



## New Cambourne pharmacy now open

**Cambourne has welcomed the new owner of the former Lloyds Pharmacy.**

From September 2023 the new owners have been Jardine's, a 40-strong, family-owned group based in Milton Keynes.

Business owners Has Modi and Krishnan Modi (his eldest son) spoke to *Cambourne Crier* about their background and plans for the Cambourne store.

Mr Modi Snr openly acknowledges the problems they inherited from Lloyds Pharmacy - mainly unscheduled closures and unacceptably long queues - and appreciates that as a result of this and other issues, many customers had taken their business to neighbouring pharmacies. They hope to redress this balance and ensure the pharmacy remains open Monday to Friday 9am until 6pm, with plans to extend their hours to open on a Saturday.

Mr Modi went on to explain that Jardine's primarily offers a community centric service. "We love serving new communities, recognising that newly arriving populations have uprooted from elsewhere and in most cases are looking to start families and have needs beyond just fulfilment of prescriptions.

"As well as ensuring people get their medications in a timely manner, we aim to promote healthy living and improving



quality of life. We will offer a wide range of services for common illnesses in collaboration with fellow healthcare providers including a new medicines service, flu vaccination, blood pressure check services and others to follow."

The pharmacy will develop as the community and town develops, changing the business model to suit local needs. Central to this will be a pharmacy user group to continuously monitor the needs of the local population.

Mr Modi continued: "Cambourne has a very good feel to it. I sense that people are very proud of their town and

Cambourne exudes a strong community spirit. I also believe that people want to support local businesses and local facilities. We want to serve Cambourne and make a positive difference."

The pharmacy was acquired without any permanent members of staff, so they are now actively recruiting a pharmacy manager and staff who enjoy customer facing roles.

"We are relying on community support in our journey together in order to ensure a sustainable, user-friendly pharmacy service to the community of Cambourne," said Mr Modi.

### Fireworks night!



**Cambourne Fireworks Display returns this year on 4 November**

■ See page 6 for more...

### Korean Adventure



**Jack Hough on his trip to South Korea for the World Scout Jamboree**

■ Read more on page 23...

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## CAMBOURNE CRIER

Cambourne Crier is the only independent, non-profit publication delivered to all Cambourne residents each month. Any profits are distributed to the community through our Community Fund. Cambourne Crier is compiled entirely by volunteers.

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**■ Cambourne Speed Limit Reduction**

Following the publication of the Parish plan in 2017 and a consultation with residents, the Town Council has been working with the County Council to get a blanket 20mph speed limit in Cambourne and a reduction in the speed limit on Cambourne Road.

With this in mind the Council surveyed all the roads in Cambourne to establish their layout, design speed (much of Cambourne was designed to be a maximum of 20mph) and any traffic calming. This was to support a Privately Funding Highway Improvements (PFHI) initiative application to the County Council. This was submitted in August 2018.

The County Council started working on the design of the scheme ready for a consultation. They produced a guide price for the work and funds were set aside in the Town Council budget to cover the cost. This was, however, delayed due to the County Council diverting staff to deal with COVID. Once the County Council returned to normal, work was recommenced on the design of the scheme.

This was again put temporarily on hold as the Government had announced a source of funding the County Council could use through the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to implement the speed reduction throughout Cambourne. The design was then finalised and the County Council went out with a formal consultation between 5-28th July 2023.

Following the consultation, the town Council received the following statement: *In July 2023, the County Council published a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit zone covering the built-up area of Cambourne and a 30mph speed limit on Cambourne Road (between the A428 and the town).*

The County Council received objections to the proposals, so the matter had to be

formally determined by senior officers in consultation with the local County Councillor.

The decision was to go ahead with the 20mph speed limit zone covering the town. However, in respect of Cambourne Road, after careful consideration of the characteristics of the road and taking into account comments received, including from Cambridgeshire Police, the decision was taken that a more suitable speed limit for Cambourne Road would be 40mph.

You can find more information, including a report and the formal decision record on our Delegated Decision Meeting 11-09-23 page. The next steps are that the County Council is working on the delivery of the speed limits with their contractor so that the scheme can be delivered by 31st March 2024. The Town Council will keep the residents updated on progress.

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS****October 2023**

3rd October at 7pm: Planning Committee followed by Full Council Meeting  
17th October at 7pm: Planning Committee followed by Finance and Policy Committee

7th November at 7pm: Planning Committee followed by full Council Meeting

**BIN COLLECTIONS:**

Black Bin: Thursday 12th October and Thursday 26th October

Blue/Green Bins: Thursday 19th, and Thursday 2nd November 2023.

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## Looking for an allotment in Cambourne?

Great news! Brace Dein Allotments in Upper Cambourne now has a minimum of 12 plots available for rent.

For more information or to secure your plot, please contact the Cambourne Town Council Office. Tel: 01954 714403 or email: [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk).

Alternatively, you can visit the Cambourne Town Council office conveniently located next to The Hub community centre on High Street, Great Cambourne.

At Brace Dein Allotments, we extend a warm welcome to all new tenants. Gardening enthusiasts of all levels are invited to join our community, share their passion, and nurture their plots into beautiful gardens.

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## COMMUNITY

# Cambourne Library

### Opening times

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

Are you keen to make our planet cleaner and greener for future generations? If your answer is yes, the library is here for you! Libraries lend and share: we have always been at the heart of the circular economy. We have a wide array of books and online resources to inform and inspire you on your green journey, and increasingly we'll be inviting you to library events and activities that promote sustainability.

