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Cambourne Open Gardens celebrates Silver Jubilee

Cambourne Open Gardens celebrates Cambourne's Silver Jubilee on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June, 11am until 5pm.

Cambourne Open
Gardens is where green
fingered residents of
Cambourne open their
gardens to the general
public to admire their work
and exchange ideas and tips
for their own horticultural
ambitions.

The number of gardens open this year is eight on the 8th and nine on the 9th!

That is 17 gardens all for the price of £5 per adult (accompanied children free).

Tickets are available at any of the gardens on the day (please bring cash) or from 3rd June at 19 the coffee house (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

Money raised this year will go to help create Cambourne's Jubilee Garden which will also be open on the Saturday, for you to see and comment upon. This is a garden being created for you, so do come



and give your ideas and suggestions.

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.

There will also be a number themed silver treasure hunt for the children and young at heart. So come and celebrate 25 years of Cambourne and get inspirational ideas from 17 of our own gardens.



■ Gardens open for visitors on Saturday 8th June:

Jubilee Garden at the Church (with a plant sale on the day)

- 9 Cressbrook Drive (new this year)
- 13 Willow Lane
- 43 Monkfield Lane
- 13 Fenbridge (refreshments available)
- 8 Langate Green
- 23 Orchard Way
- 2 Bickerley Court (open again after
- a 3 year break)

■ Gardens open for visitors on Sunday 9th June:

- 74 Blenheim Close (new this year)
- 79 Lancaster Gate
- 30 Gladiator Road
- 5 Mayfield Way
- 20 Miller Way
- 128 Jeavons Lane
- 128 Greenhaze Lane
- 88 Greenhaze Lane
- 14 Kemmann Lane (new this year)

Repair Cafe success



The sixth Cambourne Repair Cafe took place in May

■ See page 5 for more...

CERC down under



Local students to represent UK in Asia Pacific FIRST LEGO contest

Find out more on page 7...

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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 notice of casual vacancy was posted on the 20th March 2024 and no election was called so the Town Council will now fill the position by co-option. The co-option will take place at the 2nd July Council Meeting. For more information and how to apply, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

Staff Vacancies

The Town Council is recruiting for four new members of staff. In the office we are looking for a Finance and Premises Manager and an Apprentice Office Administrator. Due to the expansion of the areas maintained by the Town Council we are looking for at least two new members of the Grounds Team. We are looking for a Team Leader and at least one Skilled Grounds Person or Grounds Person. For more information, please contact the Town Council on 01954 714403 or office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Council Website

The current website is running on outdated technology and is difficult to maintain. The Town Council is currently working with a company named Aubergine, that specialises in Parish and Town Council websites, to implement a new website. Until the new site is implemented please accept our apologise for any inconvenience resulting from issues with the existing site. For more information, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil .gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

Funfair and Circus

This Summer we will see the return of Larry Gray's Funfair from Thursday 18th July until Sunday 21st July on Great Cambourne Green. We are also pleased to announce John Lawson's Circus will be returning with performances running between Thursday 31st August until

Sunday 3rd September on Great Cambourne Green.

County Lines

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), 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

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-andbins/find-your-household-bincollection-day/

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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County Lines (continued)

– 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: Cambourne Soul Youth Building, entry 6:15pm for 6:30 start, Wednesday 26th June. The session is open to any adult with an interest in supporting young people in our community, especially those with parental responsibility. (See page 24 for more information.)

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

Dogs on Leads – 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 its not being disposed of properly.

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

June and July 2024

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

Tuesday 4th June at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th June at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Finance and Policy Committee

Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm:

- Planning Committee
- Followed by Full Council Meeting

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Wildlife Trust BCN West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: June 2024

On a guided walk on Cambourne Nature Reserve last month, we submitted a wildlife record for a nightingale. Nightingale numbers have shown a steep decline, and they are now on the Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern.

They are summer visitors with a preference for scrub habitat, of which there is an abundance in Cambourne. The reserve also provides habitat for other birds on the Red List including farmland specialists like yellowhammer and linnets, and species you might think of as common, but whose numbers are in serious decline, such as greenfinches, starlings and house sparrows.

If you are curious about local wildlife and how you can help,or want to know more about the work of the Wildlife Trust BCN, why not join us for an event? Coming up in June:

- · Summer evening wildlife stroll Tuesday 4th June
- Sit and chat in nature a social event for adults Thursday 13th June
- Summer stroll to Bourn Windmill Saturday 22nd June
- Wildlife Trust BCN Open Gardens at our headquarters on Broad Street Saturday 22nd June (chat with our team, tour our wildlife garden, buy a plant, meet a tractor...)

There are also the regular Little Bugs sessions for toddlers, and home-school sessions.

Email: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

Wildlife Trust BCN main Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn
The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature
reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds
Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and
Waresley and Gransden Woods, and Cambourne Nature
Reserve.







