



CAMBOURNE CRIER

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Community spirit shines

1st Cambourne Scout Group's Successful Christmas Tree Fundraiser

1st Cambourne Scout Group, including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, and parent volunteers, were out in force the first weekend of 2025 collecting more than 85 Christmas trees from Cambourne residents to fundraise for new kitchen camping equipment and outdoor resources for the group. It was a great team effort, with help also from our new Squirrels group handing out flyers.

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone in our community for your generosity - your donations helped us raise over £700, an incredible achievement!

These funds will support a wide range of outdoor activities, from hiking trips to camping adventures, throughout the year. The new equipment is especially crucial for the first-ever Big Cambourne Scouting Camp this autumn, where Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts from across 1st and 2nd Cambourne Groups will gather for an exciting camp experience.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share that plans are in motion for a permanent



building on land next to Crow Hill Allotments in Great Cambourne. This project, in collaboration with Cambourne Girl Guides and Cambourne Shed, is funded by South Cambs District Council and Cambourne Town Council. The building will provide a shared space for all our groups, as well as being available for other local community groups. We're grateful for your continued support and look forward to another successful year of scouting adventures.

Our Christmas tree fundraiser will be back next year, and we can't wait to see you then! Here's to a fantastic 2025!

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Cambourne's Shahina Pardhan recognised in King's Honours

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HOPE Xmas hampers



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CAMBOURNE CRIER

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ BUDGET 2025 - 2026

Every year in January all Town and Parish Councils prepare a budget for the following financial year.

This also has to consider the effect on future years. Cambourne Town Council has to also consider an additional three years, so decisions made for the current financial year do not have a negative effect on future budgets.

This is always a challenging process for a developing community like Cambourne, but this year again it has been a difficult challenge with continued pressure on the budget for 2025/26.

The budget has been formulated to include all the requests considered in the report below presented to the Finance and Policy Committee. The budget

calculations also took account of the following resolution agreed at the meeting

1. The new staffing structure, salaries and inflation for setting the budget for 2025 -2026 be based on 2.5 -5% in line with the 2024-2025 pay award (National pay award for local government staff) and any increments that are due contractually.

2. S106 contributions being received in the last quarter of 2024-25 these included

a) Youth Facility (£500,000 This is earmarked to repay the loan from South Cambs District Council)

b) Community Chest (£10,000/year) The Town Council has allocated £5,000 to community events run by the Town Council and £5,000 for community grants for which a new grant policy has been drawn up which will come into effect on 1st April 2025.

c) Public Art (£10,000/year)

d) Blue space (£115,000)

e) Archaeological Display (£20,000)

The amounts above are the s106 figures and are index linked to January 2017 when invoiced

3. The works to provide the Modular building for Scouts, Guides and Cambourne Sheddars. This includes the £90,000 grant offer.

4. Meeting inflationary costs on electricity, gas, diesel and materials used to maintain the buildings and open spaces.

5. The commitment to improve the play areas.

6. Completing the landscaping to the Youth Building.

7. Improve the original Tennis and Netball courts.

8. Maintaining the support for youth provision by providing a building and grant funding for Cambourne Youth Partnership, to provide youth clubs and other support for the youth of Cambourne, (works out as £10.32/year on Band D households).

In the next financial year, there are some more s106 monies due and potentially further grants coming in.

The budget was originally prepared based on a 3% increase in the band D rate in line with 2024/2025 forecast but, the Town Council would not have the required Risk Management funds for 2025/26 and future years meaning we would fail our Audit process.

To enable the Town Council to carry out the projects it is committed too, the items listed above and meet the risk management threshold for the next 3 years a 7.5% increase in the B and D rate is necessary.

BIN COLLECTIONS:

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/

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This is lower than the 10% increase over the last two years.

The increase also makes an allowance for Town Council to slowly rebuild its balances in the coming years.

It should be noted that many of the costs are fixed by third parties leaving us no discretion or control to alter them.

Cambourne Town Council looked at all options to try and minimise the increase due to the pressures on residents, brought about by the current cost of living crisis. Most options showed that greater increases would be needed in the future to provide a balanced budget.

Cambourne Town Council took the difficult decision to levy a precept of £857,037.00 on South Cambs District Council. This is a band D rate of £190.55 which is an increase of 7.5% which equates to an additional £13.29. (£1.11/month). This was required to ensure that the Town Council can carry out the

projects it has committed to and meet the risk management threshold for the next three years.

Although 2025 to 2026 has required a 7.5% increase to Band D in the budget, the next three financial years' budget balances with a 3% increase to Band D annually. This is subject to inflation continuing to decrease.

■ CAMBOURNE 10K

Entries are open for the Cambourne 10K and Fun Run taking place on Sunday 13th April 2024 at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council.

■ DOGS ON LEADS – Countryside Code of Conduct

Due to some recent concerns, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are

not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs. Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of. The Town Council follows the Countryside Code.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

February/March 2025

4th February 7.00pm Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council

25th February 7.00pm Planning Committee
Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

4th March 7.00pm Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council

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COMMUNITY

Wildlife Trust BCN Update: February 2025

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants'

Communities and Education Officer runs nature-themed events across the year in Cambourne, with the main programme running from Easter until the end of October. Nearby, we also deliver events at Trumpington Meadows Nature Reserve in Cambridge, and Paxton Pits Education Centre near St Neots. Here is what is planned for Cambourne in 2025 (please note that members of the Wildlife Trust BCN enjoy a discount on events, and there are sometimes early-bird tickets available):

Little Bugs: relaxed, wildlife wanders for families with toddlers, starting up after the Easter holidays and running most Friday mornings until the end of October.

