



Community Big Weekender 26-28 June 2026



Cambourne Town Council has announced a series of events for 2026 – from an Easter Trail and Art Attack in April; through the Community Big

Weekender in June; Music on the Mound throughout the summer Bank Holidays and the return of the annual Cambourne fireworks display in

November. All events are family-friendly and highlight the diversity, talent and community spirit of Cambourne.

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TOWN COUNCIL

■ AGAR 2024/2025

The Town Council is currently awaiting a report from the external auditor regarding the 2024/25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

An assessment is underway to determine whether any further actions are required, and an update will be provided to the Council in due course.

As part of its ongoing improvement programme, the Council has adopted several new policies. These include a Training Statement of Intent, setting out the commitment of both staff and councillors to ongoing development.

A strengthened Scheme of Delegation has also been introduced; for example, councillors serving on Finance and Policy Committees will be required to undertake procurement training.

In addition, the Council has adopted a Strategic Risk Assessment, enabling regular review of potential risks and the mitigation measures needed to address them.

■ Cambourne market

Exciting news for the community, after many years of discussion, plans are now in place to trial a local market in Cambourne. The pilot scheme is expected to launch on or around 1 May 2026 and will help gauge residents' interest. Alongside the market, it is hoped that a café will be operating, offering tea, coffee, and cakes for everyone to enjoy. Subject to councillor availability, a councillor surgery may also be held, giving residents the opportunity to raise concerns and speak directly with their elected representatives.

The Council extends its thanks to South Cambridgeshire District Council for their

valuable advice and support in bringing this initiative forward.

■ Councillor vacancies

Following the resignation of Cllr Arshad Siddiqui and the disqualification of Cllr Nishat Akhter, the Town Council considered the resulting vacancies at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 March 2026.

It was decided that the positions would not be filled by co-option. Due to the proximity of upcoming elections, the standard by-election rules applied.

■ Prospective councillor training slides

Residents interested in becoming a Town Councillor can request slides from CAPALC's prospective councillor training by contacting: Clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk. These materials provide a helpful overview of the responsibilities and commitments involved in serving as a Town Councillor, supporting both prospective candidates and residents who wish to learn more about the role.

■ Staffing vacancies

The Town Council has agreed to advertise for a fixed-term Project Officer to support the delivery of Section 106 and other capital projects. This role is intended to strengthen the Council's capacity for project management, improve delivery, and ensure value for money for residents. The Council has also agreed to advertise for the position of Town Clerk.

■ Council website improvements

Residents are encouraged to explore the newly updated Town Council website, which now features a range of improvements. Highlights include a dedicated community page showcasing the year ahead, as well as a new reporting

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TOWN COUNCIL

form for street lighting issues. This allows the Council to pass concerns directly to developers.

Please note that this form does not replace the County Council's reporting system for adopted lighting columns.

■ The Countryside Code of Conduct

DOGS ON LEADS: As the weather gets better, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead.

Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs.

Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and it no be disposed of.

The Town Council follows the Countryside Code:

Protect the Environment

- Take your litter home – Leave no trace of your visit.
- Take care with BBQS (where permitted) 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 – trees do not count!
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

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

Members of the public are welcome to observe.

14th April 2026

– Planning Committee

– Followed by Full Council Meeting

21st April 2026

– Planning Committee

– Followed by Leisure and Amenities

5th May 2026

– Planning Committee

– Followed by the Annual Town Meeting



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April wildlife wonders: spring flowers, returning birds and seasonal discoveries

April is an exciting time for wildlife. Some wildflowers will have been out since March, like primrose, lesser celandine, red deadnettle, and the rare oxlip (found in a few of our ancient woodland nature reserves), and others will just be starting like red campion, greater stitchwort, cowslips, wood anemones, and bluebells. At this time of year, you might find three different types of violets in some of our woodland reserves. You can tell them apart by looking at the spur (the part of the flower that sticks out the back), and the sepals (these are the parts that protect the bud before it opens).

- Early dog violet has a straight spur which is darker than the main flower petals. The sepals are long and pointed.
- Sweet violet has a spur with a bent end, and blunt sepals (and smells nice!)
- Common dog violet has a spur with a bent end which is paler than the main flower petals. The sepals are long and pointed.

Resident birds like blackbirds, robins, house sparrows, starlings, goldfinches, blue tits and great tits will already be raising chicks. They might have been working on their nests since February. Common migrant birds like the chiffchaff, swallow, and blackcap, will just be arriving.

Wildlife Trust BCN events are a great way to learn about native wildlife, and tickets are cheaper for members. Here are upcoming events in Cambourne and Trumpington Meadows (other events, and booking links can be found at wildlifebcn.org/events)

Please check our website for more information about which nature reserves have temporary closures. Note, the default for most of our reserves is that dogs must be on leads. There are some reserves where dogs are not allowed at all (Hayley Wood has just been added to this list), and some where there are very specific places where they can be off-lead (like parts of Trumpington Meadows).

Local enquiries

- Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org
- Facebook: [@BeccaBadgerWTBCN](https://www.facebook.com/BeccaBadgerWTBCN)
- TrumpingtonMeadows@wildlifebcn.org
- Facebook: [@TrumpingtonMeadowsNatureReserve](https://www.facebook.com/TrumpingtonMeadowsNatureReserve)

General enquiries

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- www.wildlifebcn.org



Seasonal stroll: spring wildflowers

Tues 14th April, 10-11.30am, Cambourne

Seasonal stroll: spring wildflowers

Fri 24th April, 11am-12.15pm, Trumpington Meadows

Wild in the Meadows: outdoor art

Sat 25th April, 10am-12pm, Trumpington Meadows

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.

Cambourne & District u3a



Monthly meetings
Third Friday of the month
10.30 at The Hub
Cambourne CB23 6GW
Speakers, coffee and chat

INTEREST GROUPS

- Allsorts
- Anyone for coffee?
- Art Appreciation
- Board Games
- Book Clubs
- Bridge
- Classical Music
- Dance Fitness
- Darts & Pool
- Gardens Galore
- Genealogy
- Intermediate French
- iPad interest
- Out to Lunch
- Singing
- Study Trips
- Table Tennis & Badminton
- Theatre
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- WWII

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Murder, mystery and a full house

LIGHT UP CAMBOURNE: Our Murder Mystery evening on the 28th February was a massive success, a sellout audience enjoyed Strictly Murder's wonderful performance of 'Sporting Death', we cannot wait until more dastardly deeds of the acting kind are carried out in Cambourne.

