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Cambourne robotics team heads to international finals

A team of Cambourne students has won the prestigious FIRST Tech Challenge UK Championship 2026, one of the country's leading youth robotics competitions.

After months of coding, engineering, testing and teamwork, the CamCareUK

team became national champions, demonstrating outstanding technical skill, creativity and perseverance.

The competition brings together talented young engineers and innovators from across the country to design, build and program robots while developing

teamwork, leadership and real-world engineering skills.

The champions will now travel to the Netherlands to represent the UK on the international stage, competing against teams from different countries and showcasing British talent and innovation.

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TOWN COUNCIL

There's plenty happening across Cambourne over the coming weeks as summer events begin to take shape and exciting projects continue around the village.

One of the highlights this July will be the arrival of **Larry Grays Fair**, which will be bringing all the fun of the fairground to **Upper Cambourne Green from 13th-19th July.**

Residents can look forward to family rides, games, traditional fair attractions and plenty of entertainment for all ages throughout the week.

Before that, Cambourne will once again welcome hundreds of young footballers as **Cambourne Town FC host their Annual Football Tournament on 20th and 21st June.**

The tournament continues to grow year on year and now sees almost 2,000 children taking part across the weekend. Organisers are asking residents for patience regarding increased traffic and parking congestion during the event. While the roads may be busier than usual, it's fantastic to see so many young people enjoying the sport they love and taking part in a hugely successful event.

Excitement is also building for the Big Weekender, taking place from **26th-28th June**, with preparations already in full swing. This year's event promises something for everyone including fete games, bouncy castles, craft stalls, visits from Monarch Farm, dance troop showcases, Dog Show and many more attractions continuing to book in each week. It's shaping up to be another brilliant weekend for families and the wider community.

Elsewhere, progress continues on the long-awaited improvements to Lower Cambourne Play Park. The project has now gone out to tender and a decision is expected imminently. The Town Council remains on track for the new play area to be completed in time for the Summer Holidays, providing an exciting upgraded space for local children to enjoy.

Meanwhile, the Ground Staff team have been working hard across the Town keeping Cambourne looking its best. Recent work has included emptying bins, strimming verges, maintaining public open spaces, litter picking, checking play equipment and carrying out general seasonal maintenance throughout the Town.

Residents may also have noticed the new building that has recently appeared outside the Hub. This will become a new **Pop-Up Shop space**, helping provide opportunities for local businesses, community groups and independent traders. Occupants are expected to be confirmed shortly, with further announcements to follow soon.

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

11th June

- Full council, followed by Planning

16th June

- Leisure & Amenities

7th July

- Planning, followed by Full council

21st July

- Planning followed by Finance & Policy

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SCOUTS

Cambourne Scout groups announce new Sabretooth Explorers Unit for 14 – 18 year olds



After months of planning and paperwork, Cambourne Scouts are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 12th May, the brand-new Explorers Unit in Cambourne opened!

Taking on the name 'Sabretooth', the district-governed group is supported by both 1st and 2nd Cambourne Scout

Groups and is for young people aged 14-18 years to continue their Scouting experience.

The Sabretooths will be meeting on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School (Cambourne campus) with a youth-led focus on activity themes including outdoor-skills,

marksmanship, cooking, camping, charities, life-skills, team building and leadership.

■ *For more information about joining – for both young people and adult volunteers – please get in touch by emailing [sabretooth-leaders](mailto:sabretooth-leaders@sabretoothexplorers.org.uk) or [@sabretoothexplorers.org.uk](https://www.sabretoothexplorers.org.uk)*



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Leighton Scott

Tribute to a community friend

1 July 1977 – 26 April 2026

Leighton was born in New South Wales, Australia, on 1st July 1977. He passed away peacefully on 26th April 2026, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

At just 28 years old, Leighton was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour. He often described it as a “ticking time-bomb,” yet for the next 20 years he faced that reality with remarkable strength. He endured radiotherapy twice and multiple rounds of chemotherapy. But in between those treatments, Leighton made sure to truly live – and he built a life filled with meaning, kindness and connection. For that, his family is deeply grateful.

In July 2025, Leighton received the difficult news that his tumour was growing and no longer responding to treatment. With characteristic determination, he spent the following months completing a short bucket list – making the most of every moment in his own quiet, purposeful way.

After Christmas, his condition began to deteriorate. Simple things became harder. His body grew tired, and his brain could no longer fully communicate with the right side of his body. After a series of falls at home, he was admitted to Arthur Rank Hospice on the 6th of February 2026, where it was thought he might have only a few days left.

But Leighton, as always, did things his own way. He defied expectations and gave us nearly three more months. And when the time came, he passed away peacefully, with a smile on his face.

Leighton will be deeply missed—not just by his family and friends, but by the wider community he gave so much to.

For over 20 years, he volunteered at the Duxford Tank Museum. He also gave his time to Café 19 at Cambourne Church, and to the Cambourne Time Bank, where he helped others with decorating, gardening, carpentry, and repairs. He was always ready to lend a hand.

Leighton was also a keen cyclist and bicycle repairer, volunteering at the Hope Cycle Repair shop during the summer months. He supported the Cambourne British Heart Foundation by testing electrical items. Wherever there was a need, Leighton showed up.

He believed in keeping busy, in being useful, and most of all, in connecting with people. He loved a good conversation, and he was known as a genuine, kind-hearted man—a good friend to many.

