



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Successful crowdfunding of snack bar for Soul youth building

Cambourne Youth Partnership is very grateful to all those who gave to our crowdfunding appeal in 2023.

The money raised enabled us to get a snack/coffee bar with sink and fridge installed in the Soul youth building, as well as purchase items to support art and sports activities in our weekly clubs and more furniture.

The snack bar was a priority because we had previously been using fold up tables and had less storage in the kitchen for things used for refreshments.

It's meant that there is a more official space for young people to access and make snacks and receive refreshments so that more cooking and baking activities can



happen in the kitchen, and it also becomes a hub for socialising while making a toastie!

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We've received a number of requests to extend delivery of *Cambourne Crier* to West Cambourne. Unfortunately, at this time, we don't have sufficient income to cover the additional print and delivery costs.

We are continuing to monitor the situation but in the meantime are delighted to announce that we are now offering a **free online subscription!**

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Youth Photo competition winners:

The CYP photo competition was run in the summer and young people sent in their photos of their favourite things about Cambourne. Four winners were chosen and their photos are being mounted on the gallery wall in the Soul Building.

The winners were:

Zachary - Church through a bench arm

Emily - Firestation Walkway

Jay - Sunset in Cambourne

Ayesha - Lavendar Magic



Open Gardens 2024



Would you be willing to open your garden this year?

■ See page 4 for more...

Pancake race



Cambourne's annual pancake race had extra eggs!

■ Find out more on page 24...

County comes calling



Cambourne Cricket Club players called up for county squads

■ Read more on page 27...

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 Crier

The Hub, High Street, Great Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6GW

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CRIBER COMMUNITY FUND

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ **VACANCIES**

The Town Council has three vacancies. We are looking for an apprentice Office Administrator and for the Grounds Team we are looking for a Team Leader and a Grounds Person or Skilled Grounds Person. Please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

■ **COUNTY LINES**

Cambourne Town Council is supporting South Cambs Community Safety Partnership in raising awareness about County Lines.

County Lines awareness from South Cambs Community Safety Partnership

The November issue of *Cambourne Crier* printed an article about County Lines including an explanation of how ANY young person can be vulnerable to being exploited. A relationship between a drug dealer and a local young person may begin in a way that feels friendly and beneficial to the young person, and so they may not tell their parents the details, or realise they are at risk. Signs that adults can look out for 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.
- IVESON (formerly PACE) have a wealth of resources for parents and carers who are concerned.

South Cambs Community Safety Partnership will be providing more opportunities for community members to learn more, please keep an eye on local channels.

■ **CAMBOURNE 10K**

Entries are open for the Cambourne 10K and Fun Run taking place on Sunday 14th April 2024 at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge and Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council.

■ **DOGS ON LEADS****– The Countryside Code of Conduct**

Due to some recent concerns, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs. Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of.

The Town Council follows the Countryside Code:

The Countryside Code**– Protect the Environment**

- Take your litter home
- Leave no trace of your visit
- Take care with BBQS (where permitted)
- Do not light fires
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it, any public waste bin will do
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

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:-

www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/

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Wednesdays: 12.30-4:00pm
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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS March and April 2024

- 5th March at 7pm:
 - Planning Committee
 - Followed by Full Council Meeting
- 19th March at 7pm:
 - Planning Committee
 - Followed by Finance and Policy Committee
- 2nd April at 7pm:
 - Planning Committee
 - Followed by Full Council Meeting

Council meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre

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- Visit the website: sands.org.uk/support
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Cambridgeshire Sands is a local group running friendly and relaxed meetings, providing bereaved parents, family, and friends with an opportunity to meet others who have been through a similar experience. Memorial and other events also run during the year locally and nationally.

Our support meetings are held:
 Where: Holiday Inn Express Back Lane, Great Cambourne, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6LJ
 When: Third Thursday of the month

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Spring joys with the Wildlife Trust

Enhancing the enjoyment and understanding of wildlife is a constant remit for the Wildlife Trust. The events programme was quieter over the colder wintry months, but now that spring is springing, here's a snap-shot of activities to engage with over the next few months in the patch between Gamlingay, Cambourne and Comberton.

Sit and chat in nature

Sessions are designed for those who want to enjoy nature on our reserves, alongside a sit down and a cuppa - we won't walk far! These are being held in Gamlingay Wood, 21 and 25 April 10-12ish, and on Cambourne nature reserve, 13 June and 4 July 10-12ish.

Walks for adults

Spring wildflower strolls: 2-3 mile walks around our four local ancient woodland reserves:

- Hayley Wood 17 April, 10am-12
- Gamlingay Wood 20 April, 10am-12
- Hardwick Wood 24 April, 6-8pm
- Waresley & Gransden Woods 27 April, 8-10am

Cambourne nature reserve is accessible with paths suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Join us for a 'not-quite dawn chorus' on 5 May, and an evening summer stroll on 4 June. There's a longer walk from Cambourne to Bourn Windmill on 22 June, for those confident on more uneven terrain.