It's very pleasing to see some new faces as well as the regulars coming to our events, we take heart from the increasing numbers of people who are willing to support us by coming to our events. Thanks to Ros for the catering at the event, serving up delicious platters and desserts for the 105 people who attended as well as the Strictly Murder players – a massive amount of work. Also, thanks to Morrisons and Tesco in St Neots for providing raffle prizes. Lastly, many thanks to Annabel for photos of the event.

During June we will be holding another first for Light Up Cambourne, more details to follow, but we urge you to have patience and remember 20th June – make space in your diaries for what promises to be an event that could rule Cambourne if not quite the world. Hang on, I take that back, maybe we can rule the world just for the night!

As always, thank you Cambourne for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you to our fundraising events throughout the year. Keep a look out for what's going on by following us on our Facebook page.



BINGO night

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Great start to the re-opening of Cambourne Library



It has been a wonderful start to the re-opening of Cambourne Library.

We have enjoyed welcoming back our familiar customers and families and signing up lots of new members to our library community. We would like to thank you for your many positive comments and good wishes.

The new look and abundance of new stock have been mentioned by nearly everyone visiting us. If you haven't been yet – come and see what it is all about.

We offer a modern space for customers to choose, return and collect books, attend events and workshops, study, meet friends, book a space for meetings and so much more. There really is something for everyone- this is your local library. Please ask in the library for information about Library membership or see our website.

Open Plus Access

The library will shortly be operating Open Plus hours extending access during mornings and afternoons to better align with GP centre opening hours. Adult customers are encouraged to register for Open Plus if they wish to use this service. Ask in the library to find out more about Open Plus or follow the links on our website.

Public PCs

We now can offer 4 Public PC desks in the foyer of Sackville House. One of these is on a rise and fall desk that can be adjusted to suit the user, using button controls. Printing, scanning and photocopying is available in the computer area and is payable by card using the Nayax card reader. There are several desks in the library for customers to use with their own laptops. Public PCs are used on a first come first served basis or can be booked in advance by following the links on our website.

Community Meeting Room

We now have a community meeting room available for hire. Please contact SouthCamsSouth.LibraryVenue@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for further information.

Cambourne Library Events

Engage – Wednesday 6 May 2026
2pm-3.30pm

A representative from Green Energy Switch will be talking about the support available to make homes warmer, more energy efficient and more affordable to run. Free talk; donations welcome. Please prebook in the library or email cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Craft Group for Adults – Creative Crafters

Thursdays, 5.30-6.30pm
Come and try our new craft group for adults - 'Creative Crafters'. An informal and relaxed group, where you can bring along any craft or art project you are currently working on and create with likeminded people.

Whether it be your sketchbook or your knitting, no need to be an expert, just have fun creating! No need to book.

Stay & Play – Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30am

Join other families in the library for chat,

play and interaction. We will provide baby and toddler toys for you to play with while in the library. Suitable for 4 years and under. This is a drop-in activity, no need to book.

Rhyme time and Duplo Fun (term time only)

In the National Year of Reading (<https://goallin.org.uk>) there's no better way to get little ones off to a flying start than with stories. Bring your children along to our free and fabulous Rhymetime sessions.

Every Friday 9.30am-10am in Cambourne Library. Stay on afterwards for half an hour of Duplo play.

No need to book – these are drop in events.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

If you would like to join in with this friendly group, please contact Cambourne.Library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 April 12.30pm, in Cambourne Library Meeting Room.

Keep an eye out in the library for details of events during the Easter Holidays Don't forget we will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Cambourne Library Opening Hours (until 10 April)

Monday	9am-5pm
Tuesday	9am-1pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	1pm-7pm
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm
Sunday	Closed

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Cambourne group offers support through divorce and separation

Divorce is now commonplace, but the truth is that unless we have actually been through a divorce ourselves, we cannot fully understand the pain and devastation it can cause.

Victims of a broken marriage/partnership can suffer debilitating loss of self-confidence and withdraw from society. Finding help is hard, and recovery can be a lonely and very challenging journey.

This is why 221 Divorce Support was formed, as a direct result of recognising the pain and emotional ordeal, so often hidden from society, that almost always accompanies the process of divorce/separation. As a SELF HELP group, we meet regularly to share our troubles and fears and to encourage each other as we come to accept what has happened and look towards a new and positive future. Run entirely by volunteers, we meet in

small, friendly groups and the bonding and ensuing growth of confidence can be remarkable. We are neither judgmental nor discriminatory and we seriously value and respect each other's confidentiality.

We share our grief together and we laugh together - and for many years now '221' has been proof that the company of others in similar circumstances can provide the best possible support. Our groups offer a place where we do not have to keep pretending that we are coping.

We have recently started a group in Cambourne, which meets in the Annexe of Cambourne Church (Jeavons Lane CB23 6AF) every first Tuesday of the month (7-9pm). Anyone, at any stage of separation or divorce is welcome.

For more information, contact jenny@221.org.uk or visit www.221.org.uk



221 DIVORCE SUPPORT

Recovery from divorce can be a long and painful journey.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP



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221 DIVORCE SUPPORT runs self-help groups for people struggling to cope with the break-up of a marriage or long-term partnership.

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COLUMNISTS

Young Carers Action Day

To mark Young Carers Action Day in March, I met with a really impressive group of young people in Parliament.

They are pushing for proper support in schools for young carers and more funding so they don't miss out on education because of their responsibilities at home.

The educational inequalities for young carers are clear. Figures from the Carers Trust and Young Carers Alliance show that young carers miss 23 days of school a year; 38% are persistently absent and 46% achieve 5 GCSE passes when the national average is 58%.

