



# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## Community Cinema for Cambourne?

Local people voted a cinema amongst their most desired additional amenities for the town in the latest survey for the **Town Plan**. With this in mind, the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust is now working with the Village College to create a community cinema venue in the new Sixth Form Centre, due to open in September 2024.

This will enhance the facilities for students studying performing arts and provide a separate cinema venue for Cambourne and surrounding villages.

With the capacity to show top-ranking box-office films just weeks after release and live satellite broadcasts of west-end theatre and opera, this latest venture will provide an exciting new amenity.

This is an ambitious project for the town; it will rely on the support of Cambourne Village College and local people for its set-up and ongoing success, but with a comfortable 200-seat venue, excellent facilities and free parking, we have the potential to create a thriving community cinema. It could grow to host several weekly performances with wide-ranging appeal.



Take the  
survey here...



Donate here!

**Can You Help?** The Trust needs more members to help us move forward. People with an interest in, and some knowledge of film would be enormously welcome, plus enthusiasm to be involved in an exciting project. If you are interested please email John Panrucker, Charitable Trustee Chair at [cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com](mailto:cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com)

**Drop-in Session:** An informal drop in session will be held in the Committee Room at the Hub on Thursday 16 November 2023 from 7.30 - 8.30pm when you can meet Trust members, view the proposed facilities and community cinema area layouts, ask questions and maybe get involved?

**Community Cinema Questionnaire:** The Trust is interested to hear from local people the types of films they may wish to see at the community cinema. You are

invited to participate by completing the questionnaire online at: [survey.monkey.co.uk/r/57W7PKV](https://survey.monkey.co.uk/r/57W7PKV) or by scanning the QR code above. The survey will remain open until end of January 2024.

**Next Steps - Donate:** With the Coates Theatre venue now in full use and completed to professional standards, the Trust has £20,000 remaining and available for the new project and is seeking to raise a further £30,000 to provide a professional-quality screen, projector and surround-sound for the new community cinema. The Trust is grateful to our existing donors for their support so far and is now seeking donations for the Community Cinema project. For more information and how to DONATE visit [www.peoplesfundraising.com/wall/cambourne-village-college-charitable-trust](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/wall/cambourne-village-college-charitable-trust) or scan the QR code above.

### Repair Cafe



Cambourne Repair Cafe returns on Saturday 2nd December

■ See page 3 for more...

### All fired up



2nd Cambourne Beavers learn about fire safety

■ Read more on page 7...

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## CAMBOURNE CRIER

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[editorial@cambournecrier.org](mailto:editorial@cambournecrier.org)

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**CRIBER COMMUNITY FUND**

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

## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**■ Cambourne Allotments**

The Town Council is in the process of issuing the renewals for 2023-2024. This is taking a little longer than normal due to staff changes and a review of the process. The process is being done differently this year as an inspection is being carried out of the allotments to identify those being cultivated in accordance with the Allotment Agreement. Those being cultivated appropriately will receive their renewal forms.

Those that are not being maintained or cultivated will receive a letter to say the Allotment Agreement will not be renewed unless there is special reason.

This will enable the unmaintained plots to be offered to those on the waiting list. Please bear with us while we carry out the inspections and issue the renewals. There is a long waiting list, but if you wish to be added to the list please email [Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) and we will add you to the list.

**■ Cambourne Christmas Fete**

It has been decided that the Town Council will not be holding a Christmas Market at The Hub this year, but will be helping South Cambs District Council with their event being held at the Cambourne Village College on Sunday 10th December 2023, 11am to 3pm. For further information, please visit: [www.scambs.gov.uk/christmas-market](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/christmas-market)

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS****November and December 2023**

7th November at 7pm:

Planning Committee followed by Full Council Meeting

21st November at 7pm:

Planning Committee followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

5th December at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by full Council Meeting

**Town Council Office:**

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Tel: 01954 714403

or email [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

John Vickery, Town Clerk: [clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

[www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

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**BIN COLLECTIONS:**

There have been changes in bin collection dates and Cambourne now has different collection schedules for different parts of the town. Please check your collection date on the following link:-

[scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/](http://scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/)

**MOBILE POST OFFICE:**

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

South Cambridgeshire  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sunday 10 December 2023, 11am-3pm  
Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FR

Come and support your local businesses this Christmas with 70 independent stall holders. Festive crafts, yuletide gifts, seasonal food and much more!

For further information, please visit: [www.scambs.gov.uk/christmas-market](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/christmas-market)

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 the length of 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.

## Repair Café

Cambourne



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**Do you have an item of clothing or jewellery, bicycle, sewing machine, electrical or mechanical item that needs repair?**

Scan the QR code for more details and to book a repair slot

**Cambourne Repair Café**  
**On: Saturday 2 December, 11am - 2pm**  
**At: The Hub Community Centre**

For questions regarding an item you'd like repaired please contact [cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com)

*Can I just turn up on the day?*  
 Yes, but booking is preferred and will take priority

[www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/cambourne-repair-cafe](http://www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/cambourne-repair-cafe)





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# Cambourne Library

### Opening times

**Monday 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 9am - 1pm,  
Wednesday closed, Thursday 1pm- 7pm,  
Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm, Sunday closed**  
0345 045 5225 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

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### Author Talk / Engage at Cambourne Library

**Wednesday 6th December, 2.00 - 3.30 pm** - we are excited to welcome two local authors to the library, Nicola Upson (known for the Josephine Tey detective series) and Mandy Morton (author of the Feline Detective Agency books) - come along and meet them. Please ask at the library for details.

