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Scarecrows take over Cambourne!

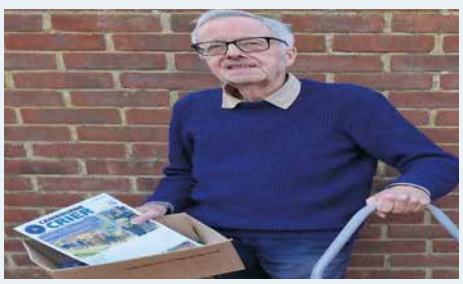
If you were out and about during October, you couldn't have missed the wide variety of scarecrows popping up throughout the town! Light Up Cambourne would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who entered the Scarecrow Competition – the imagination and craftsmanship on display made judging a real challenge. But who were the winners? Find out on page 22...

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TOWN COUNCIL

What's happening in Cambourne?

Christmas Magic, Community Markets and lots more! Cambourne is getting ready for a fantastic festive season, with plenty of opportunities to support local businesses, enjoy family-friendly entertainment and come together as a community.

Winter Wonderland

Save the date: Saturday 28 November!
Get ready for a sprinkle of Christmas magic as Winter Wonderland comes to The Hub, Cambourne. Children will have the chance to meet Santa and see real reindeer, with a special gift for every child visiting Santa. There will also be Christmas crafts to enjoy.

Santa will be welcoming visitors from 12 noon until 6pm, while the Christmas market will run from 11am until 4pm. With more than 40 small business traders, there will be plenty of opportunities to find unique Christmas gifts, discover local independent businesses and pick up something special for the festive season. Feeling hungry? There will be a wide variety of food options to suit different tastes, alongside the excitement of Larry Gray's Funfair.

Whether you're visiting Santa, browsing the stalls, enjoying the food or simply soaking up the Christmas atmosphere, Winter Wonderland promises to be a fantastic festive day out for the whole family.

Have you spotted our new Community Market banners?

Keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about in Cambourne! Our new banners are now advertising the monthly Community Market, helping to spread the word about this fantastic opportunity to shop locally and support small businesses.

The market takes place on the first Friday of every month, from January through to November, at The Hub, from 9am until 12 noon.

With a variety of traders and a welcoming community atmosphere, the market is a great way to discover independent businesses, find something different and catch up with friends and neighbours. Hot drinks and snacks available supporting Light Up Cambourne.

Supporting Our Community

From the monthly Community Market and the magic of Winter Wonderland to the excitement of the fireworks, Cambourne has plenty to look forward to this festive season.

These events provide valuable opportunities to support local businesses, bring families together and celebrate the community spirit that makes Cambourne such a special place to live.
Make sure you save the dates, spread the word and come along to support your local community!

Council meetings November/December 2026

17th November:
- Leisure & Amenities and Planning

1st December:
- Full council meeting and planning

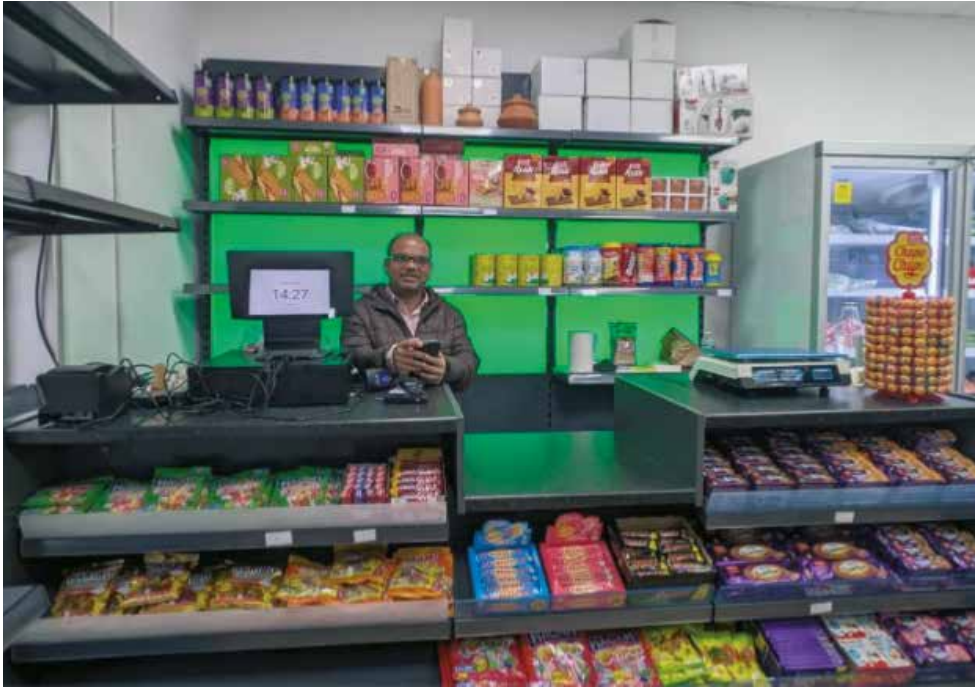
Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at The Hub Community Centre

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Local entrepreneur opens new greengrocer in Cambourne



Local entrepreneur Venkatesh Kommi has opened a new retail outlet in Cambourne.

Cambourne Green Grocer is located in Caxton House on Broad Street.

Ventakash explains: “Our journey began with Harvest2Home, an online grocery business serving families across Cambourne and the surrounding villages, providing a local source of fresh produce and traditional ingredients.

“Following this initial success, we decided to open a retail store on Cambourne High Street.

“Cambourne is a vibrant, multicultural community, with families from diverse backgrounds and different food traditions.

“We believe this diversity deserves a wide choice of ingredients, from everyday essentials to speciality vegetables, grains, pulses and spices that help people prepare the dishes they love.

“Our shop offers fresh seasonal produce, including okra, aubergines, gourds, leafy greens and herbs, alongside rice, millets, flours, pulses, spices and other grocery essentials.

“We provide ingredients which bring colour, flavour and important nutrients to a balanced diet.

“We hope our new greengrocer will be an opportunity to celebrate our community’s diversity, make everyday shopping easier and bring additional fresh, wholesome choices closer to home.”





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Cambourne Crier seeks new distribution manager as John Panrucker retires



Cambourne Crier is looking for a volunteer to manage the distribution of the magazine and co-ordinate our delivery team.

