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Cambourne Town FC wins England Football's National Grassroots Club of the Year Award



In a huge accolade for both the football club and Cambourne as a whole, Cambourne Town FC has been presented with the National Grassroots Club of the Year Award by England Football.

The announcement came during half time of the FA Community Shield match between Arsenal and Manchester City at Wembley Stadium on 6th August – with Cambourne Town Football Club representatives attending to receive the prestigious award.

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The winning of this national award is a testament to the dedication, hard work and time invested by all our volunteer committee members, managers and coaches, as well as the Town Council and the players and the parents who have supported us all the way.

They should all take great pride in this recognition.

Cllr Greg Thompson CTFC Chair

CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

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■ Cambourne Community Fete

Cambourne Community Fete is back at a new location! This year we are hosting on Cambourne Sports Pitches on Back Lane, on Saturday 16th September 12pm–6pm. Our fun filled family day includes a whole host of stalls from community groups, charities and local business, activities for all ages, live entertainment, variety of foods and a bar!

There is plenty of fun things for the kids to do such as Bouncy Castles, Trampolines, Land Zorbs, Mini Bumper Cars, Bounce & Play area, Toxic Wipeout and giant wave slide.

There will be live performances on stage from local musicians and in the arena will be displays from local groups.

There will be a variety of food options too including the BBQ which is kindly organised by Cambourne Scouts. We will also be joined by local food vendors.

There will be a host of community groups, sports clubs and businesses running activities and competitions.

The Town Council will be hosting a Raffle, Kids and Adult Tombola, Coconut Shy, Tin Can Alley and Bean Bag game! The Grounds team will be on hand to show you the range of mowers, tractors and other equipment that is used to keep Cambourne looking well maintained. There will also be free Kids Craft activities in the marquee.

The popular dog show and agility course returns. Just bring your canine pal.

All proceeds raised by the Fete will be donated to Cambourne Community Groups that offered support on the day.

Fingers crossed for sunshine but if not just grab your coat and brolly and come along anyway as there will still be plenty of fun to be had!

Please note that there is limited parking available at the sports centre (Everyone Active) and that we encourage residents that are able to, to walk to the event or cycle. There is also parking available at the Hub community centre, which is a

short walk to the sports pitches.

Finally, special thanks to Cambridge 105 Radio for their continued support and assistance each year in organising the stage, musicians and compering throughout the day.

Facebook Event: Cambourne Community Fete

Cambourne 10K

A few weeks to go until Cambourne 10K and 1 mile Fun Run. Sunday 24th September at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council. There is still time to sign up, you can enter now, visit: www.cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk/camb

ridge-cambourne-10k-and-fun-run

Road closures

The race starts at 9.30am therefore School Lane (entrance/exit of Lower Cambourne) will be closed from 9am for the duration of the race. The diversion will be in place to enter Cambourne from the main entrance along the A428.

Beaufort Road will not be closed; however it will be marshalled to allow runners to safely cross so please expect delays and leave in plenty of time if you need to be somewhere.

Welkin Way junction with Brace Dein will be closed for access until the runners have passed.

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Black Bin: Thursday 7th September and Thursday 28th September Blue\Green Bins: Thursday 14th, and Thursday 21st September, Thursday 5th October 2023.

More information

www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

September and early October 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by Full Council Meeting Tuesday 19th September 2023 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by Leisure & Amenities Committee Tuesday 3rd October 2023 7.00pm Planning Committee Followed by full Council Meeting

Council contact information:

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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

As we move into Autumn, stop by to find out what's new, browse the shelves for some seasonal reads or use our free Wi-Fi. You are always welcome at the library! We now have extended opening hours on Thursdays when you are able to visit the library between 1.00 and 7.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you. If you are not already a library member, it is free to join, and you can either register online or in the library. Library membership will enable you to borrow from the library, use the library computers and access all our wonderful online resources, including e-books, e-audio, newspapers and magazines.

Staffing Changes - We are very sad to inform you that Mandy has recently retired, leaving the Library Service after 19 years'

has recently retired, leaving the Library Service after 19 years' service. Mandy has worked at Cambourne Library from the beginning and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the library is in the centre of the community. She will be greatly missed by both her colleagues and customers, although we are sure that Mandy will continue to be part of our family going forward.

On a happier note, we are pleased to announce that we have some lovely new colleagues, Ilaria, Lucy and Amy, who have all joined us recently, together with Sharon, who has returned to Cambourne Library after a period working at Comberton Library. We are delighted to have them all 'on board'. Do come into the library to say hello when you are next passing.

