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Work gets underway on A428 dualling from Caxton Gibbet to Black Cat

Residents of Cambourne may have noticed the extensive roadworks on the A428 heading west towards St Neots.

The A428 between St Neots and Caxton Gibbet is the only remaining stretch of single carriageway between the M1 near Milton Keynes and Cambridge.

The work being carried out will upgrade the road between Caxton Gibbet (the A428 roundabout between West Cambourne to the south and Papworth Everard to the north) and the Black Cat roundabout on the A1, creating a new 10 mile stretch of dual carriageway.

National Highways says that the new road will:

- Cut journey times by more than a third at peak times, saving up to 10 minutes each way - and as much as 1.5 hours over a working week.
- Cut congestion on the existing road, removing the temptation for drivers to use local roads to avoid delays: the aim is to reduce cars on local roads by up to 4,000.
- Maintain biodiversity and improve air and noise quality for communities.



A new 10 mile stretch of dual carriageway will link Caxton Gibbet (above) to Black Cat (right)
Photographs: facebook.com/A428BlackCat

National Highways is also undertaking archaeological investigations: "Before we start to build, our archaeologists carefully excavate and record what's beneath the surface. We are carrying out advanced work around our proposed route - so you may see us in fields and land nearby.

"This means local people, communities and enthusiasts discover more about the heritage of the region. By doing this work now, we can sensitively excavate any finds, help keep the overall construction programme as short as possible and reduce disruption for the local community."

■ More information is available on the National Highways website, including interactive maps: tinyurl.com/y6khhb76j



"The £1bn scheme between St Neots and Cambourne is the biggest road project in the country and involves the construction of many bridges and roundabouts, to ensure traffic will be able to flow freely and uninterrupted both along the new A428 and the A1.

National Highways have also spent £1m providing protections for great crested newts, in particular the barriers alongside the existing A428.

The new road will open in 2027. "

Anthony Browne
MP for South Cambridgeshire

Fundraising success



Hope CIC surpasses target for new electric mobile food hub

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Cub leader awards



1st Cambourne Cub leaders commended by Chief Scout

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■ The Big Squiggle

The Big Squiggle, Cambourne's art and craft day, returned on Friday 12 April 2024.

A successful event saw many children and their parents/carers taking part in a variety of easter themed activities. Date for your diary: the next Big Squiggle (Autumn) will be held on Friday 1st November 2024 (in the October half term) in the Cambourne Soul.

■ Cambourne 10K

The Cambourne 10K and Fun Run took place on Sunday 14th April 2024 at Cambourne Business Park. The event was organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council. There were over 400 entries who all enjoyed the good weather and conditions. Results are available via the race website: www.cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk/camboune-cambourne-10k-and-fun-run

■ Coronation living heritage fund

South Cambs District Council working with the Town Council has been successful in receiving a grant from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund to plant at least three Micro Woods (each about the size of a tennis court); these are to be planted in Cambourne in the Autumn. The CLHF is designed to create a permanent legacy for the King's Coronation. The Micro Woods follow an innovative way of planting to develop a new wood quickly. More information will follow in the coming months including how the community can help with the planting and establishment of the Micro Woods. Below is an extract from the Forestry Commission web site about the concept of Micro Woods:

"The creation of micro woods, using a planting method pioneered by Japanese botanist Dr Akira Miyawaki, creates miniature woodlands in urban areas. We are excited to see these develop within communities as they emulate a more naturalistic growth to a local area, and by planting mixed native species at close densities in small patches,

we see higher survival rates. They also require minimal maintenance after two to three years and have lower vulnerability to vandalism, helping to contribute to a lasting heritage."

■ Repair Cafe

Cambourne Repair Cafe will return on Saturday, 18th May as part of Cambourne Village College's Eco Festival.

Elsewhere in this magazine, there is a poster for the event that contains a QR code that you can scan to access the booking form. Otherwise, further details of the event and a link to the booking form can 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.

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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...County Lines (continued)

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

The session will be presented by Ivison Trust (formerly PACE) – 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 6:30 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 TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS May and June 2024

7th May at 7pm:

Planning Committee

Followed by Annual Town Meeting (the meeting of the electors)

21st May at 7pm

Annual Meeting of the Council (the start of the new municipal year – election of Chairman) followed by ordinary business of the Council.

