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Regional building plans fall short of reality

Communication is key. Unfortunately, it seems this is a skill lacking in those who make decisions about our region.

Leaders stretching from Westminster to the local level are apparently not in communication with each other and several of them have written to *Cambourne Crier* about a recent government announcement.

Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC, has outlined plans to deliver a million new homes nationally, focusing on towns and cities and starting with Cambridge. This follows a story in *The Sunday Times* recently – which the local council had no prior knowledge of – reporting on government plans to turn Cambridge into Britain's 'Silicon Valley' by boosting building and adding as many as 250,000 new homes within 20 years.

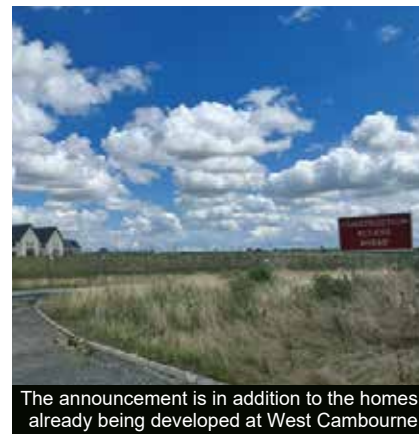
The figure has come as a shock to residents, local authorities and indeed to our MP, given that none of them have been consulted about the proposal.



If DLUHC officials had spoken with local representatives, they would have been told categorically that development on this scale is impossible to deliver for many reasons, not least because we simply don't have enough water.

There's not enough water to cope with development under the existing local plan, nor the Liberal Democrat-led Council's proposed 57,000 new homes under its emerging local plan, nor the additional homes that East West Rail says are needed to justify its business case.

To suggest that 250,000 homes could be delivered in the next 20 years is a pipe dream. We know this because the Environment Agency (EA) is now objecting to all new major housing developments in South Cambridgeshire due to concerns about water scarcity. It is the first time in its history that it has intervened in a local planning process in



The announcement is in addition to the homes already being developed at West Camboorne

this way due to water concerns. It has officially classed the Cambridge Water area as 'seriously water-stressed' and now wants certainty that new major developments will not give rise to a further deterioration of local water environments – notably our rare chalk streams.

We have the district council questioning the government and our MP questioning both the government and the local council. A boost for business is great, but Silicon Valley is not a massive housing estate.

We are already dealing with a lack of infrastructure in the region. You need doctors and schools and shops and jobs. Simply building new houses with no or insufficient amenities is unsustainable. Particularly when one of the things most needed is water.

■ This article was compiled from letters submitted by South Cambs District Council and Anthony Browne MP.

Flower Festival



Jeavons Wood wins 'Best in Show - People's Choice' award

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Letter to the editor



Do we understand the impact of East West Rail on the region?

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CTFC: Club of the year!



CTFC has been awarded Cambs FA's Grassroots Club of the Year

■ Find out more on page 28...

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ **Cambourne Community Fete**

Saturday 16th September from 12pm.

Cambourne Community Fete is organised by the Town Council will take place on Saturday 16th September at Cambourne Sports Pitches, 12 – 6pm.

We will be joined by numerous community groups, sports clubs, local businesses and charities.

Cromwell Vets will be joining us again to host the popular dog show and agility course. Cambridge 105 radio are supporting once again with comparing and organising fantastic bands and musicians. Cambourne Town FC and The Dugout will be providing the bar.

More information to be published in the September edition of *Cambourne Crier* with all the activities, food, entertainment for the day. Any businesses that want to support the event by donating a raffle prize, please get in touch:

community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

Final reminder for stall enquiries:

the deadline for booking a stall will be Friday 1st September.

■ **The Circus visits Cambourne**

John Lawson's Circus will be on Great Cambourne Green from Thursday 31st August until Sunday 3rd September. Fun for all of the family.

■ **Bins and fly tipping**

The grounds team have noticed an increase in the bins around the town being used for household rubbish as well as large items being dumped next to them. An example: large amounts of rotting meat have been found in bins. This is not the appropriate way to dispose of household waste. Large items must be disposed of at a recycling centre or arrange bulky collection through South Cambs District Council, or a licensed collector. Fly tipping is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and offenders may face up to £50,000 fine and/or up to 5 years prison sentence.

■ **Town Council emails**

We are pleased to have the Town Council emails working again. Below are useful emails you can write to:

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office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Sports Pitches:

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All Councillors:

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**August 2023**

1st August at 7pm

Planning Committee

Followed by Full Council Meeting

15th August at 7pm

Planning Committee

(Subject to sufficient planning applications being received)

5th September at 7pm

Planning Committee

Followed by Full Council Meeting

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Black Bin: Thursday 10th August and Thursday 24th August

Blue/Green Bins: Thursday 3rd August, Thursday 17th August and Friday 1st September

More information

www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

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The Hub Car Park Mondays:

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Tel: 01480 464 757

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John Vickery, Town Clerk: clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Another successful Repair Café



Cambourne Town Council hosted Cambourne's fourth Repair Café on Saturday 8th July, at the Hub Community Centre.

51 items were seen at the Repair Café and items repaired on the day included a sewing machine, robot Hoover, pair of trousers, bicycles, bracelets, paper shredder, electric drill and floor lamp.

Thanks go to the brilliant repairers and those who helped organise and run the event on the day.

Our next event is scheduled for Saturday 2nd December at the Hub. For more information about Repair Cafés see:

cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes

Clr Greg Thompson, Organiser - Cambourne Repair Café



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Cambourne Open Gardens and Flower Festival

Listeners to BBC Radio

Cambridgeshire heard on 25th June about how 17 inspirational gardens and 11 blooming displays were enjoyed by over 100 visitors on that very hot weekend.

'Service' was shown throughout the Flower Festival: Jeavons Wood won Best in Show - People's Choice and it brought tears to eyes as it thanked our national services with every pupil contributing.