Summer Reading Challenge - Congratulations to all the children who have completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set, Read! We hope that you have enjoyed taking part. We have enjoyed seeing so many of you in the library and hearing about what you have been reading. If you haven't finished yet, don't worry, there's still time before the Awards Ceremony on Friday 22nd September at 4.00 pm. Just pop into the library during normal opening hours to tell us when you have completed the Challenge and to collect your stickers. Remember to keep visiting the library during the school term, too. We have lots of brilliant books to support your topics and projects, plus your library card gives you free access to Encyclopaedia Britannica Online.

Thank you once again to our wonderful band of young volunteers who helped us during the summer with the Summer Reading Challenge. Your help has been very much appreciated by us all! **Engage at Cambourne Library-** Wednesday 6th September, 2.00 - 3.30 pm - 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. Our October session will be on Wednesday, 4th October, when we will be welcoming Lucy Purvey as our speaker. Lucy will talking about her life, her love of writing and how she came to write a recently published children's book. Lucy belongs to the 'Words for

Pleasure' creative writing group, who meet monthly in the library, so many of you may know Lucy already!

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 12.30 pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting, Wednesday 20h September. You will be very welcome!

The Library Presents - Following on from our very successful summer events, we are delighted to announce that Gasper Nali will be performing at Cambourne Library on Wednesday 4th October, at 7.30 pm, as part of the Autumn programme of The Library Presents. Enjoy upbeat, foot stomping Afrobeat tunes! Gasper is a unique solo musician from Malawi who plays a selfmade "Babatoni" bass guitar. Featured on CNN, BBC 6 and in the documentary 'Deep Roots Malawi'. A captivating performer, with over 20 million online views.

Book tickets at Cambourne Library or online at https://www.library.live/the-library-presents

Digital Assistance - Our lovely computer buddying volunteers are 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 10.00 am - 12 noon and 1.00 - 3.00 pm. Please pre-book a session with library staff.

Rhymetime/Storytime - Our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers are on Friday mornings, in term time, from 9.30 - 10.00 am. Our sessions this month are Rhymetime on 8th and 22nd September, and Storytime on 15th and 29th September. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!

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Goodbye to Jessica and Ellie Lydon



The end of August marked the departure of two hard-working members of the Cambourne Town Council Team, sisters Jessica and Ellie Lydon. They agreed to be interviewed about their time with the Council and their future plans.

Jessica

Jess started work at what was then the Parish Council in August 2014, 9 years ago, as an apprentice office administrator, at which time she also studied for a course in business and administration, qualifying with a level 2. She then became a full-time office administrator, with a pay rise! At the same time she was also responsible for the allotments, the trailer park, some venue bookings and also helping people with enquiries. In November 2017 Jess became the Community Development Officer, having assisted the previous Officer in that role. Since then, not only has the number of organised events - including the annual fete - risen considerably, but over time she has increased the number of street traders we have around Cambourne, introduced food markets, organised parties on the green for the Platinum Jubilee and the King's coronation, as well as Big Squiggle art events put on twice yearly. Jess has also engaged with various community groups, as well as looking after the local burial ground and helped in organising

During the Covid pandemic, Jess worked with South Cambs District Council in contacting the more vulnerable residents who might be in need of support, and in this time, she also supported Cambourne Volunteer Task Force in coordinating the delivery of food parcels and organising volunteers to collect and deliver prescriptions.

I asked Jess what she had enjoyed most about her work, and she told me it has been the organised events on the day, for instance seeing children getting involved and having fun in the art events, and residents generally enjoying getting together and spending time enjoying activities in the open air, especially after Covid. This was a great feeling for Jess, knowing that the Town Council had organised such events for the community, and overall, she has thoroughly enjoyed her time and is very grateful for the opportunities that have been available to her. Sadly, there were some projects she still had in mind to do and she will miss the excitement of carrying them through, but that might be something for the next person who takes on the role of Community Development Officer for Cambourne.

So, what next for Jess? She is going to have a short break to decide what direction she wants her career to go in. Jess has spent 18 years in Cambourne, which she says has been lovely, but is now looking to find something new, though still in the Cambridge area. She would consider working for another Council as she has a broad range of useful expertise in this area. She also has an interest in marketing, and events management, so there are plenty of options open to her in the future.

