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Wonderland in Cambourne thanks to Cambourne Community Theatre Group

Going down the rabbit hole with Cambourne's *Alice in Wonderland*!

Cambourne Community Theatre Group, the town's home grown local amateur theatre group, is back for its first live production after the disruption of the past few years caused by COVID.

The group will be performing their version of *Alice in Wonderland*.

The Cambourne version of the script was co-written by Barry Evans who is also performing as the Mad Hatter.

Barry is a drama teacher by profession and has been involved with several theatre groups in the past. He has helped bring the original story to life so there will be plenty of fun, laughs and many opportunities for the audience to get involved.

"It's been great bringing everyone together for rehearsals and a lot of fun recreating the chaos of Lewis Carroll's fantasy world on stage," said producer Paul Wright. "You will be led through Wonderland by Izzy Tramontin, a student at Cambourne Village College, who plays the lead role of Alice. She will be joined on stage by other familiar, wild and wacky characters from the story, including the White Rabbit and of course the Queen of Hearts - just watch your head!"

The theatre group are looking forward to peforming a live show after the COVID pandemic halted their previous plans in 2020 and the group had to move online for a couple of years. "It's good to finally be back rehearsing and putting together a production for a live audience," said director Marcus Pitcaithly, "We hope our version of the classic tale will be fun for all ages and a great way to bring theatre back to Cambourne."

Membership of the theatre group is open to all with many of the cast having joined the play after an open audition held last year. "We've been



Thurs 13th April 2pm and Fri 14th April 7pm Tickets:

> particularly happy to welcome our new, younger cast members to this production," contines Marcus, "Especially as the play is aimed at adults and children alike."

Open gardens 2023



Cambourne Open Gardens and Flower Festival: 24-25th June

See page 4 for more...

CYP fundraising



Cambourne Youth Partnership is seeking donations

More details on page 23...

Tennis clubhouse



Official opening of new tennis clubhouse planned for May

Find out more on page 27...

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

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April 2023

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

The Kings Coronation CelebrationPicnic on the Green

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we are hosting a *Picnic on the Green* on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May at Great Cambourne cricket field/pavilion.

Come along and enjoy food, live music, entertainment, children's craft activities and meet local community groups, clubs and businesses. Cambourne Cricket Club will be opening up 'The:Third Man' bar in the pavilion.

There will be Fancy dress competitions for the best Royal themed costume and a Royal art gallery on the day, please submit your artwork to the Town Council office by Friday 5th May (painting, drawings, sculptures etc.)

Bring your own picnic along and celebrate with family, friends and neighbours. A variety of street food will be available from local vendors.

If you would like to get involved in any way, please email <u>community@cambourn</u> eparishcouncil.gov.uk

Defibrillator

You may have seen on our Facebook page that the accessible defibrillator at the Hub Community Centre was taken from its cabinet without notice. Thankfully it was returned a week later, and does not appear to be used or tampered with. It does not appear to have been taken in an emergency, and we assume was taken as a precaution or for an event.

The defibrillator must not be taken off site without prior approval (unless an emergency) as it is linked to The Circuit and we must update the system so that emergency services are aware if a defibrillator is available or not.

All other Town Council owned defibrillators are in locked cabinets where the code is given when an emergency call comes in, and we are automatically notified if it may have been used. If you're in a situation where a defibrillator is required phone 999 www.defibfinder.uk/

The Town Council Office:



The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW. Tel: 01954 714403 or email <u>office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk</u> John Vickery, Parish Clerk: <u>clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk</u> www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk Facebook/Instagram: @cambournetowncouncil

New staff

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the Town Council team.

Martin Sadlacek has joined the Grounds team to support maintenance of the open spaces and facilities.

Alfie Tate has been appointed as Football Development Officer and will work closely with Cambourne Town FC and schools as well as continuing the development of inclusive football.

Street trading calendar

View the street trading calendar to see which traders are booked in each week. <u>www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/street-</u> trading-calendar

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS April - May 2023

Tuesday 4th April, 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by Full Council

Tuesday 18th April, 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by Leisure & Amenities Committee

Tuesday 2nd May, 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by Annual Town Meeting

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Black Bin: Friday 21st April, Friday 5th May Blue\Green Bins: Saturday 15th April, Thursday 27th April, Thursday 11th May More information: <u>www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling</u>

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

The Hub Car Park Mondays: 1.30pm-4:00pm Wednesdays: 12.30-4:00pm Tel: 01480 464 757

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Cambourne Air Cadets

This month Cadets attended a bag pack at Tesco Bar Hill to raise money for both the Squadron and the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation. They were on hand to assist members of the public with packing their bags and to have a chat about what we do. We received many comments from the public about how well Cadets were turned out and how they represented the Squadron - they truly are a credit to the unit. To top it off, we raised £1,097!

On Squadron, Cadets have been getting involved in syllabus training, air rifle training, STEM and a media project that sees them investigate the history of 105 Squadron RAF; investigating aircraft, those who served and the bases they used.

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Another achievement was that of Cadet Warrant Officer Allen who was appointed as Station Commanders Cadet for RAF Henlow during a handover ceremony at a recent Wing Training Course. This will see him attend events alongside the Station Commander and have the opportunity to represent the organisation at high profile events. This is a huge honour and greatly deserved!

