



# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## UK's first King Charles III post box unveiled in Great Cambourne

On Friday 12th July, nine pupils from The Vine Inter-Church School had the privilege of unveiling the first post box in the UK with His Majesty's cypher – CR on it, on our High Street in Great Cambourne.

Each pupil was asked to post a letter to the King - the first ever letters in a new Royal postbox - about the school's new Forest School – opening in September 2024.

The pupils formally invited his Majesty to open the Forest School, but they also expressed their interest in the environment and asked King Charles his advice on moving towards a more sustainable future.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Julie Spence OBE CStJ QPM, is His Majesty The King's representative in the County and she joined the

pupils on the day. She spoke to them about their Forest School and what they had included in their letters.

David Gold, Director of external Affairs and Policy for the Royal Mail wrote to the children immediately after the event expressing what an excellent job they had done unveiling the post box.



### Cambourne honoured to receive the first post box with the CR cypher

The King's cypher on the front of the letter box is the King's personal property and he gives Royal Mail permission to use it.

The King's cypher has a large letter C for Charles, followed by the number three in roman numerals and an R for Rex (Latin for King). It is topped by a Tudor Crown.

### New MP for Cambourne



Ian Sollom outlines plans in his first *Cambourne Crier* column

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### Letter to the editors



Cambourne residents call for Newcrest to rethink High St plans

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## CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**■ Staff vacancies**

The Town Council was recruiting for five new members of staff. In the office we appointed Wendy Hau as the Community Development Officer and Archie Lodziak as the Apprentice Office Administrator. They are due to start in early September. Grounds Team: The new Team Leader is Reza O'Donnell and new Grounds Persons are Alexander Wise and Bradley Wakeling starting in July and early August. They are all welcome to the team and are all looking forward to serving the Cambourne community.

**■ 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 apologies for any inconvenience resulting from issues with the existing site. For more information, please contact the Town Council via [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or on 01954 714403.

**Funfair and circus**

■ This summer's funfair was due to be held on Thursday 18th July until Sunday 21st July on Great Cambourne Green, but when Larry came to the site, it was too soft and would have damaged the green, so he postponed the funfair. We hope to be able to hold the funfair in September. 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.

**■ Community Action Day**

The community clean up event will be held on Saturday 7th September in the Hub community centre car park, High Street. We are pleased to be working with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service again who will be providing the skips. You

can bring down your old or unwanted items to recycle – wood, metal and electronic items (some items will not be accepted, see full list of items that will and will not be accepted can be found on: [www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/community-clean-up-event](http://www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/community-clean-up-event))

Anything deemed in good condition and too good to recycle will be put on the 'Take it or Leave it' stall for someone else to take away and make use of for free!

We are also organising a clothes swap to run at the same time. If you want to take part in the clothes swap, please drop items off to the Town Council office, week commencing Monday 2nd September during office hours. Clothes must be clean and in good wearable condition. Full list of items we will accept and further information can be found on our website. Alongside all this, we will be hosting a community litter pick so come along and pick up some equipment and help get Cambourne litter free.

**■ Dogs on leads**

Due to some recent concerns, we would like to remind dog owners to only exercise their dog while on a lead. (*continues...*)

**BIN COLLECTIONS:**

There have been changes in bin collection dates and Cambourne now has different collection schedules for different parts of the town. Please check your collection date on the following link:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/)

**MOBILE POST OFFICE:**

The Hub Car Park  
Mondays: 1.30-4.00pm  
Wednesdays: 12.30-4.00pm  
Tel: 01480 464 757

**The Town Council Office:**

The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW.

Tel: 01954 714403

or email [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

John Vickery, Town Clerk: [clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

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While we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs.

Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of.

The Town Council follows the Countryside Code:

The Countryside Code - Protect the Environment

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

CALENDAR of MEETINGS August 2024

6th August, 7pm
Planning Committee Followed by Full Council

20th August, 7pm
Planning Committee

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

Contact information:

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## COMMUNITY

# Cambourne Library

### Opening times

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

We will be running our annual **Summer Reading Challenge** and **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. We will be delighted to welcome our primary school customers who have taken part previously and hopefully lots of new faces too! Keep your reading alive this summer, enjoy discovering new titles or re-read favourites and come in and talk to us about them at the library.

To come and speak with one of our volunteers about the books you've read and collect your stickers from Saturday 20th July, come visit us on:

Mondays – 10am-12pm and 2-4pm

Tuesdays – 10am-12pm

Thursdays – 2-4pm

Fridays – 10am-12pm and 2-4pm

Saturdays – 10am-12pm

**It is still possible to sign up in the first couple of weeks of August, so please speak to a librarian.**

### Summer Reading Challenge Events

These events are all bookable, please contact the library or email [cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Family Games Session. Wednesday 7th August. 10.00-11.30am**

Large games and tabletop activities to play with friends and family. £2.00 per child

**Fun Little foodies- no bake cookery session Wednesday 14th August 9.30-10.30am and 11.30-12.30pm**

Come and learn how to make a healthy Rainbow Pasta Salad. Session includes all equipment use, ingredients, a craft and a story!

