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Cambridge proposes Congestion Charge

Most Cambourne residents have reason to go into our beautiful City of Cambridge on a regular basis, regardless of whether this is for work, business, shopping or pleasure.

It was brought to the attention of *Cambourne Crier* that Greater Cambridge Partnership is proposing to introduce a congestion charge which is reported as being between £5 and £15 per day for any private motor vehicle travelling into Cambridge (currently 7am to 7pm is being quoted).

It is well known that many city centres are suffering and losing trade, with many stores closing their doors permanently and High Streets often becoming a parade of boarded up stores with occasional charity shops. Since this proposal is designed to deter visits to the City Centre in private vehicles, Cambourne Crier wishes to inform residents about both sides of this proposal so you can have your say and oppose or support this additional financial levy.



Contact information is provided at the end of this article.

Reasons put forward for the charge

In their document, *Making Connections*, Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) includes the following opinions:

"Cambridge suffers from traffic congestion and poor air quality from a reliance on private cars. Traffic levels have been lower in some areas during the pandemic, but the planned growth in the Greater Cambridge area means that even with more flexible working, traffic levels are expected to rise. Almost six in every 10 jobs in Cambridge cannot be done from home. These include crucial jobs in hospitals and laboratories."

The proposed Congestion Charge would be in addition to parking charges

which are also set to rise, as well as the introduction of an *additional 50p per hour* parking charge for cars parked between 8am and 10am weekdays and 11am until 1pm at weekends.

The congestion charge scheme is expected to raise £20m per year from motorists and this moneywould be used to subsidise public transport in and out of the city. This works out as approximately £75,000 per day taken from motorists.

It is not yet clear whether tradespeople and delivery vans would also pay this additional charge which presumably would be passed onto customers. It is also not clear whether patients and vistors to Addenbrookes Hospital would need to pay the congestion charge.

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Cambourne fireworks



The Cambourne fireworks display is back with a bang for 2022!

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Scouts take to the air



Cubs and Scouts from Cambourne enjoy a Young Aviators Day

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Cricket club has Soul



CPL 2022 tournament raises funds for Cambourne Soul

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Indoor Bowls

Are you interested in playing short mat bowls? There has been interest to get short mat bowls back up and running on a Thursday afternoon in the Hub every week. You don't need to be an experienced player, and no commitment to attend weekly. If you are interested, please pop into the Town Council office to register your interest, or email community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Where: The Hub Community Centre When: Thursdays, 3pm – 5pm

Cost: £2.50 per week

Street Lighting

As the nights draw in earlier, you may notice that some streetlights are not working or faulty. If the streetlight is on an adopted road, you can report it on the County Council website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/streetlighting

If it is unadopted, it is likely to be the responsibility of the developers. Please report these to us with as much detail as possible (the exact location, the issue with the streetlight, are there any numbers on the streetlight etc.) by contacting the office on 01954 714403 or

office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk. Some streetlights are the responsibility of the housing association or management company for that area and should be reported to the appropriate body.

■ Staff Vacancies

The council has two vacancies in the grounds maintenance team. As Cambourne develops the Town Council is transferred facilities to make Cambourne a sustainable community. The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance and letting of a substantial number of community facilities.

Vacancy 1: Grounds Maintenance
Person (full time) / Apprentice Grounds
Maintenance Person (full time)

Job description and further information: www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/vacancies Request an application form: office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Vacancy 2: Football Development Officer

We are sad to see Owen Baker leave the Council as he starts his new role at Cambridge United FC as community coach. Owen will continue his links with football in Cambourne as he manages the Men's football team for Cambourne Town FC. We wish him all the best with his new job and thank him for his work.

We are, therefore, advertising the vacancy for a Football Development Officer. The role will be to develop and promote football in Cambourne for all ages and abilities, as well as managing the football facilities.

Job description and further information will be available on the website or email

office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Events

Cambourne Community Fete Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the Council made the decision to cancel Cambourne Community Fete.

The Council felt it was not appropriate to go ahead with a celebratory event in the period of mourning. We are looking to hold the next event in June 2023, date to be confirmed.

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(Correct at the time of publication)
Black Bin: Thursday 6th & 20th
October, 3rd November.
Blue\Green Bins: Thurs 13th & 27th
October.

More information:

www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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

Wednesdays: 12.30-4:00pm Tel: 01480 464 757



The Town Council Office:

The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW. Tel: 01954 714403

or email office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

John Vickery, Parish Clerk: clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Big Squiggle

Come along to Cambourne's art and craft day on Saturday 22nd October, 11am to 3pm at the new Cambourne Soul youth building on Back Lane.

We are also celebrating the 10 year anniversary since the first ever event! Lots of themes for the art & craft activities including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Autumn. Plenty of painting, decorating, sticking, and creating!

So if you are looking for something to keep the children entertained at the beginning of half term, bring them along!

We are still looking for some volunteers on the day, so if you are available to help out, please email

community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

■ Christmas Market

Organising the Christmas market has begun, and we are now taking stall bookings for Saturday 3rd December.

Please email <u>community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk</u> for booking form and further information.

Email communications

If you have recently sent an email to any of the @cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk email accounts, we currently do not have access/are not receiving these emails.