Ellie

Ellie started work in the Council office as a temporary worker in September 2017, having finished a period of travelling, but she had worked for the Council for many years before that by keeping an eye on the trailer park. She then became Office Administrator until a change in the office roles meant she could apply for, and get, the position of Committee Clerk.

This role has involved creating agendas for the bi-weekly Council meetings, producing minutes, following up on action points, dealing with enquiries sent to the

Office email address, taking minutes at other meetings attended by the Town Clerk, as well as management of the trailer park and allotments and taking bookings for the Blue Space. Certain aspects of finance were in her remit, including banking and Ellie also helped out at community events as assistant to Jess.

I asked what Ellie had enjoyed most about working for the Council and she replied that helping at events, though tiring, was also very rewarding. She enjoyed knowing how everything worked within the Town Council framework so she was able to answer questions that residents might have. And she also enjoyed the company of the people she worked with.

One time some years ag, there was a flood in the office, which happened on the day before the fete, but despite being exhausted from dealing with the disaster, they managed to create a really memorable and successful fete the following day!

Leaving Cambourne to live in London involved quite a bit of adjustment: Cambourne feels very safe, and Ellie has always loved the lakes and the green spaces, so she did feel homesick for the first couple of weeks away, but she will keep returning to visit family and friends

And what next for Ellie? She has already moved to London, returning to Cambourne for work, and her next step is to take a holiday and keep options open for the future, though she would like to work in a similar role or as an Executive Assistant.

And so, Goodbye for now and thank you Both Jess and Ellie mentioned how much they had enjoyed working with each other, and how they had always got along very well, so the next stage in both their lives will be a big change. We wish them both the very best success in their futures and thank them most sincerely for all the time and effort they have put into their work for us here in Cambourne.

HEALTH

Healthwatch role 'more important than ever' as it celebrates 10th anniversary

In a year when health and care services have been under more scrutiny than most, Healthwatch, the public health and care champion, is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

An independent organisation, Healthwatch makes sure NHS leaders and other decision-makers hear people's care experiences and use their feedback to improve services and access. It also helps people to find reliable and trustworthy information and advice about health and care provision.

For Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the year has held even greater significance, with the retirement of former CEO Sandie Smith and the arrival of her successor, Julian Stanley.

Julian said: "The work that we do at Healthwatch is more important than ever as we aim to ensure the voices of local people are listened to."

"Encouraging people to get in touch and share their feedback is a key area of focus for Healthwatch. Patient feedback can enable the NHS to spot issues and identify where services may need more resource or other support. It can also help address inequalities in access to care, the extent of which has been laid bare by the pandemic. Julian added: "Last year, 2,074 people shared their experiences of health and social care with us. That's great but we would love that number to be even higher so that we can tell local service leaders what is working well and highlight where there needs to be improvement."

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's summit event later this year will provide the perfect opportunity for people to come together to discuss their experiences, as well as mark the organisation's tenth anniversary.

The summit, which takes place on Wednesday 11 October at KingsGate

Conference Centre in Peterborough, will focus on adult social care and the challenges faced by both service providers and users in this sector.

Stewart Francis, Chair of Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said: "We will be welcoming senior decision makers and hear from expert speakers with experience in Adult Social Care services. There will also be the opportunity to put your points across in workshop sessions and during our Q&A panel session.

"Everyone is welcome at our free, friendly in-person event. We have already reached capacity for this event, but we have set up a waiting list for places should any become available due to cancellations." For more information, visit: https://tinyurl.com/3bj24py6





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Stopping fraudulent text messages

As the Prime Minister's Anti Fraud Champion. I met with the mobile phone sector, to agree how they can step up their work against scam texts.

The mobile phone companies have already introduced a spam shield which has stopped 600 million scam texts already, but clearly it is not fully robust and there is more we can do. We discussed how the industry can help support the work that the National Crime Agency and the City of London Police are doing to tackle fraud.

On a separate issue, I took Peter Freeman, chairman of Homes England, and chairman of the Cambridge Delivery Group, and his senior Homes England officials, on a tour of some of

South Cambridgeshire's amazing science parks, where many residents of Cambourne currently work. He met the people running the parks, and discussed their role in the life sciences cluster.

My aim with Mr Freeman and his team was to show them that there is already a huge amount going on in and around Cambridge, and the national Government should support the existing science parks in their ambitions. I also introduced him to James Littlewood, the chief executive of the local conservation group Cambridge Past, Present and Future.