19 The Coffee House's display won, Best in Show - Judge's Choice. 19 also re-launched, in the church, serving all with refreshments and care...

Community was at the heart of St John Fisher's Catholic Church's while our Town Council and Rainbows were commended for using living flowers. Inspirational words from CamCareUK, Wellbeing and CERC

were well noted. Crafty Old Ladies' tremendous talent and Baby and Toddlers both showed hands on creativity. 3Cs displayed beautiful service to church. Cherish joined forces with Young Church to put Christ into 't' service. Melody Bear delighted children as she rescued a cat; they never knew she was a firefighter when she wasn't dancing with Jill Bridger!

It was great to have the Wildlife Trust for Cambs, Beds and Northants with Open Gardens. One family, visiting from Dubai (they must have brought the weather with them) commented that seeing ALL 17 gardens was the best of family activities. £700 was raised for Cambourne Church to use in the work it does for the wider community. To be involved next year, please email juleshannaford@hotmail.com



Cambourne Library

Opening times

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

Do come along to visit the library to choose your summer reading. We have library e-books and e-audio books available for you to download on your mobile device, using your library membership. Details are available on the library pages of the County Council website or ask library staff for more information.

Summer Reading Challenge - This year's Challenge, Ready, Set, Read! is well underway, but if your children haven't signed up yet, it is not too late, and it is free to join. The Challenge is designed to keep children reading over the long summer holiday, but above all it is fun. Everyone signing up has their own collector's folder and bookmark, and the aim is to read at least six books and collect stickers along the way. Every child who completes the Challenge will receive a medal and certificate. The children do need to have their own library card to take part, but joining the library is easy, either in the library or online, and library membership is free too! You can come into the library at any time with you children to take part, but we have some special Ready, Set, Read! sessions when our lovely young volunteers will be in the library specifically to talk to the children about the books they have been reading and to give them their stickers. Mondays (not 28th August, Bank Holiday) 10am - 12 noon and 2-4pm; Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon; Thursdays 2-4pm; Fridays 10am - 12 noon and 2-4pm
To add to the fun, we are holding a series of events in the library during August:

Dinosaur Event - Wednesday 9th August, 10-11.30am. Games, stories and lots more fun! Children aged 3+, £2 per child

Magic Show! - Wednesday 16th August, 10.30am - 12.45 pm. Children aged 4+, £5 per child

Circus Skills - Wednesday 23rd August, 10-11.15am and 11.30am - 12.45pm. Pendragon Circus will teach you how to become a circus star! Children aged 7+, £5 per child

Family Games and Crafts - Wednesday 30th August, 10-11.30am. All ages, £2 per child

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all events. Please book with library staff at the library, or email cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Engage at Cambourne Library - Wednesday 6th September, 2- 3.30pm - Come along to find out more about The Power of Poles. Terri Lewis, qualified Nordic Walking coach will be telling us about this fun activity, which is also beneficial to our health. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - Would you like to join a friendly reading group meeting at lunchtime? Our library-based reading group meets once a month on a Wednesday, normally the third week of the month, at 12.30pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting, Wednesday 16th August. You will be very welcome!

Digital Assistance - Our lovely computer buddying volunteer is available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you need any help with using your laptop or tablet, either a 'how do I' question or help with a particular task, assistance will be available between 1-3pm. Please pre-book a session with library staff.

Rhymetime/Storytime - our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers will re-start after the summer holidays on Friday 8th September, from 9.30-10am. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!



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CYP: District charity of the year

Activities and inspiration for young people are supported in South Cambridgeshire thanks to the District Council's charity of the year.

A local grassroots youth organisation has been chosen as charity of the year by South Cambs District Council.

CYP enables young people to participate in activities they help to develop, including sport, cookery, and community action projects. In addition, young people can access mental health and wellbeing support.

CYP runs open access and targeted youth clubs out of its base, called Cambourne Soul, including activities ranging from boxing and gaming to playing pool, pizza making to movie nights, litter picking and wellbeing support.

Its youth workers also engage young people in detached sessions in the community and deliver one-to-one sessions for those needing further support.

The charity's key aims are to inspire and raise the aspirations of young people in the local community, particularly those who are experiencing disadvantage in various forms including social and economic isolation, and challenging life situations.

Cllr Peter Fane said: "Cambourne Youth Partnership is a wonderful charity carrying out amazing grass roots support with our local 11 to 18-year-olds. I am delighted to be able to help by choosing them as our charity of the year."



(Left) L-R: Cllr Peter Sandford, CYP volunteer Bella Newbigging, CYP Chair of Trustees Nigel Taylor, Cllr Peter Fane Chair of SCDC, Cllr Stephen Drew, Cllr Helene Leeming, Cllr Mark Howell (Right) Cambourne Youth Partnership L-R volunteers Paige Barden & Bella Newbigging, Youth Worker Emma Whitbread, Chair of Trustees Nigel Taylor



"We were pleased to hear representatives from the charity, including young people, address today's Full Council meeting, to outline their inspirational work and what might be done to help them, including fundraising at any civic events to help deliver their objectives."

Nigel Taylor, Chair of Trustees with CYP, said: "We are delighted to have been named as the Chair of the District Council's charity of the year. We look forward to working with Cllr Fane and the rest of the Council in helping to give local young people a voice, and promoting their vital role in the community today and into the future."

CYP works in partnership with Cambourne Town Council and Romsey Mill. Cambourne Town Council provides a significant annual grant to CYP and also

owns the Cambourne Soul youth centre, which is the base for many of CYP's activities and open access youth clubs. Romsey Mill has 40 years' experience supporting young people, children and families in and around Cambridgeshire, to help transform lives. Romsey Mill makes a significant financial and practical contribution to the work of and CYP by providing youth workers that are based and work in Cambourne, as well as infrastructure support.

CYP is currently developing a new Cambourne Youth Partnership website, which is due to go live soon.

Giving the presentation to Full Council were charity volunteers Bella Newbigging and Paige Barden, Youth Worker Emma Whitbread and Chair of the CYP Trustees Nigel Taylor.