### Creative Cambourne

A creative programme to bring local people together and explore a sense of place using natural materials. Join us and 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? Our library-based reading group meets once a month on a Wednesday, usually in 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 15th November**. You will be very welcome!

### Digital Assistance

Need any help with using your laptop or tablet? Help is on hand from our lovely computer buddies volunteers who are available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday



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 am - 10.00 am. Our Rhymetime sessions in **November** are on **10th** and **24th**, and in **December** they are **8th** and **22nd**. Storytime will be on **3rd** and **17th November** and **1st** and **15th December**. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!

### Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge and to all of our lovely volunteers who gave up their time to help - we couldn't have done it without you!

CamCareUK & WellbeingOn Presents Diwali  
in association with  
Cambourne Vedic Heritage

Saturday 11th November  
11:00 AM to 11:00 PM  
Full day of Activities

**Diwali Bazar & Celebrations in Cambourne**

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT  
All are Cordially Invited  
**FREE ENTRY**  
at Cambourne  
HUB Community Centre  
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# Get some exercise with Cambs Wildlife Trust

Volunteering outdoors is a great opportunity for free exercise, helping to care for the local environment and a good way to socialise. The Wildlife Trust's Cambourne volunteer work party meet on the second Saturday of each month, 9.30am-12.30pm, throughout the year, doing a mix of conservation activities including scrub clearing to open up ponds, maintaining paths and removing tree guards. It's a really great way to help Cambourne nature reserve become a better place for both wildlife and people.

Earlier this year we created a handy gap in the hedge at Oaks Wood car park, enabling a safer entry and exit point for people using the country park. Our notice boards have been updated all around the reserve (bonus points if you can locate all six! Clue: one was moved to the car park, where hopefully the information will prove useful).

In November the work party will be joined by some Youth Rangers (secondary-aged volunteers) who will help with tasks around the Cambourne Community Orchard - if you're interested in joining the work party, or being part of the new Youth Ranger groups, then please do get in touch [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org) - there are other volunteer opportunities that can be discussed.



### Useful links

[www.wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/cambourne](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/cambourne)

[www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/wild-experiences-young-people/youth-rangers](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/wild-experiences-young-people/youth-rangers)

### Christmas shopping

It's that time of year again! We would love to invite you to the annual Christmas Fair at our head office on Broad Street on Friday 1 Dec, 3-7pm. There will be handmade crafts and jewellery for sale, plus gifts, a raffle, drop-in kids activities and a chance to 'try before you buy' Opticron binoculars. So do pop in for a mince pie and a chat with staff members and top up on festive cheer - ho ho ho. [www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2023-12-01-christmas-fair-cambourne](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2023-12-01-christmas-fair-cambourne)



**arts and minds**

*creating connections in Cambourne, inspired by nature*

**with nature as a communal anchor point, feel more connected to where you are - create art using natural and locally foraged materials, text, imagery and books...**

Natural Cambourne is running on Thursdays 11.00 to 12.30 at Cambourne Library. No previous experience needed and no need to book - just drop in!  
Join as many sessions as you like - it's FREE!

**A Sense of Place - 2nd November**  
*create a zine using natural inks, poetry and mindful patterns*

**Read the Landscape - 9th November**  
*create a tapestry from text, local foliage and repurposed fabric*

**The Magic of Natural Inks - 16th November**  
*slow painting using inks made from local natural materials*

**Your Memory of Place - 23rd November**  
*logging your memories of nature in concertina books with natural ink*

**Contemplate and Connect - 30th November**  
*reflect while weaving a paper tapestry*

**Self Portraits - 7th December**  
*use nature as a lens in your collaged self portrait*




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**Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants**



## 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
- Fantastic bird boxes and insect houses
- Hand carved wooden gifts

**PLUS** Fun children's activities, a Christmas raffle ...and a whole lot more!



**Free entry**

Location:  
The Manor House, Broad Street,  
Cambourne CB23 6DH

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



## Cambourne Beavers learn about fire safety

2nd Cambourne Beavers recently enjoyed an evening at Cambourne Fire Station. The firefighters were super accommodating and gave us a tour of the station, showed us their equipment and uniform - and of course the fire engine!

They also gave us a short briefing on fire safety and the



importance of installing and testing smoke alarms at home. At the end of the evening, every Beaver got a turn at using the hose and feeling like a real firefighter!

■ For more information please email: [info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk)



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**ANTHONY BROWNE**  
MP FOR SOUTH  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
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### Accessing an NHS Dentist in South Cambs

I am aware that NHS Dentistry can be difficult to access in South Cambs. I attended a meeting with the Chancellor Jeremy Hunt with a dozen other East of England MPs, to discuss priorities for the upcoming Autumn Statement, due in November. We all made the case for the Treasury to fund contract reforms for NHS dentists. The current contract gives dentists little incentive to treat NHS patients, and it is far too difficult to access NHS dentistry in many parts of the country.

I also pushed other tax changes that I believe will spur growth – in particular, we need to do

more to help small businesses.

I welcomed the news that fraud against the individual fell by 13% in the year to the end of June. The number of offences had dropped to 3.3 million. Fraud is now at its lowest rates since 2018. As the Prime Minister's Anti-Fraud Champion, I was delighted: it is my job to meet this target, and it shows all the measures the Government, the police, regulators and industry are implementing are working.

Fraud is still the biggest form of crime, and there is still a lot more to do to put the fraudsters out of business. Tech firms in particular need to step to the plate. I also had a meeting with Home Secretary Suella Braverman to discuss the work I am driving across Government to combat fraud.



**HELENE LEEMING**  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

### South Cambs Community Safety Partnership

As part of my role as your district councillor, I am a member of South Cambs Community Safety Partnership, a statutory partnership that brings together the council, police and probation, health and fire services.

