



# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## Cambourne teenager races to a podium finish

Cambourne resident and professional racing driver Daryl DeLeon added to his trophy cabinet and list of titles by being crowned Motorsports UK, British Endurance Championship, 2023 overall Champion.



This year Daryl raced in several championships, including British Touring Cars, but the 18 year old also raced a Porsche 991 Carrera Cup Car in The British Endurance Championship.

Daryl drove alongside Bradley Thurston, the car's owner, Daryl being the professional driver in the Pro/AM (professional/amateur) driver pairing.

The championship was a close fight right up until the last round of the season, where Daryl and Bradley started the two hour race at Donnington Park back on the 14th of October with only a two point lead over Championship rivals Mat George and Chris Jones in their Mercedes GT.

In difficult mixed weather conditions Daryl eventually crossed the line to take the class win and win the British Endurance Championship overall title by just four points, but he didn't get his hands on the trophy until he was officially presented with it at a prestigious award ceremony on 11 November.

Cambourne's only teenage professional driver is still weighing up offers in British Touring Car, Porsche Carrera Cup or British GT for the 2024 season but whatever Championship he decides to race in, we look forward to following his progress and *Cambourne Crier* and residents of Cambourne wish him every success.



### Repair Café



The 5th Cambourne Repair Café was a great success

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### Diwali celebration



Cambourne residents gathered to celebrate Diwali together

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### Youth Partnership



Reflections of a CYP Volunteer Young Leader

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## CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**■ A look back at 2023**

*Cambourne Town Council wishes all our residents a very Happy New Year!*

Despite another busy and challenging year, a lot has happened, and we would like to share some of the Town Council's biggest achievements:

**■ Youth Building**

Cambourne Soul has been well used by Cambourne Youth Partnership. It has been great to see young people in Cambourne utilise this wonderful space for youth club and activities.

**■ Facilities**

The Grounds Team replaced the wet pour surface with grass mat safety surface in Great Cambourne play area and reopened it. Work continues on liaising with play area specialists for designs, ready for consultation with young people and parents. We have been assisted in this by two pupils from Cambourne Village College who did a lot of work investigating the different play equipment available.

**■ Events**

The Town Council hosted and supported numerous community events including the Cambourne 10k, Community Clean-up Day, King Charles III Coronation celebration, Repair Cafes, Fete, Big Squiggles, Fireworks Night and Christmas Market.

We have a list of events scheduled for 2024 including Cambourne Community Fete, Repair Cafes and The Big Squiggle.

**■ Volunteering and Community Groups**

The Town Council has continued to support volunteers and groups in 2023. In May we organised a community litter pick alongside Cambourne Community Clean-Up event in collaboration with South Cambs District Council. Over 50 volunteers came along to join in and help clean up Cambourne. We thanked our volunteers with a hot drink and food after they returned the equipment and bags. We have over 100 volunteer litter pickers signed up to the Town Council's litter picking scheme, and we continue to support young people working towards

their Duke of Edinburgh award. One person signed up this year on the graffiti cleaning team to help tackle graffiti at bus stops, play areas and furniture.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers in Cambourne for their hard work supporting the Town Council voluntary groups and residents within the Town.

**■ Staff**

In December, Dawid Illakowicz joined the Town Council office team as Office Manager and Committee Clerk. Ethan Groves joined the Grounds Team in September as an Apprentice Groundsman. Ellie Lydon, Jess Lydon, Simon Mayes and Alfie Tate left the Town Council in Autumn 2023.

**■ Christmas Tree Recycling**

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the land adjacent to the Hub Community Centre car park, High Street until Monday 16th January 2024. After this date they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne and you are welcome to help yourself to use in your gardens or allotment.

**■ Cambourne 10K**

Entries are now open for the Cambourne 10K and Fun Run taking place on Sunday 14th April 2024 at Cambourne Business Park. The event is organised by Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club and Cambourne Town Council.

**BIN COLLECTIONS:**

Cambourne now has different collection schedules for different parts of the town. Please check your collection date on the following link:- <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/>

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

January and February 2024

Tuesday 16th January 2024: 7.00pm - Planning Committee  
Followed by Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2024: 7.00pm - Planning Committee  
Followed by Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th February 2024: 7.00pm - Planning Committee  
Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

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The u3a is a mutual aid organisation; each local group is operationally independent, but adheres



to and is guided by, the principles of the u3a Trust. Those are best encapsulated by the Live Learn Laugh that appears on our pennants and advertising.

Membership of the u3a is open to all in their 'third age', although it is more about people not in full time employment. Members promote life long learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a u3a.

Cambourne and district u3a was initiated back in 2018 and we have a range of interest groups from Out to Lunch to Intermediate French that can be viewed on [u3a.cambourne.org](http://u3a.cambourne.org). We also organise trips and as you can see, a Christmas quiz with mulled wine and mince pies. Come and join us in the New Year.



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# Cambourne Library

### Opening times

**Monday 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 9am - 1pm,  
Wednesday closed, Thursday 1pm- 7pm,  
Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm, Sunday closed**

### Happy New Year from Cambourne Library!

If your New Year's resolution is to live more sustainably - think Libraries! We're part of the circular economy, and a great place to find out about helping the planet.

Here are some ways to enjoy and support your library in **2024**:

**Join:** it's simple and free - you can even join online!

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries)

**Use:** make use of your library. Borrow books from our shelves or download from our eLibrary; use our computers or printer; attend events and activities; explore online tools for work or research - including free access to Ancestry and FindMyPast.

**Volunteer:** with your help we can offer even more activities.

Although we are not currently looking for volunteers at Cambourne Library, there is a vacancy for a Rhymetime/Storytime volunteer at Comberton Library. Please ask for details.

