

## **Cambourne & District u3a Bulletin February 2023 Issue No. 51**

### **Message from the Chair**



Elf and safety eh? Feel like we have been in the middle of that two Ronnies sketch 'four caaandles' at times so I'm not sure if it's now safe for me to

say (technical issues aside) that I think we may have risk assessments covered. I've had to go up and down a few ladders to get there. In fact I did have to do a risk assessment to gauge how much we could all take before implosion.

Thank you for all the input; to group leaders like Ann who have found ways to collate the requirements to make the task less onerous for walk leaders. To others who made helpful suggestions, or like Lesley and Wendy who made their own RA's for their group activity before we had the process in place.

I was recently at a Burns supper (thank you Pat ) and it has made me think in this context of the Bard's phrase found in his wonderful poem To a Mouse - 'the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglay' . Good job then we had a few women on the case 😊🐣

Best wishes

Kath

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

Our website is an introduction into how our u3a operates and what it has to offer. In the past few weeks -in an ongoing process - it has been overhauled and updated by our webmaster Nigel Day. Such skills are always in demand in various groups /organisations so thankyou Nigel for devoting time to this endeavour.

*Kath and the committee*

### **17th February at 11.00 The Hub Community Centre Volunteering at the Wimpole Estate By Anne French**



An insight into the colourful world of volunteering at Wimpole Estate – the myriad roles which volunteers perform, why they love what they do and why volunteers are so important to Wimpole and the National Trust. We will look at past achievements, what is going on at the moment, plans for the future - and ways you can get involved if you feel inspired to do so.

Anne has worked for the National Trust for 12 years, mainly at Wimpole but also at Stowe in Buckinghamshire. She is passionate about heritage and conservation and is a Trustee of the Cambridge Museum of Technology.



**Allsorts Group  
Out for lunch diary**

Dear All,  
There are lots of activities planned for U3A members this year so I thought I would give you an idea of dates and venues for this group to add to your diaries.  
Many thanks for your contributions. Keep them coming.

Thursday, February 16th @ 1 pm	Cote Brassiere, French restaurant serving regional specialities and traditional classics
Thursday March 16th @ 1p.m	The Olive Grove, 100, Regent Street, Cambridge. Classic Greek dishes with a modern twist
Thursday April 13th	Time to be advised as the Lalbagh in Bourn has changed its opening hours. Is 5p.m too late for people to eat?.
Thursday June 15th @ 12.30	Seasons at the Park, Cambridge Regional College, Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge. CB4 2QT, Where else can you get a 3 course meal for £10. Meals are prepared and served, to a high standard by the students under the watchful eye of their tutors. I have made a reservation for 10 people as the venue is popular.
Thursday July 20th @1 p.m.	La Pergola on the A603 after you come out of Barton. A family run Italian restaurant producing homemade authentic Italian food
Thursday August 17th @ 1 p.m.	Stem and Glory. 50 - 60 Station Road, Cambridge, CB1 2JH Vegan restaurant. Plant based food to turn everyone vegan.
Thursday October 19th @ 1p.m	Las Iguanas, Quayside, Cambridge, Latin American cuisine.
Thursday November 16th @ 1 p.m.	Gastrono-me 14 -16 Bridge Street, A fusion of flavours from Vietnam to Korea

December Christmas Lunch/ Dinner. Please let me know your thoughts as to whether you prefer to have a Christmas meal in the evening or lunch time.

Venues and times may vary although they are correct at the time of this e mail being sent.

Best wishes

Lesley

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**Officer Role Opportunity**

Colin will have served his time as treasurer in September of this year. So we are looking for someone with an enthusiasm/experience of working with accounts for the Treasurer's role.

**Role outline** -To record all income and expenditure and pay all necessary obligations in goodtime. Keep records and reasons for all transactions.

**C&D** has two accounts with Metro bank and PayPal. The latter is used on Beacon for membership' subs. Microsoft excel is compatible with both. So if you think you could do this role from September please contact me.

We need 3 officer roles(Chair Secretary Treasurer)in post to keep going.

Kath

## Winter Walks Programme

24 <sup>th</sup> February	Haslingfield. Leader Janet Rogers. Details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Barton. Leader Diane Norman Details to follow.
24 March	Godmanchester to Hemingford Leader John Smith Details to follow
Please contact Ann Mead if you would like to join any of these walks. <a href="mailto:annmead@btinternet.com">annmead@btinternet.com</a>	
<b>New Wednesday group - first and third Wednesdays in the month</b>	
A short walk around Cambourne of 1.5 - 2 miles, starting at The Hub <u>at 10.00 am</u> and ending up with an optional coffee at Greens or the Rural Coffee company at the cricket pavilion Next walk on Wednesday 15 Feb. Just turn up if you'd like to join us Leader Ann Mead	

