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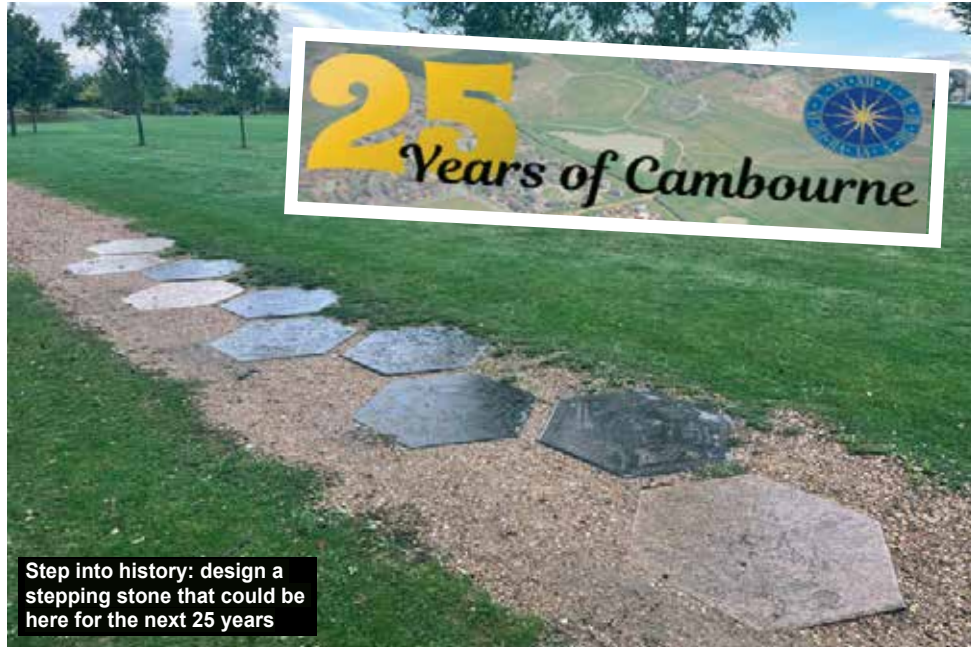
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Cambourne celebrates 25th anniversary

2024 is a big year for Cambourne. It's been 25 years since the first residents moved in and over the past quarter century we've become a town and grown into the largest settlement in South Cambridgeshire, with a population of nearly 12,500.

Cambourne Crier would like to celebrate this anniversary by asking you to send in your stories, reflections and thoughts about living in Cambourne. If you have photos from those early days we'd love you to share them with us for publication in our next issue. Please send any contributions to editorial@cambournecrier.org.

Cambourne Crier has been around almost as long as Cambourne itself. Beginning as a folded A3 sheet of paper with useful information - such as bin collections days and where the nearest shops were - it was delivered to every new occupied house as part of the welcome pack they received from their builder. Ultimately it has developed into the glossy magazine you see before you.



Step into history: design a stepping stone that could be here for the next 25 years

If you have any copies of *Cambourne Crier* from its beginnings in 1999-2000 we'd love to see them too!

Cambourne Town Council is looking to mark the occasion by collecting soundbites of your favourite memories or perhaps a tribute to someone who defined your experience of Cambourne: "Whether you've lived here since the noughties or are a recent resident, our people are what make Cambourne great and we'd love to celebrate this milestone with you!"

The Town Council is also holding a competition to design the next 15

stepping stones for the path near Great Cambourne Cricket Ground. £20 Amazon vouchers are up for grabs and the best ones will be selected and used to pave the way, forming part of Cambourne's history for years to come! A template can be collected from the council offices at The Hub and one will also be distributed with the November issue of *Cambourne Crier*.

For more details on recording your soundbite, or entering the design competition, please see page 2.

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Cub Scouts on camp



1st & 2nd Cambourne Cubs enjoy District Camp at Hallowtree

■ See page 12 for more...

Fireworks night!



Cambourne Fireworks Display will take place this year on 2 November

■ Find out more on page 24...

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Our community fund enables us to make grants to local clubs, societies or causes. Do you need new equipment for your group? Do you want to set up a new group and need some funding to get going? Contact pamhume1@gmail.com for more information or download the application form at www.cambournecrier.org

■ Share your stories of Cambourne

If you have a story of Cambourne you'd like to share, the Council is putting together soundbite clips to celebrate Cambourne's 25th anniversary. Perhaps you'd like to reflect on how you've found it so far, have favourite memories from a community event or want to pay tribute to someone who defined your experience of Cambourne? If you've got time to attend a quick and informal recording session, please fill out the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/ikJd7nmg6y> and we'll be in touch!

■ Sport in Cambourne

Sport in Cambourne was a group made up of representatives from sports groups in Cambourne to promote sport in Cambourne and to support each other.

The Town Council would like to restart this group and will be holding the first meeting on 12th November at the Hub. If you would like to join or know more about the group, please contact office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01954 714403.

■ Community Action Day

A Massive thank you to everyone who got involved with CAD 2024. There was a huge number of donations at our take-it-or-leave-it stall, saving perfectly good items that may have otherwise gone to waste. Over 50 litter pickers on the day cleaned up everywhere from Broad Street to their local roads. If anyone would like to get involved with litter picking around Cambourne in the future, give us an email or pop into the office to sign up! We can provide all the equipment you need.

■ The Big Squiggle

The Big Squiggle will be held on 1st November 11am-2pm at the Cambourne Soul building on Back Lane. Entry is free, so come and get creative! (See also p28.)

■ Cambourne Fireworks

Cambourne Fireworks will be held on 2nd November at the Back Lane sports pitches. Keep an eye out for the exact

start time for the show, but the fun starts from 6pm! Please note that Back Lane will be closed from 12pm to facilitate the set up. Vehicles should divert via Eastgate and Jeavons Lane/High Street.

■ Stepping Stones Design Competition

We are running a competition to design the next 15 stepping stones for our path! The deadline for entries is 22nd November. A stepping stones template (A4 leaflet) will be distributed with the Cambourne Crier November 2024 edition for completion. When received please, scan your design and email it to community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or drop it into our office before 4:30pm on Tuesday 22nd November.

£20 Amazon vouchers are up for grabs and the best ones will be selected and used to pave the way, forming part of Cambourne's history for years to come.

■ Bank Holiday Food Market

Blessed with good weather, the August Bank Holiday Food Market was a success! The council, working with Cambourne Foodies, treated lots of residents to food and bouncy castle fun and it was great to see people bringing picnic blankets to enjoy the last bank holiday of the year.