**Donate:** library services are free to use but monetary donations, small or large, help us provide more books and services.

**Spread the word:** if you love your library, tell your friends and neighbours and encourage them to join!

During these colder months, you will find a warm, friendly welcome at the library. Do drop in to relax and read a book, use the library computers or connect to our free public WiFi. We will also have refreshments available such as tea, coffee and biscuits, kindly donated by Morrisons.

Refreshments available during these times: Mondays 10am-4pm, Tuesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 2pm-6pm and Fridays 10am-4pm.

**Engage Session - Wednesday 7th February 2pm-3.30pm**

**Marco Polo: the man and his journey**

Only 30 years after the Mongols had ravaged northern Europe, Marco Polo set out from Venice to explore the heart of the Mongol Empire. He brought back tales of wealth and sophistication which were difficult for his European audience to accept. His stories would set many others on journeys of discovery which would change the known world. Let's ride the deserts to the fabled city of Xanadu and discover its mysteries.

Come along to this free, fascinating talk by a local historian. No need to book, just drop in. Refreshments served around 3pm, after the talk.

### Board Games Morning

If you love mastering jigsaws or the challenge of a good board or card game, then this is for you! Meet some new people, play games and have fun.

**Every Tuesday 10am-11.30am during term time.**

This is a free, drop in event. Refreshments available.

### Cambourne Lunch Bunch

Would you like to join a friendly reading group meeting at lunchtime? Our library-based reading group meets once a month on a Wednesday, normally the third week of the month, at 12.30 pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting, **Wednesday 17th January**. You will be very welcome!

### Digital Assistance

Our lovely computer buddying volunteers are available and ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library **every Monday**. If you, or someone you know, needs any help with using a laptop or tablet, has a 'how do I' question or would like help with a particular task, assistance will be available between **10.00 am - 12 noon** and **1.00 - 3.00 pm**. Drop in enquiries welcome or you can book a session. Please speak to a Librarian at the counter or contact us on the number/ email at the bottom.

### Rhymetime/Storytime

Our popular sessions for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers are on **Friday mornings**, in term time, from **9.30 - 10.00 am**. There is no need to book, just pop along to join in the fun!

Rhymetime this month will be on **12th and 26th January**.

Storytime this month will be on **19th January and 2nd February**.

■ Contact Us: Tel: 0345 045 5225

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# Make wild resolutions with the Wildlife Trust



**Happy New Year! Practical conservation work often happens in the autumn and winter to reduce the impact on breeding birds and other wildlife.** It's also the time of year when deciduous trees are dormant, with energy drawn back into the roots, trunk and larger central branches, so management has a smaller impact on individual plants. When carrying out work that requires heavy machinery, the Wildlife Trust also take the ground conditions into consideration - Like large-scale forestry work in our woodland reserves happens early autumn before it gets too muddy.

Here on Cambourne nature reserve our monthly volunteer work party carry out a mixture of habitat work and maintenance on visitor infrastructure. Recently, they have been opening up a path through Great Common Wood (between the cricket pavilion and Sirius Lake), to enable easier legitimate access for more people, and hopefully help reduce anti-social behaviour.

Our hardworking volunteer wardens also joined Cambridge Conservation Volunteers to do some hedgelaying along Crow Dean bridleway, led by our knowledgeable, long-serving wardens of Hardwick Wood nature reserve. Hedgelaying is a traditional craft used to encourage thicker growth of hedgerows at the base,

whilst reducing the height to make them easier to manage: a difficult skill, because the main stems of bushes are cut through, but not all the way. The stems are then laid down on top of each other, and in the spring, the plants will grow new branches.

Several regular work parties take place in the special woodland nature reserves of the West Cambs 100s: Hardwick Wood, Gamlingay Wood and Waresley & Gransden Woods, doing mostly coppicing work over the winter months. Throughout the year, our community rangers are out on these reserves helping people to use the sites sustainably, picking up litter, and submitting wildlife records.

As a Trust we rely on volunteers to multiply the effect of our conservation work, and on our members whose membership helps fund, for example, the purchase of tools, and monitor the impact of management on our reserves. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org) or visit [www.wildlifebcn.org/volunteering-opportunities/conservation-work-parties-cambridgeshire](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/volunteering-opportunities/conservation-work-parties-cambridgeshire)  
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## Audition for Cambourne's next theatre production!

**Coming in May 2024, the Cambourne Community Theatre Group** will be presenting our next family show: *Rumpelstiltskin*, our reimagining of the traditional fairy tale for the social media age. Complete with our usual mix of silly jokes and interactive elements for a family audience, this will be a delight for all ages.

We'll be holding open auditions on Sunday 14th January 2pm - 4pm at the Hub Meeting Room. We'll be reading short pieces from the play. All are welcome to come along, and no experience is necessary. We're looking for two teenage girls or young women to play the lead characters, plus two older adults. If you can't make the auditions don't worry - please get in touch with us at [info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org](mailto:info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org) and we can arrange to meet you. Rehearsals are expected to mostly take place at weekends, and the performances will be over a weekend in May. We would also welcome anyone interested in helping to put our productions together - backstage, front of house or other roles.

Please either drop into the auditions, or e-mail us to let us know how you would like to help.

Our productions are great fun and if you think you'd like to be involved, we would love to see you.



# Cambourne hosts FIRST LEGO League Championship

**Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)**, a division of CamCare UK, along with WellbeingOn CIC, recently organised the first-ever local FIRST LEGO League Championship.