£3.00 per child

**Family LEGO Session Wednesday 21st August 10-11.30am**

Always a favourite. £2.00 per child

**Himalayan Wildlife Adventures. Thursday 22nd August 10.00-11.30am**

Jane Wilson-Howarth has lived and worked in the Himalayan foothills for 12 years and during this time has met many of the exciting and frightening wildlife that lives in the forests and mountains. Jane will show photos of the amazing landscape of Nepal and will have you guessing about what animals you might meet if you go there. Jane has written three wildlife-packed adventure stories set in Nepal and these can be borrowed from the library. Her author website is [www.wilson-howarth.com](http://www.wilson-howarth.com)

At the end of the challenge, will look forward to presenting you with your medal and certificate at our special **Award Ceremony**

**in September-Monday 16th 4-5pm or Friday 20th 4-5pm (TBC)**

### Dates for early September

September 7- Community Litter Pick starting at Cambourne Library

September 10- Crafters Get-together morning- see details in the library and Facebook nearer the time

### 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 21st 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 – no sessions during the school holidays.**

**We will welcome you all back on Friday 6th September.**

### Engage Sessions

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

**Wednesday 4th September 2pm-3.30pm. No need to book, just drop in.**

Mary Burgess, from Cambridgeshire Libraries, will be talking about the history of the eco movement, from the impact of draining the fens through to allotments and the wholefood movement. Hear about the various ways people have had an impact on the environment.

Stay on afterwards for a cuppa and chat with other local residents.

Donations towards refreshments and future events welcomed.

Contact Us:

Tel: 0345 045 5225 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

Facebook - @CambridgeshireLibraries

Facebook - @CambsLibFamilies

Instagram - @cambslib

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**Bourn Windmill: last two open afternoons this year**

A rare opportunity to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the country and have a go at pushing the windmill round.

Come and enjoy an interesting afternoon out at Bourn Windmill where you can ride in the windmill while it is being turned around. Fun for all the family! Built in the reign of King Henry VIII, this fine open trestle post windmill is likely to be the oldest in the country.

Join us for a great afternoon out and it seems to appeal to families and people of all ages! Mill tours £4 per adult and children £1, under 6s are free! Homemade cakes and tea time treats also available to help make this an enjoyable afternoon for you all! The mill is located between the villages of Caxton and Bourn. It is also just a short walk from Cambourne along a footpath. Free parking.

**Opening Time: Sunday 18th August & Sunday 15th September (Last tour 4pm)**

■ *Sat Nav: Mill Cottage, Caxton Road, Bourn, Cambridge CB23 2SU.*

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# Wildlife Trust BCN West Cambridgeshire Hundreds

Throughout the summer holidays The Wildlife Trust's Communities and Education Team offer lots of outdoor activities for children and young people.

In Cambourne during August you can:

Join a **Little Bugs** session for toddlers on Fridays 9.30am-11ish.

**Go Wild in the Woods** for families with primary age children on Wednesdays.

7th August: Family adventure walk (10am - 12ish)

14th August: Dens and sticks (10am - 12ish)

21st August: Moth trapping (7.30am - 9.30am)

28th August: Family wild play (10am - 12ish)

Send your teen on a **Youth Ranger** session:

23rd August: Youth Rangers night walk (8-10.15pm)

There is also a **night walk** for adults where we will be listening for bats and owls and other nocturnal animals.

24th August: Night walk (8.15-10.15pm)

Please look for our survey that has been delivered to houses in the local area, and send us your feedback about our events programme.

Whilst out and about on Cambourne Nature Reserve over the summer, watch out for dragonflies and damselflies. The juveniles are fierce predators under water, eating anything smaller than they are, and the adults are agile, arial predators, catching flies and even butterflies in midair! Damselflies are thinner bodied and land with their wings closed, dragonflies are thicker bodied and land with their wings open. A common dragonfly species in Cambourne is the common darter; the male is red and the female a yellow/brown colour. If you look carefully you might spot the unusual white-legged damselfly, or a recent coloniser the willow emerald which is a dull metallic green.

Here are some tips on sustainable use of the nature reserve over the warmer weather:

- Keep yourself and your dogs on the paths to avoid disturbing wildlife
- Please don't have BBQ's on the reserve, these damage wooden platforms and risk fires in the long grass
- Please dispose of your cigarette butts responsibly to reduce litter and minimise fire risk
- Please don't swim in the lakes, this puts you at risk of injury, drowning, and disease, and also disturbs wildlife
- Please keep your dogs out of ponds and lakes as flea treatment poisons the water

For more information about events and volunteering, please visit our website [wildlifebcn.org](http://wildlifebcn.org), or contact Communities and Education Officer, Rebecca Neal. Email: [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org)

[wildlifebcn.org](http://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.



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### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

9AM – 1PM

### THE HUB COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK

HIGH STREET, CAMBOURNE

Visit: [www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/clean-up-event](http://www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/clean-up-event) for more information  
Or Email: [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

PROMOTION

# A new concept and 'better way' of food shopping has opened across 20 acres of farmland near Cambourne

Frank's Farm is a Food & Drink Retail Park where local residents, schools, farmers and food retailers produce, interact and trade local food to help build their food security and local economy.

Food that is fresh, seasonal, grown for flavour instead of shelf life, picked when ripe instead of ripen in the bag. And by cutting out the middle men - and food miles - will normally be cheaper, healthier, and better than the supermarket.

Based on the edge of Elsworth village, the 4th generation family farmers have converted old farm buildings into shops and enterprises run by a growing number of passionate artisan foodies. Customers can meet the producers in the cafe, bistro, butcher, sourdough bakery, ice cream wagon, medicinal mushroom farm, as well

as chocolatiers, chefs, biscotti and pasta makers in the deli.

Frank's Farm was named after co-founder Anthony Davison's great grandfather Frank Davison who bought the farm 100 years ago when farms were an asset to their community by providing fresh food, jobs and seasonal celebrations.

The Frank's Farm team want the Food Park to take us back to this 'better way' of food production - but use modern regenerative farming and new technology such as automatic milking machines, cow-cam, chicken tractors and off-grid heated poly tunnels for season fruit and veg, avocados and citrus.

Frank's Farm also encourages customers to join in with courses, events,

'Tasty Saturday' tastings in the deli and 'Crop for the Shop' where anyone can grow food at home to sell in the deli.