We work together to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and re-offending. Tackling domestic violence is a priority.

Domestic abuse takes place between people that are personally connected to each other and is abusive. It can be:

- (a) physical or sexual abuse,
- (b) violent or threatening behaviour;
- (c) controlling or coercive behaviour;
- (d) economic abuse such as withholding money or preventing someone working

(e) psychological or emotional abuse.

People of all backgrounds, cultures and religions can experience domestic abuse.

The majority of victims of domestic abuse are women, but it can happen to men in both heterosexual and same sex relationships and by people who identify as transgender or non-gender. Domestic violence is taken very seriously by the police.

Please contact Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS) if you live in Cambridgeshire and would like advice or support. DASS supports victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

[www.cambsdasv.org.uk](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk), 0300 373 1073 or email [DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk](mailto:DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk)

You can call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge: Tel: 0808 2000 247, or the Men's Advice Line, 0808 801 0327.

Please do not feel alone. There are so many organisations there to support you.



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

### Men's Health - 20 years of Movember

This year Movember, the charity supporting men's health (and moustache growing) is celebrating 20 years.

Movember raises awareness of all aspects of men's health, both physical and emotional.

Although women are more likely to access mental health treatment and be diagnosed with mental health problems, more than three-quarters of suicides are men. Mental ill health is incredibly common and is often made worse by the challenges that life can bring. Relationship, financial or employment struggles can lead to significant distress and mental health problems.

Signs of this may include irritability, feeling hopeless or worthless and using alcohol or drugs to try and deal with feelings. Often people, particularly men may feel the need to 'tough it out' on their own. This isolation may prevent them from seeing a solution or connecting with those who can offer support. One of the biggest thing that can make a difference is asking how someone is feeling and don't be afraid to ask twice. Listening can be lifesaving even if you think you don't know what to say.

If you're worried, you can direct someone to their GP or to services that can support them (such as Mind) or call 111 and select the mental health option.

■ Reference / further information:  
[uk.movember.com](http://uk.movember.com) / [mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk)



## County Lines and Young People

Message for parents and communities supported by South Cambs Community Safety Partnership

### ■ What is County Lines?

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas. Any city, town or village could be targeted, and cases have been noted in Cambridgeshire.

"Line" usually refers to the telephone line/number/sim card on which customers can place their order to buy drugs.

### ■ How are children involved?

The people with the most control and making the most money won't risk carrying drugs and meeting customers in case this raises suspicions and brings them to the attention of the police. Children are easy to intimidate or bribe, and less likely to be viewed suspiciously by authorities. They are also easy to replace in this "runner" role if they are found out by authorities.

### ■ My kid wouldn't do that!

The relationship is likely to begin as one that the child thinks will be positive. The child may be offered an easy, one-off task to earn the money they desire to fit in with friendship groups. They might be approached in person, via a friend or with innocuous-looking social media posts. If the child thinks this person is their friend and offering them an easy way to earn money then they



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may not consider it serious enough to overtly tell their grown-up about until they are already in debt and feel trapped.

There are factors such as time in care, exclusion from school or placement in alternative education provision, living in poverty, special educational needs and disabilities that can leave some children more vulnerable to being exploited BUT all children are vulnerable.

### ■ So how can I tell?

Signs that you can be alert to include:

- Having more than one mobile phone, or being unusually anxious about letting it out of their sight or you trying to look at it.
- Unexplained money, clothes or gifts.
- Missing school or college, or going missing from home.
- Uncharacteristic changes in behaviour.
- Using new vocabulary such as "Going country", "OT", "Trapping".

PACE are a support organisation for parents and guardians of exploited young people and have a wealth of advice on their website and helpline. For more info see: County lines, Cambridgeshire Constabulary ([cambs.police.uk](http://cambs.police.uk)) or email [communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk)

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## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH

**Does your heart ache at the pain around us?** Are you sometimes moved to tears as you listen to the news unfold on the world stage or within your own more personal experience? November is a month when we especially remember the pain and grief of war. The current conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East and elsewhere are brutal and full of atrocities. What do we do with all this pain?

The Christian response is shaped by the Bible, and is far from keeping a stiff upper lip. Many of the prayers we find in the Book of Psalms are cries of deep distress uttered in the darkness while yearning for the light. They are prayers of people facing evil and suffering, but holding on to faith in God by their fingertips and choosing to voice their complaints to the One who has promised to hear and to act.

And sometimes when we bring our broken hearts to God in raw honesty we find ourselves on a journey to a place of trust, even if we do not always reach a place of understanding.

"You keep track of all my sorrows.  
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.  
You have recorded each one in your book."  
Psalm 56:8

We face grief and turmoil, but we do not face them alone. God sees, God hears, and God cares - even at those times when we find it difficult to see and hear Him.