If you are waiting on a response, please resend the email to the relevant email address below:

- clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
- office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
- bookings@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
- community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

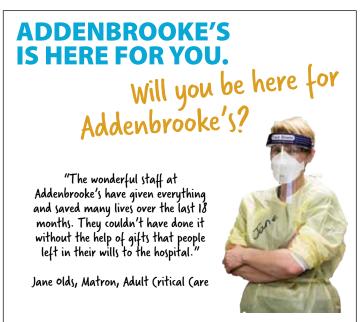
CALENDAR OF MEETINGS October and November 2022

Tuesday 4th October, 7.00pm Planning Committee followed by Full Council

Tuesday 18th October, 7.00pm Planning Committee followed by Finance & Policy Committee

Tuesday 1st November, 7.00pm
Planning Committee followed by Full Council

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



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Meet the Town Council Team

Warren Bourne Head Groundsman

Warren began in Cambourne as a groundsman in 2007 and has worked his way to Head Groundsman. The main part of his job now is project-management, supervising and managing his staff, who look after and maintain the grounds, including all the sports grounds and open areas. He is currently project-managing the demolition of the Great Cambourne play area, which suffered from age and break down of materials, which was worsened by vandalism. It was due for replacement and will be refurbished using materials that will be safer and easier to maintain.

Warren has had to research and source new materials and look at other play areas to see what works best and is durable. It has been decided to use grass mats, which should last longer and are easier to replace if necessary. There have been problems disposing of the unwanted materials, especially the rubber from the old flooring.

Other play areas in Cambourne have also been inspected for refurbishment, and a grant application is being submitted, which will include the replacement of the pump in the Upper Cambourne play area.

There are more than 2,000 trees in Cambourne, which must be inspected every two years. Warren says 'this is a very time-consuming job!'



Planning for the regular renovation of the sports pitches also takes a lot of time. Recently the football club asked for the pitches to be altered, for which Warren oversaw their new design and set up. For the cricket pitches, at the end of each season, the grass is cut down, followed by a programme of aerating, scarifying, wormsuppressing measures, seeding, fertilising, top dressing and fencing off. A recent comment from a visiting football team said they 'would not be surprised if teams from outside Cambourne start booking their games here as the pitches look great compared with their own'. High praise indeed, and in fact, one year the team won an award for the condition of the pitches.

Warren also manages the repair and maintenance of the various bridges in Cambourne as they age; planning the piping of a ditch to allow easier access to the Sports Pavilion; replacing maintenance equipment and then finding good suppliers, which can involve utilising contacts among

local developers to help reduce costs.

In cases of trespass by travelling caravans, Warren must inspect the area involved for damage and plan its repair and clearance accordingly.

During the winter months, the team is assigned to the gritting scheme. The Town Council is also required to continue gritting until the end of a particular icy period, even if grit is in short supply.

The flowers around Cambourne are enjoyed by residents and are Warren's special interest.

His talents also stretch to the supervising and testing of the installation of the Christmas lights and helping out at any of the council events throughout the year.

Never a dull moment, but still time for the setting up of a grounds team running group called the 'Woozby Nerberts', which now includes family, friends, council staff and even some children, taking part in 10k runs and park runs in a range of different places such as Wimpole estate and Bedford.

CAMBOURNE FIREWORKS BACK WITH A BANG!!

After two years, Cambourne fireworks display is back!

On November 5th at 5:30pm, there will be a fun fair, licenced bars, sparklers area and free mulled wine. The main event will start between 7 and 7.30pm, depending on weather conditions and safety concerns. Please note that there is limited parking, so walking is encouraged if possible.

The Cambourne fireworks team is looking forward to seeing you

and your whole family enjoying the event. It is a non-profit organisation and all donations, which are greatly appreciated, go towards next year's event. We will have volunteers on the night with collection buckets.

We are also looking for sponsors for this year's fireworks. If you are interested in sponsoring then please email Callum Curuk on callumcuruk@yahoo.co.uk for more details.



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Bourn Windmill update

Work on the refurbishment of the oldest post mill in the country, was started in late June by the contractors, Bakers of **Danbury.** First they removed the metal cladding and raised the mill up on hydraulic jacks.



This enabled the brick piers to be partially dismantled and the rotten crosstrees and guarter bars to be removed. These form the wooden trestle that supports the main post on which the mill sits and five-year-old seasoned oak from France is being used to reconstruct this trestle.

The photo above shows how the first crosstree was fashioned and placed under the post. Once the trestle is complete and the brick piers are rebuilt the mill will be lowered back down very carefully. Then the sails will be re-fitted and the whole mill repainted. We're confident that the mill will be ready for public opening in May 2023 for the National Mills Weekend.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future still has to find a further £10k of funding so we have been busy hosting afternoon teas and external mill tours. Thanks go to all the volunteers, but especially to Kate Armstrong for her considerable work and generosity, not least in keeping her garden looking fabulous as the venue for the afternoon teas. We were delighted to welcome Cambourne U3A to one of these in September (see photo below) and were very grateful for their large donation.