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Cambourne has different collection schedules for different parts of the town. Please check your collection date on the following link: www.scams.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL & COMMUNITY

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■ **Remembrance Parade**

Sunday 10th November will host our annual Remembrance Parade. Please note that Eastgate will be closed for the duration of the morning and vehicles should divert via back lane.

■ **A look ahead to events:**

- 1st Nov: Big Squiggle
- 2nd Nov: Cambourne Fireworks
- 10th Nov: Remembrance Day Parade
- 19th Nov: 5:30-8pm Local Climate Action Fair
- 30th Nov: Repair Café
- Early Dec: South Cambs Christmas Market

■ **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

October/November 2024

Council meetings are held in the Meeting Room at The Hub.

22nd October 7pm

Planning Committee
Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

5th November 7pm

Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

Anniversary celebrations:

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CAMBOURNE

The first brick was laid in the construction of Cambourne in 1998 and the first house was sold and occupied in 1999. The new town was originally going to be named Monkfield, after the farm on which it was situated. This is commemorated by Monkfield Lane in Great Cambourne, Monkfield Medical Practice and the village pub, The Monkfield Arms.

However, the name was eventually created from the names of Cambridge and Bourn. However Cambourne gained a letter 'e' on the end of Bourn.

Cambourne has seen just four MPs since 1999 starting with Andrew Lansley (Conservative) who was elected in 2017, followed by Heidi Allen in 2019 - who was originally elected as a Conservative before co-founding and joining Change UK then finally joining the Liberal Democrats. Anthony Browne was elected for the Conservative Party in 2019 and in 2024 Ian Sollom was elected for the Liberal Democrats.

The population of Cambourne in 2001 was a mere 1,200 people, increasing to 8,200 10 years later in 2011 with the latest census in 2021 putting the population at over 12,000 residents.

Cambourne is also home to people of many ethnic backgrounds and different religions and their events and celebrations are widely reported in *Cambourne Crier*, which itself has a multi-racial editorial team including members from Asia, the Caribbean, the United States, Eastern Europe and the UK. Former MP Anthony Browne, when interviewed by *Cambourne Crier* in 2021, was proud to hold up Cambourne as an example of people of all backgrounds living together in harmony.

It was widely reported in the media in the late 2000s that Cambourne had a higher percentage birth rate than India, China, Indonesia, Brazil and the USA due to the high proportion of young couples choosing Cambourne as their home.

We look forward to the 25 year celebrations throughout the year, made special by you, the residents of Cambourne.



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Wildlife Trust BCN update: October 2024

There are so many great facts about traditionally scary wildlife. Here are a few that didn't make it into my spooky family night walk over October half term. These species can be found on Cambourne Nature Reserve and surrounding countryside.

Labyrinth spiders are common in rough grass and hedgerow. Their webs are dense flat sheets and have a funnel at the back where they hide. Did you know, spiders have reflective eyes?

Bats are one of the few UK animals that truly hibernate (along with hedgehogs and dormice). Common pipistrelles are still a mystery...ecologists don't really know where they roost in winter, but they know they need spaces that are consistently cool like caves.

Short-eared owls arrive in the autumn and stay over the winter. They can sometimes be seen hunting in open areas in the daytime, although they are mostly nocturnal. They spend the day resting on the ground.

Crows usually hang out individually or in pairs, and are all black with a black beak. Rooks are often in large groups, they have a grey base to their beak and look like they are wearing feathery short trousers!

Toads spend only a short time in water, around breeding time in early spring. They spend the winter dormant, buried in mud or compost heaps, or hiding in old mouse burrows, they can be woken by warmer weather. They are a similar size to frogs. Girls are bigger than boys.

Our volunteer work parties spend time on habitat management over the winter as this is the time that causes least disturbance to wildlife. There are other options for volunteering including a new opportunity to help toads in Papworth Everard. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping out.

www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer

You can book on my family night walks on Cambourne or Trumpington Meadows Nature Reserves, and find out more about other local events like Little Bugs and Wilder Home-school sessions, by visiting our website www.wildlifebcn.org/events

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.



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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs
and Northants

Family night walks with Becca Badger

October half-term 2024

Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for a spooky quest hunting for wildlife clues and following a hidden trail around a night-time nature reserve.

Cambourne

- Wed 30th October 5.30-7.30pm
- including an indoor craft activity

Trumpington Meadows

- Thurs 31st October 6-8pm

Most suitable for 7-11 year olds
Not suitable for under 5s

Members £6
Non-members £9
(limited early-bird tickets are available)

Book online at:
wildlifebcn.org/events

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The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. The Manor House, 5th and 6th
Cambourne, CB23 6PH Tel: 01763 732000 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity no. 1032412

St John Fisher

We have launched our First Holy Communion and Confirmation groups in preparation for the sacraments in summer 2025. To join or for more information, please email Michelle -

fhc@cambournerc.com or Paul - confirmation@cambournerc.com

St John Fisher Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre: Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00.

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Email: sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk

Website: <http://cambournerc.com>

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Young photographer reflects on Cambourne



Hello, my name is Zachary Williams, aged 13. I go to Cambourne Village College.

What inspired me to become a photographer was my mum's friend. She is a photographer and I was amazed when she was capturing different images, so I asked for a camera from my parents which I was lucky enough to receive. I love going out on my bike and seeing the sunset when it's really quiet and hearing the birds chirping but lately I have seen a lot of reflections and have been interested in trying to capture those. My favourite photo (above) was taken when I was at Upper Cambourne Park. The water play equipment was reflecting and I just thought it looked really amazing. We have seen some muntjac but I've not been able to get a brilliant picture ... yet!



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Cambourne Library

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

Dates for October

Libraries Week with a Green Theme

There will be lots happening in and around the library during the week of 7th-12th October

From Monday 7th October until Saturday 12th , we will be holding a Nearly New Books Sale- all the books are in fantastic condition and will be sold at very reasonable prices.

Tuesday 8th 10am-12pm Drop in to our pop up Knit and Natter. Bring your own craft or come along and use our wool that we have left over from other events (as new condition). Please bring your own knitting needles or crochet hook.

Wednesday 9th 2-3.30pm Engage Talk: We Need to Talk About Climate Action. See below for more details.

Thursday 10th After school litter pick from 3pm- 5pm. Pick up litter collecting equipment from the library foyer. Please return equipment and rubbish collected in bags to the library for disposal. Any children taking part will need to bring their own gardening gloves and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Friday 11th 9.30- 10 am. Green themed story time.

Saturday 12th 10.30- 11.30 am. Nature collage craft Come along to this fun craft session to cut, stick and make a hanging nature decoration, using recycled materials.

Free and no need to book, just turn up. Suitable for ages 3yrs+. Parental supervision required at all times.

Get Online Week -Monday 14th -Friday 19th October.

