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Summer activities in Cambourne

Are you a bored child or a parent or carer who dreads hearing "There is nothing to do..."? Well - everything you need to plan a packed summer is contained within these pages! In this issue of Cambourne Crier we've suggestions of events to keep all kinds of people involved and active through the coming months. As well as the official

opening of the new Cambourne Soul building with a special youth day (date TBC), the Wildlife Trust has so many things going on we couldn't fit them all in see page 6 for a selection. The library has many summer events happening - you can find out more on page 4 - or even just pop in and read a book...

There is a football summer camp being run by Cambourne Town Football Club and a charity 24-hour tennis marathon organised by the Tennis Club - see the sports pages for more details.

Christchurch is running a holiday program in August with a super hero

theme, both the funfair and the circus will be visiting our town and later on, in September, we have the annual Cambourne Community Fete.

Coming up soon is the Repair Cafe - an excellent opportunity to get some stuff fixed and even more important, perhaps spark an interest in repairing things yourself. Not only can it be fun but you can really save yourself a lot of money over time and perhaps even make a living fixing what is broken for other people.

Whatever you do, be active and have fun this summer - but don't forget your suncream and stay hydrated!

Year 6 on residential



Monkfield Park's Year 6 get active at PGL's Caythorpe Court

■ See page 12 for more...

Cubs go camping



1st Cambourne report on a busy summer term and camp

■ More details on page 13...

Paying tribute



Cambourne Cricket Club remembers
Duncan Shearwood

Find out more on page 28...

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council Vacancies

Cambourne is a growing community which is served by Cambourne Town Council. As Cambourne develops the Town Council is transferred facilities to make Cambourne a sustainable community. The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance and letting of substantial number of community facilities.

The following vacancies:

- Office & Committee Clerk (full time)
- Grounds Person (full time)
- Apprentice Grounds Person (full time)
- Apprentice Office Administrator (full time)

Job description and further information can be found on the following link: www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/vacancies and application form can be requested by emailing office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk Closing date: Friday 28th July.

■ Funfare and Circus - 13th July

This Summer we will see the return of Larry Gray's Funfair from Thursday 13th July until Sunday 16th July on Great Cambourne Green. We are also pleased to announce John Lawson's Circus will be returning with performances running between Thursday 31st August until Sunday 3rd September on Great Cambourne Green.

■ Cambourne Community Fete - 16th September

The annual fete organised by the Town Council will take place on Saturday 16th September at Cambourne Sports Pitches, 12pm – 6pm. Community groups, sports clubs, local businesses and charities are invited to have a stall – please email community@cambournetowncouncil.gov. uk for a booking form. Deadline for stall bookings in Friday 1st September.

Repair Café

Need something fixed? Cambourne Repair Café returns on Saturday 8th July, 11am - 2pm in the Hub main hall. A Repair Café is a community event where volunteers with skills offer free repairs to a variety of items such as clothing, toys, bikes, electricals etc. This is a free event that matches people who need something fixed with people who like fixing things!

See www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/cambourne-repair-cafe for information and a link to the booking form. Can you just turn up on the day? Yes — but booking is preferred and will take priority.

■ Summer Football Camp

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Co-hosted with Cambourne Town Football Club, Summer Football Camps will be held from 24th July until 1st September on Cambourne 3G. For ages 5 – 13 years, 10am – 3pm, £12 per day or £50 for the week. For further information, please email: development@cambournetownfc.org.uk

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS July/August 2023

4th July at 7pm
Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting
18th July at 7pm
Planning Committee
Followed by Finance & Policy Committee
1st August at 7pm
Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Black Bin: Thursday 13th July, Thursday 27th July Blue\Green Bins: Thursday 6th July, Thursday 20th July and Thursday 3rd August More information www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

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



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Cookery Club raises £770



The Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club members made a delicious 5-course meal from Italy, Greece, and Slovenia for the annual fundraising dinner on 21st May at the Hub Community Centre.

The cookery club is running for the 9th year in Cambourne where members meet and mingle and share meals with other members throughout the year along with their families.

Shrobona Bhattacharya, the founder of CamCareUK and who runs the charity, said, "The prime focus of the cookery club is regular meet-ups, good discussions, learning new skills, giving back to the community, and fundraising at the end. Loneliness is a national issue, and we should tackle it before it worsens. Each year members select a country or cuisine for cooking which they didn't try earlier, so they learn to cook something new".

This year cookery members raised £770 for the well-being activities of the senior members of Cambourne. Email shrobona@gmail.com if you want to join Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club.

