



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Cambourne Warm Hub opens

Every weekday morning Cambourne Church is opening its doors as a Warm Hub. From 9.30am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, anyone and everyone is welcome to spend time in a warm space with hot drinks and hot food - all free of charge.

"This is a partnership between Cambourne Church, Hope CIC and Cambridgeshire ACRE. While there will be some days when it is not open over the Christmas holidays, the plan is to operate as a Warm Hub for Cambourne throughout the winter until the end of March," said Revd Bill Miller, Minister, Cambourne Church. "A space for company and warmth in these difficult times. Why not come along and have a cuppa and chat?"

So what are warm hubs? Warm Hubs are being established in places such as libraries, community centres, church halls, sports clubs, cafés and other places that promise a warm welcome to anyone struggling to heat their home. Warm Hubs are free to use and will provide a warm



welcome to all. Some venues will also offer hot drinks, activities and other services, such as free wi-fi.

Warm Hubs will support vulnerable and isolated people, as well as those on lower incomes who are unable to pay their energy bills without compromising on other essentials, such as food, rent or hygiene, this winter.

Warm Hubs, established at a community level, provide access to services for those that are perhaps 'just managing' with the cost-of-living crisis and who are not necessarily familiar with the systems of support available to them.

The idea is to provide access to services at an early intervention stage, to prevent longer term hardship.

Those attending the Warm Hubs can get practical tips and advice on saving energy costs and keeping safe and warm at home. They will also be helped to find out about more specialist advice and support available to them, such as cost-of-living grants or debt advice.

Warm Hubs will also be joined to programmes that support the provision of food such as food banks, community larders, batch cooking and pop-up community shops - with the aim of increasing local access to good quality and affordable food, so that no-one goes hungry this winter.

■ For more info please visit www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/warm-hubs/

Remembrance Day



The community gathered for the Remembrance Day service

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Jeavons in space!



Year 5 at Jeavons Wood check out the Space Centre in Leicester

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Scientific research



Cambourne Crescent visits Cambridge Stem Cell Institute

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

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

■ Winter Gritting

Winter is approaching and the temperature is starting to drop. The Town Council grounds team will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for temperatures falling below 0 degrees and will be out and about in the early hours gritting the major footpaths (to bus stops and school routes). The Town Council does not grit the roads. Adopted roads are gritted by Cambridgeshire County Council and the routes can be viewed online.

■ Live Music

Carla Gray will be performing for an afternoon of live music on Wednesday 7th December, 2pm – 3.30pm at The Hub Community Centre. £2 on the door, refreshments available too. A variety of music including a few Christmas songs!

■ Faith Questionnaire

The Town Council is working to assess the level of need for Faith buildings in Cambourne or new developments adjoining Cambourne. Therefore they have produced a short questionnaire to be filled in by faith groups in Cambourne. Please contact the Town Clerk clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like a copy of the questionnaire to complete.

■ Reporting Crime

There appears to be miscommunication with reporting anti-social behaviour and crimes and it is important to report these to the Police so they can assess and monitor crime levels within the town. There are numerous ways to report: for non-emergency you can phone 101, fill in a report form at www.cambs.police.uk or chat live with a web chat operator. For emergencies call 999.

■ Parking

A reminder to be considerate when parking. Parking on footpaths forces pedestrians, wheelchair users, pushchairs etc. into the road. Parking on grass verges particularly in the wetter months damages them and is expensive to repair every year.

■ Christmas Tree Recycling

The Christmas tree recycling point will be set up again on the land adjacent to The Hub Community Centre carpark. Trees may be left here in the New Year up until Monday 16th January 2023 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch.

■ Town Office Christmas Closure

The Town Council office will be closed for Christmas break from Wednesday 21st December 12pm and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

■ Cambourne Volunteers Fair

The annual Cambourne Volunteers Fair will be held on Saturday 21st January 2023 at the Hub Community Centre. Any groups or services in Cambourne (and surrounding areas) looking to recruit volunteers are welcome to join, please email community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk to book a table at the event.

■ CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

December 2022 - January 2023

- 6th December at 7pm: Planning Committee, followed by Full Council
- 20th December at 7pm: Planning Committee, followed by Finance & Policy Committee
- 17th January 2023 at 7pm: Planning Committee, followed by Full Council

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(Correct at the time of publication)
Black Bin: Thursday 15th & Saturday 31st December & Friday 13th January
Blue\Green Bins: Thurs 22nd December and Saturday 7th January.
More information:
www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