Followed by Planning Committee

4th June at 7pm

Planning Committee

Followed by full Council

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

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Engage Sessions

An introduction to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and Treasure Act 1996, with Helen Fowler - Wednesday 5th June 2024, 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme is run by the British Museum and Amgueddfa Cymru

Museum Wales to encourage the recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. Every year many thousands of archaeological objects are discovered, many of these by metal detector users, but also by people whilst out walking, gardening or going about their daily work.

Caroline Biggs, author of The Spinning House - 3rd July 2024, 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm.

The untold story of how Cambridge University locked up women in their prison - and how the town fought to free them. Cambridge University is renowned worldwide for its academic prowess, but below the surface lurks a murky past. Join us for this fascinating talk and a chance to buy Caroline's book (cash only please).

Come along to these free, fascinating talks. No need to book, just drop in. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served around 3.00 pm. Suggested donation is £2.00.

Events

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

They are working to reduce waste and enable members of the community to access affordable cycling. Fix, Ride, Donate! Please note that we have a special Bike Surgery at Cambourne Village College Eco Festival on Saturday 18th May, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm.

Hope CIC Digital Hub - every Wednesday from 17th April from 9.30 am - 12.00 pm (during term time).

This new Digital Hub offers assistance with internet and web browsing, internet safety, online job searching, free online training platforms, LinkedIn and Facebook, Microsoft packages and much more. You can bring your own device or learn on the laptops provided. Drop-ins welcome.

Cambourne Village College's Eco Festival - Saturday 18th May 11.00 am - 2.00 pm.

Come along and say hello. We will have some books for library members to borrow, or why not join the library at the Festival, if you are not a member already? Hear a story or two and do some simple crafts. These activities are aimed at children 7 and under. Cambourne library will be open as normal.

The Library Presents, Paprika (Balkan Band) - Saturday 6th July 2024, 3.00 pm.

Tickets are on sale now for arguably the UK's leading Balkan group - an electrifying blend of Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and classical music. Join us for some foot-tapping rhythms. Suitable for all ages. Tickets can be purchased via www.library.live/the-library-presents, by phoning Babylon Arts box office on 01353 616991 or by popping in to Cambourne Library (cash only). Pick up your Library Presents brochure from your library for information on this and many other events across Cambridgeshire.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - Wednesday 15th May 2024, 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm.

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 during 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 10.00 am - 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm.

Our computer buddy volunteers are ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you, or someone you know, needs any help using a laptop or tablet or with Bus Pass applications etc. then please do come and see us. Drop in enquiries are welcome or you can book a session - please speak with 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 during term time and run from 9.30 am - 10.30 am and include a Duplo play session.

There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun! 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.

Games.

Come and play with some of our board games. Which one will you choose? Available during library opening hours. 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.

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Cambourne Repair Cafe

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See the poster below for details of the event. It also 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/



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Wildlife Trust: 30 Day Nature Challenge

Cambourne Nature Reserve

A great way to discover more about the wildlife that lives here on the nature reserve are the range wild events coming up in May.

Little Bugs for pre-schoolers on Friday mornings

www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2024-05-03-little-bugs-cambourne-spring-series

Wilder home-school on Wednesday mornings

www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2024-05-01-wilder-home-school-cambourne-spring-series

Not-quite dawn chorus on Sunday 5 May – International Dawn Chorus Day

www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2024-05-05-not-quite-dawn-chorus-cambourne

Half term family session, pond dipping on 29 May

www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2024-05-29-wild-woods-cambourne-family-walk-and-pond-dip

Spring flowers – sociable walk for 11-17 year olds, Friday 31 May

www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2024-05-31-west-cams-100s-youth-rangers-spring-wildflower-walk-wareley-and-gransden-wood

Look out for summer strolls, sit-and-chat-in-nature sessions, and our Manor House Open Garden event in June

www.wildlifebcn.org/events

There are various useful measures which will help us take care of this fantastic nature reserve: please keep dogs out of lakes and ponds - they disturb sediment, covering the leaves of underwater plants and restricting their ability to photosynthesise and oxygenate the water.

Feeding ducks and swans brings animals out of the water, making them vulnerable to attack by dogs, and also more likely to approach people which not everyone likes! So do avoid feeding them or getting close to them, especially when on nests.

Do take care to reduce any risk of fire - cigarette butts and BBQs can easily start fires and please stick to paths (including dogs) due to ground nesting birds on the nature reserve (skylarks used to nest here, but no longer use the site).

Next month we're all getting **30 Days Wild!** The annual challenge event, where everyone involved does one wild thing a day throughout the month of June. This year marks a milestone for the flagship initiative as it celebrates its 10th anniversary next month. The nature challenge has grown from 12,000 participants in its first year to over half a million last year alone.

