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Library closed for revamp



Cambourne Library at Sackville House closed for refurbishment on Monday 24th March and will reopen in approximately three months.

It's facilities will be modernised and enhanced and the library expanded by approximately one third, creating a brand-new children's library and increasing opening hours through open access technology.

■ Since Monday 31st March there have been additional hours at Comberton Library and Papworth Library - see page 6 for more details.

Cambourne resident, Dr Rabia Zill-e-Huma, a Consultant Obstetrician and Maternal Medicine Specialist at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, attended an awards ceremony at the House of Commons on 14th March 2025 to receive her UK Maternity Unit Marvels

(MUMS) awards, organised by Baby Lifeline UK. The awards celebrate incredible healthcare professionals who go above and beyond to ensure safe and compassionate maternity and neonatal care. Dr Rabia won two prestigious awards, -

individual winner as well as overall UK maternity winner for providing exceptional care during the pandemic to high risk pregnancies. She was nominated by a patient under her care. The full story can be found on the Baby Lifeline UK website under UK 2025 MUMS awards winners.



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■ Town Council staff Vacancies

The Town Council is looking to fill the following vacancies:

- Responsible Financial Officer
- Community Development Officer
- Grounds person.

The closing date for Applications is 11th April 2025. For more information, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

■ Community Support Grant

The Town Council has launched a brand-new grant policy. The total amount available is now £5,000 per annum. Applications are considered in May, July, September, November, January and March. This reaffirms the Council's efforts to support local groups and charities. Please see www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-services/grants to find out more about the terms and conditions as well as the application form!

■ Big Squiggle

The Big Squiggle is returning on 11th April! We are seeking volunteers to help on the day - no prior art experience necessary, just enthusiasm - to help serve refreshments and donations of cakes and savoury items (homemade or purchased from a shop). Let us know if you can help by emailing community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

Please can you also start collecting the following: small cardboard rolls and kitchen roll tubes and small glass jars

■ Cambourne 10K

Entries are open for the Cambourne 10K and Fun Run taking place on Sunday 13th April 2025 at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council. Please see the following

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

Tel: 01954 714403

Email office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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link for more details:

cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk/calendar

■ Repair Café

Cambourne Repair Cafe will return on Saturday, 17th May as part of Cambourne Village College's Eco Festival. 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 cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-6/

■ Bank Holiday Food Market- May

Save the date! The Council, working with Cambourne Foodies, will be hosting the next Bank Holiday Food Market on the 26th May from 4-8pm at the Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. As usual there will be free bouncy castles at the event. The Third Man bar will also be open. So, save the date in your calendar and bring the whole family!

■ Formal Garden

A formal memorial garden will be laid out on the site of the old Arc. This will include new benches, flower beds and a war memorial. The Town Council would welcome your ideas on this and if you would like to volunteer in the delivery of the project please email:

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BIN COLLECTIONS:

Check your collection date here:
www.scams.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day

■ **Cambourne Allotments**

The Leisure and Amenities Committee decided to increase the allotment fees by 10 per cent for renewals in September 2025. They remain very affordable at £22 a year for a full plot. We have been working to reduce the waiting lists by allocating plots as soon as they become available. Please email allotments.ch@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk if you wish to join the waiting list.

■ **Council meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub**

-1st April 2025: Planning Committee followed by Full Council Meeting
- 22nd April 2025: Planning Committee followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee
- 6th May 2025: Planning Committee followed by Annual Town Meeting (the meeting of the electors)
- 20th May 2025
Annual Meeting of the Council (the start of the new municipal year – election of Chairman) followed by ordinary business of the Council and Planning Committee.



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Wildlife Trust BCN Update: April 2025

Volunteers of the Wildlife Trust BCN Cambourne work party were busy over winter. With help from Cambridge Conservation Volunteers, local Youth Rangers, and staff, they have been laying a hedge in Upper Cambourne. Hedge laying is a traditional craft which involves cutting and bending shrubs and small trees to create a living fence. This benefits wildlife by creating structural diversity, with thicker areas closer to the ground enabling birds to nest and small animals to move under cover. Hedge laying at this spot is also allowing more light to penetrate adjacent woodland which will encourage woodland plants to grow.

Volunteers have also installed a new bench near the solar farm on the perimeter bridleway. The Wildlife Trust BCN is planning to install more benches along this path as well as by Whomping Willow lake in the upcoming months.

Last year, Cambourne Work Party volunteers started to repair flooded areas of the bridleway around Cambourne. This work is ongoing, and we will resurface badly affected areas as well as digging more drainage ditches to deal with more regularly occurring flash flooding.

If you are keen to improve your local nature reserve for people and wildlife, please consider volunteering. There are volunteer opportunities that support practical work, surveying, and community work, as well as other areas. Find out more at wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer

Local events April

- Wed 9 th April (Cambourne) and Thurs 10 th April (Trumpington Meadows), 10-12: Half-term family wild play
 - Wed 16th April (Cambourne) and Thurs 17 th April (Trumpington Meadows) 10-12: Half-term family outdoor art
 - Cambourne Weekly from Friday 25 th April 9.30-11ish: Little Bugs pre-school nature Toddlers
- Other events can be found on our website: wildlifebcn.org/events

Local enquiries

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



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Experimenting with Scouts



2ND CAMBOURNE Beavers and Scouts made the most of British Science Week by completing several experiments during sessions last month.

The Beavers investigated electronics, dancing raisins, rainbow colour swirls and secret lemon writing. The Scouts were set challenge questions and had to develop a scientific model to solve or prove the challenge. These included making foil boats for weights, volcano reactions, lava flow, and creating timers. All these experiments were fun, educational, and went towards the Experiment and Science activity badges. Reporting from our Cubs last month: they had a double session of pancake making as there are so many Cubs to feed!



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

Gambourne Balkan Dance Club

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Wednesday 16th April

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Wednesday 23rd April

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Cambourne Library

The Library Presents

Daisy Chapman Concert (Music)

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Venue:TBC, 4-5:45pm

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 Sue Lord's dramatic and sweeping violin to create captivating and moving songs.

Book tickets in a Library or

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Knit and Natter Group Craft Group

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Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

Please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk while we are closed for more information.

Digital Assistance

Our Digital Buddy volunteers will be taking a break whilst we undergo our refurbishment. Most of our other libraries also have Digital Buddies who will be happy to help you.

Rhymetime/Storytime

Thanks to Cambourne Townh Council we will be able to hold rhymetime and storytime sessions at the Blue Space in Cambourne on Fridays from 25th April from 9.30-10am.

