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# **Cambourne Repair Café**

Cambourne hosted its second Repair Café on Saturday 16 July at the Hub.

Repair Cafés are community events that match people who need something fixed with people who like fixing things.

Volunteer repairers from the Cambridge Repair Café Network were joined by Cambourne resident repairers and around 40 items were seen and repaired on the day, including a sewing machine, bluetooth speaker, teasmade, lamp, cable reel, picture frame, kettle, vacuum cleaner and electric fan, plus bicycles and many items of clothing. Thanks to the brilliant repairers and those who helped run the event.

More information about Repair Cafés is at <u>cambridgecarbon</u> <u>footprint.org/repair-cafes/</u>. Anyone interested in volunteering either as a repairer or to help organise and run future events can contact Cllr Greg Thompson on <u>cambourne</u> <u>repaircafe@gmail.com</u>



"Our son was delighted to have both brakes working and you even fixed his bell! Thank you!" - Esther Lewis

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Cambourne's town clerk has been nominated for an award

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Wheelchair tennis championed at club open day

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### CAMBOURNE CRIER

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# CAMBOURNE CRIER AUGUST 2022 CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Great Cambourne play area closed Unfortunately, we made the decision to close Great Cambourne play area for the foreseeable future. Our grounds team regularly fixed the damage to the safety surface but it has been subject to further vandalism. The play area was regularly closed for repairs but further damage had been caused. We looked at further temporary repairs, but this would not necessarily mean we could keep the play area open over the summer due to the persistent damage to the safety surface.

To effectively repair the safety surface we would need to re-lay the two banks completely and carry out repairs to a number of other areas and fill in where it has shrunk from the concrete edging. This is not economic as it is effectively a third of the surface.

The Council, when considering the budget, agreed that the wet pour and hardcore would be removed and soil, grass mat and grass be installed (similar to Upper Cambourne play area).

We considered whether we could fence off part of the play area and keep the rest open, but this not possible due to safe fall areas for other play equipment. The tower was also becoming unsafe and the decision was made to remove this.

After careful consideration it was agreed that there was no option but to keep the park closed and replace the wet pour safety surface with soil and grass and replace other equipment too.

This was not an easy decision to make as we are aware it is a popular play area especially with summer holidays approaching, but the safety of the play area users is paramount.

We are obtaining quotes for new play equipment and will be consulting residents in the near future on the proposals for the new play area.

#### Graffiti cleaning

Similar to our volunteer litter-picking scheme, you can also sign up to be a



#### volunteer graffiti cleaner. We will provide you with the remover, scrubbing brush, gloves, eyewear and face covering to safely remove graffiti around the town. If you have some time to help, please email <u>community@Cambourneparish</u> <u>council.gov.uk</u> to sign up.

#### Staff Vacancies

Cambourne is a growing community and as it develops, facilities are transferred to the Town Council to make Cambourne a sustainable community.

The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance and letting of number of community facilities.

We have the following vacancies:

- Grounds Person or Apprentice Grounds Person (full time)
- Cleaners (weekends).

Job descriptions and further information can be found here:

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/ vacancies and application forms can be requested by emailing <u>office@</u> cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### Summer holiday open access kickabout on the 3G

The 3G will be open over the summer holidays for open access kickabout. Every Tuesday & Thursday from 2-25 August. These sessions are free and open access meaning any school ages can come along to use the 3G for a kick about with friends or parent/guardians. Bring your own ball and appropriate footwear. Organised by the Town Council and volunteers at Cambourne Town FC.

#### Cambourne Community Fete

There is still time to get involved in the fete this year! Taking place on Saturday 17th September, on Cambourne sports pitches, Back Lane. We've got live music, fun amusements for all ages, traditional fete games, energetic performances, variety of delicious foods and will be

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joined by local community groups, charities and businesses. For stall enquiries, raffle prize donations, or more information please contact community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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**Cambfest** is taking place the next day (Sunday 18th September) with soul legends The Real Thing taking to the stage! Also performances by local bands, attractions and food & drink. For tickets and more information, visit: <u>www.cambfest.co.uk</u>

■ **Big Squiggle** Cambourne's art & craft day is returning in October half term! This will be the 10th anniversary since the first event on 23rd October 2012. The themes for art & craft activities are Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Autumn. The date is to be confirmed, but it will take place in the new Cambourne Soul youth building. We are collecting old Coca Cola/clear plastic bottles and glass jars of all sizes. Please start collecting and drop them off to the Town Council office.



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#### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS August/September 2022

2nd August, 7pm 16th August, 7pm 6th September, 7pm Planning Committee Planning Committee Planning Committee, followed by Full Council

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

#### Contact information:

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### **CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL**

#### Meet the Town Council Team

## **John Vickery Cambourne Town Clerk**

A typical day in the office for John is first and foremost dealing with emails and responding where possible. Council decisions, usually made in committee meetings, have to be put into action; a recent example being the closure of Great Cambourne Play Area because it was made unsafe due to vandalism. Decisions had to be made as to whether it was more cost effective to make a short-term fix, or if a longer term repair was necessary.

