



Cambourne & District U3A
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Coffee and Talk Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday 21st June at 10.30 at The Hub. The speaker will be

Ian Cameron, who will present a talk on the **Battle of Britain** which was as important in staving off an invasion of Britain as was the defeat of Spanish Armada. Ian has had a life-long interest in WW2 aircraft and is currently chairman of the WW2 Aircraft Club in Cambourne. He will include some less well known but significant facts about the battle which will certainly be of interest.



Beacon Software is up and running. The Cambourne U3A is really advancing with new software that will simplify renewing membership payments plus inter-communicating with the interest groups. Nigel Day, our webmaster, will demonstrate at the June meeting how to renew membership online and to how to join as a new member. This new system is very user friendly and easy to navigate. However the current method of payment by cheque or bank transfer will still be available.

Sutton Hoo and Woodbridge - postponed

This study trip to the Saxon burial site was planned for Saturday, 6th July. However according the National Trust, the £4 million refurbishment project will not be completed until later in the summer. So it was decided to postpone the trip in order the get the best out of the visit. With apologies to those who have already booked places, but we'll inform you of a new date as soon as possible.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday, 19th July at 10.30 at the Hub.

New members of the committee and new motions can be proposed and seconded by the members. The relevant forms which were sent out with the May Bulletin can also be found via the links on the website's Events page. If you wish to replace an incumbent committee member you will need to fill out the form and send or hand to the business secretary, Celia Waldron, before the 30th June. Her address is on the nomination form.

Interest group leaders will give information on their groups at tables set around the hall.

Have a role on the committee

Our committee performs various functions and we would very much welcome volunteers to join the committee in the following roles:-

- Membership Secretary
- Speaker organiser
- Groups organiser
- Business Secretary
- Study Trips organiser
- Minutes Secretary.

These above roles are vacant and will not need to be proposed and seconded by the members.

Shadowing committee members.

Shadows are needed for:-

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Business Secretary
- Webmaster
- Publicity

If you would like to know more about any of the above positions please contact, in the first instance, Fran Panrucker on:

fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk



Of course help with refreshments at the meetings is always appreciated and essential. We welcome your help!

Your newsletter

It's great to hear about the activities of the various interest groups, whether they take place indoors or outdoors. So news and photographs are very welcome (as can be seen in the two articles below). Please send them to Christine Tyler via the link on the Committee page of the website.

Visit to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds

My retirement last year has given me time and opportunity to learn more about history and beautiful places I never knew about before.

Our visit to this wonderful theatre not only taught me about the history of the building itself but also how theatre fitted into social history and its meaning to different classes in the past.

Our guide, Rory, shared his knowledge and enthusiasm in such detail that I could feel the atmosphere of long-ago performances and how the community of Bury St Edmunds benefits from having a busy, vibrant theatre. It offers a variety of entertainment, from local dancers to Noel Coward, Shakespeare and Julian Clary, amongst many others! We heard about outreach work with, for example, schools, and agencies helping those struggling to overcome addiction, which I found inspiring.

Lunch at the Greene King restaurant was delicious, followed by a visit to St Mary's church, where I saw the tomb of Mary, Queen of France, which was moved there from the Abbey after the dissolution of the monasteries. Mary was Henry VIII's favourite sister. The stained-glass windows were stunning and the side chapel, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the raising of the Suffolk Regiment, was impressive and touching.

I met some members of our U3A for the first time, and I even fitted in some retail therapy!

A great day out (only slightly marred by the weather) and I shall return to visit the Cathedral and the Abbey, the Moyses Hall museum and maybe the smallest pub – The Nutshell.

Caroline Adams

Bury St Edmunds theatre visit Tuesday 28th May

This was an enthralling and fascinating visit to the Regency Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. The smell of the Georgian days cleverly bottled for us, everything from sweaty clothing and horse manure to lily of the valley. We sat in the posh seats, once reserved by servants, whilst their wealthy masters went to dinner and returned for more entertainment, we climbed up stairs to the gallery, downstairs to the pits enjoyed by the poor and lounged on the sofas in the green room.

To be on the stage was an enlightening experience too. The actors so close to the audience they could chat to one another, possibly whilst dodging half eaten fruit, thrown by disgruntled members of the audience.

From the theatre we enjoyed time to explore Bury St Edmunds for ourselves. Beautiful churches and gardens for some, cafes and shops for others and I believe a beer garden might have appealed too !

Thank you, Fran, for an excellent study visit.

Wendy Park



St Mary's Church

For more information on groups go to the website:

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

Proposed new groups



Evelyn Weinstein has proposed a new group for those who would like to get more out of their Android or Microsoft laptop (or perhaps can't quite get to grips with it?). Please contact Evelyn by email at evelynMW54@gmail.com.

Birding group

Would you like identify more birds through their colours, flight patterns and birdsong? Then just go to the 'Groups' page on the website and then click on the 'bird' to send your email of enquiry.

At a Glance Monthly Meeting Talks

21 June	Battle of Britain by Ian Cameron
19 July	AGM
August	No meeting
20 September	The Curious History of Mazes by Dr Julie Bounford
18 October	The Mysteries of India by Shrobona Bhattacharya
15 November	Artificial Intelligence by Sujit Bhattacharya
18 January	Delving into Cookery Books by Liz Wright
21 February	Garden Design by Elizabeth Gilhooly of Supernature Garden



Lolworth church - one of the walking group's pleasant discoveries

Local Events

Wimpole Estate is looking for volunteers!

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to do something really worthwhile and fulfilling, have a look at the website (follow the link below) to find out more about the volunteer opportunities at Wimpole Estate. Reasonable expenses are paid, there is a huge range of different volunteer roles to choose from, and it's a lot of fun!

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate/features/join-the-wimpole-team

14th & 15th June

Vintage Hitchcock - A live radio play by Joe Landry. Performed by local Cambourne drama group, the *Sundial Theatre Company*.

Friday 14 June 8.00pm The Hub Meeting Room

Saturday 15 June 3.00pm & 8.00pm The Blue School

Tickets available online:

<https://www.sundialtheatre.com/product/ion-news>

Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July

CAMBOURNE TO BE WILD MUSIC FESTIVAL

A two-day festival of live music, art, wild activities and good food and drink; all in support of local wildlife.

Staged at the Business Park in Cambourne, Cambridgeshire near the headquarters of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire this festival is about being entertained and getting closer to your wild side, after all, all our lives are better when they're a bit wild!

This is a fundraising event. All proceeds will go towards supporting the work of the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants.

All tickets are online, the website is here: <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/camwild>