The Hub Car Park Mondays:
1.30 - 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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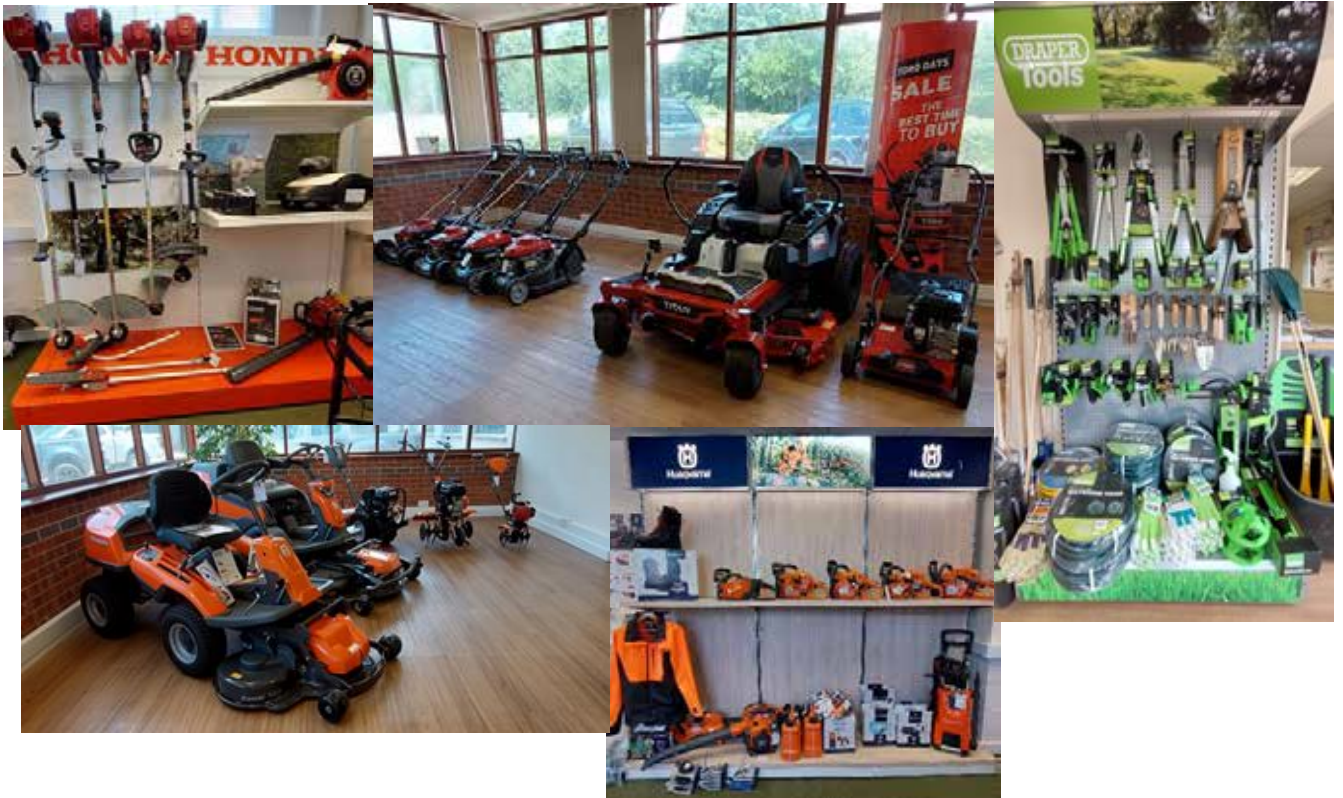
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Cambourne Library

Opening times

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

Christmas closing - The library closes at 1pm on Saturday 24th December and reopens at 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Dear Customers - As another year draws to a close at Cambourne Library we can look back on a year that has presented a few challenges but, we are glad to say we have risen to them with enthusiasm and tenacity to provide a full (and in many areas) growing and varied service. We thank you very much for another year of your continued support. It has been wonderful seeing you all in the library and we wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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.

Engage - Wednesday 7th December, 2 - 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 - 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.

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)

Natural Craft with the Wildlife Trust - Thursday 15th December 4 - 6pm, drop-in session with The Wildlife Trust, for ages 5+

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - The next meeting of our friendly library-based Reading Group is on Wednesday 21st December 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.

Family History Drop-In - Do you need help tracing your ancestors? Come along to our next drop-in session, between 1.30 - 4.30 pm on Monday 16th January 2023, when there will be expert help and advice available from the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society.

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

Lend IT Laptops - We now have laptops available for loan. You need to be a member of Cambridgeshire Libraries and can then 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 sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers continue on Fridays alternately in term-time at 9.30 am starting with Rhymetime on the 2nd Dec.

Lots more ebooks in Ukrainian have recently been added to the catalogue.

Living Knowledge Network

LIBRARY HISTORIC

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共叙英華

An exhibition at
Cambourne Library

18 November – 22 December

Celebrate the history and lasting legacy of this vibrant community, and understand what it means to be Chinese and British.
Free entrance.

library

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Meet the Town Council Team

Ross McNaught
Caretaker

Ross McNaught has been caretaker for Cambourne since April 2019. When he first started he was also doing some cleaning, but now that there is a team of cleaners he is able to concentrate on the caretaking role.