Ask in the library about self-taught courses to help learn how to use your laptop, computer or smart phone to get online eg, shopping online, taking photos, sending emails.

October is Black History Month. Come and explore our display celebrating Black contributions to British life and literature.

Special Events

The Library Presents at Papworth Library

Crochet flower making, Papworth Library, Sunday, 27 October 2024, 4pm -6pm

Ideal for those who know basic crochet stitches and want to progress. Designer Claire Montgomerie will help you play with colour and unusual yarns to create beautiful floral motifs. These will be perfect for creating flower crowns, corsages, present toppers, hair accessories and more.

Suitable for: Adults and young people aged 8+ yrs. with basic crochet skills.

Tickets: £6.50 / £3

Havisham, Papworth Library Saturday, 09 November 2024, 4pm - 5.30pm

Miss Havisham is in town! Come and meet Charles Dickens' most Gothic character in the flesh. Discover her previously untold imagined back-story. Why does she wait forever at her wedding

feast for a husband who will never arrive? Delve into Miss Havisham's dark, fractured world and live the experiences that drove her to the brink and over the edge of insanity. Presented by Emul8 Theatre.

Running time: 75 minutes followed by 15-minute Q & A
Suitable for: Adults and young people 12+ yrs. (References to: childhood trauma, sexual assault, emotional abuse and coercive control).

Check it out: www.heatheralexandershows.co.uk/havisham
Tickets: Pay what you can (Booking required) £2/ £4 /£6 /£8 /£10
Hearing Loops will be available.

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 below.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - Wednesday 16th October, 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 the third Wednesday 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- Every Friday 9.30- 10.30am during term time

Engage Sessions

We Need to Talk About Climate Action at Cambourne Library - Wednesday 9th October 2-3.30pm

How to get started with individual climate action AND look after your wellbeing whilst doing so. Led by an experienced facilitator, Elisabeth Goodman-Spain.

Free event, but donations appreciated.

Please **book ahead** in the library, or contact Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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

Donations towards refreshments and future events welcomed.

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PROMOTION

New style of letting agent aims to shake up property market in Cambourne



Cambourne Property Management is a new letting agents based in Cambourne where landlords and their properties are matched with the right tenants.

The small family-run business started recently after dealing with their own properties for more than 15 years and finding that most letting agents spread themselves thinly by managing hundreds of properties.

Cambourne Property Management wants to provide a more personal service where each individual landlord and tenant receive a tailored approach.

The team aim to achieve this by organic growth over a few years taking on only a small number of properties at a time.

This 'better way' of managing property promises to deliver a first-class service to

both sides of the partnership and stop either party feeling they are not being listened to.

Additionally, instead of charging a percentage of the rent, they have a Flat Fee structure where regardless of the monthly rental, they will find tenants using all major property portals - including Rightmove - and deal with all issues arising from the tenancy.

This service offered covers the seven simple steps to letting - listed on the right.

Why not let Cambourne Property Management look after your property and benefit from the personal touch?

Email Cambournepropertymanagement@hotmail.com or call 07476 212392

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COLUMNISTS



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Winter Fuel Payments

September, as I write this, is a strange month for MPs with a brief return to Westminster before another break for party conferences.

The return to Westminster was dominated by the government's decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Payment to only those in receipt of Pension Credit - a decision I voted against. There is potentially a case for means testing the payment, but the pension credit mechanism chosen by the government is poor and will result in hardship for those on and around the boundary.

A House of Lords committee looking at the decision concluded that "the policy seems to be being introduced at a pace that does not permit appropriate scrutiny" and that they were "unconvinced by the reasons given for the

urgency". I sincerely hope the government takes a better approach to their decision making around the upcoming budget.

Following the Lib Dem party conference I was asked by Ed Davey to take the role of Lib Dem spokesperson on Universities and Skills - which I was delighted to do. There are significant challenges for both higher education and the provision of skills and training both locally and across the UK. My primary focus however, will continue to be on our constituency. Here in Cambourne, I am arranging to meet with the developer of the High Street proposals. Like the Town Council, which voted against supporting these plans, I have some significant concerns and everyone in Cambourne deserves to know how the issues raised will be addressed because it's well past time we had a High Street.



STEPHEN DREW
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Good to talk at Cambourne fete

I recently had the great privilege to be part of the Cambourne Fete, organised by the Town Council. We were blessed with a lovely day of autumn sunshine and it was fantastic to see so many fellow Cambourne residents enjoying an afternoon at this community event.

I was helping to run the 'History of Cambourne' stall with Councillor Helene Leeming, and we welcomed hundreds of people during the afternoon who came to look at the photos of the development of our town from its earliest days in 1999 through to today, in our 25th year as a community. I had many discussions about the past, the present and the future of our town.

Again and again the need for transport improvements came up. The potential offered by the imminent building of the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway (C2C), the A428 upgrade and the forthcoming East West Railway (EWR) were spoken of positively by everyone I talked to.

It is clear that Cambourne residents have waited far too long for the promised transport connections to be put in place that will enable us all to truly enjoy the location where we have chosen to live. The benefits to children, students, workers, older people, indeed to all of us were highlighted by those I talked to.

It really does feel as if we are on the cusp of a huge step forwards for Cambourne and I will be doing all I can to get these improvements in place for us all.



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Cancer of the womb

Cancer of the womb (uterus) occurs most commonly after the menopause. Usually it develops in the lining of the womb (endometrium) and may be described as endometrial cancer.

The main symptoms of cancer of the womb are vaginal bleeding or spotting in someone who has been through the menopause or bleeding between periods or unusually heavy bleeding. Other symptoms may include pain or swelling in the area of the pelvis, lower back pain, blood in wee or pain during sex. Although these symptoms may be caused by other less serious causes, it is

important to mention them to a doctor.

Cancer of the womb is affected by high levels of oestrogen. This can be the case for those who are overweight; those with polycystic ovary syndrome; those who went through the menopause after 55 years old or with some types of hormone replacement therapy (HRT).

There is also an increased risk of womb cancer in those with diabetes; a family history of cancer of the bowel, womb or ovaries or those who have previously had radiotherapy on their pelvis. Risks of womb cancer can be reduced by keeping a healthy weight, eating and exercising well and talking through the best options for HRT with your doctor.

■ www.nhs.uk/conditions/womb-cancer

South Cambs District Council priorities

What are your priorities for South Cambridgeshire District Council?

Residents and businesses are being asked to help shape South Cambs District Council's plans for the years ahead – to help ensure the area remains one of the best places to live and work in the country.

The Council has identified five key priorities to help achieve its goals. Councillors now want to hear the views of local people so they can help influence the production of a full Corporate Plan for 2025 and beyond. This Plan, when finalised, will set out the actions, initiatives and strategies the Council will work through to meet its targets.

