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Shedders build box for barn owls

Members of Cambourne Shed have been busy building a barn owl box for the Wildlife Trust.

Having already built one box for the Cambourne Reserve, a second box has now been built for use at the Wansford reserve near Peterborough. Reserve Officer Alexandre Audige-Soutter requested the box to replace a "very sad and rotten barn owl box that is of no use any more".

The owl box was constructed over two visits to the premises of Cambridge Shed (CAM Shed), which is based at Madingley Hall. Cambourne Shed has formed a partnership with CAM Shed that allows Cambourne based Shedders to become members of CAM Shed and take advantage of the active Shed premises. The premises are also used by Comberton Shedders.

Our thanks to Alex Barrett and everyone at CAM Shed for facilitating this partnership



that enables groups from three different areas to use the fantastic Shed at Madingley.

Cambourne Shedders will start work on a third owl box for potential use in Madingley Hall gardens.

Cambourne Shed continues to work with local Scout groups and the Town Council on potential premises in Cambourne.



Thank you Pendril Publications

The *Cambourne Crier* editorial team would like to extend their thanks to Peter and Janet Dobson of Pendril Publications. For well over a decade they have managed the printing and advertising sales for *Cambourne Crier*.

Their support has enabled the magazine to keep going and grow into the publication it is today and the team is hugely grateful.

While we are sad to say goodbye to Peter and Janet, we are excited to be working with a new, Cambourne-based business, Cambridge Press, which is taking on all printing and advertising responsibilities.

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Silver Jubilee garden



Cambourne Church celebrates 25 years of Cambourne

■ See page 6 for more...

High Sheriff in town



Special visitor welcomed by Electronics and Robotics Club

■ Find out more on page 23...

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

The Town Council has a vacancy for a Town Councillor following the resignation of Cllr David Jones. The following notice of casual vacancy was posted on the 20th March 2024.

There is a vacancy on the above Council caused by the resignation of Cllr D Jones. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (computed in accordance with the Regulations) from the date below TEN electors for Cambourne Town give notice, in writing requesting that an election be held.

Such notice must be delivered to the Returning Officer at: South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA

If no such notice is given the Town Council will give notice to fill the vacancy by co-option.

For more information, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or Tel: 01954 714403.

■ THE BIG SQUIGGLE

The Big Squiggle, Cambourne's Art and Craft day is returning on Friday 12 April 2024 at the Soul Building, Back Lane from 11.00am until 2.00pm. See poster on page 25.

We are seeking volunteers to help on the day (no prior art experience necessary, just enthusiasm!), volunteers to help serve refreshments and donations of cakes and savoury items (homemade or purchased from a shop).

Please collect the following: colourful magazines; small cardboard rolls & kitchen roll tubes; clean egg boxes; and - glass jars.

There is a drop off box for these items in Cambourne Library. If you can volunteer and/or donate cakes or savoury items, please contact the Town Council.

■ REPAIR CAFE

Cambourne Repair Cafe will return on Saturday 18 May 2024 as part of Cambourne Village College's Eco Festival from 11am until 2pm. On page 26 there is a poster for the event that contains a QR code that you can scan to access the booking form. Further details of the event and a link to the booking form can also be found at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-6/

■ COUNTY LINES

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

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

As part of raising awareness of County Lines a session has been arranged.

The session will be presented by Ivison Trust (formerly PACE), (*continued Page3*)

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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County Lines (continued)

– a charity whose experience working with families and highlighting the role of parents and guardians in work to protect young people from exploitation is well-respected and gives a unique experience for both families and young people who may have only heard messaging from police or schools about this subject. Part of the presentation includes a parent with lived experience of supporting their child when they discovered they were being exploited – the sharing of this experience will remind us that criminals who exploit young people have a very well-developed and adaptable business model, we better understand how ANY young person can be tricked by their promises, and why it can sometimes feel hard to resist; as well as the helplessness and loneliness the parent can feel, and crucially early signs and support options that might help us all to take action before our children are dragged in more deeply.

The details of the event are Cambourne Soul Youth Building, 6:15pm entry for 6:30pm start, Wednesday 8th May. The session is open to any grown ups with an interest in supporting young people in our community, especially those with parental responsibility.

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 & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council.

