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2024
Summer
Events

Welcome to this programme of events for U3AC members only (unless otherwise stated) taking place over the summer holiday period. With the much appreciated support of tutors and volunteer organisers, we have tried to put together a programme that will have something to appeal to every member.

If you wish to attend any of the events you MUST enrol first with the Office quoting the event code shown next to the title. Please email, ring or come in to the Office; enrolments are not possible via the website.

Places are limited and are on a first-come first-served basis. It is therefore advisable to enrol early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: You may initially request 3 events and places will be confirmed on application. If you request further events (up to a maximum of 6) you will be placed on a holding list and be contacted if the event still has places, about a week before the date.

You will not receive further confirmation or a reminder so please keep a note of the events for which you have been accepted.

Please inform the Office if you are no longer able to attend an event.

As far as possible we have tried to ensure that the events are free. If not, the cost is stated in the Programme, together with the method of payment. In some cases, a donation is requested to support the organisation that is hosting us, or as a thank you for a guide, and it would be appreciated if you could bring your donation in cash to give to the U3AC organiser at the start of the event.

The events are listed in date order.

SP 01: The map that changed the world? Reading William Smith's 1815 map of British Geology 1

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Wednesday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 12 Jun

How can we read William Smith's pioneering geological map published in 1815? Using the Museum's display copy of Smith's map, called 'the map that changed the world', we discuss how he compiled it, does it live up to the claim and how relevant is it today? The talk and tour introduce an aspect of the Sedgwick Museum which is not immediately available to the casual visitor. Behind the wealth of objects in the Museum lie fascinating histories of the people and their work which have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the deep geological past.

SP 02: The map that changed the world? Reading William Smith's 1815 map of British Geology 2

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Wednesday 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 12 Jun

This visit is a repeat of SP 01.

SP 03: Boardgaming taster 1

Organiser: Jo Whitehead

Day and time: Tuesday 10:00 - 12:30

Venue: Member's home (CB2 8AR)

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 18 Jun

Cancelled

U3AC run a number of popular boardgaming groups, and these summer one-off sessions are a chance to try out a simple boardgame, to see if attending the regular program might be of interest. Participants will have the rules explained and have some support as they play. It will all be quite lighthearted with an emphasis on participating rather than winning! Free street parking available.

Members will be informed of the venue address on application.

SP 04: A guided tour of Northstowe New Town

Organiser: Ian Hunter

Day and time: Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

Date: 18 Jun

A tour by two community development officers, explaining the main features of Northstowe, and its projected future development. We will be starting at Longstanton Park and Ride, just a short walk from the community centre in Northstowe.

Meeting point: At the guided bus stop coming from Cambridge. I will have a placard with U3AC written on it.

SP 05: Poetry reading taster

Organiser: Jo Whitehead

Day and time: Tuesday 13:30 - 14:45

Venue: Member's home (CB2 8AR)

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15

Date: 18 Jun

Cancelled

U3AC run a series of poetry reading groups and this Summer one-off session is a chance to try out a similar format to see if attending the regular programme might be of interest. Participants will be invited to suggest a poem to submit in advance and read on the day – although this will be optional and you can just turn up, listen, and join in the discussion. Free street parking available.

Members will be informed of the venue address upon application.

SP 06: Concerts and Cafés

Organiser: Jo Whitehead

Day and time: Various

Number of sessions: 5

Places: 65

Start date: 18 Jun

Participants will meet for lunchtime concerts in Cambridge (e.g. at Michaelhouse, Great St Mary's, United Reformed Church), preceded or followed by a trip to a café. Most concerts are free, although organisers ask for voluntary donations. I will endeavour to find interesting and less-known cafes, such as those buried inside Cambridge colleges such as Emmanuel and Downing – but please be aware that these are always subject to rule changes imposed by the colleges at short notice! Where possible I will arrange for one of the performers to give a short talk in advance of the concert. You need not attend all the concerts. Dates to be finalised, but expected to include: Tue, 18 June, 15:30 – 17:00, Great Hall, Girton College, GCMS: May Week Concert. Admission: £10 to include wine and strawberries and cream; tickets on sale at the door. Wednesday 19 June, 13.00, Downing Place URC – with a trip afterwards to Fiona's (Emmanuel) or Lord Butterfield (Downing).