The five priority areas the Council has put forward are:

- Healthy and flourishing communities – which could include supporting communities to tackle local issues, support for arts and culture projects, providing cost-of-living support and working with partners to combat crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Sustainable homes and vibrant places – such as continuing to deliver new, high quality Council homes, bringing empty homes back into use, making new towns vibrant and attractive places to live and supporting improved access to green spaces.
- Being green to our core – reducing local carbon emissions, protecting air quality and other environmental issues.
- Helping businesses to thrive in South Cambridgeshire – through methods such as promotion of local businesses, renting out space, supporting new markets and events and providing business support resources.
- Financially secure and fit for the future – which could mean completing reviews of services to make sure processes are

efficient, exploring new ways of generating income, acting to reduce fraud and making it easier for residents to access services online.

The Council is keen to hear from as many people as possible – especially those who live, own businesses or work in South Cambridgeshire, as well as regular visitors to the area.

A public consultation and online survey has launched and will run until Tuesday 29 October, to help people have their say.

The feedback given to the consultation will be used to draft a full new Corporate Plan.

You can view the plans in more detail and have your say.

Anyone who completes the survey will have the chance to be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £50 One4All vouchers. To complete the survey via an alternative format, such as using a printed copy or in an alternative language, please contact equality.schemes@scambs.gov.uk or call 01954 713 000.

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Shining a Light on a Dark Night

I wonder how many different sources of light can you think of? I'll give you three to start: 1) the sun, 2) a night light, 3) a lighthouse...

Did you know that in the Bible Jesus describes himself as a light, in fact, he says he is "the light of the world" (John 8.12). A light that gives life, like the sun. A light that helps us feel safe, like a night light. And a light that guides us, like a lighthouse. What's even more special about Jesus' light is that it always shines in the darkness and never goes out (John 1.5).

There's a song we sing in Young Church where we encourage each other to "let your light shine!" To reflect Jesus' light to others and to share our hope for the future - hope for a world without darkness and pain. So, here's our plan...

On Thursday 31st October (Halloween), in the early evening, we'll be throwing the doors of Cambourne Church wide open to shine light on a dark night. Inside, we'll have a range of activities about light and messages of hope, aimed at primary school children and their families. You are welcome and join us for the evening or pop in on your way by. More information, including the times of the event, will be available soon - we'll share the details on our Facebook Page: facebook.com/cambournechurch

Clare Cronin

Ministry Team Leader for Children and Young People

Sunday Services in October 2024



6th October	10.00am All-Age Service with Communion
13 October	9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service *
20 October	9.30am Communion Service 11.00am Communion Service *
25 October	9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service *

The 11.00am services include break-out groups for children and young people

A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Many things for our ladies this past month.

September saw two small events for our ladies' group.

The first was a Bible study at a member's home in Huntingdon. That went well, and from what I was informed, there was cheesecake afterward. The next event was a larger gathering of women from several churches of like faith and practice in

Wolverhampton. This was a good opportunity for fellowship and to make new friends. It is important

for women to have these gatherings so they can support one another and teach the younger generations the wisdom they will need in a way that resonates with them as women.

We cannot rely on what the world tries to teach, as that often leads to broken relationships, broken families, and societal breakdown. Passing wisdom from one generation to the next is a duty and should be done in word and deed. The Bible speaks to this specifically for women in Titus:

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine,



**Pastor
Donovan Bangs**

teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

It is better in certain situations for an experienced, God-fearing woman to teach younger women how to deal with frustrations and problems that a man may not understand or may be oblivious to. Similarly, some things are best taught to men by faithful men.

After all, we think differently, and there are aspects of each gender that the other may not fully grasp. We are beautifully and wonderfully made, and we are meant to complete each other, not compete with each other.

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CHURCHES

Champions' Holiday Club!

More than 40 children celebrated 2024's Summer of Sport at Christ Church Cambourne's holiday club in July.

A team of church volunteers and teen helpers put on three mornings of sporty fun, games, crafts and Bible stories at the Cambourne site of Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School.

To start each day, we split into teams for warm-up activities before coming together for some loud singing, energetic dancing and exciting Bible stories. Each session was based around a sporting theme.

On Monday, we learned that Jesus is the Coach, so we should listen to his teaching. On Tuesday, we read how Jesus brought together a team of people. And on Wednesday, we heard about the best news: that Jesus is the ultimate Champion, beating sin and death.

Then it was time to split into four teams again and to travel around the activity stations. Children might be running relay races to get the Olympic torch to Paris on time, competing in speed challenges, decorating photo frames, making edible medals or creating an Olympic sailing boat out of junk.

We finished the holiday club with a special Closing Medal Ceremony on the final evening. Families joined us to eat pizza and watch as the children performed one of the theme songs from the week and then received a special medal each.



Christ Church Cambourne would like to thank everyone who supported the holiday club and especially all the children who came along and made it so much fun.

Christ Church Cambourne meets every Sunday at 10.45am at the Cambourne site of Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School (next to Cambourne Village College). Everyone is welcome. christchurchcambourne.org.uk



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COMMUNITY

Cambourne Cubs join other local packs for district camp

From 13-15th September, both 1st and 2nd Cambourne Cubs attended the biennial Craft's Hill District Cub Camp at Hallowtree Campsite, outside Ipswich.

We joined up with 150 other Cubs from across our local area in a weekend of challenges and fun. The first night saw tents set up, before supper of hot dogs followed by a wide game. After our first night under canvas, we woke up to a cold but sunny morning and an early breakfast before starting out on the first of two days of activities on rotation: archery, assault course, fire lighting and cooking, grass sledges, go carts, human table football, knot challenges and orienteering.

After dinner of pasta bake, the Cubs enjoyed free time - which for most was playing games in the woods, but some did balance walking on a slack-line.

2nd Cambourne then joined Northstowe Cubs on a hike down to the banks of the River Orwell where the sun was setting and there was a small beach.

That evening, all groups on the camp got together for a huge campfire. We enjoyed an hour of songs, jokes, and sketches while the hot fire blazed. After that had finished, about half the Cubs on the camp went straight to bed and the other half had a hot chocolate before tucking in and sleeping after a tiring day.

After a longer sleep than the first night, all awoke and enjoyed another cooked breakfast - eggy bread this time! Then the Cubs completed the final three activities before lunch and packing up camp. As the parents collected the Cubs we heard thanks for a great weekend and stories of memories made and friendships formed.





105 (Cambourne) Squadron keeps Cadets busy

Our Cadets have been busy the last couple of months, with Cadets taking part in flying and gliding opportunities, fieldcraft training and volunteering.