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS April and May 2024

2nd April at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Full Council Meeting

16th April at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

7th May at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Annual Town Meeting (the meeting of the electors)

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

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Engage Sessions:

Historic Churches of Cambridgeshire- Wednesday 3rd April 2024 2.00pm-3.30pm

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.

The Solar System and Beyond -Wednesday 1st May 2024 2.00pm-3.30pm

Dr Matt Bothwell- Public Astronomer at the Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge will be giving an illustrated talk on the planets in our Solar System. Come and learn from a real Astronomer and see what you remember from school!

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

Easter Holiday Events:

Family Lego event -Wednesday 3rd April 10am-11.30am.

We will have Duplo and Lego for a fun session creating your models. Booking required as places will be limited. £1 per child.

Easter Crafts -Saturday 6th April 10am-12pm.

There will be templates and recycled paper available to make Easter Baskets between these times. This is a free, drop-in event.

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.

HOPE CIC Bike Surgery-Every Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm.

HOPE CIC team of volunteers are here to offer free minor repairs and advice and support. They are working to reduce

waste and enable members of the community to access affordable cycling. Fix, Ride, Donate!

Coffee with a Cop- Friday 19th April 2pm-4pm.

An informal, drop-in session to chat with a local police officer. All are welcome.

Board Game Mornings -Every Tuesday 10am-11.30am during term time only.

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.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch -Wednesday 17th April 2024 12.30pm-1.30pm.

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. You will be very welcome!

Digital Assistance- Mondays 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.

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, Bus Pass applications etc. 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 19th April and Storytime this month will be on 26th April.**

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.

Cambourne Library continues to be a friendly and welcoming space for you to relax, read a book, use the library computers or connect to our free public Wi-Fi. However, now the warmer weather approaches we will be closing our Warm Space for refreshments. We wish to thank Morrisons and HOPE Against Poverty CIC for their very generous donations of tea, coffee and biscuits for the Warm Space customers.

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Light up Cambourne news



It's great to report our first event of the year was a fantastic success with a capacity crowd, enjoying an evening of bingo, with many positive comments received. Thank you to all who supported us by attending, we hope that we see you again at future fund raising events.

As always donations really do help with our fund raising efforts and so a big shout of thanks to Kelly Lindsay who donated vouchers for both KCrafts & More and a free years membership of Cambourne fishing club as raffle prizes. Also to Michaela Turner and friends for donating their prize money from our game of Rock & Roll bingo. What's Rock & Roll bingo I hear you cry, well come along to our next bingo event and find out!!

Our next event is scheduled for 11th May when Light Up Cambourne and Strictly Murder present a who dunnit evening production of A Question of Tort, tickets for our who dunnit evenings are very popular, so be sure to book early, tickets are priced at £15.00 which includes a food platter and a choice of desserts, whilst our next bingo event is on 15th June, and so another date to save. Of course all of our events are held to raise funds for Cambourne's Christmas Lights, our aims this year are to replace the life expired lights in the trees on Broad Street at an estimated cost of £6000+ and the purchase of the first tranche of lights for lampposts around the town. Previous *Cambourne Crier* posts noted that the sockets on the lampposts have already been installed, although one on the Sundial Roundabout has been installed on the wrong lamppost, something that the town council is working to correct with Balfour Beatty, we are grateful to them for their assistance.

We are still on the lookout for GU glass dessert pots as these make great ramekins, if you have any knocking about please consider giving them to us. As always we still need further volunteers if fund raising is to continue and the Christmas Lights in the town are to continue to shine, for tickets to our events, to give a donation or volunteer please contact us using our email address, lightupcambourne@gmail.com or our facebook page.

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Cambourne Church Gardens

To celebrate 25 years since the first residents moved in to Cambourne in 1999, Cambourne Church is making a Silver Jubilee garden in the land around the church building.

Our first day's work on 24th February was blessed with sunshine and enthusiastic compost spreaders of all ages, who laid a cardboard base and composted greenwaste for us to grow vegetables for the Foodbank.

The second Saturday 9th March involved seed planting in modules and building compost bays for our own leaves and coffee grounds from 19 The Coffee House. Now we need to collect rainwater from the church roof to continue to keep the beds thriving.

With the advice of the Wildlife Trust we shall dedicate an area next to High Street for long grass where small creatures, bugs, and insect larvae can develop undisturbed, as well as taller plants for flowers and seedheads to encourage pollinators and birds.