If you are interested in becoming a Cadet and are aged 12-17, 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.







For more information, an application pack or to book a visit please either visit the school website, email nursery@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk or call us on 01954 210070 PAGE 3

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Spring has arrived!

Spring is here, and it's the busiest time of year for wildlife. Here are some ways you can help:

Keep dogs on leads on nature reserve or when visiting wilder areas. This is especially important during bird-breeding season, as some nest on, or very near, the ground, like skylarks, ducks, swans, robins, blackbirds, and wrens.

Keep your distance from wildlife. Please do not feed swans and ducks unless you have permission from the land-owner. Feeding them brings them into conflict with dogs and it makes them approach people. It also brings them together in greater numbers and can spread disease like bird flu.

Slow down on the roads: March and early April are when amphibians are moving in large numbers. Take extra care at night, especial on Broadway, the road to Bourn, by the airfield.

Stick to the middle of paths to avoid disturbing wildlife, trampling plants and compacting soil. If it becomes too muddy, consider walking elsewhere.

Volunteer for the Wildlife Trust BCN. There are monthly work parties on Cambourne nature reserve and other opportunities nearby, some in our headoffice in Cambourne.

Record your wildlife sightings using the free app iRecord, or direct online to the Cambridge and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre. Records are used by scientists to study trends, and in the planning system.

If you want to learn more about local wildlife, please come on a Wildlife Trust BCN event.

Family sessions

Owl pellet dissection Wednesday 5 April Family wild play Wednesday 12 April

Funded short courses

Wildlife for Beginners, Tuesday mornings 2 May, 6 June, 4 July.

Bird song, Thursday mornings 4 May, 8 June, 6 July

Inner child series (for adults do fun naturerelated and bushcraft-type activities) Tuesday mornings 16 May, 20 June, 18 July

Little Bugs (for adults with their toddler) Friday mornings, 2 courses of 5 walks starting 28 April or 9 June Wild Babies (for adults with their prewalking child) Wednesday mornings, 2 courses of 5 walks starting 26 April or 7 June

Please email me on

rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Events wildlifebcn.org/events

Volunteering wildlifebcn.org/volunteeringopportunities

BCN Facebook/Twitter:

@wildlifebcn @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

Cambourne Open Gardens

This is your invitation to join **Cambourne Open Gardens and** Flower Festival on the weekend of 24-25th June 2023.

Both events are open to any Cambourne resident that would like to either open their garden up to visitors or would like to make a flower display on a theme - yet to be decided. If you have a suggestion for the theme, tell Jules (see below).

Open Gardens, now is its 18th year, is a much-loved Cambourne tradition. We visit the gardens of our neighbours who are kind enough to welcome us in. If you would like to be one of these generous neighbours then please contact Jules. You really don't need a

show garden; just a pleasant patch and welcome will do nicely. Furthermore, the Cambourne Flower Festival is being held again, at the same time, in the church building. If you or your community group would like to contribute a display or if your business would like to sponsor a prize then Jules would also love to know.

Open Gardens raises money for Cambourne Church to use in the work it does for the wider community. The Flower Festival is a free event.

If you are interested in knowing more or have an idea of what the theme could be, please email

juleshannaford@hotmail.com or phone/message Jules on 07930 152125.

More information on taking part in these events will be in Cambourne Crier nearer the time. So watch this space...





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CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

"Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, God's will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness." These are the words of the late South African archbishop and Nobel laureate, Desmond Tutu.

Such words might seem naively optimistic, but I remember listening to Desmond Tutu when he preached in Durham Cathedral back in the Spring of 1987, at a time when apartheid still held South Africa in its cruel grip. I was amazed at how irrepressibly hopeful he was about the eventual downfall of the racist regime in his homeland, and this hope was so clearly rooted in his faith in a God who will not allow evil to flourish. A few years later his hope became a reality.

The message of Easter is that evil is temporary. It is defeated through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In the Bible we find these words: "There will be an end to death, and to mourning and crying and pain." (Revelation 21:4) Because of Easter everything that crushes the life out of us will been crushed.

So when it seems like Winter, and all is bleak, remember that the resurrection of Jesus means that it is actually Spring. We may not always see the new life God is bringing, but that new life is nevertheless stirring even when it is obscured by a covering of snow. Easter gives a sure and certain reason for a hope that can stand toe-to-toe with evil and know that goodness wins in the end. **Revd Bill Miller**

Cambourne Church Services in April 2023



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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

I am the Resurrection, and the Life

This month we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It is a vital part of the Christian faith and we will be teaching about it specifically on the 9th of April. It forms part of the Gospel, which as Paul put it is the death burial and resurrection of Christ. Now all parts are vital as each was fortold and fufilled. The death was important as it paid for the sins of the world. Now some say oh He didn't really die, just

passed out, but you need to know something about soldiers especially the Roman ones. They were well trained and disciplined. If they certified someone as dead they were dead and Jesus had been certified dead by a centurion, a professional officer and reported this to Pilate, the governor and you don't lie to him, or the penalty is death.