Contact Us Tel: 0345 045 5225

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Papworth Library Events

- Bridge Building Workshop Papworth Library , 7th April. 2-4pm
Ages 8-12 plus a participating adult

- Do you enjoy constructing things? Join our Bridge Building Workshop hosted by University of Cambridge Department of Engineering. £2 per family.

Booking and payment essential prior to arrival.

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- The Great Eggscape Hunt drop in during opening hours
7th-19th April

- Table Tennis Games drop in during opening hours
7th-19th April

Comberton Library Events

- Easter Hunt in the library- drop in during opening hours 7-12 April

- Poetry Workshop Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 11am-12.30pm

- Local author, Bhanu Kapil, will offer a poetry workshop at Comberton Library on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 11am-12.30pm. Come with something to write on, and with. The event is free is open to all, though donations to the library would be very welcome. Bhanu Kapil is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. She is the author of six books of poetry, including How To Wash A Heart (Liverpool University Press), which was awarded the TS Eliot Prize. She is now an Extraordinary Fellow of Churchill College, where she curates and hosts poetry events of many kinds.

Places are limited so please pre book your space in the library or email cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambourne Library will be closed for refurbishment from Monday 24th March for approximately three months. During this period you can use the services at Comberton Library and Papworth Library.

■ Comberton Library

Monday: 10am to 1pm

1pm to 5pm Temporary additional hours from Monday 31st March

Tuesday: Closed

10am-1pm: Temporary additional hours from Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday: 10am to 1pm,
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 2:30pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sundays / Bank Holidays: Closed

■ Papworth Library

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm

Wednesday: 10am to 1pm

Thursday: 2pm to 5pm

Friday: Closed

10am - 5pm: Temporary additional hours from Friday 4th April

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sundays / Bank Holidays: Closed

■ There will also be a mobile library at the Hub car park in Cambourne on Saturdays 26th April, 24th May and 28th June from 10am-4pm

■ All return dates will be extended throughout the closure period; however, items can be returned to any Cambridgeshire library, or Mobile Library should you wish to do so.

Volunteers needed!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED AT BOURN WINDMILL. PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS LOVELY OLD WINDMILL OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

Volunteers are urgently needed to join our friendly team for the planned open afternoons at the newly restored Bourn Windmill, a popular and interesting destination for so many residents and just a pleasant walk away. There is parking at the mill for volunteers. Volunteers of all abilities and age are most welcome.

We need help with: serving refreshments, taking the money and giving out leaflets or helping to guide groups of visitors around the mill. Training will be given for the guiding role and there will be an opportunity to shadow experienced guides initially. If you can only help on a few of the dates, we would still be very interested to hear from you.

Open Days:

- Saturday 10th May, 2 - 4.30 p.m
- Sunday 11th May, 11am - 1pm and/or 2-4.30 p.m.
- Sunday 15th June, 2 - 4.30 pm
- Sunday 13th July, 2 - 4.30 pm
- Sunday 17th August, 2 - 4.30 pm
- Sunday 14th September, 2 - 4.30 pm

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Sun 17 Aug	2pm - 4.30pm		
Sun 14 Sep	2pm - 4.30pm		

Refreshments:
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Primary Health Care in Cambourne

I recently visited Monkfield Medical Practice where I heard that the fast-growing population in Cambourne is not matched by the funding given to its GP surgery, nor by the size of the surgery's building space.

The surgery is clearly doing their best to provide patients with good access to healthcare; they are now using their limited space better and so are able to offer more appointments. But they need a longer-term solution.

I will be making representations later this month to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board, who set the healthcare strategy for the area, in order to address these issues and work towards getting fairer funding for these surgeries.

An issue regarding child maintenance service was raised at one of my recent surgeries, when I met a constituent who had been having issues with the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) that went back years – their payments were constantly missed and unenforced, leaving them in and out of arrears.

They were hitting a brick wall when trying to contact the Service about this.

In late February, I led a parliamentary debate on fixing the CMS which gathered support from MPs of all backgrounds.

By raising this crisis directly with the Government, I hope we will be able to effect much needed change for both paying and receiving parents.



IAN SOLLUM

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STEPHEN DREW

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Local Government Reform for South Cambs

The organisation of the councils that serve Cambourne is going to change as we move to a unitary authority by the end of the current parliament in 2029. A unitary council combines the services currently provided by a district council and a county council. Some services will be transferred to parish or town councils.

At present we have Cambourne Town Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. We also have an elected mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough running the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as well as the Greater Cambridge Partnership managing transport strategies.

A number of options are on the table for the South Cambs, including a Greater Cambridge unitary of Cambridge and South Cambs or Greater Cambridge plus East Cambridgeshire or Greater Cambridge plus Huntingdonshire. These will be reviewed by the government based on representations from the existing councils and local residents before a decision is made.

What we do know is that these changes are going to happen and it is up to councillors at all levels to do what they can to make it work. It is going to be a challenging time, but we hope that at the end a simpler and more efficient model of local government can be established for Cambourne.

Meningitis: A medical emergency

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord (meninges).

It is most serious when caused by bacteria, but can also be caused by viruses which are less likely to cause long term problems. It can develop at any age but is most common in children and young adults.

Meningitis can be very dangerous if not treated quickly and can cause damage to the brain or nerves. It can also cause sepsis which can be life-threatening. People with meningitis who are rapidly treated in hospital often recover well. However, some may need

amputations or have long term problems affecting hearing, sight, balance, memory and movement.

The symptoms of meningitis develop quickly and can include fever, vomiting, headache, stiff neck, drowsiness, seizures (fits) and a dislike of bright lights. In some cases a rash can develop which does not fade when a glass is rolled over it. Not all of these symptoms happen in every case. Meningitis is a medical emergency, so if you think that someone might have it, call 999 or go straight to A&E.

■ *Reference/further information:*
www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis



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Update from Monkfield Medical Practice

■ Staffing Update

We have now recruited for our last vacancies and are running fully staffed, working towards improving and protecting the wellbeing of Cambourne. As the population expands, we will keep track of numbers and staff ratios to ensure we have adequate health care and administrative provision.

■ Winter cover

Our Primary Care Network (PCN) provided additional GP cover over the winter months giving our patient population an additional 400 appointments supporting us to manage an increase in demand. We have also increased the PCN team with Neurodiversity Young people support workers who help to bridge the gap in waiting times of referrals, and a matron supporting our house bound patients.

■ Training Practice

Since becoming training practice, we have supported three GP Trainees, providing additional appointments to our patient population. Thus alongside supporting a returning-to-practice GP after a period of time away.

■ Work experience

We have now given three local students work experience placements in the last twelve months and have a further four during 2025. The aim of our program is to give local students the opportunity to have an insight into the medical profession and support any application onto further education opportunities. We also have attended two career events at Cambourne Village College.