To help shape the future of the remaining church land as an accessible place of welcome, sanctuary, remembrance, peace, produce and wildlife, we really need your ideas on what could be in the next phases of the design, so that we can try and shape



the future of the church Jubilee Garden for Cambourne residents, new and old.

Garden Mornings at Cambourne Church – second Saturdays of each month: Join us each Second Saturday of the month for planning, planting, nurturing, tidying and fun in the Garden, 10am – noon. 13th April, 11th May, 8/9th June (Cambourne Open Gardens)/

For more information: garden@cambournechurch.org.uk

Wildlife Trust walks and talks around Cambourne

Last year we trialled a few wild home-school sessions in Cambourne for families who are educating outside of school.

We had a great time and found that young people benefitted from the small group size and flexible approach. This year we are expanding the offer to 15 sessions, split into three blocks of five - families are welcome to attend these as one-offs, or as a short, or longer programme. The activities are child-led and run by a Level 3 trained Forest School Leader and experienced environmental educator: there is an early-bird discount and reduced cost for members.

- Spring: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 24 April
- Summer: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 5 June
- Autumn: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 25 September

With our programme of events on a range of sites, we aim to offer something for everyone. Cambourne nature reserve is our most accessible local site. Please check the website for upcoming events including spring walks for adults, early morning bird walks, toddler sessions, family activities, Youth Rangers, and our new "sit and chat in nature" sessions. wildlifebcn.org/events

Woodland closures

Our climate is changing, and winters are already warmer and wetter, which means reducing the window for habitat management, and increasing the need for closures of some of our nationally important bluebell wood nature reserves. Thank

you for respecting these closures, which are about protecting the sensitive wildlife on the edges of the paths – as we all have experienced, this winter has been especially wet and it will take a while before paths dry out. Please check our website for up-to-date information on which sites have restricted access.

wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates

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Cambourne robots recharged

Starship Technologies has announced the installation of the first wireless charging station for its robots in Europe.

The Starship robots have become a familiar sight, delivering groceries to households in Cambourne from the Upper Cambourne Co-op.

You may have wondered where they sleep at night? Well quite simply the robots used to be collected from Cambourne, transported by van to Cambridge, recharged and then returned to Cambourne. Not any more!

Cambourne is leading the way... Thanks to a collaboration with Cambourne Town Council, a fleet of Starship robots will now recharge autonomously in between making grocery deliveries across Cambourne.

Since first launching its autonomous delivery service in Cambourne in May 2022, Starship's robots have become a popular sight in the neighbourhood. The on-demand, convenient and environmentally friendly service has helped cut down on car journeys and provided a valuable solution to people living with mobility challenges.

Starship first introduced wireless charging stations on George Mason University campus in the US over six months ago. The introduction of charging stations in Cambourne marks the first European installation.



Starship now expects to further reduce emissions in Cambourne as robots will no longer need to be taken away by van to recharge. Wireless charging is more energy-efficient, allowing the robots to charge up overnight, while they're sleeping. In this way, wireless charging will also lower the cost of providing autonomous delivery services in the long term.

John Vickery, Cambourne Town Clerk, commented: "For nearly two years now, Starship's robots have been embraced and widely welcomed as part of the local community. So we are very proud that Cambourne has been chosen as the location for the first European installation of wireless charging facilities for the robots."

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The four-day week and the congestion charge

I worked with my team to scrutinise the latest report on the four-day week from South Cambridgeshire District Council and wrote a column about it for *Cambridge News*.

The only surprising thing about it was their honesty, admitting it is saving a fraction of the money they have previously been loudly claiming.

There has also been a dramatic increase in overtime, as staff struggle to do a week's work in four days, but the Lib Dems refuse to tell the residents paying those overtime bills what the cost of it is.

Is the congestion charge coming back? The much hated driving tax was dropped after our

campaign against it. But many local Liberal Democrat and Labour leaders have been open about wanting to bring it back after the general election. So this week I wrote to every single county and district councillor in South Cambridgeshire asking them to confirm on the record to voters that either they will not renew their support for the congestion charge after the general election, or if they do, it would only be after a referendum on it.