Some say oh His body was stolen whilst the guards slept but, you also don't fall asleep on guard duty or the penalty is death. Do you see a pattern here? The burial as was fortold and further proof of the death, and finally the resurrection which validated the



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

Pastor Donavan Bangs

words which He had spoken. I mean dying, well a lot of people have done that and burial is very common but coming back from the dead just as you said you would well that is a bit more special. The odd thing was this prophecy was understood better by Jesus enemies who demanded a seal be put on the tomb and it to be guarded by soldiers just in case. Yet some of Jesus disciples did not understand until they met Him face to face. The resurrection proves He had the power to

defeat death as He is the prince of life. And if He has proven that power we can trust in Him as he has already done what He is promising for those who follow Him. Give unto them eternal life through the forgiveness of sin. I hope you will come along and find out more. Last month we had a good Mother's Day service with gifts for the mothers in attendance. I still have to figure something for the Father's Day later on this year. I do pray you will all have a good month and find hope in that completed work of redemption.

Pastor Donavan Bangs

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, St John Fisher Parish

Happy Easter! Here at SJF we continue to prepare ten children for First Communion. Their families have shown great commitment, supporting the children's faith journey. They enjoy learning about Jesus through singing, crafts and prayer.
Philippians 4: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Teenagers, tune in to RMEY Faith Vibe 5pm Fridays and 8pm Sundays: www.radiomariaengland.uk

News for Classical Music fans, check out Sacred Music Spotlight 15.15pm on Saturdays (see RME website for airtimes).

Thanks to Maureen who has now stepped down from submitting articles to the Crier. If you would like to write an article, contact Fr John directly.

Thank you, we raised over £200 for CAFOD! Contacts: Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07754-227468. Email: cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk Website: <u>http://cambournerc.com/</u>



Mass Times: Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm, Sunday 5pm, Mon -Wed 12.30pm, Thurs – Fri 6.30pm in the Church Building.

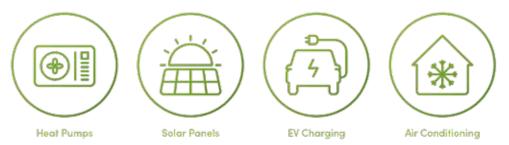
Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/Cambourne.Sawston</u>. YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish. Facebook page has information on social events. Please join us for a Bollywood Night Fundraiser later this year email Liz Christy via email above.

Contact Fr John to register for First Communion and Confirmation Lessons in Cambourne.



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ANTHONY BROWNE MP FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE anthony.browne.mp @parliament.uk

Cambourne in a newly formed Constituency

I am delighted and honoured to have been selected as the Conservative Party candidate for the new Parliamentary seat of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire, which includes Cambourne, at the next general election.

Choosing which parliamentary seat to apply for has been the hardest decision of my life. I have a deep emotional attachment to South Cambridgeshire, but my constituency is being cut in two following the Boundary Review. I have had to make a choice of which side to go for, and I decided to stand in the area where I believe my current campaigns can make the greatest difference for local people on the biggest local

challenges. It is where I have lived most of the time since the last election, and I will be standing again as MP for many of the communities I currently represent.

Cambourne is at the forefront of an enormous development drive. In the coming years, the residents will need the support of a strong and dedicated local MP to represent the needs of their communities. I know I have the experience and track-record to take on this challenge.

I will always be enormously grateful to the voters in Cambourne who put their faith in me to represent them. Being the Member of Parliament for such a fantastic constituency continues to be the greatest honour of my life and I am fully committed to supporting all my constituents in the current South Cambridgeshire seat for as long as I remain their MP.



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

Transport issues in West Cambourne

Although we are coming up on the 25th birthday of the first residents moving into Cambourne, we remain a new town that is still developing and growing.

This brings benefits and challenges to us all as a community. A recent example of this has been the problems faced by the newest members of our town, those moving into West Cambourne.

As reported in the March issue of Cambourne Crier, residents face great difficulties in doing simple things such as getting their children to school or accessing services in the town. However, the strength and determination of

Cambourne to solve problems has come to the fore once again. Working with West Cambourne residents, the Town Council, the District Council, the County Council and the developers, solutions have been found which will connect up West Cambourne to the rest of the town very soon with a shuttle bus service through the spring and summer and then the opening of the road through West Cambourne from the autumn.

Further to this, the District Council is hosting a "Cambourne Travel Summit" involving a range of stakeholders to focus on transport issues in our town and find solutions to make things safer and easier for all of us.

Hopefully we will see progress very soon to make our town an even better place to live.



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

April is Stress Awareness Month

Stress is the way our bodies respond to keep us safe when faced with danger.

If we come across a tiger on the loose, a range of hormones are released into our bloodstream and our heart rate and blood pressure will rise, our focus will sharpen, our muscle tone will increase as blood is directed away from our gut towards our vital organs and our lungs will respond to allow us to take in more oxygen. We are super alert and primed for action which is a good thing when faced with a tiger.

Stress becomes a bad thing when this type of response happens to us even though we are not threatened with something dangerous. When

people feel under stress for an extended period of time they can develop physical issues such as high blood pressure, weight gain, gut problems, memory problems and are at increased risk of heart attacks, stroke and diabetes.