If you would like to give to this project, please visit: www.cambridgeppf.org/Appeal/save-bourn-windmill-appeal

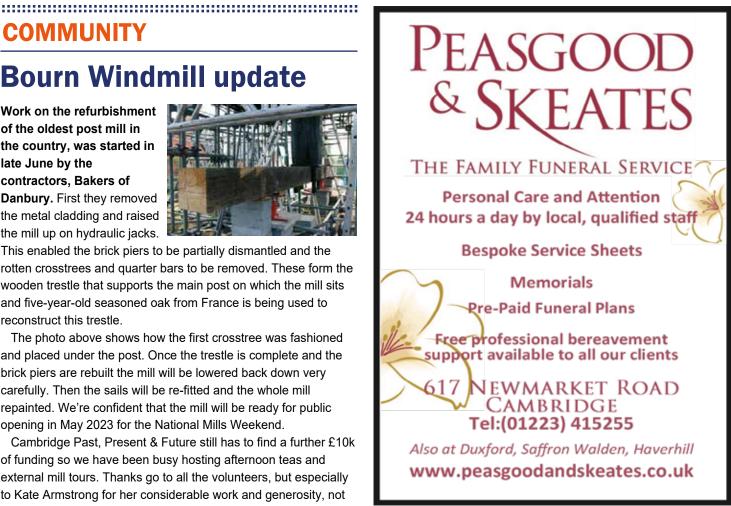
by volunteer Graham Bruce



Cambourne Catholic Church

A reminder to parents of children in KS2 and beyond who wish to join the communion class to contact Fr John as soon as possible so that the church can be booked as we only rent the church space we do not own it. The volunteers who commit themselves to catechesis and might avail themselves need to be considered. Preparation classes run from 3.30pm Saturday and include the 5pm Mass.

As I write this the death of our dear Queen Elizabeth the second is announced. We add our prayers for her soul.





CONGESTION CHARGE



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Reasons to oppose the Congestion Charge

Although not a party political matter, Anthony Browne MP openly opposes this charge on the grounds that

- 1. Residents don't want it 65 per cent of those who responded to his last survey were against the plans.
- 2. The GCP should listen, look to alternatives, and introduce much improved, far cheaper public transport before even considering a congestion charge.
- 3. Announcing this new driving tax during a cost of living crisis, the GCP have proved how utterly disconnected they are from ordinary people struggling to make ends meet.

Other important points raised by *Cambourne Crier* were:

- a) Not all trips into Cambridge can be completed by bus, such as large shopping trips, therefore the shops in Cambridge City will suffer and might close, although large out of town superstores and neighbouring towns will benefit.
- b) Cambridge congestion is not always considered as being unreasonable and is well managed compared with other cities. This scheme may be trying to solve a problem which does not actually exist most of the time. GCP freely admit that traffic levels have dropped post-COVID due to increased working from home.

Cambourne Crier looked at two main arterial routes into Cambridge, Madingley Road and Queens Road at 9-10am on a Wednesday (a time which would be included in the congestion charge zone) and traffic was moving freely, including periods where there was no traffic at all.

- c) GCP are saying that the congestion charge will affect crucially important jobs in hospitals and laboratories. There is a concern that these highly qualified people go elsewhere to work.
- d) There is no mention of the cost of installing and running the scheme, which could cost the taxpayer millions of pounds upfront, plus ongoing staff costs to run the scheme. If it was to succeed in reducing traffic, the revenue generated might not be sufficient to subsidise the buses. The net result could be greater costs of running a car with no material reduction in bus fares.
- e) Similar congestion schemes are quick to fine motorists for going into the area without realising what they have done, or for paying the charge late, adding further to the financial burden.





- f) The scheme could devastate our city centre and put small, individual shops out of business due to lack of footfall. Points which are specific to Cambourne:
- Not all problems with buses are assocated with cost. At present the No.4 bus does not run to Upper Cambourne at certain times and the nearest bus stop is a 15-20 minute walk for some people.
- The No.4 bus does not go to Cambridge Railway Station. Anthony Browne MP sends a simple message, to the GCP: **Stop this now.** He continues: "I want to thank the hundreds of Cambourne residents who have already signed my petition. I hope it will help the GCP and its political leadership realise how utterly disconnected they are from ordinary people in South Cambridgeshire.

"Cambourne bears the weight of enormous transport concerns, and yet the GCP has chosen to propose the most costly, most extensive and most draconian charge imaginable - one that covers every possible workplace, charges electric vehicles and even mopeds, and will leave residents struggling to afford access to their nearest hospital.

"I have a simple message for the GCP: Stop this driving tax. Stop it before you create a two-tier system for our residents, separating those who can afford a charge from those who can't.

"Stop it before people feel they can't afford a visit to the hospital, to take their children to school, or even just drive close to their nearest city. Stop it before businesses, commuters, and visitors turn their backs on us because you've made it too expensive for them."

If you would like to add your name to a petition to oppose the Cambridge City Congestion Charge, it can be found on the following link:

www.anthonybrowne.org/ccc-petition

Alternatively you can email the Greater Cambridge Partnership direct with your comments in support of or opposing the scheme:

contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk

More information on the proposal can be found on the following link: https://bit.ly/3UEwNev

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Scouts take to the skies!

A group of Cambourne Cubs and Scouts had the opportunity to go flying last month as part of a Young Aviators Day hosted at Sywell Aerodrome in Northamptonshire.

A free to attend, volunteer-led event, designed to give the young people the chance to earn their Air Activities (level 2) and Air Researcher badges, the day saw Cubs and Scouts learning about airstrip safety, recognising different types of aircraft and making paper aeroplanes and hot air balloons! They also had the opportunity to take a VR trip into space, fly a glider simulator and learn how to read and plot a course on a flight map.

The day included a look at the Aerodrome's museum and a guided tour around a jet fighter - the highlight however, was the chance to take a short flight in a light aircraft such as the microlight above.

Andrew Fell, 2nd Cambourne Scout leader and one of the volunteer pilots, said: "The event is all about promoting STEM in aviation and having fun.

"122 Scouts and Cubs took part, including 20 from
Cambourne. We had 22 pilots with 18 aircraft from all around the region and managed to fly all of the young people - plus some of the leaders!"