The New Soul Building has been a priority recently, with discussions and planning for fitting out the interior as preferred by the young people who will be using the facilities. Following these discussions John has worked with Ellie, the Office Administrator and Committee Clerk, to order all the fixtures and fittings almost £11,000 worth - including sofas, bean bags, a pool table, table football, eating and drinking utensils, a coffee bar and stools and more.



There are always issues raised by residents that have to be dealt with, such as overgrown hedges, unemptied bins, or grass cutting. John is frequently busy redirecting complaints to the District or County Councils, depending on whether certain areas of complaint - such as problems with streetlights - are on streets that have been adopted and if not, he will contact the original developers.

Other time is spent in the loaning out and organising delivery of council equipment such as litter picking tools, marguees and barbecues to local schools and other organisations. Still more time is spent in dealing with issues, such as complaints about council activities and offering explanations as to why certain work has

### John Vickery has recently been nominated for clerk of the year in the NALC Star Council Awards 2022

John is one of five nominees in the clerk of the year category; the nomination said:

John Vickery has been a clerk of Cambourne Town Council (CTC) from 2005 until now. During this time, planned development has seen Cambourne grow from a collection of fields in 1998 to a thriving, inclusive and diverse community of 4,500 dwellings.

Cambourne is a popular place to live because of the quality of life on offer to its residents. This has been achieved through John's commitment, work ethic and determination to negotiate the best facilities, resources and green leisure areas for our community. These include allotments, play areas and parks inclusive of disabled children, a skate park, sports

facilities, community use buildings, green spaces and a burial ground.

His knowledge and skills have been crucial in securing benefits for residents. John was central in obtaining S106 monies being paid directly to the council, empowering it to tailor amenities to the needs of a new community. His architectural skills have enabled the communities' aspirations to be delivered to the highest specification.

John has regularly demonstrated his ability to successfully work in partnership with many groups in and outside Cambourne. For example, an innovative Energy Fund was successfully advocated for by John with developers. This saw CTC administer a fund to provide photovoltaic panels on public buildings (providing a revenue stream) and a host of other carbon reduction aids to minimise carbon footprint, such as air source heat pumps. The green agenda is mainstreamed in council functions, and this is driven by John.

been carried out - or not.

Currently, John is ensuring that the Section 106 monies that Cambourne receives in connection with the building of West Cambourne are received in line with certain agreed 'trigger points'. These include funds towards the construction of the new Youth Building (£0.5m) and a £0.3m extension at the first floor of the Hub (meeting rooms and facilities). This is part of the £1.7m Cambourne will receive for community space.

The S106 also includes £150,000 for public arts (participation) over the next 10 years and £3.5m towards the extension of Cambourne Sports Centre, hopefully providing a 4-lane swimming pool (along with funding obtained from elsewhere) and for which the trigger point is 'before the 1,000th occupation.'

Discussions are also on-going with the County Council about extra health provision and library facilities funded by the S106 and there are meetings about future A428 developments such as bus lanes, road changes and railways.

John is always happy to meet and chat with Cambourne residents at any of the regular Town Council meetings.

2022 saw the delivery of a new youth building and a refurbished skate park. Grants and loans were successfully sourced to allow the former to be built years ahead of schedule.

John has developed a robust esprit de corps among staff, leading by example to build a dedicated staff team which is reflected in the cohesive community of Cambourne and the many community initiatives and events.

Alongside all celebratory and commemorative events, CTC supports a food bank and subsidised food distribution scheme.

It is John's 'will do' attitude that has encouraged the staff, councillors and residents to work together to deliver these initiatives.

NALC's Star Council Awards are the only awards in England that recognise local (parish and town) councils' contributions to their communities.

The winners will be announced at an online awards ceremony later this year.

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# **Summer at Wimpole**

**Wimpole Hall and estate** is just a 20-minute drive from Cambourne and is preparing for an activity-filled summer.

The Big Tree Climbing Company will be offering recreational tree climbing, and tickets will go on sale in a few weeks, with timed slots available from 9am to 5 pm. The ticket includes a 60-minute tree-climbing session as well as entry to the estate with one free carer/adult.

As part of the Har'Fest celebration, there will be a stall selling Wimpole produced goodies such as apple juice, garlic, onions, tomatoes, plums, chillis, potatoes, leeks, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, beetroot, squash and potted plants. The fruit and veg grown (almost organically) at Wimpole are used in the restaurant there and distributed to food banks.

Throughout September there will be an attempt to break the record for the longest corn dolly, which currently stands at 20 metres, as set in September 2014 in Devon. Wimpole hopes to improve on that by aiming to reach 30 metres.

Corn Dollies were made even in ancient Egypt, at Harvest time as a Thank you to Mother Earth and in hope of a good harvest. They are made with straw, weaving and tying pieces of soaked straw together. If this appeals to you, help will be available, as well as materials.

There is already a corn-bale maze in place near the entrance, and in a field there are various games to play, such as bowling and knocking flower pot towers down.

Last but not least, a company called Wild Rumpus, will hopefully be putting up an installation to include a giant periscope, peep holes, ear horns, look out points and other fun activities.



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# COLUMNISTS



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

### Focusing on the NHS in Cambridgeshire

As I write we are coming off the back of one of the tumultuous fortnights in recent years. This is not the first time that I have written that but I do hope it will be the last for some time.