It is also important that we sort out the water scarcity issues, and that national Government work with local authorities. I also met with the head of planning at South Cambs District Council to talk the issues through, and wrote a column for Cambridge News outlining my thinking in this



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Cambourne High Street and transport

Since I last wrote in the Cambourne Crier I have been busy in a number of areas:

During the complete Council session, I inquired of the District Council Leader about the current status of the Cambourne High Street project. Unfortunately, minimal progress was conveyed regarding the advancement of the Cambourne High Street initiative.

I extended an invitation to Mr. David Boden, the Director of Stagecoach, to participate in a Cambourne Town Council. The purpose was to provide an update on the current state of bus services in South Cambs.

I submitted a proposal to the Stagecoach Director for implementing a one-pound ticket option within Cambourne, revising the placement of new bus stops, and installing benches to accommodate the elderly and individuals with health concerns while waiting for the bus.

The transition of the Pharmacy from Lloyds to the new company was due to complete in August. This transfer instils a hope for an enhanced level of service moving forward.

I am actively engaged in several campaigns aimed at diminishing single-use plastics. Encouraging the preparation of fresh, unpackaged meals not only provides a costeffective and healthier choice but also contributes to reducing the accumulation of plastic packaging from supermarket convenience foods. This topic was deliberated in the Climate and Environment meeting of the District Council and garnered attention from local media.



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

Blood donation saves lives

The gift of blood donation makes a vital contribution to the health and recovery of thousands of people each year.

Blood (or the components of blood) are used to treat patients with medical conditions such as anaemia, cancer blood disorders, those having surgery, after childbirth and also to improve quality of life in people towards the end of life.

Blood comes in four types (A, B, AB and O) and a specific antigen in the blood makes it either 'positive' or 'negative'. All blood is made up of a number of components or parts, including red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Each of these

can be used to treat many different conditions.

After donation the blood is usually separated into individual components which means one unit of blood (or one donation) can be used to treat several different patients.

Men can give blood every 12 weeks and women can give blood every 16 weeks. You can usually give blood if you are fit and healthy; weigh between 7 stone 12 lbs and 25 stone (50kg and 158kg) and are aged between 17 and 65.

Sometimes it is taken for granted that the right blood will be available, however there is an urgent need for more black blood donors and O negative donors, but all donations can save lives. You can donate around the region.

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Beavers and Cubs



For the end of our summer term, 2nd Cambourne Beavers enjoyed a Nature Walk around Cambourne. The aim was to tick off things that were spotted as we followed a 4km route taking in footpaths, fields and round Sirius Lake. The Beavers did really well in their groups and saw many types of flora and fauna as well as things that make up our urban environment. Also this summer, 2nd Cambourne Cubs spent a fun and action-packed evening at the Obstacle Training Ground in Bassingbourn. They ran, climbed and jumped on, over and across over 20 obstacles. It was a brilliant evening with many achievements and also some very wet Cubs!!! For more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk

Joe Worth
Beaver Leader, 2nd Cambourne Scout Group







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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

There is a famous poem which begins with the line "April is the cruellest month." I think quite a number of teenagers would disagree and would argue that August is crueller. It is a month of waiting. During the past couple of weeks students have received their GCSE and A level results. While for some these results have opened the door to a hoped-for-future, for others they were disappointing and involved dashed hopes.

As a Christian I firmly believe that God has plans to give us a future and a hope, even when things seem to be going wrong. He does not want us to wallow in missed opportunities or in wrong decisions. Rather he can transform the darkest paths into ones of hope and blessing. That is not to deny that bad things happen, but it is to say that God is bigger than the things that go wrong ... even those that are the result of our own selfish actions and attitudes. For me the beauty of the Christian message is that we are never defined by the past, but rather by what is possible when God picks us up, forgives what needs forgiving, and sets us on our way again. Or perhaps I should say that God sets us on God's way again, because we are called to be involved in something so much bigger than ourselves.

So amid any disappointments, recognise that God has plans and that they can start from wherever you find yourself right now.