Our long-serving and highly valued distribution manager, John Panrucker, is retiring from the role after many years and we need to find a replacement as soon as possible to enable us to continue delivering *Cambourne Crier* to homes and businesses throughout Cambourne, free of charge, on the first full weekend of each month.

We asked John to explain what the role involves:

What are the main responsibilities of the distribution manager?

Cambourne Crier is delivered each month by an amazing team of young people – we have 10 separate rounds covering Great, Upper and Lower Cambourne.

All the magazines are delivered to me, once a month, on a Friday, by the printers and I then distribute the right number of boxes of magazines to each of the young people that evening for them to deliver over the weekend. I'll contact them all by email the week before to ensure they are available. I also pay them all, with funds provided by our publisher.

Do you need any particular skills to do the job?

Being able to use a computer and email and having good organisational skills is important – and you'll need to be able to drive so you can deliver the boxes of magazines to the team. The job would really suit someone who is retired but wants to be active in the community.

Sometimes there are leaflets delivered with the magazine, do you manage those too?

Yes – occasionally we get asked to deliver leaflets, so you'll need to arrange to take payment and receive the leaflets, which will be given to the delivery team alongside the magazines.

Do you have to recruit new young people often?

Not really! It's a very sought after job, we always have a waiting list, but often jobs stay in the family for years, passed on from sibling to sibling! The young people are also great at finding cover for themselves if they are going to be away on a delivery weekend, or often, another team member will do two rounds.

Do you need to get involved with the *Cambourne Crier* editorial team?

That's up to you! I like to go along to the monthly editorial meetings and meet up with all the other volunteers who produce *Cambourne Crier*, they're a great team and we all work well together. We also have a Community Fund where we make grants to local groups and I enjoy being involved with that.

Why have you been doing this for so long?

It's a really rewarding and important job in the Cambourne community – I love to see the new issues arriving and get first look, and talking to the young people and their families when I deliver the magazines to them. For many of our delivery team it's their first job and they're so excited to start earning money. It's great exercise too and keeps you fit and healthy!

So why are you retiring?

I turned 80 this year, I think it's time I put my feet up and let someone else have a go!

If someone wants to find out more, what should they do?

If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you. You can email me on delivery@cambournecrier.org and I can tell you everything you need to know.

For more information email delivery@cambournecrier.org

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Distribution manager needed!

We're looking for a volunteer to manage the distribution of *Cambourne Crier* and co-ordinate our delivery teams

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From nature walks to fire station visits, Scout sections enjoy busy term



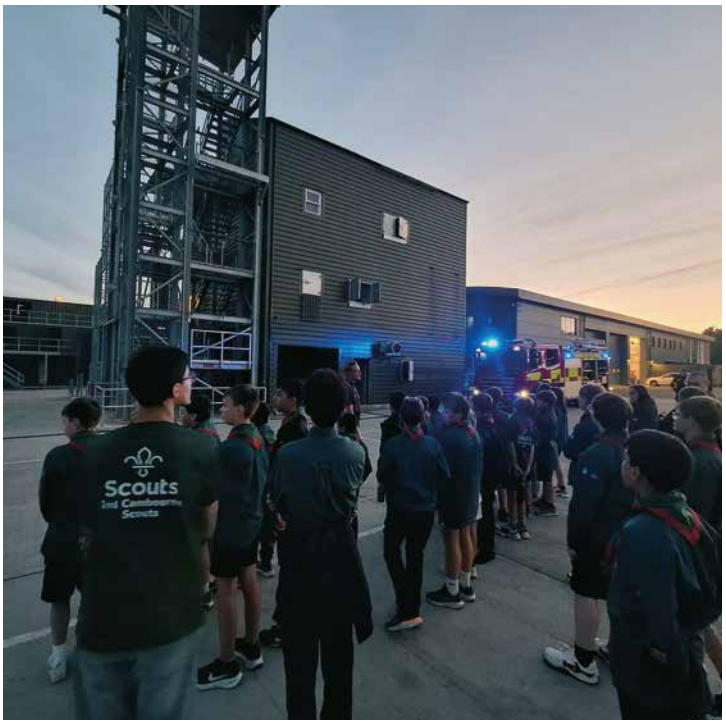
The three sections of 2nd Cambourne Scout Group have been busy through the start of Autumn term with discovery, construction, and skill-building.

Our Beavers had an evening creating marble runs with recycled material, went on a nature walk around Upper Cambourne and Sirius Lake, developed scouting skills, learnt and designed during a Space Night, and created Autumn art with leaves, sticks, and conkers.

Our Cubs also built recycled marble runs, enjoyed outdoor wide games, learnt and developed coding, and held a communications evening.

The Scouts had an evening trip to Huntingdon Fire Station where they saw a live demonstration of a full training exercise before trying out using the hoses. They took part in an incident hike between Eltisley and Lower Cambourne with challenges along the way, and had a communications evening developing morse code and such skills.





Tasty chips and rocket ships for Guides

3rd Cambourne Guides returned in September for the second year, marking a whole year since our unit first began.

Many of our girls had made the big move to secondary school and were eager to share their experiences. It was lovely to see both new and existing friendships flourish.

One of our September meetings involved a hike from Bourn to the fish and chip shop in Cambourne.

The girls remained cheerful and determined as they made their way through the fields at dusk - with chips providing the perfect reward at the end!

We also enjoyed several space-themed evenings, recreating the solar system on both large and small scales and working together on a range of science experiments. It has been a fantastic start to our second year.



Sabretooths conquer Dragon boating



A few weeks ago, the Sabretooth Explorers Unit (Cambourne) tried out dragon boating at Wyboston Lakes.

Led by the Cambridge Royals Dragon Boat Team, the Explorers received a safety briefing and instructions and then boarded a dragon boat to put theory into practice.

Much fun was had trying to coordinate paddling, avoiding getting soaked and finding a rhythm, with the help (or hindrance?!) of the drummer striking a beat! But by the end of the session, the unit pulled together as a team and managed to do a quite impressive 'sprint' across the lake. It was a very enjoyable evening, and everyone agreed that they would like to do this again – ideally with more team members to fill more than one boat, so that they could do a proper race against each other.

Other sessions this half term have been: an evil quiz, manhunt, swimming and waterslides at Parkside Pool, and a 'hostage in the dark' orienteering evening.