Founders Anthony Davison and Paul Sanderson commented: "The Food Park is a place where local people, the school, farmers and food businesses come together to trade, communicate and celebrate seasonal foods. And in the process build a sustainable, healthy, inclusive, enlightened, foodie community.

"We hope that customers will discover something different every time they visit and perhaps get involved. Or simply become a regular customer to enjoy the amazing produce and encourage more food production to help build and improve the Food Park for the whole community.

"In time we want the Food Park concept to be duplicated all over the UK to help increase farm incomes, diversity, soil regeneration, food security, food knowledge, health, and wellbeing."

■ Frank's Farm is currently open  
**Wednesday to Saturday: 9am - 4pm**  
**Sunday and bank holidays 10am - 4pm**



## WORKSHOP CAFE

We serve breakfast, brunch and lunch sourcing ingredients from our onsite craft butchers, Webbsour bakery, deli and other local producers. To book a table, please email [tables@franks.farm](mailto:tables@franks.farm)

Wed - Sat: 09:30 - 16:00 | Sun: 10:00 - L/O 14:45



## THE DELI

A varied and ever changing collection of delicious cheeses, local artisan produce and carefully sourced artisan delicatessen as well as fresh pasta, sausage rolls, scotch eggs all made on site.

Wed - Sat: 09:00 - 16:00 | Sun: 10:00 - 14:30



## CRAFT BUTCHERY

At our Craft Butchery, we are passionate about meat, and home to the Elsworth Sausage. From locally sourced produce to Japanese Wagyu: We've got it all!

Wed - Sat: 08:30 - 17:30 | Sun: 10:00 - 14:30



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All chocolates are available in the Deli.



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## COLUMNISTS



**IAN SOLLUM**  
MP FOR SOUTH  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk

### A new MP for Cambourne

**Following the General Election, I am delighted to say I have been elected as your MP for the newly created constituency of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire.**

Whether you voted for me or not, I want you to know that I will keep listening to you and I will keep fighting for you every day - for the fair deal you all deserve. I will work hard for the people of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire and be your champion in Parliament.

Throughout the campaign I heard of the everyday challenges people faced trying to see a GP or dentist - or if they could even register with one - or with the cost of living. Many of you have felt let down or taken for granted.

I will do my utmost to improve the lives of residents in our constituency.

For Cambourne, my priorities will be completing Cambourne High Street, including a post office and working on getting Cambourne its promised swimming pool.

On transport, prioritising decisions on the Cambourne to Cambridge busway and East West Rail from the new government. The NHS was also a top priority for me and I will be working to ensure improved NHS services in Cambourne.

I love our new constituency - from St Neots and our new towns to all our unique villages and communities. To be elected to represent you in Parliament is the honour of my life.

I am truly humbled by the faith you have put in me. I won't let you down!



**HELENE LEEMING**  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
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### Proposed Post Office for Cambourne

**On 12th July, I was very pleased to attend the unveiling of the first post box to bear the cypher of King Charles III on the High Street in Great Cambourne, with the children of The Vine School, fellow local councillors and the Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.**

I asked the Post Office officials why Cambourne had been chosen and it was chance. We were next on the list for a post box, but they were delighted it came to our town in the 25th year of the first house being built here.

Many people have pointed out the irony of the situation of us having a special post box, but no Post Office. This is something that I am working on. There is a proposal that a Post Office could

be hosted in the Council offices at South Cambs Hall. If we are successful at obtaining a post office at South Cambs Hall, then the opening hours would be the opening hours of the hall which are 9am-4pm Monday to Friday

We are in the process of working through the application stages, which are challenging. We still have more stages to go, including a public consultation.

The plan would be South Cambs District Council would host our town's Post Office until a suitable business in the town centre could be its permanent home.

It would be an upgrade on the current situation of no Post Office building in the town and the limited hours of coverage from the Post Office van. I will keep you updated on progress but please contact me if you have any questions or feedback.



**CATHERINE PRICE**  
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### Carbon monoxide poisoning

**Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas produced by fires and appliances that burn gas, wood, oil or coal including barbecues and camping stoves.**

Breathing in the gas can make you very unwell and be deadly; it is a colourless gas with no smell so you don't know it is around you.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, sickness, dizziness, confusion, weakness, chest pain and shortness of breath. Symptoms may come and go and get better when outside and worse when inside an affected room.

To help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning,

put a carbon monoxide alarm in any room that has appliances that burn gas, oil, coal or wood; keep heating and cooking appliances, chimneys and flues well maintained and have boilers serviced regularly. Always keep barbecues and camping stoves outside.

If you think someone has carbon monoxide poisoning, if possible get them outside or open windows and doors wide; call 111 and ask for advice but if someone is experiencing chest pain or loses consciousness, call 999 for an ambulance. If you think a gas appliance is leaking carbon monoxide, avoid using it and call the National Gas Helpline free 24/7 on 0800 111 999.

■ **Reference/ further information:**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/carbon-monoxide-poisoning](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/carbon-monoxide-poisoning)



COMMUNITY

Get your free Tiger Bus Pass today – Mayor's £1 fares for under 25s in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough



Great news for young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough! The Combined Authority has launched the Tiger bus pass, offering bus fares for just £1 for those under 25.

The new Tiger bus pass is free of charge and designed to make public transport more affordable for young people, helping them travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and social activities.

This initiative is part of a broader effort by the Combined Authority to revamp public transport in the region.

How to Apply

Applying for your free Tiger bus pass is simple and quick: Visit the application site: [cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/](http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/)

Upload a photo and proof of age.

Receive your Tiger pass free of charge – a credit card-sized, tiger-branded card that's easy to recognise and use.

Just show your Tiger pass to the bus driver when boarding to enjoy the £1 fare.

Without the pass, you won't be eligible for the discounted fare, so make sure to get yours today! More Than Just Lower Fares The Mayor's £1 Fare is part of the first phase of improvements under the Combined Authority's new bus strategy.