Millbridge Brook Meadows

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of this greenspace in Gamlingay with an adult walk focusing on common wildlife identification on 6 May, and a family session on 30 May.

Wilder home-school

These child-led outdoor sessions in Cambourne are for home-school families with children from ages 5-13. They happen Wednesday mornings during term-time from April to October

Wild in the Woods

Family sessions for primary-aged children with a variety of themes on Wednesday mornings during school holidays.

Little Bugs

These pre-school sessions involve a nature walk and story with a wildlife theme. We do simple outdoor activities and talk about whatever wildlife comes up! They run Friday mornings, April- Oct.



Youth Rangers

Monthly sessions are for secondary-school age young people who are interested in local wildlife and environmental issues. They run all year around on Fridays during school holidays and Saturday mornings in between, doing practical activities, walks, talks, surveys and socials.

For any enquiries contact rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Wild photography

The Trust's 2024 photography competition is now open for submissions – up to the closing date of 2nd May, with the theme of Nature All Around for this year. There are lots great prizes to be won: an amazing overall prize of OM System photography equipment worth £1,799, plus brilliant category prizes from competition supporters Opticron.

Be inspired by some of last years winners – who couldn't love Kevin Loader's frog in duckweed? Three categories: Youth, for under 18s; People and Nature; and Flora and Fauna. One overall winner will be chosen from the category winners, and these, plus 21 additional winning images, will feature the Trust's 2025 wildlife calendar. Images need to be taken anywhere across Beds, Cambs and Northants, open to all ages, and free to enter. Get snapping!

www.wildlifebcn.org/photocomp

Social channels: Facebook/X/Insta: [@wildlifebcn](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn)

[@BeccaBadgerWTBCN](https://www.instagram.com/BeccaBadgerWTBCN)

More events details wildlifebcn.org/events

www.wildlifebcn.org/westcambshundreds

Cambourne Open Gardens: Save the dates

Save the Dates: **Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th June 2024** for Cambourne Open Gardens. As your garden begins to come to life again, why not set yourself the challenge to get it ready to share with others in Cambourne. They would love to see it and it's such a wonderful experience... Go on, get weeding and contact Jules at juleshannaford@hotmail.com



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2nd Cambourne Scout Group enjoy Great British Birdwatch weekend



Our three sections at 2nd Cambourne Scout Group have enjoyed the Spring Term so far.

The Beavers made fat ball hanging bird feeders in time for the Great British Birdwatch weekend.

The Cubs have been practising and enjoying Unihoc prior to the District Sports

Day and the Scouts had a fun games night including old classics like Uno and Chess as well as newer games like Happy Salmon and Dobble.

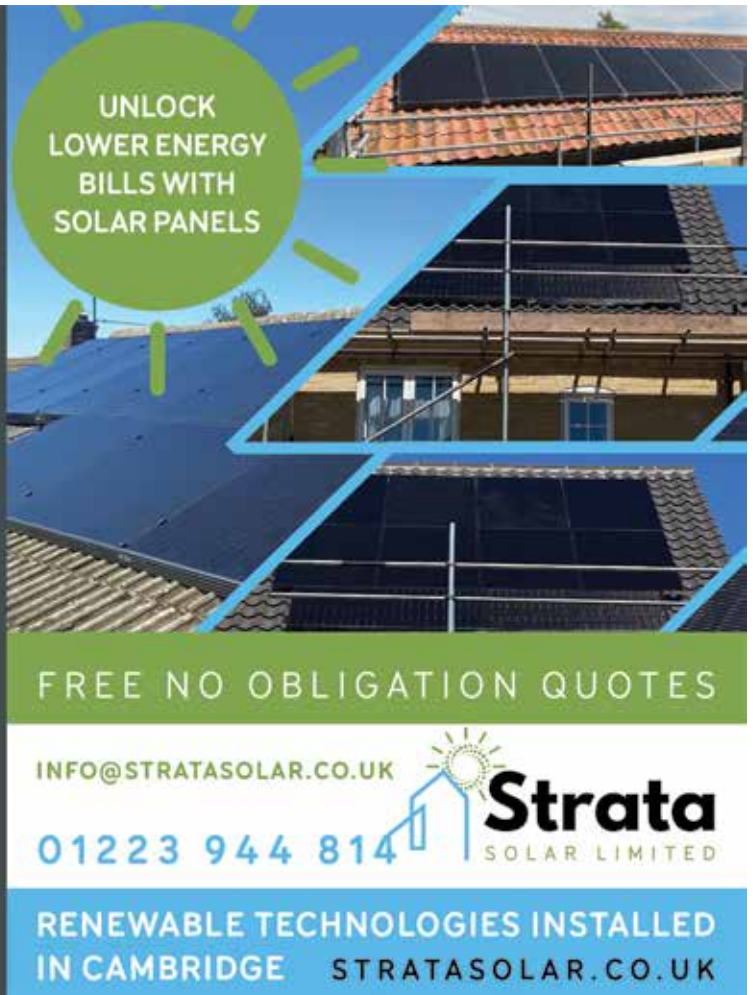
Our sections are Beavers (ages 6-8), Cubs (8-10.5), and Scouts (10.5-14), for more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk



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Cambourne Library

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Did you know that Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a free Library at Home service to readers of any age who find it difficult to get to the library due to disability, illness or caring responsibilities? A local volunteer can visit monthly at a mutually convenient time, bringing library books and audiobooks chosen according to each reader's preference, and have a friendly chat if you'd like. For more information about becoming a Library at Home customer, or volunteer, please ask at your local library, email volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk call 0345 045 5225 or visit our website

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/advice-and-support/library-at-home-service>

During these colder months, you will find a warm, friendly welcome at the library. Do drop in to relax and read a book, use the library computers or connect to our free public Wi-Fi. We will also have refreshments available such as tea, coffee and biscuits, kindly donated by HOPE AGAINST POVERTY CIC – COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECT.

Refreshments available during these times: **Mondays 10am-4pm, Tuesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 2pm-6pm and Fridays 10am-4pm.**

Engage Sessions – 1st Wednesday of every month, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming Emrys Jones from the Western Front Association to the library on **Wednesday 6th March 2024 2.00-3.30pm** to deliver his talk **Twenty Years a Battlefield Guide**. Emrys will explain how he became a battlefield guide, leading tours of the Western Front for students and other visitors as well as for the military.

Our **April Engage** will be on **Wednesday 3rd, 2.00pm-3.30pm**. The talk will be all about **Historic Churches of Cambridgeshire**. In this illustrated lecture, John Vigar looks at a variety of historic churches and discusses their history, furnishings, and architecture. The talk covers history from the founding of a monastery in AD630 at Soham to the explosion of church building after the Norman conquest. He is the author of 'Churches of Cambridgeshire' published by Amberley Press (2023) and copies will be on sale after the lecture.

Come along to these free, fascinating talks. No need to book, just drop in. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served around 3.00 pm.

Science Week 11th -15th March and Shakespeare Week 18th-22nd March (Monday, Thursday and Friday)

Please keep an eye on social media and posters in the library for details of family friendly activities for both these special weeks. Booking may be required.

Easter Holiday Events:

Family Lego event on Wednesday 3rd April 10-11.30am. We will have Duplo and Lego for a fun session creating your models. Booking required as places will be limited.

Following on from the success of our winter treasure hunt we will be holding an **Easter Treasure Hunt** throughout the Easter holiday. All participants will be entered into a prize draw for a small gift.

Board Game Mornings

Every Tuesday 10am-11.30am during term time.

There are a variety of games to play, for all ages. We have board games, card games, strategy games and even carpet Kurling and carpet Boccia (like Boule).

This is a free, drop in event. Refreshments available.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch

Would you like to join a friendly reading group meeting at lunchtime? Our library-based reading group meets once a month on a **Wednesday, normally the third week of the month, at 12.30 pm**. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting, **Wednesday 13th March**. You will be very welcome!

Digital Assistance

Our computer buddy volunteers are available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library **every Monday**. If you, or someone you know, needs any help with using a laptop or tablet, assistance will be available between **10.00 am – 12 noon and 1.00 – 3.00 pm**. Drop in enquiries welcome or you can book a session. Please speak to a Librarian at the counter or contact us on the number/ email at the bottom.

Rhymetime/Storytime

Our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers are on Friday mornings, in term time, from 9.30 - 10.00 am. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!

Rhyme time this month will be on **1st and 15th March**.

Storytime this month will be on **8th and 22nd March** (please note that the 22nd of March will be a special hour-long Rhyme time and Storytime event)

Jigsaw Swap

We have a large supply of excellent quality jigsaws at Cambourne library so if you would like to borrow or swap a puzzle please pop into the library and find yourself a new jigsaw challenge.

For more information about activities in Cambourne Library and all Cambridgeshire Libraries please pick up our new What's On brochure.

We wish all our customers a very happy Easter!

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Social Media: Facebook @CambridgeshireLibraries, Facebook

@CambsLibFamilies, Instagram @cambslib, X @cambslib,

YouTube @CambridgeshireLibraries

New tech for launch of Cambourne Astronomy Club

Cambourne resident and scientist Mr Daniel recently donated a Telescope to CamCare UK, kickstarting the formation of an Astronomy Club in the community.

The donation comprises a Celestron Astromaster 130 EQ-MD telescope, additional lenses, filters and a camera mount. This thoughtful contribution provides the foundation for the newly established Astronomy Club, aligning with the charity's commitment to expanding educational opportunities.