Ross is responsible for maintenance and protective maintenance, fixing things and preventing them from needing to be fixed in all the public buildings, involving a regular round of inspections. Ross' day begins at 8am, when he opens the Hub and though officially his work day ends at 3pm, he will close up the Hub when the last users leave in the evening.

The public buildings he looks after are The Hub, Sports Pavilion, Bowls Pavilion, two cricket pavilions and the Soul building. At the time of writing he was involved in dismantling the kitchen in the old Soul building and generally removing parts of the building prior to demolition; keeping useful items - such as security lights - to be used elsewhere and making ready the new Soul building for occupation. Ross must liaise with visiting electricians, plumbers, security companies etc and is on the end of the phone for any emergencies, such as heating problems, blockages, and so on.

He is also responsible for ordering supplies such as for cleaning and maintenance.



He recently re-painted the Hub main hall and meeting room, a job that took five coats of paint and just over a week to complete.

Ross volunteered to help out with the Cambourne 10k run, helped set up for the Jubilee celebrations and also assists in setting up the hall ready for the u3a monthly meetings.

What he enjoys about his job is being out and about, meeting new people every day and the variety of the work, with every day being different.

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nursery@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

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COMMUNITY

Wildlife Trust winter update

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants has sustainability at our heart. With this in mind, I'll be at a few different places over December doing some festival drop-in craft that families and adults will enjoy. Ever wondered how to make a beautiful hand-made gift using sticks, left-over wool, and some orange peel? Visit me at one of these events to find out, and hopefully it will spark your own ideas:

Our annual Christmas Fair is back! We'll be opening the doors of our headquarters in Cambourne for mince pies and sparkles. This is free to enter and has local hand-made craft stalls, books, gifts for the wildlife enthusiast, and a raffle. Friday 2nd December 3-7pm.

Join me for some drop-in sustainable craft sessions aimed at families with children aged 5+ (adults will also enjoy them). These are donation-only events so can be free to join in.

- Gamlingay Eco Hub on 13th December, 3.15-5.15pm
- Cambourne Library on 15th December, 4-6pm

These events are a good chance to meet staff and ask questions about the work of the Trust directly. All of our events are on our website: www.wildlifebcn.org/events

Quick reminders: We often have to restrict access to our woodland reserves over winter, either due to forestry work and heavy machinery, or muddy conditions which can damage sensitive wildlife. Thank you for respecting the signs which we post on the official entrances; this means you are not prolonging the closures. You can keep up-to-date with the situation on our website: www.wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates.



How you can help care for your local reserve in the winter:

- Please wear appropriate footwear so you can stick to the middle of the paths if they are muddy, or consider exploring elsewhere
- Please let us know if a fallen tree is blocking the path
- Consider finding out more about the management of our reserves by joining a practical work party. These happen nearby at Gamlingay, Hardwick and Waresley and Gransden Woods every couple of weeks over the autumn and winter, and at Cambourne Nature Reserve monthly throughout the year.

E-mail: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

BCN Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, Buff Wood, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.

CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY DROP IN FAIR

To help the community, we will be giving the chance for small local businesses, crafters etc to promote and sell their products and community groups to promote and sell merchandise.

There will be a small fee of £10 to cover selling/pitch space. After Hall fees are paid, any money over will be divided between Cambourne Fishing Club's chosen Charity for 2023 & Hope against Poverty CIC.



Please contact
hope.cfc@yahoo.com

Last Saturday of every
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Carla Gray

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Wednesday 7th December

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New Year Ceilidh

Cambourne New Year Ceilidh Saturday 7th January 2023

With The Magogs Ceilidh Band

The Hub Community Centre, from 7.30 - 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.

South Cambridgeshire
CHRISTMAS MARKET
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COLUMNISTS



ANTHONY BROWNE

MP FOR SOUTH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Discussions with Morrisons

In my time as MP, I've learned that Cambourne can put on fantastic community events. I've enjoyed the Annual Fete every year and welcomed invites to everything from small community gatherings to the Fireworks Night, which I'm told attracted hundreds of people to the free display!

Just one thing is missing from this schedule – a regular market. The town's Market Square, owned by Morrisons through the neighbouring store on Broad Street, has the potential to become the centre of our community.

The addition of a market would create such a hub, reinvigorate the town centre, adding to the

experience of visiting the town and providing great opportunities for local businesses and residents to showcase their wares.

Unfortunately, despite some excellent work, the Town Council has been continually rebuffed by Morrisons, who insisted on such strict conditions that a market became untenable.

While I understand managers must act in the best interests of any business, I'm urging them to look at the wider picture and compromise in some areas to allow a number of trial markets to be held. This month, I will be writing to the Morrisons CEO and calling for meetings to resolve the issues once and for all. We should all be able to enjoy a proper market in the town sooner rather than later.