30 Days Wild has helped people to get outside, enjoy and connect with nature as part of their every-day lives. This June promises to be a bumper one – people of all ages and abilities are urged to participate and the Wildlife Trusts are offering free herb seeds and inspirational guide to everyone who signs-up to do a small, wild thing every day during June.

Sign up to receive your free 30 Days Wild pack and embark on a journey that promises not just a month, but a lifetime, of wildness! Visit www.wildlifebcn.org/30DaysWild

Quick reminders:

The Wildlife Trust BCN don't manage all of the wilder green spaces in Cambourne here's a website map www.wildlifebcn.org/sites/default/files/2019-06/Cambourne%20map.pdf

www.wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/cambourne

We have a group of volunteer rangers who work independently to litter pick and undertake other activities to help the Trust manage this site. Please contact us if you want to help. You are very welcome to litter pick without being a volunteer! And we carry out monthly work parties to improve Cambourne Nature Reserve for wildlife and people. Please contact us if you are interested in joining.

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Big Squiggles!

BIG SQUIGGLE 12TH APRIL

2024: A very happy and creative time was enjoyed by many people at the Soul building in Cambourne when they came to try out a wide variety of arts and crafts, often with parents joining in as well. The Soul building was an ideal venue for this event, with so many children coming along to take part and perhaps learn some new skills.

Among the many activities on offer were clay modelling; using

glass pens to decorate a lantern jar; decorating a small flower container; drawing, chalking and painting free-style; using collage to decorate a box; decorating cakes and biscuits; paper plate crafts and tissue paper crafts.

We could not have put on this event without the wonderful assistance of our willing volunteers, whom we thank most sincerely.

The next Big Squiggle (Autumn) will be held on Friday 1st November 2024 (at the end of the October half term) at Cambourne Soul.



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Expanding towns need an expanding police force

I recently met the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Police. We discussed how to reduce crime and boost the police presence in Cambourne and St Neots. Both towns are growing rapidly, and facing problems with anti-social behaviour. He agreed that the expanding towns need an expanded police presence.

I also met with Peter Freeman, Chair of Homes England and the Cambridge Delivery Group, about the Government's plans for development around Cambridge. The Government recently said it will set up a Cambridge Growth Company to oversee the promotion of development.

Government thinking on the plans - now called Cambridge 2050 - is embryonic, and contrary to speculation, there has been no decision made about the locations of where new housing may go, or the governance around it. I have repeatedly stressed the need for local authorities to be involved in any decision-making and the very real problems with infrastructure and water shortages.

I visited the new Movement Surgical Hub at Addenbrookes, which opened in November, providing 40 additional beds and three state-of-the-art operating theatres, dedicated to orthopaedic surgery. This will allow an extra 2,700 procedures a year and reduce waiting times. Building has also begun on Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital and Children's Hospital.



HELENE LEEMING
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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Important events for May in Cambourne

Recognising the need to focus attention on Cambourne's infrastructure, Cllr Drew and I set up the Cambourne25 group.

This group bringing together officers and councillors from Cambourne Town Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Work has continued, focusing on key actions that our town needs, including the pedestrian crossing outside Uplands Place, completing the cycle path to Cambourne Village College on Swansley Lane, upgrading our muddy paths and steps towards a permanent Post Office for our town. We are campaigning hard to make sure Cambourne gets the attention it deserves and that

developers' contributions are spent promptly on our much needed facilities.

Please note the following dates in May:

2nd May: Election for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

8th May: 6.30-7.30pm at Cambourne Soul. Information event about county lines, the insidious crime which exploits young people, making them the victim of drug exploitation. This is a free event, but please reserve a space via Eventbrite. tinyurl.com/bdhkebv

10th May: 2pm-7pm, East West Rail public information event at the council offices in Cambourne. The event is a drop in and open to all. This is not a formal consultation meeting, but is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. This is the first stage of the statutory consultation process.



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National walking month - Just walk!

May is National Walking Month and the British Heart Foundation is encouraging us to get walking. At the same time there is the opportunity to raise money by doing a sponsored walk.

Regardless of your age, exercise including walking can make you not only physically healthier but mentally healthier too. It can reduce your risk of obesity and major illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes, bone fractures and some cancers. It can also increase self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, along with reducing stress and depression.

