



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Cambourne residents question quality of bus services

Residents of Cambourne were given the opportunity to speak with Directors and Officials from the Stagecoach Bus Company at a Consultation meeting in January 2023.

David Boden, the Business Development Director of Stagecoach for East Cambridgeshire, addressed the attendees of the meeting, organised by Cllr. Shrobona Bhattacharya on behalf of Cambourne Town Council.

The purpose of the meeting was to enable residents to share their views and ask questions about bus travel to and from Cambourne and in the wider area.

The meeting was well attended by residents from Cambourne, St Neots, Hardwick and Caldecote.

Mr Boden outlined the challenges that Stagecoach were facing against the backdrop of the pandemic, reduced government funding and potential challenges in the future. He emphasised the importance of covering costs, increased fuel prices and higher wages in



response to the audience's questions about the quality of service in the region.

Attendees were also encouraged to feed back about any issues they had experienced which caused concern.

The audience was informed that passenger numbers were reduced due to commuters working from home, insufficient revenue to cover the costs of the 905 bus service and not enough demand for the Citi 4 bus to be scheduled at 20 minutes intervals. The current losses were reported as being too great and without a minimum level of income, the timetable would not be covered or could possibly be withdrawn. As a result, when the bus service tenders are issued on 31st March, a decision has been made that Stagecoach will not be applying for all of them, and therefore couldn't comment

about the situation after 1st April 2023.

However, this meeting was held before the recent announcement that increased government funding will be made available to bolster bus services across Cambridgeshire. Whether this will affect the decisions made by Stagecoach has yet to be ascertained.

Stagecoach emphasised the need for more paying customers as well as support from the Councils. *Use it or lose it!*

Mr Boden also stressed that Stagecoach would like to support the community and surrounding areas and potentially a timetable that integrates with the train service. More information will become available over the coming months.

■ Please check for the latest timetables before beginning your journey:

www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Funding for sports



Cambourne Crier Community Fund supports local Rainbows group

■ See page 9 for more...

Youth workers



Meet Cambourne's growing team of youth workers

■ More details on page 25...

Let's go fly a kite!



Cambourne Kite Festival took place on 15th January

■ Find out more on page 23...

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ Dogs on leads and The Countryside Code of Conduct

Due to some recent concerns, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs. Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of. The Town Council follows the Countryside Code:

The Countryside Code – Protect the Environment

- Take your litter home; leave no trace of your visit
- Take care with barbecues (where permitted)
- Do not light fires
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it, any public waste bin will do
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or a disturbance

■ Cambourne 10K

Eight weeks to go until Cambourne 10K and 1 mile Fun Run. Sunday 2nd April at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council. You can enter now, visit: bit.ly/3hk0JhI

■ Town Council Events for 2023:

• Repair Café

Saturday 25th March
Cambourne Village College
Alongside Cambourne Village College
Eco Festival

• Cambourne 10K

Sunday 2nd April
Cambourne Business Park
10K and 1 Mile Fun Run

• The Big Squiggle

Tuesday 4th April
Cambourne Soul
Children's arts & crafts

• The King's Coronation Celebration

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May
Great Cambourne cricket pavilion
and outfield

• Community Clean-Up

Saturday 10th June
The Hub and car park
Recycle and Reuse day + community litter pick

• Youth Centre Fun Day

Summer (Date to be confirmed)
Cambourne Soul
Opening ceremony of Cambourne Soul and activities

• Cambourne Community Fete

Saturday 16th September
(Venue to be decided)

• The Big Squiggle

Saturday 21st October
Cambourne Soul
Children's arts & crafts

• Firework Display

Saturday 4th November
Sports Pitches

• Christmas Market

December (Date to be confirmed)
Venue to be confirmed

BIN COLLECTIONS:

(Correct at the time of publication)
Black Bin: Thursday 9th and 23rd February 2023

Blue Bin: Thursday 2nd February and 2nd March. Blue & Green Bin 16th February 2023