2nd Cambourne Scouts, Cubs and Beavers hit the tennis courts

At the end of April, all three of our sections - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - each enjoyed a tennis session with coach Toby Jackson of GameSetTennis @ Cambourne Tennis Club. It was a fun introduction to the sport for some and a chance for others to improve their skills whilst playing along with their friends. The Beavers (pictured) were not put off by the April showers!

At the beginning of May, our Scouts spent a fun and engaging afternoon at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket for an Activity Day (second picture). This included archery, orienteering and fire cooking.

We are all looking forward to the summer term full of outdoor experiences. For more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk

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Cambourne hosts sixth Repair Cafe

Cambourne Town Council hosted Cambourne's sixth Repair Café on Saturday, May 18th at Cambourne Village College as part of the school's second Eco Festival.

Repair Cafés are free community events that match people who need something fixed with people who like fixing things.

Volunteer repairers

from the Cambridge Repair Café Network were joined by Cambourne resident repairers.

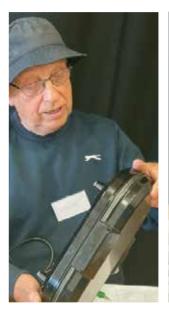
Around 40 items were seen on the day including bicycles, a coffee machine, lamps, various items of clothing and jewellery, a hoover, an electric toy car, a food processor and a fan.

Thanks go to all the volunteers that make this event possible the repairers, those who helped run the event on the day and the Town Clerk.

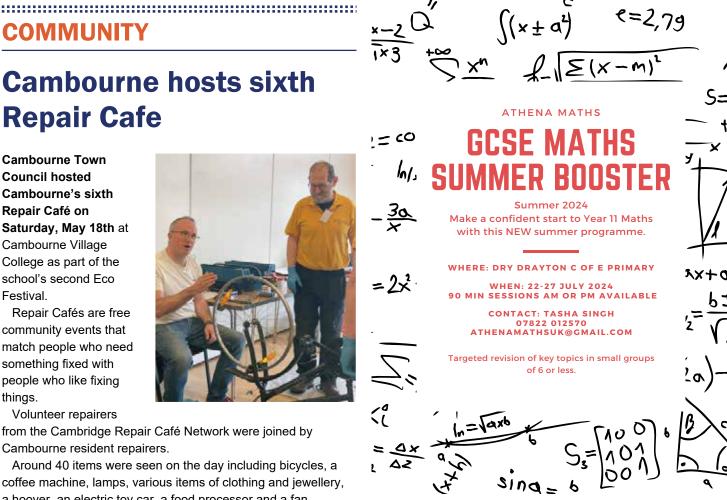
Thanks also to Cambridge Carbon Footprint for the usual invaluable support.

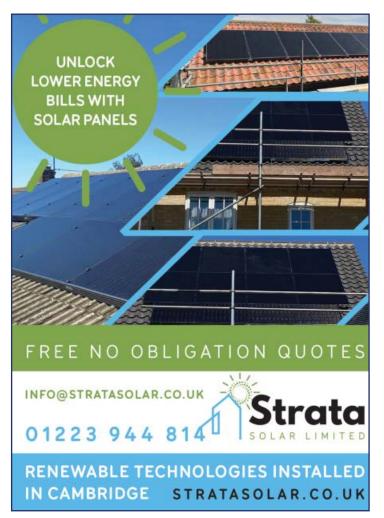
For more information about Repair Cafés see cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes/ and a list of future events at https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-cando/events/.

Cambourne's next Repair Cafe will occur later this year. If you are interested in volunteering at Cambourne Repair Cafe please contact cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com









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Cambourne Library

Opening Times:

Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday 9am-1pm, Wednesday Closed, Thursday 1pm-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday Closed

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.

Please note that there will be no Engage Session in August 2024 **Upcoming Events**

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 or by phoning Babylon Arts box office on 01353 616991 or by popping into Cambourne Library (cash only). Pick up your Library Presents brochure from your library for information on this and many other events across Cambridgeshire.

HiVIS Fortnight-runs 1st-14th June 2024 This is a national campaign that highlights the work libraries do to keep people with a visual or print impairment in touch with reading. Pop in and talk to the librarians about the accessible stock that we have in our collections: large print, Audio/talking books, Braille, tactile, e-book/audio/magazines etc, in most cases, it will be freely available to people with an impairment using their library membership. On Monday 10th June 10-12pm and 1-3pm our Digital Buddies will be available to show you how to access e-books, audio books and magazines. You can just pop in.

Great Big Green Week- 8-16 June 2024. This is a national celebration of simple planet-friendly actions. We will be showing a recording of a talk given by Prof Jonathan Gregory called Greening Your Home'. It will be shown on Wednesday 12th at 10 am- 11am in the library. This is a free, drop-in event. Storytime/Rhyme time 9.30am-10.30am on Friday 14th will have a theme of being Earth friendly. In addition, during Great

Big Green Week, each morning the library is open, pre-school children can play a fun recycling game where they can help to sort and learn what rubbish goes into each recycle bin. The game has been kindly loaned to us by the Waste Education Service. No need to book, just turn up.