Walking is a great way to keep active as it is flexible and free and can be really sociable. To be especially effective for your health, try and move quickly enough to raise your heart rate, breathe faster and feel warmer for some of the time you are walking. You can tell if you're achieving this if you can talk but not sing the words to a song.

It is important to do what you enjoy and factor it in to your day. Something is better than nothing and whether walking or finding another exercise, doing something that is sustainable is the key to all changes which improve health.

While you're at it, if you would like to raise money for research into heart disease, the British Heart Foundation - and all those they help would be grateful.

■ Further information: www.BHF.org.uk

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U3a members draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no exams to pass - it is just for pleasure. Learning is its own reward. It's all voluntary, a typical u3a will be home to many activity groups covering a wide range of different subjects - from art to zoology and everything in between, including physical activities groups.

■ If you are no longer working full-time and are looking for opportunities to meet others, learn and have fun, then do please contact your local u3a: *Cambourne and district u3a* u3a.cambourne.org

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What image comes to mind when we think about the journey of grief? A nice, straight, clean line with a fixed end point, perhaps? After which life as we knew it returns? In reality, the experiences of those who have been bereaved can more closely resemble a tangled ball of wool with no tangible end. Grief can be a messy business - with big emotions with which we are often unfamiliar, both for the bereaved and for those supporting them.

Queen Elizabeth II quoted Dr Colin Murray Parkes when she said that 'grief is the price for love' - grief is a consequence of love. We grieve because we love and we continue to love (despite the physical absence of the ones we love) and therefore grieve. It is an ongoing journey.

In John's gospel, we can learn a lot from a seemingly insignificant group of people who supported the bereaved family of someone who had died. Insignificant? Maybe - they are not named, nothing is recorded about what they said, they can be completely overlooked in the story. But their impact would have been considerable - they came simply to be present, to console, to comfort but not to fix. They did not stay away because witnessing grief can be uncomfortable.

It is this quiet, supportive presence that we, at Cambourne Church, are aiming to provide at The Harbour Bereavement Café - a monthly, informal drop-in café for those on the journey of bereavement and carrying their personal tangled ball of wool.

Jacqui Huckle

Sunday Services in May 2024



Sunday 5 May	10.00am Sunday One Communion Service ** 7.00pm Sanctuary (Service of Quiet Prayer)
Sunday 12 May	9.30am Sunday Morning Worship 11.00am Sunday Morning Worship *
Sunday 19 May	9.30am Sunday Morning Worship with Communion 11.00am Sunday Morning Worship with Communion *
Sunday 26 May	9.30am Sunday Morning Worship 11.00am Sunday Morning Worship

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Looking Up.

Some folks this month will be celebrating Ascension Day, A day 40 days after the resurrection when Jesus returned to heaven. The ascension is not a big thing in our church as we tend to focus on not his departing but his eventual return.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.



Pastor
Donovan Bangs

He had just told them to go out into the world and be witnesses and yet they are just standing staring into space. Evidently it was long enough that the two angels are like hey what are you doing? He is coming back so in the meantime be busy about the master's work. Yes we look for his return but that is not all we do.

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Keeping the main thing as our primary focus can entail many other avenues of approach but they should never obscure our great commission of the gospel.

Now as to other news my son Max is still getting chemotherapy. He has good and bad days but we await his full recovery and the church and members of the community have been so supportive. We are also looking forward to our Fathers day celebration in June and church picnic in July. So it is good to look up, and forward to things but let us not forget to stay occupied till he comes.

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Our community celebrated **Easter** with a packed Cambourne Church for several Holy Week services at the end of March. Starting with Palm Sunday, then moving through to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we remember the week of Jesus' Crucifixion. The Resurrection Masses began with the Easter Vigil (pictured) starting outside with a small fire and candles representing Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.

The Polish community also held a Swieconka service on Holy Saturday with the blessing of Easter baskets of food.

■ **Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre:** Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00.

