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Cambourne's Daryl De Leon is Radical Motorsports World Champion

Sporting superstar and Cambourne resident Daryl De Leon has become the Radical Motorsport World Champion in Las Vegas. The 17-year-old travelled to the Spring Mountain motorsports facility in America as an unknown driver and never having driven a Radical SR10 before, Daryl used the first test to get accustomed to the car's 425 horse power. By the second test and a





few changes to the car's set up, the data showed Daryl was one of the quickest drivers. After qualifying and three heat races later Daryl started the final on pole of the 36 car grid.

With a field of competitors from around the globe including professional and factory drivers from Lamborghini, Le Mans series and Indy Car Lights, Daryl crossed the line in first place. The win gave him the overall Platinum Radical sports cars 'World Champion' title.



The championship title was awarded to Daryl at a prestigious gala evening hosted at Cesar's Palace Las Vegas and the trophy was officially handed over to Daryl in December 2022 at a presentation at Radical's UK factory.

Daryl said: "It was a privilege to be given the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas and compete in the first-ever Radical World Finals. Driving the SR10 around the new Charleston Peak circuit in Spring Mountain was a crazy feeling, but to come away as a World Champion is even crazier.

"I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity I've been given and everyone at Valour Racing for the unreal support. I wouldn't have been able to achieve this without them."

An absolutely fantastic achievement and we hope the success continues for his racing in 2023.

Singing for Uplands



Vine School choir brings christmas spirit to retirement community

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Cambourne Air Cadets



Flight Sergeant Aidan Clark completes Air Cadet Pilot Scheme

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Cambourne Town FC



CTFC team members meet Cambridge United players

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Cambourne Town Council wishes all our residents a very Happy New Year!
The Council takes a look back at 2022...

Despite another busy and challenging year, a lot has happened, and we would like to share some of the Town Council's biggest achievements:

The Youth Building

Building works for Cambourne Soul were completed in May and it was used from August for summer activities co-ordinated by Cambourne Youth Partnership. It has been great to see young people in Cambourne utilise this wonderful space for youth club and activities. The new building incorporates a large club room, music suite, quiet rooms, kitchen and a large activity hall. The old temporary building that has hosted youth provision for 16 years was removed in November. The area that it sat in will be a garden area for young people to develop, growing plants and produce. The young people will also help with designing the area.

Skatepark

The new skatepark was opened for use at end of December 2021 and was officially opened in April 2022 where we were joined by young people showing us their skateboard, scooter and BMX skills on the ramps. We are pleased to see that the skatepark has been well used by a variety of ages and abilities.

Facilities

The Council made the difficult decision to close Great Cambourne play area due to pieces of equipment becoming unsafe and irrepairable. The play area is almost removed and we are liaising with play area specialists for designs ready for consultation with young people and parents.

Events

The Town Council hosted and supported numerous community events in 2022 including the Cambourne 10k, Community Clean-Up day, Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, Repair Café, Big Squiggle, Fireworks Night and Christmas Market. We have a list of events scheduled for

2023 including Cambourne Community Fete and a celebration for the coronation of King Charles III. Schedule of events to be announced soon.

■Volunteering and Community Groups

The Town Council has continued to support volunteers and groups in 2022. In May we organised a community litter pick alongside Cambourne Community Clean-Up event in collaboration with South Cambs District Council. Over 50 volunteers came along to join in and help clean up Cambourne. We thanked our volunteers with a hot drink and food. We have over 100 volunteer litter pickers signed up to the Town Council's litter picking scheme and we continue to support young people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. One person signed up this year on the graffiti cleaning team to help tackle graffiti at bus stops, play areas and furniture.

Councillors and Staff

In May, we welcomed seven new Town Councillors: Seema Achall, Mahesh Hettiachchi, Ramesh Jayaraman, Pankaj Mehta, John Panrucker, Arvind Ramachandran and Hassan Touheed. In August, Carla Gray joined the Town Council office team as Finance and Premises Officer and she has settled into the role well...continued on p5

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(Correct at the time of publication) Black Bin: Friday 13th & Thursday 26th January 2023

Blue\Green Bins: Thursday 19th January and 2nd February 2023

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



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Mark Weatherhead



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Wildlife Trust BCN Nature Reserve update

Wishing a Happy New Year to all!

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants has a wide programme of activities for all ages. Ensuring people enjoy, care about, and are empowered to take action for wildlife, is one of the Trust's main aims.

Our Communities and Wildlife team work in specific areas across our three counties. I cover the West Cambs 100s area between Gamlingay, Cambourne and Comberton. My plan for activities for 2023 includes some short programmes funded by Comberton Adult Education, which will run between April and July and can be booked now. Our funder covers these costs, so they are FREE to participants in return for completing some paperwork.

- Wildlife for Beginners
- Bird Song (across a few different nature reserves)
- Little Bugs (for parents/carers with their toddler)
- Wild Babies (for parents/carers of pre-walking babies)
- Inner Child Series (for adults to do all the fun outdoor stuff mostly reserved for children)



Every school holiday, I run outdoor family sessions and sometimes some indoor activities also. Over the Spring half term, on Wednesday 15th February, we'll be working with saws and sticks to create simple things from wood using hand tools. I also run regular strolls around Cambourne, nearby reserves, and more specialist wildlife walks. I am keen to work more closely with community groups in 2023, so if you are interested in a talk or a guided walk for your group, please get in touch.