Please keep an eye out for other events being held in the library during Great Big Green Week.

June is also **Pride Month**, **celebrating LGBTQ+ diversity**. Come and read the rainbow at the library! June is **National Crime Readers Month**, too. The library has a huge selection of crime fiction, and we're always ready to help you solve the mystery of what to read next.

Regular Activities in the Library

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 provided.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - Wednesday 19th June 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!

Rhymetime/Storytime followed by Duplo play session – Friday morning in term time.

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!

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

Hope CIC Digital Hub – every Wednesday 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.

Summer Reading Challenge - We will be running our annual Summer Reading Challenge, this year the theme is Marvellous Makers! If you would like to be involved, please see posters in the library or go to our website. And for participants Sign Up Saturday is 13th July!

Contact Us: 0345 0455225; www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Facebook: @CambridgeshireLibraries; Facebook @Cambslib X: @cambslib X:

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Cambourne's STEM stars set to shine in Sydney

Excitement is buzzing in Cambourne as local students prepare to represent the UK in the Asia Pacific FIRST LEGO Robotics Open Championship in Sydney this July.

The talented teams from the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics (CERC) earned their place on the world stage after competing against 75 regional champions from schools across the UK and Ireland at the IET-backed FIRST LEGO League UK Final. This year, CERC hosted four teams locally, with three advancing to the Nationals. CERC teams showcased their exceptional skills, securing the top-eight finishes nationally, the standout team secured 2nd place, marking a significant milestone for Cambridgeshire on the national stage.

Now, the Cambourne children are poised to take their achievements even further. By securing an overall 2nd place in the UK Nationals, they have earned the prestigious opportunity to represent the UK in Sydney at the Asia-Pacific FIRST LEGO Championship.

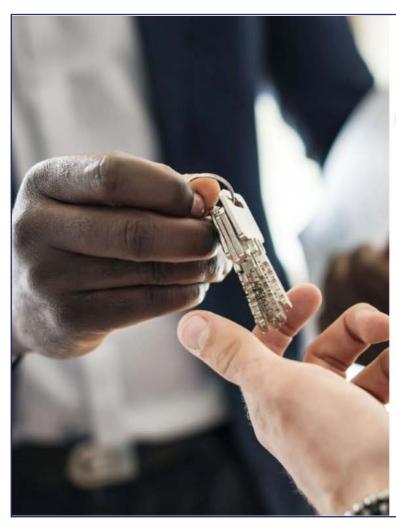
"Our mission has always been to pave the way for our children's futures," said Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya, founder of CERC and Chairperson of CamCare UK. "The dedication of our participants, mentors, and parents has been truly inspiring."



Join us in cheering on our young innovators as they embark on this incredible journey. Their hard work and passion for STEM are a testament to what can be achieved with community support and dedication. Let's continue to inspire future generations to explore and excel in STEM!

CERC is grateful to Cambourne Town Council, Mediatek, ARM, Qualcomm, TTP, Global Inkjet Systems, Unity Science Park, and IET for the support extended for this year's FLL to the club.

For more information about CERC, please email camcare.uk@gmail.com and visit camcare.org.uk/cerc





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Cambourne transport issues - roads and buses

I recently held a surgery for constituents in Cambourne and made a video about the need for a new bus service in West Cambourne. West Cambourne is growing rapidly, but has no public transport.

My road user survey sped away, attracting so far over 2,500 responses. There is a huge amount of support for road improvements like the dualling of the A428 between Cambourne and St Neots, but lots of understandable concern about potholes. If you want to have your say, you can fill it in on my website www.anthonybrowne.org.

I met the Urban Transport Group, which is an alliance of urban transport authorities, about the

various issues they face improving local transport – and installing more electric car chargers.

I held a roundtable with fleet and rental companies about the transition to electric vehicles, talking about the opportunities and challenges. They are voluntarily making great strides, and most will have fully zero-emission fleets before any legal requirement.

For some it is a clear commercial decision – for example, the Royal Mail, which runs the biggest EV fleet in the country with 5,000 vehicles, calculates low charging and maintenance costs means that it saves money in the long term to have an electric fleet. Their drivers said they much prefer electric vehicles. The challenges are the higher up-front costs, the lower residual values, connections for charge points to the national grid and the need to expand the national charging network.



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SHROBONA

Fitzwilliam showcases Cambourne projects

Since moving to Cambourne, I have loved this area as my home and have taken every opportunity to serve its local community.