Activities with CYP this summer

The Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill team are so excited for summer and have lots on that young people can get involved with at the Soul Youth Centre!

On Wednesdays throughout the summer, we will have our Art and Craft afternoons from 1:30-3:30pm which for those who receive HAF funding will be followed by food from 3:30-5pm. This is open to Year 6 who have just left primary school, to those in Sixth Form.

On Thursdays we will be enjoying some inflatable fun with different inflatables planned for each week! This session will be running at the following timings:

1:30-3pm for Year 6s (those moving up to secondary in Sept), Year 7s and Year 8s

3-4pm HAF Lunch for young people who receive HAF funding

4-5:30pm Year 9 – Sixth Form.

We have also set a photography challenge for 4 young people to win the opportunity for their photo to be up on the Cambourne Soul's wall for the next year, we can't wait to see everyone's pictures!

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Beavers out and about!



2nd Cambourne Beavers recently enjoyed the annual Beavers in Tents event held in St Ives.

This was a Cambridgeshire county event with 200 Beavers under canvas. There were lots of fun, new activities and experiences including fire lighting, orienteering, team games, sausage cooking and campfire singing. It was a really great couple of days and one very late night for some chatty Beavers!

For many of them it was their first camping experience and even first night away from their parents. It was a chance for them to strengthen friendships within our group and make new friends in other groups across Cambridgeshire.

■ For more information about our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts (who need adult helpers) please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk



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There is so much happening in Cambourne

There is so much happening in Cambourne!

Over the last couple of months, we've welcomed billions in national government infrastructure investment that will impact on Cambourne. We've seen the final legal challenge against the fantastic A428 dualling scheme come through, meaning the work on that £900m road upgrade can start.

I'm also working hard with the Department of Transport to ensure Cambourne gets its own station if East West Rail is to go ahead. I know how frustrating it is for people in Cambourne to go to work or school in Cambridge. These transport improvements will transform our lives.

Then we have the news that the new sixth form for Cambourne Village College will be open for students next year. It means that children from Cambourne will be able to study their A-levels in town, rather than travel to Cambridge or Comberton! I'm delighted that these improvements will make a huge difference in the town.

That's not to say I'm not looking to the next challenge. I'll be writing to the CEOs of Morrisons and the Post Office, asking if the two can come together and provide a permanent post office to replace the current temporary service. And, as ever, I'm supporting Councillors Shrobona Bhattacharya and Mark Howell in their work pushing the Pharmacy for clarity on its future and integrating with West Cambourne.



HELENE LEEMING
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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East West Rail and Cambourne station

This month, the national government has announced their planned route for East West Rail (EWR).

This will be a train route which runs from Oxford to Cambridge, with stops in Milton Keynes, Bedford, Tempsford, Cambourne and Cambridge South, (Addenbrookes site). When asked about the timescale, EWR said they aim to have the railway built and running by 2030.

There is still much to confirm. There will be a period of statutory consultation to refine details of the route and infrastructure in the first half of 2024. However, as it stands, the railway station

for Cambourne will be just north of the A428.

EWR have confirmed that they will provide infrastructure to make sure that the station is accessible for pedestrians and cyclists most likely in the form of a bridge. When asked about power supply, EWR stated that electrification remains a possibility, but there is the complexity of connections to other lines and the need for high levels of early funding from central government at the start of the building process for this to happen.

As your local elected representative, I will work with my colleagues to endeavour to make sure that Cambourne residents and our surrounding communities get as much benefit from this scheme as possible. In the meantime, please visit eastwest.co.uk for more detailed information about the plans such as maps and policies.



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Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis are the two main conditions forming Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Not to be confused with IBS, (irritable bowel syndrome) IBD affects more than 500,000 people in the UK and causes ulcers and inflammation in the gut.

In Crohn's disease anywhere in the gut can be affected from mouth through to anus. In Ulcerative Colitis only the large bowel is affected.

The most common symptoms of IBD are diarrhoea (which can contain blood or mucus), cramping pain in the abdomen, tiredness, mouth ulcers, weight loss and anaemia (low iron levels).

Symptoms can also occur outside the gut such as eye inflammation and joint pain.

IBD is diagnosed using a combination of blood tests, stool tests and an endoscopy to look directly at the bowel which may show signs of inflammation. In some cases scans may also be needed to give further information.

Although IBD is a serious condition, there are many medications available to treat it including specialist anti-inflammatory drugs, medicines to suppress the immune system, steroids and powerful biological drugs. However, sometimes surgery to remove parts of the bowel is necessary. There is much research ongoing into IBD which aims to understand more about the condition, improve treatments and ultimately find a cure.

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

COMMUNITY

Celebrating Eid ul Adha in Cambourne



In the vibrant town of Cambourne, the Muslim community recently came together to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Eid ul Adha. Muslims gathered with gratitude and joy to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's unwavering devotion to Allah.

The festivities began with the Day of Arafah, where the Muslim community united at the NCP to break their fast together, showcasing solidarity and compassion.

On Eid day, the entire Muslim community congregated at a football pitch near the sports pavilion for a special prayer under the open sky.

Families joined in prayer, expressing gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon them, adding to the beauty of the event.

After the prayer, families enjoyed a delightful picnic, savouring delicious meals and fostering stronger connections within the community. Children played games, filling the atmosphere with laughter and joy. It was a time of bonding and unity.

The celebrations continued the following weekend with a dish party and engaging activities for the children. The kids participated in a lively Kahoot session, learning about the significance of Hajj, the pilgrimage to Makkah, and the profound meaning behind Eid.

Eid ul Adha holds great significance for Muslims worldwide, symbolising sacrifice, faith, and devotion. The celebration in Cambourne not only brought the Muslim community closer together but also promoted interfaith understanding and cultural exchange, showcasing inclusivity and diversity.