Wild in the Wood: sessions for families with primary-aged children on Wednesdays during school holidays. On the 19th February we'll be dissecting owl pellets to look at the bones of the small mammals they have eaten whole!

Youth Rangers: monthly sessions for secondary-school-age young people who are interested in local wildlife and global environmental issues. We make use of our office and reserve in Cambourne, as well as Trumpington Meadows Nature Reserve, and others nearby, to do practical volunteering, support community events, go on walks, carry out surveys, and enjoy socials with like-minded people.

Walks for adults: there are themed walks aimed at adults planned for May (not-quite-dawn-chorus), June and July (summer wildlife), and July and August (night walks)

Sit and Chat in Nature: these do exactly what the title says! We'll find a nice spot not far from Oaks Wood car park and enjoy the wildlife around us over a cuppa. There a couple if these sessions planned for the warmer months. These sessions are offered as donation-only events.

Nature and Natter: this is a new series of monthly activities with a naturey theme and a focus on friendly chat. Some are based in Cambourne, and some at Trumpington Meadows. They are either a Wednesday evening, or a Saturday morning. Our February session is willow weaving at our head-office in Cambourne on Wednesday 12th Feb 6.30-8.30pm.

Find out more on our website: www.wildlifebcn.org/events

Our team can also work with schools and community groups, give talks, or lead exclusive walks, or attend community events.

Local enquiries

Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org

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General enquiries cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org

Further information

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Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants
Youth Rangers: Cambourne area

Make a positive difference to your local environment by joining our Youth Rangers group. We meet at various locations in the Cambourne area to carry out practical tasks and wildlife surveys, as well as to volunteer at events, and take part in sociable activities.

- For young people aged 11-17 interested in local wildlife and environmental issues
- Most sessions are designed for participants to attend independently
- Monthly activities usually Fridays during school holidays or Saturday mornings (some sessions are free)
- Get to know like-minded people and chat with staff
- Booking is essential, contact: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Find out more:
wildlifebcn.org/events

Find out more online

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Water House, Brook Street, Cambridge CB2 3AQ Tel: 01223 353844 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org www.wildlifebcn.org

Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

Nature and Natter

Member of the Wildlife Trust BCN?
Our member benefits include a discount on events!
Find out more here: wildlifebcn.org/join

Monthly activities with added chat!

Nature and Natter is a programme of activities aimed at adults, with an environmental or nature twist and a focus on friendly chat.

Costs vary depending on the activity, but will always be cheaper for Wildlife Trust BCN members.

January 11th (Sat morning)	Cambourne	Winter walk and cuppa
February 12th (Wed evening)	Cambourne	Willow weaving
March 8th (Sat morning)	Cambourne	Outdoor art
April 26th (Sat morning)	Trumpington Meadows	Making mini rafts
May 21st (Wed evening)	Trumpington Meadows	Walk and picnic
June 21st (Sat morning)	Trumpington Meadows	Walk and bug hunt
July 23rd (Wed evening)	Cambourne	Night walk and campfire
August 9th (Sat afternoon)	Trumpington Meadows	Butterfly walk
September 17th (Wed evening)	Trumpington Meadows	Nature writing
October 18th (Sat morning)	Trumpington Meadows	Pond dipping
November 5th (Wed evening)	Cambourne	Sustainable craft workshop
December 3rd (Wed evening)	Cambourne	Willow wreath-making workshop

Book online: wildlifebcn.org/events

Find out more about our society

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HEALTH

**Monkfield Medical Practice
Care Navigators**

Care Navigators at Monkfield Medical Practice are the first face and voice you see and hear when you attend or call the surgery. They are also responsible of all our electronic enquiries.

Their aim is to help you access the right care, at the right time.

Given our young patient population we are lucky to be able to promote electronic access via the NHS app and our online portal via the 'contact us' button on our website which can be used when the practice is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Our phones start ringing from 8am and the doors open at 8:30am. The Care Navigators remain active, prioritising your care until 6pm. They greet each patient as an individual, each problem or query as unique to that individual. They deal with everything from sneezes to cut knees, emotional crisis to suspected heart attacks and then greet the next patient with the same care as the last. The questions they ask are to help them direct you to the most appropriate care.

While care navigators are not clinical, they are trained and have protocols to direct you to the most appropriate place or person. This isn't always a GP, but it can be a Nurse, a pharmacist, a social prescriber, a self-referral, a physio or other avenues. They try always to be compassionate, understanding and approachable, they are here to help you.

The NHS is overstretched at the best of times and sometimes patients can become frustrated, scared or angry and the care navigator is the person in front of them. Sometimes the things that are said or read on social media really hurt: this job is not easy and those encounters can be upsetting. On other days they get thanked and praised for the effort they put in and go home feeling worthwhile.

The care navigators at MMP are dedicated to the patients and work hard to make a difference by supporting patients through their journey to access the right care. Most of our Care Navigators (and many of our staff) live in Cambourne so they are passionate about supporting their community.



Contact the NHS App support team using the QR code below or by visiting nhs.uk/nhs-app



The team will be able to help you with all technical queries.

It's normal to experience some technical difficulties with the NHS App if your GP surgery is changing clinical systems or merging with another practice.

If you encounter any technical issues after these changes are complete, please contact the NHS App Team.

You can also find more help and information here: www.nhs.uk/nhs-app



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COMMUNITY

Cambourne Library

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During these colder months, you will find a warm, friendly welcome at the library. Drop in to relax and read a book, use the library computers or connect to our free public WiFi. We will also have tea and coffee available kindly donated by Hope. Refreshments available during these times: Mondays 10am-4pm, Tuesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 2pm-6pm and Fridays 10am-4pm.