Mental health can also be affected with anxious, nervous or fearful feelings and panic attacks. It is not always possible to change stressful situations but there are many ways to help. Talking about how you are feeling is the first step, either with someone you know or a charity or health professional. Regular exercise can make a real difference as can eating well, avoiding too much caffeine and calming breathing exercises or mindfulness activities. More details and suggestions can be found on the websites below. Reference/ further information:

www.nhs.uk/mental-health www.mind.org.uk

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Fuel for thought - Cambourne petrol prices

Like many Cambourne residents I used to buy my petrol and groceries at Morrisons and regularly received a £5 voucher Since the demise of the vouchers, I rarely buy petrol at Morrisons.

However I did recently fill up my tank at Morrisons at a very reasonable £1.44 per litre, unfortunately this was at Morrisons in Sheffield. I then bought fuel at Morrisons at St Ives a few miles away and this was not quite as easy on the pocket, but still an acceptable £1.46 per litre.

I then looked at the prices at our own Morrisons in Cambourne which at the time was around £1.55 per litre, making it one of the the most expensive fuel outlets in Cambridge. I also noted that this had recently increased from £1.51 to coincide with the offer of 5p off per litre when you spent more than £60 in store. It then dropped back to £1.53 - presumably when the offer ended. (This article was researched in February).

Although as residents of Cambourne we are free to buy fuel wherever we wish, to buy reasonably priced petrol in Cambourne would be convenient, and the question to Morrisons management is why Cambourne fuel was around 10p more per litre than Sheffield or neighbouring St Ives.

Cambourne Resident (name and address supplied)





Prices in St Ives (left) and Sheffield (right), while Cambourne fuel prices were approx 10p per litre more,

Net Zero Now

Applications are open for residents of Cambourne to take part in Net Zero Now, a free community climate action course.



Run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council, Net Zero Now will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to help support Cambourne on its move towards net zero. The six-week course will give you the opportunity to meet and discuss what communities can do to reduce carbon emissions, what support is available, how to communicate climate action, effective community building, and more. Applications close on Sunday 30th April.

Find out more and apply now at: <u>cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/</u><u>what-we-do/net-zero-now/</u>



ARRINGTON GARDEN CENTRE



LET'S TALK GARDENING! Wednesday 26th April

Hanging baskets & containers for summer colour

Join our manager Andy for a talk offering hints and tips for getting a fantastic display during the summer months. £5.00 per person, 10am-11am For details see in house posters, Facebook & website To book phone 01223 208194 or email manager@arringtongardencentre.com

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Cambourne Library

0345 045 5225 www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Opening times Monday 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 9am - 1pm, Wednesday closed, Thursday 4pm- 7pm, Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm, Sunday closed.

Exciting new resource! - BFI Replay (British Film Institute) is an easy to use online platform. It provides free, on-demand access to thousands of videos, digitised from the archives of the British Film Institute and national and regional film archives. It should be of interest to local history enthusiasts, anyone interested in TV history, plus people who just want a trip down TV-viewing memory lane! The videos date from 1960s to the 2010s.

BFI Replay can only be accessed in libraries. It can be viewed on library pcs and on personal digital devices logged on to our WiFi. You can click through from our webpage BFI Replay -Cambridgeshire County Council or by typing https://replay.bfi.org.uk in the browser.

New to the UK and Cambridgeshire? or do you know someone who is? Cambridgeshire Libraries website has a page with lots of useful information and support. Search for "Libraries of Sanctuary - Cambridgeshire County Council" to find out about housing,

internet access, learning English and more.

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, staff will be happy to signpost you to information including a host of organisations who can offer support and advice.

World Book Night is on Sunday 23rd April - a time to celebrate all the benefits of reading, whether it's for relaxation, learning or armchair adventure! Make sure you have stocked up with library books in preparation - staff will be happy to suggest great reads for you, or you could arrange to meet a friend at the library and swap recommendations.

We now have the Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2023 in the library, so come and pick up a copy if this sounds useful for you. The library is a great place for anyone looking for information on all kinds of local services, events and activities we'll be pleased to help you.

Silent Reading Group Drop-in sessions in Cambourne Library 11.30am - 12.30pm every last Wednesday of the month during term time. Whether you always have a book in your hand or are looking to get reading back into your life make a date with the library! 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.

Engage - Wednesday 5th April 2.00pm - 3.30pm -

'It's Never Too Late' a talk by Sue Lacey about her life and how she started writing.

Wednesday 3rd May - The History of Heffers Cambridge, illustrated talk by Dr Julie Bounford. Refreshments provided and £2 donation would be gratefully received to help cover costs.



Cambourne Library Engage Talk

The Remarkable Story of Heffers of Cambridge, 1876-1999

Wednesday 3rd May, 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Dr Julie Bounford captures the spirit of a past era of retail, publishing and printing in this illustrated talk about the firm, its people, premises, outings, parties, other special occasions and the unexpected.

Refreshments provided; donations gratefully received, £2 suggested



Lego Session - In the library Wednesday 5th April, 10.00am-11.30am. Back by popular demand!

The Amazing Magic Show Wednesday 12th April 10.30am - 12 noon immerse yourself in the baffling and fun world of magic. Environmentally friendly balloon modelling session after the show.

Digital Assistance - Our friendly computer buddying volunteers have proven to be a huge success and are ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you need any help with using your laptop or tablet, either a 'how do l' question or help with a particular task, assistance will be available between 1.00 -3.00 pm. Please pre-book a session with library staff.

