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## Cambourne pub has new manager with a new focus

The Monkfield Arms is Cambourne's only pub. Located in the centre of Great Cambourne, on High Street it is pivotal as one of the main focal centres of activity of our town.

The Monkfield Arms (known locally as "The Monkey") has had many changes of management throughout its 20+ years.

The responsibility of nurturing and maintaining a pub like The Monkfield Arms is no easy task, but it's one that James Barnes-Smith plans to do as he and his family have recently moved into the area with James taking the reins as the pub's new general manager.

"The community spirit shared by Cambourne locals has seen the pub navigate the ups and downs that others in the industry have succumbed to in recent years," said James.

With a 20-year career, James is no stranger to creating thriving, popular and most important of all, great local pubs, having previously been a manager in both the Fullers and BrewDog estates.

A dedicated family man, James appreciates the place a pub like The



The Monkfield Arms' general manager, James Barnes-Smith

Monkfield Arms has in hearts of its locals and he and his family aim to prove that our Cambourne local can be one for all.

Speaking to *Cambourne Crier*, James said: "It's an exciting opportunity to be taking on The Monkfield Arms. I am pleased to say that the customers and residents I've met so far have been really welcoming to me and my family and have been sharing their own stories of how they've seen the pub change over the years. I'm here to put family and a sense of community back at the heart of Cambourne, with the pub being a place to meet, chat and spend a few hours in good

company. I can't wait to meet more of the locals and welcome anyone who wants to pop in and say hello.

"I'm also looking forward to bringing some festive cheer as we prepare ourselves for the Christmas crowds, so be sure to pop in for festive drinks or a sit down to take a load off all that shopping!"

The Monkfield Arms is open daily for drinks, dining and community events as well as taking bookings for festive events.

Enquiries and festive bookings can be made directly at the pub with James and his team.

Welcome to Cambourne, James!

### Remembrance Day



The Remembrance Service will take place on 10th November

■ See page 11 for more details...

### Celebrating youth work



This month we celebrate National Youth Work Week

■ Read more on page 22...

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ **Town Councillor Vacancies**

The Town Council has a vacancy for a Town Councillor following the resignation of Cllr Jeyur Patel and Cllr Ruth Poulton. The following notice of casual vacancies was posted on 24th October 2024.

1. There are two vacancies on the above Council caused by the resignation of Cllr Jeyur Patel and Cllr Ruth Poulton.
2. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (computed in accordance with the Regulations) from the date below TEN electors for Cambourne Town give notice, in writing requesting that an election be held.
3. Such notice must be delivered to the Returning Officer at: South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA
4. If no such notice is given the Town Council will give notice to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Please note that it will cost approximately £8,200 to £13,200 to hold a by-election. For more information, please contact the Town Council via [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or on 01954 714403.

■ **Staff vacancies**

The Town Council is recruiting for two new members of staff in the Grounds Team. We are looking for a two new staff either a Skilled Grounds Person, Grounds Person or Apprentice Grounds Person: The closing date for all applications is the 25th November 2024 with interviews planned for the week beginning 9th December 2024. For more information, please contact the Town Council via [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01954 714403.

■ **Events in and around Cambourne**

Following the success of the Community Fete in September, it's been a relatively quiet month for the Town Council, but certainly not for Cambourne and the surrounding areas! From a bus franchising

survey to information evenings about the A428 improvements and a Youth Survey, Arts Festival and the Light Up Cambourne Quiz Night, there's been something for everyone! If you'd like to keep up with everything going on, make sure to follow Cambourne Community Events on Facebook and @CambourneTownCouncil on Instagram.

■ **Cambourne Fireworks**

For those of you getting this on Saturday 2nd November, the fireworks are tonight! Be there this evening at the back lane sports pitches, the fun starts from 6pm and fireworks around 7:30pm! 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.

■ **Town Council Website**

A new website is currently being tested and should go live in November 2024. The current website was running on outdated technology and is difficult to maintain. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience resulting from issues in the meantime. For more information, please contact the Town Council on [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01954 714403

**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/)

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Tel: 01954 714403

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

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■ Remembrance Parade

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

■ Faith Working Group

The Town Council has formed a new Faith Working Group to look at the issues of how it can help faith organisations in Cambourne. The intention is to identify their needs including the requirement for suitable buildings to hold there meetings etc. The Working group wants to be inclusive and is therefore inviting representatives from all faiths in Cambourne. If you are interested in joining or supporting the work of the Faith Working Group please email [Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) The next meeting will be at 7.30pm Monday 16th December 2024 in the meeting room at the Hub, High Street, Great Cambourne.

■ Repair Café

Cambourne Repair Cafe will return on Saturday, 30th November at the Hub Community Centre in Cambourne between 11am and 2pm. Elsewhere in this magazine, there is a poster for the event that contains a QR code that you can scan to access the booking form. Otherwise, further details of the event and a link to the booking form can be found at <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-7/>

■ Stepping Stones Design Competition

We're running a competition to design the next 15 stepping stones for our path! Entries should be scanned and emailed to [community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or drop it into our office before 4:30pm on Friday 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 and heritage.

■ Sport in Cambourne

Sport in Cambourne was a group made up of representatives from sports groups in

Cambourne hosted by the Town Council to promote sport in Cambourne and to support each other.

The Town Council feels it is a good time to restart this group and will be holding the first meeting of this group on 12th November at the Hub. If you belong to or are aware of a sports group who would like to join or know more about the group, please contact the Town Council via [office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk) or on 01954 714403.

■ 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 contact!



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### Wildlife Trust BCN Update: Nov 2024

Our hedgerows are really diverse "edge" habitat for wildlife, providing shelter, corridors, and food. If you look after a hedgerow that needs cutting back, please consider leaving it until the berries have been eaten.

Winter migrants like redwings and fieldfares are often seen in large flocks feasting on the bounty! Here are some of the berries you might find in hedgerows this time of year. Please admire the autumn fruits without foraging on our nature reserves.

**Hawthorn:** small, dark red, slightly ovoid berries, with a dark circle at the end. There are two types of hawthorn in our area, the less common midland hawthorn is found in some of our ancient woodlands. The berries look similar to common hawthorn, but they have two seeds per fruit.

