Sports Pitches in aid of charity featuring soul legends the Real Thing! Tickets are available here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cambfest-2022-tickets-290021220277

Bowls Club is back

CAMBOURNE LAWN BOWLS CLUB started its new season with our first club night on 25th April. These will continue on Monday and Thursday evenings throughout the season from 6pm. Our fixtures in the Cambridge Business Houses

League (CBHL) start on 12th May. All welcome. For anyone who wants to try bowls, we have plenty of equipment to share.'

■ Robin Bailey, Bowls Secretary
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