This phase also includes 30 new or improved bus routes. Find out more and have your say on updated plans for new and enhanced bus routes: The Road to Better Buses

Where can I use my Tiger pass?

The Tiger pass can be used to travel on the bus anywhere within the Combined Authority region, including services going out of the area that start within the region.

The £1 single fare will not apply to bus services starting or running from outside the region to within.

Operators participating are Stagecoach, Whippet, Dews, A2B, Stephensons, FACT, Star travel and First.

Bus operators currently not participating in this scheme are: Vectare and Delaine.



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## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH

August is never a good month to ask a child what school year they are in. Looking back to July gives one answer, and looking forward to September gives a different one. August is a month of transition. For some this will involve moving to a different school, to college, to university, or to employment. And often these transitions rely on attaining particular exam results. So something new is on the horizon, but there are hurdles in the way. Some will achieve what they are hoping for, and some will not.

The Bible contains an instruction to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to mourn with those who mourn. You may find yourself alongside those who are rejoicing in success and in paths opening up before them. But you may also find yourself alongside those who are mourning dashed hopes. As a minister it is one of the features of my role that one moment I may be with those who are celebrating new birth, and the next with those who are grieving a deep loss. Maybe the only sensible advice in negotiating this range of emotion and circumstance is to focus on the person with you now - to be truly present with them.

And know this: God is with us in our successes and in our failures. He is consistent - the same yesterday, today, and forever. And actually, according to the Bible, God is to be encountered more deeply when we are weak than when we are strong.

**Revd Bill Miller**



### Sunday Services in August 2024



4th	10.00am	All Age Communion Service
11th	10.00am	All Age Service
18th	10.00am	All Age Communion Service
25th	10.00am	All Age Service

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

### Another month passes

July went well. At church we have expanded our children's ministry and are preparing for future outreach. We made a few changes to our upload schedule as livestreaming was not ideal as with limited bandwidth the quality would often be degraded or unstable so we switched to recording and uploading later. Also I could use screen capture for better quality presentation. It is still a learning process.

We also held our annual picnic and that went well as the weather held up but it was not too hot. It is always good to break bread with our people, it is even better if that bread has a decent bit of beef and onion in it.

As a church and in our family we also celebrated the completion of my son Max's chemotherapy. Although he did spend an additional week in the hospital with a milder infection his levels are more normal now and no trace of lymphoma. It will take several



**Pastor Donovan Bangs**



months to regain his previous strength but the outlook is good. As hard as it has been it did provide opportunity for both he and I to speak with many others going through similar problems and to be an encouragement to them. Shared pain can bring bonding and often it will strip away petty things in life that cloud our vision. It sometimes brings a clarity and focus of what is important in life and what is just irrelevant. My hope is that we would all treasure the people that we have and love them as we are loved.

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COMMUNITY

# Police commissioner's survey

## Police Commissioner urges residents to have their say:

Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston has launched a short online survey for residents to tell him their views on crime and disorder are as he produces a new plan for the county.

The plan sets policing and crime priorities for the next four years, so residents are being urged to have their say, and share the online link with family and friends.

Feedback will help form the content of the new plan. The survey runs until 5pm on Friday, 16 August.

You can visit [www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk) telephone the commissioner's office on 0300 333 3456 or email [cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk](mailto:cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk) to provide your views.



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## COMMUNITY

### Great experiences at Soul

**Soul Youth:** In May we ran a two night residential and took a group of 18 Year 9-11s to the Horstead Centre near Norwich in Norfolk. We all had a great time and enjoyed activities such as Archery, Rock Climbing, Zipline, Standup Paddleboarding, Raft Building and Nightline.

It was a chance for young people to grow in their friendships but also face challenges and overcome fears. So many of them came away with feelings of accomplishment as well as great memories. We hope to make this an annual residential!

In June Romsey Mill held their annual youth celebration evening. This is a chance for youth workers to nominate young people for personal achievements that they'd noticed throughout the year, with the young people being invited to receive an award and their family and friends invited to enjoy the evening too.

In Cambourne we nominated 11 young people for awards ranging from academic achievements to overcoming challenges they'd faced this year.

One young person introduced our work in Cambourne with a performance singing and playing the piano which was met with much applause.



### Scouts getting out

**SECOND CAMBOURNE SCOUT GROUP:** During June, our three sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been making the most of outdoors whilst dodging the unseasonal rain!

During one week, we held Cycle Nights where they learnt bike maintenance, discussed bike safety, and had a cycle ride - including for the Scouts a 6km ride on some of the bridleways around Cambourne.







In the middle of June, 10 of our Beavers attended the annual Beavers in Tents event held in St Ives. Joining with 200 other Beavers from Cambridgeshire, this was a really fun camping experience with activities, games, campfire songs, and lots of good food. For many it was their first time camping and they made new friends and new memories.

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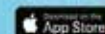
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## Passionate about education? HCCPS is seeking school governors

### Representation Matters: Join our school governing body

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community? Do you care deeply about the quality of education our children receive? If so, we invite you to consider joining our governing body. Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary is a school based on two campuses in Hardwick and Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, with a highly dedicated team of staff.

**About the role.** We are looking to recruit two governors to bring new skills, experience and ideas to our governing body. You do not need any specific qualifications - just an interest in education, a willingness to learn and have some time to give.

Governors make sure the school remains true to its vision and ethos and support the headteacher and the staff team. Governors also oversee the finances of the school.

**What is the commitment?** On average, eight hours per month during term time will allow you to attend the full governor body meetings, participate in one of the monitoring groups that support the governing body, and do the necessary preparatory reading. Our meetings are held both remotely and in person, and we encourage our governors to come into school to see it 'in action'.