**Rose:** large, deep red, ovoid berries, on thorny stems.

**Black bryony:** large, shiny, bright red, spherical berries on a climbing plant.

**Sloes:** single purple/blue berries often with a matt coating

**Ivy:** spherical clusters of green berries ripening to black over winter. These berries are important for wildlife as they are a food source later in the winter.

Coming along to our events is a great way to support the Trust, and to meet staff and volunteers to chat about our work. Our annual **Christmas Fair** is on Friday 29th November 3-7pm at our head office in Cambourne. You can buy nature-related Christmas gifts, take part in a festive raffle, entertain your children with some sustainable crafts, and enjoy a mince pie!

Another way to support our work is to volunteer. Please get in touch to ask about opportunities to do practical work, support our community work, or be involved with indoor tasks.

#### ■ Further information

Closures: [www.wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates)  
[cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org)

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*The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, an 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.*

*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.*



Wildlife Trust for  
Beds, Cambs  
& Northants

## Christmas Fair at Cambourne

**Friday 29th November**  
From 3pm-7pm

Enjoy a glass of festive mulled wine, a mince pie and browse our fabulous array of Christmas gifts including:

- Amazing wildlife art, drawings, paintings and prints.
- Handmade jewellery
- Christmas cards, calendars & books
- Hand crafted ceramics
- Fantastic bird boxes and insect houses
- Hand carved wooden gifts

**Free entry**

Location: The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne CB23 6DH

Car parking is limited with priority for disabled access. Further parking at Morrison's around the corner.

Contacts: Sarah Aikens and Olivia Tullett: [membership@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:membership@wildlifebcn.org)

PLUS Fun children's activities, a Christmas raffle ...and a whole lot more!

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne, CB23 6DH Tel: 01924 713500 Email: [cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org) Registered charity No: 1000412

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### Cambourne Library

#### Opening Times:

**Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday 9am-1pm,**

**Wednesday Closed, Thursday 1pm-7pm,**

**Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday Closed**

#### Spread the Word

Do you know someone who uses a walking stick, crutch or walking frame? As autumn draws in and paths become slippery with fallen leaves, please spread the word that the library can supply free ferrules (rubber feet) to keep walking aids in safe condition. We have ferrules in 3 sizes – 19mm, 22mm and 25mm in diameter, which suit most walking aids. Just ask staff in your local library or mobile library.

#### Dates for November

National Novel Writing Month

Movember <https://uk.movember.com/>

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November, 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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2-3.30pm**

There is no Engage speaker this month. However, I will be setting up refreshments at the usual time of 2-3.30pm if anyone would like to pop by and join in for a social get together and perhaps chat about the Engage talks we have attended this year and make suggestions for future speakers.

#### Contact Us:

Tel: 0345 045 5225

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## COMMUNITY

### Repair Cafe back in action

**Cambourne Repair Cafe returns** on Saturday, 30th November between 11am and 2pm at the Hub Community Centre. Scan the QR code on the poster to book a repair slot.

We are looking to recruit local volunteer repairers for Cambourne Repair Cafe events. If you are interested in becoming a repairer then please contact [cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com).

You will be able to shadow an experienced repairer at one of our events to gain an understanding of how they work and decide whether you want to volunteer at future events.



# Repair Café

Cambourne



**Do you have an item of clothing or jewellery, bicycle, sewing machine, electrical or mechanical item that needs repair?**

**SCAN ME**

Scan the QR code for more details and to book a repair slot

**Cambourne Repair Café**  
**On: Saturday 30th November, 11am – 2pm**  
**At: The Hub Community Centre**

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact [cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com)

*Can I just turn up on the day?*  
 Yes, but booking is preferred and will take priority

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-7/>



## Remember, remember to celebrate safely!

Bonfire Night is a very popular fixture in the calendar but while it can be fun, there are lots of potential hazards so it's really important to keep you and your family safe. **Help support your local community this year and go to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home.**

In the wrong hands fireworks can cause injury and damage to property. They are explosives and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code.

#### Firework safety tips

Only buy fireworks with a CE mark. Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework. Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing. Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water. Never give sparklers to children under five. Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening.

It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place.

Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws to follow. Visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) to see what organised fireworks displays are happening around the county.

#### Bonfire safety

Lighting a bonfire in a garden presents a significant risk if it gets out of hand, so residents are encouraged to think twice before having their own displays and lighting bonfires. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate neighbours with respiratory problems.

If you do decide to have a bonfire, please follow our top five tips:

1. Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges.
2. Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire, and never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam



furniture, or batteries.

3. Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water.

4. Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire

5. Check the weather - avoid lighting bonfires in high winds.

■ For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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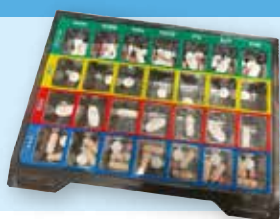
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### Fair funding for Primary Health in Cambridgeshire

**Returning to Parliament this month after recess, it was a great privilege to make my maiden speech as the first ever MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire.**

I was particularly pleased to be able to do so in a debate on Lord Darzi's investigation into the NHS in England, as access to healthcare services was the number one issue that constituents raised during the General Election campaign. This is especially pertinent to Cambourne, where growth and a funding freeze in Cambridgeshire have made GP access increasingly difficult. The problem of funding stagnation is not only a problem for health

services either – one of the most egregious examples shared with me this month was of funding still based on 2023 population figures.

Securing fairer funding for primary healthcare in Cambridgeshire is a priority for me, and I will continue to push for this in Parliament.

I also met with the Cambourne High Street developer this month, who told me that their proposed design is the only one that can deliver a functional high street that is commercially viable. I know how much residents are desperate to see progress – and I am too. However, like a number of people, I remain concerned about the design of the streetscape and the priority given to motor traffic. I have further meetings planned with the Greater Cambridge Planning Service to understand their thinking and see if modifications are possible.



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### Armed Forces Community drop in

**Remembrance Day is an important event for the nation each November when 10,000 veterans parade past the Cenotaph and where members of the Royal Family and serving politicians lay their wreaths to honour the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our country.**

I am pleased to announce that on Monday 18th November, Cambourne's first Armed Forces Community Drop In Evening will be held, open to all who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and their families.

The group will aim to provide community and friendship for people who have had similar

experiences and to offer help and support needed that is specific to people who have served or are serving in the military and their families.