Please let me know your opinions by emailing me on the address to the left of this article.



SHROBONA BHATTACHARYA
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
Cllr.Bhattacharya@scamb.gov.uk

My meetings with key local organisations

I met the Business Development Director of Stagecoach to raise residents' concerns and arranged for a public consultation to be held on 20th January 2023 in Cambourne for residents to directly ask questions about the future bus services in Cambourne.

I also organised another public consultation where residents of Cambourne met Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner, who explained how communicating with the public helped him to work on grants and funding.

I proposed to the District Council that the local groups of the town be a part of the Community

Support Partnership (CSP).

I met with Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development for District Council, regarding new roads in the Cambourne West and especially the roads approaching the Village College, which is a concern for the parents and the college in Cambourne. Mr. Kelly also explained the upcoming proposals to expand the current GP surgery in Cambourne.

I have recently visited the GP Surgeries in Cambridge and Comberton after office hours and on the weekends and would like to propose similar facilities to start in Cambourne GP surgery as well to the County Council.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I pray that you all are blessed with the best of health and happiness.



CATHERINE PRICE
CAMBOURNE PARISH
NURSING SERVICE
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Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression related to the Seasons. Symptoms can be more severe during the winter, which include a persistent low mood, loss of interest in everyday activities, lack of energy, feeling irritable or unable to concentrate and feelings of despair.

The causes of SAD are not fully understood, but may be linked to reduced exposure to sunlight during the shorter days. This may affect hormones produced by the body which are related to sleepiness and mood which disrupt the internal body clock. It can help to get as much natural

sunlight as possible and take the time to get outside during daylight hours and sit near a window when inside.

Regular exercise (outdoors if possible) is very important for our mental health and improving symptoms of low mood. Some find light therapy using a specialised light lamp helpful although it is not clear how effective this is.

It is important to speak with a GP if you think you might have any form of depression including SAD and you are struggling to cope. For those with significant symptoms there are medications and talking therapies available. Depression, including SAD, is extremely common and the most important thing is to know you are not alone and to find someone to talk to.

COMMUNITY

Image of Remembrance



On Sunday 13th November the Act of Remembrance was held at Cambourne Church.

Revd Bill Miller, minister at Cambourne Church, officiated at the service, during which wreaths were carefully laid at the foot of the cross. Two minutes' silence were observed at 11am after the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille recorded by a trumpeter from the Army Cadets.

It was lovely to welcome so many of our community to this event. The event was live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel and can be viewed at youtube.com/cambournechurch

After the service, Cambourne Church served hot drinks and cakes inside the church building. Thank you so much to all those who were involved - in both seen and unseen ways.



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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

It is unlikely to have escaped your notice that Christmas is coming - the time when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. But, as any pedant will tell you, Jesus probably wasn't born on 25th December, so the whole thing is a barrel of nonsense: the co-opting by late-Roman political Christianity of pre-existing pagan festivals. As usual, the pedants have staggeringly missed the point.

Christians are not so much celebrating when He was born, but that He was born. Before lies the deep and gathering night, as humanity falls further from the ideals for which we were created - a time of suffering, injustice and despair. His birth represents the glimmering of a new dawn: not the end of night altogether (as can be seen in literally any newspaper) but an indication that the cold and gloom of winter will end, that humanity can and must do better, and that bright summer lies open before us. Obviously such a celebration would happen on, or just after, midwinter. It is not so much stealing the pagan festivals but overlapping with them - harmonizing with the hope that lies within the heart of all humanity. The night is passing; day shall come again! So however and whatever you celebrate this month, may hope illuminate your festivities and inspire you to bless and be blessed in the year ahead.

David Wadsworth
Cambourne Church Writer-in-Residence

■ *A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church*
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Services and events, December 2022

Sunday 11th December

9.30am: Morning worship with communion
11.00am: Morning worship with communion, and children's/youth groups

Friday 16th December

7.30pm: Carols with Cambourne Community Gospel Choir
At the amphitheatre, Upper Cambourne Green

Sunday 18th December

9.00am: Short Communion Service
10.00am: All Age Nativity Service

Wednesday 21st December

4.00pm: Christingle Service

Thursday 22nd December

7.30pm: Blue Christmas
A reflective service for those for whom Christmas is a time of loss and sadness

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

6.30pm: Community Carol Service
11.30pm: Communion Service

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.30am: All Age Christmas Celebration

Sunday 1st January

10.00am: Walk and Talk Service
The service will involve a short fellowship walk for those who are up for it and conversations with coffee around tables for



Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Songs for the season: Here we come again to Christmas time. The shops filled with special items and more toy commercials on television than you know what to do with. Along with this we will have the usual assortment of pop stars and former pop stars who whilst living like the devil's evil helpers most of the year suddenly produce a Christmas album, which will slowly find its way to dusty cupboards or the dreaded 99p bargain bin. Don't get me wrong I am not opposed to more music about the Redeemer. I just wish the performers would pay more attention to the words and gain a realization of what they truly mean. One favourite of mine is O holy night. Originally written in 1847 here is the first verse.
*'O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt it's worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;'*