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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

Summer is officially here and we are celebrating with a packed programme of events for your enjoyment. Some are free and some ticketed. Ask at reception if you would like any more details. We cannot reserve tickets without payment. Parents and carers must stay with children.

Engage - Wednesday 5th July 2pm -3.30pm "Scam Awareness" Nigel Sutton, Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor, Cambs Police will be advising how we can protect ourselves from the ever growing number of sophisticated scams.

Wednesday 2nd August 2pm -3.30pm We welcome Tony Kirby who will deliver an interesting talk on the "Ports, Rivers and Railways" from 1700 to present day. Refreshments will be on offer at both Engage sessions. Donations (suggested £2 to cover costs) gratefully received.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 -"Ready, Set Read" is our theme for this year and we are delighted to welcome our primary school customers who have taken part previously and hopefully lots of new faces too! Keep your reading alive this summer, enjoy discovering new titles or re-read favourites and come in and talk to us about them at the library.

Sign up Saturday will be 8th July where we will be able to register you to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and get you started for some weeks of literary fun! No need to miss out if you are having a vacation or a staycation as we can accommodate everyone. We look forward to presenting you with your medal and certificate at our special presentation ceremony on Friday 22nd Sept at 4pm.

The Library Presents 2023 Summer season!

Sonrisa: Friday 28th July 7.30pm one and a half hours plus interval - Sonrisa play Spanish guitar, flute and vocals with infectious Latin rhythms. A good time is guaranteed. Adults and young people 8yrs +. Tickets £8/£5/£4

Ceramics Workshop: Wednesday 2nd August 10am -12noon. Artist Louise Beale helps you create your own sculpture to take home. Bring natural forms (e.g. leaves, flower, pebbles) to imprint into clay. Tools provided. 4yrs+ and adults. Tickets cost £6/£3.

Summer Events

Family Games and Crafts event

- Wednesday 26th July 10am £2 all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or

Dinosaur Event: Wednesday 9th August 10am - 11.30am games stories and lots more fun. 4yrs+ Tickets cost £2.

Magic Show! Wednesday 16th August 10.30am - 12 noon ask at reception for further information. £5 per ticket.

Circus skills Wednesday 23rd August Pendragon Circus descend upon our library to teach you how to become a circus star!. Ask at reception for further details.

Family Games and Craft Event -Wednesday 30th August 10am £2 all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch -

Would you like to join a friendly reading group meeting at lunchtime? Our library-based group meets once a month on a Wednesday, normally the third week of the month, at 12.30 pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting.

Digital Assistance - Our computer buddying volunteers are ready to welcome you every Monday. If you need any help with using your laptop or tablet, assistance will be available between 1-3pm. 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









Ceramics Workshop

Wednesday 2 August 10am

Running time: 2 hours Suitable for: Families (4+ yrs) and Adults Tickets: \$6 / £3

Use a range of techniques with artist Louise Beale to create your own sculpture to take home. Bring natural forms (e.g. leaves, flowers and pebbles) to imprint into the clay. All tools provided.

To book tickets and to see access information and full detail of the whole programme visit www.library.live/the-library-presents



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 are on Fridays alternately in term-time at 9.30 am; Last session before the summer holidays Friday 14th July.



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Wildlife Trust BCN events

Little Bugs Pre-school sessions for toddlers: go for a short walk, read a story, and do an outdoor activity with a wildlife theme. The sessions are very flexible, you can come to one, or attend regularly. There are six sessions on Friday mornings during the summer holidays, and a further five in the autumn term.

Wild in the Woods Sessions for families with primary-aged children - a different theme each week, from small mammal trapping, to outdoor art, and bug hunting. We'll adapt for each group, but some activities aren't suitable for very young children; these will run on Wednesdays during school holidays.

West Cambs 100s Youth Rangers We're establishing a Youth Rangers group providing opportunities for secondary-school aged young people to volunteer independently, meet like-minded people, and learn about wildlife and the environment. Sessions will pop-up on different nature reserves between Gamlingay Woods and Trumpington Meadows. The first session is a night walk on Cambourne Nature Reserve, Thursday 24 August.

Night walks We'll listen for bats and owls, and look/listen out for other nocturnal wildlife; Cambourne Saturday 26 August, Hardwick Wood Friday 22 September.

Wilder home-school Offering a trial of five outdoor sessions for home-school families in the autumn, to be held on Wednesday mornings in September and October.

Anyone interested in learning more about these events please contact Rebecca on rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org







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Cultural diversity

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21st May was World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. People of various nations attended the Diversity Day in their national dresses and hats, carried their countries' flags, and engaged in various discussions.