We have chosen to run the event in the evening to make sure working age people are able to attend. We will run the group on a Monday evening every two weeks and the group will be led by what the members attending prioritise. It will be a chance to find like-minded service experienced people in our area.

The first event will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, CB23 6LJ from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

There is no need to book, just turn up. The venue is wheelchair accessible and there's a free car park outside.

■ *If you would like to talk to me before the event, please email me: [cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk).*



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### Gallstones

**The gallbladder is a small organ which stores and concentrates a liquid called bile made by the liver. Bile helps us digest fats in our food and is released by the gallbladder when needed.** Gallstones are small stones that form in the gallbladder - usually made of cholesterol. Gallstones are more likely to happen in those who are female, overweight and over 40 years old.

Often people have gallstones and they do not cause any problems but sometimes a stone may move and become trapped in an opening (duct) in the gallbladder. This can cause intense and sudden pain, usually in the right side of the tummy, below the ribs.

The pain is called biliary colic and can last several hours and may come on after eating fatty foods.

Sometimes the gallbladder may become inflamed, which is called cholecystitis. If this happens then you may develop a high temperature, the pain may be constant and there may also be yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice). It is important to report these symptoms to a doctor. It is possible to live normally without a gallbladder, so if the problem is caused by gallstones then it may be suggested that the gallbladder should be removed by keyhole surgery.

■ *Reference/ further information: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/gallstones](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/gallstones)*



## COMMUNITY

## Christmas Crimes before Christmas time...

Cambourne Community Theatre Group presents *Christmas Crimes*: an armchair theatre production of short seasonal whodunnit crime stories featuring much loved characters such as Father Brown and Loveday Brook.

Following our Halloween themed armchair theatre last year, we have chosen a selection of classic crime stories with a Christmas theme. You can expect the stories to be told by one of our narrators, with character voices from other members of the cast.

More suited to adults, and with drinks/snacks available before the performance and during the interval, the date for your diary is:

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER**

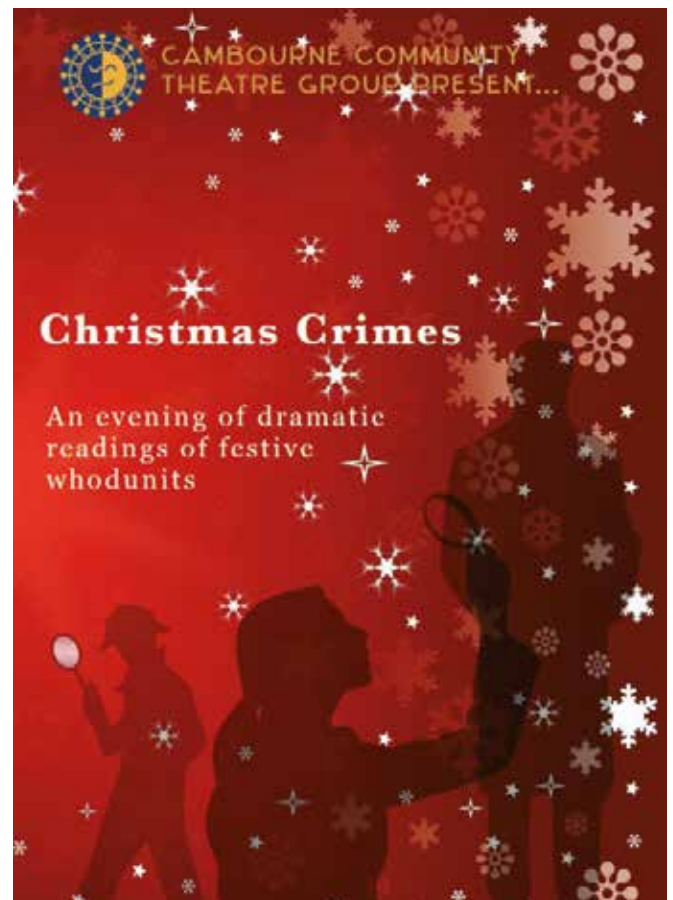
Doors at the Blue School Hall open at 7.30

Tickets will be available very soon and you can check our website: [cambournecommunitytheatre.org](http://cambournecommunitytheatre.org)

Or go to our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/cambournecommunitytheatre/](https://facebook.com/cambournecommunitytheatre/)

We are also always looking for new members so if you fancy a time in the limelight or are itching to get behind the scenes with costumes and props let us know.



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Did you watch the recent BBC documentary 'Slavery on the High Street'? It revealed that for years a house in Cambourne was being used to hold modern day slaves. I was left feeling nauseous and shaken. I will not be the only one asking myself, "How could that happen here?" and "Why didn't we see what was happening under our noses?"

We can educate ourselves to recognise some of the signs and red flags. There are various courses and websites giving such information, for example [www.ourwatch.org.uk/modern-slavery/spotting-the-signs](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/modern-slavery/spotting-the-signs).

I am reminded of a story in the Bible about the brothers Cain and Abel. There is a famous line when Cain asks God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The question is never explicitly answered, but the implication is clear. We have a duty of care one for another.

A few of you may remember Carrie Pemberton-Ford. She was the minister who first helped to establish Cambourne Church 25 years ago, working to build community among the earliest residents. In more recent times Carrie has devoted herself to countering human trafficking, and she founded the Cambridge Centre for Applied Research in Human Trafficking where she still works. Carrie has dared to look at evil and suffering, and not to turn away. It is so much easier to turn a blind eye, but that is not an acceptable option. As the philosopher John Stuart Mill once said, "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing."

Rev'd Bill Miller

### Sunday Services in November 2024



3 Nov	10.00am	All Age Communion Service (Main Hall)
	7.00pm	Sanctuary Service of Guided Prayer (Annexe)
10 Nov	9.30am	Short Communion Service (Annexe)
	10.50am	Remembrance Service (Outdoors)
17 Nov	9.30am	Communion Service (Main Hall)
	11.00am	Communion Service (Main Hall) *
24 Nov	10.30am	United Service at Comberton Leisure (No service in Cambourne)

\* This service has separate groups for children and young people

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

### Remembering those who served.

Once a year, we take time to remember those who fell in service to their nations. This day commemorates the armistice of the Western Front in World War I, which took effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. We mark this remembrance on the second Sunday of November, gathering around memorial stones and monuments, often engraved with the names of the fallen. Parades and special events are held, not as acts of idolatry but as solemn commemoration.

