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TOWN COUNCIL

Volunteering Fair

The end of March saw our annual volunteering fair where volunteers were able to find their next opportunity, and organisations could connect and share their work. Whilst the fair may only happen once a year, if you missed out, don't despair! With over two dozen organisations in Cambourne to get involved with, there's something for everyone, whenever you want to start! Pop into the office at any time to find out more information, send us an email, or keep an eye on our socials for more information about some of the organisations looking for help!

■ Community Support Grant

The Town Council has launched a brandnew 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 Councils efforts to support local groups and charities. Please see our website:

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/councilservices/grants/ to find out more about the terms and conditions as well as the application form!

Big Squiggle

Friday 11th April saw yet another Big Squiggle! Taking place at the Soul building, it gave young people the opportunity to get creative, decorating glass jars, making cardboard bunnies, clay animals, and crepe trees amongst others! All materials provided, and parents could go home without worrying about the mess! We hope everyone had fun, but we wouldn't be able to host these events without the amazing team of volunteers that turn up to help. If you would like to get



involved, send us an email – the Big Squiggle will return 31st October!

Repair Café

Cambourne Repair Cafe will return on Saturday, May 17th as part of Cambourne Village College's Eco Festival. Elsewhere in the Cambourne Crier, there is a poster for the event that contains a QR code that you can scan to access the booking form. Otherwise, further details of the event and a link to the booking form can be found at https://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 26th May! (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: clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Cambourne Allotments

The Leisure and Amenities Committee increased the allotment fees by 10% 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. Email: allotments.ch@Cambourne towncouncil.gov.uk to join the list.

Dogs on leads

We would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, 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: Take your litter home, do not light fires. Always keep dogs under control and in sight. Dog poo - bag it and bin it, any public waste bin will do.



Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at the Hub **Community Centre**

- 6th May 2025: Planning Committee Followed by Annual Town Meeting at 7:30pm (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. Followed by Planning Committee.
- 3rd June 2025: Planning Committee Followed by Full Council









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Cambourne Library

While Cambourne Library is closed, we have extended opening at Papworth and Comberton Libraries - please see below.

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.

You can use your library membership to access a huge range of e books, audio books, online comics and newspapers. Why not download an audio book to listen to on a Spring-time walk or jog. Or relax in the shade with your favourite magazine online, all free with your library membership. Details about how to download our apps can be found on our website.

Refurbishment Update

The first week of the closure was extremely busy as colleagues and professional removals packed away books and resources, dismantled shelving and salvaged as much as possible of the fixtures and fittings to go to other libraries or projects locally and around the county. We saved quite a few documents and papers that have gone to Cambridgeshire Collection for archiving, such as, old photos, development plans for the local area and collages made by local school children.

There is still some clearing to do but we were amazed at how spacious the library area was without everything in it!

Summer Reading Challenge

'Story Garden' 2025 - Volunteer Applications Open Would you like to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering Programme this summer?

Are you aged between 12-18?

Please ask at a library for further details or apply on our website.

CLOSING DATE for applications: Saturday 31st May

The Library Presents - new venue.

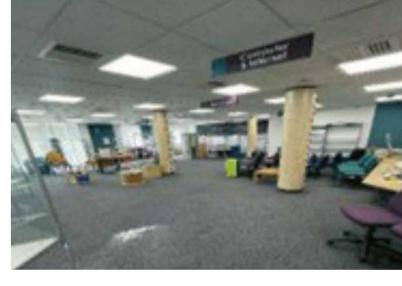
The Daisy Chapman Concert on 3rd May will take place in the Cambourne Church annex. Tickets still available. Please see our website for more details.

Knit, Sew and Natter Group Craft Group

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

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

Please contact cambourne.referal@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. Please see individual library listings for details. Additionally, our Librarians can help with Bus Pass applications and general queries.

Access to IT

Access to library computers and the photocopier/printer in the foyer is still available on a self-service basis.

Rhymetime/Storytime

Thanks to Cambourne Parish Council we will be able to hold rhyme and story time sessions at the Blue Space in Cambourne on Fridays 9.30 to 10am during term time

Comberton Library Events

Rhymetime / Storytime Mondays 10.30-11am; 12 May, 2, 16 &

Knit, Sew and Natter

Mondays 10.30-11.30am; 19 May, 9 & 23 June

Contact Us

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YouTube @CambridgeshireLibraries

Comberton Library

Monday: 10am to 5pm Tuesday: 10am-1pm Wednesday: 10am to 1pm, 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: Closed Friday: 2:30pm to 5.30pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Closed on Bank Holidays

Papworth Library

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm Wednesday: 10am to 1pm Thursday: 2pm to 5pm

Friday: 10am - 5pm) Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sunday: Closed Closed on Bank Holidays

Mobile library

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

CVC Public Library set to open this summer

At Cambourne Village College we're excited to see the newly refurbished Cambourne Public Library open in three months' time.

