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Men's Shed initiative planned for Cambourne

Cambourne Town Councillors and the Town Council's Community
Development Officer have begun an initiative to establish a Men's Shed in Cambourne.

Men's Sheds are community-based organisations typically established and operated by local volunteers.

They are spaces where men with 'time on their hands' come to meet and take part in fun, practical and social activities in a friendly environment.

Sheds typically have three core features:

- A practical space where members can take part in activities such as woodwork, metalwork, furniture restoration, upcycling or gardening.
- A social space where members can relax, grab a cuppa and chat to others.
- An inclusive and friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome and supported.



Sheds often start off small with a few activities and build up their range over time as their membership and skills base grow. Sheds can also apply for grant funding to help expand their activities.

Sheds enable members to work on both personal and group projects.

One of the next steps is to establish whether sufficient local interest exists to establish a Shed in Cambourne. If you are interested in joining as a member, or helping to establish and operate the Shed, please contact the Community Development Officer at community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

More information on Men's Sheds is available at menssheds.org.uk and articles about already established local



Sheds are at <u>haysouthcambs.co.uk/</u> <u>activities/mens-sheds</u> and <u>hihub.info/features/last-of-the-summer-</u> wine-here-in-histon

Cambourne remembers



The Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 13 November

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Diwali 2022



Cambourne celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, in October

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Daryl De Leon



Cambourne racing star heads to Vegas for World Championships

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CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CRIER COMMUNITY FUND

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

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ Indoor Bowls

Are you interested in playing short mat bowls? There has been an 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 ■ The Big Squiggle

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Squiggle! There were so many fantastic creations to celebrate Autumn, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Remembrance Day, many of which were made from recycling everyday items or things found outside, including plastic bottle poppies, rock painting, glass jar tealight holders, toilet roll Halloween characters and rockets, and leaf printing. We also decorated gingerbread and cupcakes, moulded clay and created wreaths. A huge thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers, and if you are interested in supporting future events, please let us know. Our next Big Squiggle will be Spring 2023.

Staff Vacancies-

Vacancy 1:

Grounds Maintenance Person (full time) / Apprentice Grounds Maintenance Person (full time)

Vacancy 2:

Football Development Officer

This full time role is developing and promoting football in Cambourne for all ages and abilities, as well as managing the football facilities.

Job description and further information is available:

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/vacancies or email

office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Events

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Fireworks Display

Saturday 5th November: Back Lane will be closed from 12pm for set up for Cambourne Fireworks. The diversion is via Eastgate and Jeavons Lane/High Street.

Remembrance Parade

Sunday 13th November: Eastgate road will be closed from 10am – 12pm for the Remembrance parade. The diversion is via Back Lane.

Christmas Market

Pop along to the Cambourne Christmas Market on Saturday 3rd December at the Hub Community Centre, High Street between 11am – 4pm. Lots of craft and gift stalls as well as local community groups and businesses, food, mince pies, mulled wine and Mrs Claus' grotto!

■ CALENDAR OF MEETINGS November and December 2022

22nd November at 7pm: Planning Committee, followed by Leisure & Amenities Committee

6th December at 7pm: Full Council followed by Planning Committee

20th December at 7pm: Planning Committee followed by Finance & Policy Committee

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(Correct at the time of publication)
Black Bin: Thursday 3rd & 17th
November.

Blue\Green Bins: Thurs 10th & 24th November.

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

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Bus timetable update:

DETAILS RELEASED OF BUS OPERATORS AND TIMETABLES FOR WITHDRAWN STAGECOACH ROUTES FROM OCTOBER 30

The names of bus operators and new timetables for the services withdrawn by Stagecoach East from 30th October have been released.

On September 20, Stagecoach East announced they were pulling out of 18 bus services completely and reducing a further five significantly. The Combined Authority went out to urgent tender the following day with the aim of finding operators to continue as many of those services as possible.

The outcomes of that tendering process have been approved by the Combined Authority Board and new contracts with bus operators came into effect from 30 October to run until the end of March 2023.

New timetables for those services can be read via the following link: https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/New-timetables-from-October-30-2022-v2.pdf They may be different to the timetables operated by Stagecoach, including times and stops. As these timetables are new there



may also be some initial teething problems and passengers should check with bus operators who will provide details of any known issues or changes.

Citi4 along St Neots Road and within Cambourne (Timetable unchanged). Stagecoach East, 18 Cambridge to Cambourne -Whippet Coaches

■ Information from Cambridge and Peterborough combined authority.





COMMUNITY

Cambourne Library

Opening times

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

Welcome - You'll always find a warm and friendly welcome in your library. Drop in to choose some books, stay to read, or use our free WiFi or a library computer. If you are looking for advice on cost-of-living support, staff will be happy to signpost you to information.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - Summer now seems a distant memory, but we were delighted to have so many children complete this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Gadgeteers. We held our presentation ceremony in September when Councillor Ruth Poulton and our lovely teenage volunteers kindly joined us to present the certificates and eco medals. If you were not able to make the ceremony and haven't collected your certificate yet, please do ask for it at the library reception when you are next in the library.