■ You can keep up to date with events, including some online, on our website: www.wildlifebcn.org/events

Do get in contact with me rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org BCN

Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

Wellbeing support group for young people

It has been a year since we started up a youth wellbeing cafe in partnership with Cambourne Church and 90 young people have accessed the informal support provided through conversation, games and creative activities.

We're excited to share a new development in the group, ensuring more support can be offered to young people most in need. From 13th January, the wellbeing cafe will continue to be open as before, but with a new time of 3.15-4.15 pm. Any young person in Years 7-13 is welcome to come along whether you have something, in particular, you want to talk about or would just like a supportive place to hang out.

After this session, from 4.30-5.15 pm, there will be a Wellbeing Support Group. Each course will run or a half term and focus on a particular topic.

Young people need to sign up to join this group for a particular course, as spaces will be limited. It is too late now to sign up for the January course, but keep an eye on our social media pages (look for 'Cambourne Soul' on Facebook and Instagram) for details of the course starting after the February half term.

You can also contact Emma Slater at emma.slater@romseymill.org or 07523518829 for more details.

Speedwatch Volunteer Group

What is Speedwatch?

This is a scheme set up for the public to let the police know about locations where they are concerned about speeding. We have set up a Cambourne volunteer group to receive training and community equipment from the police. Local councillors and the South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership support it.

How much time will I need to give up?

There is no minimum time set, and we will be flexible about which times suit volunteers. If this is something that you may be interested in getting involved in to support your community, please drop into the **Cambourne Volunteers Fair** at the Hub Community Centre on Saturday 21st January 2023 from 11am-1pm. To find out more contact Helene Leeming at Cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

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Cambourne Volunteers Fair

Is one of your New Year resolutions to do some volunteering? We will be hosting the Volunteers Fair on Saturday 21st January 2023 in the Main Hall of the Hub Community Centre. If you are thinking of volunteering in the community, drop by between 11am and 1pm to find out what types of voluntary opportunities you can get involved in, in and around Cambourne. A list of the groups attending will be posted on our Facebook page and website at least a week before. If you are unable to attend but are interested in volunteering opportunities, please email:

community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Any groups or services in Cambourne (and surrounding areas) looking to recruit volunteers are welcome to join - please email to book a table.

■ Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the land adjacent to the Hub Community Centre car park, High Street until Monday 16th January. After this date they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne and you are welcome to help yourself to use in your gardens or allotment.

Cambourne 10K

Entries are now open for the Cambourne 10K and Fun Run taking place on Sunday 2nd April at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council. You can enter now, please visit the website: bit.ly/3hk0Jhl

Email communications with the council

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

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

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

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS January/February 2023

17th January 2023 at 7pm:

Planning Committee

Followed by Full Council Meeting

7th February at 7pm:

Planning Committee

Followed by Full Council Meeting

21st February at 7pm:

Planning Committee

Followed by Leisure & Amenities Committee

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



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Cambourne painting group

This group meets weekly during term time in the Sports Pavilion, which is situated to the rear of the leisure centre and the 10 sessions are on Wednesdays from 10-12pm.

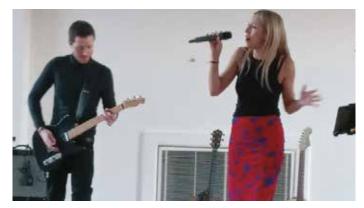
We invite local artists to tutor five of the sessions, and these have included: Chris Lockwood, Vandy Massey, John Storey, Rebecca Stark and Rachel Haynes, all celebrated professional or semi-professional local artists and with different approaches and styles. The other five sessions are used to catch up with and finish off work.

The next term starts on 11th January and we now have a few spaces for new members! The cost for the 10-week term is currently £85 per person.

If you are interested in joining this friendly group, please get in touch with Fran Panrucker, franmpanrucker@gmail.com



Carla Gray and Tim Bond in concert in Cambourne



On Wednesday December 7th, local songbird, Carla Gray and her friend on the guitar, Tim Bond, entertained Cambourne residents to a wonderful afternoon of music from several decades, including songs by Credence Clearwater Revival, Bryan Adams, Little Big Town, Queen, Shania Twain and two lovely songs written by Carla herself.

Refreshments were included in the small price of £2 (supported by the Town Council) and everyone there agreed it was an enchanting afternoon. Just the second time she has performed for residents of Cambourne in this way, Carla is hoping to put on another such event in the new year. Big thanks to Carla and Tim, and we look forward to the next time! Watch out for the details so you don't miss it.

Save safely and stay warm this winter

With the cost of living continuing to increase, especially energy, many people will be looking at ways to reduce their usage and finding alternative ways to heat their homes.

Here are some general tips to help save safely this winter:

- Check all heating appliances are in good working order and not subject to a product recall by checking the Office for Product Safety and Standards website for any alerts or recalls.
- Ensure flammable items such as furniture and drying clothes are placed well away from heaters and fires.

- Ensure you use the correct fuel for wood burning stoves and open fires - to reduce the risk of toxic fumes, chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Check your escape routes, make sure they are clear from clutter and items such as portable heaters are not blocking

If possible don't skip servicing of boilers and gas appliances by a Gas Safe engineer to prevent gas leaks and CO poisoning. Landlords must arrange for an annual gas safety check in rented accommodation. If you're a homeowner check your energy provider's website for information about their Priority Services Register – if you're eligible they often offer a free annual gas safety check along with other support.