Special Events in February

Valentines Day Craft Friday 14th February 3pm- 4.30pm

Drop in to Cambourne Library to make a Danish Woven Heart from paper. This will be a self-guided activity. All materials and instructions will be provided. Children taking part in the activity will need their adult to supervise. Donations towards the resources welcome.

Half Term Family Lego Session Wednesday 19th February 10am-11.30am

Our ever-popular Lego session is back for the half term holiday. We will have standard Lego and Duplo available for you to get creative with. Spaces are limited so please pre book and pay in the library or email Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. £2 per child. Parents/ carers are required to stay with their children during the event.

Knit and Natter Group Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm

Bring a project of any portable craft and join with other like-minded crafters. Enjoy the company, swap ideas and of course refreshments will be available.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Wednesday 19th February 12.30pm-1.30pm

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 week of the month, at 12.30 pm- 1.30pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting. New members are very welcome!

Digital Assistance

Our Digital Buddy volunteers are available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you, or someone you know, needs any help with using a laptop or tablet, has a 'how do I' question or would like help with a particular task such as a bus pass application, assistance will be available between 10.00 am – 12 noon and 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Drop in enquiries welcome or you can book a session. Please speak to a Librarian at the counter or contact us on the number or email below.

Rhymetime/Storytime - every Friday 9.30- 10.30am during term time

Rhymetime/Storytime followed by Duplo play session at 10 am.



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For more information about becoming a Library at Home customer, or volunteer, please ask or call

volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/advice-and-support/library-at-home-service



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COLUMNISTS

A busy start to the New Year



IAN SOLLOM

MP FOR ST. NEOTS AND
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It's been a busy start to 2025 both in Westminster and in the constituency, with new legislation on children's wellbeing and schools to scrutinise in Parliament and local issues to press ministers.

The former contains important provisions to help keep vulnerable children safe, but given the scale of the crisis in Special Educational Needs, it's disappointing it does nothing to address that.

In the constituency, I have written to the Policing Minister about the funding challenges in Cambridgeshire. The provisional allocation of central government Police grant funding was published late last year. It is based on population

data from 2012, not reflecting where we are now!

For Cambourne, I'm looking forward to seeing progress this year on plans for the high street, the Cambourne to Cambridge project, as well as East West Rail - I hope many of you expressed your views. A station will be great for the town, and is something I have long supported, but I'm looking forward to seeing your views - local knowledge should shape such projects.

In January I visited Morrisons and raised questions about the use of the Market Square and the entrance there. It was great to hear about the work of their local Community Champion and the generosity of Cambourne residents through food bank donations via the store.

If you something to discuss with me, please book an appointment at one of my weekly surgeries.



HELENE LEEMING

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
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Cambourne is a great place to live

Cambourne is great place to live with a lively and active community. But our area also struggles with higher than average levels of income inequality.

With food price inflation and the cost of heating rising, South Cambs District Council continues to support our residents with the cost-of-living crisis with a wide programme of cost-of-living support.

We support a network of community hubs and foodbanks, and for the last year, this work has included a Mobile Food Hub working in partnership with Hope CIC. These hubs link in with the Council's work on minimising food waste

making sure surplus food is used.

This winter, officers worked to identify hundreds of residents who might otherwise have missed out on the Winter Fuel payment and the Household Support Fund and have called them up and helped them apply for benefits to which they are entitled but had not claimed.

Plans for the next financial year include providing refurbished laptops that will be targeted at children (11+) who would otherwise be disadvantaged in their education through their family income, and digital skills and financial education workshops for residents.

If you are affected by the cost-of-living crisis and are not sure what benefits you are entitled to, please contact South Cambs via the council website or contact me if you need any assistance.



CATHERINE PRICE

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NURSING SERVICE

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Kidney stones and how to prevent them

Our kidneys are found below the ribs, either side of the spine. They are very important in removing waste products from the blood, which are then passed out in urine (pee).

Sometimes the waste products can form crystals, which can collect in the kidneys and may grow to form stones. Kidney stones are quite common and usually affect people between 30 and 60 years old.

The body will try and pass stones and if they are small they may not be noticed.

Larger stones can cause more problems and

may become lodged in the tube connecting the kidney and bladder. Symptoms of kidney stones include pain in the side of the abdomen and groin, which can be severe; a high temperature and feeling or being sick.

In some cases there may also be blood in the urine or symptoms of a kidney infection with smelly or cloudy urine.

The kidneys may become damaged if kidney stones are left untreated, so it is important to report these symptoms to a GP or call 111 to get advice.

Drinking enough fluid to keep yourself well hydrated and your urine pale is the best way to prevent kidney stones developing.

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CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

I don't know who was around your table over Christmas or at New Year, but often family gatherings include eccentric aunts, energetic toddlers, and grandparents wishing things were like they were fifty years ago. Maybe I am indulging in caricatures, but the thing about families is that - at their best and despite all the differences - there is a lot of love, laughter, and a place for everyone.

One way the Bible describes the Christian community is as a family. Maybe we have our own equivalents of eccentric aunts, tearaway toddlers, and grandparents hankering for a bygone era. But that is good, because the church is supposed to be a place of diversity - different ages, races, and life experiences - gathered together into one big family.

Cambourne Church is a partnership of four different church traditions. Unlike most parish churches, we relate not only to the Church of England, but to the Methodists, the Baptists, and the United Reformed Church as well. There is therefore an extra dimension of diversity among us, and we do not all have the same experiences or expectations as one another. This is enriching, and can help us to move past caricatures as we focus on what unites us rather than on what divides us.