Everyone shared many good things and challenges with MP Anthony Browne, who listened to everyone and addressed those issues raised during a discussion at the Hub Community Centre in Cambourne.









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COLUMNISTS



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

Cambourne residents asked to share views

Having worked hard with the Department of Transport to ensure Cambourne gets its own station, and pushed the roads Minister to start work on the A428 upgrade, its good to see both moving ahead last month.

The new railway line is part of a package of improvements to make it easier for Cambourne residents to travel, including the dualling of the A428 west from Caxton Gibbet. Construction on that £900m road upgrade can start now that legal challenges have ended.

But that doesn't mean there are no issues in our area. I'm very aware of concerns around bus

routes, the pharmacy, West Cambourne connectivity, and the community groups struggling to find space for groups and storage.

With both East West Rail and the new busways proving controversial, I am also committed to ensuring that public transport continues to meet the needs of our growing population.

That's why I am conducting a new survey to gather your views on local concerns including transport, schools, the environment, and facilities such as GP practices and shops.

Cambourne has a thriving community, and I want to hear what you think is working well and what could be better. You can fill in the survey by going to www.anthonybrowne.org/cambourne.

I hope you will take the time to share your views with me as your MP.



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

Travel Summit

Over the last year many residents have raised various issues with roads and paths in Cambourne.

So recently Councillor Leeming and I organised the first Cambourne Travel Summit in the council chamber at South Cambs Hall.

We invited those with the power and budgets to support our town: councillors and officers of the town council, district council and county council. We also welcomed representatives of The Vine School, Taylor Wimpey and Vistry Homes.

We outlined residents' concerns about problems including crossing the road at Uplands Place, child safety at The Vine School and on

Swansley Lane, as well as the dangers for students crossing Cambourne Road near the A428 junction. In addition we discussed the overall safety of pedestrians and cyclists at junctions with roads around the town.

In each case we were able to access the key decision makers from each council and push them to come up with solutions to improve the safety of everyone in our town.

We aim that over the next few months we will work towards solutions with cooperation with our partners and pursue the necessary sources of funding needed.

We will continue to promote the needs of our town and make sure our councils and developers deliver on their responsibilities.



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

Why regular eye checks are so important

In the UK around 2 million people have sight loss and tragically many cases could have been avoided through early detection and treatment of problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and some eye conditions.

Problems with vision can have a dramatic impact on all aspects of life so regular checks of your eyes and general health are important.

Thankfully several organisations can offer support to empower and encourage independence for people who are affected. The Royal National Institute of Blind people (RNIB) is the national charity and can provide a huge amount of information and resources. More locally, Camsight offer invaluable practical and emotional support and hope to those in our region. They also raise awareness in the community in many ways, promoting groups such as blind football, Pilates and walks specifically for people with sight loss.

It is highly advisable to take the time to book an optomotrist (optician) appointment if you've not had one in a while. Many opticians now offer home visits if you are unable to get to them.

Eye tests are free if you are on certain types of benefits, under 18 in full-time education, are over 60 or have a condition that affects your eyesight or a close relative with glaucoma. Reference/ further information:

www.camsight.org.uk / RNIB.org.uk

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CamCare recognised by High Sheriff

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Cambourne charity CamCare UK was delighted to be recognised by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire Award for its work for the local communities along with organisations like Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Community Arts, Cambridge Junction, St. John's Ambulance, Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust etc.

CamCare UK met and learned about many wonderful voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire and the amazing ways in which they improve the county. The award function was organised at Swanston Hall, Cambridge.

East West Rail community drop-in events

Join the conversation at an event near you.

We recently shared updated proposals for East West Rail: a new line, connecting communities across the region between Oxford and Cambridge.

The proposals have been shaped by hundreds of convensations we've had with local people, businesses and other stakeholders, thousands of responses we received to our second nonstatutory public consultation and a range of environmental, technical and economic studies.

We're holding a series of events, where EWR Co experts from a range of disciplines will be on hand. If you have a quostion or would just like to talk EWR, come and say helio.

Sitting outside the formal consultation process, these events are an opportunity to speak to the team face-to-face and understand the East West Rail project update.

