

## Cambourne & District u3a

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#### Message from the Chair



When I first moved to Mosquito Road in Cambourne and had to give my address when ordering some goods, a couple of times people commented that it was a different or unusual address.. Once though I was asked if it was an insect theme. Well, I thought, if it was perhaps it wouldn't be the optimal choice given the mosquito is probably responsible for killing about 5% of the world's population over millennia. I said WW2 aeroplanes –'ah of course' was the reply.

Talking of insects there is worrying news that in the UK they have declined by 60% in the last 20 years. Surely we all remember when long car journeys led to a windscreen full of squashed insects. Not any more it would seem. Even the garden seems more depleted of our flying friends. Well except ants they are relentless and I'm sure they will still be around when everything else is gone.

On topic as I'm writing this, a pesky fly is circulating. Despite my many attempts to show them the way out they never seem to take up the invitation.

The AGM is this month and then we have our break in August. Hope you all have a lovely summer.

Best wishes Kath

#### The AGM

The annual general meeting will be held at 10.45 on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please aim to be at the Hub by 10.15 for coffee so that the meeting can start on time.

The AGM will proceed as follows:

- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report and accounts for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Approval by members of the accounts and retention of single membership fee at £20, couples £38. Approval of an examiner of the accounts.
- Standing down of Christine Tyler as Newsletter editor and the appointment of Peter Cornwell as the new editor.
- Considerations of motions proposed by the committee and/or members. E.g. nomination of unfilled committee member roles – vice chair, minutes secretary, groups coordinator
- Election of Committee.
- Any other business.
- Formal closure of the AGM.

This will be followed immediately by :-



**AN 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HISTORICAL  
REENACTMENT**

**AT THE HUB IN CAMBOURNE**



**STARTING AT 11 O'CLOCK**

July's speakers are Ingrid, Archie and (possibly) Fiona Black, on the topic of reenactment of civilian lives in 1740's Georgian England. See the clothes, with discussion about their comfort, practicality, or lack thereof! (With an aside on what Lucy Lockett lost!).

Have lessons in some of the elements of polite behaviour, from people of fashion! The importance of music in social and family life will be touched on, and there will be music, including from the pleasure garden of Vauxhall!

The chat will also touch on the part played by children in the world of reenactment, and the most surreal question asked by a member of the public will be shared!  
*Archie Black*



<b>Forthcoming Talks</b>	
18 August	No meeting
15 September	Ernest Shackleton's Epic Antarctic Rescue Voyage by David Horan.
20 October	My great Aunt Constance, an account of her life in Burma before and during WW2 involving a perilous trek to freedom by Jenny Malin.
17 November	A Most Unusual Railway – follows the tale of a transport interest group in Ross-on-Wye by Rob Alliot.
15 December	Christmas Celebration

**Membership Renewal**

Membership for 2023/24 is now due. Thank you to all those who have already renewed. We look forward to another successful year.

If you need any help renewing, please contact-  
[u3a.membership@cambourne.org](mailto:u3a.membership@cambourne.org)  
or see me at the July 21st meeting at the Hub.

Thank you  
Jan Nuttycombe  
Membership Secretary



*Kathy Brown's Garden*

**Gardens Galore visit to  
Kathy Brown's Garden at  
Stevington**

Dear All,

Our next trip is to Kathy Browns gardens in Stevington, 25th July. Unfortunately it is no longer in the 2 for 1 gardens booklet and they require you to book in advance at a cost of £9 each.

However, you will be rewarded with over 80 species of clematis, white lilies, and under the birches a generous strip of purple and white agapanthus. For those of you with an interest in grasses these will be looking their best now with layers of pink, green and white echinacea in bloom beside them.

Containers with begonias and fuchsias will be in full stride as will the wild flower meadow with its mown paths making it easy-to wander through.

Of course there are homemade cakes and tea to complete the experience and there is an introduction to the garden on the lawn at 11.30 a.m. lasting approximately 20 mins. Please let me know if you are interested and we can individually book for the morning slot 10.30 - 1.30 p.m. .