I am sure many of you will be aware that I submitted two letters of no confidence in the Prime Minister, first in June and then in July. This was not an easy decision to make. In truth, however, the national Government had become a distraction to the substantive issues of the day.

For the people of South Cambridgeshire we need a period of stability to deliver what is really needed.

There are a number of pressing issues that need urgent attention. Rest assured, when the new Government is in place I will be redoubling my efforts to deliver the high cost of living supplement for NHS workers in Cambridgeshire, the Children's hospital and the Cancer hospital.

I have received many emails, some truly harrowing, about ambulance waiting times in our area. One of the key causes of this issue is the difficulty of recruitment and retention for the local NHS. Whoever the next Health Secretary is I can promise he or she will have barely unpacked before I am knocking on the office door!

As ever, if you do need assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.



HELENE LEEMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

### Working with South **Cambs CSP**

Much has happened since the elections, but I would like to thank those who voted for me. I have loved living here for many years and I want to do all I can to help shape the future of our town, strengthen our community and improve the quality of life for people living here.

I have met key officers of the council and will continue to do so over the summer, using the opportunity to promote the priorities of Cambourne residents, including the development of the High Street, Post Office provision, traffic safety, public transport and youth engagement. I have volunteered to be a council

representative on the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership (CSP), a group which brings together the council, police, fire, probation and NHS to deal with local crime and anti-social behaviour. I met with the CSP's newly appointed Project Officer and there are two things we will focus on initially: youth engagement and speeding/dangerous driving. I will be setting up a Speed Watch Community group and I will also be working to increase support for our youth services. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these activities, your time, however limited, would be very welcome and free training will be given.

Please contact me if you would like to get involved or if you need my help as one of your district councillors.



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

### **Reducing the risk** of falling

Falls are costly. Financially, it costs the NHS billions to deal with the injuries caused by falls each year. The personal cost can be enormous with loss to health, independence and confidence.

Many factors can contribute to why people fall and much can be done to reduce the risk. Wearing well fitting shoes, removing mats or other trip hazards and having good lighting (including at night) can all be helpful. Some medication can cause people to feel unsteady so regular medication reviews are important.

Regular eye checks and the correct glasses can also significantly reduce risk.

One of the most important things is strengthening and balance exercises. Regardless of your health or mobility there is likely to be some form of exercise you can do.

Healthy You provides exercises for older adults around the region which aim to reduce the risk of falls and you can refer yourself or be referred by a someone else. They can be contacted on telephone: 0333 005 0093 or via their website: healthyyou.org.uk. Strength and balance exercises are also available twice a month at Cambourne Church Annexe and details can be found on the Church notice boards or by emailing me on nurse@cambournechurch.org.uk

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# Beavers get a soaking as term comes to an end

**2ND CAMBOURNE BEAVERS**: The Beavers are now taking a break over the summer, but they deserve it after a very busy term! We've been nature walking around the Cambourne parkland, looking at all the wildlife, insects and plants it has to offer plus we've been cycling and learning how to look after our bikes.

As the weather got warmer we took advantage and had our annual water games evening - passing cups of water over our heads, filling bottles from wet sponges and of course, a huge water fight! The leaders got just as wet as the Beavers!

We finished off with a summer party, playing balloon games, memory games and musical chairs and were very proud to present five more Beavers with their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards! An amazing achievement, well done Alastair, Theo, Elliot, Imogen and Jasper. We'll be back in September!





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### **EDUCATION**

# To dunk or not to dunk? That was the question at **Jeavons Wood**

JEAVONS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL recently held a wonderful whole school science day where the morning consisted of all classes investigating the question, 'Which biscuit is the best for dunking?' Each class enjoyed comparing biscuits, dunking them in water, varying the temperature of the water and considering the width and even the sugar content, in an attempt to find the best dunking biscuit. We even drew graphs of results before making conclusions.

We discovered that on the whole, Rich Tea biscuits were the best, although Bourbons came a close second.

In the afternoon we had great fun with a wide range of investigations. We made supernovas, comets, fizzing moon rocks



and grew alien worms. We filtered dirty water, recycled paper, made turbines as well as underwater volcanos and tornados. We investigated and took moulds of footprints, took our own fingerprints and blew them up on a balloon to see the patterns, extracted DNA from fruit and used chromatography to investigate ink from pens. All of this as well as making giant bubbles, exploring non-Newtonian



fluids, racing balloon rockets and fringe water rockets and finding out about space and famous scientists in QR code guizzes. Phew! So much to do and experience!

The children were amazing Scientists, using scientific vocabulary, asking fabulous questions and gaining a huge amount of skills from the tasks. It was simply a brilliant day of scientific engagement and fun!

# **Monkfield Park's online** safety game makes it to national finals

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL: It has been a busy end to the term at Monkfield Park which included a visit to London to showcase some of the children's achievements.

Six of our very ingenious Year 6 children entered a national competition to design an online safety game.

Having successfully won all the regional heats they made it to the finals held at Amazon HQ in London. Sadly they did not win, but gave a very accomplished presentation to a panel of judges from the gaming industry.

Meanwhile, on the same day, three members of Eco Club were invited to Westminster to present the results of some survey work they have been carrying out in school around the thorny issue of plastics recycling. The children were able to present their findings to our MP, Mr Anthony Browne, in addition to representatives from Greenpeace.