There have been many performances of this, but how many of the artists have felt that thrill of hope, in the darkness of this sin stained world? Have they seen for the first time the light of rescue, the new dawn of redemption. Like a brilliant shaft of light piercing a dungeon or a dawn in the desert. It is an incredible thing to be able to shed the burden of sin and don the robe of forgiveness. If you have not yet received this, then why not be as the wise men from the east and seek Him. Maybe even change a lyric from another song and pray O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive *me*. You do not need to bring anything but yourself to him, because remember the original Christmas present was God the Father giving us his only Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer. If we can help or you just need to chat let us know. Merry Christmas Cambourne.



Pastor, Donavan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school
11 AM Morning Worship
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 peacehavenbc.org.uk



CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The congregation numbers on both Saturday and Sunday evening have risen to over a hundred - better than pre-COVID days - and are truly international. The first communion classes have started with eight children under the able instruction of Mel and Loretta and join the childrens liturgy group when Mass comences. After the next two Saturday masses there will be a meeting to decide on future events which will be noted in this months news bulletin.

Service and mass times for December

- 19-21 December - 12.30 pm Holy Mass
22-23 December - 18.30 pm Holy Mass
24th December - 16.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
25th December - 08.00 am Holy Mass at Dawn

St John Fisher Catholic Church
Cambourne Church Centre (between Jeavons Lane and High Street), Cambridgeshire, CB23 6GW
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Carol service
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Saturday 17th December
4pm at Cambourne Village College.
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The Vine fosters Spanish links in Cadiz

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This October half term four members of staff visited Colegio Salesianos in Cadiz (the previous trip was cancelled due to the pandemic).

The school is similar to ours with an emphasis on the school

'family'. From their visit to the Vine, Salesianos staff took back our school prayer and our values, the fruits of the spirit. It was amazing to see part of the prayer on the walls around the school, as well as printed in their workbooks.

It's very touching to think that there is a part of The Vine enhancing the lives of pupils in southern Spain.

We hope pupils will get the opportunity to interact with each other by writing and exchanging letters and book reviews. Who knows, maybe we can even arrange an exchange one day.



Jeavons Wood Primary visits the space centre

JEAVONS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL: As part of our science topic on Space this term, Year 5 visited the Space Centre in Leicestershire. There was a buzz of excitement as they boarded the coach and not too many cries of, "Are we nearly there yet?" throughout the journey! Excitement continued to grow upon entering the building with so much for everyone to see and do.

We saw how high we could fire water rockets, looked at real space suits and rockets, explored what it was like inside the International Space Station, drove the Mars Rover and found out how easy (or hard) it would be to lift up a tin of baked beans on each planet according to how much gravity there is there.

Before returning to school, we visited the Sir Patrick Moore planetarium where we discovered what it takes to be an astronaut, discovering some of the perils that are out in space and the stresses that are placed on an astronaut's body. We had some wonderful comments from the children about the trip, with Harri saying it was, "the best day ever!" and many others wanting to take their families there now. We know this has really inspired the pupils and will certainly enhance their learning about space back in the classroom.

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To give you some ideas of what's going on, or the spring term, our topics are: Reception - Winter and Polar Regions
Year 1/2 - Chocolate and Superheroes
Year 3/4 - Magic and Tudor Life

Year 5/6 - Tomorrow's World (comparing the natural and man-made world from today into the future and considering ethical and ecological issues).

We are also looking for a team of keen gardeners to come and work with an enthusiastic group of kids to maintain our wildlife area and allotments. If you have the time to dedicate to a regular slot, please get in touch.

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Monkfield collaborates with SAW Project Team

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL was delighted to welcome the SAW (Science, Art and Writing) Project to work with our Year 6. Run by the wonderful staff at John Innes Centre in Norwich, the children participated in real, cutting edge science in the classroom. In addition to working with the team of scientists, the children wrote poetry and produced some inspirational art with their resident artist and poet, all based on microbes and the incredible, microscopic world.

The students were also engrossed in their current cross-curricular topic on the theme of 'Remembrance'. This has

provided lots of opportunities for them to discover what life was like for soldiers and civilians between 1914 and 1918. They studied two wonderful texts: 'Archie's War' by Marcia Williams and 'War Game' by Michael Foreman, but the war was really brought to life by the visit of a real life expert, Martin Gebble from the 10th Essex Living History Group, who brought a range of original World War I artefacts for the children to examine and study. Martin gave demonstrations of the drills soldiers conscripted into the army in WWI would have had to carry out each day.

The pupils also produced the little known delicacy of 'trench cake', a filling concoction of oatmeal, treacle and spices, made replica medals from clay, learnt some German and recreated the famous football match from Christmas Day 1914.