We have also had a Cadet travel to the Netherlands to take part in the Nijmegen marches - this involved marching 100 miles in 4 days with 45,000 people from 34 countries!

Cadets have also attended annual camps, including one at RAF Cosford where they learnt about avionics, engineering, radio

and the RAF Police amongst many others. They were also able to experience marshalling aircraft using a simulation system.

We have also held our most recent recruitment evening where prospective Cadets were introduced to the Squadron. In the coming months they will learn a number of fundamentals in drill, uniform, radio, fieldcraft and aviation topics. We look forward to seeing them develop and become fully integrated within the wider Squadron.

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EDUCATION

Supporting the whole child

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School has had a fantastic first few weeks of the academic year, especially as we welcomed our new Early Years pupils to Pre-School and Reception. At The Vine, we believe that we need to support the development of the whole child, nurturing strong self-esteem, self-knowledge and self-responsibility. In order for our children to flourish, we will develop every child's quality of education, personal development and creativity and problem-solving skills.

Our Early Years team have spent the past few weeks getting to know each individual child's needs and interests, by visiting them at their homes and spending valuable time playing with them in the classroom, to help build those important relationships. Learning for them is in full swing as they learn the fundamental foundation stage skills. We are so proud at how well they have settled into school and are already well-established members of our Vine school family.

They have also had their first Forest School session with our Pastoral manager who is also Forest School trained. The benefits of these sessions are vast, from developing problem-solving skills, risk-taking, communication skills, to even using tools to create things! All these exciting skills take place weekly in our dedicated Forest School area within the school site. Our pupils



thoroughly enjoy their Forest School time, and evidence has shown how beneficial these sessions can be to their mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is to offer Forest School sessions to all pupils at The Vine within the next two years, as we widen our Forest School offer.

Applications are open for both Pre-School and Reception places and we offer tours of the school, dates are available on the website or call (01954 719630) for more information.

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Celebrating success at Monkfield Park



At Monkfield Park the new term has started on a very positive note. We were thrilled that our Ofsted report was published in time to share it with everyone at the start of the new academic year.

The inspection took place at the very end of June, but it was well worth the wait and we are delighted that Ofsted has judged Monkfield Park to be a GOOD school.

We are extremely proud that we have retained our 'good' judgement and that the inspector captured the essence of what makes our school such a great place to learn. His comments about how 'overwhelmingly happy' children are to be at Monkfield Park and the high expectations staff have for the children are a true reflection of the commitment and hard work of every member of the Monkfield Park family.

Our new cohort of Reception children are settling into the rhythms and routines of school life. It is such a delight to see their smiles and listen to their joyful chatter each day as they begin their learning journey with us.

Year 3 began the term with an exciting visit to Wandlebury Hill Fort to learn about life in Iron Age Britain.

Everyone had the opportunity to thresh and winnow some ears of grain before grinding it to flour on a quern stone, making it into bread and cooking it over an open fire! In addition they practised spear throwing and constructing their own mini-wattle walls.



COMMUNITY

Light Up Cambourne

It's great to report that people are still coming forward to help at our events, keep 'em coming - the more volunteers the better!

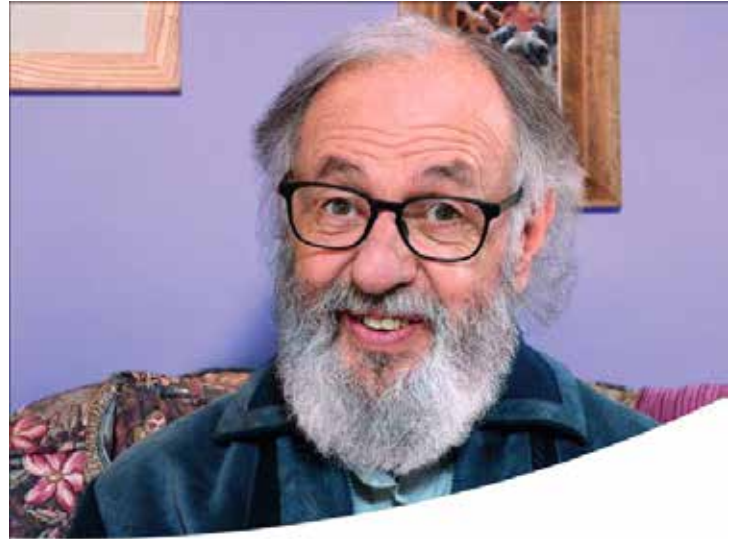
With regards to the cherry picker situation we have a couple of irons in the fire including the possibility of buying a secondhand one which would pay for itself in about four years - the town councillors are to consider this proposal at their next meeting. That's not to say we aren't still interested in offers of the use of a picker if someone has one available because we absolutely are.

Change of plan with regards to our event being held in The Hub on the evening of 5th October, due to circumstances beyond our control this will now be a quiz not a silent disco as previously stated in the last Cambourne Crier.

Hopefully this edition of Cambourne Crier will be hitting door mats prior to 5th October, giving folks enough time to buy tickets, please see the poster below for details.

Exciting news, the new lights for some of the street lamps in the town will have been delivered by the time you are reading this, this represents a large step for the LUC volunteers and is the first tranche of lights to which we plan to add as funds allow.

Lastly, keep the evening of Saturday 23rd November free, as our last event of 2024 is an evening of bingo at the hub, more details soon but expect the usual fun and frolics!



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Monkfield Park Care and Learning Centre poster featuring a photo of children and details about pre-school services.



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The materials purchased have been invaluable assets in Blossomify's sessions.

The whiteboard provides a clear and engaging visual aid for students, helping them better understand complex concepts and problem-solve effectively.

Blossomify is currently running free maths and English sessions for young people in Years 7 to Year 11 at the Bowls Pavilion, near the Cambourne Sports Centre, every Saturday at 2pm.

We still have some spaces available for those in need of an extra boost in their children's learning; get in touch. Sessions are run by well-trained and DBS-checked staff, teachers, and volunteers.

Blossomify would like to express their sincere gratitude to *Cambourne Crier* for its continued support. Its generosity has made a tangible difference in the lives of local children and helped to create a more vibrant and educational community.

If you know any child who would benefit from this great opportunity or need further information, email: info@blossomify.org or text: 07780 390136

Cambourne Soul seeks volunteers to help run youth groups

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join us on Tuesdays (6-7.30pm) and Wednesdays (3.30-5pm) to help run the groups.

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COMMUNITY

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CAMBOURNE FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2024 sponsored by AG Motors will take place on Saturday 2nd November 2024 at Great Cambourne Sports Fields on Back Lane. The funfair will be open from 6pm and the main event will start at approximately 7.30pm; the timing is weather dependent for the safety of all spectators. There will be free mulled wine available while stocks last, as well as sparklers, hot refreshments, licensed bars and more.