As this academic year draws to a close we have been preparing to wish a fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they look forward to secondary school.

This talented group of children gave a captivated audience two performances of 'Pantastic', a musical re-telling of the classic story of Peter Pan. It was a wonderful grand finale as they



showcased their acting and singing skills and an opportunity for us all to reflect on the many things they have accomplished over the past seven years.

They have been excellent role models throughout their time at Monkfield Park and we feel so proud of the wonderful young people they have become.

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# Vine Year 1 spend a day at Woburn Safari Park

**THE VINE PRIMARY SCHOOL**: Year 1 pupils visited Woburn Safari Park on 28th June.

The visit was related to our studies of Africa and the animals that live on the continent and how to classify them as we write our own fact files about them.

This was a special day for many of us as it was the first time we'd been on a trip and for many the first time we had been on a coach. We loved seeing the animals such as giraffes, lions, zebras, and monkeys roaming about as we drove through the park on the coach.

We then explored the rest of the park seeing the penguins, reptiles, and our favorites, the sealions and the meerkats. A fun day was had by us all.

If you would like to find out more about The Vine School then Lee Faris, Headteacher, would be pleased to hear from you on 01954 719630 or e-mail: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk







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### **COMMUNITY**

# Wildlife Trust: Inspirational women at the **Great Fen**

There are two fantastic, inspirational women at the helm of the Wildlife **Trust's hugely important Great Fen** project. Find out what led them there and be inspired.

#### **KATE CARVER** Great Fen Project Manager

Why did you choose a career in conservation? I came to conservation quite late in life. My career began working in museums and galleries, and then with the National Trust looking after collections and landscapes. Whilst working on a beautiful 2,000-acre estate I came to realise there was little point preserving our cultural heritage if we were destroying the environment around it. I knew I needed to look for an opportunity to transition from cultural to environmental heritage. After all, if we don't preserve our planet and natural environment then simply nothing else matters!

I applied for the Project Manager role at the Great Fen about 12 years ago, realising that whilst I'd not worked specifically on this type of project before, I had a lot of transferrable skills. I am so excited to be a part of positive practical action that's making a difference to our natural landscape. The work is so inspirational and constantly full of revelations. I had no idea 15 years ago I'd have the opportunity to work with worldclass scientists from UKCEH and the University of London and how passionate I'd be about peat!

#### Are there any female conservation heroes who inspired you?

I was already working in conservation when I read this wonderful author Isabella L Bird - she wrote A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains, all about her 19th century exploration, a fabulous description of the natural environment and I'd highly recommend it. The visual arts are also an inspiration to me, having worked with contemporary and historical art collections



for so long. There are a lot of fantastic print makers out there, such as Carry Akroyd and Angela Harding, whose images of the natural world are just as inspirational as the written word. What advice would you give to other women and girls interested in a career in conservation? It's never too late! You can come into conservation as a youngster, through the formal routes of education and qualification, but there are also a dozen other ways in. If you currently work in a different sector but have transferrable skills, put them to use. You don't have to be an expert ecologist, unless you want to be, we have those too! Conservation is such a vast canvas with so many interesting elements and it is so important. Do it! Whilst I've very often been the only woman in a meeting, I can genuinely say that as an organisation, the Wildlife Trust is very welcoming and inclusive for women and supportive of women's careers.

#### **LORNA PARKER** Great Fen Restoration Manager

How did you get into conservation? I've always loved being outside so decided early on, at age 16, to start working in conservation. I studied Ecology and Conservation at University and worked for the Forestry Commission and volunteered as a warden for Natural England whilst studying. After graduating, I became a Reserves Officer for the Wildlife Trust BCN, and was then promoted to Reserves Manager in Cambridgeshire. The Great Fen project was being managed from a corner of my desk, but it quickly became

too big to be a side-line and I was fortunate to move into this role full-time about eight years ago.

I'm responsible for fundraising, bid proposals, planning, preparations and permissions to undertake the work we do, but my favourite aspect is physically making this happen on the ground. Being a part of something that will leave our planet a better place for our children. Have you encountered any challenges being a woman in this role? It was difficult to be taken seriously when I first got into conservation, but whether that was to do with my age or being female, is hard to say. You can quickly break down people's initial assumptions, however. A benefit I've learned is that you soon get better at using machinery and equipment when you don't necessarily have the physical strength of some of your colleagues. On a chainsaw training course, the instructor praised my efficient technique, which I'd had to master as I didn't have the brute strength to handle the tool any other way. Having to work smarter will work in your favour.

What advice would you give to other women and girls interested in a career in conservation? Go for it! The world is your oyster. The industry may previously have been viewed as the remit of men with beards but this is certainly no longer the case. And don't feel you have to be outdoors to work in conservation, look into all the other ways you can support conservation.

More information: <u>www.greatfen.org.uk</u> ww.wildlifebcn.org/become-member

### COMMUNITY

# **CAMBOURNE LIBRARY**

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

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - Gadgeteers, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is well under way, but if your children haven't signed up yet there is still time to join in the fun. The Gadgeteers are busy reading their amazing books and collecting stickers to solve the clues on the collector's folder. Some of the stickers are scratch and sniff too! Everyone who reads six books, or more, will receive a special certificate and medal.