Revd Bill Miller

### Cambourne Church Services for November 2023



5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 7.00pm	Sunday One: All Age Communion Service * Sanctuary – Guided Reflective Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.50am	Short Communion Service (Annexe) Remembrance Service (Outside)
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Service Communion Service **
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	West of Cambridge Joint Service (Comberton Leisure) *

\* includes break-out groups for children

\*\* includes break-out groups for children and young people

A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

### Taking time for others.

This past month we assisted our newly married helper Caleb and his bride in moving her furniture into storage as she moved to the area but is waiting till they find a bigger place ( that is not on the third floor) to move into. Caleb is picking up some more of our members from the airport using our van as they have too much luggage for his small car. My son Max helped with some renovations for my mother and has assisted me in the editing of this and last month's Crier. We as a church family work together for the good of all within our limitations. We are a community just in the same way that many in Cambourne are part of the community. Some do things openly and wish to be seen and some do things quietly and others help completely in secret like clearing away rubbish when no one else has bothered. We have councillors editors and volunteers in Cambourne helping people every day. One of the ways I advise people who are new to an area and may feel a little isolated is to get involved with something within the community. This often is a great way to make new friends and what is more



**Pastor**  
**Donovan Bangs**

often it is when you are helping others it has a way of contrasting your life with theirs. It will take the focus off of you and your needs and place it upon others. You help them and it often really helps you as well. The most miserable people I have ever met were self-centred. Now taking some time for yourself is not a bad thing but if it is all of the time it will ring to the bell of a hollow and empty life. We indeed have freedom to do

as we wish but this should not be misused as it may indeed harm us in the end. It says in Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Find somewhere to serve and some people to love. It is not always easy but as far as my experience goes it is rewarding.

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We are delighted to announce our Christmas Mass times for Cambourne. These will be: Sunday 24th December (Vigil Mass) 16:00 and Monday 25th December 08:00; both in Cambourne Church. We look forward to once again celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with both regulars and new visitors - all are welcome!

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### The Vine's Yr 4 visits Burwell House

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During their 2-night visit, Year 4 completed a range of teambuilding and Geography based activities. These included: map reading, tree guessing, shelter building, fire lighting, orienteering, and other physical activities

Whilst there, Year 4 also enjoyed a quiz night and a cozy film night. They also thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food served during family-style mealtimes.



A huge thank you to the wonderful staff at Burwell House and The Vine for ensuring Year 4 had an unforgettable residential trip!

### Building chains of knowledge at Monkfield Park

It has been a very busy and exciting half term at Monkfield Park with so much learning taking place both in and outside the classroom in every year group. We try to make links in the children's learning as we know that building chains of knowledge makes learning easier and more effective.

Year 6 have been studying Japan and decided they would like to investigate Japanese cuisine by making sushi. Having created their own Maki from a range of fresh ingredients, the children joined together to enjoy a sushi banquet.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about the natural world and were thrilled to have a visit from Safari Stu who was accompanied by some very special animal friends. The children were able to have first-hand experience of, and handle some amazing creatures including a Royal Python, a Lesser Tenrec, some Madagascan Hissing Cockroaches, a Chuckawalla and a Herman Tortoise! Everyone was enthralled and relished the opportunity to question Safari Stu about his animals. Year 3 and Year 4 have enjoyed WOW days when they were able to immerse themselves in their current topics. Year 3 have been learning about the Palaeolithic and Year 4 have been engrossed in all things to do with the Romans.

To round off the half term the children enjoyed Wellbeing Wednesday when they were able to participate in a range of enrichment activities to support their wellbeing. It was an opportunity to sign up for activities ranging from cricket skills, nature photography and musical theatre to making savoury muffins and mosaic tiles, to name just a few.



**EDUCATION**



**HCCPS adventures!**

Hardwick & Cambourne's reception children have continued to settle well into school life. Their topic has been 'All about Me'.

Year 1 and 2 have been fully immersed in their Castles and Fairy Tales topic, with their trip to Headingham Castle being an absolute highlight. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the castle and activities, including dressing up in medieval clothes and jousting. The castle really brought their learning to life, where it was great to see them being able to name the parts of the castle so confidently. Since returning from the trip, they have used this real life experience to write a recount of the trip, where they have focussed on using time conjunctions and full sentences.

In Year 5/6, pupils have been continuing on their 'Passage to India' journey. In English, they have been reading 'Asha and the Spirit Bird' and using this as a context for letter writing. Their art work has included looking at traditional henna patterns and a focus on creating different skin tones.

We are also delighted to introduce you to our pupil governor, Lola, and deputy, Sofia (pictured above). They will be working with our School Council and attending the start of our Full Governing Body meetings, where they will be representing the student body.

They have both shared that they are looking forward to making a difference to everyone. We know they will do a fantastic job. Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who applied for the role. They all did themselves proud.

In Years 1 to 6, our Golden Afternoons continue to be a highlight for both children and teachers with enrichment opportunities this half term including: Autumn Art, Girls Football, Dance, Survival Skills, Finger Painting, Funny Faces, Circus Skills and Sweet Making.



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lightupcambourne@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Children's Centre:

01954 284 672

childandfamilycentre.south@

cambridgeshire.gov.uk

#### Cambourne Crescent:

www.cambournecrescent.org

#### Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club:

#### Cambourne Electronics & Robotics Club:

#### Come Cook Dine with Me:

#### Cambourne Digital Surgery 60+:

shrobona@gmail.com

#### Cam Care UK:

www.camcare.org.uk

#### Words for Pleasure Writers' Group:

Pat Callaghan 01954 715 106

#### Cambourne Painting Group:

Fran Panrucker 01954 710 858 or

franmpanrucker@gmail.com

#### Cambourne and District U3A:

Kath Thompson thompsonkf55@gmail.com

#### Cambourne and Bourn Book Club

4th Thursday each month @ The Willow Pub,

Bourn patriciablairst300@gmail.com

#### Photography Group:

Nicola Marriott 07811 154 901

www.flickr.com/groups

/cambournephotographygroup/

#### Reading Groups:

Cambourne.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

#### Timebank:

www.facebook.com/CambourneTime

#### Crafty Ladies:

Maureen 01954 718 542

#### Sunday Walks:

Sandra 07747 012 245 or

scalcraft@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Community Website:

hello@cambourne.info or

www.cambourne.info

#### Child and Family Centre:

01954 284 672 or childandfamilycentre.south

@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

#### Chess Club (primary and secondary aged

children to Year 11):

cambourne.chess@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Community Theatre Group:

info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

#### WW2 Aircraft Club:

Ian Cameron ianameron692@gmail.com

### CHURCHES

#### Cambourne Church:

www.cambournechurch.org.uk

#### Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

#### Peacehaven Baptist Church:

www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

#### Christchurch Cambourne:

www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

#### Cambourne Catholic Community:

www.cambournerc.com

### HEALTH CARE

#### Community First Responder:

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mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

