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Cambourne Act of Remembrance

On Sunday 12th November the Act of Remembrance was held at Cambourne Church.

The event began with a large number of children and young people from the Air Cadets, and the local scouting and guiding groups parading behind the marching band from the new cricket pavilion up Eastgate to the church.

Revd Bill Miller, minister at Cambourne Church, officiated at the service, during which wreaths were carefully laid at the foot of the cross. Two minutes' silence was observed at 11am after the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.

It was lovely to welcome so many of our community to this event.

After the service, Cambourne Church served hot drinks and cakes inside the church building.

Thank you so much to all those who were involved – in both seen and unseen ways.



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■ **Publishing partner or salespeople sought**

Cambourne Crier is seeking a new publishing partner or team of volunteers to sell advertising on its behalf.

The agreement with our current publisher, Pendrill Publications, will come to an end in a few months' time when the owners retire. For many years, Pendrill Publications has managed all the advertising for us – raising the money which pays for the printing and delivery costs.

To ensure *Cambourne Crier* can continue being delivered to every house in Great, Upper and Lower Cambourne – and ideally to extend delivery to West Cambourne – we need to find a new company or team to work with.

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Light Up Cambourne



The Light Up Cambourne team has an update...

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Happy Birthday!



Cambourne resident Ruth Bradbury celebrates 105 years!

■ Find out more on page 22...

Thrill tracks & mopeds



Find out about the activities on offer with Cambourne Soul

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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

■ **Winter Gritting**

Winter is approaching and the temperature is starting to drop.

The Town Council grounds team will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for temperatures falling below zero degrees and will be out and about in the early hours gritting the major footpaths (to bus stops and school routes).

The Town Council will not be gritting over the Christmas break from Wednesday 22nd December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024 due to staff absence.

The Town Council does not grit the roads. Adopted roads are gritted by Cambridgeshire County Council and the routes can be viewed online.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The Christmas tree recycling point will be set up again on the land adjacent to The Hub Community Centre carpark.

Trees may be left here in the New Year up until Monday 16th January 2023 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne.

Town Office Christmas Closure

The Town Council office will be closed from Wednesday 22nd December 12pm and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024. The telephone and some emails will be monitored from Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

The Town Council would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

■ **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS****December 2023 to January 2024**

5th December at 7pm

Full Council Meeting followed by Planning Committee

19th December at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by Finance and Policy Committee

19th January 2024 at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by full Council Meeting

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:-

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Wildlife Trust BCN - wild futures and wild presents

Working in conservation is a rewarding job, and like all careers comes with its highlights and difficulties.

This month the Trust's West Cambs 100s Youth Ranger session on Friday 22 December is a talk from Wildlife Trust BCN Communities and Education Officer Rebecca Neal on careers in conservation, with practical advice for young people interested in how to get into the sector, an informal discussion and a walk on Cambourne nature reserve.

Rebecca says: "I have been working for environmental charities for around 18 years and in that time have lived with rare bats, held a dormouse, been paid to watch badgers, been hissed at by adders, used a bathyscope (glass-bottomed bucket to see underwater) to search for rare freshwater pearl mussels and met wildlife presenters such as Lolo Williams and Bill Oddie.

My jobs have always been about connecting people with nature, and there have been so many shared moments with people who have climbed a tree for the first time, held a slug, identified a butterfly, found a water stick insect, saved a toad or simply felt better after some time outdoors. Seeing wildlife is always exciting no matter how many times I've pond-dipped or heard bats on a detector - it's a privilege to do what I love for a job."

Youth Ranger sessions are for young people aged 11-17yrs passionate about wildlife and environmental issues: connecting with young people empowering them to take action for wildlife together and inspire others. Anyone interested please get in touch rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org



www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2023-12-22-west-cambs-100s-youth-rangers-careers-conservation-talk-cambourne

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Wild Xmas ideas - There's still time to order festive goodies such as a 2024 Wildlife Calendar, Christmas cards and wildlife T-shirts and plenty more - all available via the Trust's online shop <https://shop.wildlifebcn.org>

Want to adopt a beaver?! Get a cute soft toy (an ideal present) and help the Trust's appeal to return beavers to Northamptonshire after an absence of more than 400 years www.wildlifebcn.org/adopt-a-beaver



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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**

Christmas Opening Hours

Our last day before we close for Christmas will be **Saturday 23rd December**, and we will be open again as usual after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**.

As the weather turns colder you will always find a warm and friendly welcome in our library - so please do drop in to relax and read, choose some books or use one of our library computers or free WiFi.

What's happening in Cambourne Library?

Christmas Treasure Hunt

Please help us look for some Christmas characters hiding in the library during December. All participants will receive a sweet treat, a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw to win a little surprise.

Author Talk

Wednesday 6th December, 2.00 pm - 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.

Engage Session

A representative from Al-Anon will be coming to Cambourne library on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm** to talk about Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire. Al-Anon is non-religious, non-political and multi-racial. It is free of charge and open to anyone who is, or has been, affected by someone else's drinking, including parents, partners, spouses, adult children, other relatives and friends of alcoholics.

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 locally foraged and natural materials together with text and imagery. The project will run for six weeks on **Thursdays, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 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.

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 20th December**. You will be very welcome!

Digital Assistance

Need any help with using your laptop or tablet? Help is on hand from our lovely computer buddying volunteers who are available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday between 10.00 am - 12 noon and 1.00 pm - 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. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun! Rhymetime will be on **8th December**, and **12th** and **26th** in **January**. Storytime will be on **1st** and **15th December**, and **5th** and **19th January**.