■ Research

We have joined the INDIGO study, which will explore the long term impacts on patients who have had cancer. We are also getting a good response for CANRISK – finding women with a high genetic risk for cancer.

We are wrapping up the TIMES trial (insomnia in those with dementia) and RELIEF (an asthma inhaler trial). We are waiting to hear back from several commercial studies. We have had a research pop-up in the local foodbank to see what we can do to engage underserved populations in our research, to make the findings more relevant to them.

■ COVID Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccines will be offered at the practice during April for eligible adults. The virus changes and protection fades over time so it is important to top up your protection if you are in an eligible group: are aged 75 or over OR 6 months - to 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment OR live in a care home for older adults.

■ Practice Development

We are very appreciative to have the monthly practice closures and over the last three months have received invaluable learning opportunities as a result.

“As the population expands, we will keep track of numbers and staff ratios to ensure we have adequate health care and administrative provision”



Hannah Crisford,
Practice Manager

■ Practice Improvements

We have been engaged in a program that focuses on our practice needs; managing demand, improving patient experience of access, developing the team and job satisfaction. Throughout this program we have engaged with both staff, patients and gathered data that support us to make informed improvements throughout our patient journey. We take this opportunity to share a couple with you:

- In the hope to spread our demand across the day and not have a rush at 8am we have implemented access during 8am and 4pm to all appointment, prescription, referral, result and general administrative enquires to come through our online portal. We run a duty doctor triage system and your medical need will continue to be assessed throughout the day and within our capacity, therefore preventing you having to hang on the telephone lines in a queue. In addition to this we have been promoting use of the NHS app, where you can view your medical record and see your test results, letters and consultations. By using these methods, we free up the reception and the telephone lines for those patients who are unable.

- Coupled with this, we have implemented within our SMS appointment reminders the ability for our patients to cancel their appointments if they can no longer attend. This in turn reduces the number of unattended appointments and gives others the ability to book appointments throughout the week as they become available using NHS app or online booking.



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■ CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Wishing you a happy Easter

Easter is much later than usual this year. Unlike Christmas, Easter always falls on a Sunday, which is one of the reasons the date changes. However, there is more to it than that. The date is calculated using the phases of the moon and the date of the spring equinox as key reference points. Like many other religious observances, such as Ramadan, it is based on a lunar calendar.

Christianity traces its roots back into Jewish faith and history and that the date of Easter and the date of the Jewish Passover are connected. The Passover remembers God keeping ancient promises. It remembers God's faithfulness in miraculously freeing a group of slaves, who grew to become a nation. And it remembers sacrificial lambs dying in

place of the people. These are all themes which Christians see as pointing to Jesus. At Easter we think of God keeping his promises. We think of him bringing us freedom. And we think of Jesus dying in our place.

So the variable date of Easter is sometimes inconvenient. School holidays change around it. But it does remind us of deep connections to our forebears, and that Easter is not entirely ours to mould into our image and for our own convenience.

So in this April edition of *Cambourne Crier*, I wish you a happy Easter for much later in the month. Enjoy the chocolate, but perhaps also pause to reflect on faithfulness, freedom, and forgiveness through a man who was willing to die for us.

Revd Bill Miller

SERVICES IN APRIL 2025

- Sunday 6th, 10am:
 - *Sunday One All Age Communion Service*
 - Sunday 13th, 10am:
 - *All Age Palm Sunday Service*
 - Thursday 17th, 8.00pm
 - *Maundy Thursday Communion Service*
 - Friday 18th, 10am
 - *Walking with the Cross from Crow Hill*
 - 10.30am:
 - *Good Friday All Age Reflective Service*
 - Sunday 20th, 8am:
 - *Early Easter Gathering on Crow Hill*
 - 10am:
 - *All-Age Easter Communion Service*
 - Sunday 27th:
 - 9.30am - *Worship Service*
 - 11.00am - *Worship Service**
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Pastoral thoughts: understanding our goals

As we prepare for things to come we must understand our goals. So often people get so busy about things and what to do, they forget why those things are done. They focus on getting answers without properly understanding the question. We prepare for outreach to addicts with a new program 12 weeks to freedom. But why? We are told to preach the Gospel to every creature to reach out to all. And personally I wish people suffering from the shackles of addiction would find the same freedom I found back in 1992 when as an alcoholic someone invited me to church and I heard the Gospel and came to the Saviour repentant and He removed the need for the bottle. I was fulfilled and whole. Now it is never completely without difficulty and over the

years problems came and went but the power alcohol held over me was gone. Now we are not experts but we can teach and we can listen. And hopefully we can learn together. It starts on 2nd April and will run through into July.

We are also preparing for Resurrection Sunday or Easter. Commemorating the death burial and resurrection of Christ. He came that we might be saved, to pay the price for sin for whosoever would come unto Him. It is not about special ceremonies or new clothing or bunnies. An empty cross and an empty tomb but a fulfilled prophecy. I hope you can make it out sometime. Maybe to the main services on Sunday morning or you or someone close to you might need help with addiction. We will do what we can.



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Raising funds for charity

During our Lenten period of preparation for Easter, it is important for us to raise funds for charities such as Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD).



In mid-March a cake sale was held after our Masses, with well over £300 raised for CAFOD towards sustainable development enabling people to flourish and use their gifts fruitfully.

Our community is keen to promote our Wednesday Welcome Group; meeting in Cafe19 at Cambourne Church from 11:00 for a chat and hot drink before Mass at 12:30 - all are welcome including parents/carers, babies, and children. Finally, we are delighted to publicise our Easter Week service dates and times: Maundy Thursday (17th Apr) 18:00, Good Friday (18th Apr) 18:00, Easter Saturday (19th Apr) Swieconka 14:00 Mass 18:00, Easter Day (20th Apr) 17:00, all in Cambourne Church.

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CCGC turns 10!

Ten years ago this year the Cambourne Community Gospel Choir was formed by Steve Gaze and Andy Clarke. The choir has gone from strength to strength and there will be several events this summer to mark our birthday. One of these will be a celebration to which we hope to invite anyone who have ever been a part of the choir.

Have you or a family member sung (or played an instrument) with us? If so, please get in touch with us at cambournegospelchoir@gmail.com or message us via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CambourneCommunityGospelChoir.

If you know someone who has since moved away from Cambourne who has been a part of the choir, please share this with them as we'd like to invite them too.

There will be other events in the summer term to which everyone is invited. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or later issues of *Cambourne Crier* for more information.



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The Vine gets scooting & skating

The Vine Inter-Primary School took advantage of the early spring weather and held their first sponsored scoot and skate event. Reception through to Year 6 were challenged to complete laps of the playground either on their scooter or on roller skates. Several kids tried to exceed the number of suggested laps which is credit to their determination and tenacity. It was so lovely seeing so many of them whizzing round and round, not to mention the increase in pupils scooting to school!