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ANTHONY BROWNE
MP FOR SOUTH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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The future of Cambourne

The future of Cambourne has been very much on my mind over the summer.

I visit the town regularly and it is always a fantastic experience made possible by a truly caring community.

In Cambourne, I've witnessed people coming together at the food bank, helping to deliver essential supplies during the pandemic, and I've met representatives of passionate community groups working for you. But still Cambourne can't get everything it needs.

You have been offered new facilities, and yet few have appeared. Grand gestures have been

made over new links into Cambridge, but the only real progress has been towards a draconian congestion charge that will add to your bills. And we have yet to see the High Street and market that has been promised for so long.

I'm very glad to see the Town Council on the case. It was a treat to tour the new youth club recently, specifically built to give Cambourne's young people a place they can call their own. Their hard work and lobbying efforts have helped hold the District Council and others to some obligations, and I know they are pushing for more.

I want to aid that fight, and continue my own campaigns for the High Street, transport links, and additional facilities Cambourne needs.

I look forward to spending much more time in Cambourne working for you.



STEPHEN DREW
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
cllr.drew@scambs.gov.uk

The future of transport in our town

The time to have your say on the future of transport for our town will be upon us very soon. The Greater Cambridge Partnership will soon launch a consultation on their "City Access" proposals.

Put together with the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway (C2C) there is finally real potential to revolutionise public transport and environmental protection for residents in our town. We have all waited long enough for this chance to arrive; we need to make sure what actually happens is what our town needs.

Of course, as with any large-scale plan to change transport, the proposals will lead to strong

views on both sides. The chance to have more regular £2 buses to Cambridge has to be balanced against a £5 daily congestion charge to access the city.

At present these are proposals and public views in the upcoming consultation will be crucial in deciding what the final plans look like.

I am sure that a Cambourne with cheap buses to Cambridge, the C2C Busway and linked cycle and footpaths will be very popular with most of our community. But I also know being charged to drive into the city divides opinion. I hope that Cambourne's views go into the consultation in droves and our voices are heard loud and clear by the GCP.

Information about the proposals can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/sjj2dr7f, so please do visit this site and have your opinions heard.



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10th October is World Mental Health Day

October 10th is world mental health day. Kindness and mental wellbeing are strongly linked. As we offer kindness to others, it helps those who are isolated and promotes a sense of belonging and supports friendships.

Kindness often means putting other people's needs before our own. However, evidence shows that helping others can also benefit our own mental health and wellbeing. Kindness can iimprove feelings of confidence and optimism and reduce stress. There is suggestion that being aware of our own acts of kindness and the things

we are grateful for can increase feelings of happiness and satisfaction. It may also help us have a more positive outlook about our own circumstances.

Kindness can be shown in many ways including through volunteering, donating to charity, sharing our skills and knowledge or by giving a thoughtful card or smile. It is also important that we show kindness to ourselves as this can prevent shame, help a positive sense of identity and boost our self-esteem. Kindness benefits everyone's mental health but it's importance is often underrated. In the words of Albus Dumbledore it is "a trait people never fail to undervalue".

■ Reference/ further information: www.mentalhealth.org.uk

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CamCare UK: Community Bus is now available to book

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Cambourne local charity CamCare UK has received many enquiries as to how to book the community minibus since it was awarded a grant from John Apthorp to buy a 17-seater bus. The booking procedure of the minibus is finally in place.

Cambourne Village College Principal Claire Coates and ex-site manager Chris Piekuta and Venkatesh Kommi, Sujit Bhattacharya and Shrobona Bhattacharya of CamCare UK helped in the booking procedure which will be used by the community.

The community groups of Cambourne will have priority. The young and the senior members of the community, primary schools, Village College and CamCare UK will be using the bus along with the other groups of Cambourne.

The booking form will be sent upon request, the form will also be available on the website https://camcare.org.uk

For more information and booking please contact: Venkatesh Kommi - <u>vkommi@gmail.com</u> Shrobona Bhattacharya - <u>shrobona@gmail.com</u>





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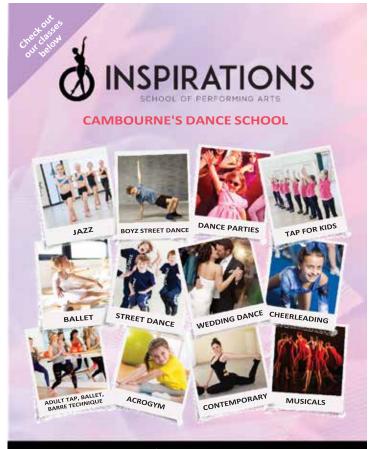


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Monday 9am – 5pm, Tuesday 9am – 1pm, Wednesday closed, Thursday 4pm- 7pm, Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm, Sunday closed

Are you always looking to expand your skills and knowledge?

We celebrate Libraries Week this month, 3-9 October, with the theme of Lifelong Learning. Come and ask us about all the learning opportunities available to you through your library, including how-to books, online courses, free-to-access research websites and in-person activities.

At the start of Libraries Week we are offering free computer courses at Cambourne Library.

Course One starts Monday 3rd October, 10am -11am for 4 consecutive weeks. To help beginners develop digital computer skills and make the most of the online world, using the comprehensive and very user friendly, "Learn My Way" website. Topics available are: Using a mouse, keyboard and touchscreen; Using the internet, email and search engines; Creating documents and spreadsheets; ·Video calling, online shopping and watching and listening online; · Searching for jobs online. Just one that interests you!