Drawing participants from Cambourne, and cities like Cambridge, Birmingham, Cardiff, Coventry and Southend, the championship showcased an impressive array of young talent. The event was structured into four engaging segments, each designed to challenge and inspire the participants in various aspects of STEM.

The 'Robot Run' tested the teams' engineering and coding prowess, requiring them to build and program LEGO robots to complete specific tasks. This segment was a testament to the participants' technical skills and ability to apply theoretical knowledge practically. In the 'Robot Design' category, the creativity and thought processes behind the construction and programming of these robots were



brought to the fore, offering insights into the innovative minds of the participants.

The 'Innovation Project' saw teams tackle real-world problems with innovative solutions, fostering creativity and critical thinking. The 'Core Values' segment, pivotal to the competition, emphasised the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and professional ethics, ensuring that participants excel not just technologically, but also in collaborative and ethical practices.

The participants, both young and old, brought an infectious energy and commitment, turning the event into a remarkable display of innovation and teamwork. Teams were meticulously judged, and the event concluded with the distribution of awards and prizes, celebrating the achievements of these young innovators.

Please get in touch with Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com) for more information and to enroll in the club.



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### The rollout of electric vehicles in the UK

**I recently gave evidence to the House of Lords climate change select committee on the UK's support for the take up of electric cars and the roll out of the charging network.**

The number of pure electric cars sold jumped 45% last year. Our rollout of electric vehicles is similar to France and Germany, and ahead of Southern Europe and North America.

I will legislate to ensure that 80% of all cars sold are zero emission by 2030 – this one piece of legislation will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 400 million tonnes over the next decade, and will be the single biggest measure the

Government has taken to tackle climate change. We would not be able to do this if we were in the EU, as it infringes single market rules.

I attended a breakfast event hosted by EV Network with electric car charge point operators to discuss how to accelerate the UK's electric charge point network. The number of charge points increased by nearly 50% in the past year and there are now over 50,000 public charge points (in car parks, service stations, or the sides of streets), of which about a fifth are rapid charge points (50MW or over). The members of ChargeUK, which represents the industry, are investing over £6bn in expanding the network.

Still on the subject of cars I met residents for a coffee morning in Cambourne, to talk about local concerns and regulation of self-driving cars.



**STEPHEN DREW**  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
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### Serving the community as a Councillor

**The best part of being a district councillor is having the opportunity to serve your community.**

This regularly involves attending meetings and ensuring that the needs of Cambourne residents are at the forefront of the minds of officers of the Council and other bodies when decisions are being made.

However, the other side of this work is when I am contacted by residents who need support with specific issues that are affecting them either individually or as communities.

To give a couple of recent examples, in the last couple of months:

I have been able to help residents in West Cambourne to get their bin collections sorted during the ongoing construction work which has led to bins being missed, as well as being able to help residents in Broad Street to have the leaves which have been dropped by the beautiful avenue of trees that adorn the entrance to our town, swept up by the district council's street cleaning team.

It is often easier for councillors to get this work sorted as we can make direct contact with the district council due to our elected role.

I always welcome contact from Cambourne residents seeking help with any issues, and can either tackle them myself or ensure that they are passed to the correct councillors at town or county level for them to deal with. Please do contact me by email [cldr.drew@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.drew@scambs.gov.uk).



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### Tired all of the time?

**Feeling tired all the time is incredibly common.**

There can be physical causes of unexplained tiredness, particularly if there are other symptoms such as change in weight, blood loss, snoring, breathlessness, change in bowel habit or other gut symptoms, peeing a lot or extreme thirst.

Conditions including anaemia, thyroid problems, sleep apnoea, pregnancy, diabetes, coeliac disease and vitamin deficiencies can all result in tiredness.

Psychological causes of tiredness are common. Anxiety can affect sleep and anxiety, stress and depression can lead to feeling more tired than normal.

Lifestyle factors can also lead to tiredness with shift work, children and simply not getting enough sleep playing their part.

Alcohol can significantly affect sleep, causing waking in the night and reduced quality of sleep.

Although feeling tired all the time is common, it isn't normal, so talking things through with a GP can be helpful and reassuring.

There are also many other things that can help such as recognising the importance of sleep without distractions (such as phones), cutting out caffeine (gradually to avoid headaches), managing stress, maintaining a healthy

Regular exercise makes a significant difference, although it should not be too close to bedtime.

■ **Reference/ further information:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) (Tiredness and Fatigue)



COMMUNITY

# Light Up Cambourne Needs Volunteers

As with any voluntary organisation the people able to give their time and energy to the group come and go as their commitments and life circumstances change and we are very grateful for the time and effort put in by members of Light Up Cambourne (LUC) both past and present.



LUC are approaching a time of change with a number of committee members stepping down in 2024 whilst our current chairman will also be stepping down at the end of the year along with our treasurer.

This will mean that at the end of 2024, if not increased, numbers will be down to three. Clearly at that number LUC is not sustainable, so we are appealing to those who do fancy giving their time to provide the community with something that pretty much everyone enjoys, the opportunity to volunteer to join the LUC group and take us forward into a new era.

We are a friendly bunch and committee and event planning meetings are happy events with tea, coffee and cake on hand. Meetings are held as the timetabling of events needs but generally every two months or so whilst around six fundraising events are arranged per year and include a mixture of bingo, quiz and murder mystery nights (although if you have any other fund raising suggestions the committee would be pleased to hear them).

Volunteers don't necessarily need to be on the committee, those who wish to help but don't have the time to attend the meetings can help at our events, they are also great fun to stage and your help would be greatly appreciated. Other fundraising by way of providing refreshments at various events organised by other groups is also carried out - every little helps!