Below are some key areas with some simple advice to try and help you save safely this winter.

- Open fires and chimneys: The Service attends around 100 fires a year involving chimneys, most of which could be avoided by following some simple safety tips: Keep your chimney swept and your flues clear. A yearly inspection is good. Only use approved fuel and use a fireguard.
- Portable electric heaters: Check it before use and make sure there have been no recalls. Do not use extension cords
- Candles: Do not leave them unattended and give them space. Make sure the area you place them on is flat stable and non flammable. Use a proper candle-holder and fit the candle in firmly Keep candles out of reach of children and pets. Never attempt to move a candle once it is lit.
- For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Meet the Town Council Team

Kevin Taylor

Team Leader - Sport

Kevin started work for the Town Council as a cleaner in 2012, coming from a desk job and wanting a complete change of direction. After three years, he was interviewed for his current role, and when, for some reason, he was videoed dancing, the team decided that he would fit right in! What he loves about the job is being outdoors, the camaraderie with his work colleagues and being his own boss in the Cambourne Sports role.

He has responsibility for most of the sports areas - football, cricket, bowls etc, and will eventually add to those, the running track and more football pitches in West Cambourne.

For the football and cricket pitches he is routinely cutting the grass, white-lining as required, also top-dressing, seeding and aerating at other times. A lot of work is also regularly needed on the regeneration of the goal mouths and centre ground. The football pitches have been highly commended by users from outside



Cambourne. The 3G pitch is routinely brushed, even more so in the autumn when the leaves are constantly dropping, and a lot of time is taken in litter-picking. Goals and nets are moved to where they

are needed, according to who will be using them, such as Cambridge United and Norwich City during the week and Cambourne FC at weekends. Other outside clubs sometimes use the 3G at weekends as well.

Kevin tends mainly to the cricket outfields, and the squares if needed, and gives similar care to the pitches as he does with the football.

Work on the bowling green involves cutting the grass every week, or more often if necessary, to a length of about 5mm, with top-dressing and seeding done at the end of the season.

He helps with the other grounds teams when required, on other events in Cambourne, recently helping to put up and take down tents for the Christmas Fair.

He enjoys working with the grounds team and, when Warren is away, Kevin and the other team leader will deputise and liaise with the office to ensure a seamless continuation of all the work on the grounds in Cambourne.

He is a member of the notorious 'Woozby Nerberts' running team, and, living locally, takes great pride in ensuring that the sports areas are all in excellent condition for use by the community.



COLUMNISTS



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Overwhelming opposition to congestion charge

2022 has seen turbulent times, with new Prime Ministers, huge economic shifts and war in Eastern Europe.

Locally however, I'm glad to look back on a year where South Cambridgeshire has been pushed to the top of many Ministerial priority lists.

We have seen the benefits of huge support packages, several Ministerial visits and success in campaigns ranging from reviews of local NHS pay to getting the old bank in Sawston back on the market. I've helped champion the cause for two new specialist hospitals, and helped lead the fight against the hated congestion charge.

On that last item, I want to thank everyone from Cambourne who got involved in my recent congestion charge survey. Over 3,000 residents submitted a response, with 89% overall opposed to the charge.

Here in Cambourne, where we had one of the highest response rates, 92% of respondents opposed the charges. 97% of you oppose the inclusion of the hospitals and 85% do not trust the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

I've fed these results to the GCP, and will keep everyone up to date as the campaign continues.

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to fill in my survey.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Cambourne a very happy and successful 2023.



STEPHEN DREW
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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Strength of community in Cambourne

The strength of any community is so often shown by how it comes together and works to support its most vulnerable members, particularly in a time of crisis.

Here in Cambourne we saw this brilliantly during the dark days of the COVID pandemic. When our neighbours needed help, that help was provided by so many wonderful members of our town's community.

Sadly as the cost of living crisis bites hard at us all this winter we are again seeing great need for support in this cold weather as people struggle to heat their homes and keep their families fed. This is where the wonderful people involved in Cambourne's Warm Hub have stepped in.

Working with South Cambridgeshire District Council, volunteers have been providing warm spaces every day along with support and help for their neighbours in Cambourne.

As much as it would be better if such help was not needed, we can all be very proud of our community once again. Cambourne truly is a special place to live.

You can find the Cambourne Warm Hub in the church on the junction of the High Street and Jeavons Lane.

■ If you need help with any aspect of the cost of living crisis contact the district council: 01954 713000 or www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support



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Alcohol awareness and dry January

Drinking too much alcohol can cause liver damage but is linked to cancers, accidents, obesity and mental health problems.

Alcohol also contains a surprising number of calories. A pint of lager can contain the same number of calories as a slice of pizza, or a large glass of wine the same as an ice cream sundae. Alcoholic drinks are empty calories which means they have very little nutritional benefit but still cause weight gain. Alcohol is also a depressant and although sometimes it can create temporary relaxed feelings, it disrupts the balance of chemicals in the brain and may lead to a negative

impact on mental health. Guidelines for alcohol intake recommend that everyone should have several alcohol-free days a week and both men and women should drink no more than a maximum of 14 units a week.