As the sun set on the festivities, the Muslim community in Cambourne reflected on the blessings of Eid ul Adha, looking forward to a future filled with peace and harmony. This sacred occasion has undoubtedly strengthened the fabric of the community, leaving a lasting impact on all participants..

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August is often a time for going away. It might be a seaside holiday, a city break or a hike in the wilds. Many avoid August because of the peak prices, but will nevertheless take a holiday at some point during the year. Taking a break is important. There is a strong Christian tradition that rest is part of God's intention for humanity. From ancient times it was commanded that one day a week should be set aside for rest and reflection. Bosses could not require labour on all seven days of the week. Even animals were allowed to rest. And this Sabbath day of rest was a shared experience with an acknowledgment of God at its heart. To be a workaholic was against the law.

This served many purposes. It was a protection against exploitation or a lack of self-care. It gave time for the worship of God. And it reminded people that well-being did not rely upon working every hour God sent. Some of the hours God sent were to be used for rest.

So can you manage to disengage from work this summer? Can you take a rest and switch off the work phone, even if you do not manage to go away? It is an important contributor to our well-being. We are made for work and achievement, but we are also made for rest and reflection. The modern way of talking about this is "work-life balance", but the roots of such wisdom go back millennia.

Revd Bill Miller



Cambourne Church Services for August 2023

6th August	10.00am	All Age Communion Service
13th August	10.00am	All Age Service
20th August	10.00am	All Age Service
27th August	10.00am	All Age Service

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Unexpected things. Sometimes in life, things happen that cause you to go through unexpected circumstances. It could be something breaking on your car or some person of low morals stealing the copper phone lines, AGAIN. Any number of things and this month those happened and more.

Our helper Caleb was sponsored by another group in the UK and due to some changes they are no longer able to sponsor him, hence we are going to attempt to do that for him. This will involve many things, like charity registration and then getting a special license. It is all quite fiddly and involves so much documentation and regulation it is daunting, to say the least. However, in all of this one thing must be evaluated is the task worth the effort? Is the difficulty of the unexpected situation worth the work? For this so far yes as he is actually useful. And I do not say that about everyone. Now I am not an accountant nor a lawyer so things do not come easily but with some help, I am getting through it.

Now obviously you may not be going through that but you have your own unexpected events and as you work through those do keep your eyes on the prize as you evaluate the work versus the



**Pastor
Donavan Bangs**

reward. It is not always easy but most things of worth are not without someone's sincere effort. The same is true in raising children or managing relationships. If you want the better outcome it will require sacrifice of some type.

Maybe it takes money or time or putting off some pleasures for the sake of another. Others have sacrificed or worked on your behalf at some point because they felt you were worth the effort. For the things but more importantly, the people, of value in your life be willing to make the effort. Make the calls or spend the time or do

what is needed to show them they are of value to you.

I have often said it is not flowery words that express true intent or feelings but what one will endure for the sake of another. Maybe an extra shift at work or sleepless nights cooling their forehead when they are sick. Maybe clearing rubbish or fixing something for them will show them how much you value them.

I certainly know a Saviour going to the cross in our place showed his love for you and I. Why would he go? Because he valued us as being worth the effort.

Here is to a good summer Cambourne.

Pastor Donovan Bangs



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CHURCHES

ST JOHN FISHER PARISH



Cambourne's Special Visitor. A few weeks back, Bishop Peter Collins, the new Catholic Bishop of East Anglia visited the Church in Cambourne and celebrated Mass with St John Fisher Parish. The church was full to the brim with people keen to see his holiness and join in the service which included rousing singing of hymns. During the Mass, four candidates were Confirmed. Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. After Mass, we enjoyed our usual tea, coffee, and cake along with a chance to meet Bishop Peter and pass him intentions for prayer.

We are now starting to plan for 2024 Confirmation (school year 9 and above) and First Holy Communion (school year 3 and above). If you have a child who wishes to start that journey in faith, please complete the form on our website detailed above.

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We want to see your best photos of Cambourne!

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Opportunity to Join our Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Monkfield Medical Practice wishes to establish a diverse and representative Patient Participation Group, which meets quarterly, to proactively represent patients and champion the practice as a pillar of the community. This will involve members in a quarterly meeting for which they will be required to read prepared documents. The group will also require a chairperson to co-ordinate an agenda for each meeting.

Patient Association

We also plan to form a Patient Association. This group will have fewer responsibilities than the Patient Participation Group, since members can contribute remotely by completing surveys etc.

If you are interested in either group, please email admin.mmp@nhs.net or write to the practice, stating the role(s) in which you would be most interested.

Medical Records for Children and Young People

There is a general assumption amongst our patients that parents (or individual given parental responsibility) have access to their child's medical record or details about their clinical care until they are the age of 16 or 18. This is in fact not the case.

Children over the age of 12 are generally considered to have the capacity to give or withhold consent to release medical records. More specifically, those under 16 should demonstrate that they have the capacity to make these decisions. Where the child is considered to be capable, then their consent must be sought before access is given to a third party, in this case the parent.

Access can be refused by the health professional where they consider that the child does not have capacity to give consent/decline decisions. If the appropriate health professional considers that a child patient is Gillick competent (i.e. has sufficient maturity and understanding to make decisions about disclosure of their records) then the child should be asked for his or her consent before disclosure is given to someone with parental responsibility.

If the child is not Gillick competent and there is more than one person with parental responsibility, each may independently exercise their right of access.

In all circumstances good practice dictates that a Gillick competent child should be encouraged to involve parents or other legal guardians in any treatment/disclosure decisions.

MMP Practice Policy is to remove parental access to all those who turn 14 unless we have written consent from the individual to state otherwise.

We would ask you to discuss this matter with your child and if they want to progress 'Proxy Access' please download the application form using the following link:-

www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/online-forms

Research Opportunities

Monkfield Medical Practice has now become a Royal College of GPs and National Institutes for Health Research approved research active practice.