**Is training provided?** New governors usually attend a one-day induction course and a safeguarding course. As you settle into your role, there are many resources and support available to help

you, depending on your specific responsibilities and needs.

**What are we looking for?** We would be keen to hear from anyone who has: An open and enquiring mind, with the confidence to ask questions and join in debate. The ability to work well with others. The ability to commit the time to attend meetings, read papers and carry out training.

Each new governor is an opportunity for us to bring in a different perspective and create a more inclusive educational environment, so we welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds.

**What we can offer?** Becoming a school governor is an opportunity for personal and professional growth. You'll have the chance to develop skills in strategic management, planning and leadership and connect with other professionals, educators, and community members, expanding your network and gaining fresh perspectives in improving educational outcomes for the children. Gain a sense of achievement in making a difference to our school and helping pupils reach their potential.

**Learn more and apply.** For more information please visit the "About Us-Governors" section on our school website. If you'd like to speak with a governor directly to learn more or express your interest, please email us at [office@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk).

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## EDUCATION

# The Wizard of Oz delights Hardwick & Cambourne

**Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary:** At the end of term, the Year 5 and 6 students showcased their talents in a vibrant production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The classic tale, set in the magical land of Oz, was brought to life with impressive performances and colourful costumes. The story followed Dorothy, played by Frankie, and her adventures with her dog Toto, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they journeyed to meet the Wizard and defeat the Wicked Witch of the West.

The production was a collaborative effort, with students not only singing and acting but also participating in set design, costume creation, and backstage roles.

The musical numbers were a highlight, featuring enthusiastic singing and well-coordinated choreography. Iconic songs like "Over the Rainbow" and "We're Off to See the Wizard" were performed with energy and enthusiasm.

The show was a testament to the students' hard work and creativity, as well as the support and guidance from their teachers and parents.

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## Sports and theatre at Monkfield Park school

**The Monkfield Park:** As the academic year draws to a close we have been reflecting on the children's many successes. It was wonderful to welcome families to school to join us for our annual Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days. Sports Day is always one of the highlight of the year as the kids are able to show case their team spirit and skills in the games; in addition to enjoying the thrill of competing in individual track and field activities. Following some very close finishes, Discovery was the winning house for Key Stage 1 and Enterprise secured the most points to win for Key Stage 2.

Year 2 enjoyed a day trip to Old Hunstanton to carry out some field work as part of their studies about coasts and coastal features this term. Meanwhile Year 4 had an over-night stay at Burwell House learning about what buildings can tell us as part of a local study.

Our very talented Year 6 stunned us with a superb performance of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. The audience was transported deep into Sherwood Forest for an action packed adventure in the company of Robin Hood, Maid Marion, evil King John, the dastardly Sherriff of Nottingham and lots of Merry Men in tights. With so many catchy songs, a witty script bursting with the bad jokes that we all love and some fantastic dancing, the pupils gave us all an evening to remember.



COMMUNITY

105 Squadron (Cambourne): September intake evening



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105 SQUADRON (CAMBOURNE): We are holding our next intake evening for prospective Cadets on Monday 23rd September starting at 19:30 held at the Blue Space, Great Cambourne, CB23 6DZ.



Our Cadets take part in several activities both at the Squadron and as part of the wider organisation such as flying, gliding, STEM, sports, fieldcraft, leadership and plenty more.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

## Cambourne High Street: and the original vision

*Dear Cambourne Crier,*

We read with considerable interest about Newcrest's plans for Cambourne's new High Street.

Back in 1999, we were promised a new, inviting and friendly community of three villages, with a bright, friendly, sociable High Street centre, as evidenced by the Cambourne brochure illustrations from the time (shown right).

Since we arrived here almost 25 years ago, we have seen our local planning authorities steadily relinquish ground on the vision for Cambourne and its commitments to residents.

The first major setback was Morrisons' convincing South Cambs District Council to cancel the market square area (between Morrisons and Chutney Joes) due to a fear of excessive local competition from small stall-holders(!). Now it is an empty stretch of windswept paving, right at the epicentre of our community.

The absence of a decent food pub is a glaring omission, especially given the socio-economic demographic of Cambourne - many highly educated, middle-class families who jump into SUVs to drive 20- to 30-mile round trips to the many other villages with decent food pubs. It would be so much more environmentally responsible to feature a decent food pub in our town. The lack of a permanent Post Office in a community of over 12,000 people is a shameful embarrassment for our local authorities. Cambourne now sits at a key decision point in its history, a decision point from which there will be no return if we take the wrong path.

Cambourne is on the verge of becoming a faceless commuter dormitory for Cambridge and London, a dormitory with plenty of houses, inadequate access roads (we desperately need an exit from Upper Cambourne via the Bourn Road to the old A428), inadequate off-road parking for residents and an imposing, dark, uninviting heart.

The original 1999 vision for our High Street has somehow turned into the latest darkened tunnel of depressing gloom. However, with your active help and participation, we can recapture the original, family-friendly and inviting vision for Cambourne.

Please take a long, hard look at the two 1999 pictures in this email and turn those impressions into a living reality for our High Street. It symbolises a much more open, welcoming, inviting,



vibrant and sociable heart than the current Newcrest proposal. If you tried to conjure up a more imposing, dark, unfriendly, unimaginative, Soviet 1960's era blocky development, you could not have done better.

### Specific, constructive suggestions:

It would be fantastic to finally have a High Street after 25 years of waiting.