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 19:00-21:00 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@sabretoothexplorers.org.uk

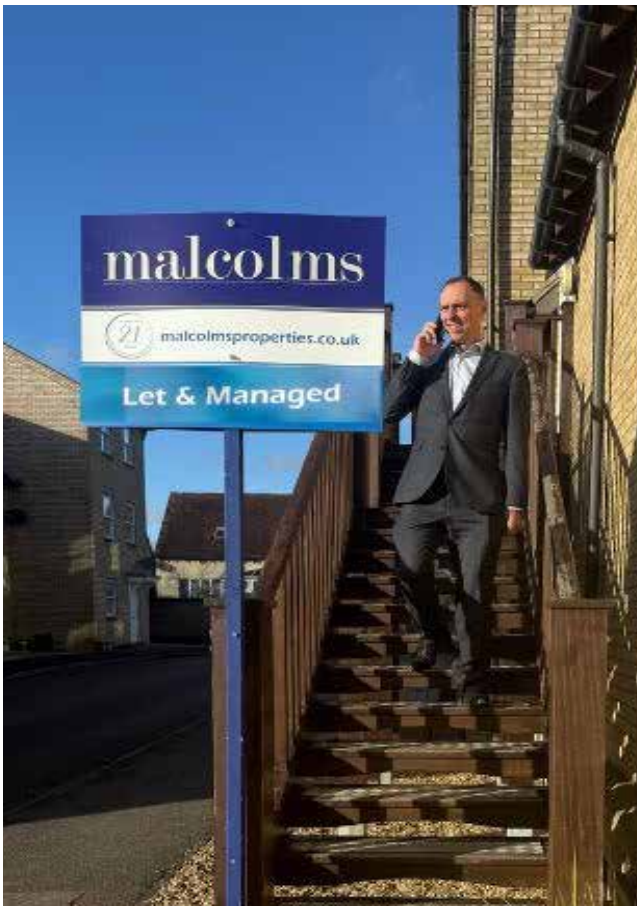
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Ending the unfair savings trap for disabled people

Maxwell is a 22-year-old disability advocate from St Neots who lives with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).

He has raised a large amount of money for charity, achieved first-class marks in his degree, and is now at the start of a very promising career.

Despite this, he and thousands of other disabled people are being held back by outdated rules around adult social care funding that mean he cannot hold more than £23,250 – including savings, investments, and property – without incurring the full cost of care. Anything above that limit is swallowed up by costs that can run into the hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The capital limit was set in 2010, and it has not changed since. If it had been up-rated in line with inflation it would now be £35,600. But even that still bears little resemblance to the real cost of disability: Maxwell's chair alone costs £20,000, and the charity Scope has estimated that disabled households face extra costs averaging £1,095 a month. He cannot currently save for a home, nor protect himself with a financial safety net for the future.

I have now launched a campaign to change this, writing directly to the Health Secretary and pressing the Health Minister in Parliament, asking her to meet with Maxwell to hear his story.



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Challenges that winter brings for our roads



LUCY NETHSINGHA
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As winter approaches the County Council faces its usual winter challenges. The county budget has been tough for over 15 years. Social care costs have risen year on year, while government grants have fallen. The grant to Cambridgeshire dropped 70% over 10 years, while the demand for, and costs of, social care have risen every year. This means we have to raise council tax to cover these additional costs, which is never popular, especially when people feel we pay more, but things don't improve.

The second winter challenge is roads. The money available for our roads has shrunk over 15 years. Councils (rightly) have legal duties to meet social care needs, meaning those services always have first call on the budget. Over the past four years the Liberal Democrats have significantly increased funding for our roads, but sadly we still cannot always afford the high quality repairs our highways need.

The dry summer means pressure on the highways budget is worse, as many of our Cambridgeshire roads are built on peat or clay soils. When these soils dry in the summer they contract, leaving long cracks. We are tackling this, but the backlog is enormous.

The good news is that the Cambourne to Cambridge busway has finally got government consent, so planning for actually building it can begin, which is exciting news and long over due.

Self Care Week: Looking after ourselves this November

November can be a challenging time of year. The days are shorter, the weather is colder, and many people find their overall wellbeing can be affected as winter approaches.

That is why National Self-Care Week is such an important reminder that small actions can make a big difference to our health. Self-Care Week encourages people to take greater responsibility for their own health and wellbeing through informed choices and healthy habits.

Self-care is about taking an active role in looking after ourselves. This includes eating well, staying active, getting enough sleep, looking after our mental health, keeping up to date with vaccinations, managing long-term conditions, and knowing how to treat minor illnesses safely at home when appropriate.

Self-care is also important because it helps ensure healthcare services are available for those who need them most. Many common winter ailments, such as coughs, colds and sore throats, can often be managed with advice from local pharmacists. Knowing when to seek professional help and when you can care for yourself is an important part of staying healthy.

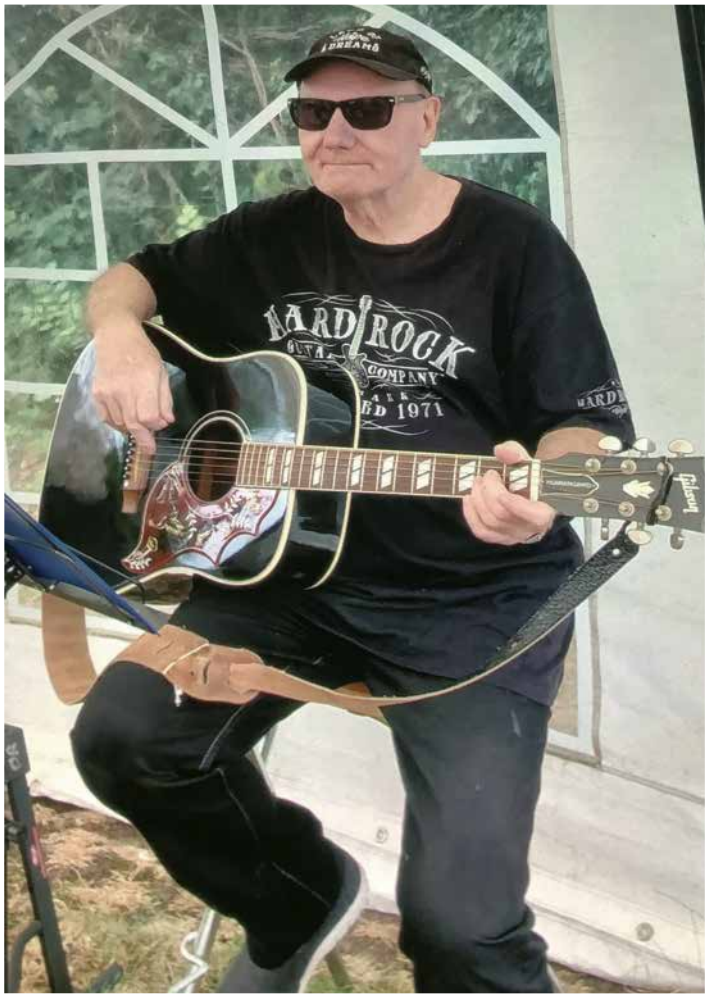
At Monkfield Medical Practice, we encourage patients to use trusted sources of health information, make use of community pharmacy services, and take simple steps to stay well throughout the winter months. Preventing illness, recognising problems early, and managing minor conditions appropriately can improve health and wellbeing and reduce unnecessary worry.