Each year millions of people take on the challenge of Dry January, giving up alcohol for the month. This can lower blood pressure and cholesterol and reduce the risk of diabetes but also can help skin feel brighter; improve sleep and general energy levels - along with saving money. For those who drink high amounts of alcohol very regularly, suddenly stopping drinking can be dangerous so please talk to a medical professional who can support you to do this safely.

Reference/ further information:

www.drinkaware.co.uk or alcoholchange.org.uk

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Emergency Go Fund Me page will help residents struggling with the cost of living crisis

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People are invited to donate to a new emergency Go Fund Me campaign which will help finance the response to the cost of living crisis in South Cambridgeshire.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has kick started the initiative to help provide more vulnerable residents hit hardest by the cost of living crisis with lower cost options to keep warm and cook.

The Go Fund Me page officially launched on Tuesday 29 November with money raised being added to Council support for people just about managing.

Cllr Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet member for communities, said: "We hope to target those who are only just managing, especially those in work who fall under the radar and don't receive much support in the form of benefits, but are still struggling to make ends meet. We hope residents who are able, will get involved and play their part by donating to help those less fortunate. According to Martin Lewis, an electric blanket costs in the region of £1.50 a week to run if you were to use it for 7 hours a day. Using this as an alternative to central heating has the potential to make a huge impact on people's bills. Additionally, slow cookers are a fraction of the price to run when compared to using an oven."

The funding the Council has pledged could see around 400 people supported with free electric blankets and slow cookers but even more can be done if donations are received.

In the first stage of the scheme, the Council will write to people who receive a 75-85% Council Tax discount as they have identified as potentially in greatest need of support. This group may be expanded depending on the number of donations received.

The first group of people eligible will have three weeks to claim the support offered by completing an online form. A phone number will be provided for people without internet access to call and go through the form with a member of Council staff.

If more budget becomes available after three weeks due to donations, the scheme will be expanded to more people on lower brackets of council tax discounts.

Councillors have said that they recognise that most people in the district are feeling the effect of the cost of living crisis but believe any donations will go a long way to improving the lives of those struggling most this winter.

The Go Fund Me page is part of a wide range of support worth almost £400,000 being put in place by the Council to support residents. It was agreed at a Cabinet meeting on 14 November.

Donation is possible by visiting www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving

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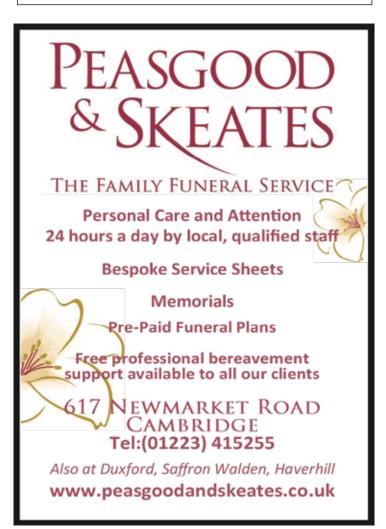
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CHURCHES

Cambourne Church

What have you been saying to yourself recently? "I really should get fit ... and give up alcohol ... and read some of those classic novels my friends have been recommending."

We all have good intentions, and in January these often crystallise into New Year's Resolutions. For a few people the changes will be long-lasting, but more often than not by March we find ourselves sitting on the sofa with a glass of wine watching reality TV when we had intended to be in the gym, hydrating with water and engaging with improving literature. Our good resolutions have turned to dust.

Some people think that religion is about self-improvement, but that is almost the opposite of what Christians believe. The Christian faith claims that we are pretty hopeless at selfimprovement, but that God is in the business of changing people. God can achieve in us what we cannot do for ourselves. There is a verse in the Bible which says, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

So my hope for an improved Bill Miller in 2023 does not rest on my own will-power, but rather on God's work in me. And it is not just about individual change. The idea is that communities of people, who are being changed by God, gather together and make an impact in the world for good. The best and deepest new starts come from God rather than from ourselves.

Services and events for January 2023

Sunday 8th January

9.30am: Morning Worship with

communion

11.00am: Morning Worship with communion and children's

group

Sunday 15th January 9.30am: Morning Worship

11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

Sunday 22nd January 9.30am: Morning Worship

11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

Sunday 29th January 9.30am: Morning Worship

11.00am: Morning Worship with youth and children's groups

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

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

A New Year

I do not know about you but as I reminisce on years gone by, some years I would rather forget about, with some months resembling dubious takeaways with similar results. Also with the recent flu-like illnesses going around it all gets a bit much. Now, wait a minute you might say, as a preacher are you not supposed to bring hope? Yes of course, but that does not mean we deny the reality that certainly some of the past few times have been about as welcome as the 3am telemarketer. But each new day has new opportunities. This past year we were able to reach out to many folks with problems. Some near and some far. Whether that is individuals suffering loss or those far away seeking a place to worship that needed

some guidance. Most of the time just someone to listen was enough to deal with the day to day struggles. You do not need some Biblical degree or years of training to listen. There is no psychological certificate you require to be able to listen to another person. You do not need to travel great distances as often people are not ready to meet in person but are willing to give you a phone call. Now the training and experiences come in useful when you need to go beyond just listening but almost anyone can listen. So as we come to this new year am I saying you can all have a place to be heard? Well sure but even more than that is that you can be the person to hear others. You can be a person to say I hear you to your friends and neigbours. I understand to the

stranger or I think we can get you some help. This year maybe you can bring some hope to others. And if it gets a bit much there are others who can help you



Pastor. Donavan Bangs

to point folks in a better direction. What helps me is often this passage Lamentations 3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

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



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Cambourne Catholic Church

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We hope that you all had a holy and happy christmas and look forward to a good new year. We pray that many non-attenders were prompted by all the good wishes to return to the church services where they would be most welcome. We continue our prayers for all the warring countries in the hope that peaceable agreements are soon found.