All my passion and effort has been rewarded as my projects in Cambourne were handpicked from 10,000 projects supported by the Cambourne Community Foundation over the last 20 years. As a result, the Cambourne projects will be showcased on 17th June at the Fitzwilliam Museum Art Gallery.

South Cambs Zero Carbon Communities hosted an interactive cooking event called "Climate-Friendly Cook with Me," where I was able to cook on Zoom live with participants to demonstrate how we can use local products from local farms.

My campaign continues with home cooking, which reduces the single-use plastics that pollute oceans, rivers, and lakes. I regularly teach and train in basic, easy, and sustainable cooking on Zoom and in person.

On the subject of environment, I inaugurated the Eco Festival and assisted with the award ceremony for the art competition at Cambourne Village College. I am planning to secure funding and grants for the Eco Club and have invited students to observe how local authorities create climate and environmental policies.

I work intensively with children and youth, particularly in their STEM education. Thirty-five children from Cambourne and nearby areas participated in the FIRST LEGO League Robotics competition in Harrogate. Other groups of children attended the international PiWars competition at Cambridge University.



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Falls and fall prevention

Falls are costly as well as painful and potentially debilitating.

Financially, the cost to the NHS to deal with the injuries caused by falls each year is estimated to be well over £2 billion. Personally, the cost can be enormous with loss to health, independence and confidence.

Many factors can contribute to why people fall and much can be done to reduce the risk of falling. Wearing well fitting shoes, removing mats or other trip hazards and having good lighting (including at night) can all be helpful.

Some medication can cause people to feel unsteady, so regular medication reviews are

important. Having regular eye checks and glasses of the correct prescription can also significantly reduce risk.

One of the most important things you can do is strengthening and balance exercises. Regardless of your health or mobility there is likely to be some form of exercise you can do, often whilst sitting in a chair. If you are 65+, have had a fall or ever feel unsteady you can refer yourself (or ask someone to refer you) for a free falls risk assessment and support. Healthy You is commissioned by the community NHS Trust to offer this service and they can be contacted at healthyyou.org.uk or call 0333 005 0093. It really could make a huge difference.

■ More information: <u>www.nhs.uk</u> (falls prevention)

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LUC discovers 'Who Dunnit' at the Hub

A very enjoyable Who Dunnit evening held at the Hub.

All those attending had a great evening of fun, food, drinks and clue solving. Our thanks go to all who supported us by coming along and the Strictly Murder players who put on a marvellous performance of a Question of Tort. Great entertainment for £15.

Our next event is a bingo night on 15th June again at the Hub - come along for an evening of number dabbing, rock and roll bingo and a raffle, a fish and chip supper is also included.

Looking ahead I still have to report that the continued survival of Light Up Cambourne (LUC) beyond the end of the year hangs in the balance, we desperately need more helping hands at our





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Did you get to see the Northern Lights last month as they made a surprise appearance over Cambourne? Slowly shifting colours and patterns in the night sky caused by unusual solar activity - a phenomenon rarely seen this far south.

I am no astronomer, but I do enjoy sky-watching, and am grateful for the planning decisions which have helped to keep the skies above Cambourne darker than they would have been without shielded street-lighting. During lockdown I would often take my daily exercise at night when the stars were visible. Looking up was good for my mental health and general sense of well-being.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19 v.1)

The writer was from the Middle East, so would not have seen the Aurora Borealis, but the words of this biblical prayer still stand true.

The scientific explanation for the aurora involves solar storms producing charged particles, whose paths from the sun are bent by the earth's magnetic field, and which collide with other particles in our atmosphere. For me, that only adds to the sense of awe. We can know the mechanics behind an experience, and also be grateful to God for it. We can be grateful for our food and water. We can be grateful for the gift of a new born baby. And we can be grateful for an unexpected opportunity to witness one of the world's great wonders from our own back gardens.

Revd Bill Miller

Sunday Services in June 2024



10.00am Sunday One: All Age Communion Service * 2nd 7.00pm Sanctuary - Guided Reflective Prayer

9th 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service **

16th 9.30am Communion Service 11.00am Communion Service **

23rd 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service **

30th 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service **

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Rememberance and thankfulness.

This month is the 80th remembrance of D day when brave young men stepped forth to retake Europe from the hands of a madman. On the beaches and cliffs they fought that England could stay free. A commitment to that which they hold dear while still maintaining decency and humanity. As they pushed on through France they were welcomed as heroes. Standing in harms way that the next generation may know peace.

Peace is the ultimate goal of the soldier. In the military I have stood on ground that was once hostile but is now allied. In Germany and in Japan. I also walked in places where things were not as friendly. But there can be peace but it will require sacrifice and commitment whether that is on a battlefield or in more treacherous areas like family gatherings. But in all seriousness for the veterans out there we at Peacehaven would just say thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your suffering as many will bear scars. Some are seen some are not seen and we deal with them



Donavan Bangs

as we can. Thankfulness is a great thing, it drives away bitterness and selfishness. I am thankful for Christ's sacrifice on calvary for sinners such as I. For the world he gave us and the love we can share.