The only responses I have got back so far are from Conservatives, stating they will remain opposed to it. I should add that the congestion charge has nothing legally to do with clean air – I am the minister responsible for clean air policies in all towns and cities around the country, and I can confirm to you that Cambridge's air is cleaner than the national legal limits.



STEPHEN DREW
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Cambourne 25: working for the people

Our town is 25 this year, something for us to celebrate as we continue to grow and welcome new residents as well as reflecting on the great community we have built.

However, Cambourne has too often been poorly served in term of facilities, resources and safety. If we compare the way that the new town of Northstowe is being built we see that the cycle network and road crossings provision is far superior to that which we have in Cambourne.

We also lack a completed High Street and our Post Office provision remains woeful.

Therefore, working with my colleague Councillor

Helene Leeming, I have set up the Cambourne25 group which brings together officers and councillors from Cambourne Town Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. We also have representatives from the developers who continue to enjoy the privilege of being able to build our homes and facilities, as well as local schools and other services. My aim as chair of this group is to ensure that once every two months, we get all the key partners in the same room discussing Cambourne's needs and find ways to get them delivered. In our first meeting in February we focussed on the need for a pedestrian crossing from Uplands Place to the High Street shops and the completion of the Swansley Lane cyclepath to the village college and primary school. I look forward to reporting back to you, the residents.



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Epilepsy

Around 1 in 100 people in the UK have epilepsy. It is usually diagnosed after someone has had more than one seizure (although not all seizures are due to epilepsy).

Epilepsy can develop because of a genetic condition, damage to the brain caused by illness or injury or a problem with brain development.

Within the brain are millions of nerve cells which pass electrical signals to each other but if these signals are disrupted, an epileptic seizure can occur. Seizures can look quite different for different people. For some, they may fall to the ground shaking (tonic-clonic seizures), others may appear to 'go blank' or seem confused.

Often people may have some sense of warning that they are about to have a seizure and although flashing lights can trigger seizures in some people with epilepsy, this is fairly unusual.

If you witness someone having a tonic-clonic seizure, it is important not to restrain them and only move them if in immediate danger; place something soft under their head if possible and turn them into the recovery position only after they have stopped shaking.

Knowing how long the seizure lasts is important; if it is more than five minutes or they have never had a seizure before, call an ambulance on 999.

■ *Reference/ further information:*
epilepsysociety.org.uk

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Cubs reach the end of a busy term and look forward to camp!

1ST CAMBOURNE CUBS: Another very busy and fun-filled term has come to an end for the cubs. We've learned a lot of new skills, from ironing, sewing, window-washing, tea-making and bicycle repair to first-aid - we now know how to treat burns and scalds, confidently assess a situation, put someone in the recovery position and administer CPR. We've also celebrated Chinese New Year and shown off our problem-solving abilities - crossing rivers and minefields and solving a camp mystery!

We were sad that a day's backwoods cooking was cancelled due to the very wet weather, but we'll be doing plenty of cooking on camp next term to make up for it! We've been preparing for camp by learning how to keep warm at night and what we need to wear and take with us on hikes - plus how to read a map of course!

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Reon and Harkaran at the end of term, but we were delighted to be able to present them with their Chief Scout's Silver Awards before they moved on! Congratulations to both of you!





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The data is in and, according to The Global Mind Project's "Mental State of the World" report, the UK is the second most miserable country on Earth. Which is somehow worse than coming dead last.

Most people I've talked to seem to greet this quite cheerfully - it speaks, perhaps, to a pessimistic strain in our national self-image - and it is not wrong to leaven sadness with humour. But we ought not to be flippant or dismissive of such emotions, nor ignore their reality in our lives.

In the Bible, grief and sorrow are regular themes, bringing with them a recognition that God is with us in sad times: they are not evidence of His abandonment. One of the most famous verses insists that 'even...[in] the valley of the shadow of death' God is with us and comforts us; the shortest tells us that 'Jesus wept' - even God's son knew, felt and shared in our sorrows. We are also reminded that our emotions are but passing things: 'weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning'.

At Cambourne Church we have recently set up the Harbour Bereavement Cafe for those for whom death's shadow is all too real. And through our various activities, including our Health and Wellbeing Group for older adults, Toddler Group for young children and their carers, 19 The Coffee House, Youth Well-being Cafe, Cherished, and our Sunday Services we always want to be there with love and a listening ear for everyone in our community: whoever you are, however you're feeling.