Best wishes

Lesley



*Kathy Brown's formal garden*

**Summer Walks**

14 July.	Bourn. Leaders Ann/Fran. Meet at the Hub 10.00. Coffee at the Stove
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This will be the last of the summer walks. There will be no walks in August

Please contact Ann Mead via the 'Walking' page on the website if you would like to lead a walk in the autumn.

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

**Wednesday Strolls**

Wednesday strolls around Cambourne take place on the first and third Wednesday in the month. We meet at the Hub at 10.00 am and walk around 2 miles at a reasonable pace which takes about an hour – and usually finishes with a coffee. The next Wednesday walk is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

There will be no strolls in August

**Bourn Windmill Visit**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm.**



20 members have confirmed for this visit which is a good number. 14 people will be driving and 6 will coming on foot. Walkers should gather at the Hub at 1.20 pm. in order to reach the Mill at 2.00 pm.

If you would like to join the visit please let me know by Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. Cost of visit £7 including tea in the garden.

The address is Bourn Mill, Caxton Road, Bourn, CB29 7PZ

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**Allsorts Group  
Out for lunch diary**

**Thursday July 20th @ 6 p.m.**  
La Pergola on the A603 after you come out of Barton. A family run Italian restaurant producing homemade authentic Italian food. This event is now fully booked.



*Vegan choices at Stem & Glory*

**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

**Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm**  
Christmas Lunch at the Red House, Longstowe.

Menus will be advised later but first reserve your place provisionally.

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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**Allsorts Group  
Proposed Programme of Autumn  
Events**

**17<sup>th</sup> September Cambridge Organised Walk** Blue Badge Tour, Fran Panrucker –  
[fran@panrucker.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.co.uk)

**October Madingley afternoon tea**  
Fran [fran@panrucker.co.uk](mailto:fran@panrucker.co.uk)

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

**Gardens Galore**

**Tuesday 25th July**  
Kathy Brown's garden, Stevington. £8  
See article on page 3.

**Tuesday 22nd August**  
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> September**  
Kew Gardens. Autumnal colour is the highlight. Caroline Adams is kindly organising a coach for us. Please contact her if you are interested.  
[c.adams1@btinternet.com](mailto:c.adams1@btinternet.com)

**Tuesday 24th Oct**  
Ickworth House and Gardens. £11  
Extensive parkland and woods to explore

**Tuesday 28th November**  
Anglesey Abbey gardens £10. These illustrate a winter garden need not be dull

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 Trip to Hitchin – back to school.



On the Allsorts trip to the British Schools Museum at Hitchin, 11 members took part in lessons from the 18th and 19th Century and had an opportunity to reminisce about their own school days.



*Jeff has a naughty card*



*Jan has dirty hands too*

The British School in Hitchin was founded by the Quakers in 1810 in the slums of Hitchin. Parents had to pay 1 penny a week for each child who attended between the ages of 3 and 10 years when they went out to work. There was one teacher for 270 boys! and it worked on a monitorial system. The more able scholars taught the less able using a system of rewards and punishment cards they had to wear. U3a members took part in a lesson led by a costumed

guide and experienced both! The scholars collected the reward tokens to gain various simple toys to take home and keep. The building at Hitchin is the only one of its kind left in the world.

Two other classrooms were set out with displays from WW1 and WW2 and the later



*Dunce's cap for Wendy!*

started a lot of 'I remember that...., We had one of those...!' This continued over lunch sat in the sunshine with the Assistant Curator who is curating a display on books used in primary schools just after WW2.

The galleried classroom could seat 100 pupils in Victorian times and members experienced a lesson from the period and taken by a costumed guide, who had to be called ma'am. Many of us found the desks a bit small! We got through some arithmetic using the old pound, shillings and pence (successfully), practiced our copperplate script using a pen and ink pot, did physical exercises, read out loud and practiced our spellings, and did English comprehension using the only book they had at the time.

*David Nuttycombe*

Dear Members,  
Sorry this Newsletter is in the old format and with the same editor. This is because Peter Cornwell, our new editor, has a very important commitment for July in that he's displaying his artworks at the Cambridge Open Studios event. He will start on the new Newsletter in September.

You can visit his studio in Hardwick during the next three weekends in July.

For more information visit:

<https://camopenstudios.org>

There will be no meeting August but we look forward to our next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Enjoy your summer!

*Christine Tyler*

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