In the meantime, we want to remind our students that our school library and sixth form library are open. They also have access to eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines through the SORA app.

For students with much younger siblings, friends or relatives, we do stock a number of picture books and we are very happy to lend these to our students to support reading at home with the little ones.

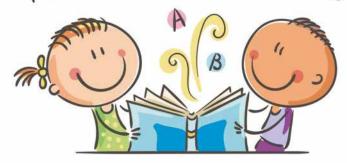
We are also very excited to be able to offer some Storytime Sessions during May and June for local families. If you have a child under 5, please come along to our free sessions. There will be stories, rhymes and lots of fun.

We ask that you meet at Cambourne Village College Reception at 9.45am so that we can help you navigate to our new library.

We will be offering sessions on Friday 2nd May, Friday 16th May, Friday 6th June and Friday 20th June.

The sessions will finish at 10.30am, but families who also have older children at the school are welcome to stay into breaktime (10.40-11am) if they would like the opportunity for siblings to enjoy the space together.

FREE Storytime Sessions



Cambourne Village College Library

Join us for stories, rhymes and play

9.45am - 10.30am

Friday 2nd May Friday 16th May Friday 6th June Friday 20th June

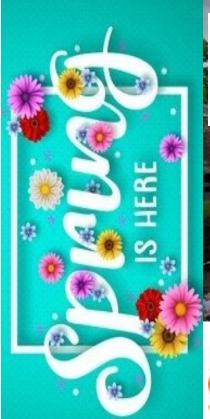
Please come to the Village College Reception

Little ones with siblings at CamVC may meet with them during breaktime 10.40-11am

Please note that whilst there will be access to toilets, there are no changing facilities on site







Join us for RSPB Hope Farm's Open Farm





8th June 2024 10am-4pm

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(donations welcome to assist with running of the day) Scan the QR code to find out more



What you can do for Wildlife in your garden

Here are some of the easiest and most impactful things you can do for wildlife in your garden. For more advice, to buy a plant, sit in a tractor, or chat to a staff member, please visit our Open Gardens at our head-office in Cambourne on Saturday 7th June (part of a wider Cambourne Open Gardens

- **Be more wild** (they're not weeds, they're wildflowers!)
- Cut your lawn less frequently (you can mow a path through, or keep the edges mown to give variety, and show your neighbours it's deliberate)
- Leave areas to do their own thing (maybe put up a "Wild for Nature" sign)

Add water

- · Any amount is good, go for the biggest you can
- · Make sure amphibians and hedgehogs can get in and out
- · The best is a fish-free pond with different depths and native plants
- · The easiest is a dish of water on the ground
- You could consider a bog garden or a mini-pond

Select plants for pollen, nectar, berries and seeds

- When visiting a garden centre, look for flowers that have bees and butterflies on them
- Choose plants that flower at different times in the year (for example, red deadnettle flowers early, honey suckle and teasel flower in the summer, and ivy in the autumn)
- Choose native plants (guelder rose is a shrub with beautiful red leaves and berries in autumn)

Connect your garden

- If you have a gap that is around 13cm high and wide, hedgehogs and amphibians will be able to use this to move between gardens
- There are lots of other things you can do to help, here are a few places to find out more:
- Wild about gardens wildaboutgardens.org.uk
- · Help wildlife at home: wildlifebcn.org/actions
- · There is a series of blogs on our website: wildlifebon.org/blog

May events

(charges apply, booking essential: wildlifebcn.org/events)

- · Little Bugs pre-school sessions: Cambourne, Friday mornings, 9.30-11am
- Not quite dawn chorus: Cambourne, Sunday 4th May 7-9am
- Cambourne Village College Eco Festival: Saturday 17th May 11am - 2pm
- Family bird walk: Trumpington Meadows, Sat 17th May 4.30-
- · Early morning bird walk for adults: Trumpington Meadows, Thursday 15th May, 7.30-8.45am



- Nature and Natter walk and picnic for adults: Trumpington Meadows, Wednesday 21st May, 6.30-8.30pm
- Drop-in and chat with staff: Cambourne, Sat 24th May, 10-3 (no booking needed)
- Half term family walk and pond dip: Cambourne, Wed 28th May, and Trumpington Meadows Thurs 29th May, 10-12ish

Further information

- www.wildlifebcn.org
- cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org @wildlifebcn

■ 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



Scouts and Beavers get out on the trails

As the spring weather improved, our Beavers and Scouts have been out and about on hikes.

The Beavers followed a trail around Great Cambourne set by the Easter Bunny to help with counting practice. The Beavers did a great job following the route map and spotting the clues as well as enjoying the sunny evening together. The Scouts had a planning evening, plotting routes from three Cambridgeshire villages back to the Blue Space using Ordnance Survey maps and route cards. Then a week later, we met on a Saturday afternoon for them to do the 10km hikes in small groups using map reading skills and good teamwork.