Course Two starts Monday 3rd October 1pm -2pm and continues on 10th October, 31st October and 7th November.

Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher to create greetings cards. Combine text and pictures to produce a card to print out or send digitally. You will need to bring your own memory stick to save your creations.

There will be a volunteer Digital Buddy available to sit with you and guide you through the course. You will need to be a library member to use the computers but we can help you to join the library if needed.

Places are very limited. Please pre-book in the library.

Words for Pleasure - did you know that we have a creative writing group meeting at the library on the first Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm? If you enjoy writing, or would like some support in getting started, this friendly group would love to hear from you. Please ask library staff for more information. Thursday 6th October, National Poetry Day. Sometimes a few lines of poetry can beautifully express our own feelings. We invite you to discover poetry books in your library.

Rhymetime/Storytime - our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers has started again alternately on Fridays. Next session Rhymetime 7th October.

Engage - Wednesday 12th October - 2pm - 3.30pm - "The Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital" - A member of the Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity will be talking to us about how we can support the welfare of these adorable animals in our community. The talks will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome.

Family History Drop in Monday 21st November 1-4pm.30pm our representative will be here to answer your questions.

Magic Show - Wednesday 26th Oct 10.30am - please call into the library for further information and to book a place, £5 per child aged 3+.

The Library Presents - autumn season is approaching and we can guarantee the delivery of another spectacular offering of artistic entertainment for all the community!

The Story Detectives - (Dance) - Two performances on Saturday 29th October 2pm and 3.45pm. An interactive danced adventure to collect letters, solve clues, and build an adventure story. Choreographed by award-winning Katie Green. Stay for a fun dance workshop after the performance. Wear a hero or villain cape and learn simple hero and villain dances, then the heroes capture the villains! Families with children 6+ years.

The Museum of Imagination - Saturday 26th November 2pm. Parrabbola's Museum of Imagination need your help to build a collection of mysterious objects. Under the guidance of their curators, hunt with searching tools and metal detectors for the objects needed. Label your finds and prepare them for display in the library so that others can see your fascinating finds. Perhaps you'll discover an untold treasure. Families with children 4+ years.

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The combination of interconnected wilder green space, good hedgerows and an abundance of gardens make Cambourne an ideal place for hedgehogs.

Hedgehog populations overall in the UK are in decline, this is mostly driven by serious drops in rural areas. In more urban areas, populations are stable and gardens now have a very important role in the survival of this species.

Autumn is a crucial time for them, as a well-fed animal is more likely to survive the winter.

You can help hedgehogs in your neighbourhood in many ways:

- Provide a shallow dish of accessible water. If you have a pond, make sure a hedgehog can get out if it falls in.
- Connect with neighbour's gardens hedgehogs need a fence hole about 13cm in diameter.
- Feed them with dried cat biscuits (never milk) put them in an upturned plastic box with a hole, and weighed them down with a brick or stone to prevent cats from accessing
- Leave an area wild to provide a place for invertebrates
- Always check bonfires before setting them alight
- Provide a home a wooden house to make or buy, or allow access under a shed, or leave log piles covered in leaves.

 More: www.wildlifebcn.org/wildlife-explorer/hedgehogs

If you don't have a garden you can still help:
Submit a record when you see a hedgehog. It is tricky to survey hedgehogs which makes the submission of biological records really valuable. There are a few ways you can record that you have seen a hedgehog, one is by using the free app iRecord, and another is through the website of Cambridge and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre. You can also take part in a national project called Hedgehog StreetSlow down on roads Don't ignore a hedgehog in distress; seek advice if you see one acting strangely. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society have information about when you should worry, and a number you can call for advice and signposting to local rescue centres.

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EDUCATION

Cambourne Village College welcomes new students

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE and the Cam Academy Trust community are greatly saddened by the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

All our pupils watched a commemorative presentation on her Majesty's life on 9th September, and the school was closed on the 19th to allow observance of the royal funeral

Over the summer holiday, we celebrated the exam success of our last

cohort of Year 11 pupils. Headline exam results were not reported across Cambridgeshire secondary schools this year, due to this being a transitional exam series after two years of teacher assessment. However, almost all our students were very pleased with their outcomes, after a great deal of hard work under some challenging circumstances, a very high proportion have gained entry to their first choice of Post 16 provision. We wish them every possible success at the next stage of their studies.

Term has started smoothly, with the new Year 7 students quickly finding their way around the building and our new staff settling in well.

We now face a period of considerable disruption on site: nine years after the College opened, work has started on the final stage of its development. The

completed building will extend our capacity to enroll 1650 pupils in Years 7 -11 by 2028. A larger Year 7 will be admitted year on year until this number is reached. The development will include our new sixth form centre in September 2024. Construction will take place sequentially all around the school and is scheduled for approximately 83 weeks. The construction traffic will not use the main school entrance.

Our Performance Hall is nearly finished! The rigging has been installed in the roof space, electrical work and curtaining has been commissioned, and we hope to hold an inaugural concert this term.

Please see our website for details of the final fund-raising effort needed to install a full bank of professional-quality stage lights.

Claire Coates, Principal

Monkfield Park staff and pupils enjoy a great start

MONKFIELD PARK SCHOOL enjoyed a great start to the year. Across the school, children have showed such enthusiasm as they have begun work with their new teachers.

They have all become fully engrossed in cross curricular learning opportunities and the school environment has been one of positivity and tranquillity.