Engage - Wednesday 7th December, 2pm - 3.30pm

'Local Inventions' - Mary Burgess from the Cambridgeshire Collection will be talking about local inventions. Come along and learn more about the wide range of inventions in our County. The talk will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome.

The Library Presents - The autumn season is now well underway with a spectacular offering of artistic entertainment for all the community. See below for brief details of our forthcoming events in Cambourne Library. Please feel free to call in, or look online, for further information, and to book tickets.

The Museum of Imagination - Saturday 26th November, 2pm

Parrabbola's Museum of Imagination needs 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 aged 4+

Mazaiko Duo - Eastern European Folk Music Wednesday 7th December, 7pm

A magical and exhilarating performance full of passion, melodrama and virtuosity. A unique, humorous and uplifting take on a colourful mix of genres; East European Folk and Gypsy, Classical, Opera, Tango, Jazz, Latin, Italian, French Chanson, Gypsy Swing and Pop, plus evocative original material. Adults and Young People (12+ years).

Family History Drop-In - Do you need help tracing your ancestors? Come along to our next drop-in session, between 1.30 and 4.30 pm on Monday 21st November, when there will be expert help and advice available from the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - The next meeting of our friendly library-based Reading Group is on Wednesday 16th November at 12.30pm. If you enjoy reading and would like to share in an informal discussion about the specific title for the month, and books in general, you would be most welcome to come along or ask at the library for further details on how to become a member.

Digital Assistance - Our computer buddying volunteers are with us at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you need any help with using your laptop or tablet, either a 'how do l' question or help with a particular task, assistance will be available between 10.00 am - 12 noon, or 1.00 - 3.00 pm. Please pre-book a session with library staff.

Lend IT Laptops - We now have laptops available for loan. You need to be a member of Cambridgeshire Libraries and then can borrow a laptop for 7 days at a time. If you don't have data to connect to the internet you can use CambWifi hotspots around Cambridgeshire. For further information please ask at the library.

Rhymetime/Storytime - Our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers continue on Fridays in term-time at 9.30 am. Do bring your young children along for 30 minutes of fun with our brilliant volunteer leaders. The November sessions are Storytime on the 4th and 18th and Rhymetime on the 11th and 28th.



Act of Remembrance 2022

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This year, the Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 13th November at 10.50am outside Cambourne Church.

Everyone is welcome at this event as we say 'thank you' to all who have served, sacrificed and changed our world and also to those who are currently doing so.

After the Act of Remembrance, everyone is warmly invited to stay at Cambourne Church for hot drinks and cakes.

Eastgate will be closed to all traffic (except pedestrians) between 10.15am and 11.45am while the Act of Remembrance takes place. Diversions along Jeavons Lane, High Street and Back Lane will be in place.



Cambourne Catholic Church

We are grateful to all the visiting Priests who took Mass for us in Fr John's absence whilst he attended the sad death of his father in Vietnam.

The congregation numbers at both the Saturday and Sunday services have returned to the pre-COVID level. The children's liturgy group has grown in conjunction, but parents of pre-communion children must register now as a last resort with Fr John.

The choir and music group are back in full strength with the hymns for Saturday service listed on the internet each week.

We are having a cake bring and buy shortly to raise funds for Cafod.





Cambourne Community Gospel Choir

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas at weekly Wednesday evening practice of Cambourne Community Gospel Choir (CCGC)!

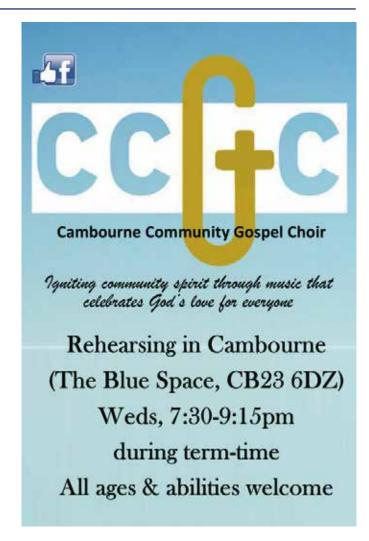
Newcomers and regulars started the new term in September learning new songs; just like it's been done from the start, back pre-COVID in September 2015. The tradition of starting each new term with new songs is the way musical director, Steve Gaze welcomes newcomers into the group. A united start to the term builds over the weeks to fun and joyous end of term performance(s) in Cambourne or the surrounding villages.

Details of the Christmas performances, which will include a Christmas Carol singalong are being finalised.

Join In the Christmas carols and celebrate Christmas with

Monkfield Arms: Wednesday 21st December from 7:30pm Lower Cambourne: check Facebook and Cambourne Church notices for details.