**Engage at Cambourne Library** - Wednesday 1st November, 2.00 - 3.30 pm - our topic this month is also on a green theme. Come along to hear Sheila Watson share her passion for nature **'Nurturing Nature - the Why and How'**. Sheila will also have with her a range of handmade items, made from re-cycled materials, and available for sale. Bring along some cash, as you may find that ideal Christmas gift, and all proceeds will go towards projects supporting nature.

**Half-Term at the Library** - We will be holding our popular family **Lego** event on **Wednesday 25th October, 10.00 -11.30 am, £2 per child**. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential, either with staff at Cambourne Library, or via [cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Wild about Hedgehogs on Thursday 26th October, 1.00 - 3.30 pm** in the library, with Becca Badger from the Wildlife Trust. Drop-in craft, chat and information about hedgehogs. This is a free event, but donations for the Wildlife Trust welcome.

**Creative Cambourne** - A creating connections programme for Cambourne using nature. Come along and be part of a series of workshops exploring your 'sense of place' via the lens of nature. Create art using natural and locally foraged materials, text, imagery and books. The project will run for six weeks on **Thursdays, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm, from 2nd November until 7th December** at Cambourne Library. Join as many sessions as you like - just drop in. No previous experience required and no need to book.

**The Library Presents** - As part of the Autumn programme of The Library Presents, we have an afternoon of family fun at Cambourne Library on **Saturday 25th November** when we are pleased to host **Dance Like an Astronaut with Ascension Dance**. Discover facts about stars and space and learn dance moves. A fun and interactive session, particularly suitable for families with children aged 4-8 years. There will be two sessions, starting at 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Book tickets for either session, £3 per person, at Cambourne Library, or online at <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents>.

**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 18th October**. You will be very welcome!

**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 6th and 20th October, and Storytime on 13th October and 3rd November. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!

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# Cambourne Fireworks Display 2023

**Cambourne Fireworks Display will take place on Saturday 4th November 2023 at Great Cambourne Sports Field on Back Lane.**

The Funfair will start at 6pm and the main firework display will start approximately at 19:30; the timing is however weather dependent for the safety of all those attending.

Sparklers will be on sale with a sparkler zone to light your sparklers.

There will be hot refreshments, a

licensed bar and free mulled wine available while stock lasts.

Volunteers will be on hand throughout the event with collection buckets collecting for next years event. Any money raised goes towards the cost of next years firework display, so please give generously.

Please note that part of Back Lane - between the High Street and Sterling Way will be closed from Midday until approximately 10pm.



There will also be no parking and the closest parking will be Morrisons car park.

The Cambourne Fireworks Committee look forward to seeing you all on the night.

# Wildlife Trust seeks wild rangers

## Calling Wild Rangers

Many young people have worries about the future in light of the biodiversity and climate crises. The best way to ease eco-anxiety is with action - mental health in general can be improved by getting out in nature, with gentle exercise and by socialising. The Wildlife Trust BCN is starting up a Youth Ranger group in the West Cambs 100s [www.wildlifebcn.org/westcambshundreds](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/westcambshundreds) for young people aged 11-17 years old, which will include practical activities, socials, workshops, walks and talks, making use of our nature reserves between Gamlingay, Cambourne and Trumpington Meadows.

These will especially suit those interested in wildlife and environmental issues - depending on the activity, some sessions will be free. Over the last year we have trialled a few sessions and hope that we can get a group of interested people to attend regularly, but sessions can be as a one-off.

We're looking for a volunteer with experience working with young people who'd be interested in helping with these sessions, with monthly availability either Friday mornings (school holidays) or Saturday mornings, do get in touch to discuss [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org)

Look out for our October half term session in Cambourne Fri 27 Oct, 9.30am-12.30pm. We are also running some family events for younger children over half-term [www.wildlifebcn.org/events](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/events)

## Save the Day - Friday 1 December Wildlife Christmas Fair

Save the date for the Wildlife Trust BCN's annual Christmas Fair.

Entry is free and there will be an array of lovely local hand-made crafts and gifts on

sale, as well as Opticron binoculars to try before you buy, fun activities for children, and a Christmas raffle.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be on offer - cheers, the Trust look forward to seeing you there!

## Christmas Fair at Cambourne

**Friday 1 December**  
From 3pm-7pm

Enjoy a glass of festive mulled wine, a mince pie and browse our fabulous array of Christmas gifts including:

- Amazing wildlife art, drawings, paintings and prints.
- Opticron Binoculars - try before you buy and speak to an expert about your optics requirements
- Handmade jewellery
- Christmas cards, calendars & books
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**Free entry**

Location:  
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Contacts:  
Sarah Aikens and Olivia Tullett  
[membership@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:membership@wildlifebcn.org)

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne, CB23 6DH Tel: 01954 713500 Email: [cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org) Registered charity No. 1000412

## COMMUNITY

### Act of Remembrance 2023



**This year, the Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 12th November at 10.50am outside Cambourne Church.** Everyone is welcome at this event as we say 'thank you' to all who have served, sacrificed and changed our world and also to those who are currently doing so. There will be a parade of the uniformed organisations along Eastgate before the Act of Remembrance and back again after the service.

After the Act of Remembrance, everyone is warmly invited to stay at Cambourne Church for hot drinks and cakes. Eastgate will be closed to all traffic (except pedestrians) between 10.15am and 11.45am while the Act of Remembrance and parade take place. Diversions along Jeavons Lane, High Street and Back Lane will be in place. During this time, the whole of the church car park will be in use for both the parade and members of the public - therefore, please ensure that no vehicles are left in the car park on the Sunday morning.