Much like the stones of the ephod, the brazen censers, or the altar of stones taken up from the Jordan in Joshua chapter four, these monuments serve as tangible reminders. They invite future generations to ask, "What do these stones mean? Whose names are inscribed here, and why?" Such memorials help preserve the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

As you may know, I hold great respect for veterans, both fallen and living. They all stepped forward when called and pledged



Pastor  
Donovan Bangs

themselves to serve others. I find great meaning in visiting places like Duxford, learning about the sacrifice and service of these individuals. I understand their commitment, having made that pledge myself. As a dual national, I served in the USAF during the first Gulf War, and our unit suffered casualties. Sacrifice, patriotism, and love for those who share righteous values are noble when pursued in a righteous manner.

However, some in society argue that respecting veterans or having national pride is wrong. They claim it's divisive, that any joy in one's nation is misplaced. The irony is that they have the freedom to express these views because veterans and patriots - who valued freedom more than life itself - fought and bled for that right. Their sacrifices secured the freedom to speak, whether wisely or foolishly. So, this month, take time to remember those who sacrificed for you. Some did so on foreign battlefields, others in our cities, and one made the ultimate sacrifice on a hill far away, on an old rugged cross, so that you might have the chance for true freedom in Him.

Pastor Donovan Bangs



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## CHURCHES

## Act of Remembrance: 10th November 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](mailto:office@cambournechurch.org.uk) for further details.



## St John Fisher Catholic Community

**As Autumn hurries by, we begin to plan and look forward to Christmas, and celebrating birth of Jesus once again.**

Our Mass times will be Christmas Eve (24th December) 4pm and Christmas Day (25th December) at 8am both in

Cambourne Church.

We look forward to seeing our regular parishioners and welcoming new faces at this special time of year.

St John Fisher Catholic Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre:

Monday-Wednesday 12:30pm, Thursday-Friday 6:30pm, Saturday-Sunday 5pm.

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## EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

# Jeavons Wood embraces Autumn

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Our sessions promote care for the natural world, and understanding that we share our environment with other creatures (squirrels, newts and mini-beasts).

We learn new and useful life skills, such as tying knots, lighting fires and

outdoor cooking. We learn to take planned risks through playing on the logs, climbing the trees, balancing on the slacklines and sliding down the muddy hill! Time in nature and in fresh air is vital for our children's mental health and immune systems and we aim to get out whatever the weather!

From our smallest learners in pre-school to our Year 6s, Forest School is a favourite part of the week; check out the mud monsters that Y6 were making!

You can find out more about Forest School in the Early Years by visiting us for a tour. We'd love to see you! Our teacher-led preschool has an open afternoon on Wednesday, 13th November from 1-2pm. (Please email [office@jeavonswood.org](mailto:office@jeavonswood.org) to book).

Our School Tours for prospective Reception parents are also now available to book on Wednesday 6th November at 6pm and Wednesday 27th November at 2pm.

Please go to [www.jeavonswood.org](http://www.jeavonswood.org) and follow the link.



## New style Rotary Club to come to Cambourne

**For more than one hundred years Rotary clubs across the UK have been doing excellent work in their local communities**, supporting existing charities and good causes as well as running their own projects to benefit those in need.

The Rotary organisation is also known for its international presence, helping improve education, health and understanding in some of the poorest areas of the world. Rotary has played a major part in the virtual eradication of Polio worldwide.

There are currently four Rotary Clubs in and around Cambridge with more than 120 members continuing the excellent traditions of the Rotary organisation embodied in their theme of "Service Above Self".

However, in recent years the organisation has not found it easy to recruit new members particularly among younger age groups. Rightly or wrongly Rotary is seen, by some, as a rather old fashioned organisation with formal regular meetings and an older demographic.

In a bid to dispel some of these myths the Rotary organisation is attempting to form a new style Rotary Club based in Cambourne aimed at those people who are interested in making a difference in their local communities in a club which is informal and friendly while being supported by an organisation which enjoys worldwide recognition.

We are holding two meet and greet get-togethers where people interested in learning more can come along, ask questions and find out a little more about what forming a club has to offer.

The details are:

**Wednesday 20th November, 7 - 9 pm**

**Thursday 28th November 6 - 8 pm**

Both meetings will be held in the Meeting

Room at The Hub Community Centre.

David Ellis, heading up this new initiative, said: "This is a great opportunity for adults of all ages to join an organisation that will help them improve communities both at home and across the world. Our new club will be shaped by its members, they will decide what we focus on and how we go about achieving it."

Having fun and building lasting friendships is also a major part of being a Rotarian. Membership is open to all and the new club is keen to draw from as many diverse groups as possible to mirror Cambourne's own diverse culture. We are looking for both individuals and couples to become members.

So, if you are a Person of Action who would like to know more either drop in at one of the Meet & Greet dates or email [davidellis365@btinternet.com](mailto:davidellis365@btinternet.com)





# NEW ROTARY CLUB TO SERVE CAMBOURNE



## An Invitation to an Open Meeting

We plan to hold two open meetings in November at The Hub Community Centre to find people interested in starting a brand new Rotary Club based in Cambourne.

Rotary Club membership is open to all. Members are keen to help serve and support their local community while meeting new friends and enjoying helping others

Please come along, bring a friend/partner to see if becoming a Rotary member is for you.

### LOCATION: The Hub Community Centre

Meeting Room. High Street, Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6GW

**DATE: Wednesday 20th November &  
Thursday 28th November**

**TIME: 20th November 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
28th November 6.00 - 8.00 PM**

If you would like to attend one of these meetings or would like to know more about Rotary please email David Ellis, [davidellis365@btinternet.com](mailto:davidellis365@btinternet.com) or simply come along on the evening for tea/coffee & a chat

## EDUCATION

# The Vine welcomes a very egg-citing delivery

The Vine Inter-Church Primary School had a very special delivery on Monday 30th September. Ten eggs, an egg incubator, housing, heat lamps and food. Everyone has been very excited to watch the progress of the hatching. First there were two early on Wednesday, by the end of the day there were five ... and by Thursday evening there were nine chicks. Sadly, number ten didn't hatch.