We have some wonderful teenage volunteers helping us this summer; they are at the library for our special Gadgeteers' sessions when you can come in and talk about the books you are reading and collect your stickers and activity sheets. The sessions will run every week until 2nd September at the following times:

Mondays: 10am - 12 noon and 2-4pm (excluding Bank Holiday 29th August)

Tuesdays: 10am - 12 noon Fridays: 10am - 12 noon and 2-4pm

Our celebration Summer Reading Challenge Ceremony, for everyone who completes the Challenge, will be on Friday 16th September at 4pm.

Summer Activities - Wednesday Mornings - Come and join us at the library for some fun activities:

Family Lego Event - 3rd and 31st August, 9.30 -10.30 am & 11.00 am - 12 noon. £2 per child (age 2+)

Local Heritage Project Family Session - 10th August, 10.00 am - 12 noon. £2 per child (age 7+)

Paper Windmills and Spinners - 17th August, 10.00 - 11.00 am, £2 per child (age 3+)

Kinetic Science Lab in a Library - 24th August, 10.00 -11 .00 am. £5 per child (age 6+)

Please note that places are limited for all activities, so advance booking and payment at the library is required.

Engage - we are taking a break in August, but our next session on Wednesday 7th September,

2-3.30pm will be Tides of Fortune: the rise and fall, and possible resurgence of our seaside resorts. This is an illustrated talk by local historian, Tony Kirby, and promises to be a fascinating and enjoyable exploration of the seaside resort from 1750 to the present day. Everyone welcome.

Digital Assistance - we are delighted to have two lovely computer buddying volunteers with us at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you need any help with using your laptop or tablet, either a 'how do I' question or help with a particular task, assistance will be available between 10am - 12 noon, or 1-3pm. Please pre-book a session with library staff.

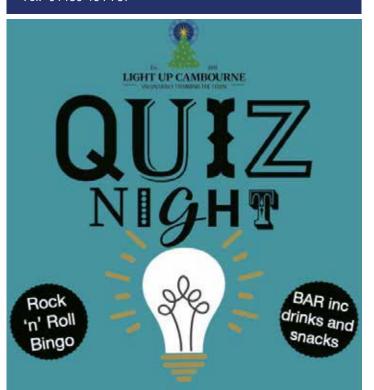
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# Cambourne Youth Partnership Summer Program

CYP and Romsey Mill have an exciting programme of summer activities and trips for young people in Cambourne.

Throughout August there will be several different sessions running, including film nights, drop-in youth clubs and wellbeing cafes, and these are all free to access for young people who will be in Year 7+ from September. Young people can turn up for these sessions without having booked beforehand; emergency contact and medical details will be taken when they first attend, with a parental information and consent form then being sent to parents to complete.

Every Monday from 1st - 22nd August

Film afternoon for Years 7-9 from 3-5pm

Film evening for Years 10+ (including sixth form age) from 7-9pm **Every Tuesday** from 2nd - 30th August

Drop-In Youth Club for Years 7+ (including sixth form age) from 1.30-3.30pm

The film sessions and youth clubs will all take place in the new Cambourne Soul Youth Centre.

#### Wellbeing Café: Fridays 5th, 19th and 26th August

For Year 7+ (including sixth form age) from 3.30-5pm. The wellbeing café takes place in the Cambourne Church Annexe. **Trips:** We are running a series of trips for young people, spread across different age ranges. Spaces are limited for each trip and must be booked in advance. The year groups given are based on the school year that a young person will be going into in September:

## **Cambourne Catholic Church**

In May this year, six teenagers from our parish of St John Fisher Cambourne were awarded the Diocesan medal by Bishop Alan Hopes.

This is a rarely awarded honour for their work on RadioMaria England presenting a faith based programme aimed at 12-18 year olds. The Bishop hoped that as they all approached their adult lives they would retain their strong faith.

Earlier this year R.M.E.Y, faith vibe were nominated for the national young audio awards sponsored by commercial BBC. They won the most innovative team for their programme which is fiesty, fun and Faith-filled, all from the perspective of teenagers.

In July it was a delight to see every one attending the service for Syro-Malaba rite in church in National dress. Also everyone had taken time to create a beautiful place of prayer and worship. It is hoped to repeat this service again soon.

If you would like to join us for weekly mass, they are held at the Cambourne church building at 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Year 8: Thursday 4th August - Aqua Park Thursday 18th August - Wicksteed Park (Those going into Year 8 should choose between the trips) Year 9-10: Wednesday 24th August - Aqua Park Year 11 and Sixth Form: Wednesday 17th August - Aqua Park Trips cost £10, which includes the activities, food and transport. For more information or to book a space on a trip contact: Emma Whitbread on 07799430739 or emma.whitbread@romseymill.org

#### Free food and activities as part of the Cambridgeshire HAF Programme

We are delighted to be partnering with Cambridgeshire County Council through Romsey Mill to offer additional opportunities for young people from families who receive income-related free school meals or are part of a newly arrived refugee family. Those who are eligible can access up to three healthy meals each week during our programme period (1st August - 2nd September), alongside the activities which are already taking place, and also join in a trip free-of-charge. Meals provided will include:

- Monday dinner (in between the two film sessions)
- Tuesday lunch (before the open access drop-in)
- Friday dinner (after the wellbeing café)

For more information or to sign up to access the additional HAF activities, contact Jonathan on jonathan.buwert@romseymill.org or 07503171869



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### COMMUNITY

# Cubs go litter-picking and orienteering

**1ST CAMBOURNE CUBS**: The Cubs have been getting out and about this month, keeping Cambourne tidy and practising their recently-learned orienteering skills.