The children were so inspired by Martin's visit they decided to create their own museum for their families and friends to enjoy.



Challenging times ahead

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: School life is typically busy. Since the half-term break each Year 11 student has had a personal interview with a member of the careers team or senior member of staff, along with their parents or carers, to discuss their plans for Post 16 progression. Applications for sixth form places are submitted in early January, and with mock GCSE and BTEC exams happening at the end of this term, things suddenly seem quite serious for our oldest pupils. It's exciting to think that this time next year, we'll be offering places in our own sixth form to applicants for September of 2024.

Building work on all aspects of the new development is going to schedule, and by working closely with the contractors, we're managing to keep disruption to a minimum. Alongside this excitement, the national climate for education is looking very challenging. For this year very careful financial management both within school and by the Cam Academy Trust means we should be able to continue teaching as planned until next July. After that, we'll do our best to maintain the breadth of curriculum and staffing levels we currently provide, but there will doubtless be some very hard choices ahead.

In the meantime, we'll enjoy the rest of this term. Years 7 & 8 will be performing a festive production of 'Father Frost' on 13 December. This is an addition to the planned performance calendar for this year; so many of our younger pupils applied for a part in next year's production of 'Chicago' that an additional event was planned just for them – and there will be an opportunity to hear our most talented musicians perform at our traditional Christmas concert on 15 December. **Claire Coates, Principal**

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It was very interesting to find out that there is so much scope in a building and it’s just not a science lab. It’s full of avenues; we have met with scientists, researchers, mathematicians, programmers, communication support specialists, bloggers, illustrators etc.

This experience probably makes younger children think differently as science is generally perceived as very dry and academic. My daughter, Zoha, loves colour and creativity; she said after her visit “science is very colourful and creative”.

Muslims describe science and religion as related, rather than separate concepts. Islam strongly supports observation, induction, reasoning and experimentation in study of nature. Search of truth is the primary teaching for Muslims and therefore scientific knowledge strengthen the faith of believer. We as a school felt positive.

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This love of stories instilled a desire to read more and, as a consequence, I could read before I started infant school. There I had an amazing teacher, Mrs Powell. Kind and inspirational, she nurtured my love of reading and this, in turn, encouraged me to start writing stories which Mrs Powell popped on to the classroom wall.

Now, all these years later, I have finally written my own children's book: "Fairies at Number 55" was inspired by a dream last summer when I awoke with such vivid recollections of a sweet family of friendly fairies on our very own Cambourne bridleway. They had names which I jotted down and retained. Then the stories just kept coming in to my head. Some of these were influenced by my walks with my two dogs. Early in the morning, before work, I might encounter a couple of foxes on the bridleway around Cambourne. Other times I saw acrobatic black squirrels in the treetops. Another very early, misty morning, I saw a young owlet watching us walk, from his perch on the V of a tree. These creatures have all made an appearance in one or more of my 11 short stories. Another character is my late, wonderful dog Skeet. He moved to Cambourne with us in 2003 and was very much loved by all that knew him. He just HAD to feature in my book. Indeed, it is dedicated to him amongst others.

Upon completion, I then considered that maybe I might have these published. I searched on the internet for publishers that might consider an "unknown", unproven author. I came up with just two, and submitted my stories to both. The first to respond favourably was Austin Macauley Publishers Ltd. They sent such an enthusiastic, positive response and agreed to publish my book. I was very flattered and accepted. Then, I was further delighted to be accepted by the second publishing house, AH Stockwells. However, having agreed terms with Austin Macauley, I was committed to them and embarked on a year's process of proofreading and editing, then choosing an illustrator to bring my characters to life.

And so, after a year's production process, my book was finally published on 30 September 2022. I am very much in love with my characters, and truly hope they will appeal to young readers. I have been delighted to be sent little video clips of young readers engaging with my characters and already choosing their favourites. The book seems to be doing well, and if so, I definitely have a sequel bubbling away. Watch this space. **Tessa-Kate Curtis**

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Public consultation with Police and Crime Commissioner

Police and Crime Commissioner of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Daryl Preston, met the residents of Cambourne recently, where the Commissioner explained how interactions with the residents and public helped him to plan and gain funding for crime and safety issues.

Beth Watson of South Cambridgeshire District Council attended Daryl Preston's public consultation in Cambourne on behalf of the Cambourne Support Partnership (CSP).