We remind people that D.A.B. RADIOMARIAENG broadcasts a catholic programme 24 hours a day from Cambridge and Masses and prayers are there for the housebound, the housewife, the young and the elderly.

Daily Mass is said in the annexe Monday Tuesday and Wednesday at 12.30pm also Thursday and Friday at 6.30pm to enable the working people a chance of weekday Mass.

The Vine Sings at Uplands

A local school choir has helped bring the Christmas spirit to a retirement community in Cambourne.

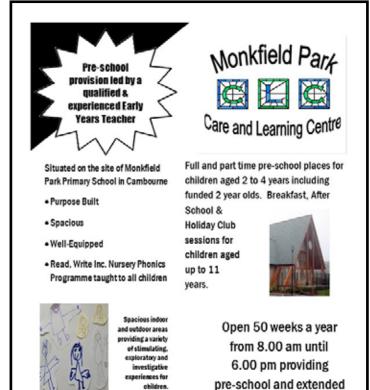
The choir from the town's The Vine Primary School sang a selection of carols and festive favourites for homeowners at Uplands Place, a Retirement Living development by McCarthy Stone. Homeowners and their guests also tucked into mouthwatering mince pies and enjoyed a glass of fizz during the two-hour event.

David Meachem, Divisional Sales Director for McCarthy Stone, commented: "We are always seeking to foster links with the local community, especially at Christmas, and it was fantastic to see the children from The Vine Primary School giving their renditions of Yuletide tunes. Their performance was greatly enjoyed by everyone at Uplands Place, and their guests, bringing an early sprinkling of Yuletide spirit to the community."

Miss Foster from The Vine Primary School added: "The children worked incredibly hard to be ready for their big performance and really enjoyed singing for the audience at Uplands Place, who gave them a great reception and clearly loved every minute. Hopefully it is something we can repeat next year!"







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New funding for community electric vehicle chargers

Electric vehicle charging will become easier across the district thanks to a new grant for public charging points for village halls and community buildings.

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Once installed, people can use the EV chargers by downloading an app and buying their charging time on their mobile phone.

The first EV charger point expected to be installed in the new year thanks to the grant boost, is at Steeple Morden Village Hall.

Cllr Brian Milnes, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "As more people switch to cleaner, greener energy, it is vital they can feel reassured about being able to charge electric vehicles in our towns and villages. We are really pleased to be able to support communities to deliver these charging points, for both residents and visitors to the area."

Grant applications will be assessed on deliverability and positive impact. Chargers must be publicly accessible and funding will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Projects must demonstrate there is a demand for an EV charger. Link: www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/grantsfunding-and-community-support/electric-vehicle-charge-pointgrant/

Initial funding of up to £20,000 is available to be awarded before the end of March 2023. If the initial fund proves successful, South Cambridgeshire District Council will seek to continue funding support for community charging points after that date.

More information, guidance, and the application form can be found at the grant's webpage. Any questions, please contact evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk







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Jeavons Wood Primary really gets into reading

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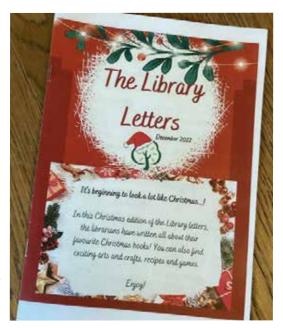
We are so lucky at Jeavons Wood to have a wonderful library, cared for exceptionally well by our Year Six librarians. The role of librarian is highly sought after, with chatter about it beginning while the children are still in Year Five! Our librarians ensure that the library is kept tidy, with books in the right place on the shelves as well as being on hand at lunchtimes to run our very popular library club, where year groups take it in turns to come in and read during lunchtimes, if they would like to do so. This has really encouraged all pupils to engage with reading, many of whom are keen to become a member of our millionaires club (an exclusive club that

they are able to join once they have read a million words in their reading books!)

On top of keeping the library in good order and doing their own class work, the librarians decided at the beginning of the school year that they would like to produce a monthly newsletter. This includes book recommendations, craft ideas and activities such as book hunts that our younger pupils can engage with.

We are so proud of how seriously our children have taken on this role and are incredibly grateful to them for keeping our library so organised - thank you to all our amazing librarians!

If you would like to find out more about our school, please email office@jeavonswood.org



The Vine indulges in a spot of Bollywood Dancing



VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY: On Tuesday 29th November a touch of Bollywood visited Year 1. We were lucky enough to have Jessica, a Bollywood dance teacher, spend the day teaching us some dance moves and formations. We had time to practice these before performing them to our parents at the end of the day. This was made even more special as we got to wear special costumes as well.

This linked to our learning in RE where we have been finding out about different festivals of light including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

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

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CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: in November we were delighted that the Department for Education confirmed its analysis of public exam results for the summer of 2022. This data confirmed the College was within the highest 20% of schools nationally for both Attainment and Progress of pupils, with scores of 'Significantly Above Average' in both these areas.