More information:
www.scams.gov.uk/recycling

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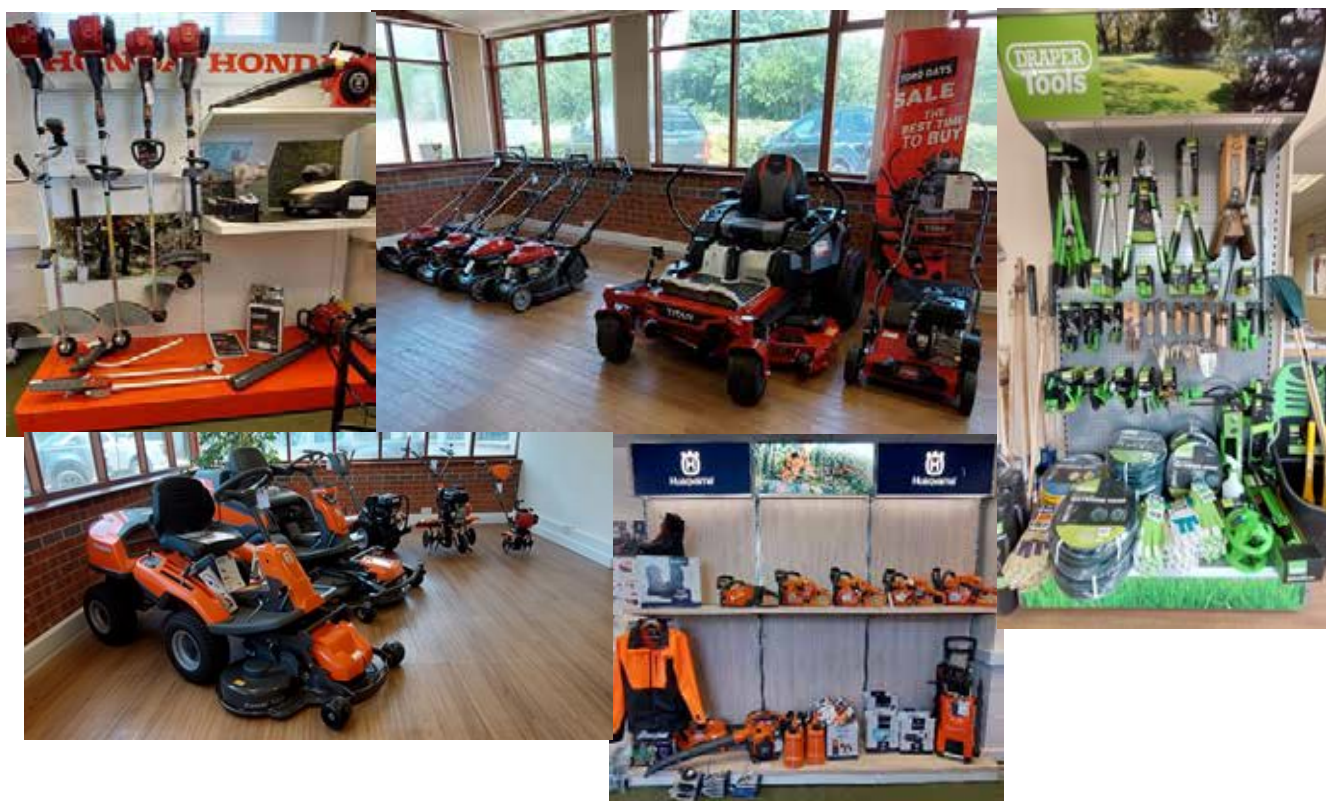
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Road danger for West Cambourne residents

There are now more than 100 new Cambourne residents in West Cambourne. However, they currently have no safe route to travel between their homes and the rest of the town unless they use their cars.

District councillors Helene Leeming and Stephen Drew have spoken to many West Cambourne residents who explain their concerns about allowing their children to walk or cycle along the A1198 where there is no footpath, no street lighting and a 60mph speed limit. Residents using mobility vehicles have been forced to travel along the road to access services in the rest of the town.

Discussions have been held with South Cambridgeshire District Council's planning service who have taken up the cause of West Cambourne residents in discussions with the developers, Taylor Wimpey and Vistry.

However, despite the evidence of the problems being clearly communicated to the developers, at present there is no assurance that anything will be done until the "autumn" of 2023. This is not something that can wait that long, and every day residents of West Cambourne are both inconvenienced and unnecessarily put in danger if they have no alternative but to walk or cycle down the A1198.

The developers need to act immediately. If you are a resident of West Cambourne and can provide more evidence of the problems please contact Councillor Leeming: Cllr.Leemin@councillor.online or Councillor Drew: Cllr.Drew@councillor.online

Battery recycling

Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire households can now conveniently recycle used small batteries weekly, thanks to changes to waste collections.

Small plastic bags containing used batteries can now simply be left on top of green, black or blue bins for collection by waste crews on their usual rounds.

Residents of flats with shared bins should not leave batteries on these but can take them to one of the many public battery collection points at corner shop chains,



supermarkets, chemists and petrol stations as well as those at recycling points and Household Recycling Centres. Visit www.recyclenow.com to see all locations.

By adding a dedicated bucket for household batteries to the side of each bin lorry, the process for collecting them for recycling will now be much easier and

more convenient, both for residents and our waste crews.

Please remember batteries should never be put inside your bin. It is important that batteries are recycled properly to recover the precious metal inside them, to keep hazardous substances from the environment, and to prevent fires in bin lorries or the sorting facility.

Most small common household portable batteries can be placed out for collection at the kerbside, including: AA and AAA, C, D and Button cells. Please do not include mobile phone, laptop batteries or those that are attached to a device. Search online for 'recycle small electrical items' instead.

Cambourne Town Council: *continued from Page 2...*

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS February and March 2023

Tuesday 7th February 2023
7.00pm Planning Committee
followed by Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st February 2023
7.00pm Planning Committee
followed by Leisure & Amenities Committee

Tuesday 7th March
7.00pm Planning Committee
followed by full Council Meeting

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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:

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- office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council warns of Band D tax increase

Each year in January all Town and Parish Councils prepare a budget for the following year.

This is always a challenging process for a developing town like Cambourne, but this year it has been a particularly difficult challenge with more pressures on the budget for 2023/24.

These include:

- A commitment to improve the play areas.
- A commitment to implement the 20mph speed limit and yellow lines in Cambourne in line with the action plan arising from the Parish Plan.
- Completing the landscaping to the Youth Building.
- Maintaining the support for youth

provision by providing a building and grant funding for Cambourne Youth Partnership, to provide youth clubs and other support for the youth of Cambourne, (this works out to £12.52/year on Band D households).

- Meeting the inflationary costs on electricity, gas, diesel and materials used to maintain the buildings and open spaces.
- Additional staff costs due to the National pay award for local government staff.
- Ensuring that the budgets balance over the next three years and meets the Risk Management reserves, which Councils are required to keep.
- It should be noted that many of the costs are fixed by third parties leaving us no discretion or control to alter them.