Revd Bill Miller

Cambourne Church Services for September 2023

3rd September

10.00am All Age Communion Service *

10th September

9.30am Sunday Morning Worship11.00am Sunday Morning Worship **

17th September

9.30am Sunday Morning Communion Service11.00am Sunday Morning Communion Service **

24th September

9.30am Sunday Morning Worship11.00am Sunday Morning Worship **

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

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Gearing Up. Well, September is here. And whilst the years may go from January through December for the calendar, others measure their years differently. For some September is the beginning particularly if you have children and each year would bring new lessons and new requirements be they uniforms or equipment. Now being involved in this is good as all parents should have a part in the education of their children. If in public and private schools then get to know the teachers and the

curriculum. Know what they are being taught. This will better prepare you to help the process if needed. Being actively involved will also alert you to any difficulties or misunderstandings so you can deal with them quickly. Yes, you might have to watch a quick refresher video on a subject, but you can do that together. Of course if like us you homeschool then you are involved already. No slowdowns, strikes, or unexpected items are needed that the child forgot to tell you about until the day before. And you have the flexibility to tailor the learning to fit the child. It is a tough process at times but well worth the effort as it is your child. You have the responsibility to shape and guide them. You make the investment



Pastor Donavan Bangs

because you love them. So with a task so meaningful, it is important to gear up. That is to prepare both material and mental things. Prepare them in all aspects of life you can. Ask yourself what is it that you wished you knew at that age? Then teach them that. This of course is more than just history and math but values and morals. Teach them respect and love. Be the example they need in life and that includes faith. If you want your children to have Christian values then do not just tell them, show them.

There was an amazing difference in many families I worked with that went from just sending the children to church, to when they took them as a family to worship together. Improved relationships throughout most of them. It reminds me of a very small verse in

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

The children are watching, so make sure what you are showing is what they should see as sometimes it may help us strive to be better and for them to be better prepared.

Pastor Donavan Bangs

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Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish

August was a quieter time for the Cambourne Catholic church community as many folk were having holidays so we had no significant events. It is always nice on holiday to find a new Catholic church local to where you are staying. Even when abroad and Mass is in a different language you can follow along as the prayers and order of the service are always the same! You can discover some beautiful and varied churches with welcoming communities all around the UK and beyond. We are continuing 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

We are running a Bible Line Study Group starting from Wed 6th September Time: 19:15 until 21:15 approximately, venue: Lower Cambourne Cricket Club, for Ten Weeks Term Time Only. Contact: Lorretta Peck 07594 222207 or email Mary Mansfield for more info: mary@mansfield.co.uk.

Joe Worth
Communications, St John Fisher Parish, Cambourne



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I am very passionate about education and my aim is to give each pupil a variety of experiences and opportunities during their time at the College, to enable them to take their next steps in education, employment, or training.

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The Vine's new term kicks off with new staff & kids

The Vine Primary School: for those involved in education knows September signals the start of a new year. This year the Vine welcomes a new cohort of Preschool and Reception learners along with a new Headteacher Mr Pete Hynes.

After 6 years Mr Faris has taken up a new position in Essex. The Vine school is now one of the top 5% of primary schools in the country thanks to his leadership and vision that the pupils of Cambourne should be provided with the best possible start in life. The school wished him goodbye as he started his new journey elsewhere.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Cooper, the Deputy Headteacher who retired. She arrived at The Vine before the first brick was laid, 17 years ago! Having been part of the original leadership team as the school was being designed and built, Mrs Cooper has truly been an integral part over the years. Present and past staff and families joined for a special celebration assembly to wish her goodbye and good luck as she embarks on a new chapter.



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CamCare UK was chosen as a finalist Inequalities Challenge Prize 2023

Cambourne's local charity CamCare UK was chosen as a finalist for the seed funding awarded for the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health Inequalities Challenge Prize 2023.

Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya, the Chair of CamCare UK said, "This is an honour to be shortlisted among many initiatives in this region. This year's Health Inequalities Challenge Prize theme is personalised caregiving, and our charity's primary focus is to serve the community through different personalised care ideas for the senior members of the community."

Local people have more control over and say in their health and care services. The focus on delivering Personalised Care approaches means community-led projects will be supported to increase opportunities for people to choose and control how their health and care are planned and delivered.

Local organisations and individuals can apply for the Challenge Prize to make their exciting, personalised care idea a reality. As the Challenge Prize is all about reducing health inequalities, applicants are encouraged to focus their projects on helping a specific group of people – whether that's veterans, people with learning disabilities, or other communities who tend to face barriers when it comes to health and care.

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CleanCar by Team CERC wins International Accolade

CleanCar, a project by Team-CERC (Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club), the popular kids' STEM club in Cambourne has been selected as one of the judges' favourites in the Coolest Projects competition.

The Coolest Projects competition invites children to submit novel projects and lists them in their online database. Over 4110 STEM projects were submitted to the online service in 2023, and they involved judges from various industries to select the top 24 from 6 categories.

CleanCar is an app to improve fuel efficiency and predict car service needs using a Raspberry Pi or a mobile phone. Every car has an OBD port that can access various sensors connected to internal sub-systems.

