



**Cambourne & District U3A
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The next monthly meeting will be on Friday, 20th March at 10.30 in the Hub.



We are very happy to welcome back Mike Petty who will be enlightening us with **'Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook 1838'** – the life and times in Dickensian Cambridge. It's an introduction to the town as it was in the 1830s

in which we meet a host of real characters. Mike's extensive knowledge of the history of Cambridgeshire and The Fens has rewarded many with his fascinating presentations as well as a wealth of printed reference materials.

****Position of Treasurer**

Cambourne and District's current Treasurer, Brian Faulkner, who has done a wonderful job in that role since the beginning of our U3A, is to relocate to Lincolnshire in the next few months. This means that we will have a vacancy for this very important role, but still gives some time for Brian to train up his replacement. Brian has done all the hard work in setting up a very manageable system, which should be relatively straightforward for someone else to take on. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you can take on this role.

At a Glance Monthly Meeting Talks

2020	
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

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

At the time of the Bulletin distribution we have no intention of cancelling the monthly meetings. We are closely following the advice of the Third Age Trust and will inform you further as soon as the situation demands. Meanwhile please consider using hand sanitiser gel in interest groups and reducing physical contact such as shaking hands. Please immediately contact a member of the committee should you have contracted the virus.

WEDNESDAY WALKS



On the walk from Coton to the High Cross campus.

18 March	Thriplow. Meet at 10.15 am. Park in Fowlmere Road, opposite The Old Smithy, Thriplow, SG8 7QU Leader Peter Lawrence. Email: pwl1@hotmail.co.uk Mobile: 07849 062994
1 April	Waresley about 5 miles. Meet at the Waresley Garden Centre SG19 3DB at 10.15 am Leader Ann Mead Mobile: 07889 597878

More 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.

Please volunteer to help

In the spirit of pulling together to keep our U3A running we seriously have need of the following:-

****Treasurer – urgent** – to take in money for subs, trips interest groups etc; keep and manage the books; communicate with the bank; organise payment for speakers; make payments to the National Office; be able to show the committee a monthly balance sheet and account for all monies in and out.

Groups Co-ordinator – to keep in touch with all the groups; updating their membership lists; arrange catch-up meetings when appropriate; liaising over venue booking and payments.

Minutes secretary – to take the minutes at the committee meetings, type them up and circulate them to the committee.

Please contact, in the first instance, Fran Panrucker on:

fran@panrucker.eclipse.co.uk

Knowing your iPad

Virtually all of us use them, but how much do we know about them and what more can we get from them? These questions will be answered by attending free training sessions at the Apple store in the Grand Arcade in Cambridge on:-

Monday, 27th April at 2 pm

Dates in May to be confirmed.

Please contact Anne Jones on jeffandanne23@gmail.com to sign up.

New Age Kurling

The new group will start next **Thursday, 12th March from 11.15 – 12.15 at the Hub** for an initial six weeks. Leah Collis, of Let's Get Moving, Cambridgeshire will give training in the game to all the participants. Just show up on the day with your membership cards.

C&D U3A book and jigsaw library

We have a selection of jigsaws and books which members can borrow for a month or two depending on whether the borrower has finished in time. The library is always at the monthly meetings and the librarians are Alwyn and Gill Jackson.

Thank you to all those who helped with serving the tea and coffee at the last meeting. It was a great help and things went smoothly. So in the spirit of 'keeping up the good work' please advise Kathleen Thompson that you are happy help out via the 'Committee' page on the website or just come forward at the next meeting.

Study Trips in 2020

Madingley Hall Gardens 14th May



It is still possible to book to book this, until the April meeting.

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 20th March.

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

which you can print out and attach to your payment is below. The last date for booking is 1st May.



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

Scheduled for a Saturday in October. A date will be confirmed 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:.....

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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**

Please tick method of payment used

Confirmation will be email where possible.

Cambourne and District U3A Study Trip

Stamford and Burghley House

Date: Saturday June 13th, 2020 Cost: £26.75 per person to include coach (plus tip for the driver) and guided tour of Burghley House.

Depart : 9am from Cambourne Hub Return: 4.30pm

We will first stop at Stamford, where you can explore this little market town at your leisure. **Stamford** is on the River Welland in Lincolnshire, England . The population at the 2011 census was 19,701. The town has 17th and 18th-century stone buildings, older timber-framed buildings and five medieval parish churches. Most of the pubs serve Real Ale. Initially a pottery centre, producing **Stamford** Ware, by the Middle Ages it had become **famous** for its production of wool and the woollen cloth known as **Stamford** cloth or haberget - which "In Henry III's reign... was **well known** in Venice." There is an Arts Centre, a Brewery, a Museum and lovely walks by the river, as well as many small independent shops. You will be advised when to be back at the coach for the short drive to **Burghley House** for our guided tour at 2.30pm.

Burghley House is a breathtaking Elizabethan stately home which is still privately owned. You may recognise Burghley House from its many appearances on the big screen, including The Da Vinci Code and Pride & Prejudice, when it was portrayed as the home of Lady Catherine De Bourgh. Visitor facilities include the Orangery restaurant, gift shop, gardens and beautiful walks around the historic parkland laid out by Capability Brown and still occupied by a herd of fallow deer.

Leaders: Fran Panrucker 07802 665111; Sandra Hyde

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