In future, many groups of Cambourne will represent the Cambourne at the District and County levels for the benefit of residents of Cambourne along with community safety. This event was organised and hosted by Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya at the Great Cricket Pavillion. All residents were invited to join the event. **Cllr Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya**

CamCare UK workshop showcases robotics, AI and IoT

CamCare UK offered a unique opportunity for the children to build up their 21st century computational skills by organising a free hands-on projects based workshop on Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet-of-Things (IoT), Hardware and Sensors on Saturday, 24th September 2022 at Cambourne Hub. This was an all day event with the following presentations:

- Micro:bit & Sensors by Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya,
- Wooden telescope equatorial platform and CERCBot by Andy Fell
- Game Projects by Oscar Bristow
- FIRSTLEGO programming and demonstration, can a robot follow your instruction by Vivek Kommi
- Building a Rover by Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya

The event was attended by students from Cambridgeshire, London and Birmingham and was sponsored by EU Meet and Code and Qualcomm and part of Europe CodeWeek 2022.



Cam bourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC), the academic wing of CamCare UK, organises several STEM related activities including regular robotics sessions, FIRSTLego training, workshops, mentoring, volunteering opportunities and visit to various science centres.

■ *For more information and involvement please contact the Chairperson of CamCare UK, Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com*



Rainbow over the Great Cambourne cricket pitch

Photo by Vineesh Narayanan

COMMUNITY

Renters reminded to seek help on mould issues at their homes

People in South Cambridgeshire who rent homes in the private sector are being urged to seek help from the Council if mould issues are not resolved by their landlords. The reminder follows the tragic case of Awaab Ishak, a two-year-old boy who died following chronic exposure to mould at the family home in Rochdale.

In South Cambs, the District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards.

Most properties within the private rented sector in the district are in good condition, but the Council's Environmental Health team investigate any complaints.

Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing env.health@scambs.gov.uk

The following information is required:

- Their address
- The landlord's details
- What the issue is
- How long it has been a problem
- Photographs to show the issue

The Council has the power to take the appropriate enforcement action if there are issues that need to be resolved. This action could include writing to the landlord to ensure the issue is resolved, but the Council can also serve a legal notice to instruct works to be carried out.

The Council manages around 5,500 Council homes. Leading councillors have said that the Council takes reports of mould seriously and does not assume that damp is a consequence of the lifestyle of tenants.

Officers support people on the issue by:

- Actively informing residents about methods to reduce damp and mould
- Using specialist contractors to assess and remedy any issues reported
- Encouraging all operatives to check for damp and mould when they are working in properties as part of safeguarding and welfare procedures

When any repair is reported, the Council also asks tenants whether there are other issues at their home.

The Council had already planned to carry out a stock condition survey on all Council-owned homes next year which will identify any issues with mould, or risk of mould developing to ensure proactive action can be taken.

The Council wants to ensure anyone renting is aware that the Council is there to help you if your landlord does not address your concerns. Homes should be a safe place for you and your family, so please contact them for help.

Birds must be caged during avian flu outbreak

Birds must be locked down as the country faces the biggest outbreak of avian flu. Poultry and captive bird owners must keep their birds inside as the country faces its biggest ever outbreak of avian flu.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is urging local bird keepers, including pet bird owners, to keep their birds in lockdown and use strict biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size.

The lockdown housing measures legally require all keepers to ensure their birds are indoors and to follow stringent rules, such as keeping the number of people entering the bird enclosure to a minimum and using specific footwear that can be cleaned before and after entering the

enclosure, just for dealing with the birds.

Following restrictions already in force for Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, avian bird flu has now been found in areas of Cambridgeshire.

To protect an outbreak of avian bird flu, the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) announced that from Monday 7 November all areas of England require the mandatory housing of all poultry and captive birds. This includes pet chickens and ducks.

Cllr Brian Milnes, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "Scrupulous biosecurity and separating flocks in all ways from wild birds remain the best form of defence.

"Whether you keep just a few birds or thousands, from Monday 7 November onwards you must keep yours indoors. This is the best way to protect your birds from this highly infectious disease."

To achieve the requirements, birds must be kept in an area that is fully covered, so as not to allow wild birds to enter or their faeces to contaminate the area.

Failure to comply with the housing

measures set by DEFRA could result in a fine.

Further details can be found on the Gov.uk website: Avian influenza: Housing order to be introduced across England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Over the last year, the United Kingdom has faced its largest ever outbreak of avian flu with more than 200 cases confirmed since late October 2021.

The introduction of the housing measures comes after the disease was detected at over 70 premises since the beginning of October, as well as multiple reports in wild birds.

The United Kingdom's Chief Veterinary Officer, Christine Middlemiss, said: "We are facing this year, the largest ever outbreak of bird flu and are seeing rapid escalation in the number of cases on commercial farms and in backyard birds across England. The risk of kept birds being exposed to disease has reached a point where it is now necessary for all birds to be housed until further notice."

News from Cambourne Town FC

The Dugout at Cambourne Town FC has been welcoming players, coaches and the wider community successfully in recent months. Run entirely by committed volunteers, The Dugout is offering hot and cold drinks and snacks. Open every Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am and Friday mornings too, from 10am-12pm, with hot food options such as bacon rolls.