So I am glad to be the minister of an ecumenical church, where we unite across different traditions to celebrate and share God's amazing love - shown to us supremely in the death and resurrection of Jesus. That is the central truth which holds us together.

Revd Bill Miller

Services in February 2025



Sun 2 Feb	10.00am All Age Sunday One Communion
Sun 9 Feb	9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service *
Sun 16 Feb	9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service *
Sun 23 Feb	9.30am Communion Service 11.00am Communion Service *

* The 11.00am services include separate groups for children and young people.

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Plans and possibilities.

Due to the timing of the printing of *Cambourne Crier*, often the articles are sent in weeks prior to publishing. (Deadlines can be found on page 2). This means that sometimes a lot can happen between submission and printing. This is why you get updates about Christmas activities in February's edition as January's articles have to be in before those events have actually occurred. This is why it is good to plan ahead even though things may change in the meantime.

We as a church had a good Christmas celebration with children singing and our traditional meal and gift exchange. Our helper, Caleb, came back from assisting his mother who lost her home due to a hurricane. We also helped him move to a better place, and he is settled in now. We were also able to get the paperwork done for our first filing as a registered charity.

I sometimes talk to other missionaries about challenges, and every field is different. Some face challenges from cultists or tribal leaders. Others face challenges with wildlife, like scorpions or



Pastor
Donovan Bangs

poisonous spiders. In the UK, although we do have extremists or the occasional bug or that fox that likes to poop in my garden, often the main challenge is the paperwork.

But there will be plenty more as we are (now that things are not as horrendous as last year) going to attempt to start an addiction recovery ministry. This is basically inviting people that struggle with addictions to hear Biblical principles that may help bring stability to them. It does not have to be drugs—people are addicted to many things. Alcohol, gambling, adult entertainment, gaming, or many things. If it is compulsive and detrimental, often dominating every aspect of your life, it may be an addiction.

It is like being in a prison to those things, and anything else is secondary including family and friends. This leads to isolation and feelings of helplessness. Jesus came that we might be free. He has paid the price that we might be forgiven. As an addict, forgiveness can be a hard thing to accept, but it is needed to move beyond where you are to where you should be.

More to come later, Cambourne. Be safe.



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

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COMMUNITY

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In January, the St John Fisher Catholic Community held Re-gifting Sales after Mass. Our congregation were encouraged to bring in duplicate or unneeded Christmas gifts as a charitable offering. These were then re-sold with the proceeds being given to CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

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

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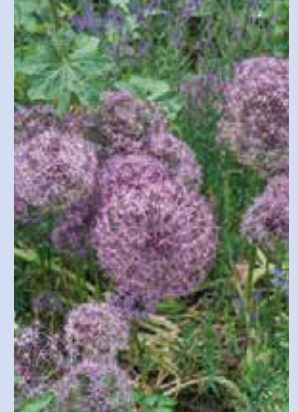
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These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used correctly. You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
 - Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer. Do not overload sockets
 - Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes.
- Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins. During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

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

How to dispose of batteries

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either www.recyclenow.com or www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk



Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner. Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

2025 workshop booking form



ONLINE: Improve the communication with your partner to support your children (Arguing Better). Online Via Teams
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Although the Arguing Better course is most beneficial when attending as a couple, there's no requirement to both attend.

**Please note these courses are not suitable if there has been any historic or current domestic abuse. If this is your situation and you would like help on where to find domestic abuse support, please contact rclead@cambridgeshire.gov.uk **




EDUCATION

Monkfield Park seeks school governors

Monkfield Park Primary asks have you ever considered volunteering?

Research conducted by Oxford University has concluded that volunteering has an impact on well-being as it provides a sense of purpose and belonging, protects your mental health and can even lead to a longer life.

Does this sound appealing? If it does why not consider becoming a school governor at Monkfield Park?

The role of the school governor is both fascinating and rewarding. Not only would you be playing a vital role in education, you would also be making a difference to the lives of children in our community by helping to shape their future. There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role and you do not need to have a



background in education as the governing body needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to do its job well.

As a member of the governing body at Monkfield Park you would be working with the Headteacher and other dedicated individuals, to develop the vision and long term strategy for the school. In addition



you would oversee the financial performance of the school and would hold the school leaders to account to ensure that every child at Monkfield Park has the best possible education.

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EDUCATION

Jeavons Wood indulges in past experiences

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"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future." - Theodore Roosevelt.

We were very lucky to host History Off the Page three times in January. We felt a bit like time travellers speeding through the ages and learning so much.



Year 2 had a fantastic time becoming citizens of 1666 London. They explored various shops and trades, learned about the impact of the Black Plague on the city, and discovered the events leading up to the Great Fire of London.

Year 5 travelled back approximately 535 years to the beginning of the Tudor reign, creating Tudor style portraits and modelling the Tudor Rose out of clay. The best part of the day however was a tie between learning about traditional Tudor dancing and eating a Tudor feast!

Year 6 experienced life as an evacuee in WW2 this week. First experience was the school room, practicing what to do in an air raid. In the afternoon, the children went to the market to buy supplies for their new families and enjoyed a 'delicious' spam sandwich at the cafe. Being immersed in the experiences and artefacts was a wonderful way to learn!



The Vine focuses on nature

The Vine Inter-Church Primary started the new year in accordance with the Forest School Association's 6 principles. Initially it all began with pre-school and reception classes. Each group spends a morning outside undertaking activities in the natural environment, which encourages supported risk taking, builds a community for development and learning and promotes resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.