New Year would be a great time to join us or re-join us if you've been away for a while. We welcome anyone of any ability and meet every Wednesday term time 7:30-9:15pm in the Blue Space behind Cambourne Church. We learn everything by ear, no need to read music with access to lyrics to revise between rehearsals. £1 suggested donation per session. Drinks and cake break every session! Join us learning new songs from 11th January 2023.



Hearing Aid Maintenance

Batteries: If you require batteries only, you can now collect them from any one of our Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres, without the need to make an appointment. Please drop in during our HAM Centre opening hours and we will issue them to you.

For cleaning/retubing, please make an appointment.

You can also pick-up batteries from the Cambridgeshire Mobile Library which visits 85 villages and communities throughout the county.

Donations: CDA Hearing Help is a charity. If you would like to donate, you may do some by sending us a cheque, online via our website or in person at a Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre. Any

contribution will be gratefully received. Thank you. For postal donations, please send to:

CDA Hearing Help 153 St Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambridge CB23 7QJ

Please make cheques payable to: Cambridgeshire Deaf Association

For online donations, simply visit: www.cambridgeshirehearing help.org.uk and click on the 'Make a donation to Cambridgeshire Hearing Help' button on the bottom right of the screen. You will be able to make a one-off donation or set up a standing order using your bank card/Paypal account. Thank you.



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CAMBOURNE

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2023

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New Year Ceilidh



Cambourne New Year Ceilidh: Saturday 7th January 2023

With The Magogs Ceilidh Band

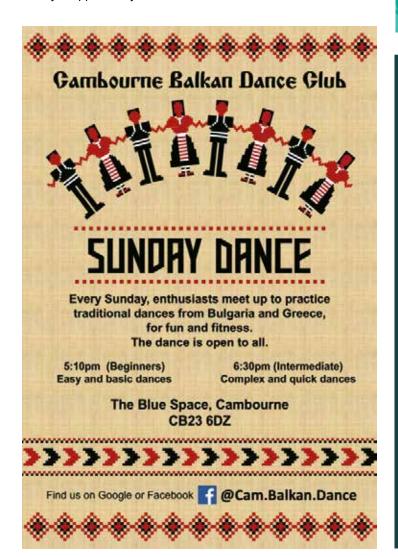
The Hub Community Centre, 7.30pm - 10.30pm

A caller will help move the dancing along.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Cost, approximately £9 per person, depending on numbers attending. Please contact Fran to provisionally book a place franmpanrucker@gmail.com

This is a community event for fun, any profit will go to a local charity! Supported by Cambourne Town Council



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COLUMNISTS



ANTHONY BROWNE
MP FOR SOUTH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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A new Prime Minister and a new era

As I write, the new Party Leader and Prime Minister has just been announced.

In my mind, there was only one candidate who is right for this role and this was Rishi Sunak.

Last time around, I twice asked the South Cambs electorate who they wanted. Rishi was the most popular choice according to Cambourne residents and you gave good reasons as to why you wanted him.

People thought Rishi Sunak would be honest, competent, and best represent us on the world stage. Vitally, 74 per cent of you thought he would do the best job managing the economy and I

agree with you. In government, he could lead a team of credible, experienced Cabinet Ministers with a proven record of getting things done. I would also urge him to take stock of the talent from across the party.

Whatever happens in the future, I will continue to speak to Ministers and work for Cambourne.

Building on my previous campaigns, I'll be advocating for new action on a Cambourne High Street, ensuring you have better transport links into Cambridge, combating the draconian proposals for congestion charging, and ensuring our town has the facilities it needs.

I look forward to a new leader that will bring the kind of cool, calm, competent government our country needs and deserves.



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

Concerns about the cost of living

Here and across the country, people are continuing to struggle with the cost of living. Food bills and energy prices have risen at the fastest rate we have seen in a generation.

South Cambs District Council has, therefore, put together some resources to help people manage their household budget which you can see on the following link: www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support Information on local Warm Hubs will also be listed here. The Warm Hubs will be run free of charge within community spaces, where local residents can visit a safe, warm and friendly environment to enjoy refreshments and social activity, obtain information and advice.

As the clocks go back, I would ask everyone to please take extra care on our roads. For pedestrians, make sure you are visible and cyclists have lights after dark.

Do you have concerns about speeding in our town? Would you like to do something to improve things in our community? Would you consider joining our fledgling Speedwatch Group? Speedwatch is a scheme that allows trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities. This is achieved by undertaking high visibility roadside operations to educate speeding drivers by displaying their speed on a digital display with a view to improving driver behaviour.

Training will be provided. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact me on my South Cambs email (left) should you wish to get involved.



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

Movember - testicular cancer

As with every November, Movember aims to highlight men's health focusing on both physical and mental health and wellbeing. Cancer of the testicles is not very common but it is the most common cancer in males from 15 to 39 years old.

The risk of testicular cancer increases if there is a family history of the condition or a history of undescended testicles.

Most often the cancer starts in the cells that make sperm and it affects around 2,300 men per year in the UK. Fortunately, with treatment, the survival rate is usually good and as with all cancers, the earlier it is picked up the better.