Volunteers from Cambourne Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Police cadets, scouts and brownies will be collecting donations towards next year's event.

Please note that part of Back Lane - between the High Street and Sterling Way - will be closed from midday until approximately 10pm. There is no parking so please walk if possible. Cars can be parked at Morrisons and The Hub.

If you would like to donate towards next years display please visit <https://gofund.me/d435c4a7>



SLAM sharing love and magic

Father Christmas is returning to Cambourne and some of the surrounding villages. Shh we know its early... This year we are collecting donations for Cambridge Women's Refuge, EACH and a Cambourne teenager who's climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with the Cambourne Army Cadets next year.

Father Christmas and his friends will be visiting Cambourne from 2nd December, one night for each village. The dates are to be finalised. His festive friends will also be popping up at different Christmas Markets and events over the Christmas period where they will have Father Christmas workshop . We are looking for volunteers, young and old to join our festive friends. So if you, your teenager or someone you know would like to come help us and spread some Christmas love and magic please do get in touch on SLAMcambourne@gmail.com as we can't run these events without your help. Find us on Facebook for up-to-date information: Father Christmas in Cambourne (Cambridgeshire).

ACRE Village Agents

Did you know that Cambridgeshire ACRE has Village Agents working in Cambourne? At Cambridgeshire ACRE, our team of Village Agents are here to support you. Whether it's guidance, connections to community resources, or just a friendly chat, our Village Agents are ready to help.

You can find our friendly Village Agents at the Cambourne Community Hub on Monday and Friday from 9:30 until 1pm. They offer a confidential and completely free service, with a focus on assisting you with identifying entitled benefits, completing forms, submitting blue badge applications, understanding confusing paperwork, and connecting you with local groups and other organisations that can provide additional help and advice. You can trust our Village Agents, as they are all Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and maintain

strict confidentiality. Cambourne Community Hub is located at Cambourne Community Centre, High Street, Great Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6GW.

If you or someone you know could benefit from their support, self-referrals are welcome, or professionals can make referrals using our easy Village Agent Referral Form at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/village_agent_referral/

If you're a resident of Cambourne and the surrounding area and want to learn more about Village Agents and Cambridgeshire ACRE's community wellbeing work, please contact Rachel Mason at 01353 865025 or via email at rachel.mason@cambsacre.org.uk



Act of Remembrance 2024

This year, the Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 10th November at 10.50am outside Cambourne Church.



Everyone is welcome at this event as we say 'thank you' to all who have served, sacrificed and changed our world and also to those who are currently doing so. There will be the opportunity for the uniformed organisations, community groups, local businesses and individuals to lay wreaths at the foot of the cross during the service.

There will be a parade of the uniformed organisations along the length of Eastgate before the Act of Remembrance and back again after the service.

After the Act of Remembrance, everyone is warmly invited to stay at Cambourne Church for hot drinks and cakes. Eastgate will be closed to all traffic (except pedestrians) between 10.15am and 11.45am while the Act of Remembrance and parade take place. Diversions along Jeavons Lane, High Street and Back Lane will be in place. During this time, the whole of the church car park will be in use for both the parade and members of the public - therefore, please ensure that no vehicles are left in the car park on the Sunday morning. Please contact office@cambournechurch.org.uk for further details.



**Opening Times: 9am - 12noon
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
during term time**

Closed in October 29th-31st (half term)

Why not try out our delicious coffee or other hot and cold drinks?

A great space for a work meeting, gathering with friends or for a quiet time of reflection. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome!

We aim to use Fairtrade, ethically sourced products that are reasonably priced and local where possible!



19 - The Coffee House
The Foyer, Cambourne Church
Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne



Gambourne Balkan Dance Club

BALKAN DANCE FOR FUN AND FITNESS

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

5:20pm (Beginners)
Easy and basic dances

6:30pm (Intermediate)
Complex and quick dances

The Blue Space, Cambourne
CB23 6DZ

Find us on Google or Facebook @Cam.Balkan.Dance
Tel: 07551 203866

The Harbour
Bereavement Café

An informal, monthly drop-in for adults who have been bereaved to meet together, share experiences and chat with those who are also walking the bereavement journey.

The Harbour is open to any adults - of all faiths and of none - who have experienced the death of someone close to them, whenever that may have been. It is free to attend and you are welcome to drop in at any time during the café times - there is no need to book in advance.

Dates

2024	2025
13th Sep	10th Jan 11th Jul
11th Oct	14th Feb 8th Aug
8th Nov	14th Mar 12th Sep
13th Dec	11th Apr 10th Oct
	9th May 14th Nov
	13th Jun 12th Dec

2nd Friday of the month

- 🕒 12.30-2.00pm
- 🍴 Includes light lunch and refreshments
- 📍 The Annexe, Cambourne Church Jeavons Lane, CB23 6AF
- 🆓 Free to attend

Contact us

- ☎ 01954 710644
- ✉ theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk
- 🌐 www.cambournechurch.org.uk/theharbour

COMMUNITY

Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha celebrations

Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha- a branch of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) UK visited Cambourne fire station to commemorate the annual Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan, on Monday 2nd September. Raksha Bandhan festival celebrates the bond and connection between all beings, including nature. It serves as a reminder for humanity to protect and care for one another. On this day, we express our gratitude to those who keep us and our society safe.

The event provided an opportunity for the community to express gratitude to the firefighters for their invaluable service. With over 30 regular members we showed our thanks to the firefighters for their crucial and valuable work as first responders by tying Rakhis, colourful strings symbolising friendship and

gratitude in exchange for protection. Traditional Indian sweets were also shared to further strengthen the bond with the firefighters.

As part of the celebration, the fire service showcased their equipment and demonstrated their daily operations, including animal rescues and dealing with emergencies like burning car parks. This interactive experience captivated members of all ages, making the event enjoyable and enriching for everyone involved.

Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha hopes to continue collaborating with the Cambourne fire service and other first responders in the future, organising more events and strengthening the bond between the community and its protectors.



Could you be an on-call firefighter?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help local communities by responding to emergencies.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of your fire and rescue service. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires and attending road traffic collisions to rescuing people and animals in need. They also respond to medical emergencies.

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, on-call firefighters support their communities by providing a range of safety advice helping people to keep safe in their homes.

Being an on-call firefighter has many benefits. As well as being paid an annual wage and for the time spent at incidents or training, there are also opportunities to develop first aid skills and heavy good vehicle driving qualifications.

Find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter by visiting our website: www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall

Take Charge and Be Safe!