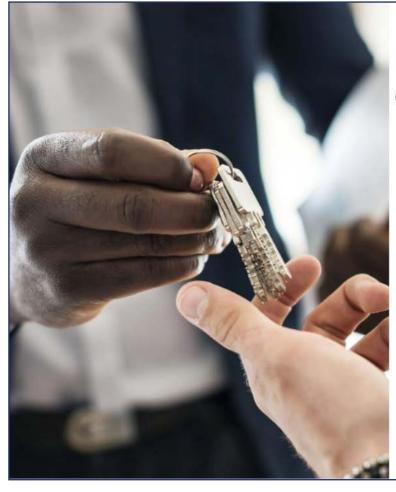
It was a really good afternoon and has whetted the appetite for future hikes and further development of navigation skills.

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











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NHS England and ICB Cuts

I recently questioned Health Secretary Wes Streeting about the potential impact of his demand for 50% staffing cuts to integrated care boards (ICBs) - including our own Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB. Sadly, his response avoided addressing the challenges of healthcare planning in our rapidly growing communities.

Cuts to the ICB threaten the timely delivery of essential new and expanded primary care services in places like Cambourne, where I know that residents are already struggling to access services. A region of such sharp population growth needs planning for the future of our healthcare and cutting bureaucracy with no long-term vision for new communities simply isn't good enough.

Over the past few weeks, I have received many concerned emails about the Government's plans to cut Personal Independence Payments (PIP). In light of this, I recently hosted an emergency forum bringing together local charities and organisations to discuss how we can support disabled people and their carers if these cuts go ahead. It is clear that these cuts are going to have a huge impact on their services and on the residents they are helping. Using the testimony from this meeting, I will be challenging the Government at every opportunity and pressing them to make urgent changes to the proposals to ensure disabled people get the support they need.



IAN SOLLOM MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridashire ian.sollom.mp @parliament.uk



HELENE LEEMING District Councillor Cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

New Tiger Bus Service for West Cambourne

West Cambourne is now part of the Tiger Bus network and has its first active bus stop. With the Tiger bus service, you can book a journey to and from anywhere within the Tiger travel zones using any of the virtual bus stops.

At a recent Cambourne Community Partnership Meeting, I raised the need for West Cambourne to be added to the Tiger Bus network. The Cambourne Community Support Partnership is a group of people from many organisations in the town working together, to make Cambourne a better place for residents, keeping people safe, solving problems and building our community together.

Once this issue was raised, the County Council worked with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority along with the Town Council to create a new virtual bus stop in West Cambourne. It is located on Cavell Way at one of the bus shelters which is installed but not yet operational. It is shown on the interactive map on www.tigerondemand.co.uk

There is also a Tiger App which can be downloaded for easier booking. We will continue to campaign for the main spine road through West Cambourne to be opened up soon for full connectivity for the newest part of our town.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This year, Mental Health Awareness week runs from 12th-18th May. Our mental health is impacted by and affects every part of our lives. In many ways, people have a better understanding of the importance of supporting each other's mental wellbeing than used to be the case. However, there can unfortunately still be stigma, discrimination and a lack of understanding around mental health. This can mean people may not want to open up about their situation or receive the support they need

We can all improve our awareness of mental health challenges and talk about mental health with those around us.

The websites below have a lot of information about different mental health conditions, to help us better understand our own and other people's experiences.

Sometimes people feel worried about what to say, so Mind have developed a free online course called 'Conversations in the

The course is designed to build our confidence in talking about mental health with our friends and family. It is a course that anyone can do at their own pace to help awareness and help in supporting one another.

Reference/ for further information: www.mind.org.uk www.rethink.org



CATHERINE PRICE Cambourne Parish Nursing Service nurse@cambourne church.org.uk

Stagecoach tackling violence against women

Stagecoach East is celebrating being shortlisted for two prestigious awards for its work in helping to tackle violence against women and girls locally.

Cambridgeshire's biggest bus operator has been shortlisted for the CIHT Awards in the Collaboration Award and also the Bus Centre of Excellence Innovation of the Year Award. The CIHT Awards are one of the most important awards schemes in the transport industry - they have run for over 15 years and are independently judged by senior figures within the industry. The winners will be announced on 4th June at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Hyde Park in London.

The shortlistings are based on Buses and Businesses Against Abuse (BAA), a unique partnership between Stagecoach East, the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Centre, to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls throughout Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and wherever Stagecoach East buses run.

East's buses are officially places of refuge for people fearing that they will be subject to abuse or assault, with signage on each bus to show the fact. All drivers are receiving training on how to recognise and help victims. Find out more about BAA at https://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-



constabulary/areas/cam paigns/campaigns/busin esses-against-abuse/

Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East, said: "I am absolutely delighted to have been shortlisted twice for such a



prestigious, national awards scheme. Alongside our outstanding partners, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Centre, our team have worked extremely hard to make a real difference to the lives of women and girls locally. BAA is very important to us - all our new drivers are trained in the scheme, and all our existing drivers are receiving annual training. We now have many examples of where that training has been put into practice, and we are proud to be able to say that our buses are safe-spaces for everyone."