Date	Time	Venue	
13 June 2023	2pm - 8pm	Bedford Heights Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7NT	
20 June 2023	2pm - 8pm	Rovensden Village Hall Church Hill, Rovensden, MKW 2RL	
22 June 2023	2pm - 8pm	Eversden Village Hall 4 Chapel Road, Great Eversden, CB23 1HP	
26 June 2023	2pm – 8pm	Harston Village Hall 20 High Street, Harston, CB22 7PX	
30 June 2023	2pm – 8pm	Summerlin Centre 138 Station Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 85G	
04 July 2023	2pm - 8pm	Lidlington Village Hall High Street, Lidlington, MK+3 ORN	
07 July 2023	2pm - 8pm	Tempeford Stuart Memorial Village Hall Church Street, Tempeford, SG19 2AW	
11 July 2023	2pm - 8pm	Cambridge Belfry Hotel Back Lane, Cambourne, CB23 68W	
12 July 2023	2pm - 8pm	John Paul II Centre The Causeway, Bicester, CK26 64W	
20 July 2023	2pm - 8pm	Lowe's Farm 17 Kester Way, St Neats, PE19 6SL	

Find out more at

communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk









CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

After a brief hiatus, we are delighted that 19 - the coffee house has reopened to offer a warm welcome and a range of delicious drinks and snacks in the foyer of the church building.



In the run up to the relaunch, we have been considering afresh what a 'warm

welcome' really means. The Bible is full of encouragement and instruction about being hospitable, and about providing for guests, travellers, and those in need. But it is not just about what is offered, it is about how it is offered too. As the Book of Proverbs advises: "A dry crust of bread eaten in peace and quiet is better than a feast eaten where everyone argues." (Proverbs 17:1, Contemporary English Version)

We hope that 19 - the coffee house can do a little better than a dry crust of bread. Indeed, we have recently invested in a new coffee machine so that our offering is better than ever! But we are also committing ourselves once again to being a place of peace, where everyone - our staff, our volunteers, and our customers - will be loved and valued.

The apostle Paul tells us that those who live in the Spirit are characterized by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We pray that 19 - the coffee house will be defined by these things as well. You can find

the new opening times on social media and on our website. We hope to see you there. You'll be very welcome.

Revd Bill Miller

Cambourne Church Services

2nd July 10.00am Communion Service* 7.00pm Sanctuary Service

9th July 9.30am Communion Service

11.00am Communion Service**

16th July 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship 11.00am Sunday Morning Worship*

23rd July 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship 11.00am Sunday Morning Worship*

30th July 10.00am Sunday Morning All-Age Worship***

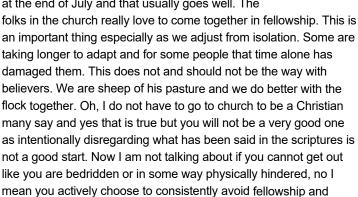
- * These services include break-out groups for children and young people
- ** This service includes a break-out group for children
- *** On Sundays over the summer break we will have just one morning service at 10.00am without any break-out groups

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Things Continue. Our Father's day celebration went well in June with the fathers getting a set of elongated vice grips with a corresponding message about the fact we can as fathers be unusual but effective tools in the hand of the Lord to shape those whom we have been entrusted with the responsibility and privilege of shaping into the pillars of tomorrow's society. We will have our annual picnic at the end of July and that usually goes well. The





Pastor Donavan Bangs

worship with other believers. Paul said in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

How will you consider one another if you never see or hear from them? How can you be provoked or provoke unto love and good works if there is no communication? If has been a while maybe go along when there is a service. Find somewhere where they preach the Word and show the love. There are several places in the region if one is not quite your style. But make a little effort and find others who can help strengthen your faith and maybe you can help strengthen theirs as you all work together serving the Lord. And if you need a recommendation I am kind of partial to our church. Take care folks till next month.

Pastor Donavan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.
SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school
11 AM Morning Worship
find links on Facebook for
Peacehaven Baptist Church or look for

Donavan Bangs on Youtube

At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510 PeacehavenBC@aol.com peacehavenbc.org.uk



CHURCHES

St John Fisher Parish

We hope you are enjoying the heatwave, a bit of sunshine makes us feel better. Here at SJF we have had an amazing month in June. We have seen eight children make their first communion, Well done Aurik, Owen, Cian, Charlie, Salvador, Phoebe, Chloe, Cathy May Gods Blessings Surround you all.

We were all blessed with by the brilliant Bollywood night, over a hundred people enjoyed traditional Indian cuisine, a big thank you to Liz, Annie, Giju and Shanti and many more who organised this amazing event to raise money for our parish. We were joined by our local counsellor Shrobona Bhattacharya, Shrobona enlightened us all on how to wear a sari as you can see in the picture below the glamour and fun this opportunity gave us.