On **15th December** there will be a special Christmas themed combined story and rhymetime session from 9.30 am - 10.30 am - please come and join us.

We would like to wish all of our customers a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Cambourne Library 0345 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Cambourne Flower Festival?

Should there be a Cambourne Flower Festival 2024?

If you have an answer to this question, either way, please email juleshannaford@hotmail.com because the future of this event is in question. Has it run its course or does it just need a new injection of life?

For the past three years there has been a Flower Festival in the church at the same time as Cambourne Open Gardens. Initially, this was started by Cambourne Church, supported St John Fisher Catholic Church and other local organisations and schools, to celebrate opening-up after COVID. It also brought the Church back into Open Gardens which it jointly initiated 20 years ago. Since that first Flower Festival, it has annually brought our

community together to celebrate our late Queen's jubilee and service as promoted by our King at his coronation.

Unfortunately, the organiser doesn't feel able to arrange another Flower Festival although she will still co-ordinate Cambourne Open Gardens which will celebrate it's 20th year in 2024.

Consequently, if it did continue, it would need a new organiser. Could that be you? If you are interested, please email juleshannaford@hotmail.com





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Light Up Cambourne update!

Latest from LUC:

If you were wondering what has happened to the Light Up Cambourne (LUC) group, we're here with an update.

The truth is that with the current number of volunteers, holding a large event such as the switch on is completely beyond our resources.

In order to keep 'trimming the town' and in recognition of the above, two years ago we decided to change tack by using the money raised from our fundraising events to increase the amount of Christmas lights on display in the town.

This has proven to be both a costly and long process - the cost just to get power to a single lamp post is well in excess of £300 on top of which there is the hiring of access equipment (cherry pickers) to put the lights up and take them down after the festive season ends. The light displays themselves, as you can imagine, aren't cheap either!

However, thanks to the generosity of those who attend our events throughout

the year we are making progress! Those of you with sharp eyesight will have noticed power connections have been installed on some of the lamp posts on the Sundial and Morrisons roundabouts and at the junction with the A1198 at the end of School Lane.

This is just the start of a process that will see further light displays being installed as funds allow. (Now is a good time to explain that LUC receives no funding from anywhere other than money raised by holding our events). We are indebted to the town council grounds team who put the lights up and take them down again.

The lights have been chosen and the order for the first tranche of lamppost displays is now under way. Whilst we hope to have some in place for this year's festive season we have to be realistic, knowing how long the process has taken so far, it may well not be until 2024 when they are on display.

If you've yet to sample one of our events which include bingo nights, quizzes and



even murder mystery Who Dunnits? then come along! They are all good fun and you are waited on hand, foot and finger (well nearly!) by the LUC committee serving you drinks and food at your table. Details of forthcoming events are posted on our Facebook page and here in *Cambourne Crier*.

Lastly, to ensure we can continue to provide Cambourne with its Christmas lights new members are desperately needed. We are a friendly bunch and a warm welcome is assured, so if you are interested, please email lightupcambourne@gmail.com

Want a cinema in Cambourne? Complete the survey!

It was great to meet cinema enthusiasts at our 'Drop-In' session at The Hub on Thursday 16 November and to sign up more prospective members of the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust.

This group is working towards providing an independent community cinema for Cambourne, to be based within the new Sixth Form Centre on the Village College campus.

Many small independent cinemas operate on a model whereby the latest box-office hits are streamed at smaller venues just weeks after their main release. We have the opportunity to create such a venue here in Cambourne, with free parking, refreshments and facilities similar to those in a smaller multiplex cinema.

Praised by one attendee at The Hub event as 'a bright and beautiful idea for our community', this new

venture could support cinema clubs and run films appealing to a wide range of tastes, including live transmission of West End plays, ballet and opera.

We're keen to hear from everyone who would like to see a cinema in Cambourne, so we know there is the community interest to sustain our own venue.

Please take just a few minutes to complete the survey by completing the questionnaire online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/57W7P KV or scanning the QR code (see poster), to show your support and to give your views on the type of film you'd like to see.

There is more information on the CamVC website: www.cambournevc.org/about-us/charitable-trust and if you'd like to get involved, please contact us via: cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you!



Cinema Questionnaire

Have your say!

We are most interested to hear from Cambourne residents and those of the surrounding villages, the types of films they may wish to see at the community cinema.

You are cordially invited to participate in the survey by completing the questionnaire online at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/57W7PKV or scanning the QR code above.

Email: cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com
www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitycinema



Cambourne MP appointed Minister of Transport

By Anthony Browne MP

I was phoned by the Chief Whip, who offered me the position of Minister of Transport, responsible for the decarbonisation and future of transport.

It is a huge agenda, covering the roll out of electric cars, trucks, buses and trains, e-bikes, spaceports, and autonomous vehicles.

The head of propriety and ethics at the Cabinet Office then phoned me to check I had no conflicts (I don't), and late in the evening, the King formally announced my appointment.

I arrived at my new office at 8am the next morning and met the Secretary of State for Transport to discuss the key priorities. The reshuffle continued in the Lords, and by the end of the day, I had also been given responsibility for aviation – which includes airline safety, airports, drones, and sustainable aviation.

It is an immense and immensely exciting brief. I have two main pieces of legislation – the zero emissions vehicle mandate, which will require all car companies to sell 80% zero emission vehicles by 2030; and the automated vehicles bill, which will lay legislation enabling self-driving cars.