Young carers are calling for the government to ensure there is a Young Carer Lead or Champion

in every school, college and university. This gives young people someone to talk to, who understands what is happening outside of school life and can advocate on their behalf if homework deadlines or classes are missed. A champion would also help educate staff and pupils through assemblies and lesson plans.

I was so impressed with the way the group advocated for all young carers. Many had taken a lead in driving change and support in their own schools. They also talked about the importance of support throughout the community so they could have a social life and take part in activities that are often not available to them. I will continue to offer support.



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My four years representing Cambourne



STEPHEN DREW
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My four years as a district councillor are about to come to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of Cambourne on South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Attending the monthly meetings of the town council to report to town councillors about the work I have been involved in has been an important part of this.

I have been involved in the Scrutiny and Overview Committee of the district council, examining the performance of the council, its proposals in a wide range of areas and interviewing representatives from the NHS, water industry and the proposed development

corporation to see how they plan to provide for Cambourne's residents.

It is a great privilege to serve your community and I hope that the work I have done has made a difference to the life of Cambourne residents.

I am not standing again as my work as a secondary school headteacher means that I do not feel I can give the time that is needed to serve those who I would ask to vote for me again.

I will be out delivering leaflets and knocking on doors in the campaign for this election, but this is to help others get elected. I am proud to live in Cambourne and know it is a special place where we are all lucky to live.

Thyroid gland problems

The thyroid is a small gland in your neck which produces hormones which control your metabolism, energy levels and growth.

A problem can happen when the thyroid gland produces either too little or too much hormone. The most common problem is an underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism) which means the body isn't making enough thyroid hormone. It is often caused by an autoimmune condition called Hashimoto's disease.

Symptoms can include feeling very tired, being sensitive to cold, constipation, low mood, dry skin or hair, a croaky voice, weight gain and trouble concentrating. A simple blood test can diagnose it and it is usually treated with daily medication. It can affect anyone, but it is more common in women aged 30–50 and in people

with a family history.

Less commonly, the thyroid can become overactive (hyperthyroidism). This may cause anxiety, a fast heartbeat, weight loss, difficulty sleeping and may cause a swelling of the thyroid gland in the neck (goitre). It can also cause problems with eyes and complications in pregnancy. It is often caused by an autoimmune condition called Grave's disease and treatment may include medication, radiotherapy or surgery.

If you notice symptoms or feel concerned, it's important to speak to your GP. Thyroid problems are easy to test for and can usually be managed well with the right care.

■ **References:** <https://tinyurl.com/3wax22vs> and <https://tinyurl.com/yk57tepf>



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Patient Participation Group update

Our most recent Patient Participation Group meeting brought patients and staff

together to discuss how we can continue improving services, appointment systems, and the overall patient experience.

We want the PPG to reflect our whole community, and we particularly welcome younger patients or those who haven't been involved before. Whether you'd like to share ideas or simply listen, your voice matters. If interested please contact the practice for details.

MMP Art Group

The MMP Art Group offers a friendly place to try a variety of arts and crafts. They meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-4:00pm. Members share skills, learn new techniques, and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

All refreshments and materials are provided free of charge. To get involved or share a skill, please email Leslie at cpcib.meridiancare@nhs.net.

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■ CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Feeling recognised

I have recently been trying to prove to various computer systems that I am who I say I am. Sadly, the systems remained unconvinced, and it was determined that the face in front of the camera did not sufficiently match the photograph in the passport for me to be allowed to continue. I was instructed by the online robot to turn up in person to prove my identity.

Something similar can happen on the phone when we are prompted to keep pressing numbers. We long for a human voice, but are guided down ever divergent branches of the system, and sometimes find ourselves marooned in silence.

I guess that, at times, this can also be our experience of prayer. We do not feel recognised. We wonder if anyone is actually there or whether we are marooned in

spiritual silence. And while I cannot offer a quick fix, and do not wish to belittle the experience of isolation and disconnection, the truth is that God has not left us to our own devices. Jesus told of a shepherd seeking out lost sheep. God did not remain faceless, but came among us, bore our pain, paid the spiritual price of our failures, and opened a new and living way back to proper relationship with him. That is the message of Christmas, Good Friday and Easter.

Our dealings with God are not characterised by firing darts of prayer into an impersonal darkness, but recognising that God has actually arranged a home visit so that personal relationships can be restored.

Revd Bill Miller

SERVICES IN APRIL 2026

April 5th	8.00	Early Gathering on Crow Hill
Easter Day	10.00	All-Age Communion Service
April 12th	9.30	Communion Service
	11.00	Communion Service *
April 19th	9.30	Worship Service
	11.00	Worship Service *
April 26th	9.30	Worship Service
	11.00	Worship Service *
May 3rd	10.00	All-Age Communion Service

* Our 11.00am services include break-out groups for children and young people.

■ PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: Faithful friends

Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

This is a trouble in much of life. Even finding people who meet the bare minimum standard of faithfulness, simply showing up, is often difficult. Reliability can be rare. This is why it is vital, when structuring things, to find faithful people.

In the early church, when more needed to be done for the Grecian widows, the leadership instructed the people to find men who could handle the practical matters so they could focus on the essential ministry. These were the first deacons. Acts 6:3 says: "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven

men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

Recently, we have been looking at biblical friendship, what it means, what kind of friends we should have, and the kind of people from whom we should seek counsel. We must also consider what kind of friend we are.

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

We considered the evidence of true friendship and also who to avoid as close companions. We should seek those who are wise and faithful – people

who share godly values and have a reputation for righteousness and stability, not merely self-proclaimed goodness or borrowed achievements. Be careful whom you count as a close friend, for they will influence you. And make sure you are the kind of friend you would want to have.

Be faithful, be wise, and be one who points others toward that which is good. And remember, there is One who sticketh closer than a brother who proved His love toward us on Calvary. Let us be wise, Cambourne.



**Pastor
Donovan Bangs**



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school
11 AM Morning Worship
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CHURCHES

Raising money for CAFOD

Each year in the middle of Lent, Catholics across the country raise money for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).