Cambourne Town Council looked at all options to try and minimise the increase due to the pressures on residents, brought about by the current cost of living crisis. Most options showed that greater increases would be needed in the future to provide a balanced budget.

Cambourne Town Council took the difficult decision to levy a precept of £665,388.00 on South Cambs District Council. This is a band D rate of £161.15 which is an increase of 10% which equates to an additional £14.65 per year (£1.22 per month). This was required to ensure that the Town Council is able to carry out the projects it has committed to and meet the risk management threshold for the next three years.

Although 2023 to 2024 has required a 10% increase to Band D, the next three financial years' budget balances with a 3% increase to Band D annually.

Breakdown of charges:

Band A 6/9ths	£9.77
Band B 7/9ths	£11.39
Band C 8/9ths	£13.02
Band D 9/9 (1)(one whole)	£14.65
Band E 11/9ths	£17.90
Band F 13/9ths	£21.16
Band G 15/9ths	£24.42
Band H 18/9ths	£29.30

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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

Welcome - Our warm welcome for the winter months continues - feel free to stay as long as you like during our regular open hours. You'll always be welcome in your library. Drop in to choose some books, stay to read, use our free WiFi or a library computer, or join in one of our social activities. If you are looking for advice on cost-of-living support and have missed any of our drop in sessions staff will be happy to signpost you to information including a list of organisations who can offer support and advice.

6-12 February is Children's Mental Health Week. Reading all sorts of books for pleasure can give children a great sense of wellbeing, and we have lots they can choose from. We also have a special collection of books that support children with specific mental health problems, such as anxiety.

Elly Griffiths is at Cambourne Library on Thursday 16th Feb 2pm. Meet the popular and entertaining author of crime series the Brighton Mysteries and Dr Ruth Galloway series. Tickets are **sold out**.

Silent Reading Group Drop-in sessions in Cambourne Library 11.30am - 12.30pm every last Wednesday of the month during

term time. This is an opportunity for adults to gather in our warm comfortable library and read silently in company. Bring a book from home, download a book or borrow one from the library and relax with a nice cuppa from the library staff.

February is LGBT+ History Month. Discover a rainbow of reading in our display of books by LGBT+ authors.

Engage Wednesday 1st March 2pm - 3.30pm The Ladybird Boat Trust. With Spring only around the corner, we are delighted to welcome Pat Cole - Chair and Crew member of the Trust, who will talk to us about river trips for the disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable people in our community. The talk will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Rhymetime/Storytime - our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers continue on Fridays.

Celebrating Squadron achievements

The final parade night of 2022 saw 105 (Cambourne) Squadron joined by friends and family to celebrate the Squadron's achievements from the last year.

We heard from staff and cadets about what we have been involved in this year, including a wide variety of activities held at Squadron, Sector, Wing, Region, and National level.

The Squadron was also joined by former OC, Flight Lieutenant Kelly as the Reviewing Officer, who was

presented with a token of appreciation for all he has done during his time at the Squadron. All awards were thoroughly deserved and highly contested, so all cadets should be very proud of all their achievements this year!

Looking to the New Year and a new training program, there will be plenty of opportunities for all our cadets to get involved in activities throughout the year.

■ *If you are interested in becoming a Cadet and are between the ages of 12 and 17, please note we are currently operating a waiting list but please do get in touch. We are also recruiting adult volunteers to support the Squadron in Civilian Committee and Staff roles. Please get in touch at 105@rafac.mod.gov.uk*



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Robotics class starts with huge enthusiasm in Cambourne



More than 65 students registered and attended the **Electronics and Robotics Class** that began on Sunday, 22nd January in The Blue Space, Cambourne conducted by Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) and mentored by Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya.

This course unlocks a child's potential in STEM and highlights the power of Project-Based Learning to unleash the computational thinking potential of young children. Contact Shrobona Bhattacharya for details, shrobona@gmail.com

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People expect public services to run effectively

After twelve months of war and strife, where the pandemic became endemic and rocketing global energy prices caused a global cost of living crisis, I am sure we're all hoping for brighter times ahead.

I know for many the last 12 months have been particularly difficult. People rightly expect public services to run effectively. It is one of my top priorities for the weeks and months ahead to support the Government in action it takes to resolve these issues.

I have been particularly troubled by the obvious issues with ambulance services. Rightly, the

Government is taking action to resolve these issues. For example, NHS England has allocated an additional £150 million to address ambulance service pressures in 2022/23 and support improvements to response times through call handler recruitment and retention.

I appreciate that there is always more to do, and I will continue to push the Government to take further action. I am also meeting with Health Ministers to deliver a high cost of living supplement for NHS workers in Cambridge.

Elsewhere, I will continue to oppose the GCP's congestion charge, push the business case for East West Rail and work on aviation reform that works for residents of South Cambridgeshire.

If there any issues locally that you believe have escaped my notice, please do get in touch.



HELENE LEEMING
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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Do not find yourself unable to vote

The current government has introduced a new law which will affect voters.

From May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations.

This will apply to: Local elections, Police and Crime Commissioner elections, UK parliamentary by-elections, Recall petitions.

From October 2023 this will also apply to UK General elections.

Acceptable forms of ID include: UK passport, Driving licence issued by the UK or an EEA state (including provisional driving licences), a Blue

Badge, Older Person's Bus Pass, Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Oyster 60+ Card, Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card), National identity card issued by an EEA state.

The full list can be found on the Electoral Commissions website.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate via the Electoral Commission website.

There is concern that this new law will disproportionately affect young people, renters who move frequently and people with low incomes. Please take time now to make sure that when the next election comes, you will not be denied your right to vote.