Medical research is vital to develop new treatments, improve old ones, optimise healthcare systems, and ultimately improve our health and economy. The UK is a world leader in medical research partly due to general practices delivering high quality research studies. We are excited to offer our community the chance to get involved in research to allow access to cutting edge healthcare, and to help push the frontiers of medicine. This is led by GP Partner and academic at the University of Cambridge, Dr Rakesh Modi, and administrated by Mrs Katie Bartlett.

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A Fathers words: Keeping our children close

Our children are primary in our lives. Far more important than possessions or houses. Ensure you take time to talk with your children about any concerns they have.

In particular any health-related Issues. Make sure they know to come to you, and you are informed about any conditions they may have. Ensure they know how much you care and support

them. Particularly if anyone says do not tell your parents about this or that. That is exactly when (all things being normal) they should immediately tell their parents about whatever it was.

You as the parent are the safekeeper. Not some policy or procedure. You love them, you care for them, and you need to stay in the loop and be that person they can turn to for anything and be able to help them according to knowledge.

CVC celebrates 10th anniversary

Cambourne Village College reaches its tenth anniversary this September, surrounded by construction work as six further buildings are prepared for handover in the spring of 2024.

These consist of four further teaching wings, a dining hall and most of all a separate sixth form centre in September 2024. In fact, the College has only been free of building plans or construction for two of its ten years of opening, during which we've grown tenfold from our tiny first intake of 132 Year 7 pupils, to over 1,300 this August. Over the next five years, the school will continue to expand as each new Year 7 admits more to a final roll of 1650 in 2028; with up to 350 in the sixth form.

When we opened in 2013, the College had only five full-time staff with most of whom were shared with Comberton VC. With around 200 now employed, Cambourne is lucky to have one of the most skilful and committed set of teaching and support staff in the country; as reflected not only in exam results which have always been well above national averages, but also in the breadth of extra-curricular sports, music, drama, art and other activities.

And throughout this time, we've fully embraced our Village College status, enjoying sharing our facilities with the community on weekday evenings and at weekends.

I retire at the end of this year, with sports days, school productions, concerts and Activities Week rounding off the term



as usual: details of all these events and more are in our school magazine, News@Cam, found on our website:

www.cambournevc.org

I've been privileged to have led the development of the school over the past ten years and thank our parents, Governors, the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust and the Town and County Councils for their generous support over this time.

From September, Mrs Lynn Mayes will lead as the new Principal and I am sure the next phases of its development will be equally exciting!

Claire Coates, Principal

Year Three sleepover

The Vine Primary School:

It was the Year Three Sleepover on the last Friday of June. The pupils had a marvellous time playing a variety of board games, decorating a photo frame and completing a treasure hunt to discover the mystery location of their snacks! They also enjoyed roasting marshmallows over a campfire. Afterwards, they unpacked their sleeping bags and settled down with a delicious hot chocolate and watched a film. When the lights were turned off, a vast array of sounds could be heard from the four classrooms, including giggling, shuffling and chatting before all children were fast asleep.

At crack of dawn everyone woke up and tucked into a delicious, multi-course breakfast, packed up their belongings and headed home.

"It was good, we had lots of fun. There were many different activities, more than you could count." (Renesmee)

"My favourite part was the movie and snack because we stayed up very late." (Poppy)

"I couldn't pick a favourite bit because it was all so fun. There were so many activities, so you could never get bored." (Alexandria)

Well done Year Three for a fantastic sleepover!



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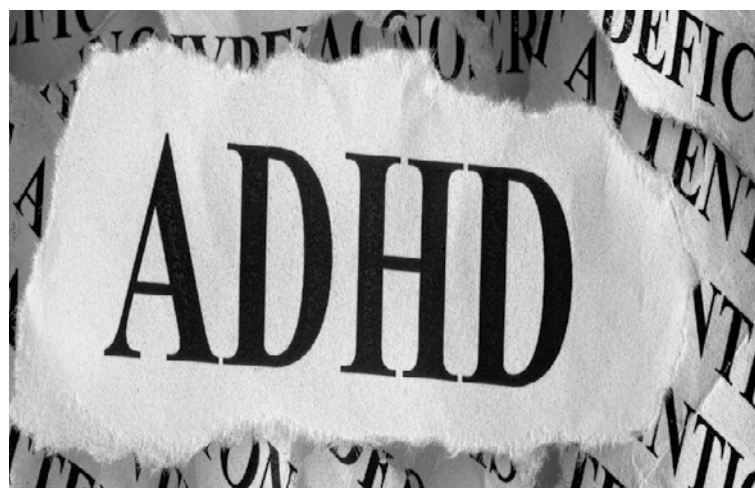
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The event was graced by esteemed teachers from various primary and secondary schools in and around Cambridge. The celebration was marked by performances by the children, who sang traditional Hindu mantras, as well as demonstrated the unique games which are played weekly in shakha. Everyone found them enjoyable and engaging - not to mention, the teachers were the ones standing tall at the end of each game – should we be surprised? Not at all!!

The teachers were then felicitated individually by their students to express their heartfelt gratitude for helping shape their learning and development.

The evening ended with sharing of thoughts, ideas and mutual appreciation over delicious homemade food prepared by shakha families. It was heartening to receive some wonderful feedback on this initiative from the teachers and parents present on the occasion. We hope to continue the tradition in the years to come.



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COMMUNITY

RELAS: more planes equals more problems

RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking) has reiterated their message to keep complaining about the CO2 emissions from the existing flights, which are affecting the environment and the lifestyles of the residents.

Since February 2022 our rural and quiet countryside has been spoilt by the introduction of large numbers of passenger and freight aircraft, daily. There is no respite from this audible and visible blight which disturbs many in the area as a direct result of the imposition of the poorly considered programme, Air Deployment 6 (AD6); which was never about safety but simply about the expansion of Luton and Stansted airports. As you are aware, the Post-Implementation Review (PIR) closes on 22 September 2023, following which Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will evaluate the feedback and objections before signing AD6 as permanent. It is very likely that you have noticed the significant increase in the number of jet flights over our region, as post-pandemic flights and summer holidays are returning.