Our aim was to raise money for new playground equipment, including scooters and ramps whilst also entering "The Bishop's Lent Challenge."

For this year where schools are invited to "support pupils to see the good things in life, to stop and take notice of the people around them..." We definitely took notice of the people around us during our skating and scooting so that we didn't crash into each other! Lots of children commented how much they loved scooting and skating, too.



"I had never skated before. I was proud of myself for trying it. I will go home and practice more, too, now, because I know I can do it!" "That was the best thing we've done to raise money!"

Together we managed to cover a mind-blowing 3,725 laps of the playground and raised a staggering amount of £2500!



Read the rainbow!

Jeavons Wood Primary celebrated World Book on 6th March with the launch of 'Read the Rainbow!' Our school community dressed up as their favourite book character or came in colourful rainbow clothes.

Each class aimed to read a wide range of books covering different genres, settings, characters and eras; with each colour of the rainbow representing a different type of book. We intend to share our readings and discover new worlds to lose ourselves in!

In addition to our exciting launch, Reception and pre-school had a wonderful treat with a visit from author and illustrator Carolina Rabei. She read one of her books 'Crunch' and then showed our Reception children how to draw the main character, Crunch the guinea pig! Carolina was very impressed by the detail the kids put in and the care they took. There may be some future illustrators in Bumblebees and Dragonflies!

Pre-school loved listening to the story especially the happy ending for Crunch and his friend Cheddar the Mouse. Carolina played a game called 'What would Crunch eat?' and we found

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out that guinea pigs eat all kinds of fruit and vegetables but definitely not ice cream! The pupils then had a chance to colour some pictures of Crunch and were excited to use their imaginations to make colourful guinea pigs and even add their own ideas for meals to the pictures.

Thank you Carolina for visiting and making our World Book Day so special!

Mike Mullin - “growth mindset on wheels”!

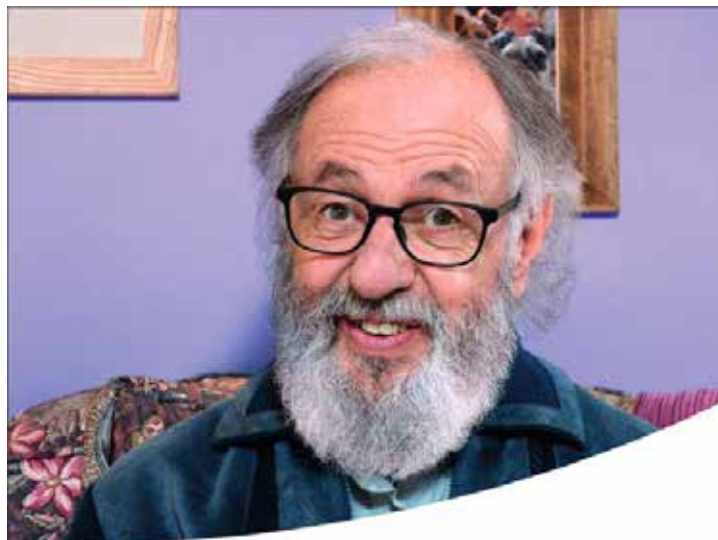


Monkfield Park Primary knows the importance of physical exercise in keeping fit and healthy, so was delighted to welcome Mike Mullin from the BMX Academy a few weeks ago.

A World Master Champion, six times winner of the BMX Half-Pipe championship, Mike believes that the power of sport can motivate young people in a very positive way, both physically and mentally. Describing himself as ‘growth mindset on wheels’ Mike gave an inspirational session where he thrilled us all with some amazing tricks and stunts, culminating in a very daring jump over Mrs Howell.

Most of all he got us all thinking about those times when we say, ‘I can’t do that’ and encouraged the children to think about how we learn from failure. Through sheer hard work and determination we can do anything we set our minds to.

Following on from this assembly Mike ran some BMX workshops for our Year 6 children who, showing that resilience is very much a part of the learning mindset at Monkfield Park, managed to achieve some breathtaking feats on their bikes. Mike received rave reviews from the kids and top marks from Mrs Howell for not being squashed.





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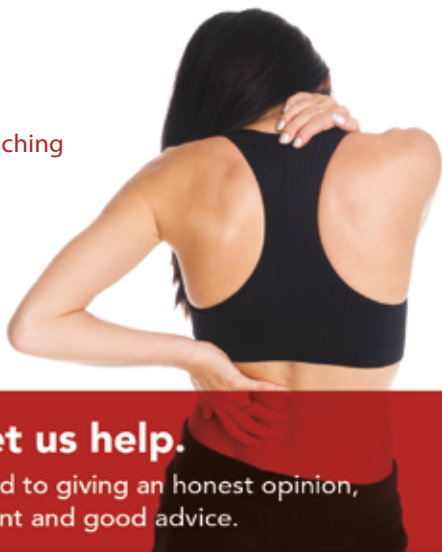
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Cromwell Veterinary Group: 01954

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

hopecic.uk@gmail.com

www.hopeagainstst.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

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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

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Tae Kwon Do:

stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS):

07929 100 612

www.karateschools.co.uk

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club:

cambschargers@gmail.com

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/

Current at: February 2025. To add a listing or update information email: delivery@cambournecrier.org

Tiger on Demand

Since the launch of the Tiger on Demand service in recent months, residents now have greater access to flexible, affordable transport as the service expands to Fenland and East and South Cambs. This includes multiple stops in Ely and the surrounding villages.

Tiger on Demand is a demand-responsive transport (DRT) service designed to connect rural communities with vital amenities, public transport links and neighbouring towns.

■ **Areas Covered**

West Huntingdonshire: Including St Neots, Cambourne, Huntingdon and surrounding villages.

Fenland: Including towns such as March and nearby villages.

East Cambridgeshire: Covering areas like Ely, Littleport and surrounding villages.

South Cambridgeshire: Serving communities including Cambourne, Longstowe and Papworth Everard.

■ **Key Features**

Virtual Bus Stops: Passengers can book journeys between designated virtual stops, improving coverage while avoiding overlap with fixed routes.

Flexible Booking Options: Residents can book via the Tiger on Demand app or call the customer service line at 01480 595



440 (available Monday to Saturday, 6am to 7:30pm), or online at www.tigerondemand.co.uk

■ **Operating Hours**

The service runs Monday to Saturday from 6:30am to 7pm.

■ **How to Access Tiger on Demand**

You can book your journeys easily through the Tiger on Demand app, available to download now on the Play Store and App Store. For those without access to a smartphone, the dedicated call centre is on hand to assist with bookings and information.