We have moved away from staging the large switch on event of previous years as they are no longer viable, so as noted in the last *Cambourne Crier* update we are now concentrating on the purchase, power provision and installation of light displays from lamp posts around the town, this is proving to be a lengthy, costly but nevertheless rewarding project that will become a reality in time for Christmas 2024.

So come on Cambourne! We need people to ensure that the Christmas lights around the town keep shining during future festive seasons and carry on the work started by those who set up LUC back in 2013.

For more details of upcoming Light Up Cambourne events please see our Facebook page or email [lightupcambourne@gmail.com](mailto:lightupcambourne@gmail.com) and don't forget to keep a look out for forthcoming fundraising events and updates in Cambourne Crier.

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## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH

**New Year is traditionally seen as a moment of hope.** We celebrate its arrival - full of possibilities of new beginnings. Ahead lies pristine untrodden snow, while behind us are the mucky imprints of where we have travelled. But, for me, that is one of the reasons that the turning of a new year is not in itself hopeful. 2023 was full of trouble on the world stage and quite probably in our personal lives as well. We enter 2024 with the same weaknesses and failings within us and around us that we knew last year. Will this year really be different? Maybe - but it is far from inevitable.

In the Bible a man called Isaiah also used the image of snow when he said, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." I find that to be immensely hopeful and helpful. We need forgiveness and restoration from God, and not merely the wish that we can make things better through our own effort and will-power. A fresh snowfall from above can cover our past with something that is pure and unsullied - and we are assured that forgiveness and restoration can be ongoing. Each day we can know a fresh start - whenever we grasp the forgiveness offered to us through Jesus Christ.

My prayer for 2024 is that I will remember, day by day, to receive the restoration and transformation offered by God in Jesus Christ rather than pinning my hopes on my own efforts.

**Revd Bill Miller**

### Sunday Services in JANUARY 2024



7 January	10.00am	Sunday One Communion Service *
	7.00pm	Sanctuary - Guided Reflective Prayer †
14 January	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service **
21 January	9.30am	Communion Service
	11.00am	Communion Service **
28 January	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service **

\* includes break-out groups for children  
 \*\* includes break-out groups for children and young people in the annexe of the church building  
 †

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

**Cleaning up the Mess.** Well, January has arrived and with it a chance to do a little purging in our lives. I do not know about you but several bits from last year deserve no part in my life this year. I want to leave certain aspects of 2023 back there and keep on walking forward.

Some things are easily purged and quickly adjustments are made for recovery. Other things take more time and effort like adjustments to our lives. This time last year I had a lot of pain in my legs but I started walking and cut out white bread and potatoes and I can get about a lot better now. Some things simply are not that good for you especially if taken to excess.

After a blood pressure spike, I realised it was time to cut out some salt and that made things better. I also found another toxin to cut down on was not edible but mental, social media needed a bit of a trim as well. Just as what goes in the belly affects the body so does what goes in the eyes and ears affect the heart and mind. What are you feeding your head? As a responsible parent, I try to



**Pastor  
Donavan Bangs**

monitor what my child consumes mentally so I should check my own mental plate as it were. But it is not just cutting things out as those must be replaced with better things. You swap sausages for oatmeal and suddenly your cholesterol improves. You swap 2 hours of toxic scrolling for maybe 10 minutes to check the news and something positive then spend time with people you care about is so much better.

Now we can adjust and improve but some things need more than we can do. We turn for help as believers to the Lord. I cannot tell you what an improvement is made at times when I put away all distractions and spend time in prayer and bible reading. One of my favorite passages is in Psalm 119 and verse 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Like a refreshing breeze, it cleans and places things in perspective. The word tells of saving faith not in ourselves but in the Lord. I would encourage you to turn from toxic and fake this month and put a bit more truth and faith in your lives. It helps.

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**Update from HCCPS**

At the end of term, it was wonderful to be able to share the Year 1/2 production of *The Magical Christmas Jigsaw* and Reception's class Nativity. We know that these are always a highlight for both parents and students and will always be remembered. Thanks for all positive praise about both productions.

In November, our Year 5/6 pupils went on a trip to a Hindu temple, Bhaktivedanta Manor,

in Watford. Highlights from the trip included feeding the cows, an oxen cart ride and eating a delicious lunch. Lunch included paneer curry and rice. Pupils enjoyed seeing the impressive shrine in real life and said that it added to what they'd seen and learnt in school. Will, from Year 6, shared that his favourite bit was "feeding the cows because sometimes they missed the carrots and dropped them on the floor."

**Cubs end 2023 on a high**

**1ST CAMBOURNE CUBS** saw out 2023 in style with a Christmas party including competitive paper chain making and a huge newspaper snowball fight!

It was the end of a very busy term, which in recent weeks also saw the cubs practising their pioneering, learning some taekwondo and self defence and tackling a night hike.

We were sad to say goodbye to several cubs whose time with us has come to an end, but we wish all very the best to



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## EDUCATION

### The Vine ends 2023 with a Christmas spectacle

**The Vine:** The festivities began with a film and craft evening for the pupils. On Thursday 7th December, there was a 'Rudolph Run' to raise funds for the Arthur Rank Hospice. The students were invited to run 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 laps of the playground sporting Rudolph antlers to get them in the festive spirit. They were joined by Arthur Bear a guest of the special worship. The school raised an amazing £913 for this worthy cause.

Year 2 performed their Nativity on 12th and 13th December – *The Inn-Spectors*. Six inspectors visited Bethlehem to check that all the inns were up to scratch and horrified to find that there was a new born baby in one of them. However the storytellers Mary, Joseph and the Donkey realised the importance of the stable for the future king. With soldiers, baaing sheep, talking donkeys and stern inspectors, the play was thoroughly entertaining. The children sang their hearts out and worked so hard to learn their lines, that all the adults in Year 2 were extremely proud.