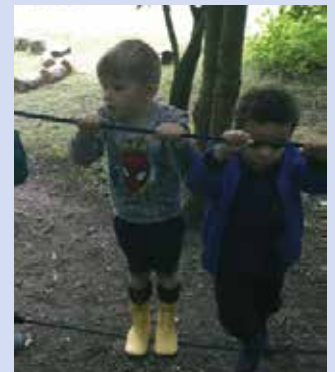
We also introduced lunchtime and afternoon pastoral sessions as Year 2 also get the chance of an afternoon outside. It is our aim that all children get an opportunity to attend Forest School during the academic year.

We started our sessions studying nature, followed by lots of play and exploration of the natural environment. The pupils have enjoyed taking risks, using the rope bridge and swinging to develop their gross motor skill. We recently had the opportunity to extend our forest school area, and the pupils helped to plant over 400 sapling trees on the school site, kindly donated by Bush & Co Estate agents Cambridge. We are all very excited to see how these grow when spring arrives. The kids have had the opportunity to start using tools to make name badges, cooking sticks and even Christmas decorations. They enjoyed learning how to create fire



using a flint and steel, the types and sizes of wood that are needed to make a fire for warmth or for cooking. We ended our term looking at the Winter Solstice and cooking bread and apples over the open fire.

It has been a real pleasure to see the children outside playing and exploring with natural materials; with the mud being a special favourite for jumping and sliding in as well as being used as face paint!



COMMUNITY

Cambourne's Shahina Pardhan awarded OBE for services to optometry



Photo: Anglia Ruskin University

Cambourne resident Shahina Pardhan has been named in the King's New Year's honours list and is to receive an OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for services to optometry and preventing blindness.

Shahina, a pioneering professor at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and Director of ARU's Vision and Eye Research Institute (VERI) has published research on vision and eye health. The impact of her research on reducing the risk of blindness due to diabetes is far reaching.

The UK's first ever female professor of optometry, Shahina has received numerous accolades and awards throughout her career.

Stanford University named her in the top 2 per cent of the world's scientists and under Shahina's strategic leadership, VERI received "world-leading" status through its publications and impact.

Shahina commented, "I am surprised, humbled and profoundly honoured to receive this honour. It strengthens my commitment to reduce the risk of blindness.

Blindness due to eye diseases such as diabetic retinopathy is preventable if caught in time, and our work has made a difference to people's lives not just in the UK but in other parts of the world. My sincere thanks to everyone who has worked with me over the years."

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Cambourne Children's Centre: 01954 284 672 or childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Chess Club (primary and secondary aged children to Year 11):
cambourne.chess@gmail.com

Cambourne Community Theatre Group:
info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

Cambourne Community Gospel Choir:
cambournegospelchoir@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/CambourneCommunityGospelChoir

WW2 Aircraft Club 01954 620 066 or iancameron692@gmail.com

CHURCHES

Cambourne Church:
www.cambournechurch.org.uk

Foodbank: Julie Whitbread
julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

The Harbour Bereavement Café:
theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk

Peacehaven Baptist Church:
www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

Christchurch Cambourne:
www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

Cambourne Catholic Community:
www.cambournerc.com

HEALTH CARE

Community First Responder:
Mark Taylor 07858 394 719
mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

HEALTH CARE (contd)

Cambourne Dental Practice: 01954 718 585
www.colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/cambourne-dental-clinic

Jardines Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

Monkfield Dental: 01954 774 540
www.monkfield.dental

Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954 282 153
www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Town Council Office: 01954 714 403
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www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

District Councillors for Cambourne:
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Stephen Drew:
cllr.drew@scambs.gov.uk
Helene Leeming:
cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

EDUCATION

Cambourne Village College: 01954 284 000
www.cambournevc.org

Comberton Village College:
01223 262 503
www.combertonvc.org

Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary:
01954 210070
www.hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School: 01954 717 180
www.jeavonswood.org

Monkfield Park Primary School: 01954 273 377
www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary School: 01954 719 630
www.thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Educating Otherwise:
www.facebook.com/HomeEducation-Cambourne

Arabic Language School:
www.cambournecrescent.org/service/arabic-school
info@cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Crescent Science & Technology Club:
info@cambournecrescent.org

PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

Cambourne Pre-school:
01954 715 150
www.cambournepreschool.org.uk

Carers And Tots:
www.facebook.com/CarersandTots,Cambourne

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre: 01954 273 301
www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Kindred Cambourne Day Nursery and Pre-School:
01954 719 440
www.kindrednurseries.co.uk

SERVICES

Community Car Scheme:
07526 998 465 or cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

Cromwell Veterinary Group:
01954 715 161

Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal
01954 713 516
www.wildlifebcn.org

Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:
www.cambournecrescent.org/service/foodbank

Hope Against Poverty CIC
hopepic.uk@gmail.com
www.hopeagainst.org

Streetlight faults:
www.cambourne.info/street-lights

SPORTS & LEISURE

Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT Club:
cambournecomets@gmail.com

Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre:
01954 714 070

Cambourne Fishing Club:
www.cambournefishingclub.com

Cambourne Bowls Club:
Stuart Palmer 07860 654 057

Cambourne Cricket Club:
cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Town Football Club:
hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk
For specific team email contact(s) see:
www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

Cambourne Netball Club:
www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambournenetballclub

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:
info@cambournebasketball.org

Cambourne Runners:
cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

Cambourne Women Runners:
information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambourne Tennis Club:
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club:
www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

Cambs Tai Chi Club:
www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do:
stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS):
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www.karateschools.co.uk

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club:
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Cambourne Balkan Dance Club:
cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com

Cambourne Air Cadets:
105@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadets:
www.cambsacf.com

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

Stagecoach bus drivers standing up against abuse

- Buses provide refuge for numerous at-risk women and girls
- Drivers are receiving additional training
- BAA reach is spreading due to the partnership

Cambridgeshire's biggest bus operator has revealed some of the initial experiences of its drivers in standing up against Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

Stagecoach East's buses officially became places of refuge for people fearing that they will be subject to abusive behaviour last October, when it launched its partnership with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Police Authority, and the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Centre to join the Businesses Against Abuse (BAA) scheme.