Revd Bill Miller

Sunday Services in April 2024



7th 10.00am Sunday One: All Age Communion Service
7.00pm Sanctuary - Guided Reflective Prayer

14th 9.30am Worship Service
11.00am Worship Service *

21st 9.30am Communion Service
11.00am Communion Service *

28th 9.30am Worship Service
11.00am Worship Service *

* includes break-out groups for children and young people

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Being a Friend.

Since last month many things have happened. I have recovered to some degree from the miller fisher syndrome. I can see and even though my speech is somewhat impaired I have been able to preach. Full recovery will take more time. My son who had a swollen lymph node was diagnosed with cancer, Hodgkin lymphoma, but it is treatable and by the time you read this he will be on his initial course of chemotherapy. He is handling it very well and many members of the community have prayed for his recovery.

The church has really shown so much love and concern and is a source of strength. This is how it should be as a family gathering round and supporting one another during the hard times and rejoicing during the good. One of the greatest teachings within the church is when Jesus said in John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

He said this at the last supper just before he would be arrested



Pastor
Donovan Bangs

and crucified. That is the thing about love it is not fully tested in the most pleasant of times but in the times of pain and difficulty. See who is there for you in the darkest times and that will be the ones who truly care. The hand at the bedside. The prayer in the night. The one who will make the hard journey.

I hope you all have some people like that in your life. The ones willing to go further for you. But more than that

I pray that you would be a friend like that. Someone who would be a rock of stability for those who need a shoulder to lean on. The Bible says in the book of proverbs a little about that.

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. I would encourage you to be that person for those you care for because some day you will need that hand reaching back to you. And of course the one who loved you the most laid down his life for you on Calvary.

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The second half of the spring term has been very short, but incredibly busy in school. Whilst children in Year 6 have been immersed in the history of Antarctic exploration, Year 4 have been studying mountains and rivers of the British Isles and Year 3 have had a global outlook as they have been studying the different physical and human features of each continent.

Year 2 have been learning about Florence Nightingale and why this rebellious figure was really known as 'the Lady with the Hammer!' As this goes to press Year 5 are busily rehearsing for their football themed production, 'Go for Goal'. The children love the songs and can't wait to perform for their families and



friends. There has been a pirate theme for the learning in Reception whilst in Year 1 the children have been fully immersed in their 'castles' topic. School was full of knights and princesses as the children spent a whole day being transported back to medieval times, enjoying archery, designing their very own castles and rustling up a banquet fit for a royalty.

In addition, the children celebrated



World Book Day with visits from two inspirational authors, Chloe Savage and Vashti Hardi, who helped us to celebrate our love of writing and powerful words. Thinking of how we can help others, the children also found time to hold a bake sale to support the work of The British Heart Foundation and dressed from head to toe in red to raise money for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day.

World Book Day

THE VINE PRIMARY

SCHOOL: On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Our dress up theme this year was 'dress as a word', with both pupils and staff choosing a great selection, from weary to whimsical and fragile to footballer!

Across the day, each class was tasked with putting together a poetry performance. Words were learnt off-by-heart, actions were added and even musical instruments were used to bring their poems to life. In

the afternoon, each class performed to others in the school and we were all incredibly impressed with what our pupils put together in such a short space of time!

We had around 200 entries for our Turn a Toilet Roll into a Book Character competition. The standard was high, with our pupils proving themselves to be a very artistic bunch!

Congratulations to our winners. We hope that you choose some great new books with your prize!



EDUCATION

The power of storytelling



HARDWICK AND CAMBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL: During Book Week, the wonderful world of literature came alive for children as they delved into the enchanting world of traditional folk tales. The week-long celebration not only ignited their imaginations but also transported them into different cultures and times.

To get the week off to an exciting start, each teacher chose a folk tale and children got to decide which two tales they would like to listen to. As a school, we always endeavour to allow opportunities for pupil voice.

In Year 1 to 6, each class created their own folk tale which they then turned into a scroll. Pupils then got to create and write their own folk tales, some of which were then shared during our celebration assembly on Friday. Each class also took part in an engaging Michael Rosen workshop, where they listened to him reading stories and then creating illustrations.

As part of the week, students eagerly embraced World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite literary characters, bringing their favourite stories to life. The creativity extended beyond fictional characters, with some children opting to dress as vocabulary.