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Eating disorder awareness week

Eating disorders are serious mental illnesses affecting an estimated 1 in 50 people in the UK, causing physical, psychological and social difficulties.

Although younger women are most likely to develop eating disorders, they can affect all people at any age. Some eating disorders are well known such as anorexia nervosa (keeping body weight low and often a distorted image of body size); bulimia (eating excessively followed by vomiting/ laxative use) and binge eating disorder (BED). There are also other, less well

known, conditions (see the weblink below).

It can be very worrying if someone you're close to may have an eating disorder and it is not uncommon for them to be secretive or defensive about their eating or weight.

Obsession about food, behaviour changes, distorted beliefs about body size, excessive exercise, disappearing to the toilet after meals and difficulty concentrating may also be noticed.

Eating disorders are serious but treatable conditions and full recovery is possible, particularly if help is sought early on. If you think you might have an eating disorder, remember it is an illness and you deserve support in the same way as if it were any other illness.

■ **Reference / further information:**
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

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Cambourne Crier grant for local Rainbow Guides Group



Cambourne Crier is a non profit making magazine and allocates any surplus funds to the Crier Community Fund, which then awards this money to local clubs, societies or good causes in Cambourne. This money is given as a grant to the recipient organisation.

The latest good cause to receive a *Cambourne Crier* grant was 2nd Cambourne Rainbows, which is a pre-Guides and Brownies organisation for 4- to 7-year-old girls.

The cheque was awarded to the group by one of *Cambourne Crier's* editors, Paul Jobling and was gratefully received by Rainbow leader Angie Sandhu. The money is to be used to buy sports equipment for the children to further their enjoyment of their involvement in the Rainbows.

Angie said, "Thank you Cambourne Crier, this is fantastic. All the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Cambourne will benefit from trying a range of sporting activities that they wouldn't have been able to try if it weren't for this funding. We are looking forward to improving our fitness in new and fun ways."

Angie explained that the children learn about the world around them through membership of the Rainbows, including important matters such as caring for animals, recycling and learning about their community. This being done with reference to their four pillars, which are Look - Learn - Laugh - Love.



2nd Cambourne Rainbows meet at Cambourne Church on Monday evenings from 4.15 to 5.15pm. Above, the Rainbows, including Astrid, Emelia, Esmae, Isabella, Isobel, Katie, Lois, Natalia, Olivia, Phoebe, Poppy and Sofia, show their appreciation.

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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

It is an ancient Mariner

And he stoppeth one of three.

'By thy long grey beard and glittering eye,

Now wherefore stopp'st thou me?'

So begins Coleridge's haunting poem of a sailor who, after an act of senseless violence, is tormented by a vengeful nature spirit and the reanimated corpses of his fallen crew. Returning home, he meets a priest and cries out, "Shrieve me, holy man." The priest replies, "Say quick...what manner of man art thou?"

Pancake Day is coming. But it is about more than debating whether chocolate, maple syrup, or sugar and lemon is best. Also known as 'Shrove Tuesday', it is the day when, just as Coleridge's mariner does, Christians traditionally seek to be shaven: to be given space to confess our mistakes and be forgiven.

Last month, Bill wrote about the need to allow God to change us for the better. A big part of that process is to recognise that we will certainly make mistakes. Christians believe there is hope in this. It is only when we recognise our mistakes, do our best to make things right, and hear another person tell us that forgiveness is possible, that true change is possible.

So as you munch on your pancakes, consider the priest's question to the mariner: what manner of person are you? It is, admittedly, a big question to ask during dessert, and the answer may not be comfortable. But it holds the key to a better tomorrow.

David Wadsworth, Writer in Residence

Services and events for February 2022

Sunday 5th February

10.00am: Morning Worship with communion, and youth and children's groups. Followed by a church meeting

Sunday 12th February

9.30am: Morning Worship with communion

11.00am: Morning Worship with communion and children's group

Sunday 19th February

9.30am: Morning Worship

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

Sunday 26th February

9.30am: Morning Worship

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

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Sowing and reaping.

In a recent message, I spoke about sowing and reaping in the context of harsh consequences for foolish actions. A subject often set aside in today's culture but one that is needed for many aspects of life. Farmers and gardeners are already thinking about planting seeds. But before the carrots can go in or the broad beans be pressed into the earth preparation and cultivation must happen if you want to have a good crop. The same is true with goals in life. What is in the soil of your life that needs to be removed? The stones of pride or arrogance? Maybe some roots of bitterness are slowly poisoning the ground. Some weeds of indifference that choke any decent growth. Identify and get rid or get around obstacles. But it does not end there. For when some things are removed other things should be brought in to take their place. Just like in nature holes will tend to be filled with something if left and you should be the one to choose what goes in your life.



Pastor
Donovan Bangs

Perhaps some food for the seeds or results you want. A fertilizer by taking some of the special stuff life throws at you and making it actually useful. Do you realise sometimes criticism or exposed failure can be exactly the fuel you needed to make a change? What next? You need to break up the ground that has been sitting all winter.

Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

If you want the rain, that water of life to penetrate and revitalize you have to break up the clods or it just runs off. Then add the seeds you want. The choices you desire. If you want peas sow peas if you want potatoes sow potatoes. In life, if you want mercy sow mercy if you want joy then sow joy. If you want forgiveness then seek and show forgiveness. Then what is left is to let the Son-shine in. Because unless you are a mushroom you won't grow in the dark.

Pastor Donovan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school

11 AM Morning Worship

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COMMUNITY

Spare rooms needed for people from Ukraine



Have you got a spare room?