This year at SJF community in Cambourne, we continued the tradition of holding a cake sale, which parishioners donated baked goods and cash to buy them after our weekend Masses. Our young people ran the stall with smiles and good sales technique! Over the weekend a brilliant £355 was raised, which will go towards assisting those less fortunate than ourselves across the world.

Our Easter Week service dates and times: Maundy Thursday (2nd April) 18:00; Good Friday (3rd April) 18:00; Easter Saturday (4th April) Swieconka 14:00, Vigil Mass 18:00; Easter Day (5th April) 17:00, all in Cambourne Church (main hall).

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2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUT GROUP: Science has been the name of the game recently for our three sections as we marked British Science Week at the end of March.

The Beavers and Scouts had evenings testing out different experiments and the scientific questions and answers they bring. The Cubs had a gardening evening where they learnt about growing things and planted their own seeds.

In other recent weeks, the Beavers went on a hike across Cambourne, starting at the Dugout and heading over to the top of Crow Hill just as the sun set and the bright moon came up. The Cubs went to the Department of Astronomy for an evening there, including using their giant telescope, and the Scouts celebrated Chinese New Year—one of our parents kindly came in and demonstrated many elements of the celebrations, including music and dance.



3rd Cambourne Guides bake a difference!

On Saturday 14th March, the 3rd Cambourne Guides held a cake sale as part of their Fundraising Challenge Skills Builder. During a Guides session, they worked together to come up with ideas for how to make money and decided to raise money for Woodgreen Animal Shelter.

They spent time baking a fantastic selection of delicious cakes and biscuits, making sure to include both dairy-free and gluten-free options so everyone could enjoy something. The girls then gave up their Saturday morning to run their stall outside the library. The event was a huge success, raising an impressive £140 for the charity. Fantastic effort, girls—well done!



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A Modeshift STARS success story for The Vine

The Vine primary school is proud to announce that it has recently been awarded an Outstanding (Platinum level) Modeshift STARS award. The Vine Green Sustainability team were honoured to accept the award.

The following article has been written by Cambridgeshire County Council for their *Way to Go Traffic* newsletter.

The Vine Primary School in Cambourne continues to stand out as one of Cambridgeshire's strongest examples of commitment to safe, sustainable travel. As an Outstanding (Platinum level) Modeshift STARS school, The Vine has built a culture where active travel is not just encouraged but embedded into everyday school life. This spring, their work offers inspiration for other schools across the county.

A whole school approach to active travel: The Vine has long recognised that safer, greener travel benefits the entire school community. Their approach combines pupil leadership, staff engagement, and strong support from families. This term, the school is continuing to:

- Promote walking, cycling, and scooting as the default choice for local journeys.
- Maintain clear, consistent messaging about safe behaviour around the school gates.
- Encourage families to reduce car use, helping to ease congestion and improve air quality.

This joined-up effort has helped the school sustain high levels of active travel even as the community continues to grow.

Pupil leadership at the heart of their success: One of The Vine's strengths is the way pupils are empowered to take ownership of travel initiatives. Pupils play a key role in:



- Leading assemblies and awareness campaigns.
 - Gathering pupil feedback on travel issues.
 - Helping to design posters, competitions, and safety messages.
 - Supporting wholeschool events such as Walk to School challenges.
- This pupil model not only supports Modeshift STARS criteria but also builds confidence, responsibility, and pride among the children.

Making the most of spring opportunities: With longer days and better weather, The Vine is using the spring term to refresh and expand its active travel activities. This includes:

- Encouraging families to take part in national events such as the Big Walk and Wheel.
- Running scooter and cycling initiatives to build skills and confidence.
- Reinforcing safe crossing messages as more children travel independently.
- Reviewing their travel plan to ensure it reflects current needs and priorities.

These seasonal activities help maintain momentum and keep the school community engaged.

A model for other schools: The Vine's sustained success demonstrates what can be achieved when a school embraces the Modeshift STARS framework with enthusiasm and consistency.

Their commitment to safer, healthier travel has created a positive culture that benefits pupils, families, and the wider community.

As other schools in Cambridgeshire work towards their own accreditations this spring, The Vine provides a strong example of what effective, longterm active travel leadership looks like.

■ Follow our social media pages @thevineprimary

If you would like to find out more about The Vine School then Peter Hynes, Headteacher, would be pleased to hear from you on 01954 719630 or e-mail: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

EDUCATION

Celebrating community at Monkfield Park

MONKFIELD PARK: One of the great things about being a community school is that we get to share the celebrations and festivals which are important to members of our school community and the wider community in Cambourne.

This month we have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi, marking the Christian season of Lent and Ramadan, the ninth and holiest month of the Islamic calendar. Staff were very honoured to receive a wonderful hamper full of delicious goodies from the Cambourne Crescent as part of their charitable works during Ramadan. The Dialogue Society also invited staff to join with many of our families to share a community Iftar meal. This was a wonderful opportunity to share delicious food with some of our families and to engage in meaningful conversation.

Eco Club has also been active in the community by participating in the Eco Festival held at Cambourne Village College. I am always amazed by how inventive and creative the children are and how passionate they are about spreading the message that we all need to take greater care of our planet. This year the children had been thinking about how many air miles go into transporting flowers to shops. The children collected jars, painted and decorated them and then filled them with arrangements of evergreen plants, herbs and foliage gathered from the school grounds. These beautiful arrangements were donated to anyone who came to the stall and listened to the children as they talked about the importance of recycling.



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Youth programme returns to Cambourne after building repairs

CAMBOURNE SOUL: We are grateful to Cambourne Town Council for the repairs to our building which meant we needed to vacate the building for a few months. We are so glad to be back and able to offer a full youth work programme again!

We've had a great term with lots of exciting new activities, aid and trips available for young people in Cambourne.

