



Work gets underway on new community building



23 June 2026 marked the start of work on the new Greenbank Community Building, adjacent to Crow Hill Allotments. The land was given to the community by the developers as part the original consent for Cambourne and intended for Scout and Girl Guide usage.

The project commenced some three years ago with planning permission

granted in August 2024. Since then, Cambourne Town Council has been working with local groups to deliver the new building.

The principal users of the building will include the Girl Guide and Scout groups as well as Cambourne Shed, with other community groups and residents also able to hire the facility.

The project will now progress at pace, water servicing, drainage and electrical works have been commissioned and installation has started. The building itself is expected to be delivered in late September, subject to the weather.

It is hoped that the new community facility will be completed and available for use by the end of the year.

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TOWN COUNCIL

■ The Big Weekender

What a Weekend!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to this year's Big Weekender. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves, and we've been delighted with all the positive feedback we've received. We're already looking ahead to next year, so pop 18th–20th June 2027 in your diary now! We have lots of exciting ideas already being planned, and we're determined to make it even bigger and better. The hot weather did mean we had to make a few changes over the weekend, with some stalls and activities unfortunately unable to go ahead. While that was disappointing, we are incredibly proud to have delivered an event of this size in just four months. Thank you to everyone for your support, understanding and patience.

■ Summer Trails

Throughout August, why not take part in our Summer Trail? Maps are available from the Town Council website or you can pick one or four up from the Town Council office. There are trails available for Upper, Lower, Great and West Cambourne, so there's something for everyone.

■ Activities for the summer holidays

Keep an eye out for the giant suns, unscramble the mystery words, and then bring your completed trail sheet along to Art Attack at The Hub on Wednesday 26th August between 9.00am and 12 noon to collect a small prize.

While you're there, why not stop for a cuppa and a slice of cake? We'll be raising money for Breast Cancer Now, with all proceeds going towards supporting their vital work.



You may also have spotted our new Check for Change posters in Town Council buildings. This initiative encourages everyone to check their breasts, and we are proud to be supporting this.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Town Council Facebook page for updates on our Cool Hub sessions and other community activities happening over the summer.

■ Lower Cambourne Playpark

We are also pleased to see the work on the Lower Cambourne Playpark completed and hope you will enjoy using it over the summer.

■ Cambourne Fireworks

Fireworks are a go, Friday 6th November from 6.30pm, with Food Stalls, Larry Gray's funfair and licensed bars.

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TOWN COUNCIL

■ Please Report incidents

The Town Council is encouraging all residents to report incidents of crime, antisocial behaviour, road safety concerns and other issues directly to the police or the appropriate authority, even if they may seem minor.

Following discussions with our policing colleagues, it has become clear that there is a difference between the number of incidents being reported to the Town Council and those being officially recorded by the police.

While we appreciate residents keeping the Council informed, reports made only to the Town Council are not included in official police statistics.

Official reporting helps build an accurate picture of what is happening in our community. Whether it is antisocial behaviour, suspicious activity, vandalism, dangerous driving, speeding, or a near miss on our roads, each report contributes to the evidence used by agencies to identify patterns, target resources and prioritise action.

Accurate reporting is also vital when the Town Council submits Local Highway Improvement bids. Evidence of accidents, near misses and ongoing road safety concerns plays an important role in demonstrating the need for improvements such as traffic calming measures, new crossings or other safety enhancements.

By reporting incidents through the correct channels, you can help:

- ensure crime and antisocial behaviour are reflected in official statistics.
- help the police understand where additional patrols or resources may be needed.
- support the Town Council in securing funding for local highway and road safety improvements.
- build a stronger evidence base to address the issues that matter most to our community.

If you witness a crime, experience antisocial behaviour, or have concerns about road safety, please report them to the police using the appropriate

reporting methods. In an emergency, always call 999. For non-emergencies, contact the police via 101 or their online reporting service. You are also welcome to let the Town Council know about the issue, but this should be in addition to reporting it through the official channels. Together, we can help make our community safer by ensuring the right information reaches the right people. Your reports really do make a difference. www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/

■ **Council Meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at The Hub Community Centre.** Members of the public are welcome to observe.

4th August 2026
– Planning Committee

18th August 2026
– Planning Committee

8th September 2026
– Planning Committee
– Followed by Full Council



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SCOUTS & GUIDES

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoy outdoor adventures

2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUT GROUP: Our young people have been enjoying the summer weather and camping season.

The Beavers took part in the annual Beavers in Tents camp weekend in St Ives, joining 50 other young people with activities including orienteering, crafting jam jar tealights, and cooking sausages on open fires.

Our Cubs and Scouts section enjoyed fun evenings at the Obstacle Training Ground in Bassingbourn, tackling the obstacles, and enjoying cooling off in the water splashes - even if the water was green with grass cuttings!

In early July, our Scouts held summer camp at a site on the edge of Bedford and had a brilliant two nights enjoying pistol shooting, bouldering wall, pedal go karts, water slide, and orienteering. Camp wouldn't be camp without lots of fire building and cooking, as well as spending lots of time with each other making Scouting memories.



3rd Cambourne Guides celebrate first full year

July marked a special milestone for 3rd Cambourne Guides as we celebrated our first full year.

Our unit has grown from a brand-new group into a thriving and well-established community of girls who come together each week to learn new skills, take on challenges, and, most importantly, have fun. To celebrate the end of a fantastic year, we enjoyed a 'Sausage Sizzle' followed by a lively game of "burning ball" – a game similar to rounders. It has been a real pleasure to watch the girls bond, grow in confidence, and develop new friendships throughout the year. Many of them have embraced opportunities they might not have considered before, and it has been wonderful to see them encouraging and supporting one another. The success of the unit is reflected in the



fact that we are now fully subscribed, with a lengthy waiting list of girls hoping to join.

A number of our Guides also attended a Guide Camp at the Jarman Centre over the weekend of 11– 12th July. They had a fantastic time making their own pizzas, taking part in geocaching activities, and exploring the surrounding area.

As we now take a well-earned break over the summer, we would like to thank

all of our leaders, volunteers, parents, and supporters who have helped make our first year such a success. We look forward to returning in September for another fun-filled Autumn term, with plenty of exciting activities, challenges, and adventures still to come.

Here's to an amazing first year of 3rd Cambourne Guides – and many more to come!

SCOUTS

Sabretooth Explorers embrace outdoor adventure this summer

The Sabretooth Explorers have continued enjoying their first summer term together.

They had a hike between Cambourne, Caxton, and Bourn, completed a pioneering challenge building a tower, and held a session on woggle-making and sewing.

One of the last sessions was a cooking evening, where they produced a 3-course dinner on campfire in the woods, complete with dressed table and candelabra! The term ended with a super evening at Wyboston Aquapark.