Southern regions like Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire have been significantly affected. It is clear that the consultation process was deeply flawed. The consequential impact of AD6 was not disclosed, such as the increased use of the region's airspace that is not relevant to Luton or Stansted. Night flights in particular were not mentioned. The noise of the jets braking for a quick descent were deliberately omitted from all data analysis. This has been highlighted by aviation experts saying the poor design of AD6 by requiring rapid "scrubbing of altitude" and direction from the airline operators to their pilots which is acknowledged as bad practice.

Since March 2022, our local authority representatives have tried to meet and address the public complaints with the programme sponsors, London Luton Airport (LLA); National Air Traffic Service (NATS), and the oversight body, the CAA. It is apparent that these

bodies have refused to engage constructively and deal with residents, councillors or MPs. This is very frustrating as LLA and CAA deal with the complaints which is wholly inappropriate and unethical. The PIR was extended to 22 September 2023, thanks to the efforts of local MPs who debated the topic with the Transport Minister in January 2023. The LLA is 85 years old and intends to expand its operations, which means as many as 21 hours a day and a new passenger terminal to accommodate an increase in passenger numbers. **It is not too late to reverse these changes**, a review is ongoing and due to complete in September 2023. A campaign to improve or abandon AD6 is gathering pace and now has the support of a few local MPs.

RELAS was formed to oppose these changes and in addition to raising public awareness and engaging local MPs, is campaigning to get the AD6 abandoned or re-designed. The effects of noise pollution on health is significant, including irritation, stress, cognitive impairment, sleep disturbance and cardiovascular disease. Local MP Anthony Brown used a parliamentary debate on AD6 to highlight several cases of constituents whose health has been seriously affected.

Join facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6. Check for news and latest information on www.relas.uk and email queries to info@relas.uk. Visit change.org/p/stop-luton-airport-aircraft-noise and sign the **petition to oppose AD6**. Note: any donations go to the petition hosts, change.org, not RELAS.

While it is most important to ensure that your household makes at least one complaint if you are disturbed by noise, it is worthwhile repeating the process for additional interruptions. This could take the form of a specific email (copied to all parties) combined with an entry on LLA's website. Include details of the times when you were disturbed. Further emails could refer to your initial email. The total number of complaints will assist in indicating the magnitude of the problem and such evidence will be considered in the review process for AD6.

Tell your friends and neighbours about this campaign. Attend any public meetings and surgeries and make your views known. If you have any expertise please consider helping RELAS.

East West Rail

Dear Editor, Last month Anthony Browne MP talked about the work he had done in getting Cambourne a station on the East West rail line, but acknowledged that EWR's proposals were proving controversial. Having good transport infrastructure is important for this area. However, do people in Cambourne and the surrounding district realise just how much the population might grow with the coming of EWR?

Cambourne was originally planned as three villages, but is now forecast in the Local Plan to grow to about 28,000



people by 2041, but with no housing planned for north of the A428.

However, the Local Plan takes no account of paying for EWR.

EWR's latest report estimates that, with a station, Cambourne could grow by an EXTRA 53,400 people. Did you ever envisage the possibility of your village developing into a town of more than

80,000 people? EWR says that putting the station north of the A428 would not constrain development, although it would be separated from the village of Cambourne. So the beautiful countryside where you can presently walk and cycle will be lost to the thousands of houses that will be required to house these extra bodies and the scale of development will pose an existential threat to villages such as Elsworth and Knapwell, while Cambourne would become a huge town split by a four lane trunk road and a four track rail line. Is this really a future we want? **Peter Deer, Chair Elsworth Parish Council and Geoff Clark, Chair Knapwell Parish Meeting**



STEM Education for future STEM Employment - Cambourne Science Festival was a big hit

The spirit of scientific inquiry was alive and thriving in Cambourne as the 8th annual Science Exhibition took centre stage featuring an impressive showcase of homemade science experiments and ideas by 60 enthusiastic children.

The event, organised by CamCare UK, captivated the young participants and garnered widespread public attention, elevating the exhibition's standard to new heights. The young scientists, aged 5 to 16, presented their meticulously designed experiments passionately and confidently, leaving the audience in awe of their creativity and curiosity at Cambourne Hub on 25th June.

Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya, the CamCare UK chair, expressed her pride in the budding scientists and their groundbreaking contributions to the event. "Each year, we see an incredible improvement in the quality and originality of the projects presented at our Science Exhibition," she remarked.

"This year, the bar has been raised even higher, and the dedication shown by these children is truly inspiring."

"Investing in STEM education is crucial to the development of our country," stated Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya, a Space Scientist and Mentor of Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (the



academy of CamCare UK). "By encouraging the youth to engage in scientific exploration and problem-solving from an early age, we are laying the foundation for a future workforce that can drive innovation, push boundaries, and address the challenges of our time."

Dr. Christian Lautenschlager, a proud parent of one of the young exhibitors, beamed with joy as he spoke about his son's journey. "Ever since he joined the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club, my son's fascination with science has reached new heights," he exclaimed. "Neil's passion for science has grown exponentially, and he takes immense pleasure in sharing his ingenious ideas and new experiments with fellow enthusiasts. His unyielding enthusiasm to pave the way as a future generation scientist has only intensified."

Another parent, Mr Balan, felt his children are spending more time with the parents at home after school due to making various Science projects together. "Our children are now spending quality time with the computer; they are busy researching various problem-solving scientific innovations," said Mr Soumya Ranjan Patel, father of twins who go to the Cambourne Village College.

The positive impact of such initiatives on the community was evident in the growing interest in STEM subjects among Cambridgeshire's youth. Several parents appreciated the CERC and CamCare UK's efforts and acknowledged the transformation they had witnessed in their children's enthusiasm for science.