Other festivities on offer were the Early Years Choral Nativity, Year 1 Festive Singing, Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It's been truly wonderful to hear the practising around school and to invite the parents to share in the experience. The pupils concluded their activities with their own Christingle, the annual visit and service at Cambourne Church and of course Christmas Dinner.

Hope everyone enjoys the Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year.



### Monkfield Park balances Christmas and studies

**Monkfield Park:** December is always a strange month in school. On the one hand learning continues at a great pace and on the other, everyone is preparing to celebrate Christmas with all the traditional festivities.

Year 2 has been learning about the Great Fire of London and was assisted with the re-creation of the events of 1666 with a visit from Trunk Theatre. The wonderful, interactive experience fully involved the children as they raced to quell the flames and give Sir Christopher Wren a helping hand with designs for the re-building of the fire damaged city. Year 6 had visited the Imperial war Museum at Duxford as part of their topic on World War 1 and returned full of enthusiasm that they decided to create their own museum. With the expert help of Martin Gebble, from the 10th Essex Living History Group, the kids led the rest of the school and their families through the many interactive displays and activities.

Year 3 and Year 4 have been rehearsing for their annual musical extravaganza, whilst Year 1 have been perfecting their lines for their production of *The Twinkly Nativity*. Full of joy and some exceptional singing, plus the usual smattering of tea

towels and lots of glitter, all the children have delighted in recounting the Christmas story. As 2023 draws to a close the children, in their own inimitable way have reminded us all of the importance of our friends, families and community.



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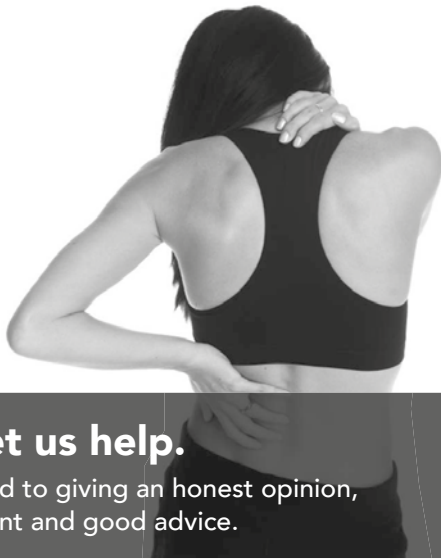
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hello@cambourne.info or

www.cambourne.info

#### Child and Family Centre:

01954 284 672 or childandfamilycentre.south

@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

#### Chess Club (primary and secondary aged

children to Year 11):

cambourne.chess@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Community Theatre Group:

info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

#### WW2 Aircraft Club:

Ian Cameron ianameron692@gmail.com

### CHURCHES

#### Cambourne Church:

www.cambournechurch.org.uk

#### Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

#### Peacehaven Baptist Church:

www.peacehavenbc.org.uk

#### Christchurch Cambourne:

www.christchurchcambourne.org.uk

#### Cambourne Catholic Community:

www.cambournerc.com

### HEALTH CARE

#### Community First Responder:

Mark Taylor 07858 394 719

mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

#### Cambourne Dental Practice: 01954 718 585

www.colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/

cambournedentalclinic

#### Lloyds Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

#### Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954 282 153

www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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office@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

#### District Councillors for Cambourne:

Shrobona Bhattacharya:

cllr.bhattacharya@scams.gov.uk

Stephen Drew:

cllr.drew@scams.gov.uk

Helene Leeming:

cllr.leeming@scams.gov.uk

### EDUCATION

#### Cambourne Village College:

01954 284 000

www.cambournevc.org

#### Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503

www.combertonvc.org

#### Hardwick and Cambourne Community

#### Primary:

01954 210 070

www.hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

#### Jeavons Wood Primary School:

01954 717 180

www.jeavonswood.org

#### Monkfield Park Primary School:

01954 273 377

www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

#### Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

01954 719 630

www.thevine.cambs.sch.uk

#### Educating Otherwise:

www.facebook.com/Home Education -

Cambourne

#### Arabic Language School:

www.cambournecrescent.org/service/

arabicschool

info@cambournecrescent.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Science &

#### Technology Club:

info@cambournecrescent.org

### PLAYGROUPS/PRE-SCHOOLS

#### Cambourne Pre-school:

01954 715 150

www.cambournepreschool.org.uk

#### Carers And Tots:

www.facebook.com/Carers and Tots,

Cambourne

#### Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

01954 273 301

www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

#### Sunflower Nursery:

01954 719 440

www.chsgroup.org.uk/childrensnurseries/

sunfloweratcambourne/

### SERVICES

#### Community Car Scheme:

07526 998 465 or

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

#### Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715 161

#### Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal

01954 713 516

www.wildlifebcn.org

#### Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:

www.cambournecrescent.org/service/

foodbank

#### Streetlight faults:

www.cambourne.info/streetlights

### SPORTS & LEISURE

#### Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT

#### Club:

cambournecomets@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre:

01954 714 070

#### Cambourne Fishing Club:

www.cambournefishingclub.com

#### Cambourne Bowls Club:

Stuart Palmer

07860 654057

#### Cambourne Cricket Club:

cambournecc@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Town Football Club:

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk

For specific team email contact(s) see:

www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

#### Cambourne Netball Club:

www.pitchero.com/clubs/

cambournenetballclub

#### Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

info@cambournebasketball.org

#### Fastbreak Basketball

Contact info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

#### Cambourne Runners:

cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Women Runners:

information.cwr@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Tennis Club:

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

#### Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club:

www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

#### Cambs Tai Chi Club:

www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

#### Cambourne Tae Kwon Do:

stephenlacey73@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Karate School (AKS):

07929 100 612

www.karateschools.co.uk

#### Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club:

cambschargers@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Balkan Dance Club:

cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com

#### Cambourne Air Cadets:

105@aircadets.org

#### Cambourne Army Cadets:

www.cambsacf.com

#### Cambourne junior parkrun:

www.parkrun.org.uk/cambournejuniors/



## Dazzling Diwali Celebration unites communities across Cambourne



**The Diwali Celebration on Saturday, 11th November 2023,** was organised by CamCareUK to make everyone feel at home and celebrate Diwali together.