Pupils visited to see the chicks and by Monday they were strong enough to visit the classrooms. From Preschool to Year 6 and the staff too, the fluffy cuteness was sensational - bringing a smile to all. What excitement, bringing real life learning into the classrooms.

In Preschool the children were very calm and gentle with the chicks despite their excitement. They noticed that the offsprings all looked different, some had patterns like stripes on their back, some were yellow, and some were orange. It was great to watch them develop their observation skills with pattern and colour.

The Reception children loved meeting the chicks. They learnt about the different parts of their body and that their eyelids shut from bottom to top, the opposite way to us! They looked for similarities and differences between the chicks and tried to guess which were girls and which were boys.



What an amazing project. Truly egg-cellent experience for all. Thank you to The Happy Chick Company.

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*I see a chick  
In Tanzanite class,  
Everyone's happy,  
Pressing the glass.*

*I see a chick,  
And another one too,  
Everyone's excited,  
And giving a coo.*

*I see a chick,  
Like a pom pom  
"Be careful with them"  
Says Mrs Som.*

*I see a chick,  
It's trying to fly,  
Flapping it's wings,  
As I Pass by.*

By Sophia and Evelyn  
(Year 5)

## Monkfield Park earns Eco Schools Green Flag

**Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Eco Club, Monkfield Park Primary has been awarded a prestigious Eco Schools' Green Flag.**

Each year the elected club's representatives work with Mrs McCarthy to spearhead the school's environmental initiatives in a drive to make the school community more sustainable.

Eco Club used the seven step framework to conduct a review of the school's environment and curriculum to produce an action plan. As a result the children came up with a number of initiatives, some of which included carrying out frequent litter picks on the school grounds as we seem to be particularly susceptible to people depositing their litter through our hedges; promoting recycling in the classrooms by collecting paper and

cardboard; co-ordinating walk to school week to promote healthier and more sustainable modes of travel; encouraging everyone to think about conserving water, heat and electricity and introducing more plants to make our environment a more pleasant place to learn.

We are all incredibly proud of our students' efforts and are grateful they led the way in helping us become a more sustainable school.

Mrs McCarthy commented: "Applying for Eco-Schools accreditation has been the perfect way to acknowledge, reward and celebrate the ecological achievements of our pupils. The Green Flag demonstrates that their hard work is appreciated, and it provides them with the confidence and motivation to continue actively working to protect our planet."





## COMMUNITY

### Scout and Guides HQ scheme receives significant council grant

More than £360,000 in grants were allocated to boost rural life in South Cambridgeshire by the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF), which is aimed at supporting rural communities and businesses in building long-term resilience.

A £90,000 grant was allocated to Cambourne Town Council towards creating shared activity space in the planned modular building so that the local Scout and Guide groups and the Cambourne shedders which do not have a permanent home have a setting where they can meet and call home.

The latest round of grants takes it to a total of 26 projects in the district to receive money from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) which is the lead authority for the Fund, while South Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible for grant scheme delivery and allocation.

For further information contact Kath Sansom at South Cambs DC on [kath.sansom@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:kath.sansom@scambs.gov.uk) or 07583-282849.

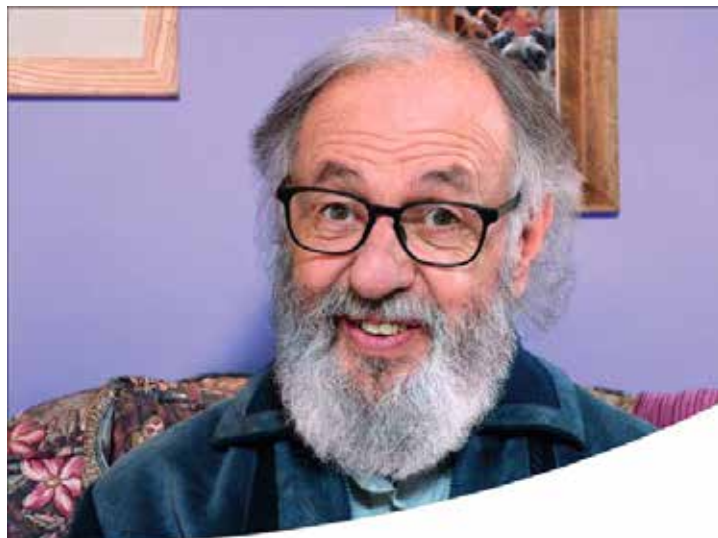
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The Northern Lights over Upper Cambourne on 11th October. By Isabella Roman, aged 16



Swans on Lake Ewart. By Max Bangs, aged 16



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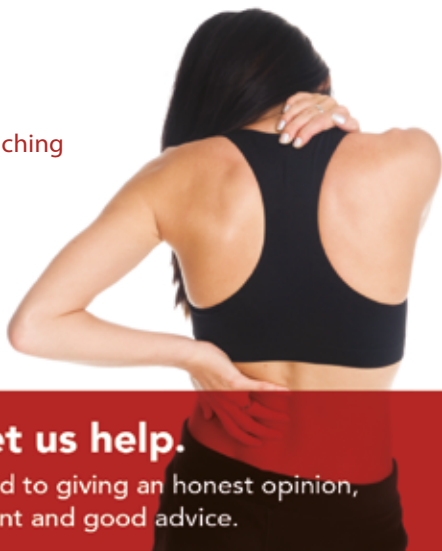
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## COMMUNITY

# Celebrating Youth Work Week in Cambourne

**This month we celebrate the youth work** that is happening across our local community and country in National Youth Work Week, from 4th-10th November. It's a chance for us as professionals to share more about the work we do, but also for young people to share why youth work has had a positive impact on them.

This year, the National Youth Agency is running a campaign called the Art of Youth Work, encouraging young people to use creativity to share about why their youth centre, youth workers or youth project makes a difference to them. This can be through visual arts, dance, music and spoken word. Keep an eye out on our social media for what our young people have to share!

Locally, Cambourne Youth Partnership



(CYP) is partnered with Romsey Mill to provide a variety of youth sessions, projects and support throughout the week, from the Cambourne Soul Youth building. However, there are also lots of other organisations, community groups, faith groups and professionals supporting Cambourne's young people.