On Thursday morning, I attended my first board of the Department for Transport. This weekend I will go to Dubai to represent the UK at a global summit of aviation ministers to



negotiate an agreement to cut emissions from aviation, through using sustainable aviation fuels.

Countries have already agreed that aviation should reach net zero by 2050, and the next step is to agree on how to do that. The UK is committed to the first step of having 10% sustainable aviation fuels by 2030. I spent the week in long debriefing sessions with officials.

I met Jacob Young, the Local

Government Minister, to talk about the problems with the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The GCP has spent large sums of public money not delivering very much, with its failed projects including the Cambridge congestion charge, which I campaigned against. I was shocked to see that at a Cambridgeshire County Council meeting, Liberal Democrat Councillors openly discussed their plans to bring the congestion charge back after the general election.

I urged Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Housing and Regional Development, to fund a feasibility study into a mass transit system for Cambridge, such as the proposal for a light rail system proposed by the campaign group Cambridge Connect.

The GCP could fund a feasibility study, but they are institutionally committed to off-road guided busways.

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Cambourne under the microscope

I recently met the developers who are planning a new high street for Cambourne. It has been one of my campaigns to get Cambourne the high street it deserves.

I have also visited Cambourne Village College to meet the new head teacher – the new sixth form that is being built there and will open next year is very exciting.

I met with Zeiss, the electron microscope company, which employs 300 people in Cambourne, and who are upset with South Cambs District Council pushing their own development next to the factory, which will create vibrations and electromagnetic fields that mean Zeiss would have

to close the factory down if it went ahead. The District Council is seriously conflicted because it is deciding on a planning application on its own development that it has a financial interest in.

It would be a real shame for the UK to lose its leading electron microscope company because of bad planning decisions.

They just need to put in a 30m buffer zone between the development and the Zeiss factory, but the Council have refused to do this.

I have launched a survey on what constituents think about SCDC's four day week, where the council have decided to give all council staff a day off each week with no reduction in pay. I received over 1000 responses in the first 24 hours – and residents are not happy about it. The Government also says it is not good value for the taxpayer for councils to give workers a free day off each week.



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Social well being of the elderly in Cambourne

Addressing the escalating concern of social isolation and loneliness among the elderly in our communities, I have taken proactive steps to enhance their well-being. This includes organising regular group excursions, small trips to garden centres, group cooking sessions, tea parties and group lunches in Cambourne.

Advocating for the retention of Bus 18, I attended a meeting where parents, local councillors, and Mayor Nik Johnson were present. During the meeting, the Whippet Commercial manager pledged (though not fully promised) to make efforts to maintain Bus 18 during school hours for college-bound children.

Celebrating community achievements, I am pleased to announce that Cambourne's local charity, CamCare UK, and CERC have been selected as Elektra's Charity Community Partner 2023 - a prestigious global recognition in the electronics industry for outstanding performance, innovation, and contributions.

Over the past three months, I have organised and hosted several events in Cambourne, including International Languages, Diwali, an Art Exhibition and Sale, and a Christmas Party. Serving as a Trust Governor at a local Primary School in Cambourne, I actively contribute to educational initiatives. Additionally, I am a member of Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust which is endeavouring to bring a cinema to Cambourne to foster community engagement through cultural and cinematic experiences.



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Bowel cancer awareness

Bowel cancer, sometimes called colorectal cancer, is the fourth most common type of cancer in the UK.

The main symptoms of bowel cancer are blood in poo; a change in your normal bowel movements lasting for more than three weeks (such as looser poo and needing to poo more often) and lower abdominal (tummy) pain.

However, these symptoms are very common and there are many other causes.

The risk of bowel cancer is linked to unhealthy lifestyles and increased if you have a history of bowel polyps or have a close relative with the

condition. Usually bowel cancer affects those over 50 but it can affect younger people, so anyone of any age should report their symptoms.

All healthcare professionals are very used to dealing with bowel problems and you should never be embarrassed about talking to them.

Bowel cancer can be detected early making it much more likely to be curable. Everyone aged 60-74 is invited to do a FIT test at home every two years and those over 75 can also request a test if they want to. This test looks for hidden blood in the poo which may be an early sign of bowel cancer. Gradually the age of those who are invited to take this test is being reduced and will eventually include everyone aged 50-74

Reference: www.nhs.uk or bowelcanceruk.org.uk

COMMUNITY

Indoor market set to bring festive cheer to Cambourne



An indoor market of 70 stalls is set to bring festive cheer to Cambourne South Cambridgeshire offering visitors the chance to snap up gifts and get into the Christmas spirit.

South Cambridgeshire District Council will be hosting a Christmas Market on Sunday 10th December which will be held across Cambourne Village College Performance Hall and the neighbouring gymnasium. Visitor entry to the market is free.

Between 11am and 3pm, a variety of stalls will be offering locally crafted gifts, delicious holiday treats, and festive decor. There will also be a selection of mobile caterers found just outside of the venue who will be serving up street food as well as both hot and cold festive refreshments.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Economic Development, said: "We are thrilled to be able to give local traders a chance to showcase their businesses for free at another one of our Christmas markets.

"We are dedicated to helping the growth of our local businesses and economies, understanding the crucial role they play in our high streets and communities.

"This market is not just an event; it's an opportunity for our community to come together, share yuletide cheer, and support local artisans and businesses.