Photographs by Mrs Joanna Patterson.



COMMUNITY



CERC wins Best STEM Initiative Award

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC), the academic wing of local charity CamCare UK, has been honoured with the esteemed STEM Initiative of the Year Award at the prestigious Cambridge Independent Science and Technology Awards 2023.

This recognition is a testament to the exceptional dedication, enthusiasm, and creativity exhibited by every student member of our club. Their unwavering commitment to expanding their knowledge in STEM beyond the confines of their school curriculum has been truly outstanding. They have also showcased their skills through exceptional performances in numerous national competitions, volunteered at various events, delivered captivating demonstrations at the Cambourne Science Festival, and demonstrated digital leadership in their respective schools.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible team of coaches, supportive parents, the Town Council, and our valued sponsors. Their unwavering support has played an instrumental role in propelling our STEM club to become one of the most esteemed and influential in the country.

This recognition reinforces our commitment to fostering a culture of curiosity, innovation, and excellence in STEM education. We firmly believe in the power of nurturing young minds and empowering them to become the next generation of trailblazers, pioneers, and problem solvers in the world of science



and technology.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future possibilities and the potential impact we can make with the support of researchers, companies, and other supporters. Together, we can continue to ignite a passion for STEM, create meaningful opportunities for learning and growth, and shape a brighter future for our youth.

Join us on this remarkable journey and help us make a lasting difference in the lives of young learners. Let's collaborate and drive transformative initiatives that will pave the way for a thriving STEM ecosystem!

Please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com for more information.

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTS

Local author has first book published

Lucy Purvey (née McDowell) spoke to me about her new book and the motivation behind it.

She has lived in Cambourne for 8 years and has been interested in writing for as long as she can remember. Having retired, she looked for something to do and eventually joined the local 'Words for Pleasure' group that meets regularly in Cambourne library.

There, she was greatly encouraged by the leader, Pat Callaghan, and has written many poems and rhymes, some of which have been published in local papers.

When I asked Lucy why she wrote the book, she told me that, in effect, the book wrote itself! She was on a walk round Cambourne and gradually the idea formed in her head until it was ready to be written down when she returned home. The story is intended for 6-9 year olds, the ages of her own grandchildren, and it has strong educational themes including ambition, hero-worship and inclusivity.

It was the first book Lucy had written for children - having previously written short stories for adults - and she told me she was inspired by Julia Donaldson, of whom she is a great admirer.

On re-reading the story, after a life-time in education, and determined not to 'dumb-down' for children, Lucy replaced some words with more interesting and challenging ones, such as 'injudicious', 'aristocratic' 'truffles' and 'forage', which she hoped might spark an interest in and love of words such as she has enjoyed.

Lucy's early life was on a farm, surrounded by animals and she found that the main character for her book, Quintus Porker, appeared in her imagination ready-made, probably from those early experiences.

This is the first of many stories she has written, all based on the hero, Quintus. Each story has a different subject, such as 'The French Lesson', 'The importance of Water', 'the School Quiz', and she told me



she would love to think that parents and educators will find a lot to talk about in her first children's story, entitled 'The Adventures and Education of Quintus Porker'

Interview by Fran Panrucker

24hr tennis marathon raises £2,500 for Melanoma UK

During the Wimbledon finals weekend on July 15th and 16th, Tennis Club Head Coach Toby Jackson played 24 hours of Tennis for the Melanoma UK charity! Despite gale-force winds, there were many players on the courts throughout the 24hrs and we want to give a huge shoutout to those hardy folk who played between midnight and 8 am ... an incredible commitment!

We still can't believe the quality of the points played at 4am! Thanks to everyone who helped organise beforehand, on the day, and clearing up afterwards. Thank you to the families that made cakes/cookies, key chains, or provided the BBQ food, all to sell and raise money for charity! The BBQ ran on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to give players and their audience enough energy to keep going. Many thanks also to the Co-op and Morrisons, who kindly donated food; as well as everyone who has sponsored the players or donated directly to the amazing charity Melanoma UK. Your generous donations - over £2,500 - will help Melanoma UK give patients and their families much-needed support during the difficult times when diagnosed and increase the UK's awareness of Melanoma and its prevention.

Are you keen to get into 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: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC and click on MEMBERSHIP.

SPORTS

Cambourne cricket is accessible to everyone!



Cambourne Cricket Club: In light of the recent ICEC report, Cambourne Cricket Club reiterates its commitment to ensuring that the sport we love is a game for all. We are passionate about getting more people involved in the game, and are proud of work such as our community taster sessions run in partnership with Cambs Cricket / Living Sport during the pandemic, as well as a tournament for five state schools in July 2021, in honour of our partner, The MindEd Trust. We are also delighted to host Allstars (5-8 yo) and Dynamos (8-11 yo) programmes, with another successful year coming to a close at Lower Cambourne in July, with 48 young people participating in the eight-week course.

Allstars Activator Joe Worth said "It's been another enjoyable year of the sessions, watching brand-new players experience cricket for the first time and growing skills and confidence over the weeks is fantastic. It's also great to see the returning children developing their play, and several of the Dynamos have been playing for Cambourne teams at under-10 and under-13 league level. Both groups will return in May 2024, but we say goodbye and thank you to Pete Kirsch who has been an Activator for several years and dedicated so much energy and time to training."

Our girls set-up also continues to flourish, with an under-11 team entered into the CYCA league and currently holding a 100% win rate! In addition, Cambourne CC has ambitions to launch open-age women's teams – we would therefore like to invite all those who are interested in participating to email us at cambournecc@gmail.com, as we look to facilitate informal sessions in the first instance.

There is still a long way to go to ensure that cricket is accessible to all, and we are keen to play our part in making this a reality. New members are always welcome, so do get in touch!

Fancy a game of Bowls?