In CYP and Romsey Mill's Year 9+ open access youth session we asked some of the young people what Youth Work means to them, here is what they said:

"Youth Workers provide a space for us to meet up with friends" – Cal, 15

"The Soul building provides facilities for all young people to relax, play games,

cook and bake, talk with friends or youth workers and be creative" – Erin, 14

"Youth Work for me is having fun, making friends and growing in confidence. For example, I'm not afraid to hold in my Tourette's Syndrome here, I can just be myself without judgement" – Caleb, 13

"Our Youth Workers are supportive, fun, caring and welcoming" – Cara and Jay, 14

■ If you'd like to know more about the work CYP do, check out

[www.cambournesoul.co.uk](http://www.cambournesoul.co.uk) or follow Cambourne Soul on social media.

If you'd like more information on local youth work, contact Emma [emma.whitbread@romseymill.org](mailto:emma.whitbread@romseymill.org)

## 2nd Cambourne Scout Group: Community Support Officer visits & the egg drop challenge!

In October, 2nd Cambourne Beavers and Cubs groups both had sessions with a visit from PCSO Coppard. He taught them about personal safety, online safety, public behaviour, Policing types and vehicles, and answered lots of questions! At the end, the children were able to see the flashing lights on his Police Car to much excitement!

Take 50 Scouts, 48 eggs, 16 rolls of tape, 8 packs of spaghetti, 4 glue guns, and a STACK of junk and you have... one very excellent evening of teamwork, ingenuity, hard work, and excitement: The Egg Drop Challenge featuring both 1st and 2nd Cambourne Scouts!

■ For more information please email: [info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk)



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The Ark was located opposite the current Cambourne Church

## Cambourne residents' 25 years of memories

**In response to our article regarding 25 years of Cambourne, one of the first residents of Cambourne has kindly written to us with their memories of 24 years ago.**

If you have any similar memories you would like to share, please email us on [editorial@cambournecrier.org](mailto:editorial@cambournecrier.org)

Dear Editors,

We moved here in June 2001. The removal vans had not long gone, when Pam and Roger Hume turned up on their bikes to bid us welcome and give us an information pack.

It was how the community was nurtured.

The pack told us that the church would meet in the Doctors Surgery waiting room. So we joined the church and soon after the minister advised me that local churches and the local authority had given money to buy Cambourne's first community building.

It turned out to be two temporary class rooms in the old school, which, after much helpful cooperation from the authorities and much prayer we managed to turn it into the Ark (so named as it was delivered in a gale to a sea of mud).

In those day we were called pioneers and every one mucked in.

There are some wonderful stories how the person with the right skill was available at just the right time to convert the building into the Church, which had two rooms, a kitchen and toilets.

It was dedicated to the the retiring Bishop of Huntingdon. During the week it was used by many different groups.

Those who benefitted from it were sad to see it go, as it brought back such happy memories.

**Ian and Jill Jarvis**

Residents in Cambourne for nearly 25 years

■ *Ian and Jill have said that if anyone wants to read a fuller account, please contact them on:*

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The Hub Community Centre

## More memories

There are two early memories of Cambourne that are quite unique. My husband and I moved to Cambourne in April 2000 and in 2003 an artist in residence was appointed with a view to using the arts as an "innovative way of marketing Cambourne". One of the four events was a house party, where invited guests were encouraged to draw, paint and interact with each other. There was even a naked man on the bed upstairs, who did place a towel strategically when he realised children were present. (Not that that stopped them from drawing him as he was). At the end of the project, which culminated with an exhibition at the business park and Wysing Arts, we were given a copy of the resulting publication Glasshouse, which I still have.

Several years later The Hub, a much needed community space, was finally built. To celebrate, the developers invited residents to a 'Strictly' evening. Camilla Dalryup and Ian Thwaite, who were both involved in the show, came and performed a few show dances. After that they taught us several dances (at one point I danced with Ian Thwaite, who was very kind). The rest of the evening we were able to use our new skills, dancing to a live band.

Moving from Cambridge, I was unsure we were making the right move but I have loved living here and seeing Cambourne develop, though not always in the way we would have wanted. Despite this, I believe we have kept a good sense of community and am certain we made the right decision all those years ago.

**By long time resident and founding member of Cambourne Crier, Pam.**





## COMMUNITY



# Students have their say on climate action

**Young people were encouraged to find solutions for local climate and environment action when South Cambridgeshire District Council held a meeting in a school for the first time.**

Comberton Village College hosted the event with around 40 students taking part in morning workshops on five themes of water resources, circular economy and fast fashion, sustainable food, biodiversity, nature and green spaces, and air quality.

This was followed by an official meeting of the District Council's Climate and Environment Advisory Committee (CEAC) where young people put forward questions and suggestions for debate.

Cllr Brian Milnes, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Environment, was at the school and said: "Young people are the driving force of our future, and their voices are crucial in shaping how we tackle the climate emergency."

The event was arranged following a recent Young People Task and Finish group, where the District Council committed to holding a CEAC meeting in a school. Comberton Village College was chosen to host the event as it is a key member of the Cambridgeshire Sustainable Schools Network.

Cllr Dr Lisa Redrup, District Councillor for Comberton, and a member of CEAC who attended the day, said: "The students were so engaged with the work we're trying to do and had fantastic ideas. The students should be proud of what they came up with - amazing work all around!"

Peter Law, Principal at Comberton Village College, said: "We were delighted to welcome students from local schools to join with us, the District Council and our MP to discuss local solutions to the international climate crisis."

Comberton Village College boasts a low carbon heat network thanks to two ground source heat pumps, which take the secondary school completely off oil heating and replaces oil boilers that were approaching the end of their life. The pumps extract heat through a network of underground pipes in the college car parks and is one of the largest ground source heat pump networks in a UK secondary school.



The project was a result of the Cam Academy Trust working in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and Bouygues Energies and Services. As well as reducing carbon, the project will save the college around £931,000, over the 20-year equipment lifetime.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is committed to helping make the district Net Zero by 2050. Councillors declared a climate emergency in 2019 and a Climate Emergency Toolkit was created for local residents, businesses and community groups who want to take action. For more information on how community groups can get involved visit the webpage.

Watch our You Tube video of interviews with students and Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council.



## Bingo night with LUC

**Big news from the Light Up Cambourne (LUC) group,** the council have agreed to fund the purchase of the secondhand cherry picker we were looking to buy; this is an expense that is too large for LUC to finance ourselves - all we have to do now is pay the council back!