#### Cambourne Dental Practice: 01954 718 585

www.colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/

cambournedentalclinic

#### Lloyds Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

#### Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954 282 153

www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

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www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

#### District Councillors for Cambourne:

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cllr.drew@scambs.gov.uk

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### EDUCATION

#### Cambourne Village College:

01954 284 000

www.cambournevc.org

#### Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503

www.combertonvc.org

#### Hardwick and Cambourne Community

#### Primary:

01954 210 070

www.hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

#### Jeavons Wood Primary School:

01954 717 180

www.jeavonswood.org

#### Monkfield Park Primary School:

01954 273 377

www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

#### Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

01954 719 630

www.thevine.cambs.sch.uk

#### Educating Otherwise:

www.facebook.com/Home Education -

Cambourne

#### Arabic Language School:

www.cambournecrescent.org/service/

arabicschool

info@cambournecrescent.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Science &

#### Technology Club:

info@cambournecrescent.org

### PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

#### Cambourne Pre-school:

01954 715 150

www.cambournepreschool.org.uk

#### Carers And Tots:

www.facebook.com/Carers and Tots,

Cambourne

#### Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

01954 273 301

www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

#### Sunflower Nursery:

01954 719 440

www.chsgroup.org.uk/childrensnurseries/

sunfloweratcambourne/

### SERVICES

#### Community Car Scheme:

07526 998 465 or

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

#### Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715 161

#### Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal

01954 713 516

www.wildlifebcn.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:

www.cambournecrescent.org/service/

foodbank

#### Streetlight faults:

www.cambourne.info/streetlights

### SPORTS & LEISURE

#### Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT

#### Club:

cambournecomets@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre:

01954 714 070

#### Cambourne Fishing Club:

www.cambournefishingclub.com

#### Cambourne Bowls Club:

Stuart Palmer

07860 654057

#### Cambourne Cricket Club:

cambournecc@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Town Football Club:

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk

For specific team email contact(s) see:

www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

#### Cambourne Netball Club:

www.pitchero.com/clubs/

cambournenetballclub

#### Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

info@cambournebasketball.org

#### Fastbreak Basketball

Contact info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

#### Cambourne Runners:

cambournrunnersarc@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Women Runners:

information.cwr@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Tennis Club:

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

#### Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club:

www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

#### Cambs Tai Chi Club:

www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

#### Cambourne Tae Kwon Do:

stephenlacey73@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Karate School (AKS):

07929 100 612

www.karateschools.co.uk

#### Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club:

cambschargers@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Balkan Dance Club:

cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Air Cadets:

105@aircadets.org

#### Cambourne Army Cadets:

www.cambsacf.com

#### Cambourne junior parkrun:

www.parkrun.org.uk/cambournejuniors/

# The Big Squiggle



This year's autumn Big Squiggle event took place on Saturday October 21st in the Soul building, from 11am until 2pm. It was a happy and fun-filled day with a variety of art and craft activities on offer. It is important to say a huge thank you to all those involved in putting it together, especially all the volunteers who gave up their time to make it a success, from advertising the event in as many ways as possible, offering to help with activities or in the kitchen, and by donating materials to be used on the day. Our huge thanks to you all!

■ Photographs: JPC Photography

## Cambourne Soul Youth Club

### Welcome to Linda Homan!

Linda has joined us to lead our Youth Development work in Cambourne alongside Emma W, Fran and Emma S.

Linda began with us last month and has a wealth of youth work experience in a variety of contexts.

She will be working with us part-time alongside her role as a Lecturer in Social work at Anglia Ruskin University.



**Cambourne Soul Youth Club Times**

Tuesday: Yr 7 3:30-5  
Yr 9+ 6-7:30

Wednesday: Yr 7 3:30-5

Thursday: Yr 8 3:30-5

All of our groups are free to attend and anyone is welcome

Cambourne Youth Partnership ROMSEY MILL

## BUSINESS

# South Cambs Business Support News

### Becoming a carbon literate business

South Cambridgeshire District Council has recently been accredited as a Carbon Literate Organisation by national charity

The Carbon Literacy Trust, joining a growing number of national and local public sector organisations and businesses that have received the accreditation. This means we are now better equipped to share knowledge in this field with local communities and businesses.

Carbon Literacy describes an individual's or organisation's awareness of climate change, the climate impacts of everyday actions, and the ability and motivation to reduce carbon emissions.

If you'd like to reduce your business's carbon footprint and save on operating costs while demonstrating your values to customers and suppliers, visit the Trust's website to find out more about Carbon Literacy training. [carbonliteracy.com](https://carbonliteracy.com)

### Green jobs training

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has announced a series of discounted training spaces on low-carbon heating and insulation installation to help support the green jobs sector.

Up to 8,000 people – including current installers and those who are new to the industry – will be able to develop the skills and knowledge needed to retrofit homes and install insulation through the Home Decarbonisation Skills Training scheme. A further 4,000 people will be able to get £500 towards training to install and maintain heat networks through the Heat Training Grant.