Over the last year or so, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries. E-bikes, e-scooters, mobile phones, laptops, game console controllers, cordless tools and garden machinery, all use lithium-ion batteries that can heat up and catch fire if not used correctly.

Keep safe by following our top tips for charging safety: Charge batteries when you are awake and alert, do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes, only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer, before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off, do not overload sockets.

Lithium-ion batteries can't be disposed of in your regular household recycling. Doing so can cause fires, either in the refuse vehicles or at the waste processing centres. Never put any kind of battery in with your household rubbish or recycling! Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not

disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

Find out where you can dispose of batteries by visiting <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk>

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of residents in all our communities.

Our online tools takes you through some simple questions about you and your home and provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can carry out a check for yourself, or any family members.

Start your check by visiting: www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/home-fire-safety/. For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Please do not reply directly to this email. If you wish to get in contact, please email pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk.

Volunteers make all the difference in Cambourne



In Cambourne, the Gorman family shows the power of **volunteering** and the good hearts of people in our community. Kerry, a mother of two, works as a senior nurse at Papworth Hospital. Despite her long night shifts, she finds time to volunteer as a driver for the Cambourne Community Bus. She takes elderly residents, who can no longer drive, to cafes, garden centers, and tearooms, brightening their days.

Kerry's children, Sadhbh and Fintan, have been part of the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club, CERC since 2017, learning about electronics, robotics, and coding from a young age. They represented Cambourne in regional and national robotics competitions, bringing back many trophies and proudly showcasing their skills. Sadhbh is now studying at Cambridge Maths School and Fintan, studying at Cambourne Village College, continues to volunteer, helping younger students learn



robotics engineering every week with a great commitment. Fintan also helped in CamCareUK's 60+ digital inclusion.

Their father, Eamonn, who is Head of Clinical Informatics in the NHS has also spent years volunteering with Cambourne Scouts, showing how charity work can make the world a kinder place. CamCareUK is grateful to many families like the Gormans and all volunteers who make a real difference in people's lives.

If you would like to volunteer in any community projects with CamCareUK or the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club, CERC, please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com or contact: 078527 53216

Breaking barriers and connecting people.
camcare.org.uk
www.ukbc.info
mudraacademy.org

Cambourne Cookery Club annual event

Cambourne Cookery Club had a fantastic time at their annual event on 22nd September at The Hub community centre.

Once a year, all members come together to meet, connect and organise a fundraising dinner; other guests are also welcome to attend.

The main purpose of the Cookery Club is to foster new friendships and explore new recipes and foods that members wish to try. Four families

make a small group, each member hosts one dinner at their home and enjoys three other dinners for free.

If you are new in Cambourne and would like to make new friends while enjoying great discussions and laughter, please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com or message her at 07852753216.

Next year's cooking theme is Italian.



COMMUNITY

Cambourne Vedic Heritage celebrates Hindu festivals

Cambourne Vedic Heritage Celebrates Hindu festivals - Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna) and Ganesh Chaturthi with the community.

Cambourne recently witnessed a vibrant display of culture and tradition as the community came together to celebrate Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi. These festivals, celebrated with great reverence in Hinduism, offer an opportunity to foster understanding and unity in multicultural Britain.

Janmashtami marks the birth of Lord Krishna, a central figure in Hindu scripture known for his wisdom, playful nature, and teachings on love, duty, and devotion. The festival's significance lies not just in its religious roots, but also in its universal message of righteousness and compassion. In Cambourne, the community honored this occasion with prayers, devotional songs, and the re-enactment of Krishna's childhood stories, creating a sense of togetherness and spiritual reflection for all in attendance.

Following close on the heels of Janmashtami was Ganesh Chaturthi, another significant Hindu festival, which celebrates Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed god of wisdom, prosperity, and new beginnings. Ganesha is widely recognised for his role as the remover of obstacles, making this festival a time to reflect on



challenges and embrace fresh starts. The community celebration in Cambourne included the traditional installation of Ganesha idols, accompanied by rituals and prayers, culminating in a joyful procession.

Cambourne Vedic Heritage (CVH), plays a key role in organizing these Hindu festivals. CVH invites all members of the community, regardless of background or faith, to join in its future celebrations. The next major event will be the Navaratri celebrations, running from 3rd to 12th October, where the community will once again come together to honor tradition, celebrate unity, and share in the joy of these cultural occasions.



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

Friday, 1st November 2024
11.00am – 2.00pm
 Refreshments will be available

Venue: Cambourne Soul
 on Back Lane, Great Cambourne



Organised by Cambourne Town Council
 and supported by volunteers



PSYCHIC NIGHT
 22nd November 2024, 7pm

Sue Breen
 The Clairvoyant Medium




Festive Wreath Making
 1st December 2024, 6pm

Join us at The Dugout, Cambourne Sports Pavilion, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6FY for two fantastic upcoming events. An evening of discovery with Sue Breen, The Clairvoyant Medium on 22nd November and Festive Wreath Making on 1st December. Book early to secure your place by scanning the QR code or via: <https://cambournetownfc.com/online-booking-page>

Children making satellites in Cambourne

Exciting opportunity for students aged 14-19!

Children are getting ready to explore the cosmos on a smaller scale. CERC is participating in the European Space Agency (ESA) endorsed CanSat competition for the second year!

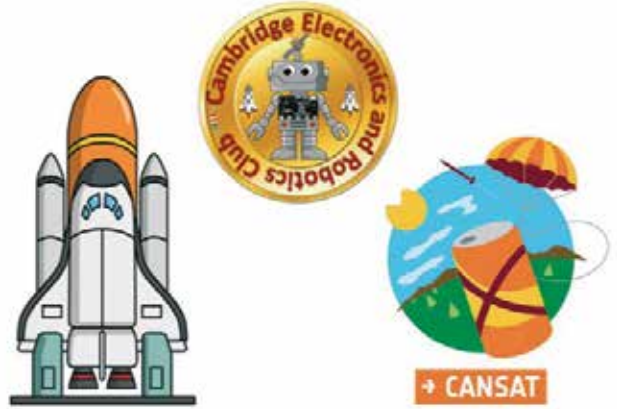
CanSat is an incredible project designed for secondary school students, focusing on Technology, Physics, and Programming. By working on a miniaturised space project that emulates a real satellite, students gain hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of

these subjects in an interdisciplinary way.

CanSat isn't just about subjects – it's about teamwork and collaboration! Through this project, students learn how to work together effectively, just like a real space mission demands. The children are requested to secure their spot by registering at tinyurl.com/cerc-cansat-registration

Contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com with any queries.