We will do this over the next three to four years from money raised by our events. Of course this exciting development is only made possible by those who support us by attending our fundraising events and also those who generously make donations, so a huge thank you to you all.

The purchase of the picker is a huge step forward for the group as the ever-increasing costs of hiring a picker each year were fast becoming unmanageable. Having our own picker allows us to reduce our yearly outgoings to a sustainable level whilst still being able to purchase more lights and carry out maintenance to our existing stock.

Once the council have been reimbursed, our financial position will strengthen further with more of the money raised being available to spend on increasing the amount of lights around the town.

Our last event - a quiz night held on 5th October - was enjoyed by the 56 people who came along. Thanks must go to James at the Monkfield Arms for donating an evening meal with a bottle of wine, John Vickery at the town council for various items and one of our regular attendees who made a lovely hedgehog, all as prizes for the evening's raffle.

Our new volunteers were out in force which made the evening far less demanding for the longer serving members of the group, so thanks to them, we hope you had an enjoyable time.

Our final event of the year is scheduled for 23rd of November, so mark the date in your diary for an evening of bingo with a chip shop supper, I'll say it again, our bingo events are very popular,



so book early to avoid being disappointed.

■ If you would like to volunteer or find out more about LUC please contact us via email [lightupcambourne@gmail.com](mailto:lightupcambourne@gmail.com) or our Facebook page.

## Greens - Goodbye to Dan & Debs, Hello to Emrah

**We recently said Goodbye to Dan and Debs, who have run Greens in Cambourne for many years,** and before that had run a similar enterprise in Burwash Manor and elsewhere. So they decided it was time to take a well-earned rest.

We will miss their cheerful welcome and banter, but wish them all the very best in their new future.

So, hello to Emrah, who has taken over Greens, taking advantage of the opportunity to change his direction and

add to another business he already has in Cambourne.

Speaking to Emrah, it was clear that he is passionate about taking Greens in a slightly different direction, one where dogs will be allowed inside, where the coffee will be a new mix of Brazilian, Colombian and Ethiopian and will be freshly ground for Greens.

He will introduce a new range of cakes and some new drinks, also adding sourdough bread and fresh orange juice to the menu.





## COMMUNITY

### Local Climate Action Conference encourages everyone to do their bit

**Creating a cleaner district for South Cambridgeshire residents is on the agenda at a climate conference in Cambourne celebrating net zero action locally.**

The District Council is holding its second Local Climate Action Conference in November to tie in with the global COP29 event – 12 days of worldwide talks to determine ambition and responsibilities in addressing climate issues.

The local event is being held on Tuesday 19 November from 11-3 at The Hub in High Street, Cambourne. Refreshments and a plant-based lunch will be provided. Please complete this form to RSVP for the event, by Tuesday 5 November.

It will be followed by a pop-up inspiration evening at the same venue, called the Local Climate Action Fair, running from 5.30-8pm. Various community groups and organisations will be available to chat and share ideas about climate action. All welcome.

Cllr Brian Milnes, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "By coming together, we are not only showcasing innovative solutions but also demonstrating our shared commitment to a sustainable future."

The Local Climate Action Conference and evening fair are open to everyone. Speakers will include Cambridgeshire County Council, Joolz Thompson of Community Climate Action UK, the Centre for Climate Engagement, Cambridge Retrofit Hub and Elisabeth Goodman Spain of Sustainable Shepreth. The 2024 event has been arranged following the success of last year's inaugural Local Climate Action Conference attended by residents, councillors and climate action groups, who shared their ideas and vision for the future of a net zero district. Attendees were impressed at the local knowledge about climate change and ideas on what we can all do to make a difference.

One of the District Council's core visions is to help the district become net zero by 2050. As part of this, it set up a Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme in 2019 and has given more than half a million pounds to 82 projects locally, aimed at reducing carbon emissions and engaging communities on climate change such as tree planting, energy efficient heating and lighting and tackling food waste.

■ **Attendees are encouraged to consider sustainable travel options. There is cycle storage onsite and for those traveling by bus there are nearby stops on X3/4/18 bus routes.**

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## COMMUNITY



## Grand Garba Nights Light Up Cambourne

**Cambourne recently witnessed two nights of vibrant celebration** as Cam Community, in collaboration with Cambourne Vedic Heritage, hosted its Grand Garba Nights on 5th and 12th of October. Held at Cambourne Village College, the events drew over 500 attendees each night.

Garba, a traditional folk dance originating in Gujarat, India, is performed in a circle around a central image of the Goddess Durga. Characterised by its energetic steps, swirling movements, and colourful attire, Garba is a joyous expression of faith and festivity. The dance is often accompanied by live music, with singers and musicians playing traditional instruments like the dhol, tabla and harmonium.

The Grand Garba Nights in Cambourne captured the essence of this vibrant tradition. Each evening commenced with a Stuti, a

devotional prayer, setting a reverent tone. The atmosphere then transformed into one of joyous celebration as traditional Garba music filled the hall. Girls and ladies of Cambourne delivered dazzling performances, showcasing their skill and passion for the dance.

A highlight of both evenings was the mid-event Aarti, a ritual of worship with lamps, in which all attendees participated. This collective act of devotion created a powerful sense of community and shared spirituality. Following the Aarti, the music and dancing resumed, continuing late into the night.

Cam Community, a Community Interest Company, is dedicated to celebrating Hindu festivals in Cambourne and fostering a sense of togetherness. Cam Community's commitment to bringing together people and volunteers from all backgrounds helped make the Grand Garba Nights a huge success, with one of the largest event headcounts Cambourne has seen. These events not only provided a platform for cultural expression but also strengthened community bonds and promoted understanding of Hindu traditions.

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The fund can be used for a wide range of projects including family friendly schemes, like a high street safari, event and pop-up opportunities, repairs, painting and decorating, signage, street art, external lighting, window display equipment, improving bus shelters, decorative planting, street cleaning, hardboard maps, benches, parklets, biodiversity or greening projects, and improving accessibility.



## COMMUNITY



### Your move: CERC integrates chess

**Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)** has integrated chess into its STEM programs to foster cognitive abilities in younger generations.