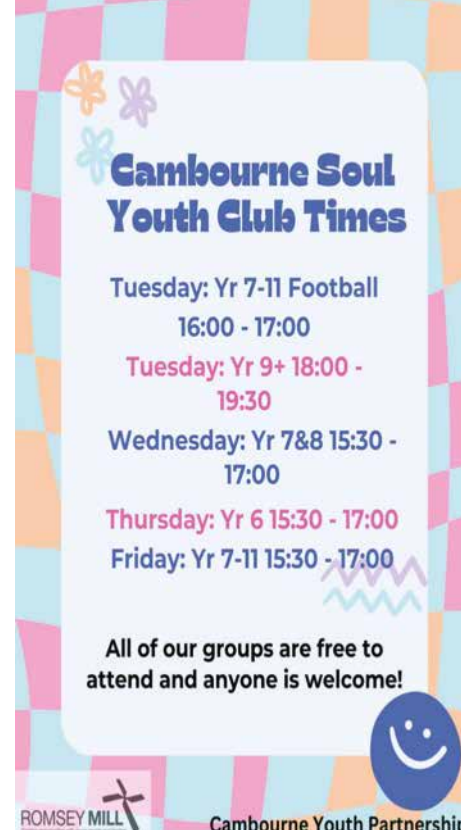
In February half term, we took a group of young people on a day trip to London to see all the famous sights of our capital city such as Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Horse Guards Parade and the Mall, Covent Garden and the London Eye. A highlight was our time in the London Dungeons, where we stepped back to the 1600s to experience the sights and smells of old London.

We've also started three new sessions:
– Our group for home educated young

people started in February. It's a safe space where those who are home educated can come together to socialise, enjoy activities such as cooking, sports, arts and crafts, music and games, whilst also accessing support from a team of youth workers.

If you'd like more information on this group, please contact Caitlin.Ballantine@romseymill.org
– Our second group is our popular year 6 open access on a Thursday afternoon. This is a great way for young people to get to know each other before moving up to secondary school in September, make new friends and grow in independence and resilience.

– Our football group has now changed to Tuesday afternoon 4-5pm at the Great Cambourne 3G pitch. This is open to all young people in school years 7-11. It's



Cambourne Soul Youth Club Times

Tuesday: Yr 7-11 Football
16:00 - 17:00

Tuesday: Yr 9+ 18:00 - 19:30

Wednesday: Yr 7&8 15:30 - 17:00

Thursday: Yr 6 15:30 - 17:00

Friday: Yr 7-11 15:30 - 17:00

All of our groups are free to attend and anyone is welcome!

ROMSEY MILL Cambourne Youth Partnership

free and a friendly kick about for anyone to join in with.

■ For more information on any of our youth work activities please contact our Lead Youth Development Worker Emma at Emma.whitbread@romseymill.org



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Hedging at the Jubilee Garden

Over the winter, work has continued in the Jubilee Garden around the church, keeping going on harvesting fresh veg for the Thursday Foodbank every week, and tending the little hedge saplings.

The little hedge is now coming into leaf, which means that the muntjac deer might be tempted to nibble. However, apparently the smell of sheep puts deer off, hence the woolly mulch laid down along the hedgerow. It should help suppress the thuggish weeds that pinch water from the hedgelings. As the worms incorporate the wool in to the soil it will improve the soil structure and help retain water. All the while boosting wildlife. Keep a look out for birds using it as nest material!

In a neat re-purposing, the wool comes from packaging that keeps the cakes cool while they are delivered to 19 Coffee House. Try out those amazing cakes Tuesday-Thursday 9am to 12 noon in the church foyer Jeavons Lane. For more on the Jubilee Garden contact garden@cambournechurch



Community spirit shines at Cambourne Repair Cafe

Cambourne's ninth Repair Cafe occurred on Saturday, 28 February at Cambourne Village College as part of the school's fourth Eco Festival.

Repair Cafes are free community events that match people who need something fixed with people who like fixing things. Volunteer repairers from the Cambridge Repair Cafe Network were joined by Cambourne resident repairers.

Around 39 items were seen on the day including a victorian sewing box, a wall clock, a transformer for a

vintage Hornby train set, bicycles and items of clothing.

Thanks go to all the volunteers that make this event possible - the brilliant repairers and those who helped organise and then run the event on the day.

Cambourne's next Repair Cafe is scheduled for Saturday 20th June at the Hub.

Cambourne Repair Cafe is managed by Cambourne Shed. Visit cambourneshed.org/repair-cafe/ for further details.



West Cambourne Bike Repair

A free bike repair service will be provided by Smart Journeys in Partnership with Taylor Wimpey/Vistry is available exclusively for West Cambourne residents and will be delivered by Outspoken Cycles.

These sessions are put in place to support and are intended to incentivise the West Cambourne community to be more active and travel more sustainably.

The next session will be on Saturday, 4th April 2026 from 10:30-13:30hrs and will be on a booking basis in advance.

The May session will be held on Saturday, 2nd May 2026. Please visit: www.outspokencycles.co.uk/cambourne-dr-bike/ to book a place.

For more information about this free service, please contact westcambourne@smartjourneys.co.uk. Terms and conditions apply.

Free Monthly Bike Repair

EXCLUSIVELY FOR WEST CAMBOURNE RESIDENTS

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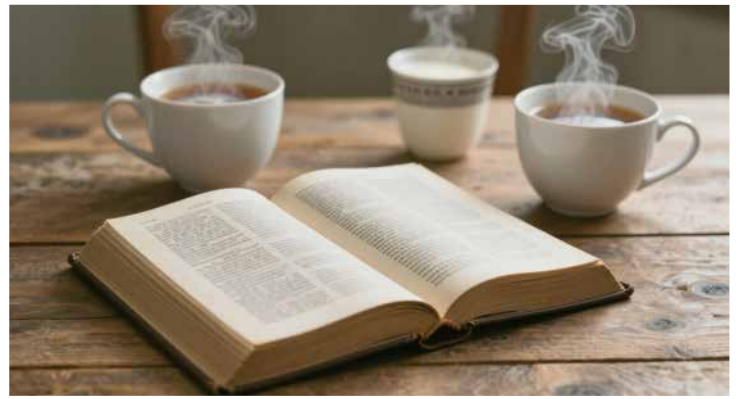
CHURCHES

Christ Church Cambourne: 10 years of Ministry

This April marks the 10th anniversary of Christ Church Cambourne, which meets each Sunday at 10.45 am at Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane (on the same site as Cambourne Village College). CCC is an independent evangelical Christian church made up of people from all over the world who live in Cambourne and the surrounding area.