Leighton leaves behind a legacy of quiet generosity, resilience, and community spirit.

He will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace, Leighton.



Cambourne Community Cinema seeks trustees

The Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust is continuing to work with the College towards the installation of Cambourne’s own cinema within the Sixth Form Centre this autumn. With screenings on Saturdays for the first year, this exciting venture will bring box office films to the town within a professional-quality cinema venue, as well as creating a fantastic facility for the school. Watch this space as we begin to recruit for a part-time cinema manager and other positions.

The Board is always interested in recruiting new trustees with an interest in film. At present, we would particularly welcome an individual with a financial background willing to act as the Trust’s Treasurer.

For more information, please contact the Charitable Trustee – Chair, John Panrucker at cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com
Website: cambournecommunitycinema.org



GUIDES

Learning, laughter and litter picks for Guides

3RD CAMBOURNE GUIDES: This month has been incredibly busy and full of exciting activities.

We started things off with a lively and energetic game of Particularly Peckish Penguins, which was a lot like a giant version of Hungry Hippos. Everyone had great fun racing around, collecting as many balls as possible, and working together as a team. The game was full of laughter, excitement, and friendly competition, making it a fantastic way to begin the month.

In another session, we became young scientists and created our own mini ecosystems. We carefully planned and built them so that we can grow basil



plants and observe how they develop over time. This activity taught us about the importance of plants, how ecosystems work, and what living things need in order to survive and thrive. We are looking forward to continuing to care for our basil and watching it grow over the coming weeks.

We have also spent time exploring nature and appreciating the outdoors. During our outdoor sessions, we discussed ways to protect the

environment and keep our local area clean.

To help make a positive difference, we took part in a litter pick around the sports pitches.

Everyone worked hard to collect rubbish and help improve the space for others to enjoy. It was rewarding to see the difference we made and reminded us all how important it is to look after our environment and work together as a community.



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Fix the Farm event sees young innovators tackle real-world farming challenges

Care UK organised a unique educational visit called "Fix the Farm" on Sunday 17th May, giving children and families from Cambourne and the wider Cambridgeshire area an opportunity to experience real-world learning beyond the classroom.

The visit took place at Frank's Farm, where local farmer Anthony Davison welcomed children and their parents and introduced them to genuine challenges faced in modern farming. Instead of learning from textbooks, children stepped directly into a practical environment where technology,



engineering and agriculture came together.

The aim of the visit was simple but inspiring: to encourage young people to think like innovators and problem-solvers. Anthony presented a number of real-life challenges and invited children to explore how robotics, coding, electronics and engineering could help create solutions. Ideas included designing a solar-powered automatic chicken pen, maintaining temperatures in poly tunnels, understanding smart irrigation systems, exploring composting and bio-digestion, and learning about insect farming for sustainable protein production.

Children and families enjoyed hands-on outdoor learning, feeding cows, picking leeks, planting seeds, exploring the farming environment firsthand and gained valuable insight into food production. It also gave young participants a chance to volunteer, ask questions and think creatively about solving practical community problems.

CamCare UK believes experiences like "Fix the Farm" help inspire the next generation by connecting classroom knowledge with real-world challenges.

Please email shrobona@gmail.com or message Shrobona Bhattacharya at 07852753216 to join the future workshops outside the classrooms.

CERC inspires young Scouts with hands-on coding

Young members of the 6th/17th Cambridge Scout Group recently enjoyed an exciting and interactive technology workshop delivered by CERC mentor, Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya. The session introduced Scouts to coding and animation using BBC Micro:bits, giving them an opportunity to explore programming through fun, hands-on activities.

The workshop was enthusiastically received, with Scouts remaining fully engaged throughout the evening. While several participants had previous coding experience, Dr. Bhattacharya adapted the activities to suit varying skill levels, ensuring all attendees were challenged and inspired.

Sharing feedback after the session, Assistant Scout Leader Tim said: "The presentation and contents of the

evening were very well received and kept the Scouts' attention throughout. They thoroughly enjoyed being able to code and animate the Micro:Bits. It was excellent that the format could be adapted to take account of their previous experience. We would be very happy to welcome you back again in the future."

CERC and CamCare UK continue to promote hands-on STEM education by bringing robotics, electronics and coding activities to young people across the region.

Groups, schools and community organisations interested in arranging similar workshops can email Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at camcare.uk@gmail.com

For more information about CERC visit www.cerc.club



SCOUTS

Scouts take on Welsh mountain adventure

2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUTS: Since Easter, our three sections have been enjoying themselves and gaining skills. The Beavers have had sessions on outdoor art, gymnastics, and a trip to the cinema to watch Disney's Hoppers film (fittingly all about Beavers!). Cubs had an evening on their bikes with a bit of maintenance too, as well as having evenings on art, and gardening. The Scouts have made movies, cooked doughnuts, and had an evening at Milton Country Park doing orienteering



around the whole site. In the middle of last month, 9 of the Scouts went on a trip to the Beacon Beacons run by the Cambridge Scouts Mountain Activity Team. It was a brilliant weekend, with lots of walking in the beautiful landscape and variable weather!



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Malcolm's fundraiser for CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association

Malcolm Thomas is raising money for CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association

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Local Elections 2026

Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak to me, our candidates and our members during the election period. Our councillors will always listen to the concerns of the community and stand up for what matters most to you.

