



**Cambourne & District U3A
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Happy New Year! There are lots of interesting activities coming up in 2019, here just a few of them to start with:-

January 18th Monthly Meeting and New Year Bring and Share lunch

There will be the usual refreshments before the talk, which this month will be on a history of Heffers Bookshop in Cambridge.

Following the talk, we will have a bring and share lunch which involves everyone bringing a plate of something (e.g sausage rolls, sandwiches; cakes etc) to share as a finger buffet. The committee will provide paper plates, cups and napkins, as well as a variety of cold soft drinks. Should you prefer wine, please feel free to bring your own, plus a bottle opener if necessary. During this time there will also be time to discuss other interest groups, talk to committee members and generally meet other members.

Interest Groups

The **Current Affairs** group and the **Photography** Group are ready to get going. Also, three people have expressed an interest in setting up a **Birding Group**. You can sign up to all or any of these via the website or at the monthly meeting on Jan 18th where there will be interest tables manned by people who can tell you a little more.

The current **Book Group** is full, but it may be possible to start a second group. Please contact Fran via the website to express an interest.

Membership Secretary

Our Vice-Chair, Ann Mead has been sharing this role with our Treasurer, Brian Faulkner and the membership system is set up and running well. Ann is going to be giving up this role at the end of January due to other commitments, so we are looking therefore for someone to take it on, shadowing Ann to begin with. Please get in touch with me by email fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk or phone 01954 710858 if you are interested in this important committee position.

Shadowing committee members

It would be tremendously useful if we could have people to shadow certain of the committee members, without having to be on the committee. These are: Webmaster; minutes secretary; publicity; Groups co-ordinator. The more help we can get, the easier it is for everyone, so please think about giving a little of your time if you can.

Refreshments

We are grateful to the people who have already offered to help with refreshments, but there is still room for one or two more, please.

Study Trips



Houses of Parliament Monday March 18th

A coach will be booked for this visit and will cost £20 per person. Currently there are 27 people on the list, but still time and room for a few more.

I would now like payment please, cash or cheque made out to C&D U3A for £20 per person, together with the booking form which you can pick up at the monthly meeting and deliver to Fran Panrucker at 128 Greenhaze Lane Great Cambourne CB23 5BH.

Guided Tour of Cambridge Botanic Garden Thursday March 21st



It is hoped that this visit will coincide with the flowering of the Jade Vine, but of course that can't be guaranteed!

The cost will be £6 per person (or £5.50 concessions including over 65) for admission plus £6 pp for the tour. Again, booking forms will be available at the Jan 18th members' meeting and payment can be made as for the Houses of Parliament.

The time of the tour is yet to be confirmed but will probably be in the morning. Transport will be independent, but the Park and Ride from Trumpington stops very close to the entrance to the Botanic Garden.

Study Trips to be confirmed



Burghley House, Stamford

A magnificent Elizabethan country house set in beautiful grounds.

Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk

Site of Anglo-Saxon burial mounds and museum displaying replicas of the treasures that were discovered there.



Proposed study trips include Snape Maltings, Southwold and the National Gallery in London.

If you would like to propose a study trip, please let a committee member know either at the next meeting or via the website at:-

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

Monthly Meeting Talks

15 February 'Quakerism' by Len Thornton

15 March 'Vanishing Cambridgeshire 1900-1940' by Mike Petty

19 April No meeting due to the Easter holiday.

17 May 'Life at Westminster' by Heidi Allen MP for South Cambridgeshire

21 June 'Battle of Britain' by Ian Cameron

