



**Cambourne & District U3A
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The next monthly meeting will be on Friday, 21st February at 10.30 in the Hub.



Our speaker is Louisa Gilhooly who will be sharing her expertise with us on garden design – a subject close to many hearts.

Louisa is a partner/designer at the Cambridge based *Supernature Garden & Landscape* and has over ten years' experience designing residential gardens. Louisa holds distinction diplomas in garden design and landscape architecture as well as a distinction level 2 RHS Certificate in Horticulture. She is a regular contributor to *Garden Answers* magazine and teaches garden design at two local colleges. Louisa strongly believes in the benefits of accessible and affordable design.



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New Age Kurling



The new group will start on **Thursday, 12th March from 11.15 – 12.15 at the Hub** for an initial six weeks.

Please confirm your interest in this activity at the February meeting by registering your name.

Book Group 1 is currently full but there is interest in starting a new group. If you would like to join it please get in touch with Fran Panrucker via the website so we can get things moving.



At a Glance Monthly Meeting Talks

2020	
21 February	Garden Design by Louisa Gilhooly of Supernature Garden.
20 March	Mike Petty – Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook – life and times of the town in the 1830's
24 April*	The Battle of Hastings by Ian Cameron
15 May	Philip Caine – the author of the Jack Castle series of novels
19 June	An Unexpected Journey, A Woman's Role (the story of a colonial officer's wife) by Kate Armstrong
17 July	The AGM & The Konik Ponies of Wicken Fen by Peter Green*
August	No meeting
*Please note the change of date and speaker for 24 th April. This is due to The Hub being pre-booked on 17 th April for a blood donation day.	

WEDNESDAY WALKS

A muddy walk at Abington Piggotts on 22nd January.



19 Feb	Bourn. Leader Fran Panrucker
4 March	Coton. Leader Penny Dryden
18 March	Thriplow. Leader Peter Lawrence
1 April	Waresley. Leader Ann Mead
More detailed information can be found on the 'Walks' page on the website. if you would like to lead a walk in the summer term please advise Ann Mead. At present the following dates are available:- 15 and 29 April, 13 and 27 May, 10 and 24 June.	

A selection of interest groups available

Arty Allsorts	Jazz
Book Club	Mah Jong
Bridge	Spanish
Current Affairs	Study Trips
Flower Arranging	Walking
French	WW2

Be a group leader. *If you have an expertise in something you would like to share and form an interest group, please suggest it to Fran Panrucker either through the website or at the next meeting on 21st February.*

C&D U3A book and jigsaw library We have a few books and jigsaw puzzles that we have purchased or have been donated by members. We now need someone to be the librarian for this collection. This would mean taking the items home, bringing them to the monthly meetings and keeping a record of the borrowers.

Please contact Christine Tyler via the website or at the next meeting for more information.

Please volunteer to help

We are all volunteers, so in the spirit of pulling together to keep our U3A running smoothly we really have need of the following:-

- ❖ Minutes secretary – to take the minutes at the committee meetings, type them up and circulate them to the committee
- ❖ Business Secretary
- ❖ Trips organiser

Please contact, in the first instance, Fran Panrucker on: fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk

As always, help is needed to serve the tea and coffee, as well as washing up afterwards, at the monthly meetings. If several people offer their help, we can start a monthly rota. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please come forward at the next meeting or let Kathleen Thompson know via the 'Committee' page on the website..

Contributions to the Bulletin

It would great to hear how and what the individual groups are doing, whether indoors or outside. Just a few words plus a photograph of the group sent to Christine Tyler via the website would be interesting and greatly appreciated.

Study Trips in 2020 Madingley Hall Gardens 14th May



Enjoy a tour of the Capability Brown designed gardens followed by afternoon tea in the saloon. Cost: garden tour £5, afternoon tea £15.95. Please see the booking form below which you can print out and attach to your payment. Fran will be taking bookings at the next meeting on 21st February. For more information on Madingley Hall:-

<https://www.madingleyhall.co.uk/gardens>



Stamford and Burghley House

Saturday, 13th June 2020 Cost £26.75 p.p.

A sign-up sheet was circulated with the last Bulletin and some will be available at the next meeting.



Northampton - the Charles Rennie Mackintosh house at 78 Derngate and the Shoe Factory Museum.

Scheduled for a Saturday in October. A date will be communicated when the above places of interest advise of their availability.

Fran would welcome any suggestions for future study trips. Please get in touch via the website:-

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

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.

Madingley Hall Gardens and afternoon tea

Please reserveplace/s atper person.

Name/s:.....

Address.....

Tel. no:..... Mobile:.....

Email:.....

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**

Please tick method of payment used

Confirmation will be email where possible.