With litter-picking equipment provided by the town council, we worked hard to collect all the rubbish we could find on the paths and open areas near where we meet and came back with several full bags - much of which we could take for recyling.

For our last meeting before the summer break we all headed over to Milton Country Park and working in small teams raced to find and visit as many checkpoints as possible - and some of them were quite tricky! Well done to all teams! Have a great summer!





# Work starts to save UK's oldest windmill. Public invited for free tour

Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future is inviting people to take a free tour to see how Bourn Windmill, the oldest in the UK, is being saved.

The windmill was found to be at risk of collapse in 2020 when extensive rot was discovered in the beams that support the building. The complex and skilful work to repair the mill started last week when the main body of the mill was lifted from the supporting beams. The mill is now suspended in mid-air by scaffolding, which will enable the giant supporting beams to be removed and replaced, a task which will take several weeks.

The free, 30-minute tours are taking place on Tuesday 2 August at 4.30pm, 5.15pm, 6pm and 6.45pm but need to be booked in advance at <u>www.cambridgeppf.org/Pages/</u> <u>Events/Category/cambridge-whats-on-events</u>





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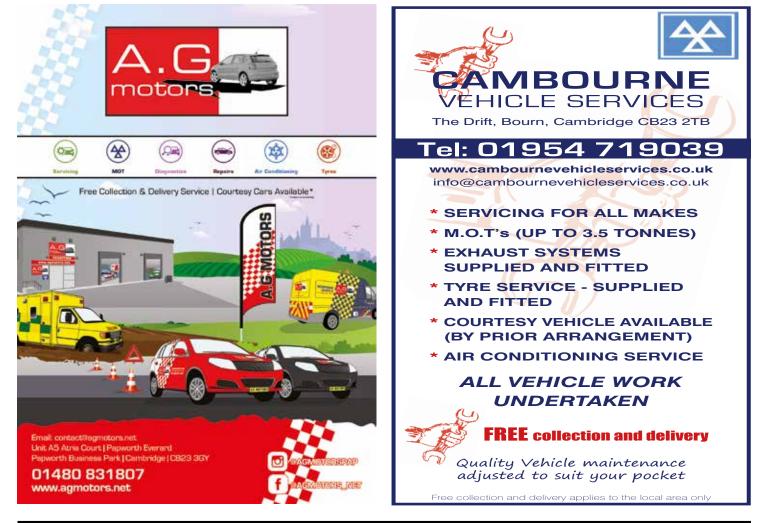
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COMMUNITY

# **CPSL Mind's Cambourne** walk and talk group returns

CPSL Mind's Cambourne walk and talk group returns on Tuesday 26th July.

Your local mental health charity CPSL (Cambridgeshire, Peterborough & South Lincolnshire) Mind are facilitating a walk and talk group in Cambourne this summer. This group is open to anyone who would like to meet and connect with others in their local community and engage in light exercise outside in nature.

Every Tuesday 2:30-4pm. Meet in The Hub community centre carpark.

For more information about this and other sessions we run in Cambourne, please email <u>goodlife@cpsImind.org.uk</u> or call us on 0300 303 4363 or visit our website <u>cpsImind.org.uk</u>

# Cambourne sports centre to launch free membership for children in care

Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre is set to offer free membership to children in care and care experienced young people from this month.

Run by Everyone Active in partnership with Cambourne Town Council, the centre is taking part in the new initiative to reduce the barriers between children and young people participating in sport and physical activity. The free membership will give them access to a range of facilities depending on their age, including the gym and group exercise classes.

According to figures from the Department for Education for children looked after (CLA) in England, the number of children in care is at an all-time high, at more than 80,000 children or 67 in every 10,000.



This year, Everyone Active launched its national Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy to meet the needs of individual communities through programmes that support people to be physically active, and to feel happy and healthy. As part of the strategy, this membership will support children in care or care experienced young children with free access to leisure facilities that can help improve their physical health and mental wellbeing.

The complimentary membership can be accessed through a referral system from local council family support teams. Simon Clasby, Everyone Active's general manager, said: "We are immensely proud to launch this partnership in Cambourne. We feel this membership will make a real difference to many young people's lives. We want to provide opportunities for young people and children who have been in or currently are in care, that activity is for all, and we want to offer them a safe space to enjoy our sports and activity offering." *For further information, visit:* 

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# **U3A Open Day**

**Cambourne and district u3a** held their Open Day at the Hub and attracted 10 new members.

As always with our events it was a joint effort from cake bakers and coffee makers to technology experts and interest group facilitators.

#### Next Speaker meet:

16th September 10.30am-12pm, The Hub. We are the u3a come and join us. www.u3a.cambourne.org

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### CamCare UK hosts 7th Cambourne Science Festival

#### The 7th Cambourne Science Festival was hosted by

CamCare UK in The Hub on Saturday, 25th June 2022, where more than 60 students aged 4-18 demonstrated their homemade science projects. More than 300 local residents witnessed the event along with visitors from Birmingham, Milton Keynes, Luton and London.