Finally SJF took part in the Flower Festival held here in the Cambourne Churches Together building. This events brings the wider community together and is enjoyed by many, well done to all contributors.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH Contact Details: Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07754-227468. Email: cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk Mass Times: Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm, Sunday 5pm, Mon-Wed 12.30, Thurs – Fri 6.30pm The Church Building on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cambourne.Sawston. YouTube: Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish







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EDUCATION

Monkfield pupils get out and about

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY: As ever it has been a very busy time with many visitors and trips. Following the key Stage 2 SATS, Year 6 had a very succesful residence at PGL's Caythorpe Court. The children tackled an incredible array of activities with great enthusiasm and daring which they enjoyed.

Year 5 brought us a truly memorable performance with their production, Heroes of Troy; telling the story of the Trojan War as recounted in the epic poem The Iliad. They gave us some inspirational acting, wonderful singing, a smattering of dancing,



lots of humour and a large wooden horse! The audience was wowed by the amount of talent on show at both performances. Meanwhile Year 1 visited Church Farm Rare Breeds Centre to support their learning about animals and how we risk losing many of our traditional breeds without careful conservation management.

The children loved the hands on learning and were able to interact with the animals and explore the woods to find out about the



insects that live there.

Year 3 have had two trips this term. The first was to the Sikh Gurdwara and the Mill Road Mosque in Cambridge to support their learning about places of worship.

The following week they visited the Nene Valley Railway, learning about the impact of the industrial revolution. They loved riding on the train and what life was like during the 'age of steam'.

Reading is on the agenda this summer at the Vine

The Vine Primary School: We love reading at The Vine and over the past year it has been such a joy to see the children enjoying and recommending books to their friends and making use of our new nonfiction area and quiet reading space in the Learning Centre. The Centre is literally at the heart of our school and contains some fabulous resources for staff and pupils to use. We have a wide range of reference books and, thanks to generous donations from staff and parents, a fabulous collection of novels and picture books for kids to browse and a comfortable sofa! We also have bookshelves bursting with Accelerated Reader books for them to read and take quizzes, so they can see how their reading progresses and compete against themselves to reach their target for the half term.

Really popular series include Tom Gates, Harry Potter, Dork Diaries and Diary of a Wimpy Kid, but it has also been great to see pupils enjoying classics like Roald Dahl. Last term we had fun with a



quiz where the students had to match pictures of teachers as children with their favourite childhood books. Dogger by Shirley Hughes came out as the most popular, and all of the books that teachers loved have been collected together for the pupils to appreciate. According to Accelerated Reader, so far this year, the pupils at The Vine have read over 85 million words. That's the equivalent of reading the Complete Works of Shakespeare 96 times, which is quite a coincidence as Year 6 are just starting rehearsals for their production of Macbeth.

Our reference section has recently undergone a sort-out and move around and is now being tidied and relabelled ready for research again very soon, thanks to the help of some of our volunteer



learning mentors. As well as books on every subject from space to sculpture, we are fortunate to have an array of fascinating objects from all over the world to decorate our Learning Centre and give us all something to wonder about. With the summer holidays on the horizon, we're hoping that lots of pupils will be taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library and bringing back plenty of recommendations for the new school year.

COMMUNITY



2nd Cambourne Beavers have recently spent some time working towards their Community Impact badge. They planned then took part in a sponsored 1 hour obstacle run which raised over £450 for Sponsoring an Animal and local Food Banks.

A fun and informative evening at Cambridge Fire Station was recently enjoyed by 2nd Cambourne Cubs. Blue watch showed them equipment, techniques, clothing and vehicles including the 32m turntable ladder at full height! They also learnt some educational bits on fire safety and responsibility.

1st Cubs go camping!

1st Cambourne Cubs have been making the most of the good weather and been out and about this term as much as possible. We've been learning about the Green Cross Code and road signs for our Road Safety badges, we've been litter picking, learned different ways to light a fire (and then cooked popcorn!), had an athletics and games evening and even been down into the mysterious Royston Cave...

Best of all though, we went away on camp for two nights! We put up our tents, collected a lot of wood because all our meals were cooked over an open fire, we went hiking,

practiced our firelighting, built shelters from tarpaulins, tackled an assault course and showed our teamwork skills in a challenge to cross a ravine. And of course ... no camp would be complete without a campfire and songs!

Well done to all the cubs who came to camp, you were amazing and thanks to all the leaders - you were amazing too!