Lend IT, Laptops, Tablets and MIFI !- we now have laptops, tablets and MIFI 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 alternately in term-time at 9.30 am. Ask at reception for details.

EDUCATION

CVC musical premieres to packed auditorium



Cambourne Village College: The musical Chicago (Teen Version) was performed between 1st and 4th March in their new school theatre by the students. Year 6 attended the technical rehearsal at the start of the week as part of their induction to the College.

The show was a triumph, with great stagecrafts, wonderful solos and ensemble performances; wittily choreographed dances and a live band comprising current staff and pupils, our peripatetic music teachers and past students. The performances played to hugely enthusiastic and packed auditorium throughout its run, on Friday and Saturday.

A production like this involves the whole school - the cast which featured kids from Years 7 - 11, with backstage and technical support from staff and some external volunteers whose skills were greatly appreciated. The Music, Drama and Dance departments worked fantastically hard to produce such shows, and that was a great example of the quality of arts education at the College which seems be under threat in so many schools.

This production was particularly special since it was the first held in our newly-fitted Performance Hall. Since 2018, the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust has been raising money to equip the hall which was provided with support from Cambourne Town and Cambs County Councils. With generous donations from many organisations and individuals, including the Cam Academy Trust. The school now has a professional-quality theatre and conference centre with stage, lighting, surround-sound and tiered seating for 300. A preshow celebration took place on the Thursday evening to thank all those who have contributed to the venture.

The hall is available for community hire: details can be found on the College website on the Community/Adult Education tab, with booking information from:

<u>Cam-Events@cambournevc.org</u>. If any members of our community would be interested in volunteering to be a trustee with the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust, please contact Mrs Cat Collins on <u>ccollins@cambournevc.org</u>. Photography by Ryan Windscheffel, Year 11.

Claire Coates, Principal





Contact: David Dennis at Heat Street Ltd. 5a King Street. Potton. Bedfordshire SG19 20T

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EDUCATION

The Vine visits the Imperial War Museum

THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY:

Thursday 23rd February was a thoroughly great day for Year 5. As part of our 'World at War' topic, we visited the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. We headed for Hangar 8 first where all the land warfare equipment was located. There we marvelled at the size of tanks and artillery guns. This is what we were hoping for, to see up close and personal the equipment and machinery

that various countries used during these terrible conflicts. We were lucky enough to examine planes that fought above the skies during The Battle of Britain and to see them restored to their former glory made the them even more remarkable. It truly was an unforgettable day. The adventure was topped off by venturing through a much more modern, yet incredible plane -Concorde.



HCCP's School Council on an eco-mission

HARDWICK & CAMBOURNE

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL: The Spring term has been a busy one for us. The Year 3 and 4's production of 'The Lion King' is well under way and the children and staff are loving it!

Our Early Years had a recent visit from the Fire Brigade. It was so good to give the children the chance to get up close to the big engines and see all the equipment. A return visit when it's not so rainy will let them have a turn on the hose- thank you!



A big thank you also to all our families who helped make book week so much fun and to everyone who helped raise funds by buying a book at the travelling book fair.

Finally, an update from our school council, who have been very busy recently planning fun and meaningful events for their fellow pupils.

Hello residents of Cambourne from HCCP's Year 5 and 6 school council. We are planning to run a stall at the Eco-Festival at Cambourne Village College,

although at the time of printing this will have already happened! This will have included making seed bombs and ecofriendly bracelets. If you were there it was memorable. If you missed it, there could be the possibility for next year.

On Thursday 9th March we held an assembly for all of Key Stage 2 about Waste Week. Some other members of the school council also did this for Key Stage 1 the day before.

The topic was about unwanted or unused toys and how to give them a new life (donate to charity). In other school council news, we created a rota for football at lunches, because it was unfair. We think it's a lot better now! You might hear from us again!

Finn Fielding-White, Pheoni Gregg, Josh Allen and Thomas Florey-Gibbs

International Week at Monkfield Park

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL: As Cambourne shivered with the unexpected return of winter in early March, our school was full of sunshine. colour and warm smiles as the children celebrated our annual International Week. This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the strength that we draw from our amazing and diverse school community and to try out some new activities.

This year we focused on the importance of celebrating diversity, exploring other cultures and also on showing empathy.

Throughout the week we celebrated the range of languages spoken in school, with everyone answering the register in a different language each day. The Language Leaders from

Cambourne Village College joined us for some fun sessions and helped us to learn lots of useful phrases so that we can really communicate as global citizens. One of the highlights of the week were the Bhangra Dance workshops. Bhangra is a traditional folk dance from the Punjab. Everyone loved learning some super cool moves and performing the energetic dances together. To mark the end of the week many of the children and staff came to school dressed in their national dress which they talked about in our celebration assembly. We are grateful to students for a wonderful week and helping us to demonstrate the richness and diversity of the Monkfield Park family.





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Jeavons Wood celebrates World Book Day



Jeavons Wood Primary: Our children love a dress up day but instead of dressing as our favourite book character for World Book Day this year, we dressed to express ourselves and our personalities. This was because every class had read the book, 'Julian is a mermaid', a book that gave us the important message that we can be whatever we want to be and can express ourselves however we choose.