The telescope, equipped with a motor drive for celestial tracking, promises engaging observations and educational experiences. Including lenses, filters, and a camera mount adds an exciting dimension to the club's activities, encouraging members to delve into the fascinating realm of astrophotography.

The local charity CamCare UK extends heartfelt thanks to Mr Daniel for his generous contribution, which will undoubtedly enhance the community's scientific exploration and educational initiatives. As the Astronomy Club shapes, community members



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Cambourne is still without a High Street

I was able to meet the Prime Minister's newly appointed Towns Tsar, to discuss ways to improve Cambourne, which is still languishing without a High Street.

I also met campaigners for a unitary authority in Cambridgeshire. The county is blighted by too many layers of local government – the mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the County Council, district councils and parish councils. It is a recipe for political gridlock and enables unaccountable organisations like the GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership). Those parts of the country that have gone down the unitary route tell me they are generally very pleased with it.

I had separate meetings with local leaders of the bus companies Whippet and Stagecoach, to push them to serve West Cambourne, which currently has no service or stop. This is a big planning failure because the requirements of buses in terms of turning circles wasn't accommodated when West Cambourne was laid out. Whippet agreed to get its X3 bus to stop just outside West Cambourne by the roundabout on the A1198 – it just needs the Combined Authority to install a physical bus stop.

This week, with Health Minister Lord Markham, I formally broke ground for the construction of the new Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital at the Biomedical Campus. The following day health minister Andrew Stephenson came to Cambridge to mark the start of enabling works for the Cambridge Children's Hospital.



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My activities to help Cambourne residents

I have been busy since my last article in Cambourne Crier. I attended the climate and environment advisory committee meeting at the District Council and asked for the funding to help Cambourne Village College's Eco Club.

The experience of the pancake and egg-spoon race has inspired me to explore the potential of a community sports day. It is a day where families come together, generations unite and the community celebrates the spirit of sportsmanship.

I have advocated tirelessly across local government channels for the installation of seating provisions at Broad Street (opposite Morrisons) to address the prolonged wait times

experienced by elderly residents with mobility constraints while awaiting buses. I am still pushing to have a bus stop in Cambourne for the 905 bus, for which discussions are ongoing.

As an active STEM ambassador, I am starting a new club to engage young people in a positive direction with academically oriented pursuits including astronomy, chess, 3D printing, electronics, hardware, origami, vedic maths, VR and drone technology, chemistry for children, HAM radio and rocketry.

I reported a number of crimes and safety issues to the Cambourne Community Support Partnership and Town Council, which were received by me from the residents encountering difficulties.

I am working with the officers at District Council regarding fly tipping in Cambourne.



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Neurodiversity and autism

Autism affects people in different ways and like all people, autistic people have individual strengths and weaknesses.

Some have limited speech, while others have very good language skills but tend to take things literally, struggle understanding tone of voice and need extra time to process information.

Autistic people can have difficulty recognising or understanding others' feelings although feel their own emotions intensely. They may appear insensitive and find it challenging to form friendships. Routines and patterns are often important which can lead to new ways of looking

at the world. Extreme sensitivity to sounds, touch, tastes and smells is common.

They can often become experts in a particular subject and enjoy sharing their knowledge. It used to be thought that autism was more common in boys. However, it is now thought that girls with autism may hide their symptoms better (masking) and many women are diagnosed well into adulthood. Parents who have children with autism (or suspect it) can feel isolated and the process to get a diagnosis can be long. A new group for parents to support one another is beginning in Cambourne soon and anyone who might find this helpful can contact Sue on naotp6e@gmail.com for more details.