■ Please contact [office@cambournechurch.org.uk](mailto:office@cambournechurch.org.uk) for further details.

### Letter of thanks

Dear *Cambourne Crier* editorial team - you do a great job thank you. I read every page of every edition.

I would appreciate the inclusion of a "Thank You" letter for the CamCare UK Community Bus.

On behalf of Crafty Ladies and friends Cambourne - a Big thank you to Shrobona and the lovely volunteer drivers - Kerry and Venkat.

To date, groups have enjoyed a few trips using the Cambourne Community Bus:

- Visiting Emmaus (near Ely) for lunch and shopping!
- Organised a tour of the Manor House - Hemingford Grey (one of the oldest inhabited houses in Britain) home of the late Lucy Boston - writer, quilter, gardener - a wonderful afternoon!
- Visit to Bedford - The Higgins museum - including a demonstration of lace making by the Aaragon lace makers which has inspired one of our members to start lace making!

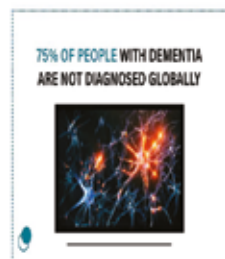
This has all been possible thanks to Shrobona and the team of volunteers.

*Pat Callaghan*

*on behalf of Crafty Ladies and friends*



Make a difference to Alzheimer's research at Cambourne



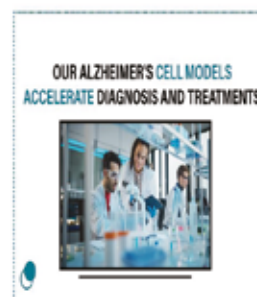
### Alzheimer's disease: Volunteer to tackle dementia

Stemnovate is a Cambridge-based biotech company that provides a drug discovery platform. The company has added new offices and research space at Cambourne Business Park. The company aims to accelerate drug discovery, ensuring safe and targeted treatments while reducing animal testing.

The company is a recipient of several prestigious grants. Among them is a million-pound co-funding from Innovate UK.

This year, Stemnovate established a collaboration with the Babraham Institute to create a brain cell model to study Alzheimer's disease.

Conventionally, researchers require brain samples for such studies, but they are hard to obtain. Stemnovate has unique technology to convert a pinch of skin biopsy or a few Millilitres of blood to stem cells and then direct these cells into brain cells. Check out our Alzheimer's blog on our website. <https://stemnovate.co.uk/blog-news>



Dr Ruchi Sharma, CEO of Stemnovate said, "These lab-made brain cells can provide information on disease processes and will be used to test new medicines".

You can make a huge difference by volunteering to participate in this research. We are requesting people who have family members with Alzheimer's to contact us for participation.

You can read about our work at:

<https://www.babraham.ac.uk/news/2023/02/stemnovate-and-babraham-institute-collaboration>

You can participate by donating blood or skin samples but also we are creating awareness about disease in the community as early diagnosis can help patients and families. In the coming week in October we are filming an interview on the topic of Alzheimer's. We want to hear from family members as their experience with patients is crucial to understand disease at different stages.

You can email us at [info@stemnovate.co.uk](mailto:info@stemnovate.co.uk) to volunteer for research tissue donation and also for participation and interview in an Alzheimer's documentary.

Follow us on social media to find out more about specific research topics.





## COLUMNISTS



**ANTHONY BROWNE**  
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### Cambourne and Cambridge transport and anti fraud measures

**It has been a busy week and a busy month. I attended Cambourne Festival, held in the town's community centre, meeting stall holders and councillors.** I was very happy trying some of the food on offer. I won a pineapple in the raffle, which I ate with friends.

My team and I wrote, stuffed and posted over 4,000 letters to residents of Cambourne about upcoming transport improvements, such as the dualling of the A428 and new train station.

I welcomed the local Labour and Liberal

Democrats pressing the pause button on the hated Cambridge congestion charge, which I have been campaigning strongly against. However, they won't confirm they would never bring it back. My fear is that they are simply shelving it until the general election to deny voters the chance to have their say on it, and will then bring it back. The collapse of the congestion charge does bring into question the future of the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

As the PM's Anti-Fraud Champion, I have continued negotiations with tech firms including Meta to get them to introduce systems to stop fraudsters abusing their platforms. I spoke at a conference on fraud to fund managers, and listened in to a focus group feeding into an upcoming public awareness campaign.



**STEPHEN DREW**  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
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### Freedom of speech in a democracy

**Freedom of speech in a democracy is something I think we can all agree is vital to a healthy society.**

However, equally, residents of Cambourne are entitled to want their town to be kept as smart as possible for their visitors.

For the last three months one resident of South Cambridgeshire has exercised his rights with great impact by leaving a van with banners on it at the entrance to our town. The van was finally removed by South Cambridgeshire District Council on 14th September after it was vandalised overnight and declared to be dangerous. You may wonder why the van was

left there for so long. Well, I can assure you that Councillor Leeming and I were in almost constant contact with both the district council and the housing developers who actually own the land in the middle of Cambourne Road where the van was placed. There was something of an impasse over responsibility, and this led to neither organisation being willing to take action to remove the van.

This was very disappointing, and we will continue to seek to get them to accept responsibility for any such incidents in the future.