Celebrating 10 years feels like a milestone. When a child celebrates their 10th birthday, reaching double digits is special. That's because 10 is a significant number in everyday life. We learn to count on 10 fingers. Many of our mathematical processes are based on 10s - the word "decimal" is derived from "deka", the Greek word for 10. In medical situations, pain levels are scored from 0 to 10. There are Top Ten charts for music, books and films. The best mark in a test is 10/10, which recognises perfection.

You'll still see the number 10 written as the Roman numeral X on clock faces. And this symbol also made me think about what we're about at Christ Church Cambourne because X is a



symbol of love. Love is at the core of our mission as a church: to love Jesus, to love one another and to love our community.

Why is love at the centre of our aims? The Bible says, "We love because He (God) first loved us." God shows his love for sinners by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. A death on a cross was a symbol of shame and suffering reserved in Roman times for criminals. Yet Jesus Christ was perfect. He died a death he didn't deserve as he was innocent, but he died on the cross on behalf of sinners.

Jesus Christ died to save people who couldn't save themselves. And that's something worth celebrating!

Look out for news of future events as we mark our 10th anniversary over the coming months. All are very welcome.



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Community Big Weekender set to bring Cambourne together

Excitement is building as the much-anticipated **Community Big Weekender** returns this summer, promising two and a half packed days of entertainment, activities and family fun.

Taking place over the weekend of **26th - 28th June, on the Sports Fields** off Back Lane, Great Cambourne, the event will transform the heart of the community into a vibrant celebration filled with music, colourful stalls, delicious street food and activities designed to bring neighbours together. Organisers say this year's event will be

bigger and better than ever, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Visitors can look forward to a bustling makers' market showcasing talented artisans, children's games and inflatables, face painting, community group showcases and a wide variety of food vendors offering sweet treats and savoury favourites. There will also be competitions, raffles and interactive activities throughout the weekend to keep the atmosphere lively and engaging.

Event coordinators Mel & Emma said: "The Community Big Weekender is all

about celebrating who we are. It's a chance for families, friends and neighbours to come together, support local businesses and enjoy a fantastic weekend right on our doorstep.

"The event is open to everyone and aims to highlight the diversity, talent and community spirit that make the area special. Local organisations and volunteers have worked together to ensure a safe, welcoming and enjoyable experience for all attendees."

A full programme of events will be announced soon.

Easter Trail & Art Attack!

Families are invited to hop along to this year's Easter Trail Community Event from 30th March to 12th April.

The trail will guide you around all four Cambourne Villages: pick one or complete all four! You'll look for giant Easter Eggs with a letter on. Unscramble

the letters bring the Easter-themed word to The Soul on 10th April, 9am-12 noon, to receive a small Easter treat and if you're lucky enough to find a Golden Egg, take a photo and enter your name to be in with the chance to win a special prize. Maps are available to download from cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or you can collect a paper copy from the Hub office between Monday – Friday 9-5pm (closed 1-2pm daily).

There is also an exciting Art Attack creative zone being held at The Soul

on Friday 10th April 9-12 noon. From decorating eggs and designing bunny masks to collaborative community artwork, the Art Attack area is set to be a hub of colour, creativity and fun.

All materials will be provided, and volunteers will be on hand to help young artists bring their ideas to life.

With colourful decorations, spring surprises and plenty of photo opportunities, the event promises a lively and welcoming atmosphere.



EVENTS

Music on the Mound

In Partnership with Third Man Bar & Cambourne Cricket Club at Great Cambourne Cricket Ground.

Bank Holiday Mondays:

4th & 25th May and 31st August; 3pm until late.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of entertainment bringing together great music, good company and a fantastic outdoor atmosphere, the event promises to be a highlight of the local social calendar. Set against the relaxed backdrop of the mound, attendees can expect an evening packed with music, refreshing drinks and a buzzing community vibe.

Third Man Bar will be on site serving a wide selection of beverages, creating the perfect pairing for an eclectic mix of music. From laid-back acoustic sets to upbeat crowd favourites, there will be something to suit every musical taste.

Organisers say the event is all about bringing people together: "Music on the Mound is about creating a space where friends, families and neighbours can relax and enjoy great music in a welcoming environment. Partnering with Third Man Bar helps us create that festival feel right here in our community. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic blankets or camping chairs, settle in for the evening and soak up the atmosphere. Whether you're coming for the music, the drinks or simply to enjoy the summer evening with friends, Music on the Mound is set to deliver."



Third Man Bar by
Cambourne Cricket
Club
Cambourne Foodies

On Bank Holiday
Monday
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August
3pm until late
picnic in the park

Music on the Mound

Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion
Back Lane
Great Cambourne
CB23 6FY

Fireworks night!

**The Sports Pitches off Back Lane, Great Cambourne:
From 6pm, 6th November**

The community is invited to wrap up warm and head down for a spectacular Community Fireworks Event on 6th November, promising an evening packed with fun, food and fantastic entertainment.

The event will begin at 6:00pm, with a lively fairground atmosphere. Families can enjoy traditional fair activities and soak up the festive atmosphere as the countdown to the main display begins. A variety of food vendors will be serving hot favourites and sweet treats throughout the evening, alongside a fully stocked bar offering refreshments.

The highlight of the night will be the grand fireworks display at 8:00pm, set to light up the sky in a dazzling showcase of colour and sound.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy the fair and secure a good viewing spot for the fireworks.

The event itself is free, but donation buckets will be about to raise funds for next year's display.



Cambourne Town Presents...

FIREWORK NIGHT!

Cambourne's fabulous fireworks are back!

Fireworks, Stalls, and more!

From 6pm, Fireworks at 8pm
Friday 6th November 2026

Great Cambourne Cricket Pitches, CB23 6FY

A little gift, a lot of gratitude

Cambourne Crescent: Here is something worth knowing about Ramadan. Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset for an entire month. No food, no water, nothing. Just patience, purpose, and the quiet hum of something meaningful being observed. It sounds gruelling. It is, a bit.

But come sundown, the table is laid, the food is extraordinary, and the company is even better.