■ Reference: www.autism.org.uk

LUC Murder Mystery Night

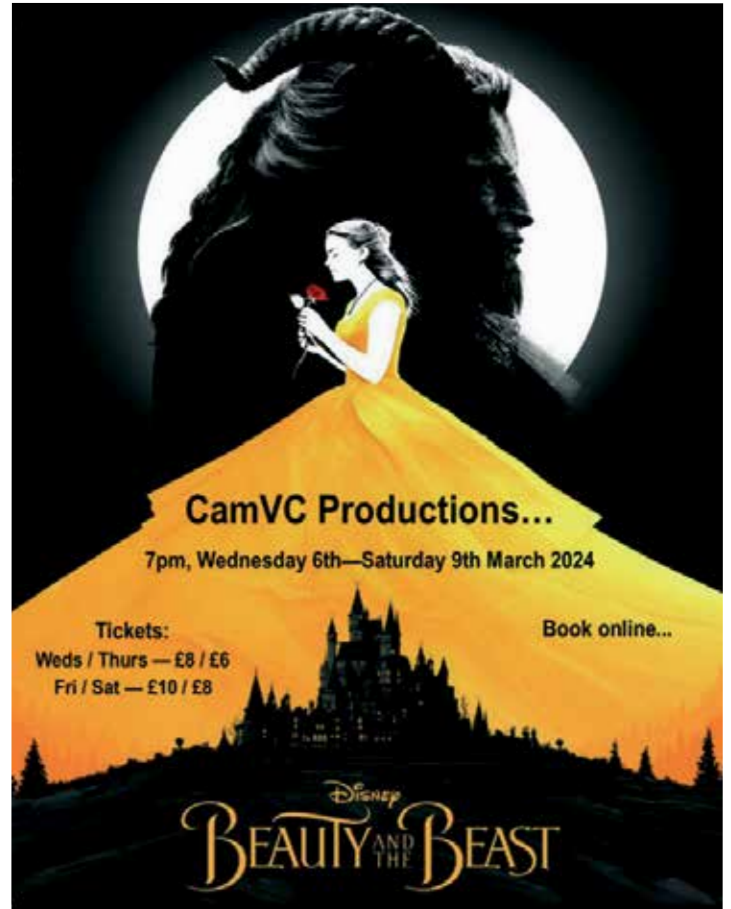
Light Up Cambourne are staging a performance of A Question Of Tort for our Murder Mystery Night on the 11th of May, so save the date and book early as our Murder Mystery nights are always popular and space is limited, a fun evening is assured, more details to come nearer the time.

It's great to report that as a result of recent appeals for volunteers we welcomed two new recruits to our last committee meeting, welcome Zoe and Stephen, of course we are still looking for more volunteers to maintain the group.

Thanks are also due to Upper Cambourne Coop for their donation of raffle prizes for our events. Donations of raffle prizes are always welcome, so if you can find something for us it would be greatly appreciated, we are also looking for glasses from GU desserts if you have any.

Thank you to all the people who attended our first Bingo night of the year, your support means more funds for Cambourne's Christmas Lights, our events and donations provide our only income for providing the festive lights in the town and so your support is vital in keeping the lights on at Christmas.

For details of any of the above or to get in touch please use our facebook page or email lightupcambourne@gmail.com





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At Cambourne Church we are exploring how better to use the outside areas around our church building, especially the land between the building and the car park.

What can we do to create outdoor spaces in which both wildlife and human beings can thrive? Can these also be spaces where people can reflect and encounter God?

One early step in this journey of exploration has been to begin a no-dig produce garden with the aim of growing vegetables for use by the food bank and others.

You may already have seen evidence of this work taking place. Is this something that interests you? If so then please let us know because we are looking to build a team of volunteers in the local community.

And this rethinking of the use of our outdoor spaces is part of a wider consideration of how we can reduce our carbon footprint, live more sustainably, and appropriately engage with the world around us as a gift from a good Creator.

For example, in '19 - the coffee house' we look to source our food and drink from local suppliers with a keen eye on sustainability. Regarding our energy suppliers, we have switched to tariffs based on renewable energy. And we are in the process of raising awareness in many different aspects of church life.

We have much to learn and much to do, but every step in the right direction matters because we are called to be responsible stewards of God's Creation.

Revd Bill Miller

Sunday Services in March 2023



Sunday 3 March 10.00am Sunday One Communion Service **
7.00pm Sanctuary (Service of Quiet Prayer)

Sunday 10 March 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship
11.00am Sunday Morning Worship *

Sunday 17 March 9.30am Sunday Morning Worship
11.00am Sunday Morning Worship *

Sunday 24 March 10.00am Sunday Morning Worship *
(followed by Church AGM)

Thursday 28th March 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 29th March 10.00am Good Friday Walk from Crow Hill
10.30am Good Friday All-Age Reflective Service

Sunday 31 March 8.00am Easter Gathering on Crow Hill
10.00am All Age Easter Communion Service

* These services include break-out groups for children and young people.

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Being Special.

Being told that you are interesting can be nice. Having a man of learning telling his subordinates they are unlikely to see another person like you and having many of them gather round in groups to ask you questions could seem very nice. That is unless all the people in question are doctors. As I was diagnosed with Miller Fisher Syndrome (MFS) which is one of the rare forms of a spectrum of Guillain-Barré syndrome. That was bad for a while, I lost a great deal of functionality and had pain and spent a week in hospital. I was weakened by the treatment and have been unable to do much. It would make a decent time to throw myself a pity party. Although whilst certainly frustrated in my weakness and loss of being able to see straight I knew my recovery would come. However all thoughts of my current situation vanished when my boy Max was taken in to the hospital a week after me with a problem with his lymph nodes. In fact as I write this near midnight he is still there on his first



**Pastor
Donovan Bangs**

overnight hospital stay, still awaiting tests and scans. I'm still chatting with him online during the night as I cannot be there. Nothing quite hits you the same as when your child is sick. Your love for them superseeds your own needs. Your willingness to sacrifice for them, to endure for them and the pain you feel when unable to do anything is terrible. That is the same kind of love God feels for us. Except he could do something about it. Which is why Christ seeing us under the curse and penalty for sin, sacrificed himself in our place that we might live in him. The forgiveness of sin and eternal life required a perfect sacrifice. As Sir Issac Watts said Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Now by the time you read this I pray all is physically well with both my family and yours. But as we approach Easter perhaps it is time to take a closer look at that love of the Father shed abroad for us? To take a look at our spiritual health. Stay well Cambourne.