The person who owns the van is in an ongoing dispute with the district council and has been clear he intends to put another van on the spot; we will be seeking to get the council and the developers to work together much more quickly the next time.



**CATHERINE PRICE**  
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### 10th October is World Mental Health Day

**We all have mental health and there are many ways we can help ourselves keep mentally healthy:**

- Get close to nature: notice the different sounds, smells and textures.
- Notice what you are feeling: name your feelings but don't be judgmental; talk kindly to yourself.
- Talk with someone you trust: it can change how you see and feel about situations.
- Manage your feelings well: it may seem easy to use drugs or alcohol but these can cause a lot more problems in the long run.

- Sleep well: do what you can to create a relaxing bedtime routine and avoid caffeine, alcohol and screens before bed.

- Be kind: kindness is good for everyone, whether through volunteering or just a smile or friendly word.

- Eat well and keep moving: looking after our bodies helps our mental health and exercise releases hormones that reduce feelings of stress.

- Avoid food and drink high in sugar or caffeine and eat a balanced diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables.

- Plan things to look forward to: whether meeting a friend, organising a trip or watching a favourite film, planning is good for our mental wellbeing and sense of hope.

*Reference/ further information:*  
[www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)



## CHURCHES

### The Heroes Academy



**Superheroes was the theme of Christ Church Cambourne's first-ever holiday club this summer.**

Held from 21 to 23 August at the Cambourne site of Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School, the "Heroes Academy" welcomed around forty local children for three days of fun, games, crafts and Bible stories.

Every morning, we made sure our heroes-in-training were equipped with the latest in costume accessories and gadgets, before a pair of grown-up superzeroes (I mean, superheroes) arrived on the scene ready to start at the academy. Cue a ton of slapstick humour and a lot of laughs! These two newbies clearly had something to learn. The children (and helpers) threw themselves into some lively songs and dancing, then sat listening intently to a Bible story about Jesus, the ultimate superhero - the only one who is able to rescue us.

Time to split into groups! Children could be found painting comic-style graphics, modelling their own superheroes out of recycling, having a snack and chat, or completing an obstacle course against the clock. When the whistle sounded, the team chants echoed around the building as the groups made their way to the next station, where the fun continued. Each morning ended with a quiz, complete with noisy buzzers and the odd custard pie, before children were picked up and went home singing the songs in the car and for the rest of the day...! Christ Church Cambourne would like to thank everyone who supported our first holiday club and especially all the children who came along and made it so much fun.

■ **Christ Church Cambourne** meets every Sunday at 10.45am at the Cambourne site of Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School (next to Cambourne Village College). Everyone is welcome. Its annual Light Party will be on 29 October at the Hub, 3-5pm, where there will be crafts, activities and refreshments suitable for the whole family. All free. [christchurchcambourne.org.uk](http://christchurchcambourne.org.uk)



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## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Do you ever pause to reflect as you look around at the Universe of which we are a part? I recently discovered online videos featuring an old friend, who is now a Professor of Astrophysics at Oxford University. She talked about the awe, which is almost universal, when people contemplate the heavens. Of course, this sense of awe is not always connected with a belief in God. Many of us will have watched an excited Professor Brian Cox on television talking about the nature of the Universe without any reference to God. But for my friend there is a part of the Bible that often comes to mind as she pursues her work. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8 v.3-4) We are small and seemingly insignificant beings, awed at the magnitude of the Creation, and yet God cares for us. Every autumn churches, schools and communities celebrate the harvest. We are invited to be grateful for a world in which a vast interplay of natural processes and human actions leads to the food upon which we all rely. Gazing at the heavens, walking beside a field of wheat, harvesting tomatoes in a garden or eating a tasty meal. These can all lead to a sense of wonder and a sense of gratitude, especially when we remember to pause.

**Revd Bill Miller**

### Cambourne Church Services for October 2023



1st	10.00am	Sunday One: All Age Communion Service *
	7.00pm	Sanctuary - Guided Reflective Prayer
8th	9.30am	Communion Service
	11.00am	Communion Service **
15th	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service **
22nd	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service **
29th	9.30am	Worship Service
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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

**Changes Come.** October has arrived and the season has definitely changed. Cooler weather and shorter days. Other things have changed as well. A few months ago I had mentioned going through the process for charity registration. This after some editing of documents, scratching of heads, confusion, and more open Chrome tabs for research than my computer could handle and such this has been approved. Now the original reason we were to go through this is to become a sponsor for our helper Caleb and subsequently another missionary family. Well before this was completed Caleb was led to find a wife, another fellow Christian worker with permanent residency so he will be applying for a spousal visa. They have known each other for years. But the other family will still need us so that would be another step. Not only will they help in the work here but also in other similar churches in the area when there is a need. Thanks also to the folks in Cambourne who reached out about the church treasurer courses. Those should come in handy as there is a difference



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between keeping to the good old book and bookkeeping. Another thing that has changed is we are trying live broadcasting on YouTube and the first few went well. Although after the first one I did solo I changed the format to two separate streams cutting out the songs from the broadcast as the mic really only picked up my voice and not everyone is gifted with a voice for singing. Hopefully, things will improve when my song leader returns.

We have been able to get in new supplies for outreach in several different languages as Cambourne is well represented in a diversity of languages and cultures and we will do what we can to reach out to them all. Stay safe and warm Cambourne.

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## EDUCATION

# Hardwick & Cambourne kicks off another new year

**Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary** have kicked off the new term with the enthusiastic return of eager students. It's been great to meet our new reception kids and their parents as they embark on their journeys with us, settling into school life and making friends.