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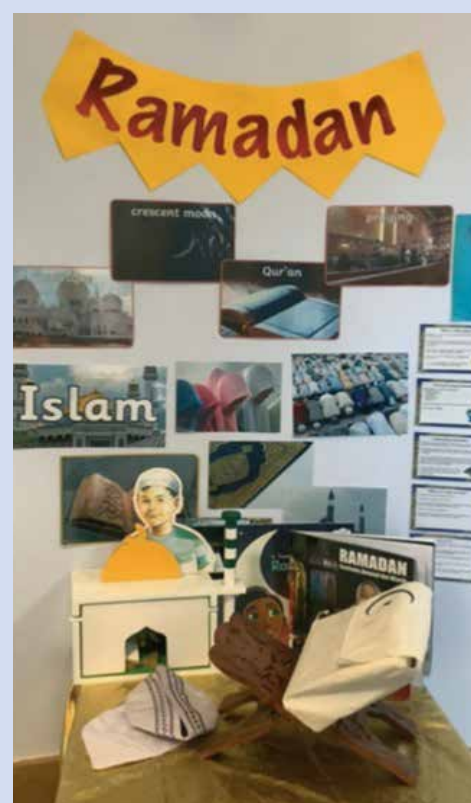
Monkfield Park Primary School: It is always exciting to welcome visitors to the school and the children appreciate the extra dimension visitors bring to their learning. We are fortunate to welcome a diverse range of visitors who give the pupils the opportunity to discover more about the cultures and communities which make up the 'Monkfield Park family' and the wider world.

Rev. Bill from Cambourne Church is a regular guest and it was wonderful to learn about the Easter story in his assembly. The kids also enjoyed the termly visit from GenR8 who with their unique brand of fun, music and drama explained what Easter means for Christians.

To mark Ramadan we were delighted to have a visit from Dr Yomna Helmei,

from the University of Cambridge Centre for Islamic Studies. Dr Helmei gave a very interesting talk to the whole school about the importance of Ramadan to Muslims across the world and lots of new and interesting information about Islam.

The students were eager to pose their questions about Ramadan. As one Year 5 child explained "It was really interesting to see what it was like during the day for people who are fasting. It really helped me to understand". We were also pleased to have a presentation from Caroline Wallace who explained to the children what humanists believe. She explained how humanists place an emphasis on the celebration of being human and the importance of taking responsibility for making the world a better place.





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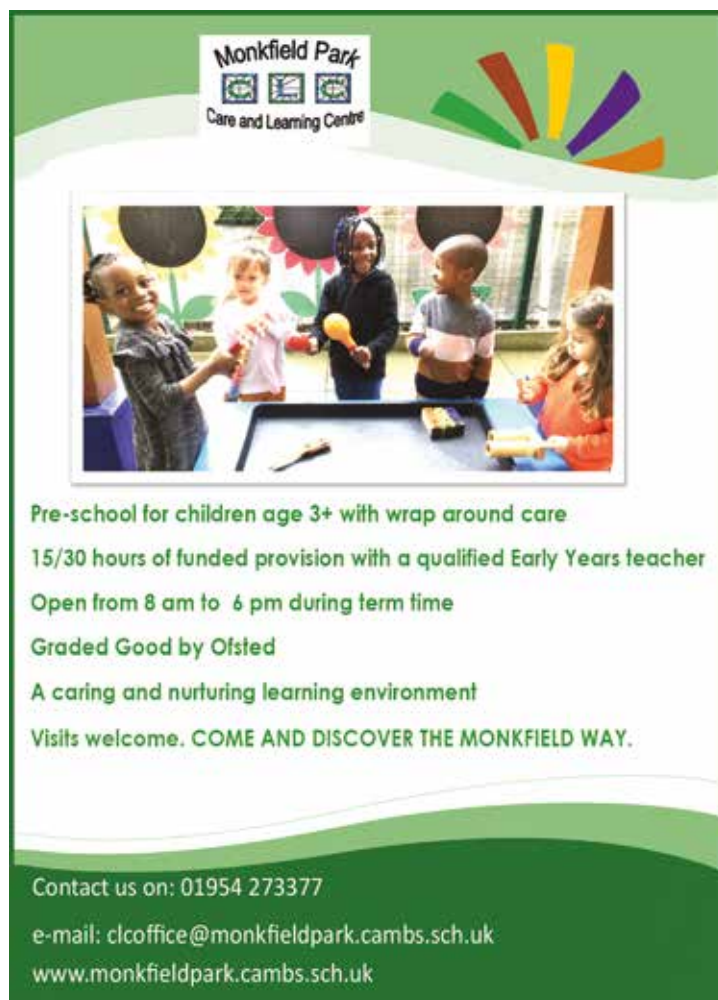
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Cambourne's Open Ramadan Iftaar: Embracing Unity and Community Spirit

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 this 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*

Get your tickets for LuC's Murder Mystery

At the time of writing there is still time to grab a ticket or few for our Murder Mystery evening on the 11th of May, held at the hub, lots of fun and head scratching to figure out who dunnit is assured, the ticket price of £15 includes a food platter and dessert, with drinks and snacks (not included) available from the bar. Our volunteers will be serving those attending.