New words to our reception children included beautiful, powerful and dapper. Whilst in year 5 and 6 new vocabulary included incognito, futuristic and floccinaucinihilipilification.

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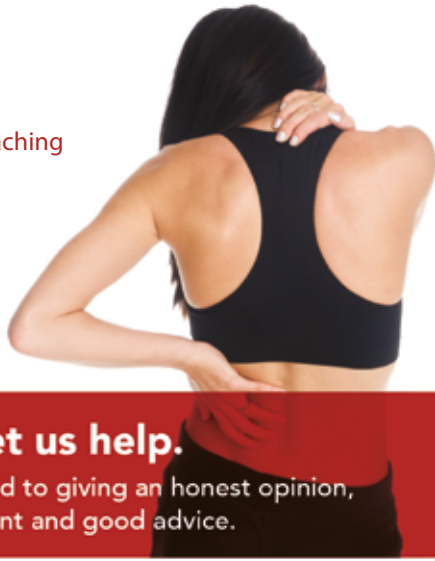
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The group is open to everyone in Cambourne to take part in our productions. The two lead actors for this production, Anabella Voychick-Mula and Swara Raval, who are students at Cambourne Village College were found through our open auditions earlier in the year. Our director, Barry Evans, has been involved with several drama groups

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Bridging Technology and Farming: CERC Students visit Frank's Farm

Students from **Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)** embarked on a fascinating journey to Frank's Farm, in Ellsworth last month. This visit marked a significant milestone for many of the children, as it was their first exposure to the agricultural world, guided by the welcoming and knowledgeable farmer, Anthony.

Frank's Farm, renowned for its commitment to sustainable farming and educational outreach, served as the perfect venue for CERC's mission to instill an appreciation for agriculture among the younger generation. Anthony led the students through the fields and barns, introducing them to the intricate food production processes, from soil to table. The hands-on learning experience captivated the children, gaining insights into the importance of nutrition, gardening techniques, farming methods, and the rearing of animals, including cows and chickens.

The highlight of the visit was the collaborative project aimed at automating the movement of a chicken coop, demonstrating the intersection of technology and traditional farming practices. This initiative sparked a flurry of creative ideas among the students, laying the groundwork for future innovations to be trialed and implemented at Frank's Farm.

Beyond the technical skills and agricultural knowledge gained, the visit fostered a sense of connectedness and mutual respect among the students, Anthony, and the wider community. By bridging the gap between modern technology and traditional farming, CERC and Frank's Farm are nurturing a generation of



informed, compassionate, and innovative individuals, deeply rooted in the values of community and environmental stewardship.

As these young minds continue to explore and contribute to the agricultural landscape, their efforts promise to advance farming practices and strengthen the bonds within the community, ensuring a sustainable and harmonious future for all.

Please fill out this form <https://tinyurl.com/cerc-subscribe> so we can send all the information related to our STEM activities.

High Sheriff visits Cambourne

CAMBOURNE Electronics and Robotics Club: On Sunday, 17th March, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Dr Bharatkumar N Khetani graced Cambourne with his presence at Blue Space, where he had the pleasure of engaging with the talented young minds of the Electronics and Robotics Club.

During his visit, he actively interacted with the children, discussing the innovative projects they diligently pursued at the club.

■ *What is a High Sheriff? A High Sheriff is appointed by His Majesty The King at a meeting of the Privy Council, for one year. The Office of High Sheriff is over 1,000 years old, and the key elements of the role are supporting those who administer law and order and working with the local charity sector.*



COMMUNITY

New addition to Youth Team at Cambourne Soul



New Youth worker Caitlin Ballantine has joined the Youth Team at the Cambourne Soul as a maternity cover post.

Emma Slater had a few days hand-over and left on Friday 15th March. Caitlin has experience in caring for nursery school and older junior school children, and is currently undertaking her Level 2 Youth Work Training with Romsey Mill.

Caitlin will help with the Tuesday Year 9+, the Wednesday Year 7, and Thursday Year 8 drop in clubs. She will also be helping with

the Friday Wellbeing Drop-in at the Church. We have also been running a group for Year 5/6's in school, and Caitlin will be helping with these as well as one to one mentoring with young people.

She will also be involved in the detached youth work sessions to give support to young people who are not engaging yet in clubs and activities.