In Year 1 and 2, the children were taught 'Castles and Fairy Tales' and are looking forward to their trip to Headingham Castle in Essex, to explore a Norman castle, learn archery, jousting and medieval dancing.

Year 3 and 4 are fully immersed in their 'Sunny Hunny' topic, where they got to enjoy a memorable trip to Hunstanton. There they experienced searching for crabs, collecting shells, building sandcastles, eating ice creams along the promenade and a trip to the Sea Life Centre, where many of the children got to touch a starfish. During a visit to the town



they recognised similarities between Cambourne and Hunstanton and look at the coastal erosion of the cliffs.

Back at school they have written persuasive brochures about Hunstanton based on their trip. We hope to be able to share some of these with you in the next edition!

The Year 5 and 6 pupils have been enjoying their 'Passage to India' topic.

Later on in the term, they'll be off to Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford, where they will experience a Hindu temple. Currently, in English they have been writing non-chronological reports about a region of India, which have been highly interesting reads so far.

Next month we will announce our new Year 6 Pupil Governor.

# Monkfield Park recognised with two new awards



**Monkfield Park Primary School's** new year began with the news of two new awards. Thanks to the tireless work of our teaching staff, we have been awarded the Gilt Primary Science Quality Mark in recognition of our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning in Science. The report commended us for engaging children with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes to science as well as encouraging scientific enquiry skills and understanding.

We were also awarded the Gold School Games Mark for 2022/2023 in recognition of our commitment to developing children's involvement in sporting competitions in school

and the community. We are very proud to have been recognised for our achievements in both fields and welcome all the students back for the new school year; with so much learning going on in and outside the classrooms thanks to the very sunny weather.

Our new Reception has got off to a fantastic start, settling into the routines and rhythms of school life. Their confidence, joy and inquisitive natures have shone through as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey with us in school.



# Introducing Peter Hynes: the Vine's new headteacher

**The Vine Inter Church Primary School:** I am delighted to have been appointed as the new headteacher for The Vine and am looking forward to getting to know all the pupils, parents, carers and staff. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to lead this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey.

As a parent, my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life, try and provide as many opportunities for them so they can achieve their potential. This is the same philosophy I bring to my role as Head Teacher. At The Vine we aim to develop their academic ability (Head), their character and wellbeing

(Heart) and problem solving and creative skills (Hand) and this holistic approach to education will allow each child to flourish. I look forward to developing the important relationships The Vine holds within the local community and meeting more families over the next few months.



## COMMUNITY



### A dramatic evening

**Join us for an evening of classic scary stories!**

This Halloween, the local amateur theatre group are presenting an evening of dramatic readings from classic ghost stories and atmospheric poems. Cambourne Community Theatre group have chosen a variety of pieces including "Dracula's Guest" by Bram Stoker and Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven".

"We wanted to try something different and aimed at an older audience for our next production," said director Marcus Pitcaithly, "and bringing these stories, with a variety of styles, together offered us a great opportunity to do that. This selection should be the perfect thing for an evening of drama close to Halloween." Performances will be at the Hub on Friday 27th and Sunday 29th October at 7:30pm. Seats are limited; to book or for more information go to [cambournecommunitytheatre.org](http://cambournecommunitytheatre.org) or e-mail the group at [info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org](mailto:info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org)



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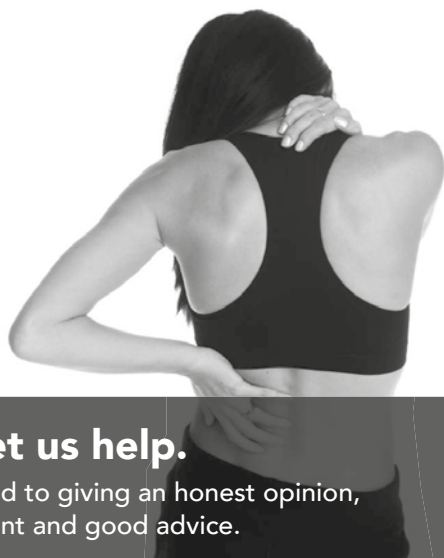
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## COMMUNITY

### Cambourne Vedic Heritage (CVH) celebrates Janmashtami and Ganesh Festival in Cambourne

Cambourne's Indian communities joyfully marked two significant religious festivals in September. On the 6th September, they celebrated Janmashtami, Lord Krishna's Birthday, followed by Lord Ganesha's Birthday on 19th September.

These celebrations drew in a diverse gathering of Indian communities representing various states of India. The events were not just about religious observance but also a celebration of culture and togetherness. A delightful highlight was the sharing of homemade dishes, creating a sense of warmth and unity among attendees. As the festivities unfolded, children and their parents actively participated in singing and chanting, adding an enchanting atmosphere to the gatherings.

The ceremonies were expertly led by a Hindu Priest, who guided the community through the rituals and traditions associated with each festival, making the celebrations spiritually meaningful and culturally rich. [cambournevedicheritage.co.uk](http://cambournevedicheritage.co.uk)



### CERC bridges the borders: Fostering STEM education and cultural exchange with Edinburgh excursion



**Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) embarked on an educational journey to Edinburgh from 20th-23rd July 2023, in collaboration with CamCare UK and WellbeingOn CIC, marking a significant step in extending CERC's reach beyond Cambridge.**

Both cities, rich in cultural and academic heritage, symbolised by Cambridge University and Edinburgh Castle, are epitomes of intellectual vitality. This venture intertwined the historical narratives of these eminent cities, going beyond a mere academic exchange.