Playing chess enhances critical thinking, problem-solving and strategic planning, which are fundamental skills in STEM subjects. It helps young minds develop logical reasoning, pattern recognition and the ability to think

multiple steps ahead, all of which are essential in fields like mathematics, science, and engineering. Through chess, students also learn patience, resilience, and teamwork, which are vital life skills, the chess club runs every Sunday at 3.30pm and is free to join via CERC enrolment under the supervision of Dr. Javed Abser.

■ For more information, please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya on [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)

### CERC takes part in EU Meet and Code initiative

The **Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)** recently took part in the international "Meet and Code" initiative on Sunday 20th October at Cambourne Soul, an event aimed at introducing young people to the world of coding and digital skills. Held as part of the European-wide event series, CERC's workshop focused on engaging students in innovative STEM learning, highlighting the importance of coding and robotics for future careers.

The workshop, titled Artificial Intelligence Based IoT Projects Workshop on BBC Micro:bit, introduced participants to the basics of coding using interactive robotics projects, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Internet-of-Things (IoT). By demonstrating real-world projects, participants gained hands-on experience in problem-solving and logical thinking, essential skills in today's digital age.

This year's theme, Digitalisation for a Sustainable Future, aligned perfectly

with CERC's vision of preparing students for technology-driven solutions in agriculture and beyond. The club's focus on project-based learning made the event particularly impactful, as it empowered students to see how technology can address global challenges, from food production to environmental sustainability.

CERC has been a strong advocate for making STEM education accessible to all. Through this workshop, they reached a diverse group of learners, including disadvantaged children who otherwise might not have had the opportunity to engage with advanced technology. Their participation in "Meet and Code" reflects the club's ongoing mission to nurture future engineers and innovators who can contribute to a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

■ Please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com) for any further information.





## Monkfield PPG meeting

**Our patient participation meeting (PPG) met on Tuesday 17th September.**

This is an opportunity for our patients to meet key staff members, including Dr Rakesh Modi (GP Partner), Hannah Crisford (Practice Manager Partner) and Helen Ottaway, Reception Supervisor.

This is a meeting chaired by the patients and an opportunity to hear first-hand practice developments and updates and provide direct feedback and suggest resolutions to any issues our patients are experiencing access care. Minutes of all our meetings can be found on our website [www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/patient-group](http://www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/patient-group)

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 6pm at the practice. You can attend one or all of the meetings depending on how much you want to get involved.

One of the key topics we discussed this month was the DNA rate, this being the number of patients who did not attend their appointment. We discussed how patients can cancel their appointments when they are no longer required. The best way to manage your appointments is by having access on line and via the NHS app, or via the contact us button on our website, these are all alternative ways to holding on our telephone lines.



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The cost of resurfacing of the courts is around £40k, half of which the Town Council has generously put aside for us. Over the coming months, we will try to raise the remaining £20k through grant applications, sponsorship deals, and donations. If you would like to become a sponsor of Cambourne Tennis Club, please get in touch with our Chair Arif Kibria [chair@cambournetennis.co.uk](mailto:chair@cambournetennis.co.uk), for more information.

**Coaching:** We are excited to announce that Game Set Tennis has welcomed two new coaches! Luca and Charley will be running group and individual lessons throughout the week, and they can't wait to get stuck in! If you want to book a group session, please follow this link: [bookings.gamesettennis.co.uk/list](http://bookings.gamesettennis.co.uk/list). If you would like some private lessons, please contact [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk)



**Half-price membership offer:** If you live around Cambourne and want to try out (or get back into) tennis, we now offer half-price membership deals that allow unlimited floodlit tennis until the end of March 2024 without court booking fees, as well as access to our beautiful clubhouse.

■ For more information about the Tennis club and how to join, please visit <http://www.cambournetennis.co.uk>. [clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC)

## Fishing Club Fair

**14th December 2024**

**Cricket Pavilion, Back lane, Gt. Cambourne  
12.00-6.00pm**

We are hosting a Charity Event Christmas Fair to help our chosen Charities. Willows Edge Angling who help people suffering homelessness, have disabilities, mental and physical health issues, ex addicts. To get them out for a day's fishing to relax and socialise with like minded people. The SLAM Project which is raising funds for EACH Children's Hospice & A Cambridge Women's refuge for Women and Children that have fled domestic violence etc. We will be having a Tombola. So if anyone would like to donate a prize, that would be great. We will be having various stalls for that last minute gift. Disco by Cheenie Tunes. Children's inflatables.tbc Face Painting, Stalls Anything else we can book between now and then.

If anyone would like a stall to obtain a booking form (OUTSIDE STALLS ONLY) and information, offer a prize donation, or would like to help. Please email us on [cambournefishingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:cambournefishingclub@hotmail.com)

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## Cricket club reflects on a successful season

**Cambourne Cricket Club:** The arrival of a brisk autumn marks the end of the cricketing season (outdoors at least!), and another successful year for Cambourne Cricket Club. A glorious mid-September afternoon brought the curtain down with a tripartite tournament between Cambourne CC's Dads, Lads and Nomads in a 100-style tournament (pictured) followed by our Club awards night. The Boomtown Dads emerged victorious, displaying tactical nous and athletic excellence well beyond their years... It was a truly special day played in brilliant spirit and represents everything we are so proud to have built throughout the last twenty years of the club's history.

With a final fixture (and victory) against Cambridge Royals the next day, we ended the season with 125 games played across 10 senior teams - a remarkable feat. We would like to thank all volunteers for their tireless work and efforts behind the scenes in managing schedules, organising events, running the bar, and ensuring we enter 2025 on a very strong footing. Our flourishing academy has also gone from strength to strength, and the Coordinator and Coaches deserve a special mention for the impressive work they have done.



On-field success was immediately followed by off-field business and the first of our league AGMs – and we are delighted to announce that we will be fielding 2 teams in this year's Bedfordshire indoor league over the winter. Our player development pathway is thereby strengthened, and it is testament to Cambourne's growing importance on the regional scene that we are able to participate in leagues across Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire!

For full highlights of our annual Dads v Lads day, and for details of our Academy and Adult award winners, head over to our instagram: @cambourne\_cc. We would like to warmly thank all the Cambourne community who continue to support us on and off the field, as well as our sponsors Group 1, the MindEd Trust and Alzheimer's Research UK. Up the Bombers!

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