Under the scheme, the operator's existing safeguarding procedures are being enhanced with additional training: drivers are being trained to recognise people who are in vulnerable situations either on or off the bus - and are being given guidance in how to offer help.

If a driver recognises that a woman or girl may be in fear of abuse on the street, they are authorised to pull over and ask if they need help and then take her to a safe place on route if necessary.

Now, reflecting on the first three months of the scheme, Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East, said: "I am so proud of how our Training team, drivers, and everyone concerned have reacted to being part of this important scheme. They are making a real difference in our local communities.

"The message remains the same as it was at launch: your local bus is a place of safety. I would encourage anyone who is in fear or abuse, either on the bus or if they see a bus, to make themselves known to the driver, who will try to help them.

"Even after only the first few months, we have already had numerous incidents where drivers have intervened to stop abuse



Darren Roe

against women, and their actions have absolutely kept them safe on our vehicles.

"These have ranged from young women feeling safe seeing our destination messages, diverting a bus service to take a vulnerable woman to a safe area, and also direct interventions to keep a predators away from a young girl, one of whom was arrested."

Stagecoach East's high-profile partnership has already been a springboard for BAA, which has seen a boost in the number of businesses wanting to join the scheme, including other bus operators.

If a driver recognises that a passenger is in fear of abuse, they have been given a range of options to help. These are called the "5 Ds" and include delegating, by involving others, distracting, and delaying until it is safe to challenge.

All Stagecoach East buses now display BAA stickers with QR codes by their entrance doors, designating them as safe-spaces and all their buses have multiple cameras, so cases of abuse will be Recorded and Reported.

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Daisy Chapman

Saturday 3 May
4pm (Doors open 3.40pm)
Running time: 90 minutes, plus interval
Suitable for: Adults and young people aged 10+ years
Tickets: £8.50 / £5 / £4

A talented singer-songwriter who combines an incredible voice with beautiful piano playing and exquisite digital looped harmonies. Daisy's well-crafted lyrics range from satirical tales from history, to comedic stories. **Daisy** will be accompanied by **Joe Lovell's** dramatic and sweeping violin to create captivating and moving songs.

To book tickets and to see access information and full detail of the whole programme visit www.library.live/the-library-presents

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Pauline comment

Fused Glass Workshop

Saturday 14 June
2pm
Running time: 2 hours
Suitable for: Adults and children 8+ yrs
Tickets: £6.50 / £3

June Massey will help you to make a beautiful, unique piece of glass art. Have fun sharing ideas and learn interesting facts about glass artistry. June will take your work home to fire in her kiln and return it to the library a week later.

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"I felt uplifted and enjoyed every aspect of the performance!"
Audience comment

Folk Tales & Fiddles (Music & Storytelling)

Friday 27 June
7pm (Doors open 6.40pm)
Running time: 90 minutes, plus interval
Suitable for: Adults and young people 12+ yrs
Tickets: £8.50 / £5 / £4

An evening of local folk tales and brilliant contemporary folk music. Local storyteller **Marianne Powell** will be telling two spooky, mysterious and uplifting Fenland tales. Instrumental folk band, **Dyhean Sarg**, will provide original music to add to the atmosphere. Expect foot-tapping tunes and fascinating tales.

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COMMUNITY

CamCareUK has a new Home in Cambridge

CamCareUK has acquired a new facility at 12-14 Fitzroy Street - near the Grafton Centre, Cambridge. This new space is a major advancement for Science and Technology education for future generations, other community-building projects, and our future endeavours.

What's in the name CamCareUK?

The name we selected with a purpose:

Caring Cambridgeshire on diverse aspects especially on (1) wellbeing, (2) inclusion, (3) education,(4) upscaling of the knowledge, and (5) celebrations and festivals.

Objectives of CamCareUK

- Promote equality, diversity, and racial harmony for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.
- Advance public education by providing opportunities to learn and participate and improving public access to expertise, including collaborating with other charities and educational establishments.
- Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.
- CamCare UK creates opportunities for regular meetups, festivals, seminars, workshops, and activities and encourages residents of all backgrounds to participate.
- Tackling loneliness, and 60+ digital inclusion are also the charity's aims and purposes.

Advancing public education by providing opportunities to learn and participate

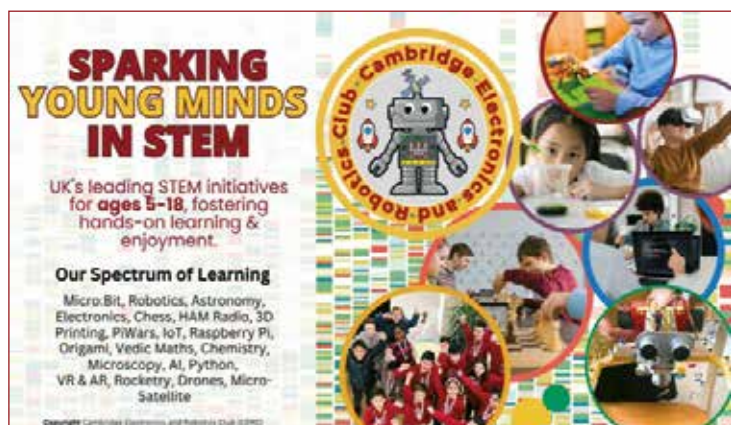
CERC, Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club, the academic wing of CamCare UK, provides children aged 7 to 17 years a structured and enjoyable experience of working with electronics, robotics, and computational languages to nurture their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

CERC engages children in playful and meaningful learning while helping them learn science and technology. Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) trained 7000 students locally and globally, has an impressive record of winning many wins and records.