Having a good awareness of what is 'normal' for you is really important so if there is a change, pain, lumps or swelling then this is much easier to notice. It also helps to be aware of unusual heaviness in the scrotum or an increased firmness in a testicle.

These changes may have other causes which are nothing to do with cancer but it is really important to get them checked out.

Although it might feel embarrassing, please do contact your GP (who is very used to talking about these things) or you can go to your local sexual health clinic.

Further information: uk.movember.com

EDUCATION

Nurturing nature in Great Cambourne

HOME EDUCATORS & TOWN COUNCIL: It's one year on from the day Cambourne Home Educators and Cambourne Town Council planted 135 free trees from the Woodland Trust to create a small new wood next to Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion last November. Most of the saplings, which include Hazel, Crab apple, Downy Birch, Hawthorn and Goat Willow, survived the hot dry spell this summer thanks to the amazing extra care by Cambourne Town Council Grounds Team who gave them 1000 litres of water to drink every few days! It's lovely to see them thriving and growing.

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Cambourne and district u3a

We are part of a diverse community and so welcome all retired, semi retired from jobs or caring, to join us for our monthly speaker meets



with the chance for coffee and chat beforehand.

We have recently had an enthralling talk from Kosovo by the author of the *Rubbish-Picker's wife* and the October speaker was one of our members who is part of an historical reenactment society.

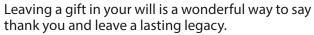
As well as our meetings your membership delivers you a monthly newsletter and access to various interest groups including Bridge, intermediate French, dance exercise, trips, walks, iPad learning etc. Check out our website or come along to the Hub on the 3rd Friday of the month

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EDUCATION

The Vine enjoys a religious experience

VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY: At the Vine we've had a great start to the year welcoming new staff, pupils and families.

Our school trips have begun and Year 5 visited Queen's Park in Bedford. The purpose of the trip was to experience the cultures and religions of Christianity, Islam and Sikhism. Queen's Park is an ideal place to visit a church, a gurdwara and a mosque as each one is only 5mins apart.

The church offered a great experience to wander around finding symbols of faith. The Mosque welcomed our questions, and we learnt a lot about Hajj. During our time in the Gurdwara we enjoyed their hospitality, and were fascinated by the colours, smells and sounds of this new place of worship.

This was a great opportunity to bring RE to life through these first-hand experiences. The visit gave our pupils a glimpse of a community in which people live alongside each other, recognise differences and celebrate the common life, culture and beliefs



that they share.

At the Vine this is very important to our Vision of a happy peaceful school.

Comments from the pupils:

"We had a really great time enjoying the religious places of worship and had a party on the bus on the way back!" - *Aashvi* "It was all new and interesting to us because I haven't visited any of these places." - *Rufus*

"I learnt a lot today which I didn't know before." - Lily-Mai

Jeavons Wood hosts open afternoon

JEAVONS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Just before half term, we held an open afternoon where we entertained parents, grandparents and carers.

This was incredibly popular as it was the first one we had held since the pandemic. There was much excitement and anticipation from the children as they showed our visitors the work they did and explained the many lessons and methods we use today.

Our pupils were very keen to show their visitors what school is like and some even reminded them about following the rules if they were talking when the teachers were trying to explain something!

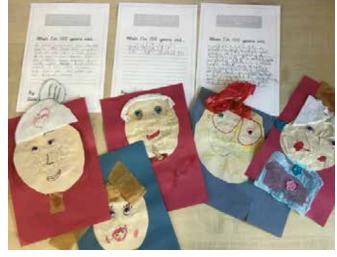
It was wonderful to see so many people in school, joining in with the learning and looking at books, so we will certainly be making sure that we hold this event on a regular basis.

This term, our children have learnt some new songs for our harvest festival which



they sang beautifully. We were overwhelmed with donations of food which stocked our community kitchen. This is open every week for anyone within our community who may be affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

So far, this has been very well received and we are incredibly grateful that we can help at such a difficult time for so many.



EDUCATION

HCCP elects new pupil governors and gets eco-friendly

HARDWICK AND CAMBOURNE **COMMUNITY SCHOOL:** Congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Governor and Deputy Pupil Governor - Finn Fielding-White and Henry James respectively. The pair will chair the school council, attend Governors' meetings and work alongside staff to ensure that the voice of the children is at the heart of the school. All Year 5 and 6 were invited to read a prepared speech at the husting event and were voted in by the rest of Key Stage 2.

Finn says: "Hello, I did my hustings and was voted in and am enthusiastic about representing the school. I have quite a few ideas I would like to do. Firstly, I would like to have a bake sale for a chosen charity to raise awareness and try to help it as much as possible. Another idea is to try and get some more interesting playground equipment and train some children up to make sure it stays nice."

We also took our place at the annual Hardwick Village Eco-Event in mid-September. A wonderful event with many thought provoking stalls and local businesses promoting a more planet



friendly way of living. We were proud to contribute through a series of competitions, asking children to either create a piece of art using recycled materials or inventing something that would improve the world in an eco-friendly way. The entries were amazing and we'd like to thank the entrants and congratulate the winners (see pic below).