■ *For more information about Tiger on Demand, including fares, virtual stops and service updates, please visit <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/buses/tiger-on-demand>*

Tiger On Demand

Save hello to your new flexible transport service

Tiger On Demand is designed to help you to travel to your routine destinations, such as shopping, work, or leisure, on a virtual bus which can be booked online or by phone. The service is available Monday to Saturday from 6:30am to 7pm.

Available to download on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. For those without access to a smartphone, the dedicated call centre is on hand to assist with bookings and information.

Book Your Journey Now!

Scan the QR code to download the Tiger On Demand app on the Play Store or App Store.

Alternatively you can visit www.tigerondemand.co.uk or call 01480 595 440 and make your booking over the phone. The call centre is open Monday to Saturday from 06:00am – 7:30pm.

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C3 Church: launching near you

We're excited to share some big news — The C3 Church is launching a new multi-site location in Cambourne, called Cambridge West. Our heart is to be a church that brings hope, life, and relationship to this growing community and its surrounding area, and we can't wait to get to know you.

At C3, our vision is simple: reaching and shaping a generation with the message and cause of Christ. We believe church should be a place where everyone is welcome - whether you've been part of a church before or you're just curious to explore faith. We're passionate about creating a space where you and your family can

belong, be encouraged, and grow in faith. To kick things off, we're inviting you to join us for two special Easter events:

Easter Fun Day – Wednesday 17th April, 12 - 2pm
A fantastic day for families, packed with fun activities, games, and an Easter egg hunt! We'll share the exact location soon on social media so follow us for more updates.

Easter Service – Friday 19th April, 5:30pm at the Coates Theatre.
A celebration service where we'll remember the hope of Easter through worship, prayer, and an inspiring Easter message. There will be exciting

activities for kids at this event so bring the whole family along!

This is just the beginning! Over the coming months, we'll be gathering, serving, and getting to know the Cambourne community. Whether you're looking for a fresh start, a place to explore faith, or a vibrant community to be part of, we'd love to meet you. Follow us for updates, and we'll see you soon!

If you would like to know more about our Easter events head to love.thec3.uk.

If you would like to know more about The C3 Church in general head to thec3.uk for more info.

The Holi Colour Festival

CamCareUK hosted Cambourne's 10th Annual Holi Festival of Colours on Saturday 15th March 2025 at the Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. Since 2016, this outdoor Holi Colour Festival has become Cambridgeshire's largest open-air Holi Colour Festival. The event was free to all and more than 700 residents of Cambourne and surrounding places celebrated this festival with vibrant colours, music, food, and entertainment. *Please get in touch with Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya to take part in this event at shrobona@gmail.com*



Photographs by Joanna Patterson-Cross



Community Minibus helps out around town

CamCareUK's Cambourne Community Minibus continues to serve the local community, often stepping in where the regular community minibus remains underutilised.

It supports a wide range of local groups including Cambourne Netball Groups, Social Prescription Groups, Tea and Craft Groups, the Cambridge Refugee

Resettlement Campaign, CanSAT student groups, FIRST LEGO Robotics teams, and other small community initiatives.

If you would like to include an elderly parent or relative in a nearby group trip (such as to a local café or nursery), or if you're part of a small community group in need of transport, please contact shrobona@gmail.com



Watching the neighborhood

Could you start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your road and possibly adjoining roads? The Benefits of having a scheme where you live, include:

1. Looking out for neighbours, especially when they are away on holiday etc. Also identifying vulnerable neighbours.
2. Be neighbourly, looking out for mail/fliers protruding from front doors which is a give away for burglars.
3. Putting neighbours' bins back in the proper place if they are away for any length of time, - another give away to would-be burglars if left out for longer than normal.

4. Having NWS signs fixed to Lampposts as in picture. (Criminals will think twice if the signs are prominent).
5. Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is recognised by some Insurance Companies and premiums can sometimes be reduced.

Each road/area requires a Coordinator to work properly. To the right is the contact name and email address for Cambridgeshire NWS, who will guide Coordinators along and answer any questions.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

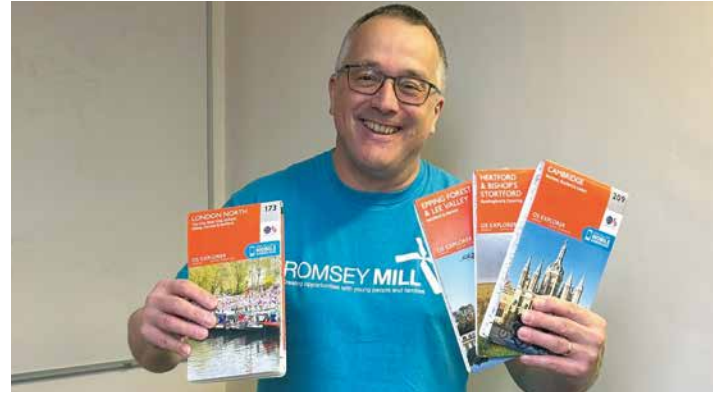


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS EFFECTIVE AT REDUCING CRIME

WOULDN'T THAT BE GREAT FOR YOUR STREET?

Would you like your neighbourhood to be more secure and more friendly?
If so; contact Kevin Evans
01353 614892
or_email_echnwa@hotmail.com

Romsey Mill's Neil Thompson to celebrate 60th birthday with 60 mile walk



This April, Cambourne resident Neil Thompson is taking on a personal fundraising challenge to complete a continuous walk from London to Cambridge on his 60th birthday.

Neil is the Fundraising Manager for Romsey Mill, and he has decided to mark his birthday by walking from Hammersmith in London, where he was born, to Romsey Mill Centre in Cambridge - a distance of 60 miles!

The two-day challenge, which includes walking 20 miles through the night, will end on Tuesday 15th April, when Neil turns 60. Romsey Mill is a local charity that creates opportunities with young people, children and families in Cambridge, South Cambs and areas of Peterborough.

Neil says: "For much my time with Romsey Mill, I have been creating opportunities for others to raise funds for Romsey Mill by undertaking physical challenges, so I thought that my 60th

birthday provided the ideal opportunity to do something myself. When I visited the place where I was born last year and found out that it was 60 miles from there to Romsey Mill the germ of an idea was planted, and I began to plot a route."

During the challenge, Neil is walking with various family members and friends.

Neil says: "In my time with Romsey Mill, I have seen, at close hand, the importance of 'being with' those who are facing adversity and dealing with disadvantage, as they overcome challenge in their lives. I often say that I work with amazing people who are with amazing people. The young people, children and families that our youth and family workers are with are inspiring. They show resilience, character and preservation to overcome challenge. I am really excited to be taking on this particular challenge. I will welcome every offer of support and encouragement, whether that is through sponsorship or



donations, well-wishing, or walking alongside me for one or more of the 60 miles between London and Cambridge."