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We must not despair

Do you remember the D-Day commemorations last year, eighty years on from the landings on the beaches of Normandy? World leaders gathered to remember and reflect on that pivotal moment in the history of the Second World War. The landings were successfully made, a bridgehead was established, and a Western Front in Europe was secured. It was then just a matter of time before the defeat of the Nazis.

However, it is not until this month -8th May 2025 - that we celebrate the eightieth anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe). The defeat of the Nazi regime was in some ways secured on D-Day, but it was not until VE Day that the victory was fully realised. And between D-Day and VE

Day were some of the bloodiest encounters of the war.

This image is sometimes used to illustrate the fact that the death and resurrection of Jesus secured the victory of good over evil. That was in some senses God's D-Day. However, the final victory is yet to come - God's VE Day. We must not despair when evil seemingly still flourishes and takes its terrible toll. We stand against it. We suffer at its hands. But we do not despair because God's victory is secure, even though it is not yet fully realised. This hope is at the heart of what we believe as Christians. The cross and the empty tomb are the pivot of history, even if we have yet to see the full effects.

Revd Bill Miller

SERVICES IN MAY 2025

4th May, 10.00am Sunday One All Age Service 11th May, 9.30am Communion Service 11.00am Communion Service with Confirmation * 18th May, 9.30am Communion Service 11.00am Communion Service * 25th May, 9.30am Worship Service 11.00am Worship Service *

* This service includes groups for children and young people

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PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: on a mother's faith

We recently held our Mother's Day event at the church, where all the ladies received a small gift as a token of appreciation. I also had the opportunity to preach on the theme of a mother's faith, reflecting on three biblical examples of mothers who overcame tremendous obstacles out of love for their children.

One mother boldly set aside the fear of offense to plead for her child's healing. Her humility and determination led to a miracle. Another mother, faced with the threat of the government, hid her baby to protect him from death trusting the Lord would guide his future. That child would grow to become a great leader. And then there was the widow who, in the face of famine and certain death, obeyed God's word and acted in faith resulting in provision and life for both her and her son.

Children have a way of giving us perspective. When a child is unwell, life narrows to what truly matters. Petty problems and everyday annoyances fade away, and personal pride has no place. What's left is the raw but real you. Faith helps carry those burdens. I know this firsthand, having walked long hospital corridors, waiting for answers, praying for strength.

Old-fashioned values like faith, family, and fellowship should never be discarded. They remain the foundation of strong communities. If you know someone who's struggling, take time to be there. You don't need to have all the

answers - just be willing to listen. After they've had a chance to speak,



maybe help guide them toward someone who can support them further. Even small acts - bringing a meal, watching the children, walking the dog - can mean the world. They show love, compassion, and importantly, that someone cares.

Here at our church, we always aim to point people back to the One who loves them most - Jesus Christ - who gave all so that we might have the choice of faith and eternal hope.

Stay safe, Cambourne, and let's continue looking out for one another.



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school 11 AM Morning Worship Find links on Facebook for Peacehaven Baptist Church or look for

Donavan Bangs on Youtube At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510 PeacehavenBC@aol.com peacehavenbc.org.uk Charity number1204927









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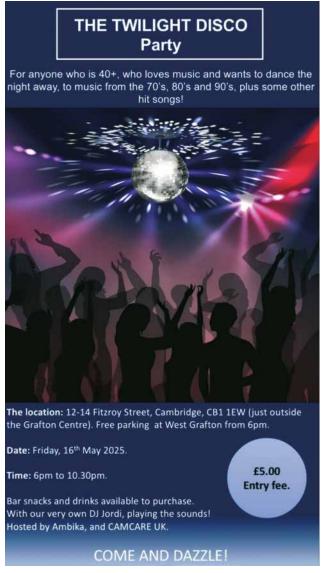


Throughout February and March, a small group of Cambourne Soul young people took part in some targeted group work on a Thursday evening.

The group worked alongside Kilo from Splash and Dash Creations to create a mural at the youth centre. The young people worked hard to create and design the mural before learning different spray-painting techniques.

We, as a team, are really proud of the enthusiasm and efforts the young people put in and hope to be able to co-create more projects like this in the future.





CAMBOURNE SOUL

Youth groups get out over Easter

During school holidays and half terms, Cambourne Soul's youth work team really enjoy being able to provide the young people of Cambourne with the opportunities to go on trips with their friends.

This Easter was no different, as we ran three trips for three different groups.

Our Year 7s voted on a trip to Gravity, a trampoline park in Milton Keynes, and after working up an appetite, they enjoyed some delicious food at Wing Stop.

Our Girls Group had a fantastic time at Clip 'n Climb, pushing themselves to over come challenges and fears while encouraging each other to reach new limits. The girls chose to have lunch at a global food buffet and enjoyed trying new foods they'd not had before.