Our next bingo event at the hub is scheduled for the 15th of June, our bingo evenings are frequently sold out so please get in early to avoid disappointment.

We are still looking for replacement volunteers to fill the posts of chairperson, treasurer and secretary, all these positions will need filling at the end of the year when the current incumbents leave us.

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CERC mentored a team from Edinburgh, another from Aberdeen, and two from Cambridge, encompassing a total of 17 students hailing from 14 schools. Together, they embraced the challenge of designing and launching CanSats, miniature satellites nestled within the confines of a soft drink can. All four teams participated in their respective regional launches and all the teams have been awarded an Industrial Cadets Silver Award by the Engineering Development Trust.

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Target surpassed for new electric mobile food hub

HOPE CIC: We are pleased to report that we raised a grand total of £26,880 via our fundraising campaign. Our initial target was £20,000 to purchase the electric vehicle.

The extra money raised will go towards fitting out the van with shelving and the running costs. We cannot wait to show you the new and improved mobile food hub.

Special thanks to all the sponsors, and to the Aviva Community Fund, and the Crowdfunder Cost of Living Resilience Fund for the fantastic match funding contributions. Also to South Cambridgeshire District Council for awarding us £15,000 from the Zero Carbon Communities Grant.

Our mobile food hub (Hope on the Go) currently visits seven villages in South Cambridgeshire – you can see when and where on our website: hopeagainst.org/hopeonthego

Digital Hub launched: Our digital hub started at Cambourne Library on 17 April to support and teach the basics of using current technology including mobile phones, computers, tablets etc. Our friendly volunteers can also help you with internet safety, using social media, email, and producing documents/spreadsheets. The digital hub is accessible for anyone to use. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day. The sessions run every Wednesday 9.30am – 12pm at Cambourne Library (except during school holidays). Find out more: hopeagainst.org/digital-hub

Bike surgeries: Our volunteers have been busy fixing up bikes ready for the warmer weather. The team can offer minor repairs, advice on maintenance, and sometimes we have refurbished bikes at an affordable price. This service is free but donations are welcome. You can visit the bike surgery on Saturday between 9.30am – 12.30pm at Cambourne Library. No need to book an appointment, just turn up on the day! Please check Facebook for updates: facebook.com/hopeagainstpovertycic You can find out more about our services and projects on our website: hopeagainst.org/

Cambourne Shop (Food Project) - You can visit us at The Hub Community Centre, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 1pm.

Community Hub – Open on Mondays and Fridays (adjacent to the shop) 9.30am – 1pm, accessible to anyone to join for a hot or cold drink, snack and friendly chats with the team. Alongside we also host a thrift shop with second hand and new clothing, plus some household items.

Mobile Food Hub - Currently visits Duxford, Fulbourn, Linton, Orchard Park, Papworth and Willingham every week. Also visiting Fowlmere twice a month. You can find the schedule here: <https://hopeagainst.org/hopeonthego>

Household Support Fund (HSF) – Hope is a trusted partner and can issue HSF vouchers to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food and household energy bills. Please email hopecic.uk@gmail.com for information and support with the application.



Hope CIC Digital Hub

HOPE

Our new Digital Hub offers assistance in the following areas:



- Internet and web browsing
- Internet safety
- Online job searching
- Accessing and Using FREE Online Training Platforms
- Accessing and Using LinkedIn and Facebook
- Using Email
- Introduction to Google Docs and Google Sheets
- Help with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Meet our friendly team at Cambourne Library every Wednesday from the 17th April 9:30 am- 12:00 pm. Come along with your own device, or learn on laptops provided. Free light refreshments available.

If you have a specific query or problem, visit www.hopeagainst.org and fill out our form. Drop-ins are also welcome! We are open during term time only.



COMMUNITY

This May: Cambourne National Garden Scheme

Enjoy garden inspiration in Cambourne this late May bank holiday - and raise funds for nursing too.

Eight Cambourne gardens are due to open under the National Garden Scheme on 26th May - the Sunday of the late May bank holiday weekend. Garden gates will be open between 11am and 5pm giving visitors the chance to see some of the best that Cambourne has to offer in ideas for creating something beautiful from an uninspiring new build plot.