This is a unique platform for all young scientists to showcase their experiments, prototypes and thoughts about various aspects of science, share their knowledge with their peers and inspire others toward STEM. Team CERC presented projects that were recognised in several national STEM competitions and shared the inspiring news of their success in regional as well as national championships.

All the participating young scientists were dressed up in science festival T-shirts and received certificates, goodies and gifts from the organiser of the event Cllr Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya.

We are grateful to our sponsors MediaTek, TTP Plc, Cadence, ARM, Co-operative Store and Cambourne Town Council for supporting this event resulting in bringing so many children from so many different schools across the region together.

For more information please get in touch with Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com





# **Platinum Art Contest**

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations continued to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of the Queen in Cambourne.

CamCare UK hosted an art contest which was Jubilee themed, the pictures from the contest were collated and decided to be sent to Buckingham palace.

An art exhibition on the Jubilee theme was also very popular among the people.

Chair of CamCare UK and organiser, Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, said: "We are proud to organise something special to mark this historical event.

"Children had to gather information on the Commonwealth, Royal lives and her Majesty the Queen to take part in the contest which they have done very successfully."



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How do you measure your worth? For many people it is through their achievements. Their sense of worth and their CVs are closely linked. The more qualifications, the more promotions, and the more income a person has managed to attain, then the better their self-image.

This is a false move! As a Christian I believe that our worth comes not through achievement, but through relationship supremely through the love that God shows to us in Jesus Christ. If you want to know how much a work of art is worth, see what people are willing to pay for it at auction. And if you want to know the worth of a human being, see what God himself was willing to pay for each of us in the death of Jesus on the cross.

August is a month of exam results. In Cambourne, hundreds of households will be holding their breath, in particular on Thursday 18th August (A level result day) and Thursday 25th August (GCSE result day). Good achievements are to be celebrated, but never confuse good achievements with your worth as a person. Some people will be thrilled with the results, and others will be disappointed. But, throughout it all, know that your value and your worth have not been altered one jot. And also know this: from where we currently find ourselves, God has good plans for each and every one of us. Our past does not define us, and God invites us to step into a wonderful future - whatever grades we may or may not have managed to achieve. Revd Bill Miller

#### Services and events for August 2022

August Services at Cambourne Church:

7th August 14th August

21st August 28th August



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# **Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts**

Gearing up for what comes next

This past month we, as a church celebrated our founding anniversary. We do this with a picnic or BBQ apart from certain years in unusual circumstances. This year we held it at one of our member's homes. They drive in from about an hour away and have been a great blessing to us.

We have been having services in Cambourne since 2006. Although we speak of the formation of the local church, there are different ways this can happen and indeed different organisational structures, churches helping plant new churches. In a way, it is kind of like children. Out of love, a new life is formed and assistance is given in the early times. Then the new church can stand on its own. Then they go on to help start other

works. With independent baptist churches, it is like this. The church can still cooperate and celebrate with those who helped it come to independence, but they are self-governing. There is no greater hierarchal structure, no long chain of command. Now, this has confused many people over the years who "want to speak to my manager" but the decisions of the local church should be according to scripture and by the local church. Your church structure may be different. With us, it started with my first hearing the Gospel in Germany. I repented of my sins and received Christ in July of 1992. Later I answered God's call on my life and went to a Bible college to learn more. I raised support from like-minded churches and with the ordination of my sending church, I came back to the UK and started the

church. After some growth, a formal vote was taken by the members that I should be the pastor. We are still holding shorter



Pastor Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven **Baptist Church** 

sessions for a while. This is mainly due to my health and suffering some long-term effects from the pandemic. I am, however, working to regain my strength with long walks, diet and exercise. We have ordered more literature for distribution and are training more folks to assist in this greatest of commissions. I pray your August goes well. I continue to upload messages at https://tinyurl.com/y7sagark



#### 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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# **CTFC** announces new schedule for September

CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Our successful Soccer School and Wildcats sessions will be held on the same day of the week under our Early Years Officer, Adam Smith, thanks to partner support from Peasgood and Skeates.

Soccer School will move to Sundays at 9am (still on the 3G pitches) for the new season, from 11th September. The provision will continue to be aimed at reception and year 1 school age groups followed by our current girls Wildcats offering on Sundays at 10am.

This change will allow the club to:

Potentially utilise a greater number of coaches at sessions.

- Meet the demand we are seeing for playing matches on weekends on the 3G pitches.
- Align our early years provision model, with Adam having responsibility across both the boys and the girl's sessions.

#### How to register your child

If you have a child who would like to register for our Early Years sessions please follow the guidance on our playing enquiries page - www.cambournetownfc.org.uk/a/playing-enquiries-62046.html

Peasgood & Skeates are delighted to support Cambourne Town Football Club's Early Years Programme. As a familyowned Funeral Directors we are keen to support activities that benefit the community. We have funeral homes in Histon Road and Newmarket Road, Cambridge as well as in Duxford, Saffron Walden, Haverhill and Sawston and have become known for our friendly and flexible approach whilst maintaining the highest standards of care.