- Please include cycle lanes. We are supposed to be encouraging low carbon transport, so include cycle lanes for this and for safety reasons (segregation of traffic as Cambridge is doing on Milton Road)
- Please allow rear access to shops so that trucks can load/unload safely away from pedestrians and cyclists
- No objection to four-storey buildings but please stagger the storeys (like a ziggurat), providing small balconies on each level to taper the building front and allow more light to reach street level
- Why on earth is social housing excluded from a development like this?
- There should be electric charge points in each parking space please. We need to decarbonise transport and that means electric cars which need to be charged.
- Include designated zebra crossings for pedestrians, again for safety reasons

Come on Newcrest, you can surely do better than this. South Cambs District Council and Ian Sollom - may you do everything within your considerable powers to help Newcrest to raise its game.

**Ian & Lois Kershaw**

Cambourne's very first residents

Contact details provided. This letter was also sent to Newcrest, South Cambs District Council and Ian Sollom MP



### Write to Cambourne Crier

If there is a local issue you would like to comment on, or you have something to bring to the attention of other Cambourne residents, please write to us at [editorial@cambournecrier.org](mailto:editorial@cambournecrier.org)

Letters will be published at the discretion of the editorial team. Opinions expressed are those of the author(s) and do not represent the views of Cambourne Crier or the Cambourne Crier editorial team.

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## ART GROUPS



### Cambourne painting group

**Cambourne painting group is looking for new members.** We are a friendly, self funding, not for profit group who meet on Wednesday mornings (10 am to 12 noon) in term time at the Great Cambourne cricket pavilion.

If you are interested in trying your hand at a variety of medium - watercolour, acrylics, pastels etc - then this is the group for you.

In each 10-week period we aim to have a tutor on alternate

weeks, giving us a chance to build on techniques taught, complete a piece of work or simply do our own thing in between.

You don't need to be experienced to join, in fact most of us are learning how to use a wider range of media.

Paying termly, costs vary according to numbers but are not excessive (typically between £60 and £80 per term) as we aim just to cover expenses.

■ *If you are interested, do get in touch by contacting Pat on 01954715702 or [pat.goatly@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pat.goatly@tiscali.co.uk)*

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3. **Developing Fine Motor Skills:** The precise movements required in activities



help improve fine motor skills. These skills are crucial for young children as they prepare for writing and other tasks requiring hand-eye coordination.

4. **Precision and Control:** Fine motor skills are refined through the meticulous movements required in many arts and crafts projects.

5. **Building Self-Esteem and Confidence:** Completing an art project gives students a sense of accomplishment and takes pride

in their achievements.

Unleash Your Creativity! Do you want to explore new skills and create your own beautiful piece of art? Join our Art and Craft class, where imagination meets skill.

The sessions aim to engage primary school kids in mindful activities through various artistic techniques like crafting, card making, clay art, themed projects, bead art, term-based activities etc. They would experience the joy and pride of creating their own art and craft masterpiece.

The session happens during term-time Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 5pm in the Bowls Pavilion which is located at the left side of Everyone active Sports and Fitness Centre. The gate will be kept open 5 minutes before and after the session for drop-off and collection of kids. All the necessary materials will be provided during the session. Classes for the next term starts from 4th September.

■ *To book your places and for more information please email [anne.sketches@gmail.com](mailto:anne.sketches@gmail.com)*

# CCF anniversary celebrations

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Fitzwilliam Museum last month. CCF awarded over £32 million through over 10,000 grants, supporting local charities and groups over the last two decades.

CamCareUK, Cambourne's local charity, was one of the 10 organisations among many that was invited to showcase their works from all corners of the county to give guests a glimpse of the incredible work that CCF was proud to fund for our community.

If you'd like to find out more about the work of other small charities in Cambridgeshire, visit [www.cambscf.org.uk/20-anniversary/](http://www.cambscf.org.uk/20-anniversary/)

If you are looking for any volunteering opportunity in the future in Cambourne, please email Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)



# CERC encouraging creativity

The young scientists and young engineers of Cambourne demonstrated their science experiments at the 9th Science and Technology Festival organised at ARU Cambridge Campus from 12-5pm on Sunday, 14th July.

Children were encouraged and, invited to demonstrate and display their homemade science and technology projects to the public. A unique opportunity was created for the children to share ideas, creativity, and ingenuity at the science and tech festival.

Anglia Ruskin University signed the MoU with CamCareUK to help young children with more STEM activities in the future.

Email Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya, on [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com) to join the Cambridge Science and Technology Club (CERC) or fill up the form <https://forms.gle/jW7kCsT5XxTfGtWMA> to join the regular classes in Cambourne.



## SOUTH CAMBS

# Successful Mobile Food Hub goes electric

**The Mobile Food Hub that visits villages across South Cambridgeshire, has launched today in a new electric vehicle, thanks to funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant.**

Celebrating a year since its initial launch, the Mobile Food Hub has been highly successful in reaching communities hit hardest by the rise in the cost of living, ensuring residents have access to affordable food and essential items. In the last year, the van has received over 1,500 visits, with the number of visits per week continuing to rise.

The Mobile Food Hub is co-ordinated by Hope CIC, a not-for-profit organisation based in Cambourne. Hope CIC successfully bid for £20,000 of seed funding from the District Council to begin the project last summer. £15,000 was awarded to Hope CIC through the Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant towards the purchase of an electric vehicle to replace the current diesel van that the Mobile Food Hub has been operating from. It is estimated the van will travel more than 20,000 miles a year, saving around 4,800kg of carbon compared with running a diesel van.

Hope CIC raised an additional £26,880 through fundraising which was helped with match funding from the Aviva Community Fund, and Crowdfunder Cost of Living Fund. With the Zero

Carbon Communities Grant and extra funding raised, this helped to purchase the van, as well as the proper fitting out, and towards the ongoing running costs.

Not only is the new van electric, therefore reducing carbon emissions, but it is also larger in size and has been kitted out with shelving. This means the Mobile Food Hub can be properly stocked with food and essential items and people can shop just as they would in a supermarket.