Through the OBD port, the app indicates real-time fuel consumption, detects car idling, and recommends car service if needed. While the nifty feature that gives small beeps while idling is really cool, the app shows red-amber-green light signals for car service needs.

One in eleven children in the UK have asthma and air pollution is the biggest culprit. The app tries to tackle air pollution by

- reducing car emissions while also reducing the costs for drivers by improving fuel efficiency. The team will approach the Department of Transport (DfT) for nationwide adoption, which
- will reduce fuel imports, especially in times of high fuel prices.

Dr. Parthiban, the team coach said, "CERC promotes the importance of STEM projects, especially the ones that solve realworld problems such as climate change or air pollution."

Further details are available from the Coolest Projects website: https://online.coolestprojects.org/projects/7008

Please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com for more information on CERC. Website: www.camcare.uk/cerc soon.





COMMUNITY



The Cambourne Family Art Day Sparks Imagination and Innovation

The Cambourne Family Art Day, organised by CamCareUK, it occurred on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at the Hub Community Centre.

This annual event brought families together for an exploration of the world of painting and drawing, with over 90 participants ranging from nursery-age children to adults, the festival provided a platform for everyone to engage in mutual creative expression and imaginative discovery.

The festival concluded with a memorable ceremony where each participant received a certificate of participation and recognised with awards. The event was the creation of a pop-up art gallery at Cambourne Hub, showcasing all the drawings and paintings created throughout the day. The Cambourne Family Art Day underscored the profound impact of art on our community and society. It emphasised the significance of coming together to share laughter, joy, and relaxation, while also encouraging participants to embrace new perspectives and approaches to artistic creation.

This event was a testament to the transformative power of art, as it fostered a sense of unity and encouraged participants to think outside the box. The Cambourne Family Art Day will be remembered as a significant and inspiring occasion, bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together to celebrate the beauty of artistic expression and its boundless possibilities.







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Cambourne Cricket Club: had an August to remember marked by a series of sporting achievements and memorable events. The Sunday XI and Midweek 1st XI both achieved stunning feats of invincibility, clinching their respective league titles without losing a single game! The Midweek 2nd XI also secured its own league title, with a campaign that was characterised by remarkable performances and good humour. In Saturday team

news, the 4th XI added to the club's achievements by securing promotion for next year, highlighting the dedication and hard work of captain Martin Johnson and his players.

Amongst the triumphs, the club's social calendar was equally vibrant. A highlight of the month was the much-anticipated Caribbean night held on 19th August. A celebration of Caribbean culture and cuisine, featuring delectable jerk chicken and curry mutton, as well as signature rum punch and great music. The event provided a perfect blend of relaxation and festivity for players, families and supporters.

The next day was also a very special one - the annual Cambourne CC vs Dell Boys CC fixture, which this year held special significance as the inaugural Duncan Shearwood Memorial Match. The Bombers paid tribute to our beloved friend and teammate in the most fitting way – through a resounding victory played in excellent spirits. August 2023 will undoubtedly be etched into Cambourne Cricket Club's 20th anniversary season as a month of on-field success, community celebrations and heartfelt remembrance.

Cambourne local breaks into the top 29 ranking.



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recently being rewarded
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Championship' driving a Porsche GT3. Daryl is currently leading that particular championship and was leading the Radical Sportscars SR3 championship too, however he has had to give up the sportscar title as he has been given a chance to complete the rest of the season in the UK's premier race series 'The British Touring Car Championship' (BTCC). He joined 28 other elite drivers and raced for first time the at Croft Circuit on the 30th of July. Over a difficult weekend of racing and despite technical problems, he showed he was fast enough to battle with the best drivers around, and fought his way up to 10th in race 3 at one point before earning a drive through penalty because of a mechnical issue on the grid.

Daryl celebrated his 18th birthday in August and will race for the rest of the season with 'Team HARD' in their 400hp Cupra Leon touring car as well as competing in the final 2 rounds of the endurance championship in the team's Porsche GT3. If you would like to watch some of his touring car racing, BTCC is shown live on ITV4 the Sunday of the race the dates of which are, Croft circuit 30th July, Knockhill 13th August, Donington Park 27th August, Silverstone 24th September and finally Brands Hatch October 8th. The Cambourne driver said "I'm so grateful to Team HARD for giving me the opportunity to race in the UK's premier race series, its incredible to be racing in front of 50 thousand BTCC race fans but I'm under no illusion that these first races are a steep learning curve for me. The realty is it's impossible to get into a new car and race against the best and expect to win straight away, but I have to admit the race driver in me is going to ignore 'the reality' and I'm going to push for results from day one. Well congratulations to Daryl and we know that Cambourne residents will be cheering for you.