Sabretooth Explorers is a district-governed group supported by both 1st and 2nd Cambourne Scout Groups for young people aged 14-18.

The group meets on Tuesdays 7-9pm at Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School (Cambourne campus) with a youth-led focus on activity themes.

For more information about joining for both young people and adults to help, please email: sabretooth-leaders@sabretoothexplore.rs.org.uk



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COMMUNITY & GUIDING

Campfires to theatre trips: a busy term for Cambourne Girlguiding

It's been another year of adventure and experiences for our local Guiding community.

In this summer term, Rainbows (4-7yrs) and Guides (10-14) have both had fun filled sleepovers at The Jarman Guiding Centre in Newmarket.

Rangers (14-18) had an end of GCSE celebration weekend in London, staying at Guiding World Centre, Pax Lodge and enjoying a trip to the theatre to see Kinky Boots.

Brownies (7-10) had a sleepover closer to home earlier in the year at The Hub with more adventures away planned for the year ahead!

Unit meetings have been just as exciting this term – some highlights:

Rainbows have been investigating the local area exploring our local nature reserve and visiting the swans, a fun and activity-filled sports day and an end of term party.

Brownies have enjoyed campfires, trying out rugby with Cambridge Rugby club, caring for our community with a litter pick, playing adventure golf and 3rd Cambourne Brownies even celebrated its 20th birthday!

Guides have enjoyed a penny hike, a day in Cambridge, punting and a treasure hunt, plus cooling down with some water games. Rangers, along with a tough term of GCSE exams, have managed to fit in Karaoke, a Lush store party and a visit to an aqua park.

None of these fabulous opportunities for our local Guiding community would be possible without our amazing volunteers. Our district commissioner was just thanked for 20 years service



and others on the district have even more years under their belt. Thank you to all our volunteers.

3rd Cambourne Brownies says a big thank you and fond farewell to our unit helper who, after 8 years (having started at age 10!) leaves for her next adventure at University.

Cambourne GirlGuiding would really benefit from some additional adult volunteers. Volunteering provides so much to the girls in our units but it also provides so many rewards to the volunteers. Seeing girls build confidence and grow from GirlGuiding is priceless.

If you are interested in volunteering please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer and sign up.

Volunteers help breathe new life into broken items

Cambourne's 10th Repair Cafe occurred on Saturday, 20th June at the Hub. 32 items were seen on the day, many of which were repaired by the volunteer repairers. Here is an example of the feedback received from those who brought items on the day, which gives an impression of the positive nature of this free community event.

– "Excellent job. Mark is brilliant and has been a great help explaining how to maintain the sewing machine."

– "Very pleased with the outcome. Despite expectations that they could not be fixed. Pleased to say they were. Friendly repairers, informative and all in all a great experience. It is as good as new."

– "Bike all fixed, checked and working. Very helpful and friendly repairers. Great! Thank you."

– "Thank you very much for all the staff to provide such a meaningful service to the community and especially to Jon, he

is so patient, kind and professional to repair my mini-oven and it works again!"

Cambourne's next Repair Cafe is scheduled for Saturday, 7th November at The Hub Community Centre.

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



Make a poppy for the Remembrance Garden in Cambourne



Do you knit, sew or crochet? Can you help make poppies? Last year we were lucky enough to have a remembrance garden opened here in Cambourne. I thought it would be good if we could provide a poppy for each prong of the railings around the garden to mark the first anniversary. I would like as many people as possible to help. There are 303 prongs, and it would be fantastic if 303 people contributed. I plan to face each poppy outwards but if there are extras then I would face those inwards.

Please don't make them too big: around 2 inches/5 cm diameter would be perfect.

Where to leave your poppies: The library has kindly agreed to have a collection box so look out for a red shoe box from 1st October onwards. Alternatively feel free to pop them through my letterbox at 13 Willow Lane.

Deadline: Please get them to me, or the library on or before 5th November so I can ensure they are in place before Remembrance Day.

If you need a crochet pattern (please use double knit wool): counties.britishlegion.org.uk/media/6214630/crochet-poppies.pdf

For a knitting pattern:

counties.britishlegion.org.uk/media/4069303/Poppy-Patterns.pdf

Please leave two tails (one when casting on, the other when casting off) on the back of the poppy to make two tails for tying the poppy on to the railings.

If you prefer to sew your poppy then all you need to do is: Cut two overlapping wavy-edged circles from red felt, top them with a contrasting black felt centre, or button and stitch them together. Please attach a piece of ribbon, or similar, on the back of the poppy to make two tails for tying them on to the railings.

Thank you all in advance. If you have any questions then feel free to email me, Pam, at pamhume1@gmail.com

Would you like to play Hockey?

Royston Hockey club is likely your nearest club, currently playing home games in Cambridge (Near the Cambridge Rugby Club), and is looking for new members.

The Club currently runs five senior teams - three Men's and two Ladies teams - playing competitive Hockey in the East Leagues. All abilities are catered for and you are not required to attend practices.

The club also runs a thriving and growing junior section across boys and girls covering U8 mixed to U14 Boys and Girls. Sessions are on Sundays in Royston 10am - 11:15am.

If you would like to play or want to know more about Royston Hockey club contact Roger van Poortvliet - 07785710489 - or see our website for further details: www.roystonhockey.co.uk

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Advocating for patient voice in the NHS

Fighting for fair and timely access to healthcare remains one of my top priorities as an MP and over the last two years I have dealt with countless cases of inadequate care, delayed surgeries or simply the inability to get a GP appointment in the first place.

The Government claims that its Health Bill will improve this situation, yet I have significant concerns about its approach to including the real experience of patients in the provision and design of care.

At the Second Reading of the bill recently, I raised my concerns directly with the Health Secretary about the decision to scrap Healthwatch – the independent body that has been so vital in holding the NHS to account and

involving local residents in shaping services for over 50 years.

Rather than being able to go to an independent body to express how the NHS can work better for them, patients will now only be able to give feedback to the same organisations that might have failed them. I know that is concerning for residents across the consistency. With Integrated Care Boards already having to make 50% cuts, we cannot expect them now to be able to mark their own homework.

I will continue to do all I can to advocate for the patient voice to be heard in our NHS – we have seen far too many tragic examples of what happens when it isn't.



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The future vision for Cambourne

I'm immensely proud to be one of your three district councillors elected in May. I've lived in Cambourne on and off since 2004 and have spent almost my entire life in South Cams. In my spare time, I chair Cambourne Cricket Club and recently founded a Padel club for residents.

It has been a busy summer at the district council. A key focus for residents is the Local Plan, which will set out the future vision for our town and, crucially, how we will be connected to the city. I encourage everyone to read the published documents when available and share your views through the consultation process.