Ask Jim. He was in the right place at the right time last week when my wife's shawarma came off the grill just as the fast broke. He sat down. He ate. He did not need asking twice. Honestly, fair play to him. That instinct, to simply pull up a chair and be a neighbour, is exactly what Cambourne Crescent wanted to celebrate this Ramadan.

We put together hampers and delivered them to local schools, the GP surgery, and the town council offices. A small thing. But small things, given with genuine gratitude, have a way of meaning quite a lot.

This is a young town still figuring out what it wants to be. If Jim is anything to go by, it is going to be just fine.

From all of us at Cambourne Crescent, thank you. And if you find yourself near a Muslim neighbour's front door just before sundown, knock. Something wonderful is almost certainly happening in that kitchen.

Ramadan Mubarak.

Cambourne Crescent is a local charity



Dirty Business in our Country Park

Channel 4's recent docudrama *Dirty Business* has reignited national concern about the state of Britain's waterways, exposing how untreated sewage has been released into rivers and seas with devastating consequences. One of the most harrowing moments in the series is the real case of an 8-year-old girl who died after contracting a dangerous strain of *E. coli* linked to contaminated seawater. In court, her mother described how the bacteria had "liquidised her insides" a stark reminder of just how serious these infections can be.

In the aftermath of her death, the water company suggested she might instead have picked up the infection from dog faeces rather than the sea; a claim her family strongly rejected, but one that inadvertently highlights a public health issue much closer to home.

Dog poo isn't just unpleasant; it can contain the same harmful bacteria found in raw sewage, including pathogenic strains of *E. coli* capable of causing severe illness. When left on pavements, parks, verges like Crow Dean Lane, it doesn't simply disappear. It lingers for weeks, contaminates soil and grass, and can be picked up on shoes, pram wheels, or children's hands.

If a water company can argue that dog waste is potent enough to cause a life threatening infection, then we should take seriously the risks posed when owners fail to pick up after their pets. *Dirty Business* exposes a national scandal around sewage pollution - but it also gives us an unexpected reminder of something we can control locally: responsible dog ownership.

I've noticed that over the winter months there's been a sharp rise in dog poo left around the country park,



especially Crow Dean Lane - A path many school children use every day. Perhaps the longer evenings make some owners feel they won't be seen, but the impact is the same. It's still irresponsible, and it still puts other people – especially children at risk.

Please do the right thing – bag it, bin it, and help keep Cambourne's community safe.

Cambourne Tennis Club looks ahead to a busy new season

At Cambourne Tennis Club's AGM in March, we reflected on another positive year on the courts with strong participation across social sessions, coaching programmes, and competitive tennis. Some highlights were: our Men's 1st Team which achieved promotion back to Division 1 in the Winter League. Cambourne's Neha Kibria who became the Cambridgeshire County Ladies Captain, the resurfacing of Courts 4 and 5 the repainting of Courts 1-3 ensured that we can provide high-quality facilities for years to come; and the club was nominated at the Cambridgeshire LTA Awards for our work around inclusivity.

April kicks off the start of the new Tennis season! Existing members please renew a.s.a.p. to keep access to the courts and booking system. Thinking about starting tennis? Now is the best time to join for the whole year. It's a sport for life that you can play from ages 3 to 100+. In Cambourne we have great facilities and a non-profit club that is open to all. There are many different membership options depending on your age



and interest level. For further details on membership look online: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC/Membership/Join

Tennis Lessons – Summer Term! To improve your game, GameSetTennis is our award-winning coaching provider who offer a wide range of group and private lessons. From 3-year-olds to adults, everyone can enjoy tennis this spring and summer! Learn with qualified and accredited coaches in fun, friendly sessions designed for all abilities. Spaces are limited – book your place today at www.gamesettennis.co.uk

Club ladder competition: We've recently launched a new Club Ladder League to get some more competitive matches going! It's a fantastic way to meet new members and improve your game. It's also flexible as you decide when and who to challenge. Check our website's What's on page for more details.

Cambourne Runners invites new members

Cambourne Runners is a friendly group of runners of all abilities and ages (minimum 16); running on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Our Wednesday sessions are at The Hub for a 6.45pm start based at the Business Park. On Saturday at 8:45am we have a longer, steady run between 8km and 12km, from Greens Coffee Shop. After the run we usually pop into Greens for a coffee and a catch-up.

If you are interested in joining or would like to come along to see what the runs are like, please email: cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook, just search Cambourne Runners.

Cambourne resident to run his 154th marathon, in Boston

Daniel, an Orthopaedic Surgeon from Cambourne, has run a staggering 153 marathons to raise thousands for many causes!

Now he intends to run the famous Boston Marathon in aid of GLO's lifesaving, transformative work.

He is covering his expenses so your full donation will go to the Greater Lake Outreach project in Burundi, Africa.

Daniel has been in Burundi and involved with Burundian athletes and local community projects.

Please scan the QR code if you would like to support Daniel and GLO.



Basketball Slam Jam coming to Cambourne

Fastbreak Basketball (FB) is pleased to bring Basketball England's official Slam Jam (SJ) programme to Cambourne for the first time, giving local children aged 7 to 11 the opportunity to discover and enjoy it in a fun and supportive environment.

Slam Jam is a national grassroots initiative designed specifically for primary school kids. The programme introduces young players to the fundamentals of basketball while developing confidence, teamwork and essential movement skills through engaging games and activities.

From April 2026, FB will deliver SJ sessions at Cambourne Village College Sports Hall and the Vine Inter-Church Primary School, expanding opportunities for children in the local community to get involved in the sport.

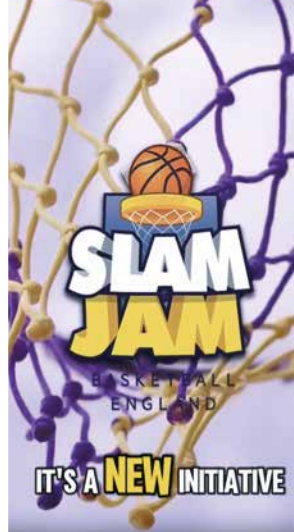
Sessions will be delivered by experienced coaches and organised into three age groups:

U9 (ages 7–9) – Fridays, 4:30pm to 5:15pm

U10 (ages 8–10) – Thursdays, 5pm to 5:55pm

U11 (ages 9–11) – Fridays, 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Each player who registers will take part in a 10-session programme and receive an official SJ equipment pack,



including a basketball and SJ kit provided through Basketball England.