"From handcrafted ornaments to delectable treats, there will be something for everyone. Make sure to mark your calendars with the perfect way to kick off the holiday season."

This follows on from the successful indoor Christmas market held last year, which saw around 1,700 visitors.

To prevent and avoid congestion on the day of the event, parking is prohibited along Sheepfold Lane or on the approach to Cambourne Village College. Visitors are being encouraged to walk or cycle, however, if visitors must drive, parking is available at Cambourne Village College or at designated overflow parking at Cambourne Business Park, next to South Cambridgeshire Hall. *See back page for our advert.*

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CAMBOURNE CHURCH

It is a source of disagreement in many families and workplaces about when to start playing Christmas music and put up the decorations. At one extreme some households have an embargo on Mariah Carey and tinsel until Christmas Eve, while others happily replaced pumpkins on their doorstep with Santa's sleigh at the beginning of November.

There is a long tradition among Christians that the period starting four Sundays before Christmas marks Advent, so this year it starts on 3rd December. Advent is a season of preparation leading up to Christmas, which is understood as marking the church's new year because we see the birth of Jesus as the beginning of a whole new creation. In Advent we are invited both to prayerful reflection and to hopeful anticipation.

Light in the darkness. Hope amidst despair. Confidence that God is working out his purposes. These are Advent themes.

At Christmas we see a baby and anticipate all that will be achieved through that life, death and resurrection ... but in Advent we are one step further back, still awaiting the birth. In the midst of a troubled world Advent points to something better being brought into being, but reminds us that we often have to wait in darkness before we experience the dawn. And sometimes when God is doing something remarkable it can begin by looking rather ordinary, even though the whole world is being changed.

May you experience light and hope this Advent and encounter afresh the joy of Christmas.

Revd Bill Miller

Cambourne Church Services for December 2023



Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Sunday One: All Age Communion Service *
	7.00pm	Sanctuary - Guided Reflective Prayer
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service **
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	All Age Nativity Service
Wednesday 20th	4.00pm	Interactive Christingle
Thursday 21st	7.00pm	Blue Christmas
Sunday 24th	10.00	All Age Communion Service
	6.30pm	Community Carol Service
	11.30pm	Watchnight Communion Service
Monday 25th	10.30am	All Age Christmas Celebration
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Walk and Talk Service

* includes break-out groups for children

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

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

We celebrate Christmas.

We are coming up to the Christmas holiday season. A time of great celebration and joy. But have you ever considered why we celebrate Christmas? I mean we take part but why? Did you know that celebrating Christmas is not commanded in the bible? As believers we really only have one commanded time of remembrance. It is his death. Which we remember during the Lord's Supper.

Another thing to remember is what date the bible gives for the birth of Christ. Well, it does not give one. There are a few theories as to why December 25 was chosen. One is because of a traditional teaching that prophets die on the same date as they were conceived and taking the crucifixion dating back the years plus exactly nine months and it comes out December 25 or thereabouts. This is somewhat dubious to say the least. Another theory is that it was put in to coincide with many pagan old midwinter festivals. Kind of a Christianised replacement for old celebrations. This is more plausible, however, the truth is we do not



Pastor
Donavan Bangs

know the date that Christ was born. Now since we are not commanded to celebrate it and we don't know when it was do we even need to bother? I believe that we can. Because we do not really need to know the date in order to celebrate. As it is not the date we celebrate but the fact that Christ indeed was born. It was spotlighted by a star, it was prophesied in Micah 5:2 to the exact town. It was announced by angels and it was heralded by the heavenly hosts. In

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The light that came into the world to pay the price for the sin of mankind. It is the embodiment of hope and life eternal because of his love, Jesus being the first Christmas present as unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. There is no greater gift but a Saviour for all mankind.

Pastor Donavan Bangs



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St John Fisher Parish

At the start of November, we held a Bonfire Night Fundraising Social to raise money for Missio (a global charity helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need). It was a super success with many people staying after Mass to enjoy an array of cooked foods prepared generously by a team of parishioners.



Money was collected in Missio's famous red boxes, and whilst the total was not available at the time of going to press, it is sure to be several hundred pounds. After the food, we moved outside to enjoy the Cambourne Fireworks.

Our Christmas Mass times for Cambourne are: Sunday 24th December (Vigil Mass) 16:00 and Monday 25th December 08:00; both in Cambourne Church - all are welcome to share in our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

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This notice of statement of interest and assignment serves as evidence that trust property 15 Lancaster Gate, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6AU (Land Registry Title no. CB338588) has been transferred to the trustees named in The Rabbithollow Trust, trust property 85 Mitchcroft Road, Longstanton, Cambridge CB24 3ER (Land Registry Title no. CB384927) has been transferred to the trustees named in The Squirrelhollow Trust, and trust property 9 Barry Close, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 9HR (Land Registry Title no. CH455763) has been transferred to the trustees named in The Hedgehoghollow Trust, all of which are sub-trusts of The Foxhollow Trust, for the 'special purpose in confidence' of use with reference to The Foxhollow Trust with the listed equitable assets held in private from date of execution 23rd October 2023 (for 15 Lancaster Gate and 9 Barry Close) and 21st November 2023 (for 85 Mitchcroft Road).