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Here are the dates and times for our main Holy Week services all in Cambourne Church:

- Sat 23 March 17:00 - Palm Sunday (Vigil)
 - Sun 24 March 17:00 - Palm Sunday
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On the Friday Years 1 to 6, took part in a sharing assembly where pupils from each year group got to showcase some of their wonderful learning. Our Year 1 and 2 created torahs and thought about what makes them unique. Year 3 and 4 worked in groups to create their own informative posters about a religion of their choice. They enjoyed looking at different artefacts and including information of these in their posters. In Year 5 and 6 students thought about their own world views and what was important to them. Popular ideas included environment, culture, family and friends.

The week really encouraged curiosity and open-mindedness among the kids contributing to a rich and inclusive educational experience.



Monkfield Park excels in competitions and diversity

Monkfield Park primary school: It has been a very busy time with lots of opportunities for the children to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities.

These activities are an important part of our broad curriculum as they help to develop skills and strengths beyond the classroom, widen knowledge and build confidence.

In school we celebrated the vibrancy and diversity of the Monkfield Park family with our annual International Week. From baking different types of bread enjoyed by many cultures to welcoming visitors who immersed us in dancing, art, language and music the students learnt so much.

This was followed by our celebration of all things to do with numbers as we raised money for the important work of the NSPCC. The children participated in number trails and some challenging problem solving activities before selling number themed cakes and biscuits to our families after school.

Our pupils have also visited other schools to participate in a dazzling array of competitions over the course of the half term including, the Year 6 English Challenge, the Year 4 Maths Challenge, the Friendship Games, the Panathlon, a girls' football tournament, the New Age Kurling competition and the finals of the Network CB23 Public Speaking Competition! We

were so proud of the children who competed with good grace and enthusiasm.

The final word must go to our four finalists in the Public Speaking Competition who remained undaunted by the prestigious surroundings of Peterhouse College and delivered accomplished and confident speeches to be declared the overall winning team.



EDUCATION

The Vine School's reception pupils help The Little Red Hen



The Vine: the pupils in Reception felt so sorry for the Little Red Hen who had to do all the work for themselves, that they helped out by making bread.

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Cambourne Crescent: celebrating Ramadan, nurturing minds and shaping leaders

Celebrating Ramadan in Cambourne: A Journey of Reflection and Generosity

With the arrival of spring, the Muslim community in Cambourne gears up for a special month: Ramadan. This sacred period, observed by Muslims worldwide, is a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and giving back.

Starting in mid-March, our community joins countless others in commemorating the first revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). For many, this month embodies one of the Five Pillars of Islam: fasting. From dawn to sunset, Muslims abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs, fostering self-discipline, devotion, and a deeper connection to their faith.

But Ramadan is more than just abstaining. It's about community. In Cambourne, we come together for nightly Taraweeh prayers, seeking spiritual growth and shared worship. These gatherings offer a space for reflection, supplication, and a powerful sense of connection.

The spirit of Ramadan extends beyond our community, reaching those in need. We actively engage in charitable activities, supporting local and international causes. From food aid to orphanages and humanitarian projects, generosity becomes a cornerstone of this holy month.

One of the most anticipated moments of Ramadan is Iftar, the breaking of the fast. Families and friends gather to share a meal after sunset, strengthening bonds and creating cherished memories. These moments of shared joy and connection are what make Ramadan truly special.

As we embark on this spiritual journey, let us embrace the core values of Ramadan: compassion, humility, and gratitude. May his blessed month be a time of personal growth, spiritual renewal, and blessings for all in Cambourne and beyond.

Ramadan is a special month for Muslims in Cambourne, if you would like to attend one of the gatherings or have any questions about Ramadan, please e-mail: info@CambourneCrescent.org

Cambourne Youth Club: Nurturing Minds, Fostering Bonds, and Shaping Leaders

In the heart of Cambourne, Cambourne Crescent's Saturday youth club creates a vibrant space where children and parents come together for camaraderie and shared breakfast delights like waffles, French toast, tea, and coffee.

Led by Coach Samuel, our club is driven by clear objectives,



including strengthening the bond between dads and children, fostering family connections, and engaging in community service projects to instil a sense of responsibility.