South Cambs District Council is working with Cambridge City Council to encourage new host households to come forward, to support people from Ukraine who are already settled in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. If you have a spare room and are thinking of hosting, please fill in the short form accessible here: www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine/spare-rooms-for-people-from-ukraine/

The team will call you to talk about the scheme and help you decide whether hosting is right for you.

Rematching guests who are already settled locally

The scheme that was set up at the start of the conflict in Ukraine asked hosts to commit to a period of at least 6 months, and that time period has now passed. Although some hosts may be able to extend their hosting arrangement further, not all will be able to. We now need to ask more people who are happy and able to host to come forward.

By finding more people in our community to host, we can support people from Ukraine who are already settled to stay in the area where they have formed friendships, secured jobs, and where their children have started school.

We will work to rematch guest households with hosts who come forward in towns and villages to keep guests in the area where they have started to settle.

Support for new hosts

When we call you, we can talk about the wealth of support that is available to new hosts, such as the monthly 'Thank You' payments to help hosts cover the cost of having additional people in your household.

If you would like any additional information before we contact you, please take a look at our Homes for Ukraine information webpages: www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine/information-for-hosts-and-community-groups/



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CVC access routes still in the spotlight

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE: In March last year, we alerted our parents to the development of an additional housing estate next to Cambourne Business Park by the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP). The SCIP proposal includes a bus and cycle link to our schools and West Cambourne from the Business Park road but misses the opportunity to make this a direct and simple route for all vehicles – and in particular, school traffic.

Building a short stretch of all-vehicle road from the Council offices onto Sheepfold Lane would solve all the problems created by the current plans to divert the existing school access through the residential roads of West Cambourne. We anticipate the

new route will cause long delays and serious congestion at peak times.

The planning application for the SCIP housing estate puts great emphasis on its environmental credentials and 'connectivity'. However, it misses a very simple opportunity to improve traffic flow and reduce CO2 emissions. To demonstrate this our in-house traffic survey recorded 1,215 vehicles visiting the school's campus on a mainly dry Wednesday in February 2022. From the Business Park roundabout, these journeys were estimated to have produced 430,402 grams-per-mile total of CO2. This is 25% higher than would have been produced if the Business Park link had been open. When our current access is changed to the longer route through West Cambourne, it's estimated that the CO2 emissions for journeys to our schools will be 66% higher than via the Business Park link route. This figure will be even greater if a one-way system through the school site is

introduced to manage the traffic flow, and it takes no account of the expected rise in school numbers as the secondary school expands.

The formal planning application can be seen here: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/00123/FUL>

Readers can send their views to the Director of Planning and Economic Development for SCDC, Mr Stephen Kelly: Stephen.Kelly@Greatercambridgeplanning.org and to the Chief Executive of South Cambs District Council, Ms Liz Watts: liz.watts@scambs.gov.uk

Diagrams of the proposed routes and relative CO2 emissions can be found on the CamVC website homepage: Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)

**Claire Coates, Principal, CVC
Cate Thompson, Headteacher,
Cambourne & Hardwick Primary**

Wellbeing Wednesdays enjoyed at Monkfield Park

MONKFIELD PARK

PRIMARY SCHOOL: It is hard to believe that 2023 has just begun as there is already so much going on in school.

Wellbeing continues to be a very important as we know how crucial it is for children to be content and happy if they are to learn.

The children continue to enjoy our 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' when we dedicate a whole day to wellbeing each term.

Joining together in mixed age groups every child is able to enjoy a range of exciting activities. From cooking omelettes and sharing their delicious creations as a group meal, to baking, clay work, gospel choir singing, dance, tag rugby and jewellery making, to name just a few of the activities, the students

have the chance to learn and apply a variety of new life skills.

Having set up and run their own museum in school, Year 6 were delighted to visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. They were keen to learn about the aircrafts that were flown by the Royal Flying Corps and were amazed to see some real examples of these pioneering aircrafts.

Everyone agreed that the men who flew these flimsy planes were very brave indeed and offered us valuable lessons about courage, resilience and determination.

Reception children have been investigating the Antarctic as part of their topic on Amazing Animals. Mrs Howell was surprised to

suddenly find herself part of a 'penguin huddle', as the pupils demonstrated how emperor penguins keep the youngest members of the group warm.



The Vine's Year 6 enjoys outdoor adventures in Sheringham

THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY: In December 2022 Year 6 visited the Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Sheringham, Norfolk for a three-day stay. On the first day they did Tree Top Trail, Archery and Team Tasks. These were incredible and a great way to start the adventures. In the evening they played Owls and Mice which was like an enormous game of Manhunt but set in a dark, expansive woods. T

Thursday was jam-packed with lots of exciting activities including The Super Swing, The Big Zipper and the challenging and muddy assault course. Once again, these activities were fantastic and also quite scary at times. The children were pushed to their limits. In the evening they shopped for souvenirs and



enjoyed an orienteering task in the dark, enchanted forest. After a full day of activities they had some time in the games room.

On the final day were two more thrilling tasks and a hearty lunch before the journey home. The students bid goodbye to the encouraging and entertaining instructors, who gave a once in a lifetime opportunity. The children can't wait for a return trip. "Face your fears and have fun with your friends." "Each step you take you learn new things."

Article written and quotes by Year 6 pupils.

HCCP treats students to a day at Duxford Museum

Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School: Many wonderful things have been going on here including trips and visits galore! As part of their 'Fighting for Freedom' topic, Year 5-6 visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford and also enjoyed an immersion day when the trenches of World War I came to school.