As attendees entered the hall, they were greeted with a traditional Namaskaram, extending Diwali wishes that resonate with the spirit of familial togetherness. For those new to the Diwali experience, assistance adorning the elegant saree or kurta is readily available, ensuring everyone feels at home. Representatives from Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, and Hindu communities take the stage, sharing personal stories that enrich the understanding the festival's universal message.

Following a collective prayer, attendees were treated to a meal, symbolising sharing joy and abundance. Each family was presented with a thoughtful Diwali gift, fostering a sense of connection and gratitude. The celebration extended beyond cultural boundaries, uniting individuals with diverse backgrounds in a shared experience.

CamCareUK proudly keeps this celebration free of cost, supported by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, Cambourne Town Council, and local businesses like UrbanChai, Tiffin Truck and Navadhanya, ensuring that anyone, regardless of background or means, can partake in the festivities. The open invitation reflects the organisation's commitment to inclusivity and community cohesion.

Mrs. Jennifer Crompton DL graced the occasion on behalf of

Lord-Lieutenant along with the High Sherrif of Cambridgeshire, Dr Bharatkumar N Khetan, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Mr. Darryl Preston, Anthony Browne MP, the Aviation and Net Zero Transport Minister, County Councillor Mr Mark Howell, Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council Collor Bridget Smith, Cllr Peter Fane Chair of the South Cambridgeshire District Council attended the event.

Mr. Vijay Acharya, a Computer Engineer by profession, who coordinated the Diwali Celebrations, invited the professional bands from London and the dancers from Swara Nritya and Dance Masti from Cambridge, who added extra joy to the celebrations. Cambourne's Liver transplant Surgeon, Dr Asif Jah, graced the evening with their enchanting voice, filling the air with the beautiful melodies of Bollywood songs.

CamCareUK's charity initiatives take the responsibility of ensuring every family receives a Diwali Gift bag with the Diya, Sweets, and Sparklers, mingle with friends, Diwali shopping from stalls, free-style Bollywood dance, and free fireworks bringing additional delight.

Councillor Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya said, "CamCareUK's Diwali Celebration is more than just an event; it is a celebration with an extended family. It mirrors the essence of Diwali – dispelling darkness with light, fostering unity, and embodying the spirit of giving and sharing".

*Photographs: Mrs. Joanna Patterson-Cross*

## COMMUNITY

### Cambridge Young Techies

Embark on a thrilling journey into the realm of technology and coding with CAMBRIDGE YOUNG TECHIES, a Children's Computer and Robotics club in Camb. This innovative club opens its doors to young minds, fostering a passion for Science and Technology in and around Cambourne.

At CAMBRIDGE YOUNG TECHIES, Cambourne Crescent is dedicated to promoting STEM education by offering regular technology days filled with hands-on sessions, demonstrations, and brief lectures by local experts. Every Thursday evening at 6pm during term time, we gather at Blue Space to delve into the exciting world of Python, robotics, and elementary electronics. CYT caters to children aged 9 and above, regardless of their abilities or backgrounds.

The club not only teaches fundamental electronics and computing concepts but also emphasises the importance of collaboration. Through interactive sessions, children learn the value of teamwork, discovering that by pooling their intelligence and strengths, they can achieve goals beyond their individual reach. Recent additions to the toolkit include Raspberry Pi (RP2040) boards, enhancing our capacity for exciting Tech Sessions. Last Thursday marked the start of our exploration with RP2040, laying the foundation for more advanced coding and functionalities.



Parents, be sure to accompany your young tech enthusiasts. Join CAMBRIDGE YOUNG TECHIES today, where learning is an adventure, and innovation knows no bounds!

For any queries, please e-mail [info@CambourneCrescent.org](mailto:info@CambourneCrescent.org)

### Nurturing Minds, building community

**Cambourne Crescent School in Cambourne** had the distinct honour of hosting Cllr. Helene Leeming and Cllr. Stephen Drew, for a memorable visit. The occasion was marked by engaging discussions that unfolded over cups of coffee, covering a spectrum of topics ranging from the Arabic Language and History to Technology and more.

Established in 2011, Crescent School has been an integral part of the Cambourne community, addressing the growing needs for social and cultural enrichment. Operating during term time on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm at Cambourne Village College, the school caters to the educational aspirations of 150 enthusiastic young minds.

Led by a dedicated team of over 15 passionate teachers, Crescent School

provides a vibrant learning environment. The adults' class, with 20-25 students, delves into the intricacies of the Arabic language, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural and linguistic nuances.

Beyond academics, Crescent School emphasises community building through initiatives such as the Sisters Club, which warmly embraces newcomers. This club plays a pivotal role in offering support and assistance, ensuring a smooth integration for those settling in Cambourne.

The school's overarching objective is to nurture students' personalities, instilling the best moral conduct, healthy attitudes, and self-discipline in alignment with the teachings of Islam. Encouraging the study

of the Arabic language, Crescent School aims to mould responsible citizens who contribute to the well-being of society and humanity at large. The visit of Cllr. Helene Leeming and Cllr. Stephen Drew served as a testament to the school's commitment to education, cultural enrichment, and community engagement.