This serves as public notice by settlor as owner and holder of all rights, title, and interest in the asset 15 Lancaster Gate, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6AU (Land Registry Title no. CB338588), in asset 85 Mitchcroft Road, Longstanton, Cambridge CB24 3ER (Land Registry Title no. CB384927) and in asset 9 Barry Close, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 9HR (Land Registry Title no. CH455763) have been transferred/assigned specifically as trust deposit to the trustees as follows: the settlor hereby confirms that the legal title of the listed trust properties are held by trustee, Christopher David Willett, doing business as (dba) Christopher David Willett, 32 Foxhollow, Cambourne Cambridge CB23 5HW, Great Britain as trustee for the Trust under the terms and conditions of the Trust Deed.

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By Settlor, Christopher David Willett, dated 21st November 2023.

If there is any information regarding this notice that needs to be verified or disclosed,

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EDUCATION

Artistic month at Monkfield Park

This month saw the much anticipated return of the Monkfield Park Art Gallery.

This has become an annual event and is a splendid way to welcome our families and friends into school to celebrate the creativity and skill of the children. Each year we focus on a key skill which the children are developing across the school; this year our focus was printing. The children enjoyed experimenting with a range of printing techniques from using natural materials, such as leaves to produce colourful imprints, to making their own lino prints and screen prints. We felt proud of all the children as the wealth of talent on display was truly inspirational.

Art is also an important part of the SAW Project. SAW or the Science Art and Writing initiative is a cross-disciplinary project that explores

scientific themes through practical science activities underpinned by visually striking images. The images and science concepts are used as a creative stimulus for activities in art and writing. This innovative and inspirational project demonstrates so wonderfully how Science, art and creative writing overlap and interconnect. The amazing team from the John Innes Institute in Norwich allowed the children in Year 6 to see real, cutting edge science in the classroom, in addition to writing poetry with their resident poet and producing inspirational art with their resident artist. All the work is based on microbes and the incredible, microscopic world which is all around us. The children were able to experience the great beauty and benefits of the intriguing, invisible world that has such an impact on all our lives.



Little red reading at The Vine

THE VINE: We have taken inspiration from Little Red Reading Hood, a book written by Lucy Rowland and Ben Mantle.

This is all about a little girl who loves reading in any and every nook and cranny she can find. She spends all day and all night reading, which eventually gets her in trouble with the Big Bad Wolf in the woods on her way to the library.

Luckily, she uses her quick thinking to rescue herself and the librarian from him, by letting him know that he can let his imagination take him anywhere he wants and create his own stories and happy endings.

We followed Little Red's example by finding nooks and crannies around our school that are perfect for reading in, and were surprised by just how many there were! We also took a trip to the woods to help us imagine what it would have been like on her journey through the woods to



get to the library. Finally, we reenacted parts of the story to help us imagine what it would have been like in different character's shoes. It was great fun and the children impressed and entertained us with their acting skills.

To conclude our unit, we used our experiences to write a parallel story about Little Red Writing Hood - all about a little girl who loves writing anywhere she can. We really enjoyed this topic and have been inspired to keep up the reading anywhere we can!



EDUCATION

Everest explorer and film maker visits HCCPS



In November, both of our campuses were visited by the Mount Everest explorer, Matt Dickinson.

Matt is a film-maker and writer who is best known for his award-winning novels and his documentary work for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel and the BBC. It was an exciting morning for our Cambourne pupils, who enjoyed hearing about Matt's expedition to the summit of Everest and seeing real life footage of his adventures. This provided pupils with a purpose for writing. It was just wonderful to see the buzz in the classrooms after Matt had set the children off on their writing workshops.

On reflection of Matt's visit, Frank from Year 4, said "It was very interesting because it was fascinating to learn about what it is like on Mount Everest." Theo, also from Year 4, was keen to share that, "the footage started our brains up for writing." We are so pleased that the workshop was a hit!

Rehearsals for the Reception Nativity and the Year 1/2 production of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' are now well underway. We know that these are always a highlight for both parents and children and are always remembered for years to come.

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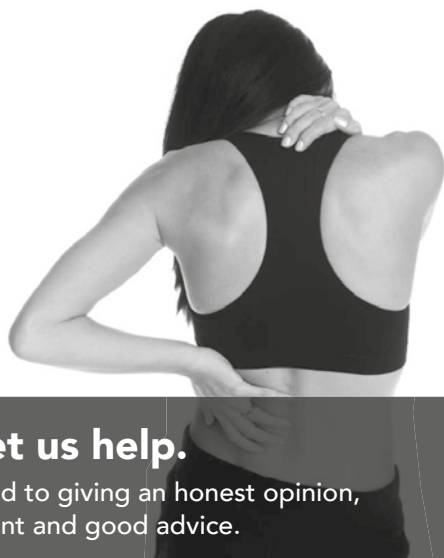
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Ruth Bradbury celebrates 105th birthday

The residents of Cavendish Court held their weekly Friday coffee morning on 27th October but it was a coffee morning with a difference; our resident Mrs Ruth Bradbury was celebrating her 105th birthday. This remarkable lady, accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law took pride of place in the lounge where she received birthday cards and good wishes, helped to cut the cake, and thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations.

Ruth was born in 1918; King George V was on the throne, World War 1 was about to end and David Lloyd George was Prime Minister. Born in Exeter, Ruth moved around the country over the years, with some time spent in the North of England, the Midlands, Home Counties and finally back to her birth place in Devon.

Ruth was a tailoress and to this day she looks elegant and perfectly groomed. Her first love was dancing and that is where she met her husband of 72 years, Bill, who fell in love with her on the spot at a local dance! They married during the second world war, Bill was in the RAF and when on leave they tied the knot. During their long married life their passion was dancing and they regularly tripped the light fantastic on cruise ships. Time was also spent in Portugal and Tenerife, two of their favourite holiday destinations.

