

North Cambridge Community Newsletter

Early Spring Edition 2025



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"February may be the shortest month of the year, but it was packed with exciting events!"
It was a vibrant month for the North Cambridge Community Partnership, filled with engaging activities and opportunities for families to come together.

Here's a recap of the exciting events that took place:

- *Community Seed Swap (2nd February): Gardening enthusiasts gathered at Akeman Community Centre to exchange seeds, share gardening tips, and promote sustainability. A generous donation from B&Q helped ensure a diverse selection for attendees.*
- *Community Pizza Event- On 6th February 2025, NCCP hosted a vibrant Pizza Event, bringing the community together for a fun and healthy cooking session.*
- *Half-Term Trip to the Whipple Museum (19th February): Families enjoyed an educational visit to the Whipple Museum of the History of Science. The trip included interactive sessions on space and astronomy, making learning both fun and accessible for children.*
- *Little Rainbow Families Trip (18th February): Families gathered at Arbury Baptist Church for a day of cooking, games, and bonding over a nutritious meal.*
- *Art Workshop with Kettle's Yard (20th February): Children participated in a creative playground design session using recycled materials, fostering both artistic expression and environmental awareness.*
- *Three Little Pigs Puppet Show (25th February): The Little Rainbows Toddler Group welcomed Garlic Theatre for a lively and interactive puppet show as part of the Festival of Stories, bringing joy to over 40 children and their families.*
- *Networking Event (27th February): NCCP hosted a networking event, bringing together local organizations, charities, and agencies to explore new collaborations and community support initiatives.*

We have lots of exciting upcoming events! Stay tuned for more opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate with the community. For details and updates, visit www.nccp.org.uk/events.

Thank you for being a part of our thriving community!

*Nita Bhaumik-Community Project Coordinator
(North Cambridge Community Partnership Team)*

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Community Seed Swap Event

On Sunday, 2nd February, the NCCP hosted a Community Seed Swap event at Akeman Community Centre. The event brought together gardening enthusiasts, local community members, and organisations passionate about sustainability and growing their own food.

We were delighted to receive a generous donation of seeds from **B&Q**, which helped ensure a diverse range of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds for attendees to swap and take home. Additionally, we were joined by *On the Verge* and *Fen Chicks Trapped in Glass*, who shared their expertise and passion for gardening and conservation.

The event was a lively and welcoming space where people could bring their own labeled seeds to exchange, pick up new varieties, and engage in insightful discussions with gardening experts. Attendees enjoyed browsing the selection of seeds and learning about different planting techniques.

To add to the community spirit, tea, coffee, and homemade cakes were available for sale, providing a cozy atmosphere for people to chat and connect over their shared love for gardening.

Overall, the Seed Swap was a great success, encouraging sustainable gardening, community engagement, and knowledge-sharing. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated seeds, or contributed in any way to making the event such a wonderful experience! We look forward to hosting more gardening events in the future—stay tuned for updates!



Thanks to B&Q for the generous seeds donation!!



COMMUNITY SEED SWAP SUNDAY

ENTRANCE FEE £2 (CHILDREN FREE)

FREE SEEDS !! (TEA/COFFEE/CAKES AVAILABLE)

DATE- 2ND FEBRUARY
TIME -2PM-4PM
VENUE -AKEMAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
80 AKEMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE, CB43HG.

COLLECT SOME FREE SEEDS OR BRING YOUR OLD SEEDS LABELLED AND TRADE THEM FOR FREE WITH OTHERS



Scan to pay

(ENTRANCE FEE/ PER ADULT-£2)



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The Pizza Event – A Delicious Community Gathering

On 6th February 2025, NCCP hosted a vibrant Pizza Event, bringing the community together for a fun, hands-on experience centered around making and enjoying homemade pizzas.

The event provided a great opportunity for attendees to learn about fresh ingredients, cooking techniques, and the joy of sharing meals. Guided by an Italian chef from our local community, participants discovered how to prepare pizza dough from scratch, select delicious toppings, and bake their customised pizzas—the authentic Italian way.

Highlights of the Event:

Tasting Session: Once the pizzas were ready, everyone gathered to enjoy their creations, strengthening community connections over a shared meal.

Healthy Eating Workshop: A brief but interactive session on nutritious ingredients and mindful eating helped participants make healthier food choices.

Beyond the culinary skills gained, the event fostered a sense of togetherness, encouraging parents to socialize and build new friendships. The enthusiasm and positive feedback showed how food can bring people closer, making this event a truly memorable experience.

We look forward to hosting more community cooking events in the future—stay tuned for the next one!



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On February half-term 19th February Wednesday, a group of families was taken on an exciting visit to the Whipple Museum of the History of Science. Key highlights included:

- **Transportation provided via taxi to and from the venue, ensuring accessibility for all.**
- **Educational sessions on space and astronomy, introducing children to the wonders of the universe.**
- **Interactive activities and hands-on exhibits, making learning both fun and engaging.**
- **Goody bags for the children, filled with educational materials and souvenirs.**

Impact:
For many families, this was their first visit to a museum, making it a truly special experience. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with parents expressing gratitude for the opportunity to expose their children to new learning environments.

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Creative Art Workshop -Designing Perfect Playground

Held on 20th February-Thursday during February Half-term

"An artist from Kettle's Yard led an art workshop on Thursday as part of an ongoing research program in partnership with UCAM's Department of Architecture, focusing on creating safer spaces for women and children."

Activities included:

- Creative playground design using recycled materials, encouraging sustainability and innovation.
- Hands-on artistic expression, allowing children to explore their creativity in a structured environment.
- Discussion on community spaces, helping children envision improvements to their own play areas.

Impact:

The children were excited to contribute ideas for designing a playground, which fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills. The session also encouraged environmental awareness through the use of recycled materials.



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES: Designing the Perfect Playground



Join us for a free, fun and inspiring art workshop - we'll be using our imaginations (and lots of creative materials) to design the playground of our dreams - where everything and anything is possible!
Suitable for ages 8-12 years.

Campkin Road Community Centre
Big Room
Thursday, 20th February
10.30-11.30
FREE, just drop in



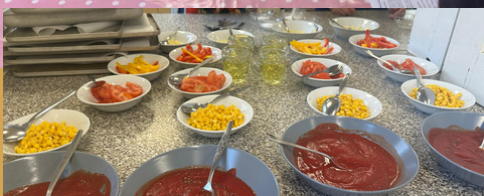
On 18th February, Tuesday: Little Rainbow Families Trip to Arbury Baptist Church

On Tuesday, families from the Little Rainbow Toddler Group, including older siblings, participated in a trip to Arbury Baptist Church. The day featured:

- A free lunch for all attendees.
- Hands-on cooking activities where children actively participated in meal preparation.
- Engaging games and activities, fostering a sense of community and fun.
- A welcoming environment that allowed families to bond while enjoying nutritious meals.

Impact:

Families appreciated the opportunity to cook and eat together in a community setting. The event provided valuable social interaction for both children and parents.



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Networking event-27th February 2025

We had a wonderful time connecting with over 25 local organizations, charities, and agencies that work tirelessly to support our community, all while enjoying a light lunch and refreshments.

It was inspiring to share ideas, build connections, and explore new ways to collaborate for the benefit of North Cambridge.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended from-Cambridge Community Development, Grace Church, Arbury Community Church, Arbury Baptist Church, How are you Cambridge, Blue Smile, Cambridge police Department, The Red Hen, Cambridge Science Centre, Water Sensitive Cambridge, Pound Rock, Cambridge African Network, Arbury Carnival, University of Cambridge and NIHR Cambridge BRC, Marika Mancino Dietician, Baca and volunteers —your dedication and passion make a real difference!

**JOIN US FOR OUR
UPCOMING NCCP
NETWORKING EVENT**

**FEBRUARY 27TH 2025
THURSDAY
1PM-2.30PM**

MEET AND EAT

**Campkin Community Centre
70 Morello Place, Campkin
Road, Cambridge CB42ZH
(Opposite Tesco Express)**

This is for all people and organisations working in Arbury or around King Hedges Community who want to get involved and discuss what is happening in our local community!

If you have any queries or want to book a free space please email us at talk@nccp.org.uk
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Talking Together in Cambridgeshire's Festival of Stories
 Wednesday, 11 February 2025 to Wednesday, 26 February 2025

3 LITTLE PIG TAILS (Puppet Theatre)
 Garlic Theatre present a fresh and funny version of the classic story of The Three Little Pigs set in Paris. A grumpy old wolf is a chef looking for pigs' tails for his soup. This warm-hearted show is full of puppets, live music and lots of juggling.

CAMPKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
 70 Morelle Place, Cambridge CB4 2ZH (opposite Tesco Express)
Tuesday 25 February 10.30am (Doors open 10am)
 45 minute show followed by 15 minute meet the puppets time.
 Suitable for families with children under 5 yrs and non-English speakers.
FREE Donations welcome
 Places are limited so to reserve a spot please email:
 nathan.jones@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Discover how you can make a big difference to your child's development at the Festival of Stories www.bit.ly/festivalofstories

early years childcare and school readiness service 50 five

THREE LITTLE PIGS PUPPET THEATRE 25TH FEBRUARY at Little Rainbow Playgroup

We at NCCP were delighted to welcome **Garlic Theatre** to our Little Rainbows Toddler Group in partnership with **The Library Presents** as part of the Festival of Stories! More than 40 children and parents/carers joined us at Campkin Road Community Centre! The children were absolutely thrilled to experience the magical "3 Little Pig Tails" puppet show, filled with laughter, music, and storytelling. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to engage with live theatre in a fun and interactive way.

A huge thank you to Helen from **Talking Together in Cambridgeshire**, Nathan from **The Library Presents**, amazing actors and producers from **Garlic Theatre**, and **North Cambridge Community Partnership** staff and volunteers who made this event possible.



North Cambridge Community Newsletter (UPCOMING CLUBS)

Supporting Music Education in North Cambridge: Ukulele Donation & Community Workshop

The North Cambridge Community Partnership (NCCP) is committed to enhancing music opportunities for families and individuals in North Cambridge. As part of this initiative, we have successfully facilitated the donation of 11 ukuleles to North Cambridge Academy and are launching an exciting new Adult Ukulele Beginner Workshop this May.

Ukulele Donation to North Cambridge Academy

Our newly appointed chair, Eileen, has taken the lead in expanding music provision in the community. She reached out to Millers Music, a well-established music store known for its commitment to community projects. With the dedicated support of Catherine from Millers Music, we successfully acquired 11 ukuleles through a charitable scheme. These ukuleles were donated to the music department at North Cambridge Academy, ensuring that students have access to instruments to develop their musical skills. Emma Hardy, representing the academy, gratefully accepted the donation, marking a significant step in supporting music education for young people in the area

Adult Ukulele Beginner Workshop –Launching May 2025(Please find the poster below and pictures featuring Emma Hardy from the NCA, who is receiving the ukuleles and Jemma Jeffrey)

In addition to supporting young musicians, NCCP is excited to offer a free Adult Ukulele Beginner Workshop in collaboration with the East England Ukulele Project. This workshop is designed for beginners who are interested in learning to play the ukulele, with no prior experience required.

Location: Campkin Road Community Centre, 70 Morello Place, Cambridge, CB42ZH.

Date: Saturday, 10th May 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Details: Participants will learn basic ukulele skills and play simple tunes in a friendly and supportive setting. Ukuleles will be available for use during the session. Refreshments will be provided, and places are limited.

To Book: Email nita@nccp.org.uk (Booking has started)



**Adult Ukulele
BEGINNER WORKSHOP**

To Book: email-nita@nccp.org.uk

WHERE?	UKULELE PROJECT	WHO?
Campkin Community Centre, 70 Morello Place, CAMBRIDGE CB4 2NP		A collaborative event run by North Cambridge Community Partnership & East England Ukulele Project
FREE		Refreshments provided. Places limited.
Want to try a new skill? No previous experience needed. Learn some basics and play some tunes! Ukuleles available to use in the session.		SATURDAY 10th MAY 2025 2pm-4.30pm
WHAT?		WHEN?



About Millers Music



From its founding in 1856, Millers has been at the heart of the musical community providing quality instruments in affordable ways. Today it stands as one of the most respected and prestigious traditional music retailers in the UK specialising in pianos and string instruments. Millers Music believes music can be a force for good and does its best to foster music in its communities. Its team of experts, technicians, and support teams provide unrivalled demonstrations, support, and advice to clients across the UK for new and used instruments

Millers

NCCP is thrilled to provide these opportunities to the community, from young students at North Cambridge Academy to adults looking to explore a new musical hobby. A huge thank you to Millers Music, Catherine, and everyone involved in making these projects possible.

North Cambridge Community Newsletter (WEEKLY CLUBS)

BRING YOUR TODDLER AT THE

LITTLE RAINBOWS PLAYGROUP

EVERY TUESDAY 10AM- 12PM
CAMPKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
70 MORELLO PLACE, CAMPKIN ROAD, CAMBRIDGE CB4 2ZH.

FREE

If you have any queries or want to find out more .
Please contact us at:
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UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AT THE

LEGO CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY 3.30PM- 4.30 PM
CAMPKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
70 MORELLO PLACE, CAMPKIN ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE CB4 2ZH.

FREE

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Science Club

Science Club resumes in March!

This half term we will be exploring some of the science in the world around us.

We will be thinking about shadows, sounds, the ocean and something many of us enjoy, chocolate!

This will be alongside exploring the environments around us, what makes a town and the decisions that need to be made when designing buildings.

Every Wednesday
5th March - 2nd April
At Cambridge Science Centre
The Trinity Centre, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road
Cambridge CB4 0FN

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE **nccp**

SCIENCE CLUB

FREE

PICKUP/DROP OFF MINIBUS SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM CAMPKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 4.20PM-5.20PM
AT CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE -THE TRINITY CENTRE,
CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE PARK, MILTON ROAD, CAMBRIDGE,
CB4 0FN

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE EMAIL US-
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code club

WEDNESDAYS 4:30PM - 5:30PM

AGES 7-11 years

6 Sessions will run
12, 19, 26 March & 3, 23, 30 April

Limited FREE spaces

COME TO CODE CLUB!

Campkin Community Centre
70 Morello Place, CB4 2ZH (Opposite Tesco Express Campkin Road)

For any queries, please reach out to:
sarah.roberts@raspberrypi.org or nita@nccp.org.uk

Raspberry Pi Foundation **www.nccp.org.uk**
Charity NO-1171138 **nccp**

Fitness Pilates **nccp**

Bringing Communities Together

MEADOWS COMMUNITY CENTRE
299 Arbury Road, Cambridge, CB4 2JL
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm

CAMPKIN ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
70 Morello Place, Campkin Road, Cambridge, CB4 2ZH
Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm

£6 PAYG or £25 for a block of 5 classes

Book your FREE trial via:
www.picktime.com/poundbooking
Email: poundrockoutwithme@gmail.com

North Cambridge Community Newsletter (UPCOMING CLUBS/EVENTS)

Join Us for a Fun Bird Nest Box Building and Painting Workshop



Nest Box Building Event – Free!
We have 10 nest box kits available for garden birds like Robins, Wrens, Blue Tits, and Great Tits. Join us to assemble and decorate your own nest box before taking it home!

- Date-15th March, Saturday.
- 🕒 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- 📍 Location: Campkin Road Community Centre (Opposite Tesco Express, Campkin Rd)
- 📧 Sign up: Email onthevergecambridge@gmail.com with your preferred nest box type. We'll confirm availability.
- 🔧 What's provided: Hammers, nails, and decorating materials.
- 🎨 Perfect for: Your garden or as a gift! We'll also share tips on positioning and caring for your nest box.
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Important: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Spaces are limited – book now!

Unleash your creativity at our NCCP Gardening Club workshop!

Join us for a fun-filled session where you can paint and decorate your very own birdhouse.



SPRING SEEDLING SWAP

5TH APRIL SATURDAY
2PM-4PM
CAMPKIN ROAD
COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE COME AND SWAP SEEDLINGS & FRUIT, VEGETABLE SEEDS, BUY YOUNG PLANTS AND GET SOME GREAT GARDENING TIPS.
(SUGGESTED DONATION TO SUPPORT THE EVENT-£2 ENTRY FEE)
(TEA/COFFEE/CAKES AVAILABLE)



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL TO NITA@NCCP.ORG.UK



Our upcoming gardening club meet ups are planned for the first week of each month: May 3rd, June 7th, and July 5th. We look forward to seeing you there!

GARDENING CLUB

a community project

JOIN OUR MONTHLY GARDENING CLUB @CAMPKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.....PLEASE EMAIL US AT NITA@NCCP.ORG.UK



PLANTING



ROCK PAINTING



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Grow It, Cook It, Share It

This 6 week **growing** and **cooking** course teaches families about foods that can easily be grown and eaten at home (whether in a garden, balcony or window box) through supervised **gardening** and simple **cooking** sessions.

- > Dates: Tuesday 4th March- Tuesday 8th April 2025
- > Times: 10am - 12pm
- > Location: Campkin Road Community Centre, 70 Morello Place, Cambridge, CB4 2ZH
- > For parents with pre-school children aged 2- 5 (older and younger siblings welcome to join)
- > Children and parents learn together

BOOK NOW:

<https://tinyurl.com/CampkinGrowIt>
For more information please email Hannah:
hannah.smith@groundwork.org.uk



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CAMBRIDGESHIRE SKILLS



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

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North Cambridge Community Partnership

Annual General Meeting

**MARCH 7TH
FRIDAY
5pm-6pm
CAMPKIN COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 70 MORELLO
PLACE, CB42ZH**

EVERYONE WELCOME
(FREE REFRESHMENTS)



Talk Openly, Share Opinions
& Ask Questions

If you have any queries or want to find out more, please contact us at:
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Topics of Discussion:

- All the North Cambridge Community are invited to take part and help us to:
- Meet and share views with the community
 - Elect trustees
 - Discuss new plans in the area
 - Collaborate in new projects

REPAIR CAFE

Matching experienced repairers with people who need stuff fixed.



31st May 2025, Saturday, 1 pm-3pm

Location-Campkin Road Community Centre, CB42ZH (Opposite Tesco Express Campkin Road)

We welcome small household appliances - electrical items - computers - mobile phones - bicycles - clothes - gadgets & more.

Repairs are FREE, for further details & to book your item in see: [Events | NCCP](#)



SIN Cru Breakin' Class

Thursdays
27th March,
3rd, 24th April,
1st and 8th May 2025

5:00PM - 6:00 PM
For ages 6-14 years

Campkin Road
Community Centre,
70 Morello Place,
Campkin Road,
Cambridge CB4 2ZH

To book email
projects@sincru.co.uk
or nita@nccp.org.uk



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK UP



For the latest updates on events, please visit our [NCCP Events Page](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out via email at talk@nccp.org.uk.

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