The gardens to open, all in Great Cambourne, are:

- 43 Monkfield Lane
- 5 Mayfield Way
- 128 Greenhaze Lane
- 88 Greenhaze Lane
- 128 Jeavons Lane
- 14 Granary Way
- 13 Fenbridge
- 8 Langate Green

The famous National Garden Scheme teas will also be served at 13 Fenbridge.



Full details are available on the National Garden Scheme website, www.ngs.org.uk

Visitors can start and pay at any garden, or in advance on the website. Admission is £7.50, children free.

This will be the 13th National Garden Scheme opening in Cambourne. The group has raised almost £11,000 for the nursing and caring charities supported by the Scheme since first opening in 2011. Major beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK, as well as several other charities concerned with gardens and health, community gardens, and the support and training of gardeners.

Cambourne Open Gardens celebrates Silver Jubilee

Cambourne Open Gardens celebrates Cambourne's Silver Jubilee on the 8th and 9th June from 11am-5pm.

This may only be the 19th year we are opening our gardens but some of the gardens opening this year are 25 years old - or very nearly. Others are only a few years old and it's amazing to see what might be achieved in the short or long term. Visiting the gardens can be inspirational as well as a great social event. A few of the gardens are opening for the first time and one is returning after a three-year break.

Money raised this year will go to help

create Cambourne's Jubilee Garden, which will also be open on Saturday 8th June, for you to see and comment upon. It is a garden being created for you, so do come and give your ideas and suggestions...

There will also be a silver themed hunt for the children and young at heart. So, whether you are new to Cambourne or have been here for 25 years or somewhere in between, celebrate with us for £5 per adult (accompanied children free).

Tickets are available at any of the gardens listed on the day or in advance at

19 The Coffee House on the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in June.

A full list with map and suggested route for each day will be on the tickets.

If you would like to open your garden, it's not too late, just email juleshannaford@hotmail.com

Saturday 8th June

Jubilee Garden at the Church
9 Cressbrook Drive
13 Willow Lane
43 Monkfield Lane
13 Fenbridge
8 Langate Green
23 Orchard Way
2 Bickerley Court

Sunday 9th June

79 Lancaster Gate
30 Gladiator Road
5 Mayfield Way
20 Miller Way
128 Jeavons Lane
128 Greenhaze Lane
14 Kemmann Lane



1st Cambourne Scouts tackle Peak District

On 22nd March, 1st Cambourne Scouts travelled up to Gradbach Scout camp in the Peak District. Upon arrival, Harvey (our Quartermaster for the camp) was setting up the camp cottage and preparing jacket potatoes, cheese and beans for dinner. The Scouts collected their things from the minibus and took them to their rooms to unpack. We then played glow stick zombie tag in a nearby field. After games it was around 11pm so we had some hot chocolate and went to bed.

On Saturday we had an early wakeup call at 7am which meant hungry scouts for breakfast. So Harvey, Jay and Elnur cooked up breakfast for the troop. Shortly after breakfast we made lunches and set off for our first activity. We explored the depths of Poole's cavern and witnessed all the beautiful calcite formations in the cave before heading to our next destination. We began the hike with a slight glimpse of hail, but luckily it didn't continue throughout our hike which journeyed across massive amounts of mud, rugged rocks and down slippery slopes, all whilst having the scenic view of the river beside us. We ended up getting back to the bus all in one piece and then eating our well-deserved lunches.



Once we got back to the cottage we were relieved to be in a dry mud-less place. But not for long because we were soon out again to head to Luds Church, which is an impressive group of valley-like rock formations, where we scaled rocks and explored nooks and crannies.

We headed back the cottage to chill for a bit before Harvey and Jay made us pasta Bolognese and we enjoyed cakes brought to camp by the scouts, and then tidied up and had some well needed rest.

We awoke bright and early on Sunday morning to tidy some of our things up so it would be easier to pack later for it was the last day of our amazing expedition.

We ate breakfast and got ready for our walk up the Roaches. It was a fun hike, many scouts collected makeshift walking poles from sticks and even ended up chanting a walking song to keep our spirits high. It was great. We then packed up, had



lunch and put our bags in the cars and minibus for a long drive home.

A brilliant camp full of fun memories, and now we look forward to the next one.

Cub leaders recognised with Chief Scout's commendations

On Sunday 21 April, 1st Cambourne Cubs joined many other Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders and Leaders from Crafts Hill District to mark St George's Day at Comberton Village College.

The first part of the event saw many young people recognised with awards, but we were especially delighted when our very own Akela and Rikki were each awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service! The cubs are all very proud of you and so grateful for everything you do.