See [tinyurl.com/2a4yuxan](https://tinyurl.com/2a4yuxan)

The Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship will provide people with the chance to learn how to install low-carbon heating systems on the job. See <https://tinyurl.com/mpbrcrzz>

### Buying Local: An event for Cambridgeshire SMEs

On 9 November Cambridgeshire County Council is hosting a free event at Burgess Hall, St Ives, for local SME suppliers to meet public sector buyers and learn how to do business with them.

Attending this event will give you the opportunity to:

- Meet and engage a wide range of public sector procurement specialists
- Learn how to access opportunities to bid for public sector contracts
- Understand how to access public sector procurement portals
- Learn about the barriers and opportunities for SME's

Register for your free place: [tinyurl.com/ycxsww88](https://tinyurl.com/ycxsww88)

### Is your business ready to Get Set and Grow?

Have you got ambitious plans to scale and grow your business? Want free, specialist support and advice to help you achieve your goals? Then the Business & IP Centre's (BIPC) Get Set and Grow programme is what you need.

Get Set and Grow is a practical, result driven programme, providing a mix of workshops and one to ones to maximise the impact and learning lessons.

This digitally run programme comprises six modules and has limited group sizes to ensure you get the attention you require. The first programme starts on 30 October.

Find out more about the programme, eligibility criteria, how it's funded and register. See: [tinyurl.com/4t3dw6ur](https://tinyurl.com/4t3dw6ur)

### Business Finance Week

From 6-10 November the British Business Bank, along with several partners from across the UK, will host Business Finance Week 2023.

With a host of free of charge nationwide and regional in-person events, webinars and more, Business Finance Week helps smaller businesses learn about the different finance options available to them to support their individual needs.

See: [tinyurl.com/mu7335kd](https://tinyurl.com/mu7335kd)

### Manufacturing Sector Support

Digitalisation roadshow

The road to Net Zero can be tough to navigate, and digitalisation is a key way manufacturing organisations can achieve resilience, profitability, sustainability and a competitive edge.

On 9 November, at Cambridge Museum of Technology, The Smart Manufacturing Alliance (SMA) roadshow explores the issues and challenges around digitalisation through thought leadership, practical steps and best practice to support your journey.

SMA has partnered with industry experts across our region to bring you a practical, insightful and thought-provoking events - including robots! Places are limited so please book your place now. Book on the following link: [tinyurl.com/2rca8d9w](https://tinyurl.com/2rca8d9w)

### Food and Drink Discussion Group

The SMA, with corporate partner Ascendant, invite South Cambs businesses to be part of their exclusive Food and Drink Cohort, where no more than 12 industry professionals come together to discuss pain points and find innovative solutions to drive growth and success within the food and drink sector.

Their first meeting was on 25 October from 9am to 10.30am at Masteroast Coffee Company Ltd, Plantation House, Newark Road, Peterborough PE1 5UA. This includes a site tour. Register your interest by emailing [info@sma-uk.co.uk](mailto:info@sma-uk.co.uk).

### Imposter Syndrome Panel Discussion

The Chambers is hosting a panel discussion on imposter syndrome on 14 November with an impressive range of speakers, chaired by Chief Executive Officer, Charlotte Horobin.

Taking place at Novotel Cambridge North from 7:30am to 10am, the event will explore what impact imposter syndrome is having on health and wellbeing, and how to support employees who are experiencing imposter syndrome.

Prices are £35.00 (plus VAT) for members and £60.00 (plus VAT) for non-members. For more information and to register your place, visit the Chambers' website: [tinyurl.com/yrwr5jmf](https://tinyurl.com/yrwr5jmf)

■ This information was provided by the Business Support and Development team at South Cambs District Council.

To have a copy of future newsletters delivered directly to your inbox sign up on the following link: [tinyurl.com/2vad3yvh](https://tinyurl.com/2vad3yvh)



## ADVERTISE IN CAMBOURNE CRIER

### "Advertising in *Cambourne Crier* worked for me"

As a Cambourne resident, I got to know my neighbours and have a good relationship. After an informal chat one sunny afternoon in 2019, my (carpenter) neighbour Martin Krzak and I decided to go into business together creating a building company we called Great Cambourne Construction (which is now re-named Greater Cambridge Construction).

Starting a new business is a challenge and armed with the less than comforting knowledge that 20% of new businesses go under in the first year, and 60% within five years, we did not underestimate the challenges ahead, particularly marketing the business and choosing the right places to advertise.

Getting a website was an early start, but this is not a panacea since it takes a long time for Google to register the site - and how to get it onto page 1 of an internet search remains a mystery.

Traditional media advertising therefore remained a very important way of reaching customers and it was essential to us that we brought in business straight away, although we appreciated that it can take several months to get recognised and get regular enquiries.

#### ■ Dipping our Toe in the Water

It was not a difficult decision to dip our toe into the water and advertise in *Cambourne Crier*. What we did not anticipate was how easy it was because after an initial email conversation with Peter and Janet at Pendrill Publications (who publish *Cambourne Crier*), Peter quickly created an advertisement for us at no cost to ourselves. This was not a *Saachi and Saachi*, but it got across the message of who we were as a company and the services Great Cambourne Construction provided.

When you consider advertising, it is easy to waste money on adverts that simply do not work, so you have to be clear who you want to reach (your target audience) and with Great Cambourne Construction, our demographic was pretty straightforward as "home owners in Cambourne", so for us, *Cambourne Crier* was the perfect publication. Furthermore, Great Cambourne Construction was Cambourne based, and we understood property in our own town.

#### ■ The phone rang the same day as the advert appeared

What we did not expect was the phone to ring the same day as the advert appeared and continue ringing throughout the month! We expected a delay of at least a couple of months before the business found its feet, but in the very first month of advertising we were busy visiting customers, installing kitchen appliances, building kitchens, quoting for bathrooms and later even built a giant rabbit hutch for one lucky bunny!