This month I am also thankful for my own son who on his last scan had no trace of cancer. He will still undergo a few more chemo sessions but it seems to be better even though there were a few dark days where he was very sick. He may even get his hair back before

winter. I know some of you in the community have prayed for him as well and I am thankful for that.

We will also be having our Fathers' Day service this month and that is always a good time. Be thankful if you have or had a decent father. They are not perfect and make mistakes but they are rare and precious and will do the best they can for you. So maybe thank them whether your physical father or father figure or your heavenly Father who certainly loves you and is only a prayer away

Pastor Donavan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school 11 AM Morning Worship find links on Facebook for Peacehaven Baptist Church or look for

Donavan Bangs on Youtube

At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510 PeacehavenBC@aol.com peacehavenbc.org.uk



^{*} includes break-out groups for children

^{**}includes break-out groups for children and young people

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EDUCATION

The Vine reception has vacancies for September

The Vine Inter-Church Primary currently has a few vacancies left for its September 2024 Reception intake and would love to welcome you to visit.

The Vine school was rated an 'Excellent' Church school in its March 2023 SIAMS Inspection. The inspector highlighted that, "With exceptional consistency the school community knows the vision and lives its life by its principles. As a result those in the community develop, thrive and flourish."

In November 2023 Ofsted rated it as a 'Good' school and it was reported that, "Everyone is welcome. Pupils love coming to school. Staff nurture and support students to become courageous learners, take risks, explore and be ambitious." It runs an outstanding onsite breakfast and after school club providing care for kids from preschool through to year 6, outside of the school hours.

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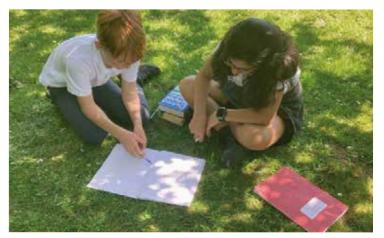
Monkfield Park Primary School: In the current sunshine and warm weather the children have been making the most of the opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing with outdoor sessions.

Year 6 jumped at the chance to carry out some peer editing in our shady grounds for a change of scenery.

The whole school came together to celebrate Team Afternoon. Working in their House teams the children participated in a range of activities including a colour themed scavenger hunt where they were challenged to find as many mini objects in the colour of their house team in just 90 seconds. Enterprise were the winning team with a score of 85 red objects! Other activities included skipping skills, creating new games with bats and balls and a dance along.

This term Team Afternoon also coincided with our annual Healthy Lifestyle week. We all know exactly what choices we should make to enhance our health and wellbeing but we don't always find it easy.

Our theme was 'getting active' with the students and staff being challenged to get outside and enjoy running and moving. In addition the pupils were also encouraged to drink more water and to think about opting for healthy snacks by making their own fruit smoothies and porridge with healthy toppings - delicious. At the end of the week we all agreed it has been a great week and felt healthier.





EDUCATION

HCCP stages two Mary Poppins productions

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Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary: Last term Year 3/4 students staged a Mary Poppins play. It was such a big experience which involved a lot of hard work. Some of them even did a Golden Afternoon, called Prop Making, where they made horses, microphones, kites and much more. The Year 3s learnt dances whilst the Year 4s did the acting. The highlight of the show was a dance called 'Step in Time' where everyone did a big dance together. Aria – Year 4.

This year our Year 3/4 production was Mary Poppins again because the half term was so short. There were only had 3 and a half weeks to practise, including the teachers. During a Golden Afternoon session with Mrs Chambers most of the props were made. The highlight for nearly everyone was our Step in Time dance which we all performed at the end. Not once but twice!