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Autumn championships and coaching are back!

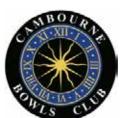


Cambourne Tennis Club: We will be holding our Club Championships this month, with singles events taking place on Saturday 2nd from 10am for our junior competition and Sunday 3rd September from 12.30am for our adult competition. The doubles event will take place on Sunday 10th September at 12.30pm. Please do come down to the courts to see our best players compete and also have a look around our new clubhouse.

Anna Byron had a day to remember at Wimbledon in August. In July, she was the runner up in the Cambridgeshire "Road to Wimbledon" U14 county finals, knocking out the 2nd and 3rd seeds on the way. Her reward was an invitation to the All England Club for a special coaching clinic led by AELTC Head Coach Dan Bloxham (the last player to talk to Andy Murray before he won in 2013). He was assisted by professionals Laura Robson (Junior Wimbledon winner and Olympic Silver Medalist), Jay Clarke (top 150 player who reached the semi-finals in the doubles), and other world-class coaches who worked with the likes of Emma Raducanu.

Anna had backstage access to the Aorangi Pavilion with the Wimbledon Player Lounge, Player Changing (with Ice Bath) and

Fancy a game of Bowls this summer anyone??



Cambourne Bowls Club: it has not been the summer we all wanted, so a big thank you to all members that have continued to support the club, be that in the league matches or evening roll ups. There is still time to come and join as it will remain open on Monday and

Thursday evenings 5.30pm - 7pm until late September. For addition information please contact Stuart Palmer on 07860 654057 or at cambournebowls@gmail.com

the coaching clinic on the famous grass courts. The coaches were brilliant with the kids, sharing insights and inspiration, and really made them feel like stars for a day.

Autumn Term Tennis coaching will commence 4th September, and will continue until 16th December (14 weeks). This excludes October Half Term (23rd-29th Oct) so please check dates carefully. We offer sessions for all ages and abilities, weekdays and



weekends. To sign up, go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk. For any questions, please contact our Head Coach Toby Jackson at toby@gamesettennis.co.uk.

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 annual memberships are great value, ranging from £15 for Mini Members up to £145 for a Family. These give unlimited access to 5 floodlit courts for a whole year. For more information about the Tennis club and how to join, please visit https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC.



WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER or simply come and watch - it's up to you!





FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FAMILY FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS Everyone welcome

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

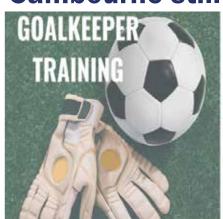
EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM except cancelled on 3rd September

Cambourne Sports Centre Playing Fields

Register: parkrun.org.uk/register Info: parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

SPORTS

Cambourne still wants new players and volunteers





Every Tues and Weds 5-6pm PLUS new session Thurs 5-6pm ages 15+ only On the 3G pitches - for club

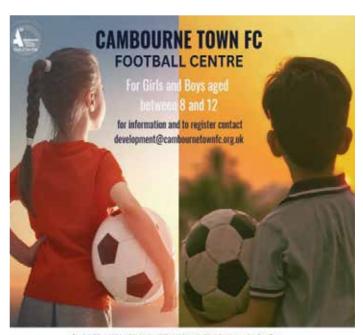
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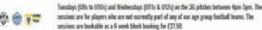
Cambourne TFC will now run 3 weekly goalkeeper training sessions for all ages. Current sessions are for boys and girls every Tuesday and Wednesday 5-6pm on the 3G pitch thanks to Coach Adam and Coach Lauren. The club has now introduced a Thursday session 5-6pm which is for ages 15 and over; free for club members only.

Having two coaches enables a good standard of coaching with 2 DBS checked coaches at each session with relevant coaching experience, along with safeguarding and first aid qualifications. All are welcome, contact Coach Adam for more information Emai ctfc.gkschool@gmail.com

Coming up at The Dugout...

We have The Dugout's 1st birthday celebration on 23rd September with a quiz, bingo, food and drink, football on the big screens and a special guest from 1pm when ex England International Footballer John Barnes will be joining the celebrations! Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled evening. Booking essential for the quiz (£1 per person) with bingo payable on the night.