Experimental Cookery Club

- The prime focus of this initiative is to deal with the loneliness and community cohesion.
- As food brings people closer, I designed this project of experimenting with various world food.
- Each year members select a country or cuisine for cooking which they didn't try before, so there is an element of new learning involved.
- Members of the Cookery club are divided into smaller groups of four members.
- Throughout the year the members meet regularly at dinners hosted by their group members.
- At the end of the year, all the group members meet to host a final community dinner with an objective of fundraising for a good cause.



CERC promotes chess as key STEM initiative

Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) is integrating chess into its STEM programs to enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic planning skills essential for success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Chess helps students develop logical reasoning and decision-making abilities that align with STEM disciplines.

CERC recently organised a Chess Tournament before the Christmas holidays, led and sponsored by Dr. Javed Absar, a Principal Engineer in Qualcomm at Cambridge Business Park and the mentor for the CERC Chess Club, who provided trophies to encourage young players.



The 2024 championship was won by Anjie Tan, a 12-year-old student at The Perse School, Cambridge, who grew up in Cambourne and attended Jeavons Wood Primary School.

CERC is now preparing to send its students to national and international chess tournaments, aiming to provide them with broader exposure and opportunities to excel.

For more details, contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com



The Great Kite festival

Cambourne's annual Kite festival was organised on Sunday 19th January at the Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. Residents spent the day with friends and neighbours and a range of food was brought by community chefs.

Please contact Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya for the upcoming festivals in Cambourne at shrobona@gmail.com



COMMUNITY

HOPE for a better year

December was a busy month for our HOPE team as we packed and delivered over 150 Christmas hampers to individuals and families across South Cambridgeshire. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of a brilliant team of volunteers and staff that helped purchase the products, pack the hampers, and deliver to numerous villages in the district.

Our hampers were filled with Christmas treats, essential foods, hygiene products, and small gifts for children.

The nomination form opened mid-November and within just a few weeks our maximum number was met. Anyone could nominate an individual or family they felt was deserving of a free Christmas hamper, with many of the nominations coming from the community, health and local government services that could identify people that would benefit from our project.

Paul, a recipient of a Hope Christmas hamper said: "I was surprised and happy to receive a hamper of treats courtesy of HOPE CIC. It is very comforting to know



that there are people who continue to care about the well-being of those they have already supported before the Christmas break. Your organisation has been a great help in tiding me over some difficult times. I look forward to my weekly visit to Cambourne community hub - for the help you provide and as importantly for friendship and conversation."

A huge thank you to those that financially contributed and donated items for the hampers. Our special thanks goes to Morrisons Cambourne and the Monkfield Arms pub. Thank you also to South Cambridgeshire District Council for once again offering us a space to package and store the hampers. We look forward to doing it all again next Christmas!

To celebrate five successful years of Hope CIC, we are hosting a gala dinner on Saturday 22 March at the Cambridge Belfry Hotel in Cambourne. This exciting night will include a champagne reception, two course meal, wine for the table, and



Sri Lankan band Exceed to finish the night off on the dance floor. To purchase tickets please email office@hopeagainst.org or phone Mahesh 07491 805748.

Girlguiding in Cambourne

2025 got off to a great start for Girlguiding in Cambourne with many members and their families attending the pantomime in Cambridge, and even getting a call out during the show!

We are lucky to have many units in Cambourne for Rainbows (age 4-7) Brownies (age 7-10) Guides (age 10-14). There is a sleepover planned next month for some of our Rainbows and Brownies, and the Guides will be going swimming, bowling and lots more besides.

We were really excited to open a new group for Rangers (age 14-18) last term, so far they have enjoyed campfire cooking, karaoke and a trip to Pleasurewood Hills. Many of the group have started doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and also volunteer helping our younger age groups.

Girlguiding is the UK's largest youth organisation dedicated completely to girls. Girls can do anything. We help them know that, whether they're 4 or 18 or in between.

We can always use additional adult volunteers to give more girls the opportunity to become part of Girlguiding. Find out more: www.girlguiding.org.uk

COMMUNITY

Developing skills, confidence and friendships

2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUT GROUP: As we started the new calendar year, we said hello to new members of our three 2nd Cambourne sections. At Beavers, we took eight children from the waiting list to start their Scouting journey. At Cubs, they welcomed six of our Beavers who moved up, and three of our Cubs moved up to Scouts.

As they move through each stage, our young people develop skills, confidence, friendships, and gain badges for activities and challenge awards.

At the end of Scouts, it is possible to complete your Chief Scout's Gold Award and we were proud that Ishaan was awarded this in January before leaving the Troop to move onto Explorers (in Comberton). Ishaan is an excellent example of a Scout: determined, resourceful, respectful, and kind. We wish him well in the future, and hope all our young people follow his example as they go through the fun adventure of Scouting in Cambourne.

■ For more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk



Cambourne Squadron celebrates 2024

CAMBOURNE CADETS: In December, we attended both a Christmas market set up at the Hub and a bucket collection at Morrisons in aid of the SLAM project and EACH, a local children's hospice.

At the end of 2024, we celebrated the success of the Squadron with a Christmas social! Cadets took part in various party games, a quiz and enjoyed pizza! The night was well deserved and thoroughly enjoyed by both Cadets and staff!

In the New Year, Cadets have resumed their classification training whilst taking up a number of flying opportunities.