Here Caitlin introduces herself: "I am a mum of two little boys and enjoy spending my free time with my horses and family. I am looking forward to meeting everyone."



The Royal Naval Association donation to Cambourne Soul

Thanks to local resident Ian Cameron, Cambourne Soul has received a £600 cheque towards youth activities from the Royal Naval Association in St Neots.

Ian came to visit the Cambourne Soul and saw what a vital support the drop-ins are to young people, providing a safe space to meet and build friendships whilst taking part in positive activities such as arts and crafts, playing pool, learning to bake cakes and treats, play musical instruments, and dance or play sport.

The clubs also offer toasted sandwiches and other healthy snacks which for some young people ensure they have some additional food intake. In the groups, the young people develop positive interactions with adults, and have support for their wellbeing. In December, some young people, youth volunteers and members of Cambourne Youth Partnership attended the presentation to receive the cheque.

The Royal Naval Association raises funds throughout the year and members have the opportunity to suggest worthy charities. On the same evening the motorbike Blood Runners, and Wood Green Animal Shelter were among the other charities awarded funding. The Soul Youth Centre worked with 421 different young people in the last year, and so this funding is a welcome support.

SUMMER FETE

STALL HOLDERS WANTED!!

If you would like to hold a stall at the **Jeavons Wood Primary School Summer Fete on Friday 28th June, 3.15pm - 5.30pm**, please get in touch: **JeavonsWoodPTA@gmail.com**

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The Foyer, Cambourne Church
Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne

COMMUNITY

International Women's Day in Cambourne

On Monday 4th March, we celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 - which was actually on Friday 8th March - by holding an evening of celebration at Cambourne Dugout. This year's theme was 'Let's inspire inclusion'.

We've held an IWD event for the last couple of years, but what made this year's event stand out was the inclusion of a lot more men who attended the event with their wives.

With the men participating in the discussion topics, it made for very interesting conversation and in some cases also highlighted that there is much work still to be done in regard to equality. The need for men to understand subjects such as menopause and why some of us want to carry on with our careers and not just give up work because we have 'brain fog' caused a lot of controversial discussion, but we hope it also raised more awareness on the challenges that women face.

We also had two very inspiring guest speakers: Marta Barrabino-Clement, Head of Innovation at Marshall Futureworx who told us about herself, her career journey, as well as what has inspired her. An amazing story of determination, how she managed to get to where she is now, the challenges she has faced, sheer hard work and the decisions she has made in her life. We also had Julia Cullen, who is the Domestic Abuse and



Sexual Violence Partnership Manager for Cambridgeshire County Council, speak the abuse that happens to both women and men, but really good to hear about the support that is available.

Some of the attendees asked if we could set up a working group, to meet and have regular conversations on these types of topics, so it made the event even more worth while.

I hope this article will encourage more people to come next year, to get involved and generate more conversations, as we can learn so much more, but also laugh too.

A really big thank you Marta and Julia, to everyone who attended and got involved by speaking up, as they are all helping raise awareness and inclusion. Also, a big thank you to Shrobona Bhattacharya of CamCare UK, for supporting and being part of this important event. Thank you to everyone who turned up.

Is your crafting stash getting out of hand? Then do not miss our

CRAFTERS DESTASH EVENT

Saturday 18 May, 11am-3pm
 Hardwick Primary School, Limes Rd,
 Hardwick, Cambs CB23 7RE

Stall costs: 6' table £15 / 12' table £25
 All crafts welcome
 Refreshments & WiFi available
 Admission free of charge

Raising funds for East Anglian Children's Hospices & Scrubs for Cambridgeshire

To book your stall contact Clare Diston on clare@diston.me.uk / 07801 344399

The Big Squiggle

Cambourne Gets Creative!
 FREE admission for ALL ages
 Exciting art and craft activities

Friday, 12th April 2024
11.00am – 2.00pm
 Refreshments will be available

Venue: Cambourne Soul
 on Back Lane, Great Cambourne

Organised by Cambourne Town Council and supported by volunteers

SPORT

A first for Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club?

As the Cambourne Crier goes to print, Cambourne Raptors basketball team is hopeful that they it achieve a first for Cambourne - by winning the league.