There were sparkles and sporty outfits, Disney characters, cats, cheese and flamingos on display and lots of tales about their chosen costumes. One of the highlights of World Book Day was that all of the classes paired up and shared books together and it was so lovely to see the older children reading stories to our younger pupils as well as nurturing a love of reading. It is always a popular activity amongst our children and is enjoyed by many.

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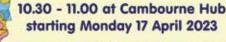
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Writing for 'The Crier'

I was recently contacted by a lady who was interested in becoming an editor for Cambourne Crier, because she enjoyed writing and wanted to write regular articles. She was very surprised when I told her that all she had to do was send in an article and she did not need any special qualifications or be a member of the editorial team to do this.

The telephone conversation prompted me to write this article to explain how to get an article published in Cambourne Crier and also the role played by the editorial team.

Who can write an article for Cambourne Crier? Anvone can write an article for Cambourne Crier.

The only criteria is that it must be about Cambourne, the residents of Cambourne or be relevant to Cambourne, in other words, something to do with Cambourne. The editors do not write all the articles and features, each article is written by an independent person or organisation and emailed to us at Cambourne Crier.

In other words, Cambourne Crier consists almost entirely of articles submitted by you, the residents of Cambourne, which also includes clubs and associations, charities, the library and other organisations. Clubs and associations tend to submit monthly articles with updates on their activities and any news stories, however members of the public can send in articles about whatever they wish.

What can I write about?

Cambourne Crier does have editorial guidelines and an article cannot be commercial in nature. In other words it cannot promote a business. It also cannot be party political and cannot be defamatory or offensive. There are a full list of editorial guidelines on the following link to our website:

www.cambournecrier.org/editorial

Although articles cannot be for the purpose of promoting a business, commercial organisations can still send us news stories, details of events they are holding, particularly if these are charity events. Businesses can also advertise in Cambourne Crier or have leaflets distributed, please contact us for further details.

If you are sending in an article as an individual, this has to be related to Cambourne and can be details of an event you are hosting or taking part in, or even draw attention to issue which affects a significant proportion of Cambourne. We won't print complaints or things which only affect you, but we may print issues which affect Cambourne residents in general.

How to submit an article

Typically an article should be about 250 words in length and include at least one good quality photograph (two would be better). Photographs must be taken by you or you must have permission from the person who took the photograph and anyone in the photographs, to use them. Don't worry about spelling and grammar, the editorial team will attempt to correct grammatical errors and spell check the article.

The text for the article can be included in the body of an email or as an attachment in a word, document or similar. Photos can be in any of the usual formats. But please attach photographs

separately as we cannot extract them if they are included in your document already. You then simply email your article and photographs to editorial@cambournecrier.org

Please note the deadlines for submission on page 2 of each issue of Cambourne Crier if your article needs to be seen in the next month's edition.

If you have never written an article before and would like to make a start, please do send in your feature and we would be pleased to consider it for inclusion. It is often quite satisfying to see your work in print.

Will be article automatically be included?

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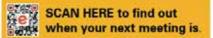
If you have reasonable IT skills and would like to join our editorial team, this only takes up two or three hours each month and involves editing the articles that are sent to us and using our desktop publishing system to lay them out into a format that fits into the magazine. It is very satisfying, and is entirely voluntary.

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Cambourne Youth Partnership fundraising campaign

Cambourne Youth Partnership offers a range of youth groups and activities for young people in Cambourne, primarily based at the Cambourne Soul building. Since the building opened last year, we have seen around 200 young people each month coming in to access the various youth groups and sessions on offer, meet with friends, try out new activities and get support from the youth work team.

The building has made a significant difference to the work that we have been able to deliver (huge credit to Cambourne Town Council for all their work in establishing and running the new building) and it's been great to see the engagement from young people growing. With this increase in activity, there are a number of additions that would help to make the space more suitable for providing the support that's needed for young people.

We are currently raising £2,500 to enhance the space in the building, including getting some more seating and tables, adding some wall decorations and artwork, installing blinds on the windows and putting in a new bar counter into the social.

At the time of writing we have raised £400, which is a fantastic amount towards our target, but we still have some way to go to



reach £2,500 by the end of April. If you're able to donate towards this project then we would love your support. Visit

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cambo urne-soul to see more details about the plans and to pledge your donation.



Crafty old Ladies raise £2,000

Crafty old Ladies would like to thank the wonderful residents of Cambourne and the surrounding area, for their continued support in buying our hand made toys and other small items.



We managed to raise almost £2,000 in 2022 through sales from the cabinets in the library as well as attending the two Christmas fairs held in The Hub and at the Cambourne Village College.

This sum was divided between the following worthy charities: Cancer Research, Alzheimer Research, Maggie (Cambridge)

Our chosen charities for 2023 are Cancer Research, Diabetes UK and Water Aid.

Thank you for your generous contributions and we look forward to your continued support in 2023.



COMMUNITY

CERC dominates tournaments and is nominated for an award

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics

Club (CERC) has been recognised with the award for the Engineering Excellence in FIRSTLEGO League final which took place at Harrogate Convention Centre, York, on 26th February 2022, where nearly 70 Champion teams arrived around the countries. TeamCERC reached the nationals for four consecutive years after being crowned Cambridgeshire champions. The students showcased their skills in robotics, computer programming, teamwork, research, problem solving and communication, demonstrating the core values, which include teamwork, problemsolving and innovation. The team consisted of 5 girls and 5 boys in the age group of 9-14 years from 6 different places and studying in 6 different schools.