We had life-sized robots, recycled hanging plant pots, and doll houses with the most ingenious uses of stuff we'd normally just throw away! Inventions ranged from plastic-eating sea turtle robots, to photosynthesizing windows to produce energy! We're incredibly proud of the creativity and thought that went into the entries.

Two of our pupils who represented the school on the day wrote: "Pupils of Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School love to be eco-friendly! At break you can pick up rubbish with our litter

pickers which are very popular! Our school uses our pond area lots of time throughout the year too, which is a great home for lots of wildlife! We both volunteered for the Hardwick Village Eco-Event. There were two competitions, you could draw an eco-inventions to help the planet or make art out of recycled materials. We spoke to members of the public about what we made and what we do in school to help the environment. For example, we planted trees and each class would take turns to water them so we all cared for them."



CVC welcomes the return of events and school trips post-COVID

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: The first half term of this year seems to have flown by, with some events taking place that we haven't been able to hold for two years, due to the pandemic. We were very happy to welcome large numbers of prospective pupils and their families to our Open Evening for Year 6 in early October, and to enjoy their experience as they visited different specialist areas of the College.

Our new Year 7 students are now properly settled into school life, and gave a packed audience a wonderful evening of songs sung in Spanish at our annual 'Spanglovision' class competition in early October, which also featured performances of poems, readings and dances from various national heritages - a truly multi-cultural celebration of the diversity, which reflects our intake, which includes speakers of 43 different languages.

Continuing the international theme, our first visit abroad for

ages saw a group from Year 8 visit Aachen in Germany, while a group of older students visited Granada in southern Spain for a language and cultural week over the half term break.

Closer to home, the kids enjoyed two full days of visits and activities at the end of the half term. With normal lessons suspended, teaching departments were able to offer in-depth learning experiences both on and off site.

Year 7 visited Colchester Zoo, Year 8 participated in a field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze to study coastal erosion, Year 9 enjoyed orienteering at Hinchingbrooke Country Park and Year 10 students all visited Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford, to further their learning on Hinduism. The half-term holiday was a vey welcome break after an enjoyable and busy start to the new academic year!

Claire Coates, Principal

CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Are you dreading the winter fuel bills? Are you already struggling with the rising cost of food? Do you just miss the company of others? Or maybe you can join a team of volunteers being good news for our community.

As we enter these winter months Cambourne Church is seeking to respond by opening up the church building at various times as a warm hub - a welcoming place to gather, always with hot drinks and usually with a hot meal served - all without any charge. At the time of writing not all the plans have been finalised, but we are aiming to partner with others to open the church foyer on weekday mornings from early November. Watch out for further details, which will probably have been published by the time this issue of *Cambourne Crier* goes to print.

There are also plans for collections and distributions of blankets and winter clothes, but we await confirmation that storage space is available before we can start collecting.

We have just started an afternoon tea party called 'Cherished', which is scheduled to take place once a month in the church annexe. And there may yet be other times when we can welcome people for a meal and a drink.

In the New Testament of the Bible we find these words: "Love each other deeply ... Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:8-9)

Hospitality is something to which every Christian is called.

Revd Bill Miller

Services and events for November 2022

Sunday 6th November 10.00am Worship Service with Communion

Sunday 13th November 9.30am Short Communion Service (In the annexe) 10.50am Remembrance Service (At the back of the church building)

Sunday 20th November 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service

Sunday 27th November 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Remembering those few and brave.

In November we will again be remembering those that fought to preserve our freedoms. Those brave individuals who answered the call to enact change about a situation instead of just whining about it. Those generations that have gone on before will be remembered for stoic fortitude under fire. For rallying together during national threats and for pushing forward till the job was done. I wonder at

times what will our generation be remembered for? How will we face the challenges before us? Will we do it by acting like spoiled children and throwing our food over the carpet or at paintings? Will we get it by sitting in the middle of a road like a two-year-old in a shopping aisle who did not get the toy they wanted? No those are, in my opinion, stupid things to do. Now they have the right to free speech and rightly so but for change to happen the deeds must be related to the task. If I want more places to be insulated then a good idea is get some insulation and do it. If I



Pastor Donavan Bangs

want less dependence on oil then I invest or invent alternatives. I would not rely on the government as I have seen the government. Now if I wanted more peace in my life, I should enact things that lead to peace. Things like forgiveness and kindness go a long way toward that goal. Not only for others, but for you as well. Do not get sidetracked by little things. Like when David in the Old Testament was accused by his brothers he did not revile them, but simply asked is

there not a cause? If you want to fell a giant do not spend time arguing with fools. Just get your tools and get to work.

This is what we have been studying Sunday mornings about people who despite detractors and critics got the job done. They were not perfect or even nice at times, but they were effective and focused. Therefore they will be remembered for what they did and the nation's gratitude remains.