■ To support Neil in his "60 4 60" walking challenge go to: www.justgiving.com/page/neil-thompson-60460

Racing with a sweet tooth

For the past five years, Cambourne Town has joyfully hosted its annual Pancake Race in the week leading up to Shrove Tuesday – also known as Pancake Day – to mark the beginning of Lent. This community event celebrates the fun tradition of pancake making, flipping, and running with a pan in hand!

Organised by CamCareUK, Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, shared, "The residents enjoy making and eating pancakes with different toppings and

joining in the event. We keep this event free of charge so everyone can enjoy pancakes. Adults are also encouraged to join the egg and spoon race, which creates a lot of fun and laughter."

From children excitedly flipping pancakes mid-race to families enjoying sweet and savoury toppings, the day is filled with energy and community spirit. Cambourne's Pancake Race is quickly becoming a beloved annual tradition that brings warmth to even the chilliest March.



Ramadan: A month of reflection and renewal

Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, is a time of profound spiritual significance. This year the start of Ramadan coincided with the first day of Spring (1st March) and was a glorious sunny day in Cambourne.

Islamic calendar (also known as Hijri calendar) follows a lunar cycle and thus the start of Ramadan shifts by around eleven days every year on the Gregorian calendar. We are currently in year 1446 AH marking the 1446th year since the Hijrah (migration) of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companion from the city of Makkah to the city of Madinah. This migration was made to escape the persecution at the hands of Pagans of Makkah and marks a pivotal moment in the Islamic history.

Ramadan is the month of fasting. The act of fasting promotes self-purification and deepens one's connection with God. The



fast (called Sawm in Arabic) involves abstaining from food and drink from dawn to sunset. However, fasting is much more than physical restraint. It is a period of heightened God-consciousness, abstention from all wrong-doing, cultivation of self-discipline, expression of gratitude and increasing the empathy for those less fortunate.

Fasting starts at dawn and the pre-dawn meal (called Suhoor) is recommended by the Prophet (peace be upon him). This is followed by the morning prayer. The fast is broken at sunset with the evening meal called Iftaar. Suhoor and Iftaar bring families and communities together. Iftaar gatherings are a common sight in Cambourne and Cambourne Crescent (the local Muslim charity) organises multiple community events.

Ramadan is sacred because it is the month of Quran (the holy scripture of



Islam). Muslims dedicate and increased amount of time to Quranic recitation and reflection and the last 10 days hold particular significance, especially the odd nights. Quran was first revealed during one of these nights and so the Muslims observe night prayers.

The conclusion of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest festival in Islamic calendar. This is a joyful occasion is marked by wearing one's best clothes, offering special communal prayer in the morning, sharing meals, exchanging gifts and thus fostering unity and inclusivity.

Anyone for croquet?

Did you know that you can play Croquet in Great Gransden? Croquet is a fun and competitive game that can be played at any age. The world champion is only 18! The game can be competitive or simply played in friendly pairs. Croquet combines elements of chess (thinking ahead), golf (judging short and long distance shots) and snooker (judging angles).

If you have played garden croquet, you will be delighted to discover how smoothly and straight the balls roll on a 'proper' green! We play from April to October on the picturesque lawn behind the Reading Room in Fox Street. We welcome beginners, experienced players and families. We have a fully equipped Club House which we share with our long standing Bowls Club. All equipment is provided, you just need a pair of flat sole shoes to protect the green.

We hold regular social events, coaching and competitions. You can choose a friendly croquet game or a competitive one.

This year, there will be two ladder competitions. A handicapping system will ensure that all players have a chance of winning. Or, members can simply come along to our roll-up sessions which take place twice a week.



It is good way to make new friends or bring family and guests to play for fun.

Our Open Day is on Saturday 3rd May. Come along to give it a try and to find out more about Membership. Or just get in touch with Chris Collier on colliers52@gmail.com.



Increased ram-raid protection for ATMs

The first heavy-duty planters - designed to better protect some of South Cambridgeshire's cash machines from ram-raids - have been installed. The idea is to install planters in front of ATMs considered vulnerable to try and deter the destructive robberies.

District Councillors, representatives of Cambourne Town Council and Co-op staff met outside Cambourne's School Lane Co-op on Thursday 20 March to see firsthand the four new planters – which have been filled with flowers by the Town Council. The scheme has been organised on the ground by the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership and Cambourne Town Council are caring for the new plants, as part of their Cambourne greening projects.

Following an increase in ram-raids with vehicles, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet last year agreed to allocate funding to better protect some ATMs. The funding came from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which is administered locally by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Other ATM sites in South Cambridgeshire will benefit from similar protection soon.

Many cash machines that are attacked get lifted out by a telehandler – a heavy-duty forklift, widely used in farming – after a building is rammed by a vehicle. A heavy-duty planter will at least delay, if not prevent, damage and theft.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Henry Batchelor, explained: "Cash machines are lifelines for communities, providing convenient access to money. When they are ram-raided, it not only disrupts this essential service but also causes significant financial loss and distress to local businesses and residents. It also puts the viability of precious ATMs at risk,



and can cause enormous damage to buildings. Protecting these machines plays an important role in maintaining the stability and security of neighbourhoods."

Cllr Helene Leeming, District Cllr for Cambourne and Representative on the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership, commented: "These planters are both attractive and practical. I am looking forward to seeing planters like this in more locations."

Cambourne Town Cllr Fran Panrucker said: "We're pleased to be working on this joint initiative – it's another great example of partnership working. A lot of people simply cannot travel a long way to get cash out – so this sort of local access is hugely important. Cambourne Town Council has agreed to maintain the planters to keep the flowers looking nice throughout the year."

Senior Operations Manager at the Co-op, Joel Mattless, added: "Thank you to all the partners who are working with us on this scheme. Ram-raids are a problem for us in Cambridgeshire – but we want to keep providing ATM services for our communities so they can continue accessing their cash for free. This scheme gives us the confidence to continue having ATMs in our stores."

There are ways that residents can help police anticipate and stop ATM cash machines being ram-raided. You can:

- Install trackers on high-performance cars and heavy vehicles, such as Transits and flat beds, which could be used in a ram-raid.
- Raise concerns if anything doesn't feel quite right, such as plant vehicles

travelling during the hours of darkness, or that are not usually in the area or appear to have been left parked for a few days.

■ Consider installing video doorbells or CCTV on your home, which could capture something vital.

■ Report anything suspicious, including anyone taking photos or attaching 'out of order' signs to ATM machines.