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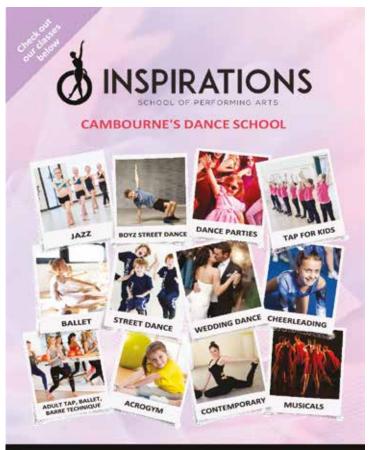
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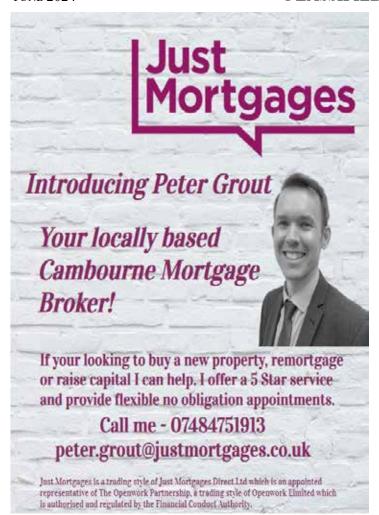
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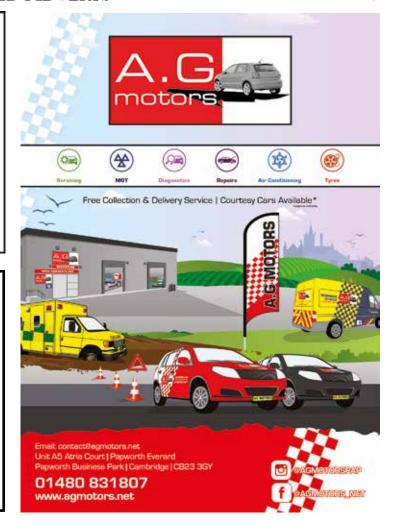
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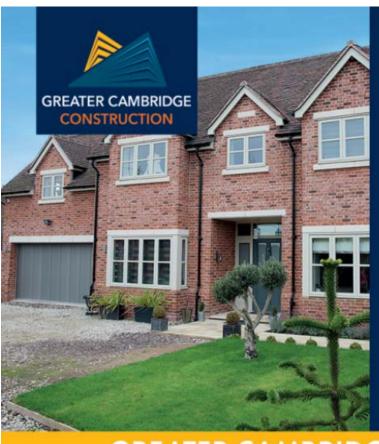
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COMMUNITY

Finding Solace in the Storm

A new bereavement café has been given a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council to fund bespoke volunteer training.

The Harbour Bereavement Café at Cambourne Church is open to people of all faiths, or none, who need a listening ear, support and understanding to navigate the challenging journey of bereavement.

The café is open as a free informal dropin session on the second Friday of each month from 12.30 to 2.00pm.

The initiative has been supported by the District Council with funding of £425 to train five volunteers with specialist bereavement courses run by national charities Cruse and AtaLoss.

Cllr Bill Handley, said: "Grieving the loss of a loved one is a deeply personal experience, yet it is one that many individuals face alone. Recognising the need to find solace in the storm with a safe and welcoming space where people can come together to share stories, find comfort, and receive support is vital. The District Council is pleased to support the Harbour Café with funding from our Community Chest grant scheme."

Cambourne Church is a community church that began welcoming new residents in 2000 and currently has 93 members. Volunteers there set up the café in March to offer a safe space for





people to meet and connect with others.

The Harbour is open to any adult who has experienced the death of someone close to them, whenever that may have been. It is free to attend, and people are welcome to drop in at any time during the café times. There is no need to book in advance.

It is open to residents living in Cambourne and beyond, to save having to travel into larger towns or Cambridge City to access the support they need. The aim is to offer support and signposting in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Cambourne Church is a partnership of the Church of England, the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya, said: "As Cambourne's local councillor, I am delighted to witness the revitalisation of the café in the Cambourne Church, now transformed into the Harbour Bereavement Café. It's a place where people of all faiths, or none, can find solace, understanding, and the comforting presence of fellow travellers at a challenging time. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly to reopen this vital space, and I encourage everyone in our community to spread the word. The Harbour Bereavement Café stands ready to welcome you with open arms. Let us come together to support one another through life's highs and lows, knowing that here, in the heart of Cambourne Church, no one should feel alone."

Cllr Helene Leeming, one of the local councillors for Cambourne, said: "Grieving is an intense and personal experience, which can leave people feeling isolated. I am so glad that the Harbour Bereavement Cafe has been launched to offer friendship, compassion and support for a community of people who may feel they

need the understanding of people processing their own loss, in an environment facilitated by people trained to help. I am very pleased South Cambs District Council has helped fund the training of volunteers to ensure that people receive this community support in a difficult time."

Revd Bill Miller, Minister of Cambourne Church said: "As a church we want to be good news in our local community – what Jesus called salt and light. The Harbour Bereavement Café is a part of that, and we are so encouraged that people are finding it helpful."

The Harbour Café

- Fridays: 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September
- 12.30 2.00pm. No need to book just turn up
- Free to attend. Includes light lunch and refreshments
- For more information email theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk or visit the Cambourne Church website and look for The Harbour Bereavement Cafe.

The Harbour Bereavement Café is supported by the District Council.

More than £80,000 was given in Community Chest grants by the Council in 2023 to 54 voluntary and community sector groups, charities, and public sector bodies across South Cambridgeshire to help further improve the quality of life for residents. To find out more visit: Community Chest Grants - South Cambs District Council scambs.gov.uk

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COMMUNITY

£500 grants for Community Growing projects

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Grants of up to £500 have been launched by South Cambridgeshire District Council to support communities to grow their own food sustainably as part of the wider cost of living response project.