Ruth has two sons, Keith who lives with his wife in Bangkok and Kevin who lives in Cambridgeshire with his wife Sallyann. Kevin is a regular visitor to Cavendish Court to keep a watchful eye on "Mum".

Ruth has survived her two brothers and one sister and now has her two sons, three grand-children and five great grand-children. She moved to Cavendish Court in December 2016, is well known and liked by all her fellow residents and the staff. We wish her well and good health at this very special time.



■ Read more about Ruth's life here: www.pastconnect.net/always-in-the-mood-for-dance-my-life-with-bill

Cambourne Community Gospel Choir

Join In the Christmas carols and celebrate with us!

Monkfield Arms: Wednesday 20th December from 7:30pm

If you'd like to sing with us regularly, then the New Year would be a great time to join our rehearsals or re-join us if you've been away for a while. We welcome anyone of any ability and meet every Wednesday term time 7:30-9:15pm in the Blue Space behind Cambourne Church. Drinks and cake break every session! £1 suggested donation.

Join us learning new songs from 10th January 2024.

Never thought I would ever sing in a choir. Such fun!
"Anyone who enjoys singing would enjoy being part of our Choir."

A fun and friendly group led by a whacky conductor. Come and join the fun!

"I particularly like the Choir Leader Steve because he's really fun & helps me to keep singing even when I feel all sorts of feelings & that's why I like singing."

Wednesday evening at Choir Practice is my Happy Place with good friends... all having fun.

Fun, Fellowship and much joy singing uplifting gospel songs, all good for the soul. It is so good being part of the Gospel Choir. However I am feeling on a Wednesday evening, joining together, having fun and singing truth together always lifts my spirit, and I go home feeling encouraged. And I don't have to be able to read music, or even sing the right note all the time, I just need to remember some simple tunes, and simple words of Truth.

"I joined Choir about 2 years ago... Its been the best thing, who knew that singing could be such fun, and so good for the soul!!!!"

Gospel choir is about enjoying singing in a relaxed and fun atmosphere with lovely friendly people who all support one another.

It's really Fun! It keeps me sane!

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Cambourne Community Gospel Choir

Igniting community spirit through music that celebrates God's love for everyone

Rehearsing in Cambourne
(The Blue Space, CB23 6DZ)
Weds, 7:30-9:15pm
during term-time
All ages & abilities welcome



1ST CAMBOURNE CUBS have been very busy this term. We had a fantastic trip to Cambridge Fire Station where we learned about the different types of vehicles they use and the protective suits they wear, plus we got to try out the hoses and throw lines!

We've also learned about sustainability and how and why we should recycle - and planted bulbs in compost made from green bin waste; we've been practicing our knots and lashings for our pioneering badges and grown crystals, built circuits and made hot air balloons for our scientist badges...

We'd also like to say a huge congratulations to all our cubs who have achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Awards this year! Well done!



Zombie batteries

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is supporting the national Take Charge campaign, which aims to tackle the serious problem of recycling and waste fires caused by carelessly discarded "zombie batteries". The campaign urges people to Recycle Batteries Responsibly by using specialist battery and electrical device recycling services.

When they are thrown away with the general rubbish, or mixed with other recycling, batteries can easily return from the dead and cause serious fires once collected – particularly higher-powered lithium-ion batteries which are now common across a wide range of household devices from phones and laptops, to power tools, children's toys, e-bikes and scooters, and even vape devices.

Find out where to recycle batteries responsibly at www.takecharge.org.uk

Beavers and Cubs take part in UK Parliament Week

In the first week of November, both **2nd Cambourne Beavers** and **2nd Cambourne Cubs** took part in UK Parliament Week.

Our young people learnt about democracy, government, and politics (both local and national). They took part in a number of exercises including simple 'vote with your feet' like real MPs do.

They also spent time designing their own pledges poster and had a real vote (with Elizabeth Tower ballot box) to decide which of the standing candidates should win election.

For more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.



**Opening Times: 9am - 12noon
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

Closed for Christmas week and New Years Day

Serving a selection of hot and cold drinks, cakes, breakfast rolls and other delicious refreshments

Looking forward to seeing you all!

**19 - The Coffee House
The Foyer, Cambourne Church
Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne**

COMMUNITY

CERC: Fusing art with STEM

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) is setting a new standard in educational enrichment. As they gear up for the eagerly anticipated First Lego League Championship early next year, the children of CERC are demonstrating the remarkable synergy of technical skill and artistic creativity.

This year's Lego competition theme, 'Masterpiece', is a testament to the growing recognition of art's vital role in fostering human creativity. Here, children are challenged not only to master the intricacies of robotics, building and operating their own robots, but also to embrace and exhibit core values and undertake an innovative project rooted in the realm of art. This unique blend of requirements underscores the importance of a well-rounded education that bridges the often-perceived gap between art and science.



CERC's efforts extend beyond the confines of the classroom or workshop. In a commendable initiative, they have collaborated with the University of Cambridge and EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice), exposing children to a wide array of artistic experiences. Field visits to prestigious institutions like the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge and the Van Gogh Museum in London offer these young minds a broader perspective on art.

Such exposure is invaluable in developing a child's ability to think critically

and creatively. By encountering real-world applications of art in various contexts, the children learn to appreciate its significance in all aspects of life and work. This holistic approach to learning, where art and science coalesce, equips them with a diverse skill set that is crucial in today's interdisciplinary world.