Our current Year 11s have now confirmed their Post-16 course choices for next September and are working hard to achieve the required grades. Our focus this term now shifts to our Year 9 pupils, who will be choosing their 'option' subjects for their own exam courses next year. They have a wide breadth of choice, with subjects offered ranging from Statistics and Ancient History to Design Technology, Music and Art.

Meanwhile, construction work continues all around us, as the housing for Cambourne West goes up rapidly and our building developments remain firmly on track to be fully delivered by

September 2024. Linked to this is the problem of constricted vehicular access to Cam VC and Hardwick & Cambourne Primary as the new estate develops. We understand that the SCIP Partnership - joint venture between South Cambridgeshire District Council and Hill, one of the UK's largest private housebuilders – will shortly be seeking planning permission to develop its 260 new 'eco' homes on land adjacent to the business park – but without providing vehicular access to West Cambourne via the Business Park Road. We are aware of the concerns that many of our parents and visitors have raised about this, and would suggest you look out for the planning application, if you wish to express your views on the environmental impact of failing to provide a link road for Cambourne. Thus increasing journey times and traffic emissions on the currently planned route.

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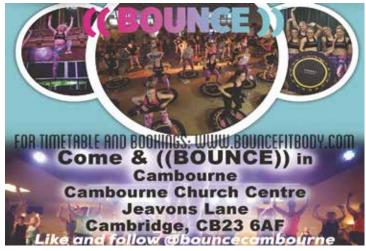
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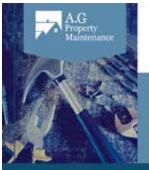


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Mr. Venkat Kommni. The children were excited to have their first science trip in a newly acquired CamCare UK community minibus. The children were passionate to learn about the history of computers and explore the exhibits, including a working model of a microprocessor and the latest Raspberry PI workstations.

Future trips are planned for December to visit the Cambridge University Engineering Building and an electric battery research company near the Science park.

For more information about CERC, please visit https://camcare.org.uk/cerc or contact Cllr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com

CamCare UK Events for 2023 in Cambourne

- Sunday 15th January Great cricket Pavilion Cambourne Kite festival -10:30am 3:30pm
- Sunday 19th February Great cricket Pavilion
- Pancake race 2:30 5:30 pm
- Sat 4th/ Sun or 5th/ or Sat 11th/ or Sun 12th March (weather dependent) Great cricket Pavilion Cambourne Colour Festival 10:30am 3:30pm
- Wednesday 8 March District Council Chamber Hall
- International Women's Day 5:30 8pm
- Sunday 16th April Hub main hall Cambourne Mela
- 1- 8pm
- Saturday 20th May Hub main hall World Diversity Day
- 11:30am 3:30pm

- Sunday 21st May Hub main hall Cookery club's Fundraising Dinner 1 9pm
- Sunday 25th June Hub main hall
- Cambourne Science Festival 1 7.30pm
- Sunday 9th July Hub main hall
- Cambourne Family Art Day 1 6pm
- Sunday 17th September Hub main hall
- Cambourne language day 1 9pm
- Thursday 5 Oct District Council Chamber Hall
- CAM Talks 5:30 8pm
- Saturday 11th November Hub main hall
- Cambourne Diwali Day 10am 12 midnight
- Sunday 26th November Hub main hall
- Cambourne Art Exhibition 3 9pm

Cambourne Timebank Messages for new membership in 2023

What is Timebank?

A non-profit community group in which members volunteer to help people in Cambourne. Members give as much time as they want, doing the things they like.

Website:

https://cambournetimebank.org.uk

Email: timebank.cambourne@gmail.com

New member sign-up:

https://cambournetimebank.org.uk/contact/

Ms. Madhuparna Dutta, secretary of the Cambourne Timebank Management Team

COMMUNITY

Face-to-face Robotics Beginner sessions

CAMBOURNE ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTICS CLUB (CERC)

the STEM academic wing of CamCare UK, will start its popular face-to-face Robotics Beginner's sessions from Sunday 8th January 2023.

The course is suitable for students in the age group of 7-16 years with no formal knowledge of Robotics or Electronics. The curriculum is meticulously designed for the students to slowly acquire the computational skills required to identify problems and solve these through hands-on projects.

The course is based on BBC Micro:bit which interfaces with a computer and uses free web-based Microsoft Makecode software. Major hands-on projects based on built-in sensors include Automatic Street Lighting, Flood Detection, Magic Candle, Theft detection, Controlling Rover, etc.

This mentor-led project-based learning helps students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, presentation and communication skills. The club has now reached more than 1200 students locally and 4500 students globally. Each session is packed with hands-on projects, assignments, demonstrations and group activities. At the end of 10 sessions, the students are certified to progress to the Intermediate level. These sessions will be mentored by the Micro:bit Global Champion 2022, Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya, who has

more than 32 years of academic, research and professional experience in leading international Universities, Aerospace, and Defense industries and an EdTech specialist.

The 10 sessions of the Beginner's course will take place every alternate Sunday in the Old Blue School, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6DZ, from 1-2pm.

- Please register at https://tinyurl.com/cerc-jan-2023 to receive more information related to the course.
- For more information about CERC, please visit https://camcare.org.uk/cerc or contact Cllr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at cerc robotics@camcare.org.uk and 07852753216.