We have also held our annual awards evening, where Cadets, parents and staff gathered to celebrate the individual

and collective success of the previous year. Awards were presented to Cadets and staff who achieved or went above and beyond for the Squadron.

Awards night also forms our enrollment night for the Initial Training Flight, who since September, have developed their knowledge in all aspects of being a Cadet.

Topics such as expedition training, principles of flight, drill, uniform and the history of the RAF have been covered and Cadets from this ITF will now take their places in the main Squadron flights.

After a successful year, we are looking forward to seeing what the Squadron can achieve in the next 12 months!

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COMMUNITY

Learning to 3D print

It was a delightful sight to witness a classroom full of children enthusiastically creating Christmas trees using 3D printing technology at CERC before the Christmas holidays.

Teachers Florin Andronic and Mihaela Grigoras generously donated all the materials, ensuring an engaging and joyful learning experience for the children. The class was filled with excitement as the young participants successfully 3D-printed and decorated their Christmas trees, proudly taking them home.

For those interested in joining the technology classes offered by CERC in Cambourne and Cambridge, please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com camcare.org.uk ukbc.info mudraacademy.org Contact: 078527 53216,



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Light Up Cambourne

I'm typing this just after the lights have been removed at the end of the festive period - thanks to the town council staff for putting them up and taking them down. It was very pleasing to see all the displays.

And so a new year of fundraising begins, the objective is to get more lights and power supplies installed around the town for Christmas 2025. LUC's efforts come to fruition at Christmas time but it's an all year round occupation!!

Our first event of the year will be the ever-popular Bingo night in the Hub on 8th March - the ticket price includes a chip shop supper. We are in the process of updating our payment system and so if anyone wishing to attend could pay cash that would really help during the changeover period, these things take time for our new bank to set up - we will be pleased to come to anyone living in Cambourne to collect the ticket monies and issue receipts. Of course, if cash isn't an option, electrical payment is fine, but it might be subject to a delay until the update is completed. To book tickets please contact us by email - lightupcambourne@gmail.com

Further 2025 event dates are 26th April which is planned as a quiz night, 7th June, 27th September and 15th November, more details nearer the time. If anyone has any unwanted Christmas presents that would made good raffle prizes, we would be very pleased to receive them - every penny helps.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you to our events throughout the year.

BINGO NIGHT
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 Hosted by CamCare UK

SPORT

Tennis is back in 2025. Sign up now and get fit!

Cambourne Tennis Club: With the worst of the cold behind us, and the days getting longer again, this is an excellent time to get back into tennis. Whether you are new to the sport or want to improve your game, our coaching programme, led by our head coach Toby Jackson, will get you started. Spring Term Tennis Lessons for all ages and abilities are underway which have to be booked. Sessions will run until Saturday 5th April, excluding the February half term (17th to 23rd February). Please go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk to secure your place now which is on a first come first serve basis.

Private lessons: Whether you are looking for a one-off lesson to work on your weakness or would like a regular slot, we have a few more open spaces for private lessons. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Toby at toby@gamesettennis.co.uk.

We offer a professional racket stringing service which can include guidance on string and tension as part of the package. The aim is to string most rackets within 2-3 days, but we can most likely do it quicker if you are desperate. Please get in touch via the contact details above to book your racket in.

At Cambourne Tennis Club, we have adult social mix-in sessions twice a week (Wednesday nights, 7pm-10pm and Sunday mornings, 10am-12pm) where members can come along and get to know other club members in a social tennis rather than an outright competitive tennis environment. We have five floodlit



courts and our new Clubhouse is great for socialising with other members after a game. For those with a more competitive nature we have a range of men's, women's, and mixed doubles teams that play in the Cambridgeshire Winter and Summer Leagues for Cambourne Lawn Tennis Club against local rival clubs. Please see the club website for more information on our activities and how to join: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC. We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

Cambourne 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.

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Are you seeking fun and fitness in 2025?

Cambourne Running Club is made up of runners of all abilities and ages. We are a friendly group of people who enjoy running to keep fit and train for local running events. If you are looking to join a running club or you are training for an event, why not come along.

Membership is only £2 for the year and we have volunteers who lead each running session.

On Saturday mornings we usually have a longer run between 8km and 12km. Our meeting point is either outside Greens or The Hub at 8.45am. After our run we reward ourselves with a hot drink, cake and chat at Greens.

Wednesday evenings are usually an effort session or a steady run. For this session we usually meet outside The Hub at 6.45pm.



Why not dig out your trainers and come along to join us for a run?

You can find more information on our Facebook page - search for 'Cambourne Runners'.

You can also email us at cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com to let us know if you are planning to come along for a run. The more the merrier!



Cambourne resident just keeps on running

Daniel, an orthopaedic surgeon and a resident of Cambourne for 17 years competed in his 132nd marathon at Malaga on 15 December 2024.

He was running on behalf of Friends of Vellore - UK and supporting a rural community in India and has since reached 81 per cent of his target of £5000.

The funds raised are earmarked for the Person-to-Person (PTP) Scheme at Christian Medical College Hospital (CMC) in Vellore, south India.

CMC matches every donation you make. For instance, a £16 donation can increase to £20 with Gift Aid, and CMC can add up to four times that amount, turning it into a grant of up to £100 for a patient.

This funding can cover everything from treating uncomplicated urinary tract infections to more significant procedures like hernias or caesarean sections. This incredible initiative of the PTP Scheme at Christian Medical College Hospital Vellore helps provide critical medical care to patients who cannot afford their treatment even if it is for some of the common medical ailments. This scheme is open to patients from any faith/creed. You can make a meaningful difference to the vulnerable patients in Vellore, South India. Please donate generously:

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