That wasn't the end of the day though - after the awards we got to try tomahawk and axe throwing, whittling, problem solving and even took part in a tug of war. A great start to a term which promises to be a lot of fun!



COMMUNITY & SPORT

Tennis club hosts American tournament and spring cleans clubhouse & grounds

CAMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB: On 23rd March we held an exciting American Tournament. The unique competition mixed players of various skill levels in a series of doubles matches that tested their prowess and sportsmanship, which ended with spectacular performances.

In the men's category Maciej Kowalski emerged as the champion. Hot on his heels was Ben Jarvis who clinched the runner-up spot with his resilient efforts and exceptional skills.

In the women's competition Sally Byron claimed victory, with her daughter, Anna Byron, in the runner-up position.

On Sunday 14th April, many of our members volunteered for a clubhouse maintenance day. In the early afternoon our members - equipped with gloves, brooms and gardening tools - gave our club a much-needed spring facelift. The day's activities included the removal of weeds around the courts, dirt and moss from the courts, installation of new gravel boards along the fences, fitting door stoppers to the clubhouse doors, and thoroughly cleaning the clubhouse.

These efforts have significantly enhanced the appearance and functionality of our facilities, ensuring a pleasant sports environment - many thanks to each member who dedicated their time. Your hard work and dedication made our club more than just a place to play tennis; it has become a vibrant community hub.



■ It is not too late to join our Summer term Tennis lessons. Weekly sessions will run until Saturday, 20th July. For more information and bookings, see www.gamesettennis.co.uk, or contact our head coach Toby Jackson at 07972 149874 or toby@gamesettennis.co.uk. More information about the club and how to join is at www.cambournetennis.co.uk. Click on MEMBERSHIP.



Science and sculptures, mud and frogs for beavers, cubs and scouts

March was another busy month for our three sections at 2nd Cambourne Scout Group. The Beavers enjoyed experiments for British Science Week including melting ice and balloon-powered rockets.

The Cubs learnt about home safety and created soap sculptures.

The Scouts have learnt about water filtration and enjoyed a night hike from Caxton to Cambourne, which featured lots of mud and frogs!

■ For more information please email: info@2ndcambourne-scoutgroup.org.uk



Cricket club bowls into new season

CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB: A new season is in bloom! May marks the cricket season beginning in earnest and we are looking forward to yet another season full of exciting developments on and off the field.

As residents may have seen new signs have been installed at both our Lower and Upper Cambourne grounds, welcoming visitors to our Club on matchdays and beyond. We also hosted a Girls' Cricket Open Day on 19th April at Lower Cambourne, aiming to inspire those who have an interest in the sport, but not yet had the opportunity to play.

It was a wonderful chance for them to come and try out the game whilst enjoying the fun and excitement that cricket has to offer in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, ensuring that everyone feels comfortable and included.

Our commitment to inclusion continues. On 26th May we will host a fixture for ACE at Upper Cambourne, aiming to encourage and engage African and Caribbean residents. This is an important event in the cricket club calendar and there will be food, drinks and other events happening throughout the day, so please come down and join us!



We appreciate the community's continued support and look forward to welcoming locals to our Saturday matchdays and of course, to our Third Man bar on Friday nights until September! As a gesture of appreciation in honour of our recent 20th anniversary, all patrons can receive a 20% discount on a single purchase at the Third Man by cutting out and handing in the code: **CambourneCricketClub20**
Roll on the season - Up The Bombers!

Cambourne local runs his 120th marathon

Dr Daniel T Rajan - a Great Cambourne resident of 16 years - completed the London Marathon in April - marking his 120th marathon!

This time the focus was on raising funds for a charity called The Nehemiah Project (TNP) which does a fantastic job in rehabilitating people with multiple hardships, mainly homelessness and prisoners. TNP works on a well planned phased rehabilitation programme for ex inmates. While the National re-offend rate is 50%, Nehemiah Project's is as low as 5%!!
www.tnp.org.uk. Please visit and donate at :
cafdonate.cafonline.org/3222#!/DonationDetails%23/DonationDetails. More details: ENQUIRIES@TNP.ORG.UK





Gambourne Balkan Dance Club

BALKAN DANCE

FOR FUN AND FITNESS

Every Sunday, enthusiasts meet up to practice traditional dances from Bulgaria and Greece.
The dance is open to all.

5:20pm (Beginners)	6:30pm (Intermediate)
Easy and basic dances	Complex and quick dances

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