■ Please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at camcare.uk@gmail.com for more information on CERC.

Website: www.camcare.uk/cerc

International Dishes from the Cookery Club

Exciting news from the Cookery Club! This year, we're on a mission to strengthen community bonds through the joy of shared meals at Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club.

Our unique project involves experimenting with diverse world cuisines, bringing members closer through the magic of food. Each year, we explore a new country or cuisine, cooking and savoring together. Members take turns hosting dinners in small groups throughout the year, creating a delightful mix of flavors and camaraderie. The grand finale is our Community Dinner, where we raise funds for a good cause. Join us for a year of culinary adventures, shared laughter, and meaningful connections. Be part of something special—our Cookery Club family!

Please email shrobona@gmail.com



ROBOTICS

BEGINNER COURSES



Join us!
Register at



5rnyurl.com/cerc-robotics-2023

Your Robotic Adventure!
Sunday 3rd Dec, 2023
From 2 - 3 pm
In-person at Old Blue School in Cambourne



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Mentored by
Dr Sujit Bhattacharya
 Aerospace Engineer & EdTech Specialist
 Email: camcare.uk@gmail.com



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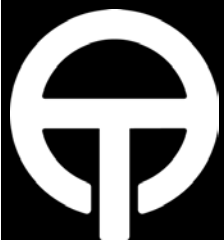
Thrill tracks and mopeds!

Cambourne Soul is a youth centre where we run a whole range of different activities and sessions for young people from the community from Monday to Friday. Running trips is a key part of our work and offers young people the chance to try out new experiences with their friends, while also building confidence.

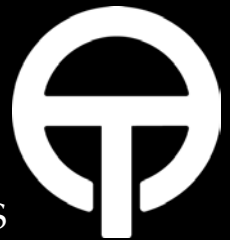
All of our trips have young people at the forefront, many of them have been chosen by young people or develop from conversations around particular interests or hobbies. Past trips have included Go Karting, Ninja Warrior, Thorpe Park and Woburn Safari Park. A popular choice in the summer is visiting local Aqua Parks while Ice Skating is a big hit at Christmas time.

We recently took a group of 5 young people from our Friday Night Youth Club to the Gauntlet Auto Project in Ramsey. This group are particularly interested in learning to ride their own mopeds and motorbikes in the future. This trip provided them a space to safely learn how to ride mopeds and quadbikes on off road tracks and they were racing each other in no time! This was our first visit to Gauntlet, but we don't think it will be our last!

If you would like to find out more about our work or volunteer (we are always looking for help for new projects like gardening, mechanics, bicycle maintenance) - please follow us on social media or get in contact with Emma Whitbread or Linda Homan 07884214044 at The Soul.



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CAMBOURNE TOWN FC

Soccer School

Cambourne Town FC runs a successful Soccer School every Sunday. 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

U14 Girls team seeks players

Our U14 Girls are looking for experienced players and also need a Goalkeeper. Register details via our playing enquiry page on our website or email girlssec@cambournetownfc.org.uk

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.

Students needed!

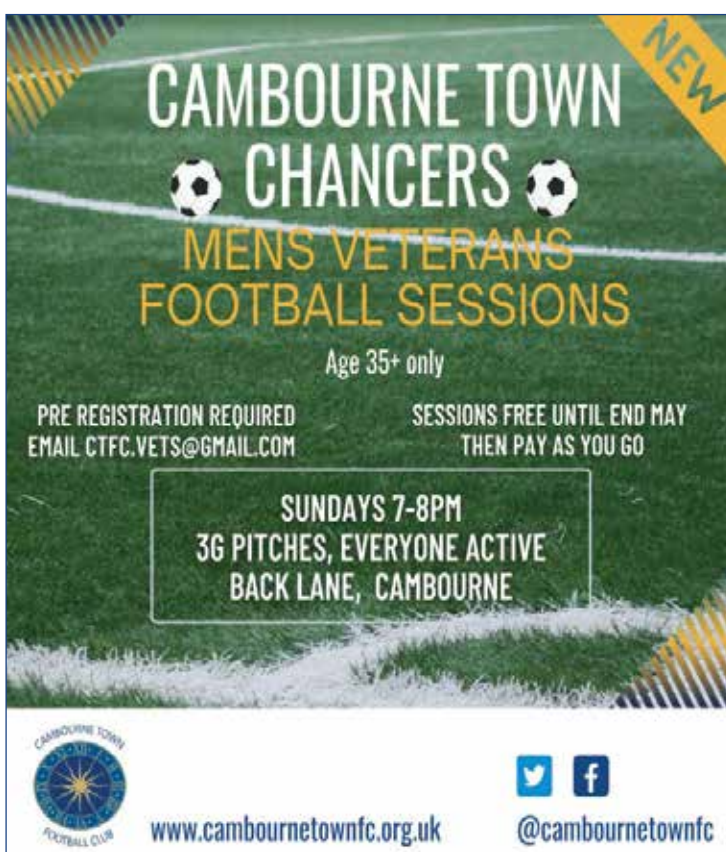
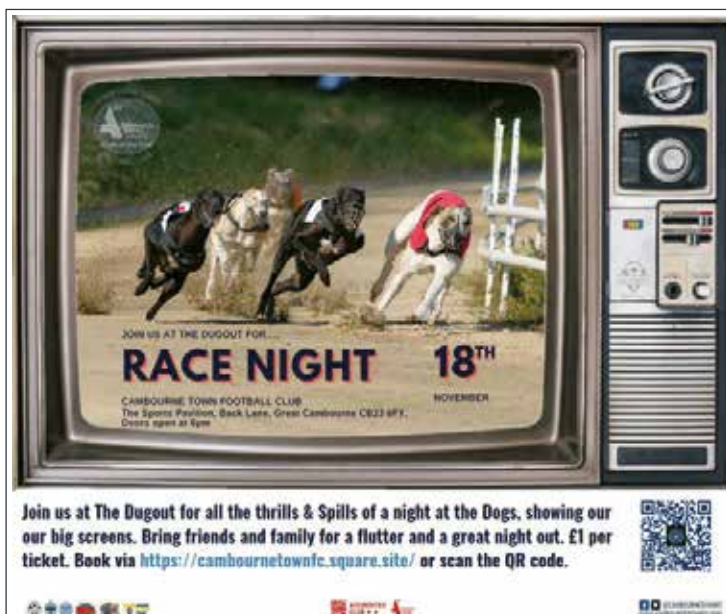
We're especially keen to hear from students who would like to get involved in social media and learn new skills. The role is creative and varied and involves writing for the website, social media and *Cambourne Crier*, and you can also get involved in design if this appeals to you. If you can offer any of these skills please get in touch - this role doesn't need to be one person, we're grateful for whatever skills you can bring to the club. We can offer Mentoring/support offered as needed, and you will be part of a friendly, supportive club committee that meets every two months. Email any questions to marketingandsponsorship@cambournetownfc.org.uk