I am pleased that Cambourne has three excellent councillors in Helene Leeming, Michael Booth and Amber Thomas.

At the end of a parliamentary session, the Government must wrap up outstanding bills. Often this results in long sessions between the Commons and Lords where disagreement on particularly contentious issues means amendments bounce back and forth.

One such bill, which I know has been of great interest to many residents, was the Children's

Wellbeing and Schools Bill and its bearing on social media regulations.

In the end, the Government was forced to commit to a timeline on restricting access to social media platforms for young people, to ban the harvesting of children's data and enshrine protections against addictive design harms in law.

The harms that social media poses to children are well known, and when I hosted a debate on online safety in March, MPs from across the Commons shared distressing stories from their constituencies. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and campaigners who have written to me about this. Your support has been instrumental in our efforts to make the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill stronger and more effective.



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Local councils – making a real difference



HELENE LEEMING
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Local councils can make a real, practical difference to people's lives. In 2024, in response to the cost of living, SCDC invested in software called LIFT, which has helped us identify and proactively contact residents who have not claimed benefits to which they are entitled. One of the early groups we focused on were pensioners who had not claimed Pension Credit, but it has supported people of all ages, many who live in Cambourne. To date, we have ensured that our residents will claim an additional £3.9m, preventing poverty and crisis.

In recent years, SCDC has worked hard to increase our number of council houses, following years of losses due to right to buy. Our housing

stock has reached a milestone of 6,000 properties, the largest it has been since 2002. We will continue to take practical action to help local people find much needed homes in our expensive area. We have also taken steps to help our residents manage rising fuel prices. 600 council homes will be upgraded with better insulation and solar panels, helping keep energy bills down.

Finally, I am delighted to say that Cambourne's first market will go ahead on 12th June in the morning at the Hub. This is the result of SCDC working in partnership with our Town Council. Please support this much wanted and needed community event and help it thrive and grow.

PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

PTSD is a mental health condition which is usually caused by events that feel very frightening or distressing. It may be caused by events that happen to someone, or are seen happening to someone else. Symptoms may include experiencing flashbacks, intrusive thoughts, recurring nightmares, difficulty sleeping and physical symptoms such as tummy aches or headaches. Some may avoid people or places that remind them of the event or not be able to fully remember what happened; problems with relationships, negative feelings and changes in mood can also occur; there may also be increased levels of anxiety and alertness (hypervigilance). Children who have PTSD will have similar symptoms to adults but may also

re-enact their experiences in play, might begin to wet the bed or talk more about death and dying. Symptoms don't always come on straight away but can begin months or years later.

It is important to remember that people respond differently to similar situations and should not compare themselves to others who might seem to be doing better. Regardless of the cause, PTSD symptoms are very troubling but help is available so it is important to talk to the GP. Some different types of therapy and medications can be helpful and people can recover. An NHS Trust in Cumbria have a wide variety of free mental health self help guides, including on PTSD: selfhelp.cntw.nhs.uk (available as online booklets or audio).



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CHURCHES

CAMBOURNE CHURCH

Welcome Carli

The church administrators are often the first people you meet or speak with when you contact Cambourne Church, so some of you will have heard that earlier in the year Hannah Heasley, who had been one of our two part-time church administrators alongside Jacqui Huckle, left our employment to start in an exciting new children's ministry post based with churches in and around Papworth. We wish her well, and she is still based in Cambourne so she is hardly a stranger. Hannah's departure left a hole in our team, but we have managed to recruit her successor.

May I introduce Carli Duvenage-Geary. Originally from South Africa, Carli has been living and working in the UK for over 19 years and moved to Cambourne in 2018 with



her husband, a community nurse. She has spent more than two decades in the pharmaceutical industry and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with her, but she is now embarking on an exciting career change. Carli is currently studying to become a foot health practitioner, with plans to qualify later this year. She is looking forward to this new chapter, contributing her skills to the team, and becoming more involved in the local community. It is certainly good to have her on board.

Revd Bill Miller



SUNDAY SERVICES AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH

7th June	10.00am	All Age Communion Service
14th June	9.30am 11.00am	Worship Service Worship Service
21st June	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Service Communion Service
28th June	9.30am 11.00am	Worship Service Worship Service
5th July	10.00am	All Age Communion Service

* Our 11.00am services usually include break-out groups for children and young people.

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: The role of the husband

In our services we have been going over a series about forming firmer families. And with fathers day coming up I thought I would share a bit of that. The role of the husband has been greatly distorted in modern society. Some men abandon responsibility altogether, while others misunderstand biblical leadership and become harsh or controlling. God's design for the husband is neither passivity nor tyranny. The husband is called to loving, sacrificial, spiritual leadership that reflects the relationship between Christ and His church.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

This goes well beyond the level of love that

society would deem normal. However done correctly it is extremely effective. Husbands are to be the leaders in the home, bearing responsibility for everyone both his wife and his children. Now some say that is old fashioned. Yes it is but if done right it works as intended. Following a good leader is not a burden but a blessing as you have confidence in them and you know they are concerned with the people under them and the task ahead of them. It is a cooperation with different roles. They anticipate and provide for needs as well as encourage everyone involved. If you have a husband like that then cherish them, follow them as they follow the Lord for they are rare. Do not disregard them that would be foolish and harmful as it shows a lack of respect a lack of

value. Consult each other but understand men desire respect like women need communication. Husbands also should lead in spiritual matters. Not just sending kids to church but leading them as a family. Being a God fearing husband is not an easy thing and it will involve a lot of personal sacrifice, often forgoing niceties for the sake of others. But the difference you can make in the lives of you family is tremendous to show them what an honourable man can be. Not what society tries to make them but a steadfast anchor of sacrificial love like Christ is to the church.



**Pastor
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CHURCHES

A warm welcome awaits you at C3 Church



Welcome to The C3 Church!

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Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or looking for a place to belong, you'll find a warm welcome here. Our Sunday gatherings are relaxed and uplifting, with live worship, a short and encouraging Bible message, and plenty of opportunity to connect with others.

We meet every Sunday at 10:30am at Cambourne Village

College, Coates Theatre. There's something for the whole family, including full kids provision with fun, engaging activities and Bible-based lessons for all ages. We also run a weekly youth provision for 11-14 year olds, creating a space where young people can grow, make friends, and explore faith together.

More than just a Sunday service, we are a family community who support one another through life's highs and lows. There's always room for you here.

We would love to meet you and help you feel at home. Why not come along this Sunday and see what we're all about?

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 With your wet chin upon my knee
 No more waggly tail begging for treats
 No filling your bowl with you under my feet
 No more harness, no more lead
 No more shining eyes that plead
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Lucy Purvey
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maze before settling down for a picnic lunch. In the afternoon, the fun continued as the children played in the adventure playground, exploring the fort and racing down the big slide. It truly was a wonderful day, full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories! 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*



Mini beast magic at the Care and Learning Centre

It has been an exciting half term at Monkfield Park's Care and Learning Centre. The children's play and learning has been based around the captivating theme of 'Minibeasts'.

In March, the children were thrilled by the arrival of our five live caterpillars, which they have observed growing and forming cocoons. We are now waiting with great anticipation for our butterflies to emerge. As well as learning the names of many different minibeasts, the children have also enjoyed several of the stories by Eric Carle, including 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider'. We have learnt new vocabulary such as 'cocoon', 'chrysalis' and even 'metamorphosis'. Everyone has loved bug hunting in the garden with magnifying glasses, ticking off the bugs they have found on their record sheet.

To round off our learning, we had a fantastic visit from Zoolab, who allowed

the children to handle and observe some giant minibeasts. We met a giant land snail, a giant millipede and a giant tarantula spider!

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EDUCATION

NextGen Tech Fest inspires future Cambridge engineers

CamCare UK is shaping the future careers of young people through practical learning and mentorship at NextGen Tech Fest. Cambridge is globally recognised for academic excellence, with world-leading universities and technology companies attracting talent from across the globe. Community leaders at CamCare UK and the Cambridge Electronics & Robotics Club (CERC) believe local children should also benefit from the unique opportunities available on their doorstep.

At NextGen Tech Festival held on Sunday, 10th May, families, parents and community members gathered to encourage young engineers and celebrate children's future career in technology and engineering, where children and youth demonstrated various tech projects.

The event highlighted an important challenge of a significant shortage of engineers in the UK in the coming years. As global technology companies continue to invest in Cambridge, organisations such as CamCare UK and CERC are working to ensure local children from the CB postcode area are equipped with the skills, confidence and practical experience needed to access future opportunities in Cambridge.

Senior engineers from ARM, Amazon, MDA Space, The Royal



College of Chemistry, Leonardo UK and other tech companies met with the children and explained their career paths. Liz Watts, Chief Executive of South Cambridgeshire District Council, presented certificates and prizes to the children and spent time viewing their projects, encouraging and motivating the young participants with her support and appreciation.

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We have Sir David Attenborough to thank for inspiring so many generations to be curious about the world around us. To mark his 100th birthday the children decided to make him a very special book to thank him for teaching us to care for our planet. The book was a wonderful collection of written pieces, poetry and art work from children across the school which we sent to Sir David in time for his special day. We were delighted to receive a letter from Sir David's daughter thanking the children for their thoughtful gift and sending his very best wishes to them all.

We have also been very excited by our new OPAL bush craft zone which is designed to help the children develop sensory skills and a deep awareness of the environment. Initially, the children have been learning how to use simple tools safely and to weave willow, skills which they have used to make a willow fence to demarcate the zone.



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From rockets to fieldcraft for 105 Squadron



AIR CADETS: We have been busy at 105 over recent months, with Cadets taking part in activities both on Squadron and across the Wing. Here is a snippet of what we've been up to!

Easter Camp 2026: Cadets and staff attended a week-long camp at Longmoor Army Base alongside over 250 cadets from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Activities included shooting, fieldcraft, first aid, archery, bridge building and STEM. Cadets also spent 48-72 hours on deployed exercise, building bashas and living on ration packs. One senior cadet attended as an instructor, teaching radio and STEM.

Rocketry: Over the bank holiday weekend, Cadets attended a launch day hosted by the East Anglian Rocketry Society. They were able to launch rockets that were pre-built on Squadron and watch some much larger ones launch!

ATC Sunday Parade: Cadets from 105, based in Cambourne, were among over 250 young people who paraded at Ely Cathedral to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. The Beds & Cambs Wing Parade marked more than eight decades of youth development through aviation.

Leadership and teamwork. Cadets from 105 Squadron took part alongside Squadrons from across the region, showcasing commitment, professionalism and pride. A spokesperson from 105 said the parade highlighted the positive impact the RAF Air Cadets continues to have on young people locally. The squadron offers a wide range of activities and opportunities to help young people build confidence, skills and ambition.

■ *The Royal Air Force Air Cadets 105 (Cambourne) Squadron Cordially invites YOU To our Adult Volunteer Open Evening. on Wednesday, 24th May, 2026 from 7.30 to 9 pm at The Blue Space, Eastgate, Great Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, CB23 6DZ. Come along and see can help shape the future of young people in Cambourne. You can commit as much or as little time as you have available and you do not need a specific skill set.*

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Date: Friday 6th November 2026

Event opens: 6:00pm

Fireworks display: 7:30pm (weather permitting)

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All this for £5 per adult (accompanied children are free). Please bring cash. Tickets have the full list of open gardens in order of location which makes it easy to turn the event into an afternoon ramble. There's maps too for extra clarity. Tickets can be purchased at any of the gardens (see last month's

Cambourne Crier for details) and also the Church on Saturday, where refreshments shall be served.

Alternatively, good starting points on Saturday are either 43 Monkfield Lane, Great Cambourne or 30 Gladiator Road, Upper Cambourne as all the other gardens lie in between these two.

On Sunday, 71 Brookfield Way, Lower Cambourne (new) or 5 Mayfield Way, Great Cambourne are at either end of the open gardens' trail. This last address is near to where the refreshments are being served at 20 Miller Way, Great Cambourne. So, starting in Lower Cambourne might make more sense if you would like to finish the garden hunt with a lovely cuppa and piece of cake...



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If you have any questions regarding this event please contact cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com

Visit our webpage at <https://cambourneshed.org/repair-cafe>

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LARRY GRAY FUN FAIRS

THIS IS ADVANCE NOTICE THAT THE FUN FAIR WILL BE ON
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FAMILY Fun Day

Following the success of last years family funday we have another action packed day perfect for everyone! all proceeds raised on the day will go to our chosen charity of the year The Kitcheners who support our veterans and give them and their family much needed support

SATURDAY 25TH JULY | FROM 12PM

Live DJ | BBQ | Stalls | Bouncy Castle | Family Activities | Classic Cars and Bikes | Raffle | Face Painter

The Monkfield Arms

Fundraising success and exciting events for Light Up Cambourne

LIGHT UP CAMBOURNE: Cambourne is clearly home to some incredibly talented and creative people! Our recent Paint & Sip evening was a fantastic success, with attendees producing brilliant rabbit-themed artwork, from detailed floral designs to Cadbury Crème Egg-inspired creations. It was wonderful to see so much imagination and artistic flair on display.

We also hosted another hugely popular Bingo evening, welcoming more than 100 people for a fun-filled night of laughter and fundraising. A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the event and donated raffle prizes, including Tesco St Neots, The Monkfield Arms and Churchills for their generous contributions.

As mentioned previously, the way the Broad Street tree lights have been

powered since 2013 no longer meets updated Cambridgeshire County Council requirements. Work is continuing with CCC and Balfour Beatty to find a suitable solution, but it is already clear the necessary upgrades to the power supply will come at significant cost. Every fundraiser and ticket sold is more important than ever, so thank you to everyone who continues to support Light Up Cambourne.

And finally... did anyone spot the clues hidden in April's Cambourne Crier? Mentions of "Patience", "Rule the World" and "Take That" may have hinted at what's coming next!

Our next event is a brand-new Gary Barlow Tribute Evening on 20 June. Tickets are £18 for an evening of Take That and Gary Barlow classics (see back page) performed by Pure Barlow, aka



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Summer Reading Challenge

Are you ready for summer Reading Challenge? This year's theme is Read to the Beat. You can sign up from Saturday 4th July and start collecting your first stickers from Saturday 18th July to enjoy over the summer holidays.

We have our main challenge for children aged 3 -11 and a mini challenge for 2 years and under. More information can be found on our Cambridgeshire Libraries website, Cambridgeshire Libraries Families Facebook page and in the library.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of the community who kindly donated toys and games to the library over the past few months. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

We now have plenty of lovely items to share with our library customers and due to storage limitations, we cannot accept any more items for now. Thank you!

Open Plus Access

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

Data SIMS - Available here at Cambourne library!

Speak to a member of staff for more details. The National Databank provides free data if:

- You're over 18
 - Have a low household income
 - Have insufficient internet access at home
 - Have insufficient internet access away from home
 - Can't afford your monthly top up or contract
- One SIM per person. Subject to supplier availability.

Community Meeting Room.

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

CAMBOURNE LIBRARY EVENTS

New day for Engage - Tuesdays

Engage Cyber Escape Room

Tues 30 June 2pm-3.30pm (This is the July Engage that would have been on Weds 1 July)

Crack the case by solving a series of puzzles in 30 mins, working in teams of up to 5 people - no need to come as a team. Pre-book in the library if you can or email the address below

Author talk: Belgrave Road with Manish Chauhan

Saturday 20th June 2pm-3.30pm

Manish introduces his novel, Belgrave Road: a love story of two new immigrants to the UK. To mark Refugee Week.

Tickets, £3, book in library or by emailing address below.

Author Talk: Robin Ince

Tuesday 7th July 2pm-3.30pm

A very special afternoon of laughter, wit, curiosity and love for libraries.

Tickets, £3, book in library or by emailing address below

The Library Presents

Miss Moore thought otherwise

An interactive musical about the first children's librarian with puppetry, songs and your own ideas. Recommended for Families with children 3-6yrs (all ages welcome)

Sat 18 July 2pm (doors open 1.45pm)

Running time: 35 minutes + 25-minute design your own book cover activity.

Tickets: £4.50 each or £17 Group Saver (4 people).

Craft Group for Adults - Creative Crafters, Thursdays, 5.30-6.30pm
No need to book.

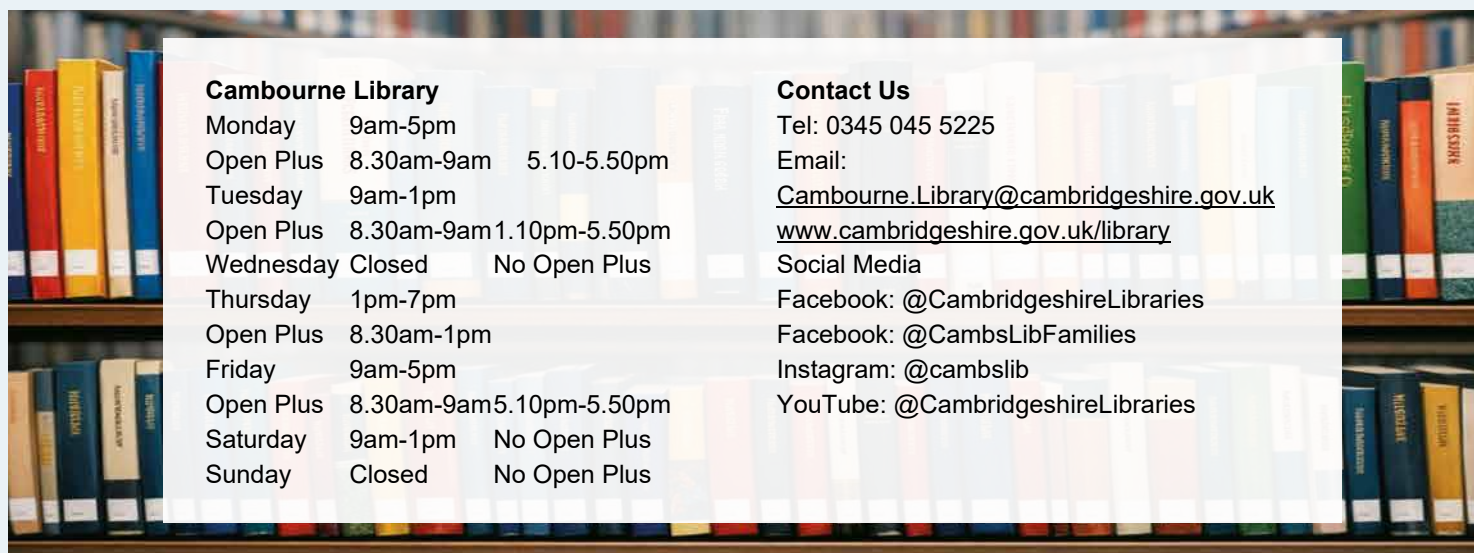
Stay and Play-Tuesdays 9.30am-11am
Suitable for 4 years and under. This is a drop-in activity, no need to book.

Rhyme time and Duplo Fun (term time only)

Every Friday 9.30am-10am in Library. Stay on afterwards for half an hour of Duplo play. No need to book- these are drop in events.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group * New day and time*

Join this friendly group, next meeting on Tues 16 June



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

Open Day 16th July



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office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

District Councillors for Cambourne:

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cllr.drew@scambs.gov.uk

cllr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

SERVICES

Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:

cambournecrescent.org/service/foodbank

Community Car Scheme: 07526 998 465

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715 161

Hope Against Poverty CIC:

hopepic.uk@gmail.com

hopeagainst.org

Streetlight faults:

cambourne.info/street-lights

Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal

01954 713 516 wildlifebcn.org

CHURCHES

Cambourne Catholic Community:

cambournecc.com

Cambourne Church:

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Foodbank: Julie Whitbread

julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

Christchurch Cambourne:

christchurchcambourne.org.uk

The Harbour Bereavement Café:

theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk

Peacehaven Baptist Church:

peacehavenbc.org.uk

HEALTH CARE

Cambourne Dental Practice:

colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/

cambourne-dental-clinic

Community First Responder:

Mark Taylor 07858 394 719

mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

Jardines Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

Monkfield Dental: 01954 774 540

monkfield.dental

Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954

282 153 monkfieldpractice.co.uk

EDUCATION

Arabic Language School:

[cambournecrescent.org/service/](http://cambournecrescent.org/service/arabic-school)

arabic-school

info@cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Day Nursery and Pre-School:

01954 719 440 kindrednurseries.co.uk

Cambourne Village College:

01954 284 000 cambournevc.org

Children's Centre: 01954 284 672 or

childandfamilycentre.south

@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503 combertonvc.org

Cambourne Pre-school: 01954 715 150

cambournepreschool.org.uk

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

Tots, Cambourne

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

Education - Cambourne

Hardwick and Cambourne Community

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hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