## Allsorts Group Gardens Galore Programme



Tues Feb 21st.	Anglesey Abbey House and Garden . The cost is £15 if you are not a National Trust Member. Anglesey Abbey has one of the best collections of snowdrops in the country. Please let me know a.s.a.p. if you are interested and whether you are a willing driver able to take passengers and whether you would like to do both the house and garden or just the garden so I can match drivers with passengers.
Tues March 21st	Chippenham Park to view their daffodils and Spring gardens. £7 but some of us have 2 for 1 Gardeners World Tickets which allows us to take another person in at half price.
Tues April 25th	Audley End House and Gardens to enjoy a riot of colour as 16,000 bedding plants and 19,000 bulbs are in bloom. Both the House and Garden

	are open and concessionary rates are £16.30. Hopefully, the 2 for 1 Gardeners World offer will be available again for this property.
Fri June 23rd	Docwra Manor and Crossing House. Two gardens down the road from one another. At Docwra Manor An old farmyard has been converted into a series of enclosures overflowing with plants to give you new ideas. £5. Crossing House gardens are on a different scale, just a quarter of an acre, but there is not an inch of ground where nothing grows and they are free.
Tues 25th July	Kathy Browns garden, Stevington. £8 The herbaceous borders are vibrant with phlox, penstemon, dahlias, and echinacea. There is also a collection of over 80 late flowering clematis as well as a wildflower meadow teeming with butterflies and bees. The homemade cakes are fabulous too.
Tues 22nd Aug	Coton Manor Gardens. Near Gulsborough, Northampton. £10. The herbaceous borders are reaching their peak and the colour schemes become more apparent. The plant nursery has many plants for sale which have been propagated on site.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Kew Gardens. Autumnal colour is the highlight. Caroline Adams is kindly organising a coach for us. Please contact her if you are interested. <a href="mailto:c.adams1@btinternet.com">c.adams1@btinternet.com</a>
Tues 24th Oct	Ickworth House and Gardens. £11 Extensive parkland and woods to explore
Tues 28th Nov	Anglesey Abbey gardens £10. These illustrate a winter garden need not be dull
Hopefully the Gardeners World magazine for April will be doing its 2 for 1 offer on some of the gardens mentioned April - November	
More information for each trip will be e mailed approximately one month before apart from Kew Gardens as the coach needs to be booked now.	



As always I am open to suggestions and for new places to visit.

Best wishes

Lesley

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## Allsorts Group

### Proposed Programme of Events in 2023

**March or April tbc the David Hockney immersion event** at the Light Room near St Pancras Station Lois Kershaw - [loiskershaw@me.com](mailto:loiskershaw@me.com)

**May Shuttleworth Swiss Garden, Biggleswade** Janet Rogers – [janet.rogers@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.rogers@btinternet.com)

**June Hitchin School Museum and lavender farm** Jan and David Nuttycombe – [nuttycombe25@gmail.com](mailto:nuttycombe25@gmail.com)

**13<sup>th</sup> July Hunstanton** 5 places left. 25 seater coach Caroline [c.adams1@btinternet](mailto:c.adams1@btinternet)

**August tbc Saffron Walden Maze Gardens** Christine - [christinetyler22@outlook.com](mailto:christinetyler22@outlook.com)

**14<sup>th</sup> September Kew Gardens** 13 places left 25 seater coach Caroline - [c.adams1@btinternet](mailto:c.adams1@btinternet)

**Cambridge Organised Walk** Fran Panrucker – [fran@panrucker.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.co.uk)

**October Madingley afternoon tea** Sandra Davies - [davies118@btinternet.com](mailto:davies118@btinternet.com)

**November Cambridge Mosque** Lesley Woodger – [lesley610@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lesley610@hotmail.co.uk)

**December** TBA

## Snowdrops at the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens 31<sup>st</sup> January



*The snowdrop admirers enjoy the sunshine and company*

**The only snowdrops that we saw came in springtime's flowering thaw.**

## Forthcoming Talks

17 February	National Trust volunteering at the Wimpole Estate by Anne French, volunteering coordinator at Wimpole.
17 March	Milling Through the Ages by Kate Armstrong and Graham Bruce, Bourn Mill volunteer guides.
21 April	The Immune System for Beginners by Ian Cameron, Cambourne resident whose talks on various subjects have been enjoyed by u3a members.
19 May	Britain's traditional feasts and seasons by Joanna Bogle, author and historian.
16 June	Weather in Space by Emma Kavanagh. Cambridge University space weather researcher
21 July	18 <sup>th</sup> Century civilian Re-enactment by Archie Black, C&D u3a member and 18 <sup>th</sup> century history aficionado.
18 August	No meeting
15 September	Ernest Shackleton's Epic Antarctic Rescue Voyage by David Horan

## Committee Role Opportunities

Dear Members,

The C&D u3a has been going for the past five years and it would only be in keeping with the u3a rules and to allow some variety that I stand down from my roles of Newsletter Editor and Speaker Secretary. I shall be relinquishing these roles at the latest by next September but should anyone want to come forward before then, please do.

These roles could be filled by one person with Speaker Secretary and Newsletter editor combined or they could be done separately by two people working in tandem.

Please let me or any member of the Committee know if you would be interested in taking up these very interesting and fulfilling duties.

With best wishes,

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