U8 Girls coach needed

Are you ready to inspire the next generation of football stars? Do you have a passion for the game and a desire to make a difference in your community? We have the perfect opportunity for you! As the head coach of our newly formed Under-8 Girls Grassroots Football Team, you will have a unique chance to nurture young talent, build teamwork, and instil a love for the beautiful game. Your guidance will set the foundation for a lifelong passion for football in these aspiring young athletes.

We offer an opportunity to make a positive impact on young lives, support from a passionate and inclusive community, the satisfaction of being a mentor and role model, and more!

You just need enthusiasm and love for the sport, patience, dedication, and a positive attitude, and strong communication and leadership skills. Don't miss your chance to be a part of something incredible! Join us in creating a brighter future for girls' football in Cambourne. Drop us an email if you are interested or would like to chat to girlssec@cambournetownfc.org.uk



Winter tennis

Cambourne Tennis Club is thrilled to update you on the fantastic progress of our tennis teams in the Cambridgeshire league! We have nine adult teams representing us with great enthusiasm and skill. Among these teams, we take pride in our diverse representation with 2 women's teams, 4 men's teams, and 3 mixed teams.

From the competitive Division 1 to the spirited Division 7, each team is giving their all, demonstrating our club's dedication to fostering tennis at every level. A special shoutout to our Mixed 1 and Men's 1 teams, who currently lead the pack in their divisions. Their outstanding performance reflects not only individual skills but also the collaborative spirit of our club.

As we progress through the season, several teams are in contention for promotion. The dedication and hard work displayed by all our teams are commendable, and it is thrilling to see the prospect of climbing up the divisions.

We are still looking for several female players to strengthen our teams; if you are interested, please get in touch with Arif Kibria (07854 741308). For real-time updates on our teams' standings, please follow the link <https://bit.ly/47074D7>.

Our younger talents also do very well in their Junior Winter League teams. We have 9 teams competing from 8Us to 18Us, boys and girls. Here is a link to see how they're getting on: <https://bit.ly/3sEb50W>.



Want to improve your game? Spring Term Tennis Lessons for all ages and abilities can now be booked. Sessions run from 8th January to 28th March (10-11 weeks, depending on the day). Prices start from just £75 for the term! Sign up via www.gamesettennis.co.uk or email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk if you have any questions.

We are also still offering half-price membership deals that allow unlimited floodlit tennis until the end of March 2024 without court booking fees-for example, a Single Adult Membership for £42.50. More information on how to join can be found here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/Membership/Join> (look for the membership packages labelled "Winter").

Festive end of year for Cambourne Junior Parkrun

Cambourne Junior Parkrun will be holding special festive events over the Christmas holidays, to round off a year in which hundreds of local children have run 2km in our regular Sunday morning events.

Events will take place on Christmas Eve, in which we ask participants to wear something Christmassy, and New Year's Eve, when we will give participants the chance to run in fancy dress, if they wish.

This follows a number of special events that took place earlier in the year. In July we held our second birthday event, followed in September by our 100th event. At both of these events, free home baked cupcakes were offered to the runners and volunteers, thanks to our regular volunteers Jeni Sawford and Fiona Smith. We also held our annual spooky event at Halloween.

Co-event director Philip Abel says: "Over the holiday period many of us tend to eat a little too much, and with many sporting events taking a break, there isn't as much opportunity to exercise. By continuing to hold our regular Sunday events throughout Christmas, it gives the children and their parents the chance to burn off those extra calories whilst also having some fun."

Cambourne junior parkrun takes place every Sunday morning at 9am on the sports playing fields for children aged 4 to 14.

See parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors for more details and register in advance for free before your first visit.

CAMBOURNE JUNIOR PARKRUN

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Adults can join in with the kids too!

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Everyone welcome

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

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM
Including Xmas Eve & New Year's Eve

Cambourne Sports Centre Playing Fields

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

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