A key achievement was the formation of new teams in Edinburgh, poised to compete in the First Lego League Challenge, a field where CERC has achieved success. The participating families, welcomed warmly by Edinburgh hosts, travelled from Cambridge to Edinburgh in CamCare UK's

minibus, experiencing a memorable journey.

At the trip's core was a two-day workshop by CERC's students, focusing on the First Lego League's pillars, highlighting projects giving Edinburgh children a competitive edge. Participants explored Edinburgh's historical sites, merging learning with leisure, and enriching STEM knowledge.

This initiative followed CERC's recent BEST STEM Club award, reinforcing its STEM education commitment. The expedition showcased CERC's dedication to fostering learning beyond classrooms, blending familial bonding, cultural immersion, and educational enrichment.

It underscores CERC's ongoing ambition, with its partners, to offer more opportunities for young minds to explore STEM and broaden their intellectual horizons.



# Jack's World Scout Jamboree adventure

**Jack Hough is a Young Leader with 1st Cambourne Cubs and over the summer holidays was privileged to be one of 4,500 Scouts and Guides from the UK attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. He spoke to *Cambourne Crier* about his experience...**

Over a period of 24 hours, Unit 18 (Cambridgeshire) flew to Seoul via Doha in Qatar. In total we were in the air for more than 14 hours. Around the same time, over 40,000 other Jamboree participants travelled from their home countries to South Korea.

When we first arrived in Korea, we spent a week exploring the capital, Seoul, learning about the city, its inhabitants and the Korean culture before moving onto the Jamboree campsite located at Saemangeum.

The people of South Korea are some of the nicest people I have ever met.

The experience on the Jamboree site itself was like nothing else. Even though we unfortunately ended up leaving the Jamboree site early due to the weather, we did have enough time to meet people from all different backgrounds and cultures, make friends and trade gifts and mementos, which was a very special opportunity for me and many others.

While in Korea we took part in multiple activities. One of my most memorable was getting the opportunity to go to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) where North and South Korea meet each other. This was a very special opportunity as we never expected to be able to visit such a politically important place.

Another exciting activity I took part in was getting to visit Seonunsa Temple, a Buddhist Temple in Gochang-Gun, where I got the opportunity to take part in a traditional tea drinking ceremony. This was also incredible special as I experienced a different culture and the way they follow religion.

Finally, I was lucky enough to get an access-all-areas tour of the UK Embassy!

I feel that the experience has really benefited and developed me as a person. Even though the Jamboree wasn't exactly what we all expected, we learned to be resilient in the face of challenging conditions and that teamwork, no matter the conditions, means you can succeed and have fun.

It truly was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I consider myself so lucky to have experienced it first hand.



## COMMUNITY

# Cambourne's Grand Onam Celebration

**Cambourne saw the biggest Onam celebration with lots of fun activities and traditional rituals in the East of England on 9th September 2023.**

Onam is a significant and vibrant festival celebrated by the Keralite community in India, and it holds immense cultural and traditional significance. This harvest festival is marked by elaborate feasts, cultural performances, and the decoration of intricate flower carpets called "pookalam."

The highlight of Onam celebration was the magnificent Thiruvathira dance, showcasing intricate costumes, colourful makeup, and captivating storytelling through dance and music.

During celebration, people enjoyed delightful experience of cultural traditions, delicious Kerala cuisine (Kerala style homemade Onam feast), and engaging performances that reflect the spirit of this festival.



## Scams and cybercrime support

**Scams and cybercrime are on the increase and can impact even the most savvy technology user.**

Familiarising yourself with some of the ways that criminals can draw you in can help you be alert to scams.

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- Contacted out of the blue.
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- Offered something that sounds too good to be true.
- Rushed.
- Aware of poor spelling or grammar in official-looking communication.
- For any other reason suspicious.

It's okay to ask more questions or take your time to make sure you know who you are talking to,

for example, finding out the organisation's phone number from the internet and telephoning that number for confirmation.

Action Fraud is the UK's central point of contact for reporting fraud and financially motivated online crime.

■ For more information, please email [communitysafety@scams.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@scams.gov.uk)

## Fly Tipping in Cambs

**South Cambs District Council (SCDC) is determined to crack down on illegally dumped rubbish and has prioritised it as a key objective in its Business Plan by:**

- Prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site.
- Deterring criminal activity using 'fly tippers under investigation' stickers to highlight ongoing investigations.
- Joint roadside check initiatives with the Police, MHRC and other partners.
- Fly tipping is a criminal offence which can result in a fixed Penalty Notice of up to £400 or could end up in court with fines of up to £50,000 or even a prison sentence.

Councillor Henry Batchelor, Lead Cabinet member for Environmental Services, said: "Sadly, many people are conned into thinking they are having their waste removed responsibly by answering 'man with a van' ads on social media and have

no idea that their rubbish is destined to be fly tipped. What many people also don't realise is they are then responsible and could be fined for not properly checking the removal business was a reputable waste collection service."

**South Cambs is urging residents to do the right thing and properly get rid of their rubbish by:**

- Consider giving it away for free on Facebook, Gumtree or taking it to your local charity shop.
- If possible, reuse, repair or recycle your items before getting rid of them.
- Ensure you choose a reputable waste carrier disposal service.
- SCDC can arrange for collection of bulky items for many common household goods. They will collect a maximum of nine items per collection. Up to three items can be booked for the minimum charge of £32.50. Additional items are then £5.50 each.
- Take your rubbish to one of Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres.