FB is a Cambourne-based community club delivering junior basketball sessions and helping young players take their first steps in the sport before progressing into club development programmes and competitive basketball opportunities.

As interest in basketball continues to grow locally, the club aims to provide a welcoming pathway for kids in Cambourne and surrounding villages to get involved in the game.

Places in the programme are limited to maintain high-quality coaching ratios, so early registration is recommended.

■ For full details and registration, visit:

www.fastbreakbasketball.co.uk/slam-jam

For enquiries, contact: info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Netball teams chase titles in thrilling season finale

Cambourne Netball Club: With just a few matches left to play, we find ourselves in an exciting position! Our C1 side are currently sitting at top of the Premier League, while C2 are leading Division 1. Both teams are heading into the final stretch with everything on the line. If C1 can maintain their form and secure the Premier League title, they'll progress to the regional playoffs — a first in our club's history.

Regional playoffs are fiercely competitive and notoriously difficult to

qualify for, so reaching this stage would be a landmark moment and a fantastic opportunity for our players.

That competitive edge was on full display recently when C2 and C3 — both playing in Division 1 — faced off in an inter-club derby. It was friendly yet fiercely contested, everything you'd want: skilful, spirited, and played in exactly the right way. C2 players received Susie awards while C3 got Maddy for delivering standout performances on the day.

Could our shiny new courts be behind this season's strong form? We're not saying it's the only reason — but it certainly hasn't hurt! With five senior teams and a thriving junior programme, we continue to grow — and the door is always open to new players. Whether you're an experienced athlete or just looking to give netball a go, there's a team and a place for you. As the season heads into its final matches, all eyes are on what we can achieve.



Cambourne Tae Kwon Do shines at English Open tournament



Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: has been very busy so far this year. Our core curriculum is changing with much more emphasis on personal safety and practical self-defence for people of all ages. It's been very exciting recently welcoming Grand Master Wurr and Master Elfleet back to Cambourne to go through some new drills to perfect our skills.

We've also added some new competitions to test our skills against different Tae Kwon Do practitioners.

Most recently was the 300 competitor-strong Global Taekwondo International English Open Tournament in Hinckley. Several of our students participated specifically Connor, Daniela, Ciara, Lucas, Jimena, Malik, Ainesh, Anas and Krishita who won a great haul of medals, putting Cambourne in the top six of all attending clubs. So well done guys!

More importantly, this was an opportunity for some of our students to dip their toes into the competition

experience. Putting yourself forward and relying on your own skills can be daunting and we're pleased to see so many embrace the challenge and achieve so much. We have places available for new students, young and old, in our Saturday classes. If you or your child is looking for a new fun, energetic activity in a friendly and successful team, contact Jason on 07745 436806 or jason.newton@btinternet.com

Cambourne Cricket Club prepares for new season after strong winter

Cambourne Cricket Club eyes the new cricket season (fixtures begin on 18th April!), and celebrating a productive winter and looking forward to a busy, community-focused spring. Our Cricket 365 programme once again kept players active between October and February, with more than 90 participants taking part in indoor matches and net sessions that maintained skills and strengthen team spirit. A major highlight during the off-season was the success of our Men's Indoor A team (pictured), who were crowned Bedfordshire Division 3 champions. Their achievement reflects the hard work, consistency, and commitment shown throughout the campaign, and the whole club congratulates them on a fantastic league win.

We are also pleased to announce the creation of a new Inclusion Lead role on our executive committee. This position will focus on widening access, strengthening community engagement, and ensuring cricket at Cambourne. Pre-season training is now underway, and new members are warmly invited to join us. Anyone interested can sign up via our website: <https://www.cambournecc.com>. Training sessions run every Sunday at CVC, with Juniors from 1–3pm and Adults from 3–5pm, alongside adult nets at Fenners on Saturdays until April.



Several key events are planned in the coming weeks including our Open Day on 15 March (1–3pm at the CVC sports hall), which offers a friendly introduction to the sport, coaches, the club, and inclusive activities. For those who can't attend, women's training begins mid-April at Lower Cambourne every Saturday morning.

To support player welfare and volunteer development, a First Aid Awareness session for captains and managers takes place on 14th March, followed by the ECB Activator Programme on 23rd April. A Kit Recycling Day on 18th April will round off the early-season calendar, promoting sustainability and helping new players access equipment.

COMMUNITY BIG WEEKENDER

26th - 28th June 2026



★ You're Invited to Our 1st Annual Community Big Weekender ★
Join us for a weekend of fun, connection, and celebration at what will become the
Annual

Community Big Weekender

17 Date: Friday 26th June 6pm onwards for music, food and family fun

★ What to Expect

🎵 Music

🍷 Licensed bar and food



Dancing and family fun *family fun*

17 Date: Saturday 27th June 🕒 Time: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

★ What to Expect: 🎵 Music & entertainment 🍷 Licensed bar and food

🍰 Bakery & Photography competitions

🎨 Kids' crafts & face painting 🏪 Local vendor market 🎁 Raffles

- Fun games & family activities 🐾 Dog Show
with



England V Panama showing on outside screen
KO 10pm



17 Date: Sunday 28th June Cambourne Sports Day 🕒 Time: 11:00 AM - 16:00 PM

Come down and meet the sports communities in Cambourne and see what is on offer.

Beat the Goalie at Cambourne Town Football Club.

From First Catch to First Century - meet the Cricket club.

Bounce a Netball or do you have an unstoppable serve for the Tennis club.

★ What to Expect: All of the Cambourne Sports clubs will be showcasing what they can offer.

📍 Location: Sports Fields Back Lane

This FREE event is open to everyone —
bring your family, invite your friends, and come meet your neighbours!

Let's celebrate our amazing community together ❤️

For more information or to become a vendor, contact:

✉ community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk