



Cambourne & District u3a
Bulletin April 2024
Issue No. 63



The Visitor!

Hello is that the police ?

Yes speaking

I wish to report an attempted break in

Did you view the intruder?

Yes have photo [on the cover!]

Excellent can you e mail?

Yes

Received- I have a helpline you can call,

This is our visiting cat. And yes she once opened the door and made her way upstairs to sit on my husband's lap. This is the problem with cats; once you fuss them and give a bit of leeway, they feel entitled to request your time whenever they see fit. So much so she has now disrupted two committee meetings. I am powerless and can merely shut the curtains as I know her role would be self serving. .

The term cat burglar was given to an infamous robber in the early 20th century who climbed structures to break into houses. I can see why when I see her suspiciously prowling on various roofs. My husband once emerged from the garage only to conveniently provide his head as a stepping stone from the hut to the water butt

I may now have to amend my house venue risk assessment to include the possibility of a cat break in. Knowing this feline friend that could well be a Catastrophe! -Kath

**Meeting and Talk on
19th April 2024
At 10.30 for 11.00
The Hub Community Centre
Cambourne
The Danelaw & Eastern England
By Ian Cameron**



Danelaw Detailed Map. The Vikings took the city of York, called "Jorvik" by the Vikings in AD 866. See York on the map.



The Danelaw, as can be seen, incorporated a significant part of Anglo Saxon England (including Cambridgeshire) for several generations and had a significant impact on the later formation of England, even after it was fully incorporated into the nation as a whole.

The presentation will cover events, treaties and battles that led up to the Danelaw, life in the Danelaw, trade in the Danelaw and the gradual regaining of the Danelaw into the English realm.

Key personalities such as Alfred the Great, his militant children, plus the key Scandinavian leaders will also be covered.

The effects of the Danelaw resonated even up to the better known 1066.

The impact on the English language, place names, and customs, especially in the North were significant.

IAN CAMERON has had a long time interest in the Danelaw, and it is hoped that his talk will motivate attendees to do their own research into this often-neglected part of history.

Need help with risk assessments for u3a activities /outings etc? Wendy Park will help or advise.

Contact Wendy through our web site.

Cambourne U3a Dance Group

The weekly u3a dance group, or, more correctly perhaps, dance fitness group, is run by the wonderful Sophi, who is a teacher with Inspirations Dance. She puts us through our paces with a variety of steps and wonderful rhythmic music, mostly from the 1980s, and everything from Rock to Latin American.

The group outgrew its first home in the Parish Meeting Room, now meeting in the main hall at the Blue Space. Sessions last for 45 minutes, with Sophi watching that we are all managing the steps and the pace, and offering advice and alternatives if needed. We have only one brave man in the group at the moment, though our dances are usually in circles or lines where partners are not needed.

Each session begins with a warm up and ends with a cool-down, and I think I speak for all participants, that we go away feeling energised and up-beat. **Fran**

Speakers for 2024 and 2025

Date	Speaker	Subject
19/4/24	Ian Cameron	East Anglia and the Danelaw
17/5/24	Bobbie Darbyshire	A beginning, a muddle and an end – Where do novelists get their ideas from?
21/6/24	David Short	Tales from the Queen's Head, Newton
19/7/24	David Horan	Visit to Chernobyl – What remains?
16/8/24		Summer Break
20/9/24	Graham Bruce	Trip to the American Great Lakes, Minnesota and the Battle of Little Bighorn
18/10/24	Tony Tutton	The life, music and influence of Buddy Holly
15/11/24	Joanna Bogle	Winter Feasts and Festivals
20/12/24	Martin Orkin	Christmas Hits by the Beatles and Many Others
17/1/25	Rob Alliot	The London Underground in WW2
21/2/25		TBA
21/3/25	Geoff Lambert	The dog in my medicine cupboard
18/4/25		TBA
16/5/25		TBA
21/6/25	Philip Caine	A life less ordinary (My career story)

Dear All

Those of us able to visit Ely Stained Glass Museum last week were treated to a delight of colour and artistry in glass in this gem of an exhibition. The Stained Glass Museum in Ely Cathedral (aka the ‘Ship of The Fens’) is THE only stained glass museum in the COUNTRY, with works from 14th -21st Century on display at eye level, so they can be fully appreciated.