Cambourne Bowls Club currently sits 6th in the business houses open division, having won 3 of their 5 games. The Green remains open throughout the summer with club nights 5.30-7pm Mondays and Thursdays. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions then please pop along one evening or email Cambournebowls@gmail.com or contact Stuart Palmer on 07860654057



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CTFC hosts Men's Tournament and new players sought

Cambourne Town FC hosted its first Men's Tournament last month which featured 8 local adult teams from across the county. The competition started with a group stage followed by a Quarter-Final, Semi-Final & the Final which was played between 'The Young Ones' & Chatteris Town. Chatteris Town came out on top after a very ruthless display in the Final and showed their quality throughout the Tournament! Also credit to our own Cambourne Town team who lost narrowly in the Semi-Final stage!

Thank you to all the teams who entered and competed in the right spirit! We look forward to hosting the Tournament again next year to see who will be the 2024 Champion?

We're looking for additional players for the 2023/24 season:

U15 team - looking for new experienced players for the new season

Men's Sunday team

U8 Girls (Year 3 from Sep)

U9 Girls (Year 4 from Sep)

U11 Girls Blues (Year 6 from Sep)

Interested? Register via our website by selecting 'Register to Play'.



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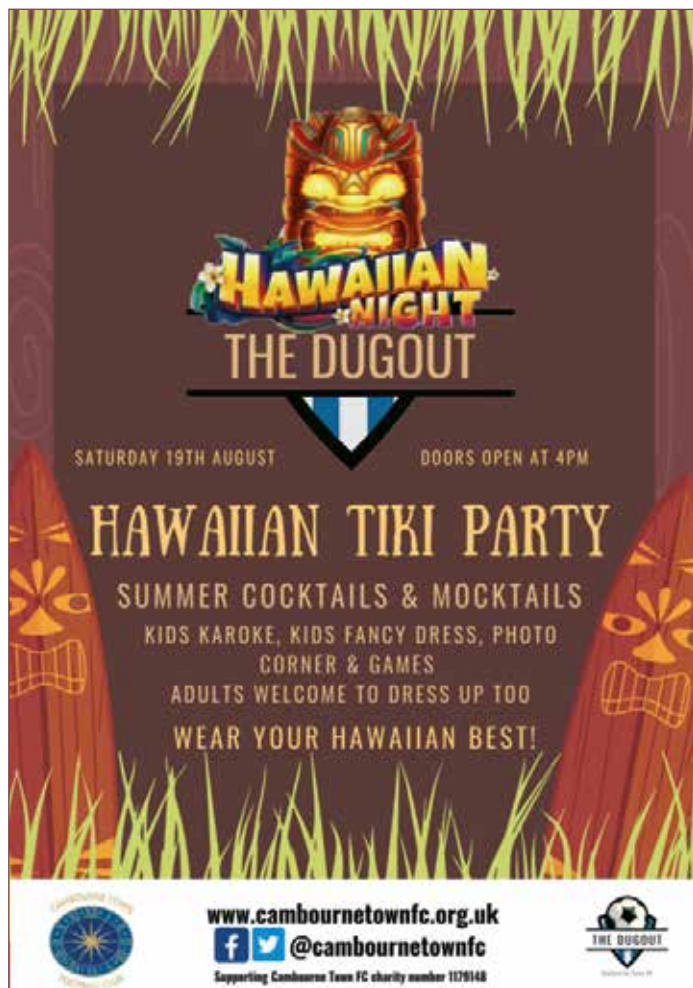
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SPORTS

CTFC is Cambs FA's Grassroots Club of the Year 2023

Cambourne Town Football Club is delighted to announce it is Cambridgeshire FA's Grassroots Club of the Year for 2023.

The award came on the same day that our Under 13 Reds team coach Mark King was also recognised as Cambridgeshire FA's New Volunteer of the Year.

Just two seasons into our formation the award recognises the success of the initiative to bring together the foundation clubs under one structure and how the newly formed committee, coaching groups, and teams have built on those solid foundations.

Our club survives and runs through the efforts of its volunteers and is only as good as they are. The club award is very gratefully received

and is a testament to what can be accomplished when people come together and promote cooperation and where needed compromise to achieve goals bigger than their own. We want to thank Cambridgeshire FA for this recognition along with the Town Council's support. Mark's award is fantastic news. His enthusiasm and dedication have been there for everyone to see since he took on his coaching role, ensuring the team could continue.

If you can spare your time to help the club continue to thrive in the future, we are always keen to engage new volunteers; so please contact clubsec@cambournetownfc.org.uk if you want to be a part of Cambridgeshire's Number 1 Grassroots Club!



CTFC achievements

- Numbers remain healthy with over 750 registered players
- Two new Development Centres covering U7 - U10 age groups for children where we cannot accommodate players into teams, thus supporting ongoing player development
- Ladies team had their best ever league finish and promotion to division 2
- Men's Saturday team finished 5th in their league
- The Mens Sunday team won the Cambs FA Mens Sunday League Cup and finished 4th in their league
- U15 Blue team secured promotion with a 2nd place league

Goodbye and thank you to:

Thank you to our Secretary, Richard Brown, who has stood down after occupying this role for the club's first two seasons. He dedicated a great deal of time and commitment to operate and sustain the club in its formative years.

Our Girls' and Women's Secretary Chris Williamson, who has done a tremendous amount to kick start and develop girls' and women's game; is also standing down after many years.

We are indebted to both Richard and Chris and thank them for all their efforts.

Goodbye and congrats to the following teams who have ended this season: U10 Red Dragons, U11 Pumas, U12 Whites, U14 Girls, U16 Girls. Thank you to the coaches who are finishing their time with us, you have given the children so much and lots of memories they will treasure.

2nd July was junior Trophy Day, with fun for all the family. Food, drink, bouncy castles, and soak the coach competitions were on offer. Many families brought picnics to celebrate the day as each team had a presentation ceremony with their teammates and coaches. The club also welcomed a film crew on behalf of the FA who captured the spirit of the club as we celebrated the 'Cambs FA Grassroots Club of the Year' award.