We are also awaiting a final decision on the

proposed local government reorganisation, which would merge the county and district councils into a single authority. Alongside this is the potential development corporation, intended to fast track planning for proposals over 250 homes. However, this would remove powers from the current planning authority and may prioritise national government objectives over local ones.

We are also pushing for more targeted policing. This includes producing a "hot spot" map to turn residents' experiences into actionable insights for the police. Policing remains data-led, so the more incidents we report, the stronger the case for increased presence.

What have I got to be grateful for?

Gratitude may seem a slightly unusual topic in an article on health, but there is an increasing belief that it can have a significant effect on our emotional (and physical) wellbeing.

The idea of 'counting our blessings' has clearly been around for many years but more recently this has formed the basis of many research studies. These have shown that practicing gratitude (more than just having an 'attitude of gratitude') can improve wellbeing, sleep and stress. One way to do this is by completing a gratitude journal every day.

The research suggests if you note down three things you are grateful for, that within a few weeks you are likely to notice an improvement in your wellbeing. These should vary everyday and can be small things such as enjoying a coffee or a

conversation or the smell of a flower or hearing birds singing.

The techniques of mindfulness or 'taking notice' of your surroundings can be useful in helping identify small but wonderful things. Another technique can be replacing the phrase 'I need to...' with 'I get to...'. Although it may not always work, it does often highlight how much we have.

You may not feel like being grateful but as David Steindl-Rast said "It is not joy that makes us grateful, but gratitude that makes us joyful"

■ *Editors' note: This article was originally published in Cambourne Crier in June 2022 and has been reproduced to show our gratitude to Catherine for her support over many years and the wealth of information she has provided.*



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A Moving Ministry

You may have noticed that this month there is no new article from Catherine Price, who has been our parish nurse for more than 10 years. She has been writing health-focused articles for *Cambourne Crier*, running a health and wellbeing group in the church building, and giving health advice and help on a one-to-one basis – all as a volunteer using her nursing skills, knowledge, and training. But she is stepping back from this role, and we are very grateful for all she has done. However, for readers of *Cambourne Crier* there is no immediate replacement for her health advice. Catherine has a passion for holistic healthcare, involving body, mind, and spirit, and has been working from a distinctly Christian perspective. Wellbeing involves the whole person, and too often

healthcare can have a very narrow focus. Parish nursing has been an antidote to this by addressing many facets of a person’s life. If you know Catherine, you will also know that she has not suddenly become idle. Much that she had been doing among us will continue – leading services, being involved in pastoral care, and more. In fact, a couple of years ago at a service led by the bishop in Ely Cathedral she became a licensed lay minister in the Church of England with a specialism in pastoral care. So we are far from saying goodbye to her, but the emphasis of what she is doing is shifting. So we say thank you, and all the very best for what lies ahead in the church, in the wider community of Cambourne, and beyond. **Revd Bill Miller**

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9 August	10.00am	All Age Service
16 August	10.00am	All Age Service
23 August	10.00am	All Age Service with Communion
30 August	10.00am	All Age Service
6 September	10.00am	All Age Service with Communion

Over this summer period there are no break-out groups for children and young people

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: The Water of Life

Welcome to August. Hot days continue, but the work does not stop, although it sometimes slows down while you get another drink of water. Water is such an important thing. Water is life and should not be carelessly wasted or polluted. We were taught much about it in the military. Living in a desert for a few months in tents certainly gives you perspective. You quickly learn the difference between what is a luxury and what is a necessity. Most people simply turn on the tap without a second thought, but a great deal of work goes into making sure that water is clean, safe, and available whenever we need it. I suppose because of its sheer importance to us, it is no surprise that the Scriptures so often use water to

illustrate spiritual truths. Just as our bodies cannot survive long without water, our souls cannot thrive apart from God. The Lord Jesus said in John 7:37-38, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Notice that Jesus did not invite only those who had everything together. His invitation was to those who thirst. A thirsty person knows they have a need. In the same way, before someone will seek the Lord, they must first recognise the emptiness that sin has left in their life. Many people try to satisfy that thirst with success, possessions,

entertainment, or pleasure, only to find themselves thirsty again. The Lord alone gives the living water that truly satisfies. So, as you enjoy the warm weather this month and reach once more for a cold drink, perhaps let it remind you of a greater need. Just as we regularly replenish our bodies with water, we should daily refresh our hearts with the Word of God, prayer, and fellowship with Him. They are not luxuries but necessities for the Christian life. Stay hydrated, Cambourne, but more importantly, stay close to the One who gives living water.



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CHURCHES

Christ Church's message of warning and hope

Red and amber heatwave alerts hit the headlines in both June and July, followed by health warnings from hospitals and then hosepipe bans or restrictions on water usage. The purpose of issuing these warnings was to inform us of the dangers of the hot temperatures and the possible consequences associated with them. The outcomes of ignoring these warnings or neglecting to take precautions could be serious, even life threatening.

The Bible gives alerts to dangers. At Christ Church, when the speaker was preaching from Matthew's gospel, a part of the Bible which gives an account of Jesus' life and teaching, he said that the Bible teaches us that there are two ways: the broad way and the narrow way. The danger of the broad way is that although it looks a good and well trodden path it leads to destruction. The warning is clear that this broad way is dangerous, it is misleading and takes you away from God. Yet the narrow way leads to life and to God. In another part of the Bible Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." God is gracious in giving alerts to dangers but also in providing a way to Him through Jesus Christ.

■ Christ Church meets at Cambourne Campus, Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane, on Sundays at 10.45, everyone is welcome to attend.

www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk



Saint John Fisher

In July, a group of 6 teenagers and 2 adults from the St John Fisher Community were Confirmed into Catholic Church. The special Confirmation Mass took place in Cambourne Church and was led by the Bishop of East Anglia: Bishop Peter Collins. The sacrament of Confirmation involves affirming the faith and devotion of an individual and fully bringing them into the church. It involves an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a mark on the soul. As a community, we are very proud of the candidates and send them many congratulations on this special occasion which was shared with many of our parishioners.

■ St John Fisher Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre: Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00.

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CERC teams set for world competition

Youth Robotics Teams Earn Place on World Stage After Outstanding National Success

Two teams from the Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) will represent Great Britain at the World Robot Olympiad (WRO) 2026 after outstanding performances at the UK National Finals in Leicester.

In the Robot Mission Elementary category, Katy, Tala and Alex secured second place with an impressive 125 points and also received the Professional Behaviour and Cooperation Award. Their success has qualified them for the International World Robot Olympiad in Puerto Rico or one of the Open World Robot Olympiads in Croatia, San Francisco or India.