The Community Growing small grants will enable local groups to buy equipment and tools that will help to support projects on unused land for items such as raised beds, seeds and soil.

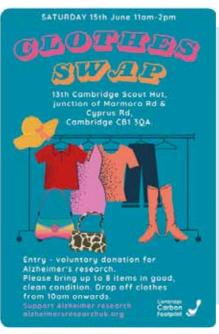
The new grant scheme was approved by the Council's Grants Advisory Committee on Thursday 25 April. In light of Good to Grow week 2024, the Committee supported the national week of action to promote community growing along with the grant scheme. Community gardens could encourage others to get involved in community growing by inviting volunteers to help out, inspiring newcomers and preparing for the upcoming growing season.

Parish / Town Councils, community groups and schools are all eligible to apply. Informal groups of local residents are also able to bid. To ensure the project will benefit the wider community and not just individuals, applicants must demonstrate how they intend to share their produce should there be a surplus. This could be through a donation to their nearest foodbank, or a 'help yourself' box placed nearby. It will also be encouraged for groups to share photos of their produce and any donations to foodbanks to help promote this scheme.

Once applications have been submitted, decisions will be made within two weeks to enable projects to start as soon as possible.

The grant will run until 31 March 2025, or until funds are exhausted. The initial sum available for this grant scheme will be £5,000 to fund at least 10 projects across the district. However, the scheme will be reviewed based on demand.

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COMMUNITY

County lines update

Parent and Community Session - County Lines in Cambridgeshire. Firstly, sincere apologies for having to move the date from 8th May to 26th June (6:30pm at Cambourne Soul). We hope you can make the amended date; and of course that there will be no further changes - but please do register via the QR code to ensure you are updated of anything unexpected.

County lines and exploitation can impact any family regardless of socio-economic status, additional needs, etc. Unfortunately, the business model that criminals use is highly practiced, adaptable, and can be effective. By educating communities on what to look out for and how to find support early, we hope to make South Cambs unattractive to those looking for young people to exploit.

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. Local children are exploited by criminals to carry and sell drugs on their behalf.

South Cambs District Council are hosting a session 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. This promises to be a supportive and informative event and we hope you can join us. Register (for free) via the QR link opposite.

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Next generation of talented athletes to be supported by Everyone Active



Up-and-coming athletes in

Cambourne are set to gain much-needed support as part of a sports talent development programme.

Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, now in its eighth year, has helped more than 5,000 athletes to achieve their sporting potential by providing free access to Everyone Active's 230-plus leisure facilities, including Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.

The athletes accepted on the scheme in Cambourne this year include racing driver **Daryl DeLeon**, 2023 British endurance champion and **Meghan Clarke**, an equestrian vaulter who won silver and bronze in national and international competitions last year. Both Daryl and Meghan train at Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.

Alongside free access to Everyone Active centres, Sporting Champions will also receive valuable mentoring and guidance from an impressive panel of Elite athletes, some of whom look set to compete at Paris 2024.

The scheme's all-star line-up of decorated Olympians and Paralympians includes Jennifer and Jessica Gadirova, Lutalo Muhammad, Richard Kilty, Lauren Steadman and Maisie Summers-Newton, while new to the panel for 2024 is GB sprint star Harry Aikines-Aryeetey.

These Elite athletes will share their experience and expertise through group mentoring sessions, covering topics including mental wellbeing, nutrition, managing finances, social media and media training.

Olympic silver medallist Colin Jackson (pictured) will also continue to support the scheme through his role as an Ambassador, working alongside the Elite athletes to make sport more accessible within local communities.

The Sporting Champions scheme has poured more than £2million into young athletes across the country, proving its commitment to grassroots sporting excellence.

Simon Clasby, Everyone Active's general manager, said: "Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme has been very successful in providing exceptional support to emerging talent and we are delighted to be once again supporting athletes from Cambourne on their journey to success.

"As a leisure provider working in partnership with Cambourne Town Council, we feel it is important to cater for all sections of the community. We hope to continue making a real difference to our athletes' success and are excited to see what the relaunch of the scheme will bring this year."

To find out more about the Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, visit www.easportingchampions.com or follow @easportingchamps on Instagram. For further information on Everyone Active, visit www.everyoneactive.com

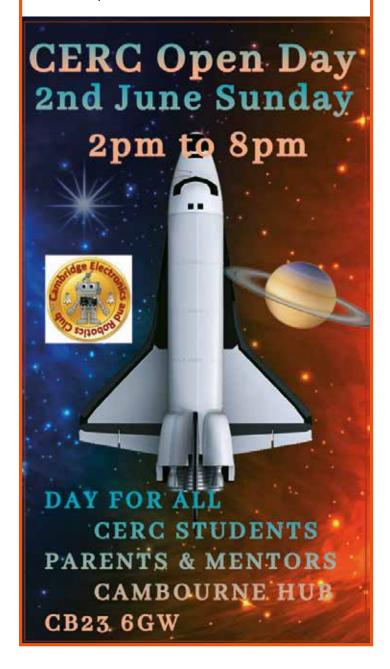


Calling all STEM enthusiasts

Get ready for an action-packed year ahead with CERC's lineup of activities for 2024-2025!

