

Cambourne and District U3A Study Trip Madingley Hall Gardens and afternoon tea

Date: Thursday May 14th Time: Garden tour 2pm; tea 3.30pm
Cost: £5 per person for the garden tour and £15.95 per person for the tea. Car share where possible, meeting at the Hall at 1.45pm

The glorious gardens that surround Madingley Hall reflect centuries of change. Although the Hall was built between 1543 and 1547, the earliest recorded image of the gardens is an engraving dating from 1705, showing a formal, Dutch-style garden to the north and east of the Hall. Between 1948 and 1951, the University rebuilt and landscaped the 18th century Courtyard, and today it's filled with a variety of alpines, climbing plants, shrubs and perennials which thrive in the Hall's warm micro-climate and dry growing conditions. The Walled Garden dates to the mid-18th Century, and was used as a kitchen garden. The arched Hazel Walk is thought to date to the mid-19th Century. To the south of this are a variety of borders containing a wide range of hardy plants, both familiar and unusual being grown in a raised alpine bed, a sunken garden, a medicinal border, rose pergola and many other mixed borders.

Afternoon tea will be taken in the Saloon at Madingley Hall and will consist of a variety of sandwiches, scones and cakes and a selection of teas or coffee. Dietary needs can be catered for, **please state them on this form.**

Leader: Fran Panrucker 07802 665111;

Please send the **lower half of this form** with your payment, and **retain this half** for future reference.

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Contact for next of kin in case of emergency

Payment by cheque made payable to 'Cambourne and District U3A' and send to the C&D U3A Treasurer, 13 Foster Way, Great Cambourne CB23 5BP. Please mark the back of your cheque '**Madingley**'.

Payment by BACS: sort code 23-05-80 account 29755994, please use reference: **Mad** followed by your membership number e.g **mad23**

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