In the Future Innovators Junior category, Johan and Niel from Trumpington Community College were crowned UK Champions with their project Vision2Touch, which converts sign language into Braille to improve communication between visually impaired and deaf communities. They also achieved the highest overall Future Innovators score across all age groups and won the Best Presentation Award. They will represent the UK at the International World Robot Olympiad in Puerto Rico this December alongside teams from more than 90 countries.

The World Robot Olympiad is one of the world's largest educational robotics competitions, inspiring young people to



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Please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya by email at shrobona@gmail.com or send a message to 07852 753216 for the new sessions in CERC.

Explore the history and charm of Holywell

The name "Holywell" comes from a holy well / spring that was a site of pilgrimage in medieval times. The area had a priory associated with it. Holywell Prio: an Augustinian nunnery founded around 1150. The holy well is said to have healing properties, which is why pilgrims visited.

The annual well-dressing festival takes place at the Church in June.

The Ferry Boat Inn: This Inn dates back to at least the 17th century. Its name comes from the ferry that used to

cross the Great Ouse here before bridges were common. This was a stopping point for barges.

The Inn is believed to house a ghost named Juliet Tewsley. She is rumoured to rise every year on the anniversary of her death. Tewsley was a local girl who fell in love with Tom Zaul in the 11th century. Tom was not in love with Juliet in return, so she hanged herself on 17 March 1050.

Holywell is definitely worth a visit to admire the pretty cottages with their fabulous gardens.



EDUCATION

Top Tier Platinum Award for Monkfield Park Primary

Despite the unprecedented heat we have had lots to celebrate at Monkfield Park. Following our final OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) assessment in June we were delighted to be awarded the prestigious OPAL Platinum Award which is given in recognition of exceptional outdoor play provision. This accolade highlights the school's dedication to creating enriching playtime experiences that support children's physical, social and emotional development and places us in the top 1% of schools nationally. Gaining the award was a huge team effort and showcases our commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom.



Year 2 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable visit to Hunstanton, where they explored coastal environments and participated in hands-on learning activities. The trip brought their classroom learning to life, with children discovering marine life, building sandcastles, and learning about coastal geography. It was clear from their beaming smiles that the experience sparked their curiosity and created lasting memories for them.

Year 6 have been working hard on the rehearsals for their end of year production. Undaunted by the rising temperatures, they donned their costumes to deliver a spectacular performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks'. This hilarious, high-energy musical brought the life and times of William Shakespeare to the stage with a



modern, rock-and-roll twist. It was wonderful to watch the children completely embrace their inner historical figures, delivering witty punchlines and some powerful chorus numbers. From managing complex stage directions to supporting one another behind the scenes, the children showed incredible teamwork, courage, confidence and maturity.

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Jubilee Garden wins bronze conservation award

It's official, we have an award for nature conservation! In 2024 the Jubilee Garden was started to celebrate 25 years since the first residents moved in to Cambourne. The aim of the project is to make the land around the church building on the corner of High Street and Jeavons Lane into a place of welcome, beauty, produce and wildlife. We've needed a lot of help and advice, not least from the Wildlife Trust BCN. They've taught us how to manage the grass areas as summer meadows and permanent long grass, and how to recognise the wildflowers and insects that live in the Garden. They also encouraged efforts towards the WLT Churchyard Conservation Awards. The Bronze level was awarded at the assessment on Open Gardens day in June - the bees and butterflies even

turned up on cue! We got maximum points for the mowing regime, thanks to our cooperation with the Town Council grounds maintenance team contractors. The log pile, bug hotel and compost bays are all hosting increased insect life. Sustainability is featured in the tanks for rainwater capture from the church roof. Community involvement is also recognised in the Awards, so look out for surveys such as the Big Butterfly Count this month, and Big Garden Birdwatch in winter. Seats to come and enjoy nature have been provided by Cambourne Shed and the Crier Community Fund. Head to the church website and facebook for volunteering opportunities and upcoming events, or email garden@cambournechurch.org.uk



Cadets shine at annual Wing Field Day

The Summer months are upon us at 105 (Cambourne) Squadron, and in-between the heatwaves we have been getting stuck into a number of different activities.

Most notably, the Squadron attended the annual Wing Field Day, competing against the other Squadrons in the Wing in a variety of events such as drill, banner drill, shooting, first aid, aircraft recognition, leadership, cryptography and a simulator task amongst others. In a team where many Cadets were competing for the first time, they have showed great commitment leading up to the day and represented the Squadron admirably.

We would also like to

congratulate all our Cadets for completing another school year, whether that be at School, College or University. A special congratulations is also given to those who completed their exams – whatever the results, the Squadron is very proud of you!

After an initial postponement due to the weather warnings, we have also rescheduled our volunteer open evening on Wednesday 9th September starting at 19:30. You don't need a specific skill set to join us, just a passion for supporting young people in Cambourne! Interested? Email us at 105@rafac.mod.gov.uk to find out more!



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When? Wednesday 9th September at 19:30

Where? Blue School, Eastgate, CB23 6DZ

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Staying safe outside is just as important as keeping your family safe from fire in your home. As the Spring time weather (hopefully) begins to arrive, many will take the opportunity to get out in the garden and give it a tidy. There are a few simple things to do which will **help reduce the risk of having a fire:**

Dispose of garden waste using either a local waste pick up service, or take it to a local recycling centre. Do not light a bonfire! Ensure cigarettes are completely out. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground – the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire

If you are planning to have a BBQ: Use barbeques on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing. Put disposable barbeques on bricks, do not place directly on grass.

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East Anglian Air Ambulance gives fundraising update as rower backs Cambridge Air Base Appeal

East Anglian Air Ambulance has raised £2.6 million for its Cambridge Air Base Appeal thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses, who have got the campaign off to a positive start. The charity provided the update as a former patient urged everyone across the region to continue supporting the £8.2 million fundraising appeal.

Will Young, 34, received lifesaving treatment from East Anglian Air Ambulance when its critical care team attended him in 2024 – after he suffered a serious cardiac emergency while rowing on the River Cam. Now, he is urging others to support the charity's biggest fundraising appeal to date and help ensure the continued future of the charity's lifesaving care across the region.

East Anglian Air Ambulance needs to urgently relocate and build a new air base in Cambridgeshire to work in parallel to its other base in Norfolk. The charity is set to lose its current home at Cambridge Airport, which is due to close in 2030.

Will's story... After university, Will returned to Cambridge in 2016 and quickly fell in love with rowing, competing at national level and racing at Henley Royal Regatta. However, in 2024, whilst out training with his coach, he suffered a suspected episode of Ventricular Tachycardia (VT) – a dangerously fast heart rhythm that can lead to cardiac arrest. His heart rate increased to 222 beats per minute for 20 minutes. Following further investigations at hospital, he learned that he had inflammation on part of his heart.