Team CERC also emerged as the champions of the IET FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge in Cambridge and Coventry tournaments. Two teams were awarded the coveted Champions' Award, securing a place in the national finals to be held on 23rd April in Harrogate. This time three teams competed from Cambridge, Stevenage and Coventry regions, with Team CERC coming out on top in two regions.



consecutive year they have reached the national finals after winning the Cambridgeshire and Coventry championships. The competition tested the students' skills in robotics, computer programming, teamwork, research, problem-solving, and communication. The teams consisted of six girls and 15 boys aged between 9 and 14, representing 14 different schools from eight different locations. The team was coached by Mr Venkat Kommani and Mr Prathiban.

The FIRST® LEGO® League is a global science and technology challenge that engages almost 680,000 young people across 110 countries to build their STEM skills each year.

Team CERC is grateful to Cambourne Town Council for providing them with practice rooms, ARM and Qualcomm for providing support with rovers, mats and registration fees.

CERC has also recently received a nomination for the Cambridge Independent Science and Technology Awards 2023. The club has been recognized in the STEM initiative of the Year category for its outstanding work in providing a structured and enjoyable experience to children aged 7 to 16 years in the field of Science, Technology,

Engineering and Maths (STEM). CERC is the academic wing of the charity organization CamCare UK and aims to nurture and develop the skill set of young individuals in this rapidly evolving technological era.

The club offers a range of activities, including face-to-face Robotics sessions, STEM workshops, an annual Cambourne Science festival, online seminars, and prepares youth to participate in various National and International competitions like FIRSTLego, Pi Wars, Astro Pi, and many more. CERC provides a platform and resources to students to gain practical skills and realize innovative projects. The club strives to create youth ambassadors for STEM in schools, within the community, and at the national level.

The mission of CERC is to expose young individuals to challenges and new technologies and develop their skill set in this field with a mission statement of "Developing tomorrow's innovators".

If you are interested in getting your child involved in such unique opportunities, please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com

For further information about the club, you can visit their website at http://camcare.org.uk/cerc

The team's success marks the fifth

Festival of Colours in Cambourne

On 5th March, **Cambourne witnessed** a celebration of the Festival of Colours, Holi, which was organised for the eighth consecutive year by the local charity CamCare UK. The festival, known for its inclusivity and emphasis on social harmony, was a free, family-friendly event that brought together people from diverse communities and backgrounds.

More than 700 people from Cambridgshire region took part in the celebration. CamCare UK is grateful to Cambourne

Town Council for supporting the venue and to UrbanChai for providing the coloured powders.

The festival was a shining example of the power of community spirit, and the joy that can be found in celebrating our differences.



COMMUNITY



Cambourne raises funds for Türkiye & Syria

While the Prince and Princess of Wales hailed raising £1.5 million last month at Muslim Center of Hayes for victims of earthquake disaster in Turkiye and Syria, we also did our modest event with a fundraising here in Cambourne.

The recent earthquake in Turkiye and Syria has left us all saddened and concerned for those who have been affected by the disaster. As a result, the Muslim community in Cambourne led by Cambourne Crescent banded together to host a fundraising event and international food sale at the Hub on 5th March. The event was open to all members of the Cambourne



community, and the large turnout and support from locals was heart-warming. The fundraiser served a variety of delectable Middle Eastern cuisine, and attendees enjoyed the culinary delights while supporting the cause. Big thanks to all the volunteers who cooked and helped make the event a success, as well as the organisers.

The donations collected will be used to support locals in Turkey and Syria impacted by the earthquake, as well as through trusted charities. If you would like to continue to donate, please visit the Cambourne Crescent webpage, and 100% of the donation go towards the earthquake emergency.

Hopefully all the efforts from the Cambourne community will provide some relief to those affected by this tragedy as we all show our support and solidarity with the people of Turkiye and Syria.

Ramadan is here!

Ramadan is an important month in the Islamic lunar

calendar and Muslims observe it as a time of spiritual reflection, self-discipline, and charitable acts. Our vibrant Muslim community in Cambourne is no exception and Muslims gather for prayers and celebrations.

Ramadan is a month of fasting for Muslims, lasting from dawn to sunset, during which they abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs. Fasting is a method of purifying the soul, strengthening one's faith, and becoming more compassionate towards others. It is also a time for introspection and reflection when Muslims consider their relationship with God and strive to better themselves.

In Cambourne, the community gathers for daily prayers, and for the nightly prayers called Taraweeh. Iftar gatherings are organised, where Muslims break their fast together, socialise and celebrate the month's blessings.

It is a time for charity and Muslims in Cambourne take part in a variety of activities, including fundraising for those in need, volunteering, and donating food and clothing to local organisations. Ramadan is a special month for Muslims in Cambourne, if you would like to attend one of the gatherings or have any questions about Ramadan, please e-mail info@CambourneCrescent.org



SPORT

Cambourne Town Football Club News

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

Ladies and Mens Teams Round-up:

Cambourne Town FC Ladies team enjoyed a busy month first beating Ely in the league 0-3, followed by our first ever semi-final appearance at Park Ladies. Losing on this occasion 3-0. League action returned the following week with a top of the table clash away at Chatteris who managed to secure the win in the final minutes of the game. Another six pointer game followed away to Willingham and with a much improved performance we came away 7-0 winners. There are more games on the horizon and the battle for the league title remains in our own hands.