For any queries, please e-mail [info@CambourneCrescent.org](mailto:info@CambourneCrescent.org)





## Cambourne Christmas Market

**Crowds enjoyed a serving of festive cheer when they snapped up the seasonal spirit at South Cambridgeshire District Council’s Christmas Market.**

Around 70 stallholders offered 1,500 visitors the chance to browse the bustling bazaar of goodies for sale in the popular event at Cambourne Village College Performance Hall and neighbouring gymnasium on Sunday 12 December.

Among the winter wonderland of stalls were locally crafted gifts, holiday treats, and festive décor as well as a selection of delicious food from around the world thanks to mobile caterers outside the venue, serving street food as well as hot and cold festive refreshments.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Economic Development, said: “Once again our Christmas Market was a resounding success enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. It was wonderful to see the local talent and entrepreneurial spirit from a wide variety of traders showcasing their goods for free. It’s not only a perfect chance to bring the community together but also an opportunity to support the growth of our local businesses and economies. Seeing the buzz in the room, it felt like more than a market; it was a testament to the collaborative spirit that makes our District truly special and highlights the important role that local businesses play in our high streets and communities.”



## CYP: Reflections of a Volunteer Young Leader

**Serving my generation with excellence will in turn mean my generation can lead with excellence.**

Being part of Romsey Mill and Cambourne Youth Partnership for the past 7 years has opened me up to many positive challenges and experiences. The youth workers in Cambourne really helped me by being supportive during my time at school. As I got older, I learnt to appreciate that the youth workers cared for the people coming in and out of their doors every day. Inspired by this, I started to volunteer as a Young Leader with the younger group, and was able to give back and help the young people. This meant plenty of mentoring and training which helped see that the youth workers believed I could achieve something great with the younger generation.

Two years later, I am an aspiring youth worker with a real love for working in the community we all live in. Whilst running three sessions a week alongside my youth workers I can really explore connections with this younger generation of people and be there to support and give them time, love, and attention.

I believe that every child is one caring adult away from being a success story, and this is due to the love and care that goes into every young person we work with. Developing young people who care and volunteer will ensure there will be a next generation of young people that take over Cambourne; and with training and support they will all have knowledge and love to help others and flourish in their individual ways.

**Paige Barden**

■ *If you would like to try a new challenge, see the work we do or even be that volunteer you didn't know you could be, please email [linda.homan@romseymill.org](mailto:linda.homan@romseymill.org) (lead youth development worker)*



Paige Barden (Young Leader) with Emma Whitbread (youth worker)

COMMUNITY

# Grassroots Club of the Year

**Cambourne Town Football Club (CTFC)** has officially been bestowed with the prestigious Cambridgeshire FA Grassroots Club of the Year Award, presented at Shelford Rugby Club on the evening of Wednesday, December 6th. CTFC was notified earlier in the year as the stepping stone to the national England Football Grassroots Club of the Year accolade; both of which Cambridgeshire FA and Cambourne Parish Council's support were instrumental.

The Cambridgeshire FA Grassroots Club of the Year Award signifies a remarkable achievement for the club and a testament to the collective efforts of its dedicated community of players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. The Award is not just a recognition of on-the-field excellence but also a celebration of CTFC's unwavering commitment to grassroots football development and community engagement. This honour reflects the club's dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive environment, where the beautiful game



becomes a catalyst for personal growth, camaraderie, and community spirit. From the dedicated players who bring their skills and enthusiasm to the pitch, to the coaches who impart knowledge and mentorship, the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to the supporters who bring an infectious energy to the stands - this award is a collective triumph that reflects the synergy and unity of the entire CTFC community.

Special commendation is due to our co-Secretaries, Melanie and Emma, whose exemplary leadership and commitment have played a pivotal role in guiding CTFC to this Award. Their tireless efforts, organisational acumen, and passion for the club's mission have been instrumental in shaping the identity and success of CTFC.

As they stood at Shelford Rugby Club to receive the award, it was a moment of recognition not just for them individually but also the club's administrators.

Youth development has been a cornerstone of CTFC's mission, and it invested significant resources in nurturing the talents of young players. The youth programs have not only produced skilled footballers but also instilled a sense of discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship; breaking down barriers that might hinder participation in football, regardless of age, gender, socio-economic background, or skill level. The Grassroots Club of the Year Award comes with a responsibility to continue the legacy of excellence and community service.





## Scouts

### Christmas Tree Collection fundraiser!

*Let us collect your Christmas tree*

Save yourself the hassle, be kind to the planet & help raise money for children in your local scouting groups.



*Collection 6th & 7th January 2024*

**Minimum £5 donation per tree**

Scan to register or visit

[smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0GWJNE/](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0GWJNE/)

or email [kate.carlisle@cambournescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:kate.carlisle@cambournescoutgroup.org.uk)

## Cambourne Balkan Dance Club



# SUNDAY DANCE

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

5:10pm (Beginners)	6:30pm (Intermediate)
Easy and basic dances	Complex and quick dances

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

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Find us on Google or Facebook  [@Cam.Balkan.Dance](https://www.facebook.com/Cam.Balkan.Dance)

**CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

**A (Satur)day in the life of a football coach**

You have contacted your opponents.  
 You've communicated with parents.  
 You have picked your team.  
 It's game day.  
 You're up nice and early.  
 How's the weather?  
 How's the pitch?  
 Any late Whatsapp messages that might change your plans?  
 You run through your checklist to make sure everything is ready, including your own child.  
 Time to go.  
 Thanks to our brilliant roll-on goals, there is no more carrying posts and attaching nets with freezing fingers.  
 You, your fellow coaches and any willing parents, will set up the pitch ready for the game.  
 The children arrive.

The ones whose laces are never tied. The ones who want to tell you about their new cat, what they did at school or how they beat their keepy-up record. The ones who play it cool even though you know, this is the best time of their week.

Before kick-off, you warm them up with inspirational words from the captain before heading out. During the game those who started on the bench will be desperate to get involved. Making sure all the kids feel valued and part of the team is your priority.

Ability will vary but there are always opportunities to appreciate the contributions and development of each player.

At the end it's time to recognise the efforts of not only the team, but also the opposition. The kids love to exchange player of the match awards with their opponents and over the years, got to know each other. Then it's time to pack up and head to The Dugout for a well-earned drink and something sweet.

CTFC is fortunate to have the facilities and clearly the envy of our visitors. It's a great opportunity to catch up with other teams, hear about their games and build on the relationships that make Cambourne Town FC such a positive part of the community.

Later in the day, it's time to write a brief report for social media. You'll share any pictures you have which over time, will serve as a record of the kids' journey, as well as your own.

Coaching with Cambourne Town, The FA's Grassroots Club of the Year, is a privileged position. If you're lucky, you will remember people from your youth who encouraged and supported you. This is your chance to be that person for someone else.



**CAMBOURNE TOWN CHANGERS**  
**MENS VETERANS FOOTBALL SESSIONS**  
 Age 35+ only  
 PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
 EMAIL CTFC.VETS@GMAIL.COM  
 SESSIONS FREE UNTIL END MAY THEN PAY AS YOU GO  
**SUNDAYS 7-8PM**  
**36 PITCHES, EVERYONE ACTIVE**  
**BACK LANE, CAMBOURNE**

Are you going forward?  
 Is that one of the questions?  
**THE 2023 REVIEW QUIZ**  
 PLACES ARE 21 PER PERSON  
 CHILDREN VERY WELCOME  
 (SUNDAY 10th FEB 2024 12:00-2:00 PM)  
 @CAMBOURNETOWNFC

**Have fun, get fit, make friends!**  
**If WE can do it... YOU can too!**  
**Cambourne Town FC Walking Football**  
 Walking Football sessions for the over 50s. Mixed gender and no experience necessary!  
**Fridays 10am**  
**@Town Council 36 Pitches**  
**(behind Everyone Active)**  
**To register email:**  
**ctfc.walkingfootball@gmail.com**  
 @cambournetownfc www.cambournetownfc.org.uk

**CAMBOURNE TOWN FC FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
 For Girls and Boys aged between 8 and 12  
 for information and to register contact  
 development@cambournetownfc.org.uk  
 Tuesdays (9:00 to 10:00) and Wednesdays (10:15 to 11:15) on the 36 pitches between 4pm-5pm. These sessions are for players who are not currently part of any of our age group football teams. The sessions are bookable as a 6 week block booking for £27.50  
 www.cambournetownfc.org.uk @cambournetownfc

## SPORT

## Tennis club looks back on a year of achievements

**Cambourne Tennis Club** has celebrated the end of another great year. We finally built our clubhouse, held a successful charity marathon as our adult and junior league teams achieved fantastic successes. On Friday 1 December, there was an early Christmas dinner at Las Iguanas in Cambridge attended by 16 of our members. Two days later we hosted our annual Christmas Social & Awards session, attended by 65 enthusiastic members. Our Christmas-themed tennis games were unfortunately cancelled due to rainy conditions. Instead we met in the Sports Pavilion and indulged in hot drinks, cakes, cookies, and pizzas courtesy of 400° Pizzeria, followed by a fun quiz that tested everyone's tennis (and general) knowledge; and then our annual awards presentation.

Awards were presented to Players of the Year (Alexander Whitehorn and Anna Byron), Most Improved Player (Rishabh

Dasr), Future Stars (Candice Luk and Ralphie Pipe), Friendliest Player (Driya Paikray), Hardest Working Player (Patrick Whitehorn), and Assistant Coach of the Year (Siim Pavel). Well done, everyone! A special Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Jamie Dixon, whose contributions to the club include running our hugely popular twice-weekly Social Mix In tennis sessions, compiling our regular Newsletters and setting up our Cambourne Tennis Whatsapp community.

Coaching news: Spring Term Tennis Lessons for all ages and abilities can now be booked. Sessions run from 8 January to 28 March (10-11 weeks, depending on the day). Prices start from just £75 for the term! Sign up via [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk) or email [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk). Please see the club website for more information on our activities and on how to join: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC).



## Cambourne Raptors seeks more players in 2024



**Cambourne Basketball Club:** Happy new year from all at Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club! Follow us or join our welcoming club as we aim to provide a great opportunity for over 18's to play basketball in the local area.

Teams - Up to two teams have competed successfully in the Cambridgeshire basketball leagues since 2016. Currently our team sits at the top of division 2 and remains unbeaten in the 2023/24 season.

Training takes place throughout September-March at Cambourne Village College (Monday and Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm). We will always welcome new players – just get in touch via the details below. Scrimmage

We organise a fantastic opportunity for locals to play friendly, competitive full-court basketball throughout April-August (Monday and Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm). Get in touch if you would like to be

added to our scrimmage Whatsapp group and keep up to date with what's going on. Email: [info@cambournebasketball.org](mailto:info@cambournebasketball.org). Instagram: [@camraptorsbball](https://www.instagram.com/camraptorsbball). Website: [cambournebasketball.org](http://cambournebasketball.org)