After a period of recovery, Will felt well enough to return to the sport he loved. However, while rowing alone early one summer morning on the River Cam, he suddenly began losing his vision, the strength in his arms went and he began falling towards the river. Despite feeling so unwell, Will managed to row the 100m back to the boathouse and put his boat

away. He went to rest on the second floor of the boathouse building.

"I'd never felt like that before," said Will. "I felt weird and weak. I looked down at my chest and could see my sternum moving really fast. I put my heart strap on and, straight away, it showed my heart rate as 227bpm. I rang 999 and told the call handler I was having a serious cardiac event."

A complicated riverside rescue...When paramedics from the ambulance service arrived, they recognised that Will was at immediate risk of cardiac arrest and requested support from East Anglian Air Ambulance's Anglia Two (Cambridge) critical care team. Tasked by critical care car to the scene, one of the charity's Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics cardioverted Will – delivering a controlled shock to his heart to try to reset it to a normal rhythm. It was necessary to do this at the scene as Will's blood pressure was dangerously low and he was at risk of going into cardiac arrest at any moment. However, Will's heart briefly stopped, so the crew needed to perform CPR until his heart restarted and he began breathing independently again.

Reflecting on the incident, Will said: "I've always known about the East Anglian Air Ambulance, but only later became aware that it was a charity; something I think many people don't know. The service they provide is unbelievably important, critical in fact. I have since been able to meet the team from East Anglian Air Ambulance – it was really cool to meet the people who saved my life."

Dr Nicola Ebbs, Deputy Medical Director from East Anglian Air Ambulance, said: "At just 33 years old, Will faced a life-threatening situation, and thanks to the charity's supporters, he was given urgent treatment and care at the scene. We are immensely grateful to Will for lending his support to our campaign and for helping us raise awareness of the



need for a new air base."

Continuing Nicola said: "We'd also like to extend our thanks to everyone who has donated to the Cambridge Air Base Appeal so far. But this is only the beginning. There's still a significant amount of money to raise. Every gift is helping to ensure our crews can continue to reach critically ill and injured patients, in the quickest time possible, when every second counts."

East Anglian Air Ambulance relies entirely on charitable donations to provide its 24/7 critical care service across the region, as well as aftercare support for former patients and their families.

The Cambridge Air Base Appeal aims to fund the construction of a new and improved facility on land at New Shardelowes Farm, on the outskirts of the Cambridgeshire village of Fulbourn.

The new base will help ensure the charity can continue to deliver hospital-level critical care to patients in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Bedfordshire and Suffolk for decades to come. Without a Cambridge base, East Anglian Air Ambulance's lifesaving service would be cut in half, leaving just one air base in Norfolk and dramatically increasing response times to people like Will facing life-threatening emergencies across the region.

For more information or to support the Cambridge Air Base Appeal, please visit: eaaa.org.uk/cambridge-air-base-appeal



CAMBOURNE EVENTS

■ If you are a local non-profit group and want to promote your events or regular meetings, get in touch on editorial@cambournecrier.org

Light Up Cambourne looks ahead to a bright Christmas

What a fantastic month it's been for Light Up Cambourne!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Gary Barlow tribute night featuring the brilliant Davey Nicholls (Pure Barlow). It was an incredible evening filled with live music, dancing, singing, and a wonderful community atmosphere. The dance floor was packed from start to finish, and Davey brought all the magic of Take That to Cambourne with an outstanding performance that had everyone singing along to the classics.

Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our local community. We'd also like to extend our thanks to Morrisons Cambourne and Tesco Bar Hill for their generous raffle prize donations, helping to make the



evening another great success. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who bought tickets, supported the event, joined in the fun, and helped us raise funds for this year's Christmas lights. Every event helps us continue improving our festive display year after year.

Looking ahead, don't forget our annual Scarecrow Event on Friday 17th October.

Now is the perfect time to start planning your scarecrow creations! There will also be plenty of children's activities taking place at The Hub, making it a great day out for families. We can't wait to see all of your imaginative designs around the community.

We're also pleased to provide an update on the Broad Street Christmas lights. Since our last update, the Town Council has approved and paid the nearly £7,000 required for the new power supplies to the trees along Broad Street. This means Balfour Beatty can now schedule the necessary electrical works. While we don't yet have a confirmed date for the work to be completed, we're hopeful it will take place by October, giving the Town Council enough time to connect the lights ready for the festive season.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Every ticket purchased, raffle entry, donation and volunteer hour helps us make Cambourne's Christmas display bigger and better each year. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Rare chance to step inside one of Britain's oldest windmills

A rare opportunity to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the UK, and have a go at pushing the windmill round on its post and riding in it when it is being pushed around! It's a fantastic day out for all ages, families and friends!

The mill is open on Sunday 23rd August from 2pm, with last tours at 4pm. There is also a replica of the mill to see, restored by the Cambourne Shed, which was featured in a recent ITV Anglia broadcast and on the BBC website.

Experience hands-on corn grinding with a quern and the guides will take you around the mill talking about its unique history, showing you its machinery, graffiti marks and so much more!

Refreshments are available with home made cakes, teas and coffee or cordials. Entry £4 adults, Children £1 (under 5s go free). CPPF members are free. Sat Nav directions and free parking in front field: Mill Cottage, Caxton Road, Bourn, Cambridgeshire CB23 2SU





Cambourne Experimental Cookery club serves up another successful fundraising dinner

The Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club enjoyed another wonderful and successful Annual Fundraising Dinner on 18th July at The Hub, bringing together more than 80 people from across Cambourne, along with their families and children, for an evening of delicious food, friendship and community spirit.

Together, we raised an amazing £800, which will support homeless veterans via the local pub kitchen at Monkfield Pub and provide free minibus trips for Cambourne seniors through CamCare UK.

Our Cookery Club members prepared more than 20 different dishes, showcasing incredible dedication and creativity from the Oriental cuisines. From cooking and presenting the food to serving the guests, running the quiz and raffle and helping with the fundraising, every member played an important role in making the evening a big success.

The next year's cooking theme was also decided by public voting: Latin America! Members will be able to explore and cook dishes from any country in Latin America, promising another exciting year of learning about new cultures, traditions and cuisines together.

A huge thank you goes to all the cookery members, volunteers, families, friends and guests for making this such a memorable evening. The Cookery Club is about much more than food and learning new cuisines; it is about building friendships, standing with one another and creating a stronger, more connected community.

Interested in joining the Cookery Club next term?

Please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya by email at shrobona@gmail.com or send a message to 07852 753216. New members are always welcome.



Are you part of a local non-profit group, or organising a free event for Cambourne residents?