Cambourne Town FC Mens Saturday team enjoyed 2 wins and 2 losses. We are learning a lot as a group as this is still our first season together, and hope to end the season with a great finish.

Cambourne Town's successful Soccer School and Wildcats sessions run every Sunday under our Early Years Officer, Adam Smith, thanks to partner support from Peasgood and Skeates. Taking place on the Everyone Active 3G pitches Soccer School for boys kicks off at 9am every week with Wildcats at 10am. Both of these sessions are for Reception and Year 1 children and registration is required before starting.

If you have a child who would like to register for our Early Years sessions please follow the guidance on our Player Enquiries page at www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

Our Ladies Team are looking for experienced players!

Cambourne Town FC Ladies are looking for experienced players to add to their ever improving squad.

Currently sitting top of Division 3 we would like to add to the squad to help take the team to the next level.



Interested? Please contact Coach Dave: d.pickavance@hotmail.com Or complete our player enquiry form via the club website: www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

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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

Cambourne Town FC is delighted to be partnering with Cambridgeshire FA to deliver their first ever Walking Football Festival in May. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

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-12, with hot food options such as bacon rolls proving very popular.

Easter Hunt will run between 1st April and 7th April clues will be hidden around the village and those taking part will receive a chocolate egg and some Easter sweets. £3 per person, treats can be collected on Friday 7th (Good Friday) from The Dugout where we will also have some Easter Crafts on offer and Easter snacks too so please do come and see us. The Dugout will be open 9am-4pm on Friday 7th April.

Gin Tasting fun! Join us on 7th May doors will open at 6.30pm with the fun starting at 7.30pm priced at £30 per person. Grab some friends and make a night of it! Bringing in an external company this will be 2 hours of Gin Tasting fun. Non drinkers are very welcome as non alcoholic gin can be used in the experience.

Please check out our event shop to book on to any of these events https://cambournetownfc.square.site/



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Tennis clubhouse is almost complete!

Cambourne Tennis Club: Exciting times - our clubhouse is nearly finished, and we are working with the Town Council to sort out fencing and a gate. We are grateful for the support from the Amey Cespa Community Fund, the National Lottery Community Fund, and Cambridgeshire County Lawn Tennis Association. We are hoping to celebrate the official opening on Sunday 21st May just in time for the start of the tennis season!

Attention members, please renew ASAP. Want to start playing tennis? We are a friendly, inclusive club offering plenty of tennis options from ages 5 to 105 including social play, team matches, and coaching (coaching fees apply). There are a number of membership options, ranging from £15 for Mini Members up to £145 for a Family. These give annual access to 5 floodlit courts. Further details online: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC and click on MEMBERSHIP.

The heart of every club is its members, and coming together in the spirit of play keeps us young. Therefore, we run two weekly social sessions open to adult members. You might think that these sessions aren't for you, or you're inexperienced, or we're a bunch of over zealous tennis enthusiasts. However, our social sessions are designed to be fun, enjoyable and social.

We aim to bring members together from across the spectrum of skill and experience to try new things, challenge themselves in



new ways, and ultimately get out of the house and have fun with others. The sessions run on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm and Sunday mornings from 10 am.

For more information, please see our Social Sessions page on our website Social Sessions.

Cambourne Bowls is back in time for summer



Cambourne Bowls Club: The 2023 season will start with our first club night on Monday 24th April and continue throughout the season on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm. We welcome back our regulars and any townsfolk who haven't joined us before.

We intend, as we have done previously, to enter a team in the Cambridge Business Houses League (CHBL). Our first match is on Thursday 11th May, so plenty of time to get in a bit of practise.

For new enthusiats interested in league matches, please get in touch so that you can registered with the CBHL league secretary. To those who are thinking about joining us, perhaps new to the town, the bowling green is adjacent to the Sports Centre in Back Lane. You may contact me by phone or email for more details or better still just turn-up to a club night. Robin Bailey, Bowls Sec. 01954 269328 robin.doreen@btopenworld.com



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Cambourne Fishing Club: calling all enthusiasts

We are hosting two FREE **Events on Easter Sunday 9th** April 2023 at Lake Ewart.

To Enter the Junior Match participants will require Tackle & Bait, keep net, unhooking mat and a landing net.

Come Join Us

We have a few sets we could loan if need be. (Whip, unhooking mat, keepnet) but these are limited so first asked, first to borrow.

To fundraise we will have a Tombola and Lucky Dip.

.30 pm

Cambourne Community Drop In Fairs

To help the Community, every last Saturday of the month, we will be giving the chance for Small Local Businesses, Crafters, Community Clubs and Charities to promote and sell merchandise. There will be a small fee of £10 to cover selling/pitch space. After hall fees are paid, any money over will be donated to Cambourne Fishing Club's chosen Charity for 2023, Hope against Poverty CIC If this is something you would be interested in please contact hope.cfc@yahoo.com for a booking form and more information. We have two event Sale days in April.



EASTER FISH HUNT

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