If you have any information or concerns, report to Police online or call 101, quoting Op ATMosphere. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Detective Chief Inspector Chris O'Brien, from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, commented: "Putting these planters in place, and working with our partners to deter ram-raids and protect our communities, is incredibly positive. Ram-raids on ATMs cause devastation and misery so this initiative showcases our commitment to tackling serious and organised crime in Cambridgeshire."



Big trip down the Orange River

Do you want to support me in making a difference in the Design and Technology department at the village college?

As the DT Technician at Cambourne Village College, I'm taking on a challenge to raise money for machinery from the Sustainable Design Studio. If you'd like to know more please visit:

www.sustainabledesign.studio. We'd like to start with the filament maker for 3D printing.

I will be rowing down the Orange River, wild camping along the way, for about

65km. Yes, my canoe will be my home for the 4-day, 4-night trip from Saturday 12th April until Wednesday 16 April 2025.

The trip starts at the Amanzi base camp in Noordoewer, Namibia. If you're curious for more information about the trip, please have a look at this link:

www.amanzitrails.co.za

No matter what the amount, if you would like to sponsor me, you can do so on this page: <https://gofund.me/e4803d12>.

Thank you so much for raising some well-needed funds!



Sending up satellites

The CanSAT 2025 project by the European Space Agency (ESA) is an exciting educational initiative that challenges secondary school students across Europe to build and launch a mini satellite the size of a soda can. Aimed at promoting STEM education, the project provides students with hands-on experience in designing, testing, and deploying their own satellite systems.

Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) trained two enthusiastic teams from Cambourne who participated in the satellite launching competition held at Westcott on 6th March. The students experienced the thrill of real-time satellite launches and thoroughly enjoyed the process of building their own CanSATS. Please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com for any CERC Course to join.



Looking for a fun, exciting, and engaging activity for your little one?

1st Cambourne Squirrels Scouts is the perfect place for children aged 4 to 6 to make new friends, learn new skills, and explore the world around them! Squirrels meet every Saturday morning 9-10 during term time.

Don't miss out on the fun
< scan here to register
www.scouts.org.uk/squirrels

Cambourne & District u3a

Monthly meetings:
 Third Friday of the month
 10.30 at The Hub, Cambourne CB23 6GW
 Speakers, coffee and chat
<https://cambourne.u3asite.uk>

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

from 10.30 to 12 noon

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 Theatre · Walking · WWII

Come and reimagine your retirement!
 Our Open Day will provide you with an opportunity to meet - and see the work of - the Committee (we always need new recruits!), and to explore the current Groups and Activities available.
 Everyone welcome!

Raising funds for festive lights

Light Up Cambourne's first fundraiser of the year, an evening of Bingo at the Hub was a great success, with a sellout crowd dotting and dabbing their way through a fun-filled event.

Thanks as always to those who support us by attending our events, Neil and Marie who travel from Norwich to call the numbers, our committee members and helpers who serve refreshments and set up and pack away before and after the event. Raffle prizes included vouchers and donations from Ironing Relief, The Monkfield Arms, K crafts & more and Cambourne Morrisons, all donations from local businesses and individuals are really appreciated.

During the evening the LUC treasurer was able to announce that an application made to the 'Improving Your High Street Grant Scheme' has been successful and the sum of £20,000 approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council. LUC are very grateful for SCDC's support during the application process and for their approval of our application.

This grant will allow us to provide more lights this coming Christmas time, an order for which has already been placed as well as a request for a quotation for the additional power supplies and sockets needed.

This grant is a major step forward, but we still need to keep raising funds for further festive lights in parts of Cambourne that haven't had the LUC treatment yet!! on the lamp posts where these lights will be installed.

Our next fundraiser will be a quiz night at the Hub on the 26th of April, tickets are now on sale priced at £6 per person or £12 per person with food. We are offering a choice of burgers, either beef or vegetarian and potato wedges.

Also now on sale are tickets for our next Bingo evening to be held on 6th June, again at the Hub. As noted above we sold out tickets for the last Bingo night so please reserve yours as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. It's strictly first come first served. Although we have had to increase the cost of tickets to our Bingo events for the first time in several years by a pound to cover the increasing costs of pretty much everything these days, we have kept the increase to a minimum and think that it still represents great value for money for a good night out.

For tickets to all our events please contact us by emailing lightupcambourne@gmail.com When paying please consider paying by cash as it helps us to keep costs down by avoiding LUC being charged transaction fees when taking payments by card. We are happy to come to you in Cambourne or the surrounding area to collect payment and issue receipts. Of course, if card payment works best for you, we will be pleased to take payment that way.

LUC will be attending the Cambourne Community Fete in September, which is being arranged by the Town Council, by way of a tombola stall, so if you are having a clear out and come across any items that you think would be suitable and would like to donate them please use our email to get in touch.



Light Up Cambourne
Volunteering in Town

QUIZ NIGHT

Rock 'n' Roll Bingo

BAR inc drinks and snacks

Saturday 26th April
The Hub, Cambourne, 7:30 (doors open at 6:45)

Tickets £6 per person (max teams of 6) with the option to preorder a Beef Burger or Veggie Burger & Potato Wedges for an additional £6 per head.

Email lightupcambourne@gmail.com to book/preorder your food!

Cubs Do it Themselves

1st Cambourne Cubs have been very busy recently. We had a visit from Police Community Support Officer John Coppard who talked to us about keeping ourselves and our homes safe - and let us take a look at his police car.

In recognition of Shrove Tuesday we cooked pancakes on tin cans - it took a while, but we all got to eat one in the end!

Some of us also took part in the Cubs District Sports Day, winning medals for our performance in the uni-hoc.

Most recently we've been working hard on our DIY badge - learning how to safely use and look after different tools, and not to leave them lying around where someone might trip over them! We also had a visit from John, Tung and Chris from Cambourne Shed, who helped us build Bug

Hotels. We had a great time putting them together and stuffing them full of bamboo, bark and bits of wood to keep bugs happy. They will be sold during Cambourne Open Gardens weekend to raise money for the Wildlife Trust - so be sure to buy one!

Many thanks to Cambourne Shed and John Coppard for visiting us!



Cambourne Hustings - a chance to speak to candidates

We have an election in Cambourne, well in fact we have two. One is for the mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. There will be many areas voting for that and you can do some research on who is running for that and decide if they deserve your vote. The other election is for Cambourne specifically. The date of the election is 1st May and sadly the list of candidates does not come out until after

Cambourne Crier goes to press.