If you would like to promote your event or regular meetings, please get in touch by emailing us at editorial@cambournecrier.org

If you are new to Cambourne, explore our events pages and the contacts directory to find local events, groups and sports clubs to help you get involved in the community.

Cambourne & District u3a

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Third Friday of the month
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Cambourne CB23 6GW
Speakers, coffee and chat

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- Anyone for coffee?
- Art Appreciation
- Board Games
- Book Clubs
- Bridge
- Classical Music
- Dance Fitness
- Darts & Pool
- Gardens Galore
- Genealogy
- Intermediate French
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- Singing
- Study Trips
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- Theatre
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- WWII

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Guests are welcome to attend a meeting to find out more about us!
<https://cambourne.u3a.org.uk>

Cambourne Balkan Dance Club

BALKAN DANCE FOR FUN AND FITNESS

Every Sunday, enthusiasts meet up to practice traditional dances from Bulgaria and Greece. The dance is open to all.

5:30pm (Beginners) Easy and basic dances
6:30pm (Intermediate) Complex and quick dances

**The Blue Space, Cambourne
CB23 6DZ**

Email: cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com Tel: 07551 203866 [Zheko Georgiev]
Find us on Google or Facebook [@Cam.Balkan.Dance](https://www.facebook.com/Cam.Balkan.Dance)

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BREAST CANCER EVENT 26TH AUGUST ALONG SIDE OUR SUMMER ART ATTACK AND TRAIL AT THE HUB COMMUNITY CENTRE

Raising awareness. Showing support. Stronger together.

SUMMER ART ATTACK AT THE HUB

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST 9AM - 12PM

Let the children get creative this summer and enjoy a cuppa and well deserved slice of cake!

SUMMER TRAIL
EXPLORE. DISCOVER. HAVE FUN!

A fun trail for little explorers around our wonderful communities. Four maps are available one for each village, follow the maps and find the giant suns, unscramble the words and bring it to the art attack event for a little prize

MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 27TH JULY 2024 FROM WWW.CAMBOURNE.TOWN.COUNCIL.SOV/UNSCRAMBLE_EVENTS/ OR YOU CAN POP INTO THE OFFICE AND COLLECT ONE OR FOUR

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Picture perfect

Cambourne Photography competition: As part of the Cambourne Big Weekender event which took place in June, Cambourne Town Council held a photography competition.

Pictured right is one of the winners in the 'animal' category. This was taken by Austin Nash, aged 12, while visiting Sheringham Beach in Norfolk earlier this year.



Wildlife Trust BCN events in August

When our planet is handed over to the next generation, we need young people who are knowledgeable and passionate about local wildlife and sustainability. These people will ensure wildlife continues to thrive, for its own sake, and also for the role it has in human survival. We need wilder green spaces for our health, we need pollinators and functioning soil for our crops, shade from trees, clean water, and leaky dams and spongy soils to slow the flow. This year, our annual celebration of young people and conservation runs Saturday 15th August to Sunday 23rd August 2026 and includes an exciting mix of activities for 11-25 year olds who love wildlife. Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to experience new activities, get outdoors, and meet like-minded people. Local events are listed below, and some further afield and at a later date can be found on our website: wildlifebcn.org/events

August events in Cambourne and Cambridge

- Tues 4th Aug 7-8.30pm: Rescheduled seasonal wildflower stroll in Cambourne
- Wed 5th Aug 8-10am: Wild in the Woods family session on moths and bugs in Cambourne
- Sat 8th Aug 9.30am-12.30pm: Launch of Cambridgeshire Nature Girls (social activities in nature for women 18+)
- Thurs 6th Aug 7.30-9.30am: Wild in the Meadows family session on swifts and bugs at Trumpington Meadows
- Mon 17th Aug 10-11.30am: Behind the Scenes at Cambridge University Zoology Museum for Youth Week (ages 12-25)
- Tues 18th Aug 7.30-10am: Youth Rangers moth trapping for Youth Week in Cambourne (ages 11-17)
- Thurs 20th Aug 7.45-9.45am: Wild in the Meadows family session on small mammal trapping at Trumpington Meadows
- Fri 21st Aug 8.30-10pm: Adult guided night walk in Cambourne

Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

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Youth Week: Cambourne area

Join Communities and Education Officer Becca Badger to celebrate The Wildlife Trust BCN's Youth Week, in Cambourne. Suitable for 11-17 year-olds to attend independently.

- Booking essential
- £6 for Wildlife Trust BCN members, £9 for non-members

Moth trapping	Night walk
Tuesday 18 th August 7.30-9.30am	Saturday 22 nd August 7-10pm
• Learn about moth trapping, and how to identify common species of local moths	• Shelter-building in the woods at dusk, followed by a walk with bat detectors

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne, CB23 6QH Tel: 01554 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity no. 1000412

- Sat 22nd Aug 7-10pm: Youth Rangers night walk for Youth Week (ages 11-17)
- Fri 28th Aug 8.30-10pm: Adult guided night walk at Trumpington Meadows

www.wildlifebcn.org

Community Farmers' Market

The Community Farmers Market at The Hub takes place on the first Friday of every month, bringing together local growers, producers, artisans, and residents in a welcoming community atmosphere.

Visitors can browse a range of fresh seasonal produce, homemade baked goods, preserves, crafts, and locally made products while supporting small businesses and independent

traders. The market is also a great opportunity to meet neighbours, enjoy a friendly chat, and celebrate everything our local community has to offer.

Whether you're shopping for fresh ingredients, looking for unique handmade gifts, or simply wanting to spend time in the community, there's something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you to The Hub each month.



CAMBOURNE
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Cambourne community FARMERS MARKET



Cakes by Ab Fab Bakes
Chocs Away
Granola Queen
Franks Farm
SweetPea Market Garden

Honey by Richard Honey Bee
Burlap & Twine
Highbury Farm
Crystals by Stacy and Kongs Cave
Melt by P & K Crafts and More

First Friday of every month.

9am – noon

The Hub Community Centre
High Street
Great Cambourne
Cambridge
CB23 6GW

FREE Monthly Bike Repair



EXCLUSIVELY FOR WEST CAMBOURNE RESIDENTS

Saturday, 15th August 2026 from 10:30-13:30hrs

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Cambourne Church Centre
Jeavons Ln, Cambourne CB23 6AF

Wednesday 5 August 7.30pm

The School Holidays are here! Looking for something to do with the little ones? Come and join in the fun at Cambourne Library!

Read to the beat Summer Reading Challenge!

Are you ready for the Summer Reading Challenge? It is not too late to sign up- just pop into the library and we can get you started. This year's theme is Read to the Beat. We have our main challenge for children aged 3 -11 and a mini challenge for 2 years and under. More information can be found on our Cambridgeshire Libraries website, Cambridgeshire Libraries Families Facebook page and in the library.