COMMUNITY





Cambourne Indian Club's Christmas service

Cambourne Indian Club's house carolling for 2022 was held in December. The proceeds from the Carol Service will be used to buy food products for the homeless charity, Jimmy's in Cambridge.

We have been doing this for the last 10 years. Carol singing team went to around 30 houses in and around Cambourne and sang popular English and Malayalam songs. We also sang Malayalam songs infront of the Members of Cambourne Church . We invite everyone to Cambourne Indian Club's Christmas New Year celebration which will be held on Saturday, 14th January.

For videos please use the links below https://youtu.be/fQ1WZXj1MBA https://youtu.be/Uk4ZLJH1WiA

Cambourne Air Cadets

It has been a busy few months for 105 (Cambourne)

Squadron Air Training Corps, with plenty of events and training taking place.

Earlier in the year, Flight Sergeant Aidan Clark completed the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme. During his week-long course in Dundee, Aidan completed ground school covering theory, as well as 12 hours of flying practice before flying solo at the end of the week!

Elsewhere, Sergeant Amelia Parry successfully completed the Air Cadet Leadership Course. This is one of the highest-level of leadership training courses available in the ATC, involving a week at RAF Cranwell participating in leadership theory, land navigation, fitness testing and a multitude of leadership exercises, culminating in a graduation parade.

More recently, our newest cadets have worked hard during their initial training, while the more experienced cadets have focused on gaining their qualifications including airmanship, aircraft propulsion and navigation, as well as fieldcraft and radio training. Notable events included inter unit athletics, the Remembrance Parade in Royston, joint training with the Army Cadet and the Cambourne Litter Pick. Looking forward to Christmas, we will host our annual awards evening to celebrate individual achievements over the past year.

You can request to join if aged between 12 to 17, but we operate a waiting list as intake spaces are limited. We are also always looking for adult to join our Civilian Committee volunteers to support our training, no experience necessary. Contact us at 105@rafac.mod.gov.uk.





COMMUNITY & SPORT

RunForYourLife Comes to Cambourne & Cambridge

RunForYourLife runs easy and beginner running groups all over Cambourne and Cambridgeshire. We cater for runners at different stages of their running journey and at different paces by doing either out and back intervals or circuits, always coming back together at the end of each interval.

We encourage beginners or improvers or people coming back to running after an injury or a break. Whatever stage you're at, RunForYourLife sessions are designed be totally do-able for where you are right now and to leave you with more confidence than when you came.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at the junction of Brace Dein and Beaufort Road in Upper Cambourne. You can find and book a run in Cambridgeshire on our bookings page at runforyourlife.co. We also highly recommend joining the Facebook group community.

facebook.com/groups/runforyourlifecambridge to get all the latest on runs including elsewhere in Cambridgeshire. There is also a WhatsApp group for regular Cambourne runners.

The group is totally free and is supported by Cambridge City Council and Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club Trust Fund.

Tennis Club celebrates challenging year

Cambourne Lawn Tennis Club: 2022 has been a challenging but eventful year with the financial crisis hot on the heels of the COVID pandemic. We Cambournians are a resilient and resourceful bunch and as part of the community, we at the tennis club are proud of our contribution to our local social, physical and mental wellbeing. But any club, is only as good as the members of its collective. To celebrate those who have contributed and helped make our club successful, we held our annual Christmas Social on Sunday 11th December, at the Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion; along with a Christmas quiz, hot and cold refreshments and culminated in the prestigious awards ceremony.

The results were as follows:

Most improved player - James Gates; Most Entertaining player -



Milo Fletcher; Rafael Nadal Award - Patrick Whitehorn; Future Star - Driya Paikray; Future Star - Neil Saha; Volunteer of the Year - Arif Kibria; Assistant Coach of the Year - Connor Ecclestone; Player of the Year - Anna Byron;

Player of the Year - Alexander Whitehorn

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

Cambourne Community Gospel Choir

Cambourne Choir: The mood for Christmas and the spirit of celebrations was set off by carol singing in the Monkfield Arms pub on the evening of 21st December by the Cambourne Community Gospel Choir.

After a few Gospel songs it was Carol singing in which everyone joined in, moving their feet in rhythm. The atmosphere was one of festivity.

The group comprising men and women of different ages had led Carol singing in the town with their performance in the Church on the 16th December. Both had been successful events.

The Choir meets every Wednesday in The Blue Space at 7.30pm. Each year in January, their repertoire is improved with new songs. It is a good time to join if anyone is interested in singing. No audition is required.





SPORT

Cambourne Cricket Club celebrates 20th anniversary

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CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB wishes you a Happy New Year. 2023 will mark our 20th anniversary, and we are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of the Club over the past two decades with you all. We will be hosting several events throughout the year to mark this milestone, and are excited to write the next chapter in our young history.

We will kick off the year with a return to indoor training. Net sessions at the village college will return in February, and are open to members old, new and prospective, so do come along!

Focused skill development sessions will also take place once again at Fenners (from 10th January – 9th April). Winter has seen the Bombers keep their skills sharp through a second season in the Bedfordshire competitive indoor league, providing welcome action as we await the return of Spring.

Cambourne will once again field 4 Saturday XIs, a Sunday XI and 2 Midweek XIs, in addition to our outstanding Academy programme. We will also be running the ECB's All Stars (5-8 yrs) and Dynamos (8-11 yrs) programmes again, as a continued commitment to developing our player pipeline.