For our final trip we took a group of young people who had done a fantastic job with

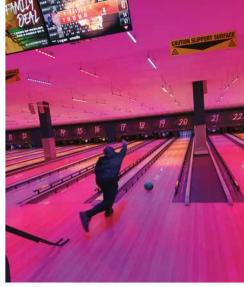


their graffiti project on our sports hall wall, bowling and also to the Global Buffet.

We look forward to running our Year 9+ residential in May Half Term and lots more trips in the Summer Holidays!

For more information about the youth sessions and support we have on offer, you can look at our website www.cambournesoul.co.uk or find us on

Facebook and Instagram by looking up Cambourne Soul.







EDUCATION





Burwell adventures

Year 4 Vine pupils completed their first residential just before the Easter holidays - a two-night stay at Burwell House. The sun was shining as the pupils completed 3 days of exciting and

challenging team building and orienteering challenges. From map reading to bed making, den building to fire lighting, pupils impressed us with their resilience and cooperation. It was fantastic to see the children helping each other and engaging in outdoor learning, whether that was guiding one another blindfolded through an obstacle course or exploring the garden during free time.

Even our mealtimes were a chance to practise new skills and develop The Vine Values of 'Patience' and 'Self-control'. We also enjoyed a fun games evening on night one, followed by a (much quieter) cosy film night after a busy day two. The Burwell Fox game concluded a wonderful trip before it was time to load onto the coaches and return to school.

Social media: @thevineprimary



Jeavons Wood Year 4 students perform Peter Pan

Each half term, a different year group at Jeavons Wood has the opportunity to present a showcase to their families. This half term it was the turn of Year 4, who have shown a huge amount of commitment, determination and talent as they prepared a performance of 'Peter Pan' for friends, family, and the rest of the school. We were absolutely blown away by their show. So many children stood up bravely to sing solos, perform leading parts, dance their socks off and even perform daring sword fights!

The tech team were fabulous: they didn't miss a single cue for the songs or the backdrops. The backstage crew did their jobs so well that the props seemed to appear as if by magic! The pirate crew were so scary that some of preschool had to be convinced that they were just pretending. Due to the incredible acting, Reception children were very worried when Tinkerbell died, and even more relieved when she came back to life.

We laughed at Mr Smee and the croc's comedy timing, trembled at fearsome Captain Hook, worried when the lost boys shot Wendy and willed Peter Pan to get to the Banks children in time to save them, Tigerlily and her tribe from certain danger. Some of the parents in the audience may also have felt for poor Mr Banks with those three noisy children! Well done Year 4, we are so very proud of you all!



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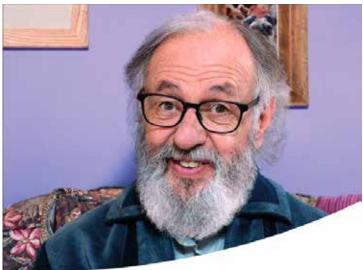


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The children thorughly enjoyed the sessions and it was clear that they were having great fun as they mastered the complicated steps for the dances. We are very grateful to Harry for giving up his valuable time to inspire a new generation of dancers at Monkfield Park and he certainly succeeded. As one of the children explained, "My favourite ballet dance was the maypole dance. The chicken dance was hard but funny, but it did get easier! We loved learning the dances from Harry and the workshop inspired me to try to do more ballet."





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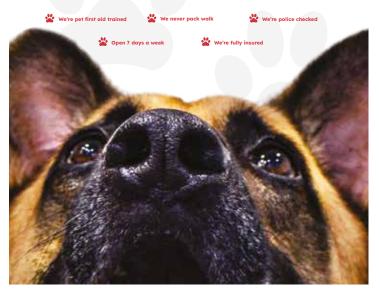
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An evening of unity and reflection

In the spirit of Ramadan, Cambourne Hub played host to a heartwarming Iftar gathering, organised by the Dialogue Society in collaboration with volunteers from local families. The event welcomed members of all backgrounds to share in the evening meal that marks the daily breaking of the fast during the holy month.

Among the distinguished guests were Ian Sollom, MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire; local councillors; residents of care homes; teachers and staff from local schools; police officers; Cambourne Crescent trustees; and many residents of Cambourne. In his brief address, Mr Sollom spoke eloquently on the importance of dialogue, understanding and the enduring strength of community.

This special evening served not only as a communal meal but also as an educational opportunity offering insight into the spiritual significance of Ramadan and the joyous celebration of Eid that follows. Attendees engaged in meaningful conversations, fostering connections across cultures and traditions. The event was a shining example of Cambourne's inclusive spirit, an occasion where neighbours came together to learn, reflect, and share in the richness of one another's experiences. A truly memorable evening of togetherness, marked by warmth, gratitude, and a shared sense of belonging.