01954 717 180 jeavonswood.org

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

01954 273 301 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

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273 377 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

01954 719 630 thevine.cambs.sch.uk

■ JOIN A LOCAL GROUP OR CLUB

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Blossomify CIC: (Boardgames & Learning sessions)

info@blossomify.org

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

Cambourne Air Cadets: 105@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadets: cambsacf.com

Cambourne Art Group: pat.goatly@gmail.com

Cam Care UK: camcare.org.uk

Cambourne Community Theatre Group:

info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

Cambourne Community Website:

hello@cambourne.info or cambourne.info

Cambourne Crescent: cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club; Cambourne

Electronics & Robotics Club; Come Cook Dine with Me;

Cambourne Digital Surgery 60+: shrobona@gmail.com

Cambourne Repair Café: cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com

Cambourne Shed: cambourneshed@gmail.com

Cambourne Woodcraft Folk: Cambourne@woodcraft.org.uk

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

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

Community Gospel Choir: cambournegospelchoir@gmail.com

[facebook.com/Cambourne](https://www.facebook.com/CambourneCommunityGospelChoir)

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Crafty Ladies: Maureen 01954 718542 or

craftyoldladies@gmail.com

Crescent Science & Technology Club:

info@cambournecrescent.org

Light up Cambourne: lightupcambourne@gmail.com

Photography Group:

Nicola Marriott 07811 154 901 [www.flickr.com/groups](http://www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/)

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

Words for Pleasure Writers' Group:

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

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Cambourne Bowls Club: Stuart Palmer 07860 654 057

Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT Club:

cambournecomets@gmail.com

Cambourne Cricket Club: cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Fishing Club: www.cambournefishingclub.com

Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre: 01954 714 070

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

Cambourne Netball Club: [www.pitchero.com/clubs/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambourne.netball.club)

cambourne.netball.club

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

info@cambournebasketball.org

Cambourne Runners: cambourne.runners.sarc@gmail.com

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

Cambourne Town Football Club:

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

Cambourne Women Runners: information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club: cambschargers@gmail.com

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

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club: [cambournekarate-](http://cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk)

tangsoodo.co.uk

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS): 07929 100 612

karateschools.co.uk

Pilates: faybpilates.co.uk

Future sporting stars in Cambourne gain elite support through national talent scheme

Aspiring athletes in Cambourne are set to gain vital support as part of a sports talent development programme.

Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, has helped more than 6,000 athletes to achieve their sporting potential by providing free access to facilities at Everyone Active's 250-plus leisure sites, including Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.

This year, a record 1,700 athletes have been accepted on the renowned scheme. Among those to secure their places in Cambourne are Sunny Mayo, 18, who competes in weightlifting and powerlifting at British level and Cambridgeshire county netballer Ava Hudson, 14, who was selected for the London Mavericks franchise.

Alongside free access to Everyone Active centres, Sporting Champions will also receive valuable mentoring and guidance from an impressive panel of Elite athletes comprising Olympic and Paralympic medallists, world champions and Commonwealth champions.

The scheme's all-star line-up of top athletes includes Lauren Steadman, Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, Emma Finucane, Maisie Summers-Newton and Richard Kilty.

These elite athletes will share their experience and expertise through group mentoring sessions, covering topics including mental wellbeing, nutrition, managing finances, social media and media training.

These innovative, hands-on workshops are designed to equip up-and-coming athletes with the practical tools and techniques needed to be at the



top of their game. In addition, Sporting Champions will take part in bitesize webinars in collaboration with national governing bodies.

New for 2026-27, athletes over 16 will receive access to the You+ membership, designed to promote holistic health and wellbeing and centred around individual needs.

Olympic silver medallist and former world record holder, Colin Jackson CBE, will continue to fulfil the role of ambassador for the scheme, working alongside the Elite athletes to make sport more accessible within local communities. He said: "I am incredibly passionate about nurturing young talent and the Sporting Champions scheme goes above and beyond in this mission. With the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow just months away, I am more excited than ever to support athletes of all ages and from all disciplines to achieve their dreams.

Over the past nine years, the Sporting Champions scheme has poured more than £2million into young athletes, proving its commitment to grassroots sporting excellence.

At the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, no fewer than 26 Sporting Champions competed, taking home nine gold, six silver and eight bronze medals collectively.

Simon Clasby, Everyone Active's general manager, said: "We are delighted to be providing exceptional support to this year's cohort who have been accepted on Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme. The profound impact Sporting Champions



has on emerging talent from Cambourne each year is always amazing to see, and we are excited to be supporting more athletes than ever on their journey to sporting success.

"As a leisure provider working in partnership with Cambourne Town Council, we feel it is important to cater for all sections of the community. We hope to continue making a real difference to our athletes' success and are excited to see what success stories the scheme will bring this year."

To find out more about the Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, visit ea-champions.com/sporting-champions or follow @easportingchamps on Instagram.

Cricket Club appeals for better facilities to meet potential



Cambourne Cricket Club: The start of the season has already yielded some special moments. I found myself handing out caps to new starters in the adult sides, including Diya Menon. Diya is our first ever Female player in a Men’s CCA league match! Congratulations should also go to the following juniors who have made the step up this season: Henry, Nitesh, Arjun, Yaksh, Luke, Haroon, & Smayan! Receiving their caps is testament to their individual hard work, dedication and the amazing academy setup we offer; which is becoming a true leader across the County.

