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The next Coffee and Talk Meeting will be on Friday, 16th November at 10.30 am at The Hub.



'Succulent Plants' will be theme of the illustrated talk this month presented by Radio Cambridgeshire gardener Barry Gayton of Desert World Plants, Santon Downham. Tropical and arid plants such as succulents and cacti are his horticultural speciality although his passion extends to a wide variety of plants. Also, Barry regularly hosts a 'gardeners' question time' on Radio Cambridgeshire.

Coffee and tea will be served from 10.30 and the talk will commence at 11.00. Please remember to bring your membership cards for registration on entry. If you are not yet a member and would like to join the U3A, the annual subscription is £20. The next meeting will be on 18th January 2019 - talk 'The remarkable story of Heffers Bookshop'.



Study Trip to the Houses of Parliament will be on Monday, 18 March 2019

This will be a full tour of Parliament, including the chamber of the House of Commons, the chamber of the House of Lords, the royal apartments and Westminster Hall. As neither House will be sitting at this time the tour will not include a debate. Details regarding time and transport will follow. There are 40 places available for this trip so please sign up via the website by clicking on the bird on the 'groups' page.

www.u3a.cambourne.org.uk or
<https://u3asites.org.uk/cambourne>

A new group

A new group has been suggested, with a possible leader, at least to start with. Initially it would be called the '**Current Affairs Discussion Group**', but that could be changed according to the direction the group wishes to

take. It will be a monthly meeting, on a day to be specified but not Friday, at a mid-afternoon time for one and a half hours; the venue would be decided once the numbers are known. It is not intended to be a very serious group, but to take a light-hearted look at various topics of public interest, and we guess certain ground rules may have to be laid down to avoid fisticuffs at dawn! Please go to the 'Groups' page on the website and click on the 'bluebird' to show your interest and we will move this forward.

Groups in need of a leader

There are some potential groups in which people have expressed interest, but for which we don't yet have a facilitator/group leader. These include

- British and European History of the 20th Century. *6 keen members.*
- Chess
- Painting
- Wine Tasting

If any of these subjects interest you or indeed if you have a passion or skill that you would like to share, please be in touch via the 'Groups' page on the website.



Appeal for volunteers

Now that our U3A has really got going, there is need for more people to help with:-

- Serving refreshments at the monthly meetings
- Leading a walk for the walking group
- Taking part on the Committee and getting involved with the administration of the C&D U3A.

Please be in touch via the website or at the meeting.

The Cambridge University Museum of Zoology has a range of volunteering opportunities for individuals who have an interest in the natural sciences and a willingness to learn. Volunteers at the museum will be invited to curator led tours not available to the public, specialised training and be a volunteer at this prestigious museum. For more information please contact Kayleigh Boyle, Museum Volunteer Coordinator at kmb73@cam.ac.uk