Sharing gratitude through gifts and gestures

As part of its continued commitment to community spirit and appreciation, Cambourne Crescent expressed its appreciation with heartfelt gestures for those who serve Cambourne so devotedly. Teachers and staff at a local school were surprised with thoughtful gifts, a small token of thanks for their tireless efforts in educating and supporting children throughout the year. The gesture reflects deep



respect and admiration for the role educators play in shaping the next generation.

In addition, Cambourne Town Council staff were treated to a specially arranged lunch from Bar Hill Spice, thanking them for their unwavering service to the town.

This marks the sixth consecutive year Cambourne Crescent has organised this annual appreciation, a tradition that continues to strengthen the relationship between the Cambourne community and the local council.

Cambourne Crescent extends its warmest thanks to John and the Town Council team, as well as to all the teachers and school staff across Cambourne.



Teachers celebrated on **Appreciation Day 2025**

The HSS Cambridge Ramanujan Shakha organised a heartfelt Shikshak Vandan Diwas (Teacher Appreciation Day) event at Cambourne Village College to honour and celebrate the invaluable contributions of teachers.

The event, held on 25th March, in its 5th year of running, was a resounding success, bringing together students, parents, and teachers in the spirit of gratitude and respect. Teachers from The Perse Upper School, Cambourne Village College, Monkfield Park Primary, Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology and Stephen Perse School attended the event.

The celebration commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony by Deputy Head, Cambourne Village College Ms Gildea, and ode to goddess of education 'Saraswati'. This was followed by a showcase of activities by students that was met with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

A key highlight of the event was the felicitation ceremony, where teachers were honoured for their dedication and commitment to shaping the future of their students. Each teacher received a token of appreciation from their students.





On behalf of the teachers, Mrs Howell, Head Teacher at Monkfield Park Primary mentioned that the event was a testament to the strong bond between teachers and students, and appreciated the values being instilled in the students from a very young age.

Overall, the event was a memorable occasion that underscored the significance of teachers in society. It served as a reminder of the enduring impact of educators and the gratitude they deserve for their unwavering dedication to the growth and development of their students.

A big thank you from **Light Up Cambourne** for generous donations

We are very much looking forward to our second fundraising event of 2025. As this will be before this edition of Cambourne Crier hits Cambourne's doormats, it's thank you in advance to all those who supported us by attending the Quiz night and the other events we hold throughout the year.

Tickets for the LUC Bingo night on 7th of June at The Hub are already on sale and are selling well, please make sure to reserve your tickets sooner rather than later if you wish to come along as our last Bingo evening sold out.

We are still on the lookout for suitable donations for our Tombola to be held at the Cambourne Fete in September, please get in touch via our email address, you can also drop items off at the town council offices in The Hub. Many thanks to all those that have already donated items for the Tombola or as raffle prizes at our events.

I must sign off by thanking Cambourne Crier for its donation, every donation we receive makes such a difference.



Safety in the summer: open water swimming and BBQs

As the warm, sunny weather arrives and the temptation to jump into rivers and lakes to cool off increases, residents are being reminded of the risks of swimming in open water. Parents are also urged to explain these risks to their children. Station Commander Paul Clarke, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's lead for Water Safety, said: "As much as it can look very tempting to go for a swim in a river, lake or other areas of open water like quarries, even if the weather is warm, the water can be much colder than expected. At this time of year, you wouldn't expect the water to be warmer than 4 or 5 degrees and that can cause your body to go into cold water shock which can affect your ability to breath.

"It's also really important to remember that open water can be deeper than expected, with unseen hazards below the surface. Things like rubbish, shopping trolleys and rubble can be hidden beneath the murky water that can easily trap or injure someone. The water may also look calm on the surface, but there may still be strong undercurrents, especially near locks, that could pull even the strongest swimmer under. It is certainly safer to consider visiting one of the many public swimming pools or lidos located around the county." Although still risky, there are ways to swim in open water safely.

Here are some useful tips those people should consider:

- If you get into difficulty in water, you should "Float to Live", by leaning back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat, and try and control your breathing. Once calm, either call for help or try and swim to safety
- Try and go swimming with someone else, so you can assist each other or call for help if you do get into difficulty. If you see someone else in trouble near water, call for help immediately by dialling 999. Never try and carry out a rescue yourself, you could put yourself in danger too. You can try and find something to throw to them to use as a float or to pull them in if they are near to the edge and it's safe to do so.
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Paul concluded: "We know water is tempting when it's warm outside and as friends gather in the school holidays and are looking for something to do it can seem great fun. But the fun can quickly turn to tragedy and that is what we are trying to prevent by ensuring everyone understands the risks and hidden dangers and knows what to do if they or one of their friends gets into trouble."



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Visitors can start and pay at any garden, or in advance on the website. Admission is £7, children under 16 are free.

This will be the 14th National Garden Scheme opening in Cambourne. Since first opening in 2011, the group has raised almost £12,000 for the nursing and caring charities supported by the Scheme.