On the downside, we are struggling to maintain the standard of our pitches as they become more heavily used over the summer, and our training facilities at the school have unfortunately been condemned for the time being. As with many clubs in Cambourne there is a need for more facilities, suited to town-sized clubs we will become, as opposed to a former parish. Only with these facilities can we meet our potential, as a focal point for Cricket and player development in this area.

Our adult men’s and women’s sides have started the season well – we have

won and lost some closely contested fixtures, but it is very much the Women’s team leading the way:

Upcoming events at Cambourne CC: Friday Nights @ The Third Man – every Friday through the summer from 6pm! Syd Lawrence Competition (Quarter Finals) (Date TBC) – we will be hosting a team from Nottingham as part of the ACE partnership which celebrates Afro-Caribbean heritage in Cricket. Please check our social media for more details. *Please note: The bar is always open once a match is played, so if you see us on the pitch pop in and say hello!*

Team	League	Current Position	Season Target
Mens 1 st	Premier League Div. 2	10/10	Survival/Top Half
Womens 1 st	Softball T20 League (Cams)	2/9	Top Half
Mens 2 nd	Senior League Div. 2	7/10	Promotion
Mens 3 rd	Junior League Div. 2 (South)	4/9	Top Half
Mens 4 th	Junior League Div. 4	5/9	Survival/Top Half
Mens 5 th	Junior League Div. 5 (South)	5/9	Top Half

Cambourne Raptors invites new players

**Calling all 16-18 year old basketball players
Join us for the summer and beyond!**

All basketball players are welcome to join our scrimmage sessions taking place throughout July and beyond. Two hours of friendly, competitive full-court basketball (only £3 per session for 16-18 year olds). This is a fantastic opportunity to experience senior basketball in a friendly environment.

Sessions take place at Cambourne Village College, on Mondays and Thursdays 7.30pm-9.30pm. Just get in touch via the email address below if you would like to be added to our scrimmage Whatsapp group, and keep up to date with

what's going on. Initial contact would need to be made by parents of under 18 players. Email: cambournebasketball@gmail.com

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club competes in the Cambridgeshire senior leagues – newly promoted to the first division, after winning the second division again this season. Our Basketball England Level 2 coach is also a current Great Britain age group player and brings a wealth of expertise to every session.



Grand Master visit inspires Cambourne Tae Kwon Do club

Tae Kwon Do Club has started spring with a new exciting curriculum. All students from white belt to black are learning new skills and developing old ones. We've been privileged to learn from Grand Master Wurr who is showing adaptations from the legendary Grand Master Lim. So many of our pupils are enjoying the practical self defence sessions which are useful in today's age and great fun.

Cambourne has also hosted the latest grading of a wide variety of students from Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. The assessments were to verify if their Taekwondo skills were suitable to progress to the next belt. It was also an opportunity for some to have their mettle tested before their first black belt grading (more to come on this next month).



As expected all our pupils excelled. Special congratulations goes to Omar who amongst the attendees was awarded Club Grader this time for his excellent demonstration of skills and focus. Well done! We have places available for new students young and old, in our Saturday classes. So if you or your child is looking for a new, energetic activity with a friendly and successful team, contact Jason on 07745 436806 or jason.newton@btinternet.com.



Cambourne Tennis Club celebrates strong league performances

Cambourne Tennis Club is serving up a fantastic summer of tennis! The LTA Cambs Dunlop Summer League and LTA Youth League will conclude in June, and our teams have truly shown what they're made of. At the halfway point of the season, our men's, women's and junior squads performed brilliantly. May saw the launch of our first ever after Sunday Social "Mingle", where players stayed on after the session to enjoy a drink, chat, and get to know both new and familiar faces. We're hoping these relaxed socials will be a big hit, and we're delighted to be running them twice a month.

We're also looking forward to welcoming the wider community to the Cambourne Community Big Weekender. The club will be opening its courts and hosting fun tennis activities for all ages — a perfect chance to meet the team, try tennis, and see what the club has to



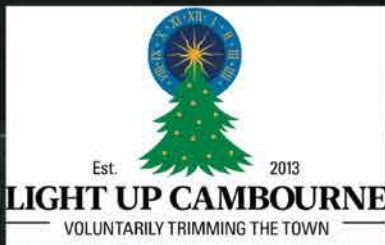
offer from 11am to 4pm. June brings even more good news with the re-launch of our junior social sessions, plus the release of some of the events we are planning for the rest of the year. All details can be found on our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC. Club Competition Corner: We're delighted to announce the winner of this year's 1 Point Slam — 15-year-old Oliver Kennedy, who claimed the top prize of £50. Congratulations, Oliver!

Our Play Your Way to Wimbledon event wrapped up on 17 May, with winners Ping & Maciej in the men's doubles and Karolina & Sermin in the women's doubles, now progressing to the Area Finals. We wish them the very best and hope to see even more entries next year. Finally our "Design Our Kit" competition is underway, with members creating the new Cambourne team shirt. With our teams performing so well every

season, we can't wait to offer the opportunity for members to compete in a fresh new look. The winning design will be revealed in the next edition.

Coaching news: Our summer term coaching programme is in full swing... for those starting their tennis journey and existing players who want to further improve their game. If you'd like to get involved, it's not too late! Go to www.gamesettennis.co.uk or email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk





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