Should anyone be interested, the museum also offers curated tours (for an additional charge), and to whet your appetite, the link below enables you to a virtual tour:

<https://stainedglassmuseum.com/virtualtour.php>

My particular favourites on display were:

Angel Musicians, designed in 1870’s by Edward Burne-Jones in his Italianate style, and made by Morris & Co in 1910-12



King David designed by William De Morgan ca 1865-72

The Dawning of The Last Day designed and made by Frederick Ashwin in 1871



Following the museum visit, we strolled through the park down to the river for a refreshing lunch at The Cutter Inn.

Looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday 04-Apr at The Belfry to discuss Gabriel Dante Rossetti.

Kind Regards

Stephen Attwood

Date	Event	Location	Organiser/ Lead	Time
Thurs 04-Apr	Research – Dante Gabriel Rossetti	Belfry Hotel	Stephen	2:00pm
Thurs 02-May	Research – Edward Wadsworth	Belfry Hotel	Sue	2:00pm
Thurs 06-Jun	Research – Joaquin Serolla	Belfry Hotel	Peter	2:00pm

cambou3anews@gmail.com

Interest Groups and leaders Update

Richard Davies -World War II

Sandra Davies - Theatre Group

Anne Jones - Get to know your I pad

Jeff Jones - Genealogy

Louise Kershaw - Book club 1

Janet Leonard -Book club 3

Colin Norman -Bridge Club

Fran Panrucker -Allsorts Art Appreciation, Book club 2

Dance fitness

Lucy Purvey - Darts and Pool

Janet Rogers -Walking group

John Thornton- Classical Music

Christine Tyler -French Intermediate

Lesley Woodger - Out to Lunch, Gardens Galore

Our thanks to John Thornton for setting up the classical music group.

Also thanks to Jo Darlington for providing her home and piano as the venue.

Thanks also to Lucy Purvey for setting up the Darts and Pool group.

Contact group leaders through the Website (Or me if not up there yet.)

Kath

cambou3anews@gmail.com



Interest Group news

We have an established Bridge group run by Colin Norman. Colin also teaches

Bridge and that could include a maximum of three new members. The session takes place at Darwin Manor on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30. As someone who was taught the game by Ann Mead who started the Bridge group, I'm glad I did and enjoy playing at our club on Wednesday afternoons.

If you are interested please contact Colin through our website.

If you are an established Bridge player and want to join the club also contact Colin.

Best wishes
Kath

Darts and Pool

Following on from the recent high profile of Darts with its new prodigy, Lucy Purvey has started a new Darts and Pool interest group. As usual, members have different skill levels in both games, but in the spirit of the u3a we learn from each other and enjoy. After the first week it was an achievement for some to consistently hit the board. Although looking at the space under a dart board, it is apparent that the same route is experienced by many.

Alternative Monday afternoons - 2-4pm. Monkfield Tavern

The following new groups have proposed by members.

Singing, Jazz appreciation,
Classical music, Board Games
Medieval history, Railways, Science,
Table tennis,
Gardening, Watercolour group,
Craft and sewing,
Current Affairs, Spanish/French beginners and
intermediate group,
Spanish/French conversation

To get any of these groups going requires members to identify what groups they would be interested in joining. If there is enough interest, people can get together to decide what to do. If you want to register an interest contact me through the group coordinator link on the website.

cambou3anews@gmail.com

Garden Mornings at Cambourne Church – second Saturdays of each month

To celebrate 25 years since the first residents moved in to Cambourne in 1999, Cambourne church is making a Silver Jubilee garden in the land around the church building. Our first day's work on 24th February was blessed with sunshine and enthusiastic compost spreaders of all ages who laid a cardboard base and composted greenwaste for us to grow vegetables for the Foodbank. The second Saturday 9th March was seed planting in modules and building compost bays for our own leaves and coffee grounds from 19 The Coffee House. Now we need to collect rainwater from the church roof so that we can keep the beds thriving.

With the advice of the Wildlife Trust we shall dedicate an area next to High Street for long grass where small creatures, bugs, and insect larvae can develop undisturbed, as well as taller plants for flowers and seed heads to encourage pollinators and birds.

To help shape the future of the rest of the church land as an accessible place of welcome, sanctuary, remembrance, peace, produce and wildlife, we really need your ideas on what could be in the next phases of the design, so that we can try and shape the future of the church Jubilee Garden for Cambourne residents, new and old.

Join us each Second Saturday of the month for planning, planting, nurturing, tidying and fun in the Garden, 10am – noon.

13th April, 11th May, 8/9th June (Cambourne Open Gardens)

Pam Thornton

garden@cambournechurch.org.uk