2023 is a year of commemoration for the Club, but it is also one of change. We thank the outgoing Committee led by our fantastic Chairman, Jonathan Gadsby, and Secretary, Phillip Broadwith and welcome our new Committee and Captains as we work towards our newly-outlined long-term goal of being the biggest community-orientated club in Cambridgeshire!

We will be working to strengthen our community links through events such as our summer social offerings at the Third Man bar, and other initiatives like the MindEd Trust schools tournament.

Finally all at Cambourne CC would like to congratulate the winners of the 2022 season's awards, listed below. We cannot wait to take the field again in 2023 and celebrate the 20th anniversary with you all – up the Bombers!

1st XI Best Batter: Obaid Hashmi Best Bowler: Temoor Khan Captain's Choice: Salar Baig

2nd XI Best Batter: Anil Waduge Best Bowler: Darren de Souza Captain's Choice: Nathan

Thompson

3rd XI Best Batter: Shivaji Patil Best Bowler: Aftab Ahmed Captain's Choice: Elliot

Humphreys

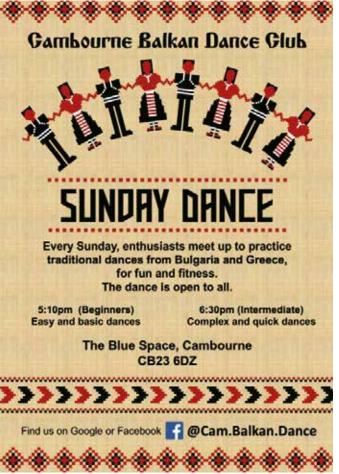
4th XI Best Batter: Nawfal Durrani Best Bowler: Abdul Durrani Captain's Choice: Ali Zaman



Sunday XI Best Batter: Salar Baig Best Bowler: Muhammad Durrani Captain's Choice: Alfie Bates

Club Awards:

Chairman's Award: Mark Bennett; Chris James Trophy: Danny White; Paul Adams Trophy: Theo Pipe





SPORTS

Cambourne Town Football Club News

Walking Football gathers pace: Friday Walking Football sessions at Cambourne Town FC have started well with 18 players taking part. In December the club's walking football even featured on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and BBC Look East! These friendly sessions are for the over 50s, mixed genders and no experience is necessary – just come along and have some fun. Sessions happen weekly Fridays 10-11am on the 3G pitches at Everyone Active in Cambourne. They are £3 per session (payable by card on the day) thereafter. To register please email ctfc.walkingfootball@gmail.com

The Dugout is open until from 8:30am to 12pm on Saturdays and Sunday and 10am to 12pm on Fridays, serving delicious hot and cold snacks - a great place to socialise afterwards! Have fun, get fit, make friends in a relaxed enjoyable and safe environment.

We have **The Big Quiz of 2022** on 21st January 2023, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. All are welcome. There will be two rounds of questions and a kids' round. £1 per person.

CFTC went to the EFL: Team members from Cambourne Town FC Under 12 Blues and Whites represented the Club at the EFL League 1 Match between Cambridge United and Plymouth Argyle on 10th December. Following a tour of the grounds and greeting the players as they returned from warm up on the pitch; Ben Mosely, Ben Morgan, Ben Foggo, George Green, Josef Szyjanowicz, Ryan Darlow, Thomas Greaves, Harry Maguire and Harry Tunster formed a Guard of Honour as Ben Hadley lead out the Cambridge United Team through the waving flags as Mascot to United's goalkeeper Will Manion before lining up with the match officials, fellow Mascots and team captains in the centre circle. Despite getting off to a fast and

commanding start United had to settle for 1 point as they were held

Maximum team size of 6. Prizes available on the night for the team with the highest score and the kids round winner.

25th February is Family bingo evening. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Two rounds of bingo for £5 per person and rock n roll



music bingo too which is £2 per person payable on the night. Prizes for the first line and full house. To book a place please email ctfc.events@gmail.com or pop into The Dugout and book at the bar. All proceeds raised go towards supporting Cambourne Town Football Club.

Keep an eye out for our Easter Hunt in April plus a fun event for the adults... Gin tasting coming up in May!



Ladies and mens teams round-up

by second place Plymouth to a 0 - 0 draw.

Cambourne Town FC Ladies team: Following last month's league cup win Cambourne Town FC Ladies had another cup game in the Junior Invitation Cup running out 4-1 winners against Manea. It was then time to turn our focus back on the league and the ladies certainly didn't disappoint. Welcoming Ely City Ladies they put in an amazing performance and best of the season winning 16-0 with 6 different players on the score sheet including a hat trick for Caitlin Alderman and 5 each for Lauren Bridge-Wright and Alice Taylor. This takes them back to the top of the table with a game in hand on the chasing pack.

Cambourne Town FC Mens team (Saturdays) have had a mix bag of results over the past few weeks but still find themselves in a strong position at Christmas sitting fifth place in the Cambridgeshire County League with games in hand over the teams above them.

Have fun, get fit, make friends! If WE can do it ... YOU can too!

Cambourne Town FC Walking Football



Walking Football sessions for the over 50s. Mixed gender and no experience necessary!

Fridays 10am-11am 3G pitches **Everyone Active, Cambourne**

To register email Coach Nigel Hillyard: ctfc.walkingfootball@gmail.com





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