What we discovered was that *Cambourne Crier* is well read by residents of Cambourne and many of them actively target local companies to do their work, and advertising in *Cambourne Crier* gives residents of Cambourne the reassurance that they are dealing with local companies who care about Cambourne and the services they are providing.

#### ■ Enough business in Cambourne

As months went by, there was no need to advertise in publications in other areas, because we had enough business coming in from Cambourne, and as a close knit community, quite a number of enquiries were from word of mouth, after recommendations from people who had work done by Great Cambourne Construction, all of which began with *Cambourne Crier*.



We soon had to employ additional people and took on larger projects including total house renovations, extensions, bathroom fitting, garden decking as well as all general building work such as removing walls to create more living space inside of a house. One customer asked us to build them a house.

We are also now members of the Federation of Master Builders.

#### ■ Advertising also generates work outside of Cambourne

What surprised us was that adverts in *Cambourne Crier* were seen quite widely and one of the largest jobs we got within months of starting was a total renovation of a terraced house in the centre of Cambridge, which had not been updated since the 1970s. The owner lived in South London!

So if you are thinking about advertising in *Cambourne Crier*, expect enquiries throughout South Cambs and beyond.

#### ■ Advertising in *Cambourne Crier* has been essential for success

Advertising in *Cambourne Crier* has been an essential part of the success and expansion of Greater Cambridge Construction and could also work for your business no matter how large or small. This is a useful checklist of points to consider:

1. Identify who you are aiming to reach;
  2. Decide if *Cambourne Crier* reaches this target market;
  3. Have a clear and simple message so customers know exactly what it is you are offering;
  4. Have a clear "Call to action", that is, make it clear what the customer has to do to get in touch;
  5. Be sure you answer each enquiry promptly and efficiently.
- Sales leads are the lifeline of your business when you first start and every one is important. They might not buy your services this time, but if they are treated well, they will try you again in the future for work or products you can provide.

■ Paul Jobling is a director of Greater Cambridge Construction and can be contacted on [home@gcclimited.co.uk](mailto:home@gcclimited.co.uk) or 07785 551224 should you want further information about his experience of advertising in *Cambourne Crier*.



To discuss advertising in *Cambourne Crier* please contact Janet Dobson on [janetpendrill@gmail.com](mailto:janetpendrill@gmail.com). You can find more information and costs at [cambournecrier.org/advertising](http://cambournecrier.org/advertising)

## COMMUNITY

### Celebrating Prophet Mohammed's life: A message of compassion for all

On Saturday 30 September, the Hub in Cambourne radiated with warmth and unity as the Muslim community gathered for a special event. This occasion was not just a celebration of Prophet Mohammed's life but a testament to his profound social message for all of humanity.

At the heart of the event was the Seerah competition, which brought families together for a friendly quiz testing their knowledge of the Prophet's life. This competition mirrored his teachings of unity, emphasising the importance of connecting with one another and fostering a sense of community.

Before the quiz, the "Bring a Dish" tradition showcased the inclusive nature of his message. Each family contributed a traditional main dish and dessert, representing a diverse range of flavours from around the world. This act of sharing



epitomised the concept of brotherhood and charity that the Prophet encouraged, promoting love and respect among neighbours. His message compels us to treat the planet and its creatures with respect and care, advocating for the preservation of the natural world.

This event welcomed non-Muslims interested in learning more about the Prophet's teachings, fostering interfaith understanding and dialogue. If you are



curious about Prophet Mohammed's life and his message of compassion, reach out to [info@cambourne crescent.org](mailto:info@cambourne crescent.org) for an English biography, and embark on a journey of discovery.

## Have your say on SCDC's homelessness strategy

**South Cambs District Council has a responsibility to prevent homelessness** and receives on average 453 homeless applications each year.

In recent years, more people have approached the Council for support once they are already homeless - rather than when they are threatened with homelessness. Getting in touch with the Council before becoming homeless increases the options and support available. During the 12 months up until the end of June 2023, the Council prevented 210 households from becoming homeless, by providing support through its Housing Advice and Options service.

Locally and nationally, the main cause of homelessness is family and friends no longer being able to house someone, followed by end of a tenancy agreement, with domestic abuse being the third highest cause. People who approach the Council for support with homelessness tend to be of working age, with very few applications from those under 18 or over 65. Also, more applicants are employed than solely in receipt of benefits.

Now, South Cambridgeshire District Council is set to begin a consultation into an update to its Homeless Strategy. This is a document that all councils must have – and regularly review.

There are two priorities being proposed. The first is to provide homeless prevention, early intervention, and support. This includes the need to promote early intervention, increasing the opportunities the Council has to prevent

homelessness. Part of this work is also ensuring that the Council prevents and intervenes to resolve rough sleeping. Early and targeted money advice for those on a low income, including those in employment, to help with affordability. Ongoing support and assistance for tenants and landlords in the private rented sector. Ensuring the Council provides an inclusive service, taking account of all protected characteristics, particularly due to the increase in domestic abuse and high levels of homeless applications from those with mental and physical health needs.

The second priority being proposed is to provide suitable housing options. This includes: Improving the housing options available for single people, including those for whom shared accommodation would not be suitable. Reducing the use of bed and breakfast accommodation. Building new Council Homes and Housing Association properties in South Cambridgeshire. Increasing the provision of access to privately rented accommodation including through Shire Homes Lettings – the Council's non-profit property management service which operates a private sector leasing scheme.

The Council is encouraging local people to take part in this consultation. The consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 5 January 2024 and responses can be made using an online form. If anyone wishes to receive paper literature so they can read the proposals and respond to them by hand, please call 01954 713 000.