Thanks to all our supporters since our September opening. It has been fantastic to see so many familiar faces each week. We are also pleased to open during the World Cup thanks to the Town Council. Details of the Matches that we will be showing are listed on our website events calendar. Please do come down and

join us, the bar and hot food will be available.

Festive World Cup Final Weekend 17th & 18th

December – We will be showing the 3rd place play off on 17th and the final on the 18th. So come along for some Christmas cheer.

Family friendly New Years Eve party 31st January - This will be a ticketed event but is open to all. Further information will be available on our club website.



Local Co-op raises more than £1,600 for CTFC

CTFC was one of the Co-op's chosen causes and was delighted to receive the funds in the last year.

The money will be used to provide improvements and provision for our inclusive football programmes.

Thanks to all the supporters who shopped and scanned at the Co-op and nominated the club as their cause to support.

Our aim is to be a fully inclusive Football Club and ensure players who require additional support due to disability, impairment, health condition, additional mental or physical needs have

access to our club and facilities. This is a significant project for Cambourne Town Football Club and the money raised has made a huge difference to our football offering.

Huge thanks to the Co-op Group Limited and our local champion Tania Thrower and the team at Upper Cambourne Co-op.



CTFC has another rising star: Under 12 Blues goalkeeper Ben Hadley was selected to represent Norwich City ADP under 12's at their match against Queens Park Rangers at their academy centre in west London.

The game was split in to four twenty minute quarters with Ben playing in the first and third quarters, keeping a clean sheet in his 40 minutes of play. A mix of great saves and well thoughtout distribution aided Norwich's victory. The match ended 4 - 7 with Norwich commanding much of the play overall.

Ben's performance is testament to the quality of coaching at Norwich ADP, CUFC and of our own Cambourne Town coaching staff. Here's looking at a successful future for Ben, Norwich City and Cambourne Town.

We need YOU!


Can you...

- Coach like Conte?!**
- Lead Lionesses like Sarina?!**
- Give Pep talks like Guardiola?!**

We have huge demand from local children who want to play but we really need more coaches! We will support you with your training - join your local club and make a difference.

Please email our Club Secretary for more info: clubsec@cambournetownfc.org.uk

[@cambournetownfc](https://www.instagram.com/cambournetownfc)



SPORT

Tennis Club Christmas Social returns and clubhouse gets underway

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB: This year, our annual Christmas Social returns! We will be running a fun games session with Toby and his assistants on the courts, followed by an awards ceremony with lots to eat and drink, and music. This will take place on Sunday 11th December 12-2.30pm, first on the courts then continuing on the Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. The schedule is as follows:
12-1pm: Fun games session on the

courts. Children and adults will play games such as toilet flush, catch out and king of the court, all with a festive twist!
1-1.30pm: Food/Drink and Music. We will then move to the Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. If you would prefer not to attend the games session, please arrive at this time.

1.30-2.30pm: The awards ceremony. The committee will be handing out awards which are mainly directed towards children.

Here is a list of the awards that will be handed out on the day: Best Club player (boy), Best Club player (girl), Most improved (boy/girl) Hardest working / fighting spirit (boy/girl), Friendliest / Funniest player on court (boy/girl), Future star (boy), Future star (girl), Volunteer of the Year (Adult), Assistant Coach of the Year.

We want this Christmas Social to be a real success, so we need as many people



to attend as possible! If you plan to attend, please confirm by 1st December.

Email: toby@gamesettennis.co.uk.

Phone: 07972 149874

■ *In other news: the build of the CLTC clubhouse is underway. Diggers are at the ready and hopefully we will see the clubhouse materializing over the next weeks. Exciting times!*

Introducing boxing star Freddy Yarnold

Cambourne resident Freddy Yarnold, representing Hardwick Boxing Academy, travelled to West Ham for his first amateur bout vs another amateur fighter from the Peacock gym. Freddy won on a unanimous decision, a brilliant achievement away from home. Training resumes at the end of November.



Cambourne Town senior team results

Cambourne Town FC Ladies team continued their good start to the season with an away cup win against league 2 Isleham seeing them through to the next round of the competition. The hard work they've been putting in at training is paying off.

Cambourne Town FC Mens team: Cambourne Town FC Men's (Saturday) team started well in November with a good away win against Fulbourn, followed by a tough game against 2nd in the league. The team worked hard but unfortunately came out losing 3-0. At time of writing we sit 5th in the league progressing well as a group.





Early Years Football

Fun football sessions for Girls and Boys of all abilities

We offer a fun introduction to football
Sunday mornings at Everyone Active 3G Pitches

9am: Soccer School (Boys) - Reception and Y1
10am: Wildcats (Girls) - Reception and Y1
11:30am: Inclusive Football - every other Sunday

Email for more information and to register your child:
wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk
soccerschool@cambournetownfc.org.uk
For Inclusive Football email: ctfc.eyo@gmail.com

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