More: www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help



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Cambourne musician raises £510 for the British Heart Foundation



Over the last few months Paul Rodger has been raising funds for the heart foundation in Cambourne.

"I have raised around £510, performing blues and country on my Gibson hummingbird guitar the same type of guitar played by the legendary Elvis Presley which I purchased in Washington DC USA when I did a tour out there some years ago. However, I also play five decades of electric music covering 1950-to the present day including Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley and the like from 30mins - 2hours. It's free for most events in Cambridgeshire and East Anglia, such as Harley Davidson Rock Fest and many outdoor events.

"One of my main instruments was the drums – a large 7 piece kit. We played many May balls in Cambridge St John's, Newnham, Corpus and Christs College.

"In the 80s we also supported many international bands such as Rainbow, Whitesnake, Imagination, Ruby Turner, The Stranglers, Loose Screw, Denise Blacks band (from Coronation Street fame) and many other shows like *Father Brown*, *Queer as Folk* and *Emmerdale* to name but a few.

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Cambourne Foodbank

Cambourne Foodbank Welcome Centre
There has been a welcome centre (formerly known as a distribution centre) of the Cambridge City Foodbank (CCFb) in Cambourne for 12 years now. Its purpose is to offer short term food parcels to anyone in receipt of a foodbank voucher. It only takes a couple of unexpected crises in our lives for the need to use a foodbank to present itself. We've welcomed people who have lost jobs unexpectedly, are unable to work for a variety of reasons, are on a very low income, have had major health problems and/or are struggling waiting for longer term support to kick in. Usually there are several factors happening at once. At the Cambourne Welcome Centre, we want to offer a warm reception and a listening ear, whilst ensuring each visitor goes away with food to tide them and their family over for the next few days. We offer food that has already been packaged up, as well as lovely fresh produce from the Cambourne Church allotment which is grown for the foodbank. There is also often fresh food from Morrisons purchased by donations from the public. CCFb has had limited funding which has involved linking up with Cambridge Citizens Advice and the housing organisation P3 which can offer longer term support for individuals and families in a variety of ways and there is usually a representative from one of these organisations present at the foodbank to chat individually to visitors.
If you are in need of food support, there are several agencies in Cambourne where vouchers can be issued - all the Cambourne schools, the GP surgery, the Children's Centre, Cambourne Church, plus various departments of SCDC. Once a voucher has been issued it can be redeemed at any of the CCFb welcome centres, one of which is Cambourne. At the time of writing this, we are still meeting in the Blue Space on a Thursday morning 10-12. The kettle will be on!

Julie Whitbread

SUNDAY SERVICES AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH

8th November
9.00am Short Communion Service (in the Annexe)
10.50am Service of Remembrance (outside / car park)

15th November
9.30am Worship Service
11.00am Worship Service *

22nd November
9.30am Communion Service
11.00am Communion Service *

29th November
9.30am Communion Service
11.00am Communion Service *

6th December
10.00am All-Age Christingle Service

* Our 11.00am services usually include break-out groups for children and young people. Please see the website for up-to-date information

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: Unexpected people.



Pastor Donavan Bangs

It says in Proverbs 25:25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

This past month we had both. I received a phone call from Singapore from a student coming to study in Cambridge who was looking for a solid, Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching church, one that had not been doctrinally twisted by modern heresies and the like.

Well, he came along when he arrived, seems to really enjoy the services, and even asked how he could help. That is always encouraging.

Later on, we got an email from a church that has been supporting us for years. They mentioned that their pastor was in the UK visiting their daughter, who was doing a semester at Crown College near Birmingham. Now, I had never met this pastor, as it was the previous pastor who had taken us on for support in our endeavours. We met up, and I was able to show him and his family around Cambridge and speak of the rich Christian heritage of the area. Unfortunately, we also had terrible weather with plenty of rain, so the tour bus was empty apart from us. Still, they were thankful, and we all got along like family because, in essence, we are.

Whether you are from America, Singapore, the Philippines, or wherever, the bond of Christianity is strong.

We serve the same Lord, follow the same book, and look forward to the same destination.

My prayer is that we will rejoice in that bond as we approach the Christmas period. And try to stay dry in these soggy days in Cambourne.

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11 AM Morning Worship
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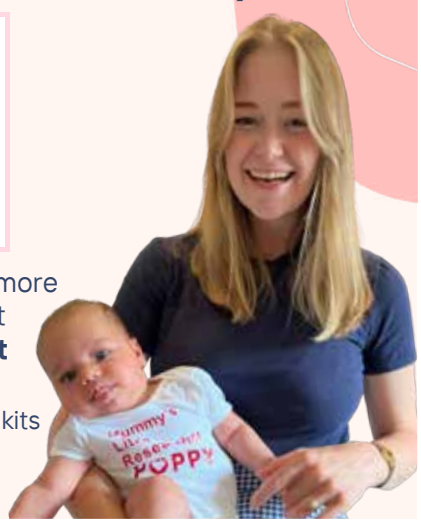
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A book of our history has been written with takes of our adventures from the prefab Ark on the corner of Jeavons Lane, years at the Vine school and fundraising for our present home in Cambourne Church. We have so much to be grateful for and to look forward to and the hard work of many of our congregation was much appreciated. Come and join us for Mass with Fr John any day of the week and share the peace and hope and joy we have in God, each other, our wider community and the world.

St John Fisher Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre: Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00. Contact Details: Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07843 861719, Email: sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk, Website: cambournerc.com

Christ Church goes sporty

Last month Christ Church hosted a Sports Quiz. Teams attempted to answer sports based questions including trivia, dingbats and a tough observation round. All attendees enjoyed a hot meal kindly provided and served by St Neots and Kingfisher Evangelical Churches.