The Mobile Food Hub is different from a typical foodbank as no vouchers or referrals are needed. Any resident struggling with increasing costs, including those who live outside of these villages, can access it by turning up on the day.

Hope CIC is a non-profit organisation that provides support services. Largely based in Cambourne, they run the Cambourne Food Project which provides a similar service to the mobile food hub at a permanent location.

The shop is open three times a week at The Hub Community Centre in Cambourne. This service is also available for anyone to use. They also co-ordinate a community café to socialise with residents and offer free refreshments, digital hub to teach the basics of using current technology, and a signposting service to support with bills, housing issues, and white goods.

Director and Founder of Hope CIC, Mahesh Hettiarachchi, said: "We have achieved so much in the last year to have already upgraded the Mobile Food Hub to an electric vehicle and be able to expand our services further."

## South Cambs health programmes

**The District Council supports local people to enjoy sport, exercise and wellbeing** through a wide range of initiatives which improve the physical and mental health of residents. Through various grants, the Council offers a wide range of programmes including: Exercise4Fun, Active and Healthy 4 Life programmes, wellbeing walks, grants for long term health conditions and leisure centres, holiday sports camps in athletics and netball, all ability schools indoor and outdoor athletics, new age kurling, walking football, virtual wellbeing festival, educational activities within schools and community engagement talks and events

Cllr Henry Batchelor, Lead Cabinet member for Communities for South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Being healthy is more than just doing our best to not become ill. It is taking care of our complete physical, mental, and social well-being. Health is our most valuable asset and maintaining it

requires proactive and informed decisions. Here at the council we work hard to help people make those good choices through healthy eating, exercise and wellbeing. We'd encourage anyone who is interested, try the scheme and see if it works for you."

A total of 217 people were referred to the Active & Healthy 4 Life exercise scheme to support a range of health conditions including respiratory conditions, bone health, blood pressure, cholesterol, mental health, diabetes and cancer.

There are now eight regular Wellbeing Walks in South Cambridgeshire, and five new walk leaders were trained. Find out more: How Are You South Cambs - what is a Wellbeing Walk? - YouTube

Long Term Health Condition Grants totalling £13,000 were given to activity classes supporting long-term health conditions such as dementia, mental health, cancer, Parkinson's, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease.

More than £4,600 was awarded to leisure centres to help train staff, purchase equipment or support costs related to starting or relaunching an activity class.

Holiday sports camps in athletics and netball saw hundreds of students get involved alongside young volunteer helpers. More than 220 students with visual and hearing impairment, physical disability, or moderate and severe learning difficulties took part in indoor and outdoor ability plus athletics over two events.

Five community-led new age kurling groups have been set up and seven walking football sessions launched in partnership with Living Sport and ICS.

A virtual festival has been a yearly event since 2021 and in the last year it saw 150 South Cambridgeshire residents get involved with a range of online resources on topics such as physical activity, nutrition, and mental health.

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**CAMBOURNE CRIER EDITORIAL**


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## Cambourne Crier: for the community

**Before the pandemic - yes, it does seem like a different era - *Cambourne Crier* used to run to 32 pages.**

During the lockdowns, when many businesses and local groups were forced to close, we had significantly fewer submissions and adverts to publish. As a result, we dropped down to 28 pages during that time.

Now that things have mostly returned to normal, we're making some changes.

Firstly, as previously announced, we have a new publishing partner and they have made some adjustments to advertising rates and policies. We've also introduced a new digital subscription to *Cambourne Crier* for those who do not live within our delivery area. And now, we're moving back to 32 pages. These changes are flexible and as a team, we are constantly evaluating what works best.

As our town grows - with the development of West Cambourne - and our community evolves, there are new groups and new opportunities to reach more people. With *Cambourne Crier's* return to 32 pages, we will have more space to include articles from new and existing groups.

This could also, at times, include letters to the community or news about groups that are very close to Cambourne but just outside, such as Papworth or Bourn.

As always, there are no guarantees, as items sent in are selected by our editorial team with a focus on Cambourne-centric content. We strive to maintain a quality publication.

Make sure you check page 2 for the monthly submissions deadlines for editorial items from clubs, schools and other non-profit community endeavours.

If you have a business in or around Cambourne, you can also find the contact information for placing advertisements.

This is important because getting local people working together is truly a win-win

situation: using local businesses reduces fuel and transport time, problems can be quickly resolved and locals often have the experience and knowledge of working with similar properties.

*Cambourne Crier* is the only independent, non-profit publication delivered to all Cambourne residents each month and it's been serving this community for more than 20 years.

*Cambourne Crier* is compiled entirely by volunteers, but the advertising is essential to cover its publication and distribution. Any revenue raised above our costs is distributed back to the community through our Community Fund grant scheme.

So please send in your articles, adverts and leaflets and let us continue to grow this publication **by the community, for the community.**

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## COMMUNITY

# Anthony Browne: serving South Cambs was an honour



**“I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me during this campaign.** I am incredibly proud of the effort and dedication shown by my team and our supporters.

“Serving as the Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire since 2019 has been the honour of a lifetime. During that time, I have addressed the issues that matter most to our community, from improving our transport infrastructure to enhancing local healthcare services. I am particularly proud of our achievements, such as the new hospitals, rail links, and roads we’ve been able to deliver.

“To the residents of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire; it has been a privilege to get to know you better and to hear your concerns and aspirations. This new constituency remains a wonderful place to live and work and I have no doubt that everyone will rise to the challenges they face. I remain dedicated to region and will continue to work to support our community in any capacity I can.

“Our journey does not end here. I encourage everyone to stay engaged and continue pushing for the changes we need.”

**Anthony Browne**

## How are you South Cambs?

### Introducing How Are You South

**Cambs:** Connecting with others, getting active, learning a new skill, being creative, seeking professional support, exploring the outdoors, volunteering – all these things (and more) can improve wellbeing ... but it isn't always easy to know what is on your doorstep or to feel comfortable trying something new.