Cambourne swans and five new healthy babies. Spotted by the roundabout by the hotel at the end of last month. They made it across the road with some help. So take care when driving. Photo by Rachel, from Cambourne







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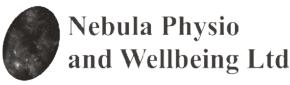


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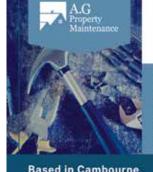
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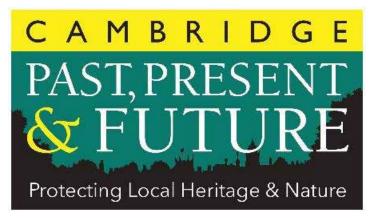


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Wandlebury abuzz as New Pollinator Garden Opens



Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future has created a pollinator garden at Wandlebury Country Park. The new garden was officially opened by Professor Ed Turner, Curator of Insects at Cambridge University Museum of Zoology, who spoke about the link between plants and pollinators and how important it is to help insects, which are in global decline.

The garden has been built in a sheltered area of the park to create a peaceful place where visitors can appreciate the flowers and the insects that pollinate them. A beautiful hand-made oak bench has been installed next to the garden. The flower bed is backed by a charismatic 18th-century wall and this is being used to display butterfly plaques designed by celebrated nature artist Eleanor Chaney.



Cambridge Past, Present & Future is encouraging people to get involved with the garden and to help support the charity's work by dedicating a plaque to celebrate a special person or event. Donors can choose a plaque inspired by four native British butterflies by making a suggested donation of £199. See here for more information about the pollinator garden and how to order www.cambridgeppf. org/appeal/butterfly-plaques

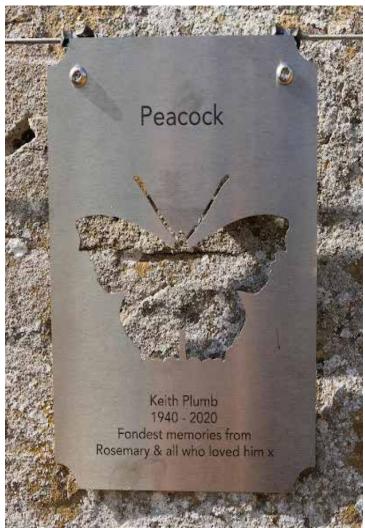
James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past, Present & Future is delighted "we are incredibly grateful for all the help we have received; the garden was designed by a volunteer and alongside our staff team, volunteers have to helped to dig out the new bed, lay a new path and plant the flowers. They are also now working hard weeding and watering so that the garden can get established. We hope that visitors to the park will be inspired to help pollinating insects in their own garden or window box."

The construction of the garden has been supported by grants from South Cambridge District Council Community Chest and the Cambridge Water Pebble Fund.

The garden is part of Wandlebury Country Park just 2 miles from the city centre. There are 140-acres of woodland, meadows and fields open dawn til dusk every day of the year and is free to enter with a small car parking charge for non-members. Supported by a warden service visitors can enjoy a games field, den building, discover wildlife in the viewing hide and book a BBQ area. There is a wildlife pond, 8km of paths, off road mobility scooter and a toilet.

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COMMUNIT

Anthony Browne MP writes to CIIr Elisa Meschini, Chair of the Executive Board,

Greater Cambridge Partnership, regarding the proposed **Cambridge congestion charge**

Dear Cllr Meschini,

Re: The future of the Cambridge **Congestion Charge**

Next week, you and your fellow Executive Board members will meet to decide whether the GCP will continue to pursue plans for a congestion charge across Cambridge city. As you are aware, this proposal has been hugely controversial and has met with vociferous opposition from residents, businesses, public sector employers and voluntary groups.

For months now, I have been urging you to scrap the plans for this unfair tax. Your response has always been that you would wait for the results of the public consultation. We now have those results, and they confirm that 58% of respondents either oppose or strongly oppose the congestion charge. If you have any respect for democracy, you will take this as a clear indication that the GCP needs to go back to the drawing board and come up with a new plan.

Opponents of the congestion charge are often accused of offe - ring no solutions of their own, but that's simply not true. People I speak with generally support better buses, but no-one thinks they can provide a credible longterm solution for both a fast-growing city like Cambridge and the villages of South Cambridgeshire. They know that we need a mix of transport schemes and modes. For example, Cambridge South Station is coming and is a very welcome boost from central government.

- Why not build on this investment to optimise our existing railways and expand them to connect our major employment sites and settlements? By their very nature they
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incentives (indeed, why are the GCP's Greenway schemes taking so long to deliver, when they should have been your quick wins)?

- Why not explore fairer revenue-raising schemes that have previously been overlooked? The congestion charge has been touted by the GCP as our last chance saloon, but we only need to look at other cities around the world to see that there are other options.