The team currently sits at the top of the league, with only four games remaining. There have been very few easy games over the winter period, with many going down to the wire - a great example of this was a recent 90-89 overtime win against Bury, with our last basket being scored in the final second! Watch this space!

Join us for a Spring and Summer of Scrimmage!

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, on Thursday at 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.



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Cambourne



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Cambourne Repair Café
On: Saturday 18 May, 11am - 2pm
At: Cambourne Village College

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Info: parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

Welcome to the start of the tennis season 2024!



CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB is thrilled that our social tennis coordinator Jamie Dixon, has been named Volunteer of the Year at the 2024 LTA Cambridgeshire Tennis Awards! This fantastic achievement is due to his amazing work organising our mix-in sessions and taking a leading role in the Club's communication and marketing. Well done, Jamie! Our club's adult social mix-in sessions run twice weekly (Wednesday nights 7 pm-10 pm & Sunday mornings 10 am-12 pm). Members can get to know other members in a social tennis rather than an outright competitive tennis environment.

With spring back in Cambourne this is the ideal time to join or renew your membership. Existing members, please renew a.s.a.p. to keep access to the courts and booking system.

Would you like to start playing tennis? We are a friendly, inclusive club offering plenty of tennis options for ages 5 to 105 at all levels, including social play, team matches, and coaching (coaching fees apply). There are many different annual membership options, all super value, ranging from £16 for Mini Members to £152 for a Family. These give unlimited access to 5 floodlit courts and our newly-built clubhouse for a year. We are also trialling a new off-peak membership for just £26.

People on this membership can access the courts before 4 pm on weekdays and anytime on weekends but may not play in team matches or Wednesday evening mix-in sessions. We look forward to seeing many existing and new members on our courts this year. Further details are available online: clubspark.lta.org.uk/Cambourn_eLTC. Click on MEMBERSHIP.

Great Gransden seeks croquet enthusiasts

GREAT GRANSDEN BOWLS AND CROQUET CLUB: Just west of Cambourne, there are plans to develop a new Croquet Club as a part of the Gransden Bowls & Croquet Club.

Croquet is played on the picturesque green behind the 'Reading Room' village hall.

It is a friendly and competitive game, very easy to learn and can be played by any age and ability.

It is a great way to spend time outdoors and make new friends. Playing on a smooth croquet lawn is a different experience to playing in your garden.

The new club aims to raise the profile of this sport in the local area, and is looking to assess potential levels of interest in Cambourne and surrounding villages.

Gransden has a fully equipped clubhouse with croquet equipment and we will be offering some 'taster' sessions during the season.

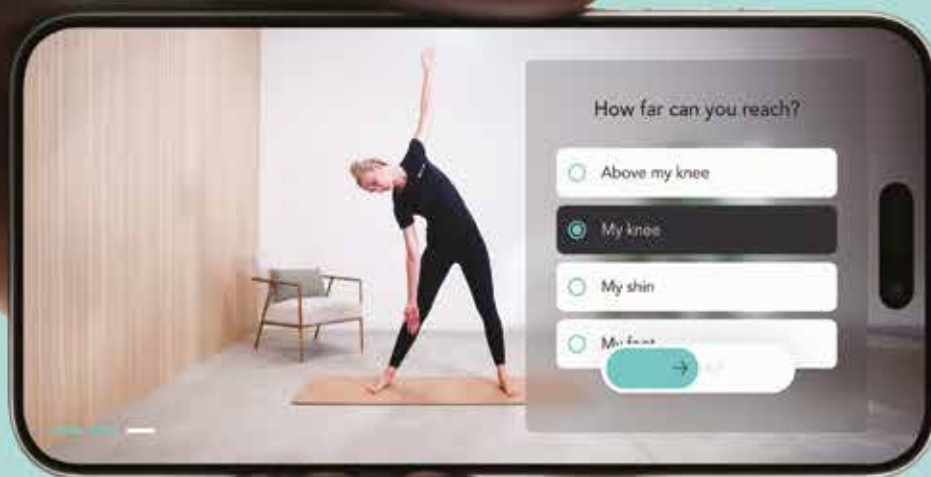
The club is a member of the East Anglian Croquet Federation and Croquet England.

If you feel Croquet is a sport you would like to try and wish to find out more information please get in touch with Barry Plumpton: barry.plumpton@gmail.com (Membership Secretary)



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