As part of the evening, one of Christ Church's members, Gisela, was interviewed about her life and her Christian faith. Gisela was a professional women's football player from the Netherlands and later was signed up for Cambridge United's Women's team. Although she works as an academic researcher in biochemistry she finds time to be a director of Cambridge United FC and part of Christians in Sport.

Her scientific work makes her think about the Creator God as each cell is so complex. Having been brought up in the Netherlands to go to church she had drifted away from God and as an adult realised that she needed to return to God as her Saviour, one who loved her and died for her. She spoke about how God is her bedrock in all aspects of life and work.

Graham Daniels was the main speaker at the event. He too was a professional footballer and is a director of Cambridge United F.C. and the director of Christians in Sport. He spoke about how there is a fracture running through us all and we are not the people we want to be, we feel our brokenness. This fracture is the separation we have from God because of our sin and because of God's holiness. God is also a God of justice and needs to judge sin, therefore He graciously sent Jesus to take the wrath and punishment that we deserve. It is like we're heading in the the wrong direction and God calls us to turn around 180 degrees and head to Him who welcomes us to forgive us. Then He gives us purpose to live for Him.

Christ Church meets at Cambourne Campus, Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane, on Sundays at 10.30 am, everyone is welcome.

Invitation to C3 Church



We would love to invite you to come along to The C3 Church on Sundays. We meet at 10:30am, every Sunday, at Cambourne Village College, The Coates Theatre.

We welcome all ages, with a full kids provision every Sunday during the service.

Children will have their own programme with interactive games, worship and a craft based on a story in the bible. We also have youth provision and would love to invite them along to our Sunday sessions.

Growing woodland brings benefits to Cambourne and its wildlife





EDUCATING OTHERWISE: As autumn progresses, we are blessed by blue sky and sunshine, and it is a joy to see how the small new wood next to Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion is thriving.

It was created in November 2021 with 135 free saplings from the Woodland Trust. You can see from the photos how much the trees have grown in the past 5 years!

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A big thank you again to the original planters – the Cathies, Panruckers, Simpsons and Cambourne Town Council Grounds Team – and to the latter who still care for the trees wonderfully by mowing the grass and keeping weeds at bay.

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The Vine Primary School: On Friday 9th October Year 3 went back in time to the Iron Age!

We were all mesmerised at the idea that just a few miles from Cambourne there used to be an Iron Age hillfort, and we all got stuck into a day in the life of an Iron Age villager. Some of us decided we would have been great home builders with our excellent willow weaving skills, while others found their niche in quern-stone turning in order to grind the grain into flour.

We have a few expert sling-shotters who showed determination to master the tricky skill. We all agreed that despite the smoke, cooking and eating our own bread over the campfire was the BEST experience! Pupils impressed all the adults with their excellent behaviour and knowledge throughout the day and we were very grateful to all our volunteer helpers as well as the excellent staff at Wandlebury for such an informative and exciting day.

Follow our social media pages Instagram: @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

Monkfield Park celebrates inclusion and stands against racism



Monkfield Park Primary School came together on Friday 16 October to take part in the national "Wear Red - Show Racism the Red Card" campaign.

Children, staff and families were encouraged to wear something red as a visible sign of our commitment to kindness, respect and inclusion.

The day provided an opportunity for children to learn about the importance of celebrating diversity and understanding that everyone, regardless of their background, race or beliefs, deserves to feel welcome, valued and respected. This has formed a key part of our work around Black History Month, too.

As part of the day, children discussed what it means to be part of an inclusive community and how we can all play a role in making others feel that they belong.

Through conversations in classrooms and across the school, pupils explored the importance of treating others fairly, challenging unkind behaviour and standing up for what is right.

One pupil captured the spirit of the day perfectly:

"I'm wearing all the colours of the British flag because at Monkfield Park, everybody is welcome, no matter what their race or beliefs."

This thoughtful message reflects the values we work hard to promote every day at Monkfield Park. We are proud to be a diverse and welcoming school where differences are celebrated and every child is encouraged to be themselves.

Could you be a Trustee for Cambourne Youth Partnership?



Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP), a local charity that enables work with young people, from all cultures and backgrounds, in Cambourne is keen to talk with people who may be interested in joining our existing group of Trustees.

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To arrange an informal chat, please contact any CYP Trustee you know already or message our Chair of Trustees, Nigel Taylor nigelrtaylor52@gmail.com

Dr Rajan's Sydney success

Last month's *Cambourne Crier* included a picture of local doctor, Daniel T Rajan. He has run in marathons for charity for many years.

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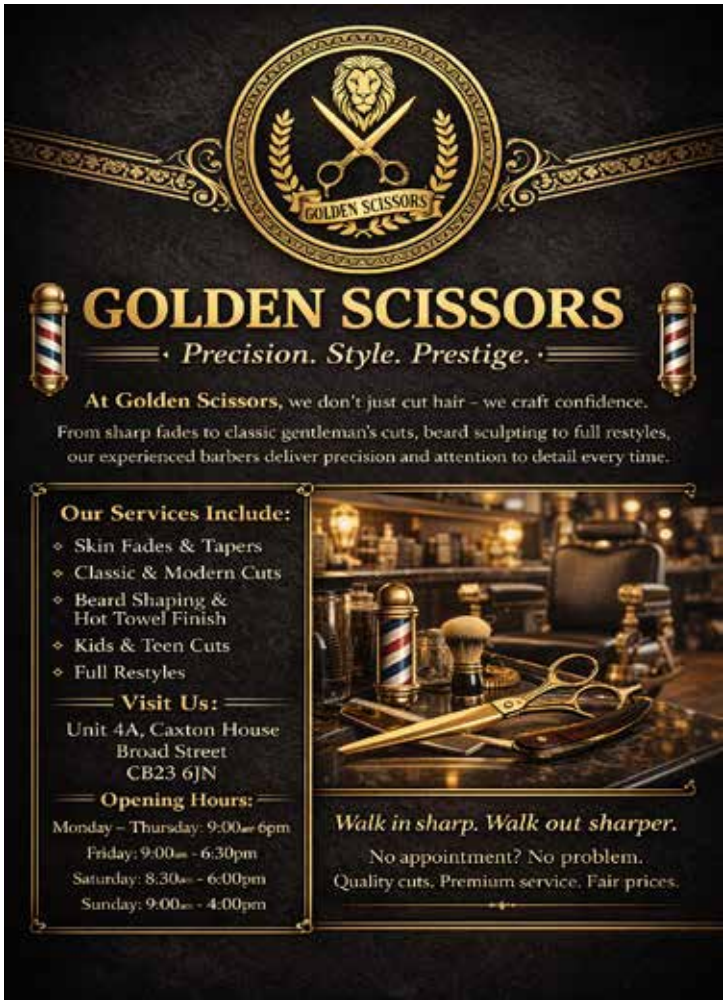
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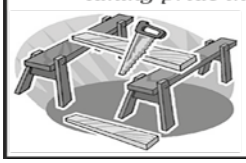
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Cambourne's creativity shines in autumn events for LUC!

Light Up Cambourne has enjoyed a brilliant October, with our Scarecrow Competition and Autumn Family Fun Day bringing creativity and community spirit to Cambourne.

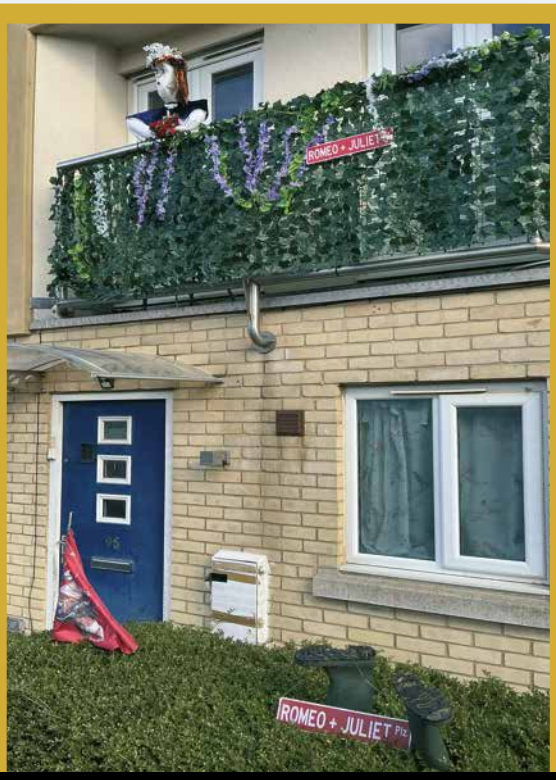
The judges were so impressed with the creativity and skill shown across all of the scarecrow entries: "There was an amazing array of materials used to portray various characters real and fictional. The craftsmanship on display was of a high degree – especially some of the knitting and handiwork.

"A big thank you to Bowdens Estate Agents for contributing to our £100 prize fund and helping reward our scarecrow makers!"

Our Autumn Family Fun Day was another success, with Kindred Nursery and Cambourne Church providing fantastic activities at the Hub, in addition to our LUC volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable day!

We also had a brilliant Bingo night on 3rd October, with huge thanks to The Monkfield Arms for generously donating a voucher for our raffle.

Coming up: Paint and Sip on 14th November, followed by Bingo on 28th November. A huge thank you to our volunteers and everyone who continues to support Light Up Cambourne.



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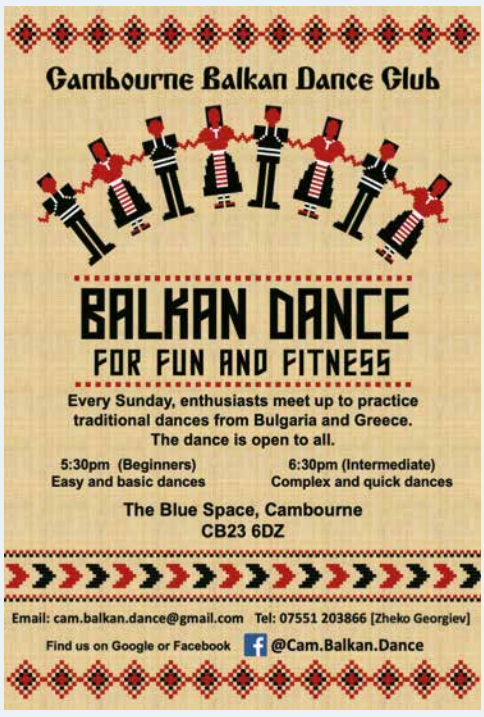
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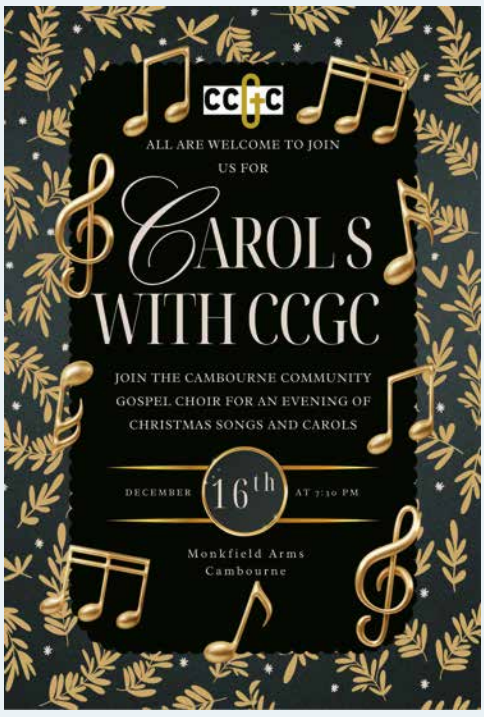
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We now have a community meeting room available for hire. Please contact SouthCambsSouth.LibraryVenue@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for further information.

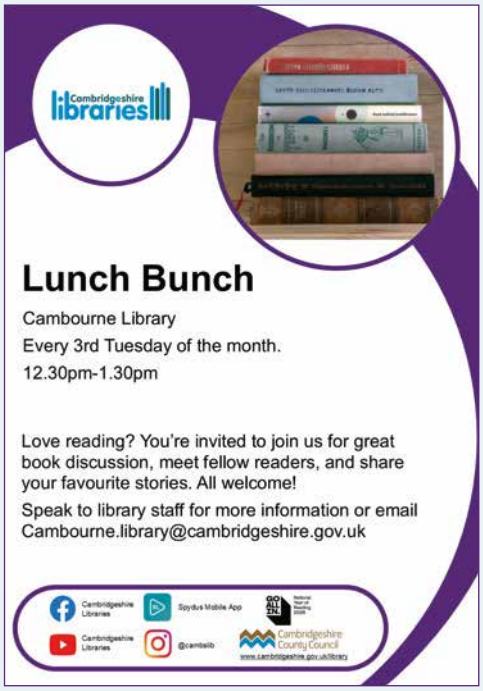
Stay and Play-Tuesdays 9.30am-11am (term time only)
Join other families in the library for chat, play and interaction. We will provide baby and toddler toys for you to play with while in the library. Suitable for 4 years and under. This is a drop-in activity, no need to book.

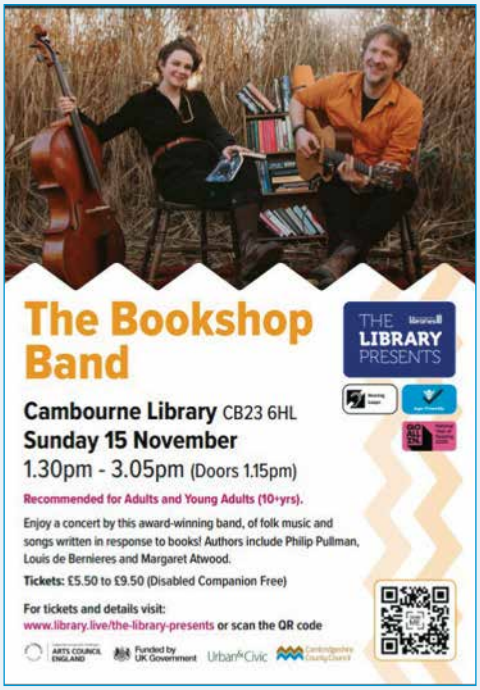
Rhyme Time and Duplo Fun -Every Friday 9.30am-10am in Cambourne Library (term time only)

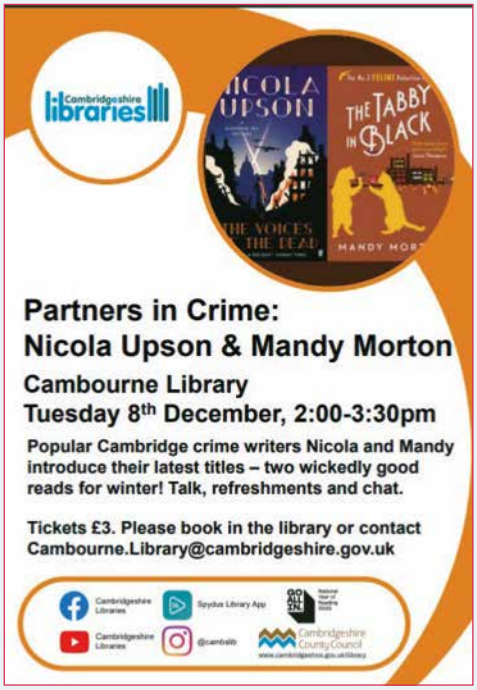
Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group
If you would like to join in with this friendly group, please contact Cambourne.Library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 November at 1pm,** in

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Monday	9am-5pm
Open Plus	*8.30am-9am, 5.10-5.50pm*
Tuesday	9am-1pm
Open Plus	*8.30am-9am, 1.10pm-5.50pm*
Wednesday	Closed – No Open Plus
Thursday	1pm-7pm
Open Plus	*8.30am-1pm*
Friday	9am-5pm
Open Plus	*8.30am-9am, 5.10pm-5.50pm*
Saturday	9am-1pm – No Open Plus
Sunday	Closed – No Open Plus







Wildlife Trust expands Nature Girls network to Cambourne

Nature Girls has been running in Northants for a couple of years now and we have recently decided to run sessions in other places.

Nature Girls is a social group for women over 18 who have an interest in wildlife, the outdoors and/or sustainability. We mostly chat, whilst doing some activities in the background! I have some sessions planned in Cambourne, Cambridge, and Peterborough, for this year, and will soon be putting a programme together for next year. I was unsure to start with, I am used to being as inclusive as possible in my work, but I realise now that because of their gender, many women feel excluded from the outdoors. In these first few sessions, what women have said to me has convinced me it is worth it:

– "I wouldn't go there on my own."

– "My partner passed away, and since then I don't feel comfortable going birdwatching."

– "It's so hard to make real friends as an adult; people who like the things I like. My other friends think I am a little crazy."

You can connect with a network of women interested in wildlife, the outdoors, and sustainability via our website. There is a Facebook page, and a WhatsApp group. wildlifebcn.org/wildlife-trusts-nature-girls

November and December events Cambourne and Cambridge area (booking is essential except for the Christmas Fair, please visit wildlifebcn.org/events)

- Nature Girls sustainable craft session, Cambourne (for women 18+) Wed 11th Nov 7-9pm
- Wildlife Trust BCN annual Christmas Fair, Cambourne, Fri 27th Nov 3-7pm (free entry, and you might also get a mince pie!)
- Family-friendly community work party, Trumpington Meadows (for adults, and families with children aged 7+) Sat 28th Nov 9.30-12.30 (free!)
- Family-friendly community work party, Cambourne (for adults, and families with children aged 7+) Sat 12th Dec 9.30-12.30 (free!)

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





EVENT REPORT

Grand Garba Nights bring colour and celebration to Cambourne





Cambourne came alive in a glorious explosion of colour, music, dance and festivities as two magnificent Grand Garba Nights brought the community together on 10th and 17th October at Cambourne Village College.

Celebrating their fourth consecutive year, these much-loved festivities reached new heights of success, welcoming an incredible 1,200 people across the two evenings. Organised by Cam Community, the celebrations were a wonderful reflection of the town's vibrant cultural spirit and the joy of coming together.

From the moment the festivities began, the atmosphere was simply electric! A dazzling kaleidoscope of colourful traditional attire, sparkling outfits and beaming smiles filled the venue. As the infectious rhythms of Garba music swept through the hall, dancers moved in mesmerising circles, creating a breathtaking spectacle of energy, elegance and togetherness.

Adding an extra sparkle to the celebrations were delightful performances by children and ladies, showcasing enthusiasm, grace and a shared love of cultural traditions. This year also witnessed a special first, with men participating in a couples' Garba performance, bringing a refreshing new dimension to the festivities. These performances added memorable highlights to evenings already brimming with excitement.

The celebrations were a feast for the senses. Alongside the captivating music and dancing, delicious food and tempting flavours added to the festive atmosphere. Every corner seemed to radiate happiness, with families celebrating together, friends sharing laughter and generations coming together to create cherished memories.

Rooted in the traditions of Navratri, the Hindu festival honouring the divine feminine and the triumph of good over evil, Garba is far more than a dance. Its graceful circular movements symbolise the cycle of life, while the shared rhythm beautifully embodies unity, devotion and community spirit.

Beyond the dazzling costumes and energetic dance floor, what truly made these evenings special was the warmth of human connection. They were a celebration not just of culture and tradition, but of friendship, family, belonging and the wonderful diversity that enriches not only Cambourne but also communities far beyond.

As the final rhythms faded, the colourful memories and joyful smiles remained, a beautiful reminder that when Cambourne comes together, the magic is truly something special!

Four years on, these Grand Garba Nights have blossomed into a cherished highlight of Cambourne's cultural calendar, growing in enthusiasm, participation and community spirit with each passing year.

A huge shout-out to Cam Community, the dedicated community volunteers, energetic performers, food vendors and, above all, everyone who joined these Grand Garba celebrations, helping to make four glorious years of festivities possible and creating countless cherished memories!

Here's to many more years of vibrant celebrations, colourful traditions, cherished connections and unforgettable moments!





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Cambourne Knights CC: Grassroots to Champions



Cambourne Knights Cricket Club was founded in 2023 with a simple idea: bring the Cambourne community together through cricket. Just three years on, the club has achieved something remarkable. In 2026, the Knights entered the CCA League for the first time and won the Junior League Division 5 South title, taking 13 of their 16 games. What makes this even more special is how it was done. We have no home ground, no training facilities and no mentors, and most of our players were new to hardball cricket. Our growth has been entirely organic, built on grassroots involvement from friends, neighbours and families who simply picked up a bat and ball. Kit is shared between players, so cost is never a barrier to getting involved.

The Knights are a club dedicated to Cambourne. We are proud to have made a charity donation to Hope CIC to support the Cambourne community, and we have also donated to local family events.

Alongside this, we run community events and family get-togethers, so the club is about far more than match days. Now we want to build on this success. As we look ahead to next season, we are looking for new players. Whether you are a complete beginner, returning after years away, or an experienced player wanting a friendly and ambitious team, there is a place for you. You do not need to have played before, just a love of the game or a willingness to learn.

We would also welcome anyone who can help the club move forward, whether by offering coaching experience, suggesting a ground or training space, or lending a hand.

Join the Knights for next season!

Contact us at ckc.cricketclub@gmail.com

Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club of 2027

Dear Community Leads and Friends: In July 2026, we invited you all to our Cookery Club Finale Dinner, enjoyed wonderful food and friendship, and raised some money for local charities and community causes. Now, in October, we have already started our 2027 Cookery Club dinner rotas!

This year, we are all experimenting with Latin American cuisine! Our members are super excited, and a few are even planning to buy traditional Latin American dresses to wear while hosting their dinners. All for fun, laughter, chatting and learning something new! Our club works a little like the British TV programme *Come Dine with Me*, except there are no marks, no points and no judges!

To be on the safe side, we call ourselves the Experimental Cookery Club, so we are officially allowed to make mistakes in the kitchen! We already have six groups running in parallel, and we would happily welcome another six groups. Each group has just four families or four individual members. This means you host dinner only once a year and enjoy three FREE dinners at other members' homes. Not a bad deal!

For the past 12 years, this beautiful Cambourne community project has been bringing people together, creating long-term friendships, welcoming new residents and helping to tackle loneliness. You don't need to be a good cook. Just bring your enthusiasm, a little humour and a healthy appetite! Please share this with your friends, neighbours and especially new residents of Cambourne and nearby villages.

To join the Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club 2027, please email shrobona@gmail.com.

After all, a little cooking, a little laughter and a few new friends can make life so much more enjoyable!



Fastbreak's basketball programme takes flight!



Fastbreak Basketball is expanding its Primary Basketball programme, offering more opportunities for local children to discover basketball in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

Following successful free taster sessions at local primary schools, the club has established an after-school basketball club at Monkfield Park Primary School, helping children develop confidence, coordination and teamwork.

New players are welcome! Our beginner-friendly Primary Basketball sessions resume from 12 November, following the temporary closure of the sports hall for exams.

Spaces are available in all four groups:

U9 Mixed (NEW): Thursdays, 4:00-4:45pm at Everyone Active Cambourne; U9 Mixed: Fridays, 4:30-5:15pm at Cambourne Village College; U11 Mixed: Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm at Cambourne Village College; U12 Mixed: Fridays, 5:15-6:15pm at Cambourne Village College.

All sessions welcome boys and girls, including complete beginners. Children can learn basketball skills, make friends and enjoy being active as part of a team.

The club also organises Primary Basketball Mix & Match events, offering young players opportunities to experience friendly matches regardless of their experience or club affiliation. The next major event is the Christmas Special Mix & Match, open to children from any school or basketball club. With medals, friendly games and plenty of festive fun, it promises to be an enjoyable celebration of junior basketball.

Fastbreak Basketball aims to make basketball accessible to more local families while encouraging confidence, teamwork and a lifelong enjoyment of sport.

For registration and event information, visit www.fastbreakbasketball.co.uk or email info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Stephen Lacey coming to Cambourne Tae Kwon Do

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do is starting an exciting new chapter and we'd love you to be part of it.

Second Degree black belt and qualified Instructor Stephen Lacey will now be running our Saturday classes in Cambourne as well as supporting our sister clubs in Bar Hill and Linton during the week.

This marks an important step in the Anglia Academy's development as we move to the Taekwondo Dimensions Association.

Stephen is a founding member of the Association and is helping to shape a growing coalition of Tae Kwon Do clubs across the UK and beyond.

"Cambourne TKD means a lot to me," said Stephen. "It's been a real privilege to help people improve their fitness and flexibility while building confidence and self-discipline.



"I've been training and coaching here for over 20 years and I've seen so many students grow in skill and self-belief, including my two sons who achieved their black belts when they were still teenagers and represented England at the World Championships.

"The club has had a great deal of success at local, national and international competitions over the years and I'm proud to keep that going. My aim is to help every member, young and old, reach their potential in a safe, supportive and fun environment."

We have spaces available for children and adults in our friendly Saturday classes and you don't need any previous experience. All fitness levels are welcome.

Contact Stephen on 07905 744777 or stephenlacey73@gmail.com for more.

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