Coach Samuel, a dedicated advocate for leadership development, guides our youth through programs cultivating essential skills. We prioritise holistic well-being with sports, fitness activities, and mental health awareness sessions. Our club also serves as a platform for career guidance, interpersonal skill development, civic engagement, and advocacy for social justice.

During our recent Saturday gathering, children explored valuable lessons on good character, manners, and responsibilities. Coach Samuel passionately led discussions on Islamic values, including truthfulness (Siddiq), respect for others (Adab), patience and perseverance (Sabr), and fulfilling responsibilities (Amanah). The teachings also emphasised compassion and generosity (Rahma), aligning with our commitment to shaping individuals with exemplary character and a strong sense of responsibility.

As we continue our youth club journey, our goal is to provide a nurturing environment for children to grow, learn, and thrive. Through diverse activities and teachings, we aim to shape well-rounded individuals who embrace Islamic values and contribute positively to society. For any queries, please e-mail info@CambourneCrescent.org

COMMUNITY

Cambourne Pancake Race: now with added eggs



Cambourne's annual open-air pancake race has become a tradition over the last five years. Adding egg and spoon races for the adults brought a new level of excitement and camaraderie to the festivities on Sunday 11th February at the cricket pavilion.

The atmosphere was magical, and was filled with laughter and joy that resonated throughout the event. The adults embraced the lighthearted competition of the egg and spoon race, each striving to perform best. The cricket ground echoed with laughter, flipping the pancakes and eggs and spoon race, creating a heartwarming ambience that left a lasting impression on everyone present.

Residents of Cambourne made fresh pancakes with various toppings at the venue and shared delightedly with everyone to celebrate the festival of pancakes before Ash Wednesday.

Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, the organiser of this event, said, "This experience has inspired me to explore the potential of a



community sports day. It is a day where families come together, generations unite, and the community celebrates the spirit of sportsmanship. It could be a fantastic opportunity to strengthen bonds, promote a healthy lifestyle, and foster a sense of community unity."



Little Robot Engineers

On Tuesday, 16th January, the Department of Engineering at the University of Cambridge welcomed over 135 aspiring innovators, fuelled by a love of Lego for the highly anticipated IET First Lego League (FLL) Challenge tournament.

Among the fierce competition, Team CERC emerged as the undisputed champion, showcasing their exceptional skills in robot design, project innovation, gameplay, and core values. Their dedication and talent paid off, securing them the coveted Robot Game Award and, more importantly, the title of regional champions for the sixth consecutive year!

Comprised of ten students from various schools, Team CERC impressed the judges with their ingenuity and teamwork. Their journey continues as they head to Harrogate on April 20th to proudly represent Cambourne at the National Finals. Their success is a testament to their dedication, passion, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

This year CERC is mentoring more than 50 children from Cambourne and nearby villages and over 120 students nationally including teams from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ayrshire, Coventry, Birmingham, Cardiff, Swansea, and Ipswich.



Team CERC extends their sincere gratitude to Qualcomm, ARM, TTP, Global Inkjet Systems, IET, and Cambourne Town Council for their invaluable support throughout their journey.

For those interested in joining Team CERC for next year's FLL tournament and other STEM competitions, inquiries can be directed to Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at camcare.uk@gmail.com. Don't miss the chance to be a part of this dynamic and innovative team!

HOPE CIC: update

Crowdfunding for an electric vehicle

We have recently launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for a new electric vehicle. This vehicle will be used for the mobile food hub (Hope on the Go) that currently makes weekly visits to 6 villages in South Cambridgeshire (Duxford, Fulbourn, Linton, Orchard Park, Papworth and Willingham). The van will be larger in size and will properly facilitate the mobile food hub with items displayed just like it is in the community shop (Cambourne). Service users will be able to shop as they would normally, rather than from crates which is a much more dignified way for people to shop for their essential items.

We have secured funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council for £15,000 and are fundraising for a further £20,000. If you would like to donate to our fundraiser, and for further information including service user testimonials, and environmental benefits, please visit: www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/hope-cic-mobile-food-project

Digital hub

Due to interest from our users, we are looking to launch a Digital Hub to support and teach people the basics of using current technologies including mobile phones, computers, tablets etc. We are looking for volunteers that are willing to educate therefore a good understanding of technology is needed. The hub will be accessible to anyone to visit. Once we have volunteer/s lined up we will announce dates for the Digital Hub. If you are interested, please get in contact hopecic.uk@gmail.com

English classes

Unfortunately, we have temporarily stopped the weekly English class. This class supports people learning the English language or wanting to improve their speaking, reading and writing skills. We are looking for a volunteer with a CELTA qualification or equivalent to run this class. This is a rewarding role and has been extremely useful to the small group of attendees. If you are interested, please get in contact hopecic.uk@gmail.com

Bike surgeries

Our regular bike surgery is set to return on Saturday 2nd March, and we have kindly been offered space inside at Cambourne



HOPE

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Library until the warmer weather arrives. The bike surgery will run every Saturday, from 11am until 2pm.