## A crafty group

### MMP Arts and Crafts Group

This informal and friendly Arts and Crafts Group meets every other Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm in Monkfield Medical Practice.

We have been meeting for a few months now providing an opportunity to have a go at lots of different types of art or craft in a friendly group setting. So far we have engaged in decoupage, air dry clay modelling, papier mache and glass painting to name but a few. Group members feel supported and encouraged and say it is a lovely way to meet new people and learn new skills/enhance old skills!

A sample of our produce can be seen and purchased at Cambourne Library.

■ For further information please contact Sandra on 01954 282153 or email

[mmp.personalisedcare@nhs.net](mailto:mmp.personalisedcare@nhs.net).

Alternatively check out the Practice website at

[www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk](http://www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk) or HAY South Cambs at [haysouthcambs.co.uk/activities](http://haysouthcambs.co.uk/activities)



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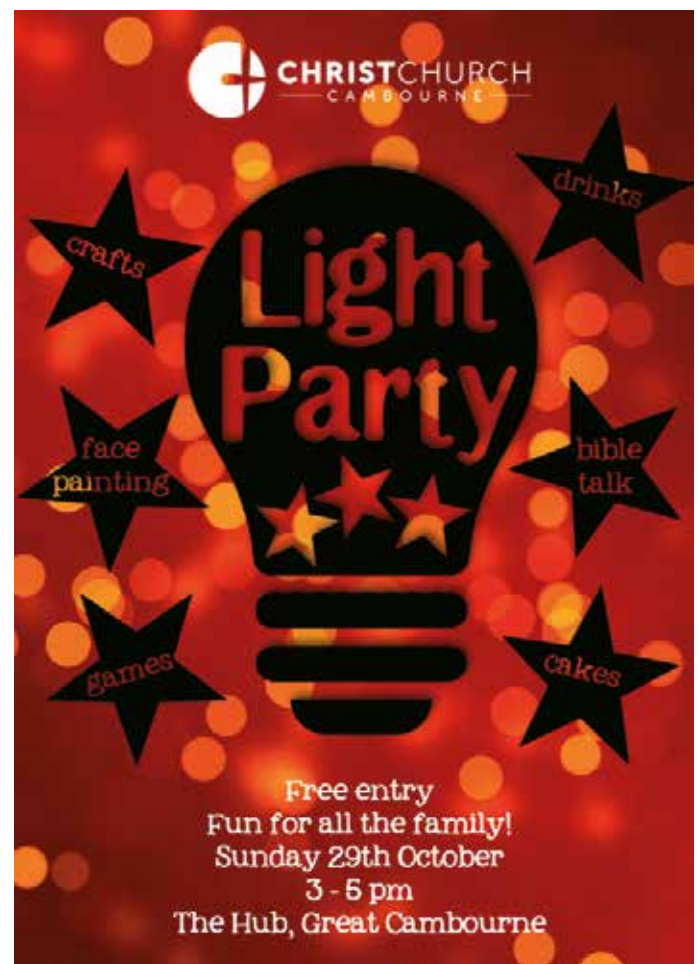
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## SPORT

## Cambourne Town FC: looking forward to the 2023/24 season

### Everyone is Looking forward to the 2023/24 season!

The season has kicked off for Cambourne Town - the National Grassroots Club of the Year and fixtures are well underway, we wish all our teams a great start to the season.

The Dugout at Cambourne Town FC offers hot and cold drinks and snacks and is open every Saturday and Sunday (match days) from 8.30am and Friday mornings too 10am-12, with hot food options such as bacon rolls and a range of cakes and brownies from Cambridge Luxury Bakes. Keep an eye on social media and emails for our opening times. Looking forward to seeing lots of you at The Dugout over the autumn.

Please check out our event shop to book on to any of our events: [cambournetownfc.square.site](http://cambournetownfc.square.site)

### OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP!

We are pleased to be offering our very popular Camp over October Half term for children aged 5-13 years old taking place Monday 23rd - to Friday 27th October.

After listening to your feedback, we are also pleased to be able to offer an early drop off option and late pick up to hopefully fit in with working hours!

Early drop off will be from 9am and late pick up 4pm with the football camp sessions running 10am-3pm. We expect these will sell out quickly so get booking to secure your child's place!

If you have any questions, please contact Alfie on

[development@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:development@cambournetownfc.org.uk)

Book your child's place: [cambournetownfc.square.site](http://cambournetownfc.square.site)

### 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 be continuing with this initiative into the 2023-2024 season. The session has been renamed to Football Centre! This is to provide children who can't access a team at Cambourne with the chance to keep training and developing their skills until a space opens up

Sessions 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 [cambournetownfc.square.site](http://cambournetownfc.square.site) or email Football Development Officer Alfie Tate:

[development@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:development@cambournetownfc.org.uk)

**Cambourne Town FC runs a successful Soccer School every Sunday** for both boys' and girls' football sessions that run under our Early Years Officer, Adam Smith and a team of qualified coaches. (Girls Soccer School was previously called Wildcats). Taking place on the Everyone Active 3G pitches, Soccer School for boys kicks off at 9am every week with girls Soccer School starting at 10am.

Both of these sessions are for Reception and Year 1 children and registration is required before starting.