# Cambourne Town FC

## 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 FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
For Girls and Boys aged between 8 and 12  
for information and to register contact [development@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:development@cambournetownfc.org.uk)

Tuesdays (U8s to U10s) and Wednesdays (U11s & U12s) on the 3G pitches between 4pm-5pm. These sessions are for players who are not currently part of any of our age group football teams. The sessions are bookable as a 6 week block booking for £2750

[www.cambournetownfc.org.uk](http://www.cambournetownfc.org.uk) @cambournetownfc

## Coming up at The Dugout:

**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)

### Christmas Wreath Making

Do you want to be creative this Christmas? How about joining us for an interactive social event with a difference...?

#### Christmas Wreath Making with Bluebell Lane Flowers

Saturday 3rd December at 2.30pm in The Dugout.

£45 per person including all equipment to make your Wreath Mince pies and mulled wine on arrival. (Add a glass of Prosecco to your afternoon for £5!)

[cambournetownfc.square.site/](http://cambournetownfc.square.site/)

Thanks for your support!

**Festive Wreath Making**

Join us at The Dugout on 3rd December for an afternoon of wreath making in collaboration with Bluebell Lane Flowers. £45 per person. Add a glass of Prosecco for £5.



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### TRAINING DAYS & TIMINGS

**MONDAY** 5-6pm -> 8 To 10 YRS  
5-6pm -> GIRLS GROUP

**TUESDAY** 5-6pm -> 11 To 13 YRS

**WEDNESDAY** 5-6pm -> 5 To 7 YRS

### PAYMENTS

- £24 PER MONTH (STANDING ORDER)
- £18 PER MONTH (SIBLING DISCOUNT)
- £8 PER SESSION (CASH OR BACS)
- £6 PER SESSION (SIBLING DISCOUNT)

"Our sessions are all designed to improve and develop a child's skill and technique. We have a different focus each week on a players core skill to ensure we master the basics and elevate confidence"

\*SIBLING DISCOUNT = PAY THIS PRICE PER CHILD IF AN ADDITIONAL SIBLING ATTENDS THE SOCCER SCHOOL.

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## SPORT

## Cambourne CC tour & Duncan Shearwood Memorial Match

**It was a poetic ending to Cambourne CC's historic 20th anniversary season, as the Bombers travelled to Norfolk in mid-September for the club's first-ever tour.**

Fittingly, Cambourne turned out against Hethersett & Tas Valley CC, a former club of beloved friend and teammate, Duncan Shearwood.

The Bombers were sent in to bat under the scorching sun, and some scintillating knocks saw us post a very competitive score of 222 in front of a sizeable audience. After a 'tea break' in the 30-degree heat (mostly consisting of ice-cold beverages), Cambourne took to the field. Hethersett & Tas Valley showed no fear chasing down such a big score, and several swashbuckling innings peppered with sixes that sailed over the clubhouse roof set up a pulsating finish.

In the end, some superb final overs bowling and a brilliant team effort in the field was enough for Cambourne to secure a 15-run victory over our hosts. It was a game truly befitting of our great friend Duncan - full of excitement, spirit and camaraderie. The match was followed by a chance to gather and reminisce, and we hope to welcome Hethersett & Tas Valley CC to Cambourne next year for the return fixture.

Cambourne's tour to Norwich was a truly special way to wrap up our 20th season, and we are very grateful to Duncan's beautiful family for continuing to allow us to celebrate his memory in all that we do.

We continue to work hard off the field during the winter months, and thank all Cambourne residents who have supported us throughout the season. Up the Bombers!

## Tennis Club Christmas Social returns

**Cambourne Tennis Club will run a fun games session with Toby and his assistants on the courts, followed by an awards ceremony where we will have lots to eat and drink, with music.** The social will take place on Sunday, 3rd December, 12 - 2.30pm, first on the courts and then heading to the Sports Pavilion.

Between 12 - 1pm, there will be a fun games session on the courts. Children and adults will play games such as toilet flush, catch out and king of the court, all with a festive twist!

After the games session, we will move to the Sports Pavilion, where we will serve food and drinks between 1 - 1.30 pm. Please arrive at this time if you prefer not to attend the games session. There will be a £5/person charge or £15/family (4 or more) to cover the cost of the food/drink. From 1.30 until 2:30pm, we will hold our annual awards ceremony. The committee will be handing out awards mainly for children. The list of awards



includes: Best club player (boy), Best club player (girl), Most improved (boy/girl), Hardest working/best fighting spirit (boy/girl), Friendliest / Funniest player on court (boy/girl), Future star (boy), Future star (girl), Volunteer of the year (Adult), Assistant coach of the year. We want this Christmas Social to be a real success; therefore, we need as many people to attend as possible! If you plan to attend, please confirm with Toby by November 19th (Email: [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk), Phone: 07972 149874).

## Chargers Volleyball Club - taster session for teens

**When - Sunday 12th November 2-3pm**

**Where - Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, CB23 6FY**

**Who - 13-17 year olds**

**Price - £5 each (cash on the day)**

Arrive 10 mins early for a warm up, then there will be training on how to play volleyball followed by one or two fun taster games with 4-6 players per side.

Cambours Chargers Volleyball Club are running this beginners taster session for

teenagers, with a view to perhaps holding a regular session twice monthly if there's enough interest.

Parents need to stay for the duration of the taster session please and complete a disclaimer on arrival saying that they are responsible for their young people.

Please contact co-organiser [darcyjanesimpson@gmail.com](mailto:darcyjanesimpson@gmail.com) to register your teen's interest in the taster session (first come, first served).