Our team of volunteers can do minor bike repairs, give advice on maintaining your bike, and will also have some refurbished bikes available to purchase at an affordable price (subject to availability).

There is no need to book an appointment, just turn up on the day with your bike. We do advise coming earlier to avoid disappointment.



SPORT

A summer of scrimmage for the Raptors

As the 2023/24 basketball season draws to a close at the end of March, our court-time turns into a spring and summer of scrimmage!

This is your opportunity to enjoy two hours of friendly, competitive full-court basketball (only £6 per session).

Scrimmage sessions take place throughout April-August at Cambourne Village College (Monday and Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm). We will always welcome newcomers who are at least 18 years old - just get in touch if you would like to be added to our scrimmage Whatsapp group, and keep up to date with what's going on.

Email: info@cambournebasketball.org

Instagram: [@camraptorsbball](https://www.instagram.com/camraptorsbball)

Website: cambournebasketball.org



Fundraising for MIND at London Marathon

I couldn't quite believe it when the letter came, but it was true!

I was allocated a place in the TCS London Marathon in April 2024, running and raising money for the mental health charity MIND.

I don't have a bucket list, but if I did, this would be top of the list. I have been pounding the streets and country trails of Cambourne for 10 years, taking part in local 10ks, 10-milers and half marathons, as well as nearby parkruns.

In all that time I've suffered a number of physical and mental barriers, including being recently diagnosed with arthritis in my spine. So running is always a challenge, but I persevere because it is so important for my mental health, which, like lots of people, suffered during and after the pandemic. In that time I was teaching at a primary school in Cambourne.

Walking and running around the country park and perimeter trails was my lifeline when we were under lockdown.

Since the beginning of its start in June 2021, I have been one of the Run Directors for Junior parkrun, which takes place every Sunday on the playing fields, so I get to see the kids feel the enjoyment of running too!

If you would like to sponsor me, the link to my fundraising page is here: <http://tinyurl.com/JeniMarathon>

And if you see me out on the trails, I'll probably be singing to my playlist of pop songs! Do give me a wave!



Jeni Sawford

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Tennis excellence in the Winter League

Over the past months, Cambourne Tennis Club has showcased their talent in the Winter League with nine teams in contention: four men's, two women's, and three mixed teams. Our teams witnessed a rollercoaster of achievements as some secured well-deserved promotions while others faced the challenge of relegation. Several of our teams demonstrated exceptional consistency by maintaining their positions in the same division. What stood out throughout the league was the sportsmanship exhibited by all participants. Some of the matches were fiercely contested yet always played in the true spirit of the game. As the league season concludes, we look forward to building on these experiences and setting the stage for future successes on the tennis court. The Junior League winter season is also nearing its end, with only a few matches left. We've had some fantastic results, most notably our 12U Boys & 16U Girls teams, who both sit top of the league with 1 match to play. A huge well done to everyone who has competed over the winter.

EASTER CAMPS - Are you thinking about what activities your children can do this Easter? Our popular Easter Camps are back! Dates are as follows: WEEK 1 - Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April; WEEK 2 - Monday 8th to Friday 12th April. The camps are



exciting, sociable, affordable, and delivered by LTA-accredited coaches. Booking is flexible (daily or a whole week). To sign up, please go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk. Places are limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis, so please book now to avoid missing out! If you have any questions, please get in touch on 07972149874 or toby@gamesettennis.co.uk. Please see the club website for more information on our activities and how to join: (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC>).

Cambridgeshire calls for Cambourne CC

2023 was a chance for Cambourne Cricket Club to reflect on our first 20 years of existence, celebrating our growth and success as we have gone from a small village to a flourishing town. We kick off 2024 with yet more success to celebrate, and the promise of a very bright future for the next two decades and beyond.

We are so proud to announce that five of our Academy prospects have been selected for the Cambridgeshire County Cricket U11 and U13 Girls squads!

The players selected to represent our County are:

Nakshtra Deorankar (U11)

Anna Bingham (U11)

Pippa Gibbons (U11)

Aashvi Acharya (U11)

Diya Menon (U13)

A few years ago, Cambourne's Callum McLean became the first CCA player to turn out for Cambridgeshire since 1968, and we are immensely proud that yet more talented young cricketers are breaking through the county set-up.

They are not just representing the Club but the Town itself, and are a reflection of a truly blossoming Club Academy with over 100 youngsters. Congratulations to our cricketers and their families, and we know that the entire Cambourne community will be wishing them the best of luck and much success for this exciting



chapter in their cricketing careers!

As we gear up for the fast-approaching 2024 season, we are very pleased to announce that our popular Third Man bar at the Upper pavilion will reopen on Friday 29 March - so do come and join us. There are some exciting developments in store for next season, and we look forward to welcoming our supporters to celebrate these with us. Up the Bombers!



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