### Cambourne Bowls Club enjoys more success



BOWLS CLUB nights continue on Mondays and Thursday evenings from 6pm. Anyone from the town are welcome to come along; we have plenty of equipment to share. We continue to make progress in the Cambridge Business House League having won our first four matches, we have slipped back and are

currently in 5th position out of fourteen. This still remains, even at this stage, our most successful season in this league. For more information on Cambourne Bowls please contact the Club Secretary. Robin Bailey Sec. 01954 269328 or 07711 613559 or robin.doreen@btopenworld.com

# **Cricket Club hosts** children's training sessions



CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: 40 youngsters have just completed 8 weeks of cricket sessions following the ECB Allstars and Dynamos programmes. Run by volunteers from the Cricket Club the children (aged 5-11) all had lots of fun and developed skills in batting, bowling, throwing, catching and team work.

Joe Worth, Allstars Activator, said: "The sessions have been brilliant, we've had lots of enthusiasm and achievements. We had young people return from last year along with new ones and watching them progress from the start has been great".

Also this summer, Mark Bennett launched and ran a brand new Cambourne CC Girls Team. "In early July, the girls had their first match which was a great sign of how far they have developed," he said. "Sessions are held at Lower Cambourne Cricket Pitch every Sunday at 9:30am for year 4 girls and upwards for all abilities. Once the season ends in July, the girls team will return in 2023, as will the Allstars and Dynamos."

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# **CTFC** seeks new players for the 2022/23 season

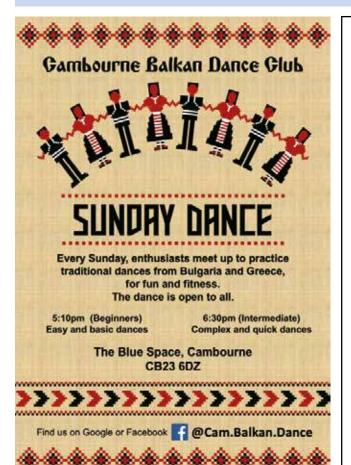
CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB Ladies' team are looking for players aged 16+ and train Wednesdays 8-9pm. If you or someone you know is keen to get into playing regular football please contact coach David Pickavance: D.pickavance@hotmail.com

- U14 Reds (Boys) are looking for players and train Tuesday evenings 7-8pm. Please contact Coach Paul Francis Cambourne Town FC U13 Reds train Tuesday evenings 7-8pm. coltssec@cambournetownfc.org.uk

- U11 Girls are looking for more players for the new season, and train on Thursdays 5-6PM contact coach Rob Turpin via girlssec@cambournetownfc.org.uk

- U11 Panthers (Boys) are looking for a couple of experienced players, the team train Monday evenings 6-7pm. Contact Coach James Docwra via jamesdocwra75@gmail.com

CAMBOURNE TOWN FC Sunday Mens team were confirmed league winners of the Cambridge & District Sunday League finishing the season with 43 points, winning 14 of their 16 games. Congratulations to Coach Ben and team and of course to all the players for a brilliant season.



### **Cambourne FC trophy day**

#### **CAMBOURNE TOWN**

FOOTBALL CLUB held its first Trophy Day as a club on Saturday 2nd July with 39 teams celebrating their 21-22 season success. The day started at 7am along with a fantastic team of volunteers came in the form of coaches. managers, parents and players. Without them, events of this size couldn't run and we are

truly grateful. Thanks to our sponsor Taylor Wimpey we had a wonderful balloon arch which provided a photo opportunity for all the teams and give a sense of occasion. It was great to see families spending time together whilst the children (and teens!) had fun on the inflatables. Funds raised from the event will be put directly back into the club and help fund new equipment.





Sunday 21st AUGUST 2022 AT LAKE EWART SCHOOL LANE, LOWER CAMBOURNE

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COACHING ALL AGES (fully booked come down in case of a no show or join in our other activites)

ALSO join in Activities with EA

The EA will be bringing their tank so you can see what people are catching.

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# **ICU Champion &** wheelchair tennis player **Gemma supports** club open day

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB would like to thank everyone who attended the Tennis Open day, which was sponsored by Leadpal. It was an extremely hot day so a special thanks to parents who remembered the sunblock for the kids who were coached by Toby Jackson and Emily Stephenson.

Along with the Tri Tennis & Tennis Ping Pong, we were thrilled that Wheelchair tennis player, sports broadcaster and ICU World Champion Gemma Stevenson championed our wheelchair event. It was also a pleasure to see youngsters and adults alike strapping themselves into the



tennis adapted wheelchairs and having a go; which was not as easy as it looked!

The visually impaired tennis which had 2 settings - Extremely Difficult and Nearon Impossible was also very popular.

For option 1, participants wore goggles which impaired visibility while they attempted to play with a tennis ball with a bell in it. The second option saw players blindfolded, so completely dependent upon their hearing. A shout out to those



who managed to hit the ball at all (Well done Irette, who was exceptionally good at it!) - A big thank you to Steve Shaw (Cambridgeshire LTA Inclusion Officer) for the equipment, the guidance and the opportunity!

CLTC website: <u>clubspark.lta.org.uk/</u> <u>CambourneLTC/</u> contains detailed information about the club including events, coaching sessions, teams and how to become a member.