Reception also visited Father Christmas at Audley End, and there were too many sporting trips and fixtures to name!

Duxford is always an incredible place to visit and the immersion day was incredible. The children really appreciated the all-important first hand experiences to bring to life what they've learnt in the classroom.

Alfie, one of our Year 5's says: "I had a fun time and learnt about the planes, bombs and tanks. We were all respectful because lots of people lost their lives fighting in the wars."

This term continues to provide great opportunities for the students starting off with Year 1 and 2's Chocolate Day! A wonderful chocolate based workshop from the Ministry of Chocolate, giving children the chance to create their own chocolate bars and lollies (with carefully selected toppings - see below) whilst learning about the production of chocolate, from farm to fork, and the history of chocolate.

A message from Finn F-W, our Pupil Governor: 'This term I have been involved, alongside the school council,

in introducing an Antarctic art competition. We had to announce this to the school in an assembly, via a PowerPoint presentation with information and ideas. This is the second assembly I have participated in, after Switch-off fortnight.

"I enjoy announcing these things to the school, and making them aware of events, important information and help the school too!"

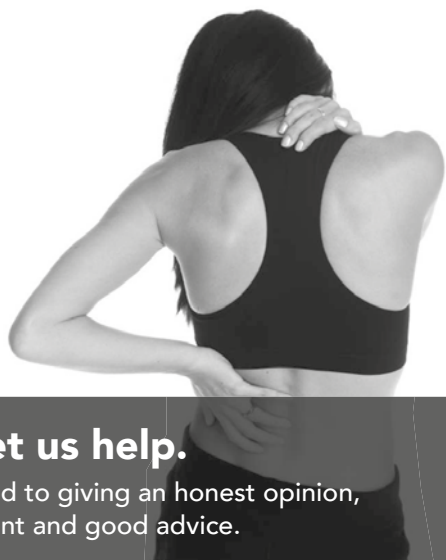
Our most recent school council meeting was also attended by the Head of Campus (Mr. Hoban), who took ideas into consideration about playtimes. This was a useful meeting because some things the children don't like can be changed.





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Bourn Windmill restoration update

The restoration of Bourn Windmill is progressing well. The scaffolding was removed in December and the site has been largely cleared of building items. At a site meeting in January, the findings of the volunteer maintenance team's previous assessment visit was discussed.

There appears to be an issue with turning the mill as the tail is now about a foot or so lower at the point near the barns and the mill cannot make a full circle. The millwright will reassess the situation once the sails have been reattached. There are also some areas of rotten timbers which will be replaced in the buck, and some adjustment to the buck where the steps adjoin it.

The millwright has already begun to get the site ready to start on the repair, repaint and installation of the sails. He will be also cleaning and repainting the stocks. The buck, tail and steps will also be repainted. It is hoped that the outstanding works will be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.

You can view Bourn Windmill from the footpath passing through farmland that is accessed via the kissing gate directly to the south of Crow Hill in Cambourne.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to the fundraising appeal!

by volunteer Kate Armstrong



Wildlife Trust Cambourne – join the Toad Patrol

Every year in February and March, amphibians migrate from their winter hibernation quarters to their breeding pond. In this area there are common frogs, common toads, great crested and smooth (or common) newts; palmate newts are less common in Cambridgeshire. While frogs and newts stay close to their breeding pond, toads may travel more than a mile to get back to their pond.

Amphibians are very important species in our wetlands (International World Wetlands Day 2 February worldwetlandsday.org) feeding at several different levels and prey for lots of different species. They are in decline for numerous reasons including climate change - affecting timing of hibernation and causing ponds to dry out in summer, plus the availability and accessibility of good quality habitat.

Toads are tied to their ancestral pond,



and, if it means crossing roads to get there, then they will. They are also coordinated in their migration and can move in their hundreds when conditions are right: this area has a few known crossing points:

- Broadway (road to Bourn) beside the airfield
- A1198 bypass at Papworth Everard, especially near the roundabout by the Indian Restaurant
- Corner of Monkfield Lane and Jeavons Lane in Cambourne
- Monk Drive, Cambourne

Please slow down when driving these roads on warmer wetter evenings in late winter/early spring, and please get in touch if you know of other roads where there are numbers of dead amphibians.

The Wildlife Trust coordinate a Toad Patrol at the Bourn crossing: when it is above 5 degrees C and wet, volunteers walk the road at night with high vis jackets, buckets and torches. They pick up toads (and the odd frog) from one side of the road to transport them safely, closer to their breeding pond. Anyone interested in helping, please get in touch; more volunteer opportunities on our website www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved

Events

www.wildlifebcn.org/events

I deliver family sessions every Wednesday during school holidays in Cambourne, and in the Feb half term will also be in Gamlingay Eco Hub with a session around stories about UK wildlife;

Contact me on

rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

BCN Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn

Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

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Sky comes to life with a rainbow of colours in Cambourne

A successful kite festival took place at the Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion on 15th January.

The event was hosted by the local charity CamCare UK. The organiser of the event, Shrobona Bhattacharya, said: "Enthusiastic families, friends and neighbours of all ages attended the kite-flying activities, with a wide variety of kites of different designs, colours, and sizes, made with paper, fabric and plastic and painted with bright colors.

"Community-made food was also available to showcase different cultures and culinary traditions and to provide delicious and authentic food options for visitors to the Kite Festival. Nearly 250 people visited the festival throughout the day."