New Football Centre sessions for children

Following the Trial Period of our Development Centre across May & June, we are delighted to confirm that we will continue with this initiative into the 2023-2024 season, which has been renamed to Football Centre! Providing kids who can't access a team at Cambourne with the chance to keep training and developing their skills until a space opens up. Training will cover the 'Brilliant Basics' through sessions and gameplay to help develop the core skills of a footballer!

Tuesdays 4-5pm: 8 - 10 year olds. Wednesdays 4-5pm: 11-12 year olds. To book your child's place visit

https://cambournetownfc.square.site or email Football Development Officer Alfie Tate:

development@cambournetownfc.org.uk.



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'.

SPORT

CTFC: National Grassroots Club of the Year 2023



CTFC Co-Club Secretary Melanie Hadley led the delegation from Cambourne to accept the award at Wembley Stadium... We received the news about our award win from England FA on 8th June, but were unable to share the information with anyone at that time. The news was finally announced internally to the club leading up to Trophy Day and the nerves and apprehension of what was to come started to hit home; TV crews, photographers and the trip to Wembley looming!

Upon arriving at Club Lounge Wembley and spotting John Barnes and Rachel Yankey just mingling we felt overawed at what we had achieved. We were then shown to our table to spot Sir Geoff Hurst was seated with us!

The awards ceremony commenced with BBC Sports presenter Seema Jaswal our host for the afternoon. Amazing stories were shared as the winners of the 12 national awards were announced: inspiring young coaches of just 18 years old to life savers and ground staff.

We saw Gareth Southgate and Steve Holland just metres away on stage telling stories of their own grassroots beginnings. Finally, it was our turn – John Barnes stepped on stage and our name was announced. Our video played and then it was up on to the stage we all went in front of a room of 400 people.

Feelings of 'wow' and 'look what we have achieved as a club' – all our volunteers, our managers, coaches, youth and adult players all bringing our community together as one.

Then it was time for the match – and at half time it was our moment on the big screen and a trip to the pitch – in front of 81,145 people. Walking out onto the pitch and representing our club is something I will never ever forget, hearing the enormous





cheer when Cambourne Town FC was announced as the National Club of the Year, looking up and spotting my son in the crowd, my immense pride in us all as I looked around and took it all in, wanting to savour the moment and share it with everyone.

Our club is made up of some amazing people, people who give up their time for others, allowing children to play the sport they love and continue into adulthood and providing a network of lifelong friends. Coaches who give up time with their own families to make sure the team is supported. All volunteers who want to make a difference and what a difference we are making.

Thank you to all of you. It is truly an honour to have represented you at Wembley.

Cambourne Town FC was chosen to win this prestigious award due to the breadth of football opportunities offered to the local community. England Football considered that the club:

- Sits at the heart of the community, providing an opportunity for all to get involved
- Thinks outside the box to make football better for more people
- Clearly demonstrates, both on and off the pitch, inclusivity and playing a part in the local community
- Supports FA initiatives such as Wildcats, Squad Girls & Just Play
- Grows on pitch opportunities, introducing recreational or new teams for male, female and disabled players
- Provides facilities that offer more opportunities for players on the pitch and for the community away from the pitch



This amazing award is very gratefully received – it shows what can be accomplished when people come together and put co-operation and inclusivity at the very heart of everything they do.

The club now looks forward to exciting times ahead, as this award will aid fundraising and development plans such as improving pitch and changing room facilities, new signage and implementing a range of football development initiatives in partnership with the Town Council.

■ Richard Brown CTFC Secretary, 2021-2023

Cover photo - Back row: Jane Sulch (Colts Secretary), John Barnes, Myles Hadley (Assistant Coach U13 Blues and Webmaster), Lauren Smith (Wildcats Coach & Ladies Goalkeeper), Sharon Greaves (Accreditation Officer), Emma Smith (Co-Secretary and Fixtures Secretary), Rhys Thoroughgood (Men's Secretary and Saturday men's team player) and Adam Smith (Soccer School and Wildcats Coach, Early Years Officer, U16 Girls Coach and Adult Saturday Men's Coach, Assistant Coach to Ladies Team) Middle row: Holding the award, Melanie Hadley (Co-Secretary and Events Manager) Front row: Ethan Dowe (Coach U14 Greys and Saturday men's player), Hannah Plumb (Wildcats Coach and Ladies team player), Ben Hadley (Youth player in U13 Blues), Madison Smith (Dugout Support) and Alfie Tate (Football Development Officer)