

Cambourne & District u3a

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*New Year's Day in the Country Park -
photo by Dekla Termanis*

A Happy New Year to one and all!

Although this greeting may well ring hollow when we are all having to stay at home, only venturing out for essential supplies and taking exercise alone or with one other person. Overall that does not seem to be a such a bad deal as in this technological age there are all the social media methods of keeping in touch within the comfort of our own homes.

Other than the group activities already taking place on Zoom, new groups could be started. For example, music appreciation or reading poetry aloud. Please send any ideas to the groups coordinator (Fran Panrucker) via the Cambourne & District u3a website. We can then circulate them to members via the Newsletter and on the website.

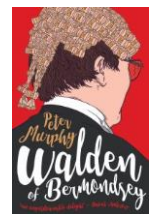


15th January at 10.30 via Zoom

Who really wrote Shakespeare's plays? By Peter Murphy

In his talk, Peter will make a full challenge to the accepted wisdom that William Shakespeare was the true author of 37 tragedy and comedy plays all ranging widely in historical eras and geographical locations. This will be a fresh take on our beloved 'Bard of Avon' but please feel free to challenge Peter's position after the talk.

Peter Murphy is the well-known author of the Ben Schroeder and 'Walden of Bermondsey' series of courtroom novels.



A Zoom link will be sent to all members later

A word from the Chair



In this snakes and ladders of a year we seem to have climbed mountains only to slide back down again. Now in 2021 we have a vaccine rollout and a faster spreading variant. But at least we are able to envisage an endpoint. At the U3A committee meeting we were hoping that we might be able to relaunch our Hub events by May. In that spirit would you like to contribute to the next newsletter in one sentence either:

1. Your Covid experience or
2. What you are most looking forward to post Covid.

Happy New Year and Lang may yer lum reek

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u3a National Office Newsletter

The links to this and to the u3a National website were circulated on the 22 December.

It contains a whole wealth of activities to get involved in. It will be interesting seeing the Zoom lectures on Egyptology, art and cookery and even enter a maths challenge! The national u3a runs monthly photography competitions through a link in the National Newsletter called 'u3a Eye'. Budding photographers can submit their photos and see them displayed on the national website. Click on the links below to get started.

[Link to National Newsletter](#)
[national website](#)



*Floods at Redgrave Water 24 December
by Dekla Termanis*

A new look Cambourne & District u3a website

In line with the new u3a National Office branding, you might well have noticed that we have adopted these new ideas. So Nigel has now updated the website in the new bright colours and bigger fonts. Check it out by clicking on one of the links below.

www.u3a.cambourne.org

or

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

Hope twinkles

In this unending darkness
How will the world learn to cope?
Look up there are millions of
diamonds
Each one sparkling and shining
with hope

So – twinkle twinkle little star
Sprinkle, sprinkle near and far
An antidote to cleanse and so rid
The whole wide world of malefic
Covid

Lucy Purvey



Contributions

I welcome all photos, poems and stories so please send them to:

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A big thank you goes to Dekla and Lucy for their beautiful contributions.

Christine Tyler