Fill out the form for activities for 2024-2025 https://forms.gle/TXVq6dJ4DksgaWUy7 With engaging hands-on experiences to thrilling competitions like LEGO and PiWars, we've got something for everyone passionate about STEM.

Join us for our Open Day and Induction on Sunday 2nd June at the Hub, where you can meet the team, ask questions and dive deeper into what CERC has to offer.



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Cambourne Raptors top basketball league

Cambourne Basketball Team secured its first-place finish with a dominant performance in the last game of the Cambridgeshire basketball league season 2023/24!

Join us for a summer of Scrimmage. An opportunity to enjoy two hours of friendly, competitive full-court basketball (only £6 per session) - all are very welcome. Scrimmage sessions take place until September at Cambourne Village College, on 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: <u>info@cambournebasketball.org</u>

Instagram: @camraptorsbball

Website: <u>cambournebasketball.org</u>

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info@cambournebasketball.org

Or turn up to one of our Summer scrimmage sessions to register an interest.



WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER or simply come and watch - it's up to you!





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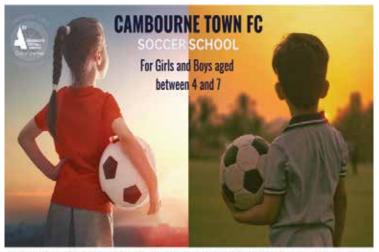
EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM except cancelled on 30 June 2024

Cambourne Sports Centre Playing Fields

Register: parkrun.org.uk/register

Info: parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

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Our Soccer School Sessions are held on Sunday 9am-10am on the 3G Pitch behind Everyone Active. Sessions are geared towards children that are new to football and looking to develop their skills. Children will need to be registered with us to attend. Come and be part of England Football Grassroots Club of the Year 2023.

Please visit: https://cambournetownfc.com/ Upcoming Events Page for more details.

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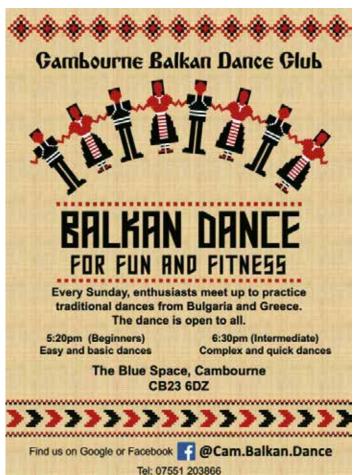
Cambourne Bowls Club welcomes all to its new summer season

Cambourne Bowls Club is open for the new season with club nights continuing throughout the summer on a Mondays and Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome from beginners to experienced bowlers with equipment available and guidance



offered for those that require any. If you are interested then please just turn up at the green on any club night, or if you prefer you can contact Stuart or Ross at cambournebowls@gmail.com





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Cambourne Town Football Club celebrates more success in 2024

CTFC is buzzing with excitement and pride as it reflects on the achievements of its youth teams at the close of the season. Among the standout accomplishments, the Under 17 team emerged as Cup Winners, while the Under 16 Blue Team secured promotion for the third consecutive season.

The Under 17 squad's triumph in the cup competition marks a significant milestone for the young players and underscores the dedication and skill cultivated within the club. Their hard work and determination on the field have not only brought glory to Cambourne but also served as a source of inspiration for aspiring footballers in the community.

Meanwhile the Under 16 Blue Team's promotion streak highlights the consistency and strength of the club's

youth development program. Their achievement is a testament to the commitment of players, coaches, and staff who continually strive for excellence and progress within the ranks.

As the season draws to a close Cambourne bids farewell to one of the coaching staff. Henry Grain, who has served as the Under 16 Blues Manager, is stepping down. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in the team's success, and the club extends its heartfelt gratitude for his years of dedication and service. Benjamin Grain steps into the managerial role, inheriting a legacy of achievement and success.

Looking ahead, the club is eagerly preparing for Trophy Day, set to take place on 29th June. This celebratory event promises to be a highlight of the

club calendar, bringing together players, coaches, staff, and supporters for a day of festivities and recognition of the season's accomplishments. With plans in full swing, anticipation is building for a memorable occasion that will unite the football community.

As the curtain falls on another season the club extends its warmest wishes to all players, coaches, staff, and supporters. May the offseason provide a well-deserved opportunity for rest and rejuvenation before the excitement resumes in August. With renewed energy and determination, it looks forward to writing the next chapter of its storied history on the field. For further updates and information on CTFC stay tuned to local announcements and club communications.

Together let's continue to support and celebrate the passion for football that unites our community.

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