How Are You South Cambs is a website that brings together everything local in the district (including Royston) that boosts mental wellbeing. Just like our physical health, we all have mental health and we all need to look after it – what that looks like for each of us is unique.

The How Are You South Cambs website gives you the factual information you need to find a wellbeing boost, alongside

videos, photos, quotes and a description of what to expect when you go for the first time. If you are on Facebook, give the How Are You South Cambs Facebook page a follow too:

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We're also keen to discover, share and support what is good for wellbeing in South Cambs and Royston – what it is you value for your health and wellbeing. If you know about something that we should know about, please contact Charity Green (pictured - the How Are You South Cambs Coordinator) on [HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk](mailto:HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk) – she'd love to hear from you.

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## Sing Papworth needs you!

### Do you fancy trying something new?

Come along on a Monday evening and give choral singing a go. We're a friendly, fun mixed voice community choir rehearsing weekly in Papworth Everard, and with our new term starting in September we're looking for new members to join us as we start singing new music and work towards our winter concert in early 2025.

We sing a whole range of music - from musicals to folk songs, popular to

classical music. There are no auditions – everyone is welcome to come along and have a go! We learn pieces by ear so there's no notation reading required. Led by MD Jenni Pinnock we hold a couple of concerts a year raising money as well as supporting local events like Carols around the Christmas Tree. Last year we held a winter concert in Papworth (with guest musicians from Swavesey Village College's Performing Arts Department and other musicians from Papworth) and

a summer concert in Caxton with the Ermine Street Band, raising almost £500 across the two concerts for local causes.

Rehearsals for the new term begin on Monday 9th September - 8-9.30pm at Pendragon Community Primary School. For more information, or if you'd like to come along to a taster session either email [hello@singpapworth.co.uk](mailto:hello@singpapworth.co.uk) message us via Facebook or come along on a Monday evening from 9th September onwards.

# Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club



Join us! We're very friendly, and look forward to welcoming new players to the club - either as a team player or as a 'training only' player.

Club trial sessions take place on Monday 2nd September and Thursday 5th September. In the meantime, feel free to join us for any of the remaining summer scrimmage sessions (this is 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: [info@cambournebasketball.org](mailto:info@cambournebasketball.org)  
 Instagram: [@camraptorsbball](https://www.instagram.com/camraptorsbball)  
 Website: [cambournebasketball.org](http://cambournebasketball.org)

# 50 years of rambling

On Sunday 30th June 2024 Comberton Ramblers celebrated 50 years of rambling.

The club has been on quite a journey over the past years from only 10 members in 1974 to 60 members in 2024. We have explored new routes in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Northants.

Peter, our current chair, was joined by Hywel (chair from 2013 -2017) to cut the celebration cake and we all enjoyed a few glasses of fizz. Long may the club continue. So the motto is keep on RAMBLING.



Comberton Ramblers:  
[combertonramblers.org.uk](http://combertonramblers.org.uk)

## SPORT

## A summer of competitions and coaching sessions

**Cambourne Tennis Club:** Our Club Championships are in full swing with matches scheduled throughout the summer. The finals for all adult and junior categories are set for Sunday, 15th September. We aim to make this an all-day event with food and drinks. Mark your calendars for this exciting event! – more details will follow next month.

We hosted a wonderful Walking Tennis taster session on Friday 12th July. There was a great turnout from those who haven't played tennis since their school days and those who pick up a racket occasionally. We are keen to organise more regular sessions so if you are interested in walking tennis, contact us via [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk)

Our popular Summer Camps are underway and still have a few



spaces! They run daily until 16th August and are exciting, sociable and affordable! LTA-accredited coaches coach, and we offer flexible booking options (daily or weekly). To sign up, please go to [bookings.gamesettennis.co.uk/list](http://bookings.gamesettennis.co.uk/list). If you have any questions, please get in touch at 07972149874 or [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk)

The bookings for the regular Autumn Term tennis lessons are also OPEN! Sessions begin on Monday, 2nd September and run until Saturday 21st December (15 weeks), excluding the October half-term (28th October to 3rd November). Please go to [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk) to secure your place now.

More information about the club and how to join is at [www.cambournetennis.co.uk](http://www.cambournetennis.co.uk). Click on MEMBERSHIP.



## Attention all netball enthusiasts and players!

**Cambourne Netball Club:** If you have ever happened to wander past the netball courts behind Everyone Active on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, it's likely that you have seen women and girls of all ages playing netball. We currently have approximately 150 girls between the ages of 9 and 16 registered in our junior section and 50 women in our senior teams. If you would like to check current availability in the junior section for September then please contact Julia at [Cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com](mailto:Cambournejuniornetball@outlook.com)

We have four senior teams who play competitively in the Cambridge District Netball League on a Saturday. Our first team play on a Sunday in the County Premier League, and for the last 3 years they have been runners up. We have regular fixtures between September and April and always eager for new players.

Our 5 teams cover a range of abilities with ages from 16 to 60.

If you are interested in training ahead of our new season, then please contact Cat Blee on [cblee1978@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cblee1978@hotmail.co.uk) We can also be contacted via our Facebook Page.

In September, Cambourne are adding an additional section to our club structure by introducing "Walking Netball" sessions. It literally is as the name suggests; you play netball but are only allowed to walk. It's designed to be more inclusive and accessible as well as providing a gentle introduction to the sport or a reintroduction if you used to play. These sessions will be at the court behind Everyone Active on a Friday from 10.30am-11.30am.

To register your interest in these sessions then please contact VJ at [unboxedfitnessuk@gmail.com](mailto:unboxedfitnessuk@gmail.com) for more information.