Team CERC Launching Satellites



CamCareUK Presents
10th Year of DIWALI CELEBRATIONS
Festival of Lights

Saturday 26th October **Diwali Bazar &**
11:00 AM to 11:00 PM **Celebrations in**
FREE ENTRY FOR ALL **Cambourne**

11 am -5 pm Diwali Bazar
5-6 pm Colour up Cambourne
6-11 pm Diwali Celebration
Cambourne HUB CB23 6GW

Any Query:
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 07852753216

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

STALL HOLDERS WANTED!!

If you would like to hold a stall at the **Jeavons Wood Primary School** Christmas Fayre on **Friday 29 November**, **5pm - 7pm**, please get in touch:
JeavonsWoodPTA@gmail.com

COMMUNITY



South Cambs Community Safety Partnership

This summer was one of the quietest summers in Cambourne in relation to youth anti-social behaviour, for a few years. On behalf of the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all agencies and associated groups, working hard in Cambourne to ensure all partners are joined up and working together to react quickly and swiftly to any issues that arise. In conjunction with extra Police foot patrols, this is a perfect example of what great things can be achieved when a community takes a joined-up approach, as well as ensuring young people are busy and having fun.

Some of the summer fun that took place was organised by Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill, which included a day at Hunstanton Beach, Wyboston Aqua Park, Xtreme 360, Laser Tag and Clip and Climb. They held regular drop-in sessions throughout the summer at the Soul Building, where young people could access all their usual youth club activities such as baking, music, sports, arts and crafts and a space to meet with friends and chat.

Cambourne library ran events including a Magic Show, making a Fairy Garden, no bake cookery, author visits, Lego and indoor and outdoor games. Over 300 children

signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge, which involved reading 6 books over the holidays, receiving certificates and medals as well as students volunteering.

Community Safety Partnership - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)



Join us for

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Charity Bake Sale

Cakes
Cookies
Brownies

Crafts and activities for the kids. Please help support this amazing charity!

Saturday 23rd November 2024

New Cricket Pavillion, Upper Cambourne
10:00-13:00

See you there!



Tennis Club Champions

After a summer full of exciting group- and elimination matches, the grand finals of the Tennis Club Championships took place on 15th September.

The tournament had an incredible turnout, with many entries for both singles and doubles.

This year, Toby Jackson emerged as our men's singles champion, while Ben Livermore secured the runner-up position.

Among the women, Anna Byron claimed the title, with Virginia Rodriguez finishing as the runner-up. Maciej Kowalski and Ben Livermore secured the top spot in the men's doubles, with Alexander Whitehorn and Milo Fletcher as the runners-up.

Similarly, Sally Zhang and Anna Byron won in the women's doubles category, with Karolina Lepkowska and Sem Kilivan as the deserving runners-up.

The mixed Double title went to Anna Byron and Alexander Whitehorn, who beat Tammy Wong and Benjamin Jarvis.

The Junior Championships also had a great turnout, and we congratulate Alexander Whitehorn, claiming the Junior Singles title, with Anna Byron as a runner-up. In the consolation final Patrick Whitehorn beat Jayden McWilliams.

In the Junior Doubles final, Alexander Whitehorn and Milo Fletcher beat Patrick Whitehorn and Rishabh Das, while the consolation Doubles final ended in a close win for Jayden McWilliams and Vishnu Thammiraju over Mendel Johnson and James Gates.

For the under 10s we also hosted an exciting round robin event in the morning. In 3rd place in his first-ever tournament was Owen Ong, second place went to George Gates, and our eventual winner was Adam Lamik.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, main organisers Ben Jarvis and Toby Jackson, and all other volunteers, for making this year's tournament memorable and successful. For more information about the Tennis Club and how to join, please visit www.cambournetennis.co.uk

Cambourne Netball Club update

September has seen a return to competitive netball and we were proud to have four of our five senior teams playing this weekend (14th/15th September).

Cambourne 1 won 52-32 against Stars. Cambourne 2 won 51-44 against Histon. Cambourne 4 won 35-26 against Ely and Cambourne 5 narrowly lost 43-50 to Linton, but had several of our junior members making their senior league debuts which we are very proud of.

Our U14s also started their league campaigns with our U14 Reds winning

21-20 versus Comberton in an exciting close match. Our U14B team played Haddenham Thistles and played some excellent netball, just losing in the final quarter by a few goals.

As a reminder, 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 in Cambourne on a Friday from 10-11am.

To register your interest in these sessions then please contact VJ at unboxedfitnessuk@gmail.com for more information.

We are always welcoming new players of all standards, including those looking to return to netball after a break, so please feel free to contact Cat Blee on cblee1978@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to come for a trial training session.

SPORT

20 years of Parkrun

This October marks the 20th birthday of Parkrun. It started back in October 2004 when 13 runners and five volunteers turned up at Bushy Park in London for a free, timed, 5km run on a Saturday morning. Since then, more than 9 million people have registered for Parkrun. There are now more than 2,300 Parkrun and Junior Parkrun events taking place every week around the world. This includes our own Cambourne Junior Parkrun.

Parkrun is a global health and wellbeing charity that aims to get more people physically active, be social and be outdoors. It's fun, inclusive and completely free to access.

You don't need to be a fast runner to take part, with plenty of slow runners and walkers taking part each week. Every local event is run entirely by volunteers, and volunteering at parkrun can be a fun way to socialise and make friends.

Although Cambourne doesn't have a 5km parkrun, there are many a short drive or bus ride away. This includes four events in Cambridge - the nearest of which is Storeys Field at Eddington - as well as events at Wimpole Estate and Pocket Park in St Neots, amongst others.

You can see many Cambourne residents venturing out to one or more of these events each week. All 5km events are free, open to all ages and abilities and take place at 9am every Saturday morning.

We are lucky enough to have a 2km Junior Parkrun right here in Cambourne. It takes place every Sunday morning at 9am on the sports playing fields and is open to children aged 4 to 14. Parents are also allowed to join in with their children, if they wish.



Cambourne Junior Parkrun celebrated its third birthday at the end of July. In its first three years, more than 600 local children have completed a total of over 4,000 runs. All Parkrun and Junior Parkrun events are free, but remember to register in advance before your first visit at parkrun.org.uk/register

More information:

Cambourne junior parkrun: parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

Event finder: parkrun.org.uk/events

Comberton Ramblers Club welcomes new walkers



The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on alternative Sundays. All walks start at 10.15am unless otherwise stated. Walks are around 5-7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

Our Autumn Walk programme commences on Sunday 13th October 2024. To view our walk programme / photos please go to our website at www.combertonramblers.org.uk

We are a friendly and informative group and enjoy exploring the

varied countryside in this area.

New walkers are welcome to join us with up to two free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual Membership is £10 per person.

For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please contact Stella, our secretary on stella.hardwicke2274@hotmail.com