Summer Reading Challenge Events:

Sign up to book a place in the library before the event or email cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Walk ins may be available on the day but this is not guaranteed.

Tuesday 4 August 10am-12.30pm Free
Waste Management Musical Crafts- learn how to use up your leftovers, make a musical shaker instrument and have fun learning about recycling. No need to book for this one. Please drop in any time between 10am-12.30pm

Thursday 13 August 10.30-12pm £3
Festival Bracelets and Music Bag Charm. Get ready for summer and create a bead bracelet and music bag charm! Have fun using our colourful beads and letters to represent your favourite band or singer. After you have finished your bracelet, it will be time to create your bag charm.

Decorate, add colour and beads to a wooden music note - perfect for your suitcase or bag. This activity must be booked in advance. Age 6+
Cost: £3 per child

Parent/carer to supervise their child at all times.

Thursday 20 August 10.30-12pm £3

Tin Lid Banjos Crafting: Using jar lids and lollipop stick, create a tiny musical instrument. Parent/ carer to supervise their child/ren. Ages 4 +

Thursday 27 August 11am-12.30pm £5

Steve the Magician: The magic with Melody Show
Thursday 17 September 4pm and
Monday 21 September 4pm
Summer Reading Challenge Medal and Certificate Ceremony for participants who complete the challenge.our Summer events.

More library events:

Stay and Play-Tuesdays 9.30am-11am (term time only)

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. 4 years and under.
This is a drop-in activity, no need to book. These sessions start back on 8th September.

Rhyme Time and Duplo Fun -Every Friday 9.30am-10am in Cambourne Library (term time only)

These sessions will return on Friday 4th September 2026

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group
If you would like to join in with this friendly group, please contact email below. The

next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 August at 1pm, in Cambourne Library.

Craft Group for Adults - Creative Crafters Thursdays, 5.30-6.30p.m

We are suspending this group for now due to lack of interest. However, please do get in touch if you would like to meet at the library during opening hours for portable crafting.

Library facilities

Open Plus Access The library operates Open Plus extending access during mornings and afternoons to better align with GP centre opening hours. Adult customers are encouraged to register. Ask in the library to find out more or follow the links on our website

Blood Pressure monitors Any library member aged 18+ can borrow a monitor for three weeks. It's free, and you don't need a GP referral; simply visit the library and speak to a member of staff. We also have a larger monitor available in the library.

Data SIMS Available here at Cambourne library! Speak to a member of staff for more details. The National Databank provides free data if: you're over 18, have a low household income, have insufficient internet access at home, have insufficient internet access away from home can't afford your monthly top up or contract. One SIM per person. Subject to supplier availability.

Community Meeting Room for Hire!

For further information, please contact SouthCambsSouth.Library.Venue@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambourne Library				Contact Us	
Monday	9am-5pm			Tel: 0345 045 5225	
Open Plus	8.30am-9am	5.10-5.50pm		Cambourne.Library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	
Tuesday	9am-1pm			www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library	
Open Plus	8.30am-9am	1.10pm-5.50pm		Social Media	
Wednesday	Closed	No Open Plus		Facebook @CambridgeshireLibraries	
Thursday	1pm-7pm			Facebook @CambsLibFamilies	
Open Plus	8.30am-1pm			Instagram @cambslib	
Friday	9am-5pm			YouTube @CambridgeshireLibraries	
Open Plus	8.30am-9am	5.10pm-5.50pm			
Saturday	9am-1pm	No Open Plus			
Sunday	Closed	No Open Plus			

Closed Bank Holiday Mon 31 August

■ LOCAL SERVICES & ORGANISATIONS

To update or add a contact, email delivery@cambournecrier.org

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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01954 714 403

office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

District Councillors for Cambourne:

cllr.bhattacharya@scambs.gov.uk
cllr.drew@scambs.gov.uk
cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

SERVICES

Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:

cambournecrescent.org/service/foodbank

Community Car Scheme: 07526 998 465

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715 161

Hope Against Poverty CIC:

hopepic.uk@gmail.com
hopeagainst.org

Streetlight faults:

cambourne.info/street-lights

Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal

01954 713 516 wildlifebcn.org

CHURCHES

Cambourne Catholic Community:

cambournecc.com

Cambourne Church:

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

Christchurch Cambourne:

christchurchcambourne.org.uk

The Harbour Bereavement Café:

theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk

Peacehaven Baptist Church:

peacehavenbc.org.uk

HEALTH CARE

Cambourne Dental Practice:

colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/cambourne-dental-clinic

Community First Responder:

Mark Taylor 07858 394 719
mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

Jardines Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

Monkfield Dental: 01954 774 540

monkfield.dental

Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954

282 153 monkfieldpractice.co.uk

EDUCATION

Arabic Language School:

cambournecrescent.org/service/arabic-school
info@cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Day Nursery and Pre-School:

01954 719 440 kindrednurseries.co.uk

Cambourne Village College:

01954 284 000 cambournevc.org

Children's Centre: 01954 284 672 or

childandfamilycentre.south

@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503 combertonvc.org

Cambourne Pre-school: 01954 715 150

cambournepreschool.org.uk

Carers And Tots: [facebook.com/Carers and Tots, Cambourne](https://facebook.com/CarersandTots)

Educating Otherwise: [Facebook.com/Home Education - Cambourne](https://facebook.com/HomeEducation-Cambourne)

Hardwick and Cambourne Community

Primary: 01954 210070

hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

01954 717 180 jeavonswood.org

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

01954 273 301 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Monkfield Park Primary School: 01954

273 377 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

01954 719 630 thevine.cambs.sch.uk

■ JOIN A LOCAL GROUP OR CLUB

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Blossomify CIC: (Boardgames & Learning sessions)

info@blossomify.org

Cambourne & District U3A: u3a.chair@cambourne.org

Cambourne Air Cadets: 105@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadets: cambsacf.com

Cambourne Art Group: pat.goatly@gmail.com

Cam Care UK: camcare.org.uk

Cambourne Community Theatre Group:

info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

Cambourne Crescent: cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club; Cambourne Electronics & Robotics Club; Come Cook Dine with Me;

Cambourne Digital Surgery 60+: shrobona@gmail.com

Cambourne Litter Heroes: cedric.jl.foster1944@btinternet.com

Cambourne Repair Café: cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com

Cambourne Shed: cambourneshed@gmail.com

CamSight: www.camsight.org.uk/peer-support

Chess Club: (up to Year 11): cambourne.chess@gmail.com

Community Gospel Choir: cambournegospelchoir@gmail.com

facebook.com/Cambourne

CommunityGospelChoir

Crescent Science & Technology Club:

info@cambournecrescent.org

Light up Cambourne: lightupcambourne@gmail.com

Photography Group:

Nicola Marriott 07811 154 901 www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/

Reading Groups: Cambourne.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Sunday Walks: Sandra 07747 012 245 or scalcraft@gmail.com

Words for Pleasure Writers' Group:

Pat Callaghan 01954 715 106

WW2 Aircraft Club: 01954 716817 or iancameron692@gmail.com

SPORTS & LEISURE

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

Cambourne Bowls Club: Stuart Palmer 07860 654 057

Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT Club:

cambournecomets@gmail.com

Cambourne Cricket Club: cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Fishing Club: www.cambournefishingclub.com

Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre: 01954 714 070

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

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

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

info@cambournebasketball.org

Cambourne Runners: cambournerrunnersarc@gmail.com

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

Cambourne Town Football Club:

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk cambournetownfc.org.uk

Cambourne Women Runners: information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club: cambschargers@gmail.com

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

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

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS): 07929 100 612

karateschools.co.uk

Pilates: faybpilates.co.uk

Great Chishill Cycling event

For any cycling enthusiasts wanting an interesting cycle ride around some fabulous mills and a bbq at the end of the event, help raise funds to restore the wonderful Great Chishill Windmill! **Sunday 6th September**

Starting time from Great Chishill Windmill is from 9am to 1pm and an event end time of 4pm. BBQ start time at Great Chishill Windmill is 1pm.

The 78K and 104K routes from Great Chishill Windmill take in both Bourn and Great Gransden Mills with the 104K also including Cromer Mill which is also covered by the 48K route.

Refreshments (including a BBQ) at Chishill Mill (and have a toilet), Great Gransden will supply water bottles, Bourn Windmill will supply cordials, water and some home made cakes and the use of the toilet.

For more details about the event and the routes please visit: greatchishillwindmill.com/annual-windmill-cycle-event-sunday-6th-september/

Great Chishill Windmill Cycling Event

Sunday 6th September 2026



Choice of 3 routes with 2,3 or 4 windmills and 30, 48 or 65 miles
Start and finish at Great Chishill Windmill with refreshments.

For details contact
info@greatchishillwindmill.com
or see <https://greatchishillwindmill.com>



CAMBOURNE NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR | WALKING | SOCIAL | SENIOR

LOCATION: Cambourne MUGA, Back Lane, Cambourne, CM23 6BW
Behind Everyone Active Sports Centre

WEEKLY SESSIONS

DAY	TIME	SESSION	RUN BY
Mon	18:00-19:00	NetFit Juniors U16	UNBOXED FITNESS
Mon	19:00-20:00	Walking Netball	UNBOXED FITNESS
Mon	20:00-21:00	Social Netball	UNBOXED FITNESS
Tue	16:30-17:30	Juniors U9 – U11	CAMBOURNE NC
Thu	17:00-18:15	Juniors U12-U13	CAMBOURNE NC
Thu	18:15-19:30	Juniors U14-U16	CAMBOURNE NC
Thur	19:30-21:30	Seniors	CAMBOURNE NC
Fri	10:00-11:00	Social Netball	UNBOXED FITNESS



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CONTACT



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Cam Warriors triumph as Cambourne Premier League Celebrates Sixth Season

Cambourne Cricket Club: The Lower Cambourne Cricket Ground was drenched in sunshine on 28 June as families gathered for the Cambourne Premier League final. After six weeks of spirited cricket, Cam Warriors overcame Cam Royal Challengers to claim the CPL 2026 title, adding a memorable new chapter to this volunteer-led community tradition.

From mid-May to mid-July, more than 80 players from local communities represented four teams – Cam Royal Challengers, Cam Super Giants, Cam Super Kings and Cam Warriors – in a season marked by tight contests and warm camaraderie. Now in its sixth year the league has become a fixture of the Cambourne summer, where neighbours meet beside the boundary rope and young fans discover the game's appeal.

Individual honours reflected exceptional performances throughout the campaign. Ganesh secured the Orange Cap with 183 runs, while Anant's 13 wickets earned him the Purple Cap and the Player of the Tournament award. Beyond the scorecards, the league continues to make a difference. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be donated to an orphanage, a reminder that a local sporting occasion can help brighten young lives far beyond the cricket field.

CPL 2026 owed its success to the support of Cambourne Town Council and Cambourne Cricket Club and the dedicated volunteers who keep the competition thriving. As the stumps are drawn on another fine season, one certainty remains: cricket in Cambourne will bring the community together again next summer.

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Cambourne twins to swim English Channel to raise money for Aspire

100 years ago this month, the first woman swam the English Channel. Her name was Gertude 'Trudy' Ederie and she completed her crossing on August 6th 1926. 100 years later, almost to the day, identical twins Patricia Tolliday and Claudette Ramsay will be part of a relay team of six athletes that will attempt to swim the same 21 miles across the Channel.

Patricia explains, "Having been competitive swimmers in our youth, this challenge will take our swimming skills from the pool into the sea. As wetsuits will not be allowed, we knew that the cold water would be a real challenge."

Their journey began last November with swim trials to gain a provisional place. Their training included lots of indoor swimming sessions and regular cold showers in the winter months, to start the cold-water acclimatisation process.

In April, the twins joined an introduction to cold water swimming course and started wild swimming sessions in the lake on Waresley Park.



With the water temperature only 10 degrees, their swims were initially very short to avoid hypothermia. May and June saw the two sisters transition to swimming in Jesus Green Lido, Lake Ashmore near St Ives and Dover Harbour.

After passing the cold-water qualifying assessment in Dover Harbour, in water lower than 16 degrees Celsius, the twins secured a place within the Lynx team.

Their next challenge will be contending with sea sickness, the strength of the tides, currents and jellyfish during their English Channel crossing attempt in August this year.

The sisters are no strangers to intense sporting events having completed a

charity swim at Rutland water and sprint Triathlon at Dorney Lake as well as mountaineering expeditions in South America, Asia, Europe and Africa including Mount Kilimanjaro.

Both sisters have strong Cambourne roots, with Patricia living in Cambourne for nearly 10 years and Claudette recently leaving to reside in one of the nearby villages.

This sporting feat will also be raising money for charity, Patricia added, "Each stroke we take will be to raise money for Aspire which is an incredible spinal cord injury charity."

Having met someone who has personally benefitted from the support of the Aspire Spinal injury charity, we know how transformative the charity's work can be. Its aim is to create opportunity, choice and independence for those living with a spinal cord injury".

If residents of Cambourne would like to help the Lynx team with fundraising, any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can find the JustGiving link below: www.justgiving.com/page/patricia-tolliday-2

The team at Cambourne Crier wishes the sisters every success!