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

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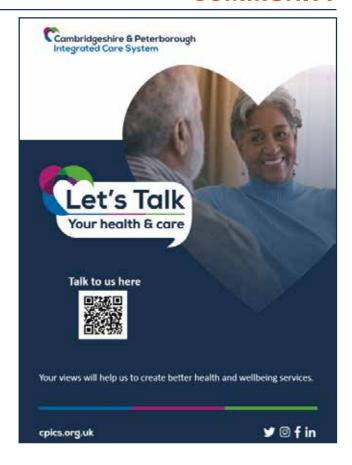
A new campaign to hear from local people about their views and experiences of health and care services has launched in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

Let's Talk: Your health & care is Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System's new campaign, which is giving people who live, work or study in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough the opportunity influence the next five years of health and wellbeing services locally.

Everyone's view is important – whether you've used health and care services recently or not. By hearing from local people, the people who plan and buy local services can better understand local issues and needs, and work together to tackle them.

The questionnaire only takes a few minutes to fill in and covers a wide range of topics including getting appointments, the impact of the current cost of living on health and wellbeing, and what could help children and young people in the future. Take part in Let's Talk by filling in the questionnaire by 10 November: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RKB8RN9

The survey will close on Thursday 10 November. So that you can see where your views have had an impact, we will share a detailed overview of the insights we have gathered. Our strategy will also be clear about the influence your views have had.





CHS Group's annual Shoebox Appeal

CHS Group, a charitable housing association and social enterprise based in Cambridgeshire, has launched its 2022 Shoebox Appeal to ensure all of the young people across its supported housing services have a gift under the tree this Christmas.



CHS Group provides a number of accommodation and support services in

Cambridgeshire - supporting people who would otherwise be homeless, young parents and their children, as well as people with autism, learning difficulties and those experiencing mental health issues.

The CHS Group Shoebox Appeal, invites anyone to donate shoeboxes filled with a range of Christmas gifts. CHS Group is inviting donations from now until Monday 5 December, giving plenty of time to collect for the appeal, while ensuring CHS Group's staff members have enough time to check, coordinate, and distribute all the shoeboxes. For members of the community who would like to get involved but are unable to donate a filled shoebox, CHS Group has set up a JustGiving page for financial donations which will go towards making up a shoebox and supporting young people throughout the year. To find out more about CHS Group's Shoebox Appeal, including what is suitable to donate, visit: chsgroup.org.uk/supported-housing/chs-shoe-box-appeal-2022/

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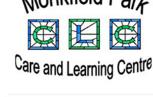
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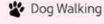
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CamCare's Cambourne Diwali Festival 2022

CamCare UK, which works for diversity and inclusion, welcomed people to join the Diwali celebration and kept the event free to all. Connecting people, tackling loneliness, bringing inclusion at all levels are the main priorities for the charity in Cambridgeshire.

Cambourne's Diwali celebration, the festival of lights, was inaugurated by Jennifer Crompton, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, MP Antony Browne, Darryl Preston, the Police and Crime Commissioner, by lighting up the candles hosted by the local charity CamCare UK. Reverend Bill Miller, the Minister of Cambourne Church, and Iain Dover, Head of Religion of the Cambourne Village College also lit up the candles on Saturday 15th October 2022 at the Hub.

The celebration started with Diwali Bazar with the local stalls. The idea was to support small businesses and help them with better networking in business from 2-5pm. Food from different parts of India, Punjab to Chennai to Assam to Gujarat, along with the Indian street delicacies, Indian Tea, and traditional drinks were served. Diwali gift boxes and lamps, beauty products, Indian clothing, accessories, jute bags, Indian home decors, furnishings, festival clothing, Sarees, Kurtas for men, Madhubani art products, traditional welcoming door decorations (toran), handmade Indian jewellery, mehndi stall, and guide dogs UK charity were also present.

Local artists from Cambridgeshire and London created exciting cultural

ambience, along with quiz, raffle, dinner for the Michelin chef, Bollywood dance, and Diwali fireworks were enjoyed by the residents.

The action-packed Diwali celebrations were started in the evening with the world leaders' messages, Diwali presentations, speeches by the chief-guests, Puja, aarti, lighting the lamps, food, dance and fireworks. People joined from the local towns, villages and nearby cities.

Cambourne Hub Community centre was full with guests, volunteers, artists at all times. A total of 75 families received Diwali gift bags in the evening.

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CIC Onum Celebration

Cambourne Indian Club's 13th Onam celebration was a great success with more than 175 people attending the mega event.

The Onam celebration started with welcome speech followed by Thiruvathira, children's dance, homemade Onam feast and Onam games. The event was made colourful by all members of the club. All dishes for Onam feast was cooked by members of the club so the feast was very delicious. Onam feast was followed by games (musical chairs, tug of war etc). BBC Cambridgeshire also covered this year's celebration for the first time in club's history.

Next big event is Christmas New Year celebration in January 2023.





Shikshak Vandhan **Divas - 2022**



Teachers are the most important and critical part of any society.

They help shape the future of the nations by nurturing and developing the young minds.

Activity Centres (Shakhas) of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK) took the initiative to organise a celebration known as Shikshak Vandan Divas, literally translated as "Teacher Appreciation Day" to show praise and gratitude to teachers. HSS Cambridge celebrated the Shikshak Vandan Divas on the 12th of July this year, at Cambourne. Students from many Primary and Secondary schools from Cambourne, Cambridge and surrounding areas invited their teachers to grace the occasion.

The program commenced with Prayers and lighting of the lamp by the Chief guest of the day - Mark Howell, County Councillor of Cambourne Town Council and District Councillor for Caxton and Papworth Ward of South Cambridgeshire District Council. HSS Volunteers later covered the details about HSS, its guiding principles, and notable work done by HSS for the development and welfare of the society over the years.

Shakha's young volunteers conducted a few activities to give the teachers and rest of the audience a

flavour of regular activities conducted in weekly shakhas, and a couple of fun games which aimed at promoting mental and physical agility were also played to keep them on their toes (quite literally!)

A popular Sanskrit shloka (verse) 'Vidya Dadati Vinayam, Vinaya Dadati Paatrataam, Paatratva Dhanamaapnoti, Dhanaat Dharmam Tatah Sukham' beautifully and meaningfully highlights how education makes one humble. An educated society contributes to an educated nation & an educated nation is a progressive nation. Students gave their Teachers traditional salutations, flowers and presented to them a book 'Hindu Dharma - a guide for the teachers' as a gift, post which many teachers came forward to appreciate the event and shared their thoughts with the gathering. The event ended with sharing of delicious Indian snacks prepared lovingly by the shakha volunteers.

Such was the impact of this event, that the team later learnt that many teachers incorporated the "Hindu Dharma book" gifted to them at the event for RE teaching, games and activities played during the event in their classroom teaching - an appreciation from their end in the truest sense!

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This poster was submitted by Monkfield Medical Practice as information for Cambourne residents



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough General Practice
Response to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care
Thérèse Coffey's Statement around GP Access



We are **100 GPs short** across our local system. That's the equivalent of almost **137,000 patients** effectively **without a GP in Cambs & Peterborough**. No wonder practice services feel so stretched!

Did you know...

1 in 2 patients across Cambridgeshire &
Peterborough who need access to their GP Team
get an appointment within 24 hours of
contacting their practice?

Did you know...

Across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, the 88 GP Surgeries offer between 400,000 – 500,000 appointments each and every single month. That's around 50% of your local population!

Your GP wait may be hours, days, or weeks but you may still be waiting around a year for a hospital appointment.

Waits for operations can be even longer.

Even suspected cancer referrals, ideally seen by a consultant within a fortnight, may take longer. This is not the fault of NHS staff who are working harder than ever. We share your frustration. We all feel the same.

On 22 September, the new Health Secretary told the media that "GPs would be required to offer an appointment on request within two weeks" (regardless of clinical need). But when it came to Parliament, Ms Coffey **changed her statement** to "GPs may be expected to offer an appointment on request".

Deliberate misinformation or misrepresentation of general practice helps no one. In fact, it doesn't really matter which words she used - it's still an unachievable expectation without the doctors and nurses available, or additional funding to deliver it. She might as well have promised you a unicorn.

Political spin is damaging to the NHS workforce:

By piling pressure on GPs & practice staff who can't meet impossible targets, spin can trigger complaints, aggression, and abuse. That can lead to staff leaving the NHS workforce, and for patients that can mean losing "your" doctor, and longer waits to be seen.

Political spin is damaging to patients:

It is unfair to make impossible promises to patients. We have a duty to put clinical need over personal want. There aren't enough NHS staff to go round to offer everybody whatever they want, whenever they want it.

It's not access – it's capacity

Everyone's working hard, but *general practice is the only part of the NHS to be offering even more appointments and more access,* than when compared with before the pandemic (according to NHS Digital). That is extraordinary when we think about how many GPs and Practices Nurses we've lost in the past three years.

Extra phone lines need **extra staff** to answer them, and **extra clinicians** to see you and your family.

A million volunteers might be helpful, but how long will they volunteer for? Wouldn't it be better to have a sustainable workforce policy to deliver new trained staff?

We must keep the NHS staff we have. We can't afford to lose any more. Please help by being kind, patient, and understanding. We are doing our best for you.



COMMUNITY & SPORT

Tigers roaring thanks to new sponsor

CAMBOURNE TOWN FC'S U9 TIGERS were very excited to unveil their sponsor for the 2022-23 season, proudly showing off their new kit and training tops bearing the logo of Cambourne-based independent travel agent Home Away Travel Adventures.

Joining the team and their coaches for a photo after a brilliant performance and a 5-2 win away at Milton recently, owner and founder of Home Away Travel Adventures, Rachel Coquard, said: "It's been fantastic to watch the boys develop as footballers since they started as U7s and I'm delighted to be able to support them as they continue on their journey and wish them every success! Go Tigers!"