Unfortunately, having seen the papers for your meeting next week, it's clear that the GCP secretariat has no intention of dropping their congestion charge plans to look at these kinds of alternatives. Instead, you and your fellow Board members will be asked to instruct them to work up new versions of the tax, with a bamboozling array of possible adaptions, such as 'free days' for residents (but only for a short while - then they pay in full every time), or a bewildering system of discounts and exemptions (to be administered and overseen how, by who and at what cost?) or reduced hours of operation, or an adjusted zone. To quote an oftused phrase, this is, quite simply, 'putting lipstick on a pig'. No amount of tinkering is going to make this plan acceptable to the public.

From previous experience, I fear that you will wave this scheme through yet again. If that is your decision next week, can I at least urge you to instruct your officers to do a very thorough and detailed cost and feasibility study for all the permutations of the scheme they have suggested? It's quite possible the numbers simply won't add up. We need to know this before any final decision is made to subject residents and businesses to a new tax burden. I do still hold some hope that the consultation results and groundswell of public opinion may have served as a wakeup call to the GCP



the Liberal Democrat and Labour-led councils you claim to represent. You now have an opportunity to stop this juggernaut before it does any more damage. We desperately need a 'Plan B' and that means having the courage to scrap Plan A.

If you do so, I believe you can start to rebuild public trust in the GCP. They will know that you have indeed listened as you promised to, and I will give you my wholehearted commitment to working with you to develop alternative proposals that do have public support and will deliver the transport system we need. This is what the people we are elected to represent rightly expect of us.

I very much hope that you will have this duty foremost in your mind when the Board meets next week.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Browne MP

Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

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- This letter has been reproduced in entirety and is from Anthony Browne MP to the leader of Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) expressing opinions on the proposed Cambridge Congestion charge.
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Its not too late to join in the 24hr Charity Tennis Marathon

Cambourne Tennis Club: are you thinking about what activities your children can do this Summer? If so, our popular Summer Camps are back this year! They are exciting, sociable, affordable and run from 24th July to 4th August. LTA-accredited coaches deliver all coaching, along with flexible booking options daily or weekly. To sign up, please go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk. Places are limited and available on a first come first served so book now to avoid disappointment. Any queries contact us at 07972149874 or toby@gamesettennis.co.uk

24hr Charity Tennis Marathon: It is not too late to sign up and/or donate to our charity marathon on Saturday 15th July noon to Sunday noon. This event is to raise money for Melanoma UK along with awareness of skin cancer, the fifth most common cancer in the UK! You can support the event by playing (any number of hours you like!), donating or cheering on the players throughout! There will also be a BBQ on Saturday 7 pm and

https://www.justgiving.com/page/tobias-jackson-1682839395081.

You may have noticed our new club sign and logo on the fence near the courts. Thanks to Leadpal for the design and GameSetTennis for donating half of the printing cost. We hope this will enhance the club's visibility and guide potential players to our website. Would you like to start playing tennis? We are a friendly inclusive club offering plenty of tennis ontions for ages 5.

Sunday 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Please subscribe at

tickets-627871178597 or donate at

and click on membership.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/24hr-charity-tennis-marathon-

our website. Would you like to start playing tennis? We are a friendly, inclusive club offering plenty of tennis options for ages 5 to 105 at all levels, including social play, team matches, and coaching (coaching fees apply). Our memberships are super value, ranging from £15 for Mini Members to £145 for a Family. These give unlimited access to 5 floodlit courts for a whole year. Further details online: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC









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CTFC Chair reflects on the season's achievements

As we end the season, it seems appropriate to reflect on some of CTFC's achievements. The club has achieved a 2 star accreditation rating with England Football, in only its second season and thanks go to everyone involved in the considerable work required to meet the pre-requisites. The club hosted Cambridgeshire FA's first Walking Football festival in May and just launched Development Centre courses for the U7-10 age group, so that players on the waiting list can engage in organised sessions. In addition is a Men's Veterans football on a Sunday evening, partnered with Cambs FA to donate unused kit and become a partner of the #HerGameToo movement. I want to take this opportunity to thank all club members for their efforts and support during the season and to thank our committee members for another season of commitment and dedication to club operations and development. Here's to the continued success and development of the club going into next season! Celebrating the 2022-23 season

Key achievements:

- Men's Saturday team finished 5th in their league
- Women's team finished 3rd in their league (their best ever
- Men's Sunday team finished 4th in their league and won their cup final versus Newnham Generals
- U15 Blues (Boys) secured promotion to the B league.

The table below shows the team name and their final position in their individual league...