Therefore we do not know all of them yet nor can we lock down a date for the hustings as of printing. Probably mid April or later. As soon as we know we will post the information online through social media and pop up a sign at the Hub. The town council has also said they will let people know as well. This should be a chance to ask the local candidates



for Cambourne what they can do for us. I know a lot of political types like to focus on national or international issues. Although realistically a small town even as prominent as Cambourne is, would have no effect on international things. We need to be sure of what they will do here. A hustings is a chance to ask local questions to these people. It is a quick way to see if they even know or care what is important to the residents here.

The plan is to hold the hustings at the Hub once we get clearance from the council. It will be hosted like last time by a neutral group - in this case it will be Peacehaven Baptist Church. We hosted the last one and it went well. We also plan to video the event and upload it afterwards so many others can see it. The last one got hundreds of views. If you search for @donavanbangs on youtube you should be able to find it. Hopefully we can improve the sound a bit this time.

If you have a question but won't be able to make it out that night you can email the church Peacehavenbc@aol.com with the subject questions for hustings 2025 and we will try to read out suitable local questions. It is also a chance to see if they actually listen and answer the question that was asked. If you have questions or just want to help set up chairs on the day let us know.

Donavan Bangs

Still time to enter Cambourne 10k & fun run

Entries are still open for the Cambridge Cambourne 10k & Fun Run, taking place at Cambourne Business Park on Sunday 13th April 2025. Organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club (C&C), in partnership with Active Training World (ATW), the Cambridge Cambourne 10k is a multi-terrain course which appeals to runners looking to take on the 10k distance. Its sister event, taking place on the same day, the Cambridge Cambourne Fun Run - approximately 1 mile (1.6km) - is ideal for younger runners

or those not ready for the longer distance.

The event, which has been running since 2009, takes place mostly on the trails around Cambourne and is open to runners aged 15 years+ for the 10k, and from 5 years (with accompanying adult) for the Fun Run. The 10k is chip-timed, with medals for all finishers and prizes for the fastest runners. There will be water stations at 5k and at the finish.

Nathan Graves, the event lead at C&C, says: "The Cambridge Cambourne 10k is a fantastic, friendly event which welcomes able-bodied runners of all

abilities. We hope this year's event will be bigger and better than ever, raising vital funds for local athletics and other charities vital to the local area."

For more information and to enter, please visit: www.atwevents.co.uk/e/cambourne-cambourne-10k-and-fun-run-8935

Cambridge and Coleridge Athletic Club welcomes members of all ages from 10 upwards. Members enjoy taking part in track and field athletics and running at whatever level suits their ambitions and abilities.

Cambourne Runners on tour in South Cambs

Cambourne Runners have decided to add a bit of variety to their routes and venture out of Cambourne. At the end of each month we now go to different locations, running from villages and towns surrounding Cambourne.

In January we travelled to Linton and had a wonderful scenic run around the fields and wooded areas. In February, it was Hardwick, running out to Hardwick Wood and into Toft. We finished at Pippins Coffee & Company at the school in Hardwick. A volunteer-run café, operated by local churches and Hardwick Community Association, Pippins opens on the first Saturday of the month from 10am and is well worth a visit.

For our next run we are meeting at Papworth.

On Saturday 15th March we had the

exciting news that our new club shirt had arrived. It looks very smart so watch out for us around Cambourne.

If you would like to join us, we run on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, please email cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com.

One of our leaders will be happy to meet you for your first run. If you would like to run a mile, 5km or 10km just let us know.

You can find more information on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569571412669



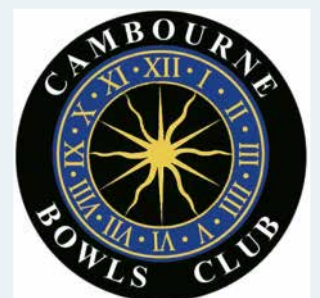
Rocking and bowling at the Bowls Club!

Cambourne Bowls Club: The new bowling season will soon be on us, at the time of writing we do not have the exact start dates but we will be bowling Mondays and Thursdays from 5.30 to 7pm from mid to late April through to September.

If it's your first time, a returner, or a

seasoned player you are more than welcome to come along and join in the friendly roll ups. Please contact cambournebowls@gmail.com

As we start the season a special thanks must go to the town council and the maintenance teams for all their work on getting the green ready and the ongoing upkeep.





Netball Club end the season on a high

Cambourne Netball Club: Our under 16s wrapped up their winter season with a gutsy performance at their end-of-season tournament. While they didn't bring home the trophy this time, they certainly showcased their resilience, teamwork, and determination - making the club incredibly proud!

U16 Coach VJ was full of praise for the squad: "I couldn't be prouder of how far these girls have come since September. Their understanding of court positioning, defensive discipline, and attacking creativity has improved immensely. They've worked their socks off all season!"

"With GCSE exams around the corner, we want to wish them the best of luck, we know they'll rise to the occasion in the exam

hall. While studying takes priority for now, we're firm believers that a bit of netball helps keep that all-important balance."

It's been fantastic to see so many of our stars already making their mark in our senior teams - some even debuting for our 1st team in the County Premier League! What an achievement! With the Summer League just around the corner, we look forward to welcoming even more of you to our Thursday senior training sessions once exams are done and dusted.

A huge thank you to all the incredible parents and supporters who have been taxi drivers, cheerleaders, and all-round superstars throughout the season. Your sideline support has meant the world to the team!

We offer a range of options for seniors including Walking Netball, Back to Netball for beginners, and competitive Netball for experienced players. New players always welcome. For details, please email cambournenetball@googlemail.com

Tennis club thanks Mali



Cambourne Tennis Club: We want to extend our sincere gratitude to Mali Storan, our Treasurer, who, at last month's AGM, stepped down after 10 years on the committee. During her tenure, Mali has been crucial in managing club finances and ensuring the club remains financially stable.

Her financial stewardship has, among other things, helped the club realise the longstanding goal of building our clubhouse. Mali's support has been invaluable to the rest of the tennis committee and leaves the club in a healthy state. We will all miss her as we welcome a new treasurer, Irma Cooper.

Summer Term lessons: With only a few weeks remaining this term we are looking at the Summer Term after Easter. We will resume on Tuesday 22nd April and run until Saturday 20th July, excluding the half term (26th May to 1st June).

Please go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk to secure your place now. Remember places are on a first come, first served basis.

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Final reminder

- Week 1 (7-11th April)
- Week 2 (14-17th April)
- Open to all abilities, 3-16yrs old
- Our camps are slightly longer this year to allow for more learning and matchplay!
- Book per day or a full week and get 10% off!
- Sign up at www.gamesettennis.co.uk

Membership renewals: the new Tennis season has started, and we ask all our members to renew their membership using the link on the website so that their access to the courts is not interrupted.

Please see our website for more information on our activities and how to join: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC