



Mayor of Cambridge Jeremy Benstead and Nicky Massey are joined by staff and guests to open the Cherry Hinton shop  
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## 'Heartbreak' for father of missing Corrie

The father of missing RAF airman Corrie McKeague has spoken of his "gut-wrenching" seventh visit to the landfill site in Milton which is being searched by police.

Last Thursday, Martin McKeague, 48, and wife Trisha, 54, spent more than an hour at the site before the search for the missing 23-year-old was stopped for Easter.

Martin spoke of his gratitude to police, who have sifted through more than 2,000 tonnes of refuse.

"Every visit for us is a gut-wrenching, heart-breaking walk through that mountain of discarded refuse, knowing the strong likelihood is that Corrie is here, somewhere underfoot, in amongst all of these things passed off as useless," he posted on Facebook.

Officers in charge of the investigation have said they have a "great deal of confidence" that RAF gunner Corrie will be found at the landfill site.

Corrie has been missing since September 24 after a night out in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. The search for him resumed on Tuesday.

Anyone with information can call police on 01473 782019.



Penny Haggerty, Lauren Seager, 13 and Norma Smith



Lucy Tufts, Emily Sharpe and Sharon Livermore, all of polkadotfrog, and Helene Dowding, of Each

# Pop star's clothes get fans Ed-cited

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Shoppers flocked to a new charity shop in Cambridge to buy clothes from the wardrobe of singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran.

The East Anglia's Children's Hospices (Each) shop in Cherry Hinton was officially opened by the mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Jeremy Benstead, and bereaved parent Nicky Massey.

Scores of bargain hunters turned out for the event last Thursday (April 13), keen to get their hands on items of clothing donated to Each by the Suffolk-born pop star, who is an ambassador for the charity.

Nicky, who was supported by the hospice when her son died in 2013, said: "I hope all the local residents visit the store, either shopping or donating items to help support the most amazing service we have for life-threatened children here in Cambridgeshire."

She told the *Cambridge Independent*: "I'll always be grateful for the support they gave me and for the time they gave me to create precious memories. We are very lucky here in Cambridge that we have Each on our doorstep, so I'm passionate to make sure that everybody supports it."

Lauren Seager, 13, was queuing outside the shop from 8.30am. She was due to visit relatives and Cherry Hinton resident Penny Haggarty for the Easter weekend, but came down from Stirling in Scotland a day early to browse the items on offer.

Penny said: "Ed Sheeran's been very, very nice donating his clothes. I thought it was

absolutely amazing and I hope the shop does really well in Cherry Hinton."

"He's really good at singing," added Lauren, who said *Castle on the Hill* and *Shape of You* were her favourite songs.

The new outlet, at the former Lloyds bank premises in High Street, is Each's third in Cambridgeshire and takes its total across East Anglia to 23.

Sarah Throssell, Each's retail area manager, said: "The till's been ringing since we opened the doors with shoppers keen to pick up a piece of Ed's clothing - we took £925 in the first hour!"

On Wednesday, recruitment firm Polkadotfrog gave its support to Each by collecting donations of chocolate eggs and gifts from clients and candidates.

The company will also be backing the Each and *Cambridge Independent* Help at Home Appeal when, on Saturday, June 17, staff members Lucy Tufts, Chris Chapman and Ann-Maria Parkinson take part in a skydive at Chatteris airfield.

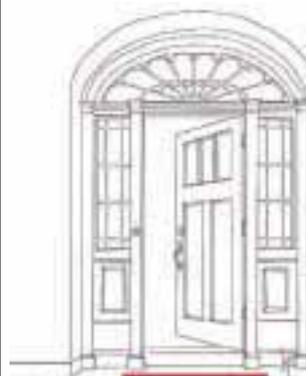
The appeal aims to raise £87,500 to help establish a new volunteer service that will make a huge difference to the families of children with life-limiting conditions. To donate to the appeal, visit the website [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/EACHHelpAtHome](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/EACHHelpAtHome).



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# Community

## VILLAGES

### ► BALSHAM

**Event:** The village's version of BBC TV antiques programme *Flog It!* will be held on Saturday (April 22), from 2pm until 5pm, at the sports pavilion. Experts from auctioneer Cheffins will be on hand to answer questions. Take along antiques, collectables and heirlooms. Entry is free. There is a £2 charge per item valued and a limit of three items per person.

**Bowls club:** With the new season approaching, greenkeeper Keith Cottage will open the green for the first get-together on Monday (April 24) evening. The club is inviting anyone interested in trying the game to join returning members. Club night is on Mondays from the end of April to early September. The club plays in three leagues and has two teams in the Steeple Bumpstead league on Friday evenings. Tuition will be given, and there are shoes and woods for beginners to try the game. Contact John Robinson, club secretary, on 01223 893895 for further details.

*Margaret Johnson*

### ► EVERS DEN

**Planning:** Proposals for a new village pavilion will be on display this Sunday (April 23) from 1.30pm until 3pm at the recreation ground. The meeting is open to all, especially those with an interest in indoor sports such as badminton and bowls.

### ► GREAT SHELFORD

**Annual meeting:** The work of the parish council will be discussed at the annual parish meeting tonight (April 19) in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, from 7pm.

### ► HISTON

**Buses:** The village is getting extra services on the busway ahead of the opening of the new Cambridge North railway station. The service starts on May 21 and will operate every 20 minutes, Monday to Saturday, also providing additional services to St Ives.

### ► KINGSTON

**Broadband:** The remaining work



Soprano Laura Wright performs at A Festival of Carols. Inset, from left, Very Reverend Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely; Karen Newton, of Each; Bill Dastur, the provincial grand master, and senior Freemason David Adams

## Soprano singing sensation helps Freemasons donate £12,000 to children's hospices

### ► MILTON

Festive carols and a superstar soprano have helped boost East Anglia's Children's Hospices (Each) to the tune of £12,392.

The sum was raised at December's A Festival of Carols in Ely Cathedral, which also received some money.

Around 1,100 attended the event to hear one of a series of performances by 26-year-old Suffolk-born soprano Laura Wright, the classical-pop crossover singer, who was

joined by Ely Cathedral Choir and The Ely Imps. There were also readings and poems by popular personalities from the county.

Bereaved parent Claire Wright told how Each had supported her family in their darkest hours.

The donation was made to Each last week.

Bill Dastur, provincial grand master of Cambridgeshire Freemasons, said: "In celebrating our tercentenary, we were delighted that Each

should be such a deserving beneficiary with Ely Cathedral.

"It was a splendid evening capped off by a remarkable and moving story. We wish Each well in its vital mission of support and comfort for Cambridgeshire families."

The Very Reverend Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely, said: "As always, it was a great pleasure to host A Festival of Carols and I'm thrilled that with the help of Cambridgeshire Freemasons such a splendid

sum was raised for Each, which does fantastic work in caring for children and their families at times of huge difficulty. We are delighted to be able to support all they do."

Karen Newton, Each fundraising manager, said: "We're truly grateful for this donation, which will make a big difference as we continue our vital work."

It was the sixth staging of the biennial A Festival of Carols, which has raised more than £150,000 for good causes.

by Openreach to give the village faster broadband coverage is expected to be complete by the end of April. It is anticipated that ordering for those homes that missed out in the first stage will be available mid-May.

### ► SAWSTON

**Elections:** With the county council elections taking place next month, the village is hosting a hustings event on Wednesday, April 26 to give voters the chance to find out more about the candidates. The event will be at Sawston Free Church from 7.30pm and will include the chance to ask questions. Cambridgeshire County

Council elections are taking place on May 4, alongside elections for the first mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

**Cinema:** *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead*, a National Theatre live broadcast, will be showing from 7pm tomorrow (Thursday) at Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre. Adults £15; concessions £13; under 18s £10.

### ► WEST WRATTING

**Football:** The village club is presenting a night with West Ham legends and Sky Soccer Saturday favourites Tony Gale and Tony Cottee on Friday (April 21) from

7pm. Tickets are £25 per person from [westwrattfc@gmail.com](mailto:westwrattfc@gmail.com) or Facebook message West Wrattling Football Club.

**Parish council:** Tenders for grass cutting are invited for all the verges which are not already cut by residents within the village 30mph limit. Cutting takes place five times a year and excludes Spicer's Close. The tender also includes a 3m wide footpath in the Pocket Park which is cut three times a year. Respond by email or in writing by April 30 to the parish clerk, Jennifer Richards, [j.richards597@btinternet.com](mailto:j.richards597@btinternet.com) or 88 High Street, Balsham CB21 4EP.

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### ► WEST WICKHAM

**Gardening club:** The next meeting is on Monday (April 24), when members look forward to finding out how to plant up and care for plants in containers in a talk by Carol and John Adams at 7.30pm in the village hall. This will be the last talk in the present programme. The club's next event will be the grand plant sale on Saturday, May 20. For more information about the event, call Rosemary Yallop on 01799 584262.

**Carpet bowls club:** The next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday, April 26, in the village hall.

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