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Beavers and Cubs enjoy Autumn Term

Both groups of young people at 2nd Cambourne Beavers and Cubs enjoyed a wide range of activities indoor and out during the Autumn Term last year.

Beavers took part in activities such as Hikes, Money Skills, Space, and Firework Safety. For another activity, in week one they brought in a large box and made their own car, then the following week they brought it back in and enjoyed a 'drive-in movie' on a projector screen.

For one of the last sessions before Christmas, the Beavers enjoyed a night Ten Pin Bowling.

At Cubs, they took Space learning outdoors with stargazing. There was an air activities day, communicator badge work, and games night.

The Beavers and Cubs also joined other youth organisations in Cambourne for Remembrance Sunday.

Our groups are healthy with young people, but we need adult helpers, particularly with our Scouts section; ages 10-14. If you can help volunteer, please email:

info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk



Cambourne New Year Ceilidh a great success

'Thank you for organising such a wonderful evening tonight- it was FAB! We all had a brilliant time. We look forward to more in the future'

This was just one of the lovely comments from people who came to the ceilidh, but it was clear that a good time was had by all who attended this event, and the hall was filled with dancing people for most of the evening, and who hope there will be more ceilidhs to come.

The caller, Robin Gracey, was excellent, taking us through the steps slowly first, before the musicians took over. Speaking to Robin afterwards, he said it was one of the best ceilidhs he's been to lately, because everyone participated, there was a great age range and a wonderful spread of people from

different cultures, (which of course Cambourne is so good at).

We had two versatile and talented instrumentalists, Sylvie Snowdon, who played keyboard and flute, and Robin Gillan on fiddle and guitar, whose music carried us all along during a really enjoyable evening. All of the 60 tickets were sold, though Robin Gracey, who has been working as a dance caller for many years, thinks we could manage 20 more next time.

We hope to organise another ceilidh in October, but the building works on the Hub may prevent that happening this year, and another is planned for early January 2024, so watch this space and get your tickets early!

Thanks go to Cambourne Town Council for their support of this event.

Growing team of youth workers

Over recent months we've had some changes to the Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill youth work team in Cambourne. **Emma Whitbread**, who had been working full-time in Cambourne, has taken on a new role as the Youth Development Worker in Northstowe, pioneering the development of youth work in the new town there. She will be leading the work there in a part-time role, and we're delighted that she'll be continuing to work two days a week in Cambourne.

Emma Slater has been working as part of the team in Cambourne for many years and most recently has been based here for two days a week as a Youth Support Worker, whilst also working with the youth work team in Linton. Emma will be stepping into part of the role which Emma Whitbread is passing on, becoming a Youth Development Worker focusing entirely on Cambourne.

We're delighted to have **Fran**



Adaszkievicz joining the team as a Youth Support Worker. Fran has been volunteering with us over the past year, having completed her Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice, and we're looking forward to her having more time to support in the work across the community.

Jonathan Buwert continues to lead the team of youth workers in Cambourne, with an increasing focus on developing the infrastructure and longer term planning for the continued growth of support for young people across the community.

We are hugely grateful to the team of volunteers who give their time and talents

to enable the programme of activities and support that are on offer to young people across the week. We are always looking for new volunteers to join the team, particularly for the after school youth clubs (3.30-5.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), so please get in touch with Jonathan at jonathan.buwert@romseymill.org if you would like to get involved. Volunteers are also able to access free or subsidised training through Romsey Mill, with an accredited Level 2 course starting in the middle of February; contact Jonathan for more details about this.

Next Wellbeing Support Group for Young People: Self-Esteem and Self-Worth

Cambourne Youth Partnership, Romsey Mill and Cambourne Church run a weekly wellbeing cafe, which is open for any young person from Year 7-13 to come along to.

It runs as a drop-in from 3.15-4.15pm every Friday during term time in the Church Annexe, with space for conversation, games and creative activities. There's no need to sign up for this group - just come along.

After the drop-in session, there is a Wellbeing Support Group which runs from 4.30-5.15pm and each course runs for a half-term. From 24th February to 31st March the topic is self-esteem and self-worth. This is a smaller, more focussed group for young people who will benefit from exploring this particular topic, and referrals can be made by young people themselves, parents, schools or other professionals.

■ To sign up, or make an enquiry, contact Emma Slater at emma.slater@romseymill.org or 07523518829.



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A man with a pan and a plan

The Muslim community of Cambourne gathered on Saturday 14th January to revive one of Prophet Muhammed's (peace be upon him) traditions: helping with household chores.

The Prophet, who is a role model for Muslims, used to assist his family with various tasks around the house, and this behaviour is considered an important aspect of being a good Muslim.

The culture has ingrained within many societies is an incorrect understanding that certain tasks in the house are beneath men and that it is degrading for them to help and work with their wives around the house, which is foreign to Islam. Prophet Mohammed said: *"The best of you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family."*

This implies that helping the wife in the house is a full-time job as well. Whether it's helping wash the dishes, cooking, cleaning, raising the kids, etc., is all part and parcel of being the 'man' of the house.

During the event, men were tasked to cook the food instead of the ladies. The men cooked up a storm at the event, and the food was delicious. The guests couldn't stop raving about the flavours and the presentation. It was a culinary delight. Many men were proud of their cooking skills and took great pleasure in preparing delicious meals for their loved ones. They enjoyed the process of



creating something delicious from scratch, experimenting with new ingredients and techniques, and seeing the look of satisfaction on their family's faces.

This event was not just about cooking, but also about breaking the stereotype that men should not be involved in household chores. It was a reminder that in Islam, men and women are equal partners in the household and should work together to make their home a better place for all.