Cubs' badgework sees them looking into disability awareness and learning money skills







1ST CAMBOURNE CUBS have had a very busy first half of the autumn term, working towards their Disability Awareness and Money Skills badges.

Over two weeks, the cubs took part in activities including drawing pictures holding a pen between their toes, making sandwiches with just one hand, learning sign language, undertaking a disability access audit of our meeting space and taking part in a wide-ranging discussion on disability and understanding the needs of people with disabilities.

To achieve their Money Skills badges the cubs were presented with a list of food

items and their prices and were asked to prepare a menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner at camp within a budget. Just in case they ran out of money they could earn more by undertaking various exercises - it was amazing how keen they were to do press ups just to be able to afford some extra treats!

The following week they learned the differences between saving, spending and donating and also designed their own money – carefully considering anti-counterfeiting measures and comparing those used on different banknotes from around the world.



After the half term break they'll be looking to find out all about Cambourne to earn their Local Knowledge badges!

SPORT

Tae Kwon Do club training for success

CAMBOURNE TAE KWON

DO: Our new term started in September and we are pleased to welcome several new students to our club in Cambourne Village College and the Sports Centre. They have made a good start to their journey and we look forward to reporting soon on their success.

Several members recently underwent an assessment in front of Master Wurr and a grading for Grand Master Sergiew in Thetford where they performed their linework, patterns and a variety of sparring moves to

prove their mettle. It was a very good showing by all students who all progressed. Congratulations to Rex, Tamas, Omar, Anna, Ian, George and Thomas who earned their new belts.

Some of our pupils in Cambourne and other Academy clubs are currently preparing for their black belt grading which will be held in the beautiful setting for the Helidon Lakes Hotel in Warwickshire later this month.

Students from all over the United Kingdom are put through their paces during these gradings in front of five



Grand Masters. They are always tough days but ultimately satisfying and we wish them all the best of luck. We still have places available for new members, young and old, in both our Tuesday and Saturday classes. If you or

your child are looking for a new fun, energetic activity with a friendly and successful team, contact Stephen on 07905 744777,

stephenlacey73@gmail.com or visit our Cambourne TKD Facebook page.

Tennis club plans Christmas awards and festive games

CAMBOURNE LAWN TENNIS CLUB is hosting its

Club/Christmas Awards on Sunday 11th December at 12pm. We will be running some festive games on court followed by festive snacks and the handing out of awards over at the Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. Please check out our website. Sticking with the seasonal theme, our winter membership details include options - family for £60 and single adult for £35; with unlimited play until 31st March 2023.

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





SPORT

Meet Cambourne's newest sporting superstar!

Cambourne resident Daryl De Leon was officially crowned the "Radical Sports Car SR1 British Champion 2022" in a prestigious awards ceremony at Silverstone race track museum on the 15th of October.

His 7 wins and 2 second places gave him enough points to secure the championship this year and as he just turned 17 back in August, he becomes the youngest driver ever to take the British Champion title in that category.

As champion he will travel to Las Vegas this November and race against the best drivers from around the globe for the title of "Radical Sports Car World Champion 2022.

Daryl said: "It's been a difficult year, with some of the best drivers and teams in the country giving me a real challenge. However, I'm definitely ready for the World Championship in Vegas."

Daryl will need to be totally focused as he will be racing Radical's SR10 flagship sports car with 425 horsepower, a 180mph top speed and a 0-60ph time of 2.5 seconds. Let's wish him the best of luck for the race and hope he can return as a world champion.



Cambourne Town FC

CTFC is excited to be offering new Friday morning Walking Football for the over-50s. These sessions are mixed gender and no experience is necessary - just come along and have some fun. Sessions will happen weekly from Friday 11th November, 10-11am, on the 3G pitches at Everyone Active in Cambourne. The sessions are free of charge for the month of November, and will be £3 per session (payable by card on the day) thereafter. The Dugout will be open until 12pm serving delicious hot and cold snacks - a great place to socialise. Have fun, get fit, make friends in a relaxed enjoyable and safe environment. To register email ctfc.walkingfootball@gmail.com Cambourne Town Football Club Ladies Team has exploded onto the new season winning its first two league games and a cup game scoring 27 goals and conceding none in the process. The hard work put in at training and games has paid off as they currently sit top of division 3. Coach Dave Pickavance is looking forward to the season ahead with this ever improving team. Cambourne Town Football Club Mens Team started the season with a win at home against Sawston Phoenix 1st Team, winning 1-0. This was followed by a win against Eaton Socon in the next game. An amazing team performance littered with some outstanding individual showings, which ended 1-2 with goals



from Ryan Bird and Joe Brown.

The next match at home against West Wratting Reserves was a highly impressive and promising performance from all. Sadly the match finished 2-5 bringing this cup run to an end. Goals were from Ollie Humphreys and Joe Brown.