Boys youth foo	tball	Girls youth football	
U12 Blues	8th	U12 Girls	4th
U12 Reds	7th	U13 Girls	6th
U12 Whites	8th	U14 Girls	10th
U12 Blacks	10th	U15 Girls	6th
U13 Greys	6th		
U13 Whites	5th		
U13 Yellows	6th		
U13 Reds	8th		
U14 Blues	8th		
U15 Blues	2nd		
U15 Reds	5th		
U16 Blacks	6th		
U16 Reds	8th		

CTFC camps back for the summer holidays

Following the hugely successful football half-term camps that we completed in May, we are SUPER excited to announce that we will be repeating these during the Summer Holidays as well!

The camps will be delivered by fully qualified coaches and will consist of action-packed days of football, football, football!

For children ages 5 - 13yrs.: Football games, activities, drills and Tournaments will be on the daily agenda to pack their summer with guaranteed fun, structured enjoyment!

Each day will run from 10am - 3pm and will cost just £12 for the full day! For a full week, we will charge £50 for the 5 days giving you a tasty saving!

Drop off will be at 9:45am - 10am & pick up will be from 2:45pm - 3pm 24th July - 28th July / 31st July - 4th August / 7th August - 11th August / 14th August - 18th August / 29th August - 1st September (4 days)

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, drink, suitable footwear and shin pads. Please book via https://cambournetownfc.square.site/

For any questions or enquiries, please email Alfie on: development@cambournetownfc.org.uk



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Cambourne football season continues

Cambourne Adult Football Sessions: "We are really excited to be hosting our first ever Adults Tournament at Cambourne Town FC with both a Men's & Ladies Tournament running back to back. This is a great opportunity for the Club to showcase it's growth as well as have our own teams' entered in both Tournaments and showcase what they're about. Any teams from across the area looking to enter should get in touch as we aim to create a highly competitive & exciting Tournament for the local footballing community!"

On the 8th July, we will be hosting the Men's Tournament in the morning from 9am - 1pm and the Women's Tournament from 1pm - 5pm. All of the local community will be very welcome to watch plus the Dugout will be open with refreshments. It will be a 5 v 5 format with squads of up to 10 players per team! Entry to the tournament will be £40. To book a place for your team: please book via our club booking site here. Any questions or queries, please email: development@cambournetownfc.org.uk

New U8 Girls team

We are forming a new U8 Girls team for the new season, and we are looking for new players. No previous experience necessary.

Training will start in September 2023 and players should be either school year 2 or school year 3 from September's 2023 intake. Enquiries should go to: clubsec@cambourne townfc.org.uk and girlssec@cambournetownfc.org.uk



THE DUGOUT: We will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays over the summer serving our usual selection of hot and cold drinks, food and cakes in addition to giant Jenga and Connect Four thanks to Cambourne Town Council.

Saturday 8th July you can watch local Men's and Women's teams take part in our first ever adult tournament plus we have an evening of Gin tasting – book via https://cambournetownfc.square.site/





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Cambourne Cricket Club remembers loved ones

Cambourne Cricket Club: On Saturday 27 May, we remembered our friend Duncan Shearwood, who passed away in January. Both our 2nd and 3rd XIs had fixtures against Duncan's former club, Milton Cricket Club which provided the perfect opportunity to reflect and pay tribute. After a moment's silence both games were played in fantastic spirit, with Cambourne winning both fixtures.

A loved and cherished member of the club, Duncan always gave everything he had on the pitch - all with a smile. He had a remarkable way of bringing people together, and would often speak up for the importance of looking out for each other's mental health. We will take these values with us as the club continues to go forward. We were honoured to see Duncan's wife Lauren and his children at Milton CC where Lauren's dad and grandad played their cricket for many years.

Duncan's memorial bench was installed at Upper Cambourne and Khurram Naeem's bench is next to the pavilion, in the shadow of his memorial tree, after his

tragic passing in 2017. We intend to hold a dedication ceremony at a suitable point this season. They are and will continue to be sorely missed by their family, friends and loved ones - and we are blessed that they will forever accompany us on the boundary at Cambourne CC.

Photos (Clockwise from top left): Khurram's memorial bench and tree; the 1st XI pictured with Duncan's bench; the 3rd XI before their match; the 2nd XI after their match; and Duncan's memorial











Cambourne Bowls is in full swing. Please join us!

Cambourne Bowls Club: The bowls season is now in full swing after a wet start to May and we have played two matches in the business houses league winning one and losing the other.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Robin Bailey our former secretary for his commitment to the club over many years. The Bowls club is open to all members of the community and we encourage anyone interested to come along and join us, whatever your level of experience. Club nights are Monday and Thursday from 6pm and equipment can be provided.

If you are interested then please contact the club secretary Stuart Palmer at Cambournebowls@gmail.com or on 07860 654057.