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Sunday 25th May

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- Out to Lunch
- Singing
- **Study Trips**
- **Table Tennis & Badminton**
- Theatre
- Walking wwii



Come and reimagine your retirement!

velcome to attend a meeting to find out more about us! https://u3asites.org.uk/cambourne/welcome

Cambourne Open Gardens weekend in June

Among the 17-plus gardens open this year is the inspirational garden of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire,

Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. It will be open on Saturday 7th June along with the Jubilee Garden at the Church and at least another six gardens around Great and Upper Cambourne. Sunday 8th June sees nine different gardens opening across Great and Lower Cambourne.

It's not too late if you would like to add your own garden to the list. Just email juleshannaford@hotmail.com, by 18th May, to open yours too!

Visiting the gardens can be inspirational as well as a great social event for the whole family. This year there will be ladybird hunt for children. Just find a large paper lady bird in each garden and count its spots. You might even win a prize!

All this for £5 an adult - accompanied children are free.

Tickets are available at any of the gardens listed on the day. Money raised will again go to help develop Cambourne's Jubilee Garden at our Church.

Saturday 7th June 30 Gladiator Road

74 Blenheim Close 79 Lancaster Gate

Jubilee Garden at the Church (refreshments)

9 Cressbrook Drive

13 Willow Lane

43 Monkfield Lane

Wildlife Trust, Manor House **Broad Street**

Sunday 8th June

2 Bickerley Court

23 Orchard Way

13 Fenbridge

8 Langate Green

14 Kemmann Lane

5 Mayfield Way

20 Miller Way (refreshments)

128 Jeavons Lane

128 Greenhaze Lane











Arthur Rank Hospice Open Days

When hospice care is first mentioned to patients, it can be natural for them to feel apprehensive. This is why Arthur Rank Hospice Charity holds regular open days for anyone to visit. The Charity has a number of services, including the Living Well Service which supports people with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition. Not all services are for end of

life care and the Charity is keen to send the message that they are there to also support a good life at the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, at the Alan Hudson Centre in Wisbech and in people's own homes across the community. One patient, Jane, shared her experience: "The Alan Hudson Centre provide my pathway of treatment, they provide my emotional support, they



share my down days, they wipe my tears, they share my laughter, they support my family, they are always on the end of the phone for the smallest niggle or the daftest question and believe me there have been many!" To book onto an open day on Wednesday 23 April at 10am or Thursday 19 June at 12 midday, please call 01223 675888 or email fundraising@arhc.org.uk.

12 Weeks to Freedom

Sessions are going well. All people welcome - even if you are not addicted you may be wanting to help others in your life who are.

Bearing one another's burdens as the scriptures command.

Learning as we go so that we might get better.

Remember freedom from addiction does not mean you are perfect just no longer bound to that thing which is running and ruining your life and the lives of those around you.

Peacehavenbc@aol.com

Twelve Weeks to Freedom

Addiction Recovery Sponsored by Peacehaven Baptist Church

Starts Wednesday 2nd April at the Hub at 19:15

Tea, Biscuits, and Counsellors Will Be Available

Will Continue Every Wednesday until 2nd July

peacehavenbc@aol.com



Cambridgeshire Dementia Support Service

If you need dementia support, we're here for you. Our Dementia Advisers work with people with dementia, their families, and carers to provide a highly responsive and individualized information, support, and signposting service. This service is free and confidential.

As trusted experts in dementia, our advisers offer advice and support with all aspects of dementia, including:

- · understanding the diagnosis
- · practical tips on living with and caring for a loved one with dementia.
- · understanding symptoms and changes in behaviour
- · advice on hospital stays and discharge.
- Provide emotional support.
- · Planning for the future legal and finance

Get in touch today:

Cambridgeshire Dementia Support Service

Email: Cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk

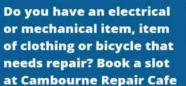
Telephone: 01223 620962

National Dementia Support Line:

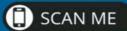
Telephone: 0333 150 3456

Opening hours: Mon to Weds: 9am - 8pm, Thurs and Fri: 9am - 5pm, Sat and Sun: 10am - 4pm









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

Cambourne Repair Café On: Saturday 17th May, 11am - 2pm At: Cambourne Village College

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com

Can I just turn up on the day?

Yes, but booking is preferred and will take priority

https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambourne-repair-cafe-2025-05-17/



Bus drivers set to tackle Mount Snowdon

Three intrepid Drivers from Cambridgeshire's biggest bus operator are set to take on the challenge of climbing one of the UK's highest mountains, in aid of a major local medical charity.

Stagecoach East's Adam Backshall, Lewis Freemantle, and Ross Burton will be climbing Mount Snowdon - at 3,560ft the highest peak in Wales and the highest peak in Great Britain south of the Scottish Highlands.

They will be raising money for Magpas Air Ambulance, which provides outstanding pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land, including treatments usually only available in hospital. They operate 24/7 and answer an average of four calls for help a day, treating around 900 patients in life-threatening emergencies every year. It is a charity, completely funded by

Lewis said: "We're fundraising for Magpas because they provide life-saving emergency care when it's needed most - and recently, they've been there for us.