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

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## Cricket Premier League returns to Cambourne

**Cambourne Cricket Club:** the Cambourne Premier League cricket tournament returned for its third year in 2023, entertaining the community and raising money for charities. With a fantastic number of participants, this year's tournament displayed impressive playing skills while aiming to make a positive difference to the community.

Starting at the end of May and continuing every weekend until the beginning of July, the tournament featured thrilling matches between 4 teams – Kings, Royals, Challengers, and Titans - all vying for the honour of being champions for 2023. Throughout the tournament, spectators enjoyed competitive matches.

The finals day, highly anticipated by all, was about more than just cricket. The day celebrated the beautiful game and the love of the community. In a thrilling final, the Kings emerged

victorious, taking home the prestigious trophy. In addition to the exciting matches, the real success of the tournament was its charitable aspect. The funds raised were shared between two essential causes: the local charity Hope Community Interest Company (Hope CIC), which tirelessly works to help the community, and an orphanage in India, demonstrating the tournament's global impact and compassion.

The achievement of the annual tournament highlighted the community's love for sports and also their commitment to helping those in need. The organisers extend heartfelt gratitude to Cambourne Cricket Club and Cambourne Council for their invaluable support. The participants and viewers eagerly anticipate next year's tournament, where the competitive spirit, camaraderie, and charitable efforts are sure to shine brighter.

## Tennis club hosts a summer of tournaments

**Cambourne Tennis Club** hosted local Championships at the beginning of September which enjoyed an incredible turnout for both singles and doubles matches. Outstanding sportsmanship was displayed by all participants, as every match was played in the spirit of camaraderie.

Steve Horvath emerged as the champion in the men's singles category, with Ben Jarvis the runner-up. Among the women, Irma Shaik claimed the title, with Emily Stephenson as the runner-up. Arif Kibria and Toby Jackson secured the top spot in the men's doubles, with Joe Stoehr and Duncan Morgan runners-up. Similarly, Sally Zhang and Anna Byron won in the women's doubles category, with Emily Stephenson and Virginia Rodriguez in second place.

The Junior Championships also had a great turnout, and we congratulate our winners and runners-up for the different age groups: 8Us: winner - Neil Saha, runner up - Ayaansh Kansal; 9Us winner - Neil Saha, runner up Ayaansh Kansal; 11Us winner: Rishabh Das, runner up - Daniel Byron, 18Us winner: Milo Fletcher, runner up Hevin Luk. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for making this tournament memorable and successful.

On Sunday, 29th October from 1-3 pm we will host a "Monster Smash" family tournament for all club members and their families.



A fun event played in doubles pairs of one adult and one child - short tennis with red balls in a round-robin format. Anyone can join; it's suitable for all ages and abilities, with an emphasis on FUN! Make sure to dress in your scariest /Halloween outfit! If you cannot play with your children, don't worry; we can find a committee member or other player to make up the pairs. Just contact Toby at [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk) by 22nd October to enter (fee £5/pair). We hope you can join us and make this a fun family event and meet other club members.



## Bowls season comes to an end for 2023

Another season courtesy of the bowls club has finished and we hope to be back in March 2024.

Thanks to all players that supported the club this season and for Ross the club captain for arranging the league fixtures and teams.

We would also like to express our thanks and gratitude to the teams at the town council who continue to provide an excellent playing surface and facilities.

We hope you all enjoy the off season.

## SPORT

## Cambourne Falcons

**Cambourne Falcons National Basketball League Teams place 4th and 7th in this weekend's East Region 3x3 Under 13 Tournament.**

The energetic buzz of basketball echoed through the Oaklands College Sports Zone this Saturday 16 September as ten talented U-13 boys' teams vied for the championship title at the East Region 3x3 Tournament in St Albans. Organized by Oaklands College Wolves Basketball, in partnership with the Basketball England East Region U-13 Youth Development Fund Tournament, this event mirrors the current global excitement around 3x3 basketball, now recognized by FIBA and recently making its debut in international competitions.

Cambourne based Fastbreak Basketball Club was proudly represented by two teams: The Cambourne Falcons and Fastbreak United with a total of 4 players in each team, two of whom attend Cambourne Village College.

Fastbreak United showcased their burgeoning talent and team spirit, playing a total of six thrilling matches. Despite it being their maiden venture into 3x3 competitions, the team secured two commendable wins. Though they faced four losses, their determination never wavered, culminating in a victory in the final game to claim the seventh-place spot. The non-stop, 10-minute games tested the stamina and skills of the players, but Fastbreak United were unyielding, demonstrating that, while this was their first taste of 3x3 action, it certainly won't be their last.



The Cambourne Falcons also thrived in their first foray into this high intensity sport. The team felt confident of a third-place win, when in the final seconds of their final game, the opposition took the lead placing them fourth in the tournament. The Falcons won three of their six games, only losing one game by more than 2 points to the team who ultimately won the championship. The four Cambourne Falcons players, all hailing from St Ives, showcased incredible athleticism and sportsmanship in this high-powered competition.

This event was not just about scores, but about gaining invaluable experience and understanding the essence of the game. The intensity of 3x3 basketball, with its rapid play and continuous movement, is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all participating teams. We look forward to seeing more of their basketball journey, and we applaud all players and organisers for a riveting day of sportsmanship.

## Cambourne residents take on their first Bourn 10k



A group of Cambourne men and women trained during the summer ready for their first 10k in Bourn. Huge congratulations for finishing the race. The children in the picture participated in the 3k and enjoyed the run.

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