Year 1 have been exploring their topic of 'Animals' and have enjoyed taking on the role of different jungle animals, making music and even dissecting a fish!

Year 2 are 'Creating Cambourne' and looking forward to a visit from a real archaeologist who will be educating about the history of Cambourne. They are then going on a walk around the village to spot the signs of the years gone by.

The Reception children have been eager to explore and learn. This has shone through in their topic of 'All About Me'. The children have brought into school special objects, favourite teddies and family photos to celebrate how special and unique each of them is. There's always so much to do in Reception and the excitement on the children's faces when they enter the classrooms is evidence of how much they are enjoying their new journey at school.

With the sad news of the Queen's death the children took part in a special assembly to listen and talk about all of the wonderful things that the Queen did for the United Kingdom.

What a fantastic start it has been and we look forward to the vear that lies ahead.





EDUCATION

New term and lots of new arrivals at Jeavons Wood







JEAVONS WOOD SCHOOL: There have been lots of smiles around school as the new term got underway with many classes starting their topics.

So far, we have already seen Romans, fairy tale characters, Victorians, superheroes and Ancient Greeks who have all been thoroughly excited by their learning.

As some children stepped back in time, they have experienced what daily life would have been like by carrying out some of the jobs and activities from the period, as well as learning important facts along the

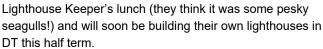
We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our youngest children into school as they begin their educational journey with us. It's been wonderful to watch them settle in and how they are coping. Long may it continue! We are looking forward to getting to know them and their families over the years ahead.

If you would like to find out more about our lovely school, please contact the office at office@jeavonswood.org

HCCP welcomes new pupils and mourns the Queen

HARDWICK AND CAMBOURNE PRIMARY: We have had a busy but lovely start to the school year, welcoming our pupils back with open arms after a scorching summer and it's been a delight to see our new 'generation' of pupils settle so well in to Reception.

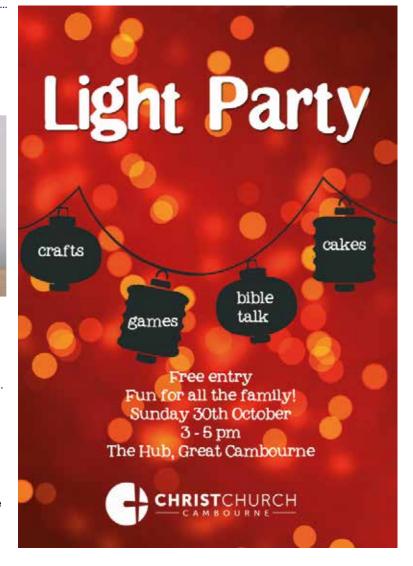
Years 1/2 have been investigating who took the



Years 3/4 are looking forward to their Roman day which will involve dressing up, having a feast and doing some marching.

Years 5/6 have started their topic, Fighting for Freedom, and have enjoyed debating about suffrage and making parachutes in science.

The sad news of Queen Elizabeth II's death so close to the beginning of the school year certainly shook us as a school community but has allowed us time to reflect and celebrate her extraordinary life and service. Our crocheted queen made by ex-pupil, Poppy Brand, during the Queen's jubilee celebrations earlier this year, is now even more special to us.





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Robin Bailey 01954 269 328 Cambourne Cricket Club:

cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Town Football Club:

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk

Cambourne Netball Club: www.pitchero.com/clubs/

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Cambourne Runners:

cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

Cambourne Women Runners:

information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambourne Tennis Club: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club:

www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk Cambs Tai Chi Club:

www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS):

07929 100 612

www.karateschools.co.uk

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cambschargers@gmail.com

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cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com
Cambourne Air Cadets:

105@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadets:

www.cambsacf.com

Wildcats (Girls Football) :

wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk Cambourne junior parkrun:

www.parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors/

COMMUNIT





FIRST LEGO's tournament theme revealed for 2022-2023

FIRST LEGO League releases an exciting, mission-based robotics challenge every year based on a real-world problem, the theme and game for 2022-2023 was finally announced: Superpowered!

Children are introduced to STEM, building models using LEGO bricks. Participants progress through many challenges, discovery and exploration before taking part in the tournament.

Children join the challenges to apply their STEM skills combined with critical thinking at the regional level, then national and international levels. This year Cambourne Robotics club will be sending two groups for 2023's regional tournaments.

CERC remained Cambridgeshire's local champion in the last four years and brought the trophies back to Cambourne in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

For more information or to join Cambourne Robotics and Electronics club (CERC) please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya, shrobona@gmail.com or visit camcare.org.uk/cerc





COMMUNITY

Let's save **Cambridge** together: **Environmental** awareness courses

Hope CIC successfully completed another session of its environmental awareness course in Cambourne.

Our project compromises delivering series of community-based environmental workshops.

The workshop will cover area such as reducing waste and recycling at home, safe disposal of household waste, energy and water saving tips. The project will also cover areas such as appropriate disposal and upcycling of unwanted furniture and household products to increase participants understanding, knowledge and awareness of activities that can be carried out as part of their day to day lives and will support the development of longer term climate action within communities. This will enable participants to learn new



skills as well as save on their houses hold expenditure and improve their quality of life. Participants will benefit through the learning of local environmental issues and practices through a range of activities including art projects, workshops, and field trips followed by a picnic lunch afterwards, opportunities to play music, share coffee and socialise.

Participants will be encouraged to share their knowledge and ideas about protecting the environment and supporting the development of longer term climate action in their everyday lives such as in their kitchen and garden.