"Magpas gave exceptional care to some of our very close colleagues during a critical time. They were on the scene



quickly, delivering advanced, hospital-level treatment that made a real difference. We will always be grateful for their professionalism, compassion, and speed.

"At Stagecoach, we firmly believe in doing the right thing, so now we are doing our part to give back."

If you would like to support the three intrepid bus Drivers, please go to their campaign page:

www.justgiving.com/page/mount-snowdon-trek





SPORT

Students complete 126km cycling challenge over 11 hours

On 12th April 2025, two students from Cambourne Village College, Wisdom Joice Thekkan (Year 11) and Joshua Zhang (Year 10), completed an incredible cycling challenge riding 126.25 km in a single day, the equivalent of completing three marathons back-toback.

The pair spent 11 hours on their bikes, cycling through South Cambridgeshire and taking on over 1,000 metres of climbing along the way their biggest elevation gain so far.

This wasn't part of any race or organised event, but simply a personal challenge set by the two friends, testing their endurance, determination, and mental strength. Their moving time was recorded at 6 hours and 45 minutes, with an average speed of 18.7 km/h and a



top speed of 55.8 km/h. The total time from start to finish was just under 11 hours. Both students were proud to have completed the challenge and hope their story encourages others in Cambourne to set their own goals, challenge

100K personal nd fastest 50 mile Biggest climb

themselves, and keep pushing their limits.

Their full route and ride statistics were recorded on Strava, showing a total elevation gain of 1,017 metres over the 126.25 km distance.



Shelford Rugby Club: getting girls into rugby

My daughter has played with the U12 girls at Shelford this season, she has learnt team work, discipline, respect, made new friends and been taught safely by skilled coaches.

It is a pleasure to watch the girls play, big smiles and cheers always encouraging each other.

They attended the women's premiership rugby finals together, playing on the pitch pre match and meeting the teams after, so inspirational for them.

To close the season they were taken on tour to NewcaStle where they bonded further as a team, I look forward to what the new season

If you have a daughter wanting to exercise, learn new skills and make new friends, I highly recommend this family friendly club, and encourage girls to engage in this fabulous sport.



GIRLS RUGBY



Project 11 is back at Shelford Rugby Club

It's a training programme being run every Wednesday evening (6-7pm) from the 7th of May to the end of July, and helps introduce girls aged 10, 11 and 12 to rugby.

Plus, it's completely FREE!

These training sessions will be delivered by senior Women's player Verena Zyka, along with experienced youth coaches David Whalley and David Lamacraft.

Free soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be on offer for the children and parents.

For more information contact Charlie Whalley, U12 Girls Team Manager, at charlenefloateehotmail.com www.shelfordrugby.co.uk

JUNIOR SALOON CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Leonard takes the lead for OREX

Cambourne teenager Timothy Leonard, 14, has taken a significant step in his ambition to become a professional racing driver by graduating from karting to the highly competitive Junior Saloon Car Championship (JSCC). The JSCC is an entry-level series for young drivers aged 14 to 17 transitioning from karting to car racing.

Timothy, a student at Cambourne Village College preparing to start his GCSEs later this year, recently completed his debut in 2 JSCC races over the Easter weekend at the iconic Brands Hatch circuit. Driving a Citroen Saxo for the OREX team, he achieved 17th and 16th place finishes out of a field of 18 competitors.

"Moving from karts to a racing car is a big step, but I loved every minute of the Brands Hatch weekend," said Timothy. "Having raced karts since the age of eight provided a solid foundation, but driving a car presents a completely different challenge - it's been a really steep learning curve! However I'm really pleased with the results from my first ever race weekend and am already focused on training for my next races at Silverstone in May and Donington in August."

You can find out more and support his journey, you can follow Timothy on Instagram and YouTube @timothyleonardracing





Cambourne 10k results

The Cambourne 10k and fun run took place on Sunday, 13th April 2025 under ideal conditions.

This year's event saw an increased turnout, with 372 runners in the 10K and 53 in the Fun Run, the best since the COVID period.

In the men's race, James Orrell (Hunts AC) led in 33:57, followed by C&C's Alexander Nelson (34:22) and Simon Bownam from Hunts AC (35:59). The women's race was won by Alison Stewart (Hunts AC) finishing in 40:57, followed by Felicity Baillie (BRJ) in 41:46 and Katherine Hymers (C&C AC) in 43:23.

The veteran categories provided strong performances across several age groups.

The Fun Run also showcased impressive improvements, with winners Dylan, Luke, and Ethan all posting faster times compared to last year - while other competitors like Elena, Ella, and Lainey-Rae achieved significant personal bests.

Full results can be found online at results.eventchiptiming.com/results.aspx?Cld=162 02&RId=5274





Travel into Cambridge on the 4 bus service



Timetable information correct at time of print, April 2025. Some journeys are operated with the financial support of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as part of their Tiger bus network.