World Arabic language day

On December 18th 2022, as the world celebrated Arabic Language Day, our local Arabic Language School in Cambourne celebrated the occasion with its students. The school has been in operation since 2017 and teaches more than 80 students.

Arabic, a Semitic language spoken by over 420 million people, has a rich history as the primary international language of science, philosophy, and literature. Many English words, such as "coffee", "jumper", and "algebra" were borrowed directly from Arabic. The language has evolved over time and is known for its complex system of diacritical marks, which make it unique and different from other languages. (Diacritical marks are marks above and below a letter to indicate a particular pronunciation).

Throughout its history, Arabic has been a language of great cultural and intellectual significance. Many of the world's most famous poets,

philosophers, and scholars wrote in Arabic, including Rumi, Avicenna, and Al-Ghazali, who have had a profound impact on the development of literature, science, and philosophy.

In addition to its rich literary tradition, Arabic has also played a key role in the development of science and mathematics.

Today, Arabic continues to be an important language and is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

The Arabic Language Day is a way to celebrate the language, its culture and the people who speak it. It is an opportunity to learn about Arabic language and its history to appreciate its beauty and complexity.

Arabic Language School runs during term time on Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Cambourne Village College. The school also has a class for adults who are interested in learning the language. The language classes are open to everyone in the community.



Tennis Club welcomes social & competitive players

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB: The busy Christmas and new year period have passed and we move naturally into the next phase - the setting of resolutions for the coming months. If this is a regular state of affairs for you, you may want to consider shaking the dust off the tennis racket that has been sitting in the loft or garage and joining our local Tennis club. We aim to serve the local community with facilities and the opportunity to enjoy the sport in a friendly, inclusive space.

Social Tennis Don't know anyone in the club? That should not be an obstacle, we have adult social mix-in sessions twice a week (Wednesday nights 7pm-10pm & Sunday mornings 10am-12pm) where members can come along and get to know other club members in a social tennis rather than an outright competitive tennis environment.

Social/competitive Tennis For those who want to challenge themselves and others, we have club social leagues (Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles) which you can join. These are competitive but internal to the club and are also played with the goal of enjoying the sport with others rather than the goal to destroy your opponents.



Competitive Tennis For those who are truly competitive in nature and want the games to be challenging and for them to matter beyond the boundaries of our club, we have four Mens teams, two Ladies teams & three Mixed Doubles teams that you could be selected for, to play in the Cambridgeshire Winter and Summer Leagues for Cambourne Lawn Tennis Club against local rival clubs.

This year, (hopefully by March) we will be able to get together and socialize ahead of games and carry out the post-match analysis in our very own Club House which has been funded by the National Lottery, grants from Amey Cespa and the Cambridgeshire LTA as well as with our own Cambourne Lawn Tennis Club reserves. Construction is well under way!

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

Fishing Club to host Drop In Fairs

25th MARCH 2023

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Cambourne Balkan Dance Club

SUNDAY DANCE

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Cambourne Town Football Club update

New Players Wanted: Our U12 Whites Boys team are looking for new players to add to their squad. The team trains Tuesday evenings 5-6pm and play matches on Saturdays. Please complete our general player enquiry form on our website www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

Our beginners Ladies sessions are looking for players, if you or someone you know is keen to get into playing regular football in a fun environment please complete our general player enquiry form on our website or email any questions to Coach David Pickavance: Email: D.pickavance@hotmail.com

The Dugout at Cambourne Town FC offers hot and cold drinks and snacks and is open every Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am and Friday mornings too 10am-12noon, with hot food options such as bacon rolls proving very popular.

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 CTFC. 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: Cambourne Town FC

Ladies team: Ladies celebrated Christmas and their amazing start to the season with a team social and a ten pin bowling competition with Sharon Pinner a clear winner and Alice Taylor runner up. First game of the new year we travelled to Manea for



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a very close and difficult game but goals from Emily Arnold and Lauren Bridge-Wright secured a 2-1 victory for Cambourne Town to keep them top of the league.

Cambourne Town FC Mens team (Saturdays) have been in a poor run of form over December and January with a few injuries to key players, however the team drew 1-1 losing on penalties in the quarter finals of the cup on 14 January so we look to build on what was a strong performance.



CTFC partners with #HerGameToo

Cambourne Town FC is proud to partner with #HerGameToo – the organisation that is tackling sexism and championing women in sport.

#HerGameToo was set up by a group of female supporters who are working to eradicate sexism in the football industry. We want women and girls of all ages to feel confident and safe sharing their opinion about football both online and in real life without fear of sexist abuse.

To become a partner Cambourne Town FC signed up to a number of pledges against sexism in football including a reporting system in place for female supporters to anonymously report sexist abuse, a presence of #HerGameToo around the Dugout

alongside a commitment to working with #HerGameToo to actively encourage women and girls to attend games.

The club is working with Cambridge United FC on this initiative who is our affiliated CommunityTrust so that we can educate the next generation and raise awareness. Their ambassador Emma Smith explains further; 'Alongside my role as Ambassador for #HerGameToo at Cambridge United FC, I also work with local grassroots clubs in our community. I was particularly keen to work with Cambourne Town FC as they already have a fantastic foundation for girls' and women's football. I'm delighted that CTFC is now an official partner of #HerGameToo, and I look forward to



working closely with the club to strengthen further the message that football is a game for all - it is Her Game Too'.

If you're at any sporting event (not just football) and witness sexism you can report it via www.hergametoo.co.uk or speak to a Club official at the match/sporting event.