One to one practical home "Environmental Action Plans" will be created to support families to encourage habits that will result in benefits to their lives and focus on taking measures that will help reduce and eliminate our carbon foot print.

This will also encourage communities to plan for the climate emergency to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters.

■ Please contact Kelly on 07543 994942 or email - hopecic.uk@gmail.com to secure your placement in our next program. www.hopeagainct.org





CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

As the huge increase in the cost of living impacts more and more, the foodbank is committed to offering increased support wherever it is needed.

In Cambourne the foodbank distribution centre is part of Cambridge City Foodbank (CCFB) which has a total of six distribution centres across and around the city.

Every Thursday morning between 10am and 12pm our volunteers are in The Blue Space offering support and a warm welcome to anyone experiencing food poverty.

To receive a food parcel it is necessary to be in possession of a food bank voucher. These can be obtained from various local agencies including SCDC, any of the schools in Cambourne, Cambourne Church, Cambridge Citizens Advice, Monkfield Medical Practice. Alternatively, vouchers can be generated via the Cambridge City Foodbank website. Usually a code is sent electronically to a client's phone which can then be redeemed for a food parcel.

The volunteers at the foodbank can also offer advice on where to receive longer term support in various situations. The kettle is always on and someone is always on hand for a chat over a cuppa.

If you'd like to donate food to the foodbank, there is a crate in The Blue Space foyer as well as a trolley in the Lower Cambourne Co-op. All food donated must be non-perishable and well within its use by date. As a useful guide of particularly required items, there is a list on the CCFB website which is updated regularly:

https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

As well as food, donations of toiletries and household products are also gratefully received. Financial donations can also be given; details are available at

 $h\underline{ttps://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-funds/}$

Many people who have donated food in the past now find themselves in a position where using a foodbank is a necessity. If you are struggling to pay fuel bills and buy food, don't go hungry! Help is at hand!

Revd Bill Miller

Services and events for October 2022

Sunday 2nd October - 10.00am: Morning Worship with Communion, with youth and children's groups

Sunday 9th October -10.00am: Morning Worship with Communion and children's group, followed by a church meeting

Sunday 16th October - 9.30am: Morning Worship 11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

Sunday 23rd October - 9.30am: Morning Worship 11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

Sunday 30th October - 9.30am: Morning Worship 11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church www.cambournechurch.org.uk

Twitter: @cambournechurch Facebook: cambournechurch

Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Unexpected Events

Last month we had planned and prepared to participate in the village fete. This as you know was cancelled due to the time of mourning for our Queen. The message I was going to preach that week I changed from an expository message in 2 Kings to a topical message entitled God save the Queen. And the truth is we may plan for all kinds of things, but we never really know what will happen from day to day that sends things awry. Like it says in Proverbs 27:1 Boast not thyself of

to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Many times I get calls in the night to deal with problems and difficulties people have had. Unexpected events. The truth is we are never guaranteed any opportunity tomorrow for we do not



Pastor, Donavan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church

know what will occour. That is why if you have something important to say to someone, then if you can, then say it today. Maybe it is message to a loved one or companion about your true feelings. Maybe you need to reach out with forgiveness or hope to those who have wronged you. Or asking for forgiveness to those you have wronged. It is further possible it is not something you need to say, but something you need to hear. Perhaps a message of forgiveness from a heavenly Father. A message of love from His Son. I know a good book about the subject. Maybe you should give it a

read sometime. I hope you have a good October Cambourne and make the most of the time. I continue to upload messages at https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark

Pastor Donavan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

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



COMMUNITY

The Big Squiggle needs YOU

On 22nd October, the Big Squiggle will be with us again, and to make it the huge success it has been in the past, we need a lot of volunteers. No experience or skill required, but energy, enthusiasm and a sense of humour is!

If you would like to help out as an art or craft supervisor, or with the refreshments, please get in touch with either Jessica Lydon on community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk or Fran Panrucker franmpanrucker@gmail.com.

Also, please get in touch if you have any wonderful ideas or suggestions, or even any art and craft supplies we could use for this fabulous, free, community event!

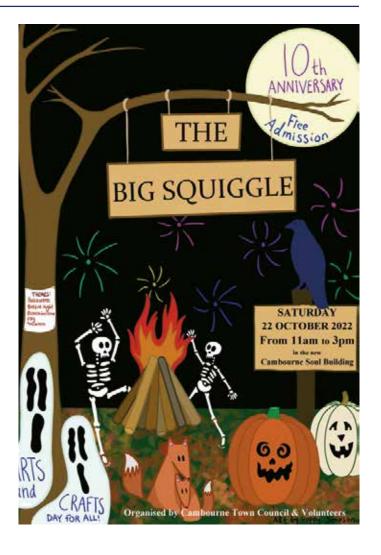
Cambourne Painting Group

This small, friendly community group which has been in existence for more than 10 years, is undergoing a change due to the tutor leaving to live in France.

We will now have a different tutor every two or three weeks, who will demonstrate to us using a variety of approaches to art and materials, not just watercolour as it has been, mostly, until now. The group, which meets for 10 Wednesdays in every term, with a fee paid at the beginning of each term, will be accepting a few new members this year. Cases of financial hardship will be considered.

We look forward to meeting new painters.

Please get in touch with Fran Panrucker at franmpanrucker@gmail.com



Cambourne Soul and Romsey Mill - supporting young people's sexual health

A key focus of youth work is to enable young people to develop holistically, and this is something that we strive to do through our youth activities and program.

One part of young people's development, even if we don't talk about it as much as other areas, is the sexual development that happens through adolescence; young people become more aware of and interested in sex, and it becomes part of their understanding of relationships.

It's important than young people have access to good quality sexual health information, advice and support in a way that is approachable and accessible for them in order to take responsibility for their own health and behaviour.

C-Card schemes operate across the country, providing free condoms, lube and chlamydia testing for young people and in Cambridgeshire this scheme is administered by the Terrence Higgins Trust.

Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill are signed up as a C-Card partner, which means than young people aged

13+ can access this support locally in Cambourne.

All the youth workers (Jonathan, Emma and Emma) are able to sign young people up to the C-Card scheme and provide supplies to those who are signed up.

For young people aged 13-15, a discussion always takes place as part of the sign-up process to ensure that young people are safe and supported with their sexual health choices.

For all young people, the C-Card scheme provides a safe space to receive informal sexual health education from a trusted adult, access to condoms to promote safer sex, and guidance and direction to other services which can provide additional support where required.

Any young person who wants to sign up to the C-Card scheme, or just wants to find out more about it, can speak to any of the youth workers during any of our sessions or contact us online (look for 'Cambourne Soul' on Facebook or Instagram).

SPORT

Cambourne FC seeks players and launches beginners ladies sessions

Players Wanted for 2022/23 season:

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- 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: Email: D.pickavance@hotmail.com
- U14 Reds (Boys) are looking for players and train Tuesday evenings 7-8pm. Please contact Coach Paul Francis 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
- U9 Lions (Boys) are looking for new players, they train Wednesday evenings 5-6pm. Any questions email coach Shaun Asque asques@gmail.com

New ladies beginners sessions

Age 16 upwards, all abilities and fitness levels welcome, every Monday 7-8pm on the 3G pitch.

First two sessions are free then subs are £12:50 per month but this does not tie you in for the season (can be cancelled at any time). You will need to register with the club before you can join a session via our website (Select 'Register to Play' button

Get down to "The Dugout"

Cambourne Town FC are pleased to announce the opening of "The Dugout" a new club house for the club located inside the Sports Pavilion by the grass pitches thanks to the support of Cambourne Town Council.

This new social provision officially opened on 24th September, with a family quiz night to raise funds and the football club is busy planning fun events throughout the year to build the football community and support the club's fundraising.

The Dugout will be open for refreshments every Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am and Friday mornings 10am -12pm.

If you have any questions please email Mel Hadley, Events Officer via ctfc.events@gmail.com. Please come along and support your club!

Cambourne Town FC kicks off the new season!

After so much sun and drought conditions it was a relief for the 2022/23 season to start in September. It's great to see the pitches busy again with happy players, families and coaches! A reminder that our Soccer School (Boys), Wildcats (Girls) and Inclusive Football (all children) now is held on Sunday mornings as part of our Early Years provision with our Inclusive Football sessions taking place every other Sunday.

You can find more details on our website and social media and can register a player via our homepage at www.cambournetownfc.org.uk and selecting 'Register to Play'.





Café Open in October

For actual opening days and times check our Facebook page: 19 - The Coffee House

The Café needs You! Volunteer? – Are you interested?

If anyone has a spare morning free then Please get in touch on our Facebook page or Tel: 07766 273 405

Thank You, Cilla - Cafe Manager

The Foyer, Cambourne Church Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne

SPORTS

Championship success for Cambourne Tennis Club

Cambourne Lawn Tennis

Club participated in the annual Lawn Tennis Club championships which was held this September and spread over two weekends; with the Juniors Competition and the Singles Competitions held on 4th September and the Doubles held on the following weekend.

The second leg of the competition was held in a somber mood with all activities stopping for a minutes silence at 2pm in respect of the passing of our longest serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II may she rest in peace.

Thank you to all participants and congratulations to the winners!

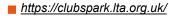
The winners were:

Juniors competition

- 8U: Neil Saha
- 9U: Daniel Byron
- 11U: Biagio
- 18U Girls: Anna Byron
- 18U Boys: Connor **Ecclestone**

Adults Competition

- Ladies Singles: Emily Stephenson
- Mens Singles: Rory Dixon
- Doubles: Toby Jackson & Rory Dixon



CambourneLTC/ contains detailed information about the club including events, coaching sessions, teams and how to become a member.



CPL 2022 tournament raises funds for Cambourne Soul

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: The second season of the T20 tennis ball tournament dubbed 'CPL 2022' turned out to be more exciting than the first in 2021! With a new and enthusiastic organising team ably supported by last years' organisers, and ongoing support from the town council and Cambourne Cricket Club, the tournament ran over seven consecutive weekends from May to July and was very successful!

This year, all teams wore T shirts matching their chosen 'franchises' (Kings wore yellow, Riders wore purple, Titans wore blue, and Challengers wore red) bringing a bit of colour to tournament; which provided nail biting matches. On the final day the organisers provided food as well as a stall selling Indian food at lunchtime.

The CPL 2022 trophy was claimed by the Challengers team, and caps signed by Indian cricketer and IPL 2021 purple cap winner, Harshal Patel, were awarded to the best bowler (purple) and batter (orange). All prizes were given away to children, potential cricket stars.

CPL donated £500 to Cambourne Soul, keeping to its aim of raising money for charitable causes whilst bringing people together to enjoy and play cricket. We look forward to CPL season 3 next year with plans to attract sponsorship from local businesses and raise money to support further community causes.