Thursday 20 June, 16.00, Selwyn College – with a trip afterwards to their Main Hall for a tea from 15.00 (if unavailable we will meet at Fiona's at Newnham College – TBD).

Friday 21 June, 13.00, Great St Mary's – with a trip afterwards to Michaelhouse (TBD).

Wednesday 26 June, 13.00, Downing Place URC – with a trip afterwards to Fiona's (Emmanuel) or Lord Butterfield (Downing).

Friday 28 June 13.00, Great St Mary's – with a trip afterwards to Michaelhouse.

Other dates after this are likely – but as I shall not be there, we will need to find a way to be suitably self-organised.

SP 07: What did Queen Victoria ask Adam Sedgwick? 1

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Wednesday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 19 Jun

Adam Sedgwick's Geological Museum was opened in 1840 in the Cockerell Building to house his geological collections. When Queen Victoria and Prince Albert visited the Museum in 1847, what did they see? what did the Queen ask Sedgwick and what was his reply? This tour and talk will look at Sedgwick's fossils, which were 'hot news' at the time and subsequently were incorporated into the present Museum collections. The talk and tour introduce an aspect of the Sedgwick Museum which is not immediately available to the casual visitor. Behind the wealth of objects in the Museum lie fascinating histories of the people and their work, which have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the deep geological past.

SP 08: What did Queen Victoria ask Adam Sedgwick? 2

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Wednesday 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 19 Jun

This visit is a repeat of SP 07.

SP 09: Cambridge history and the wider context

Tutor: David Berkley

Day and time: Thursday 11:00 - 13:00

Number of sessions: 7

Places: 20

Start date: 20 Jun

The highly religious and secular history of Cambridge. Influences in/out to/from the Western world. Monasteries, Renaissance, Reformation, Puritans, Cromwell, Wilberforce, Simeon and missionaries, F. Bacon. Science – Newton, Darwin, discovery of electron, 1st splitting of the atom, DNA. University and college educational system, world's 1st Debating Society, Architecture. Other buildings covered – Old Divinity School, and Gates of Humility, Virtue and Honour. Also - Student pranks

Colleges: Emmanuel, Pembroke, Queens', Kings, Trinity Hall, Magdalene, Jesus, Christ's, St Johns – and (hopefully) Sidney Sussex.

Churches: Round Church, Great St Mary's and St Edwards

Meeting point for the first week: The Round Church main entrance, thereafter different weekly venues (as per programme to be distributed 1st week).

SP 10: Knowledge is power

Organiser: Jenny Knight

Day: Monday

Venue: Via email

Number of sessions: 9

Places: 30

Date: 24 Jun

Find out how powerful your knowledge is by joining in a new email programme during the summer. For nine weeks from 24 June, you will be sent quizzes on a wide range of topics to keep your mind active. They will probably arrive on Monday each week or over the preceding weekend. Answers will be sent to you later in the week so you can find out your score yourself. It is up to you whether you report your score to me, whether you share the quizzes with family and friends, and whether you look up the answers before they are sent to you. All you have to do is enjoy yourself.

SP 11: The Summer Draw 1

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Monday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 24 Jun

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. I find sketching away from home more motivating and supportive when with others. This group would be for anyone who likes to draw, of whatever standard/experience.

Drawing/painting materials need to be portable. (The art shop in King Street gives 10% discount to U3AC members.) Wear weather appropriate clothes. A small portable stool might be useful. If the weather is unfavourable, we will move to an indoor location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea, and time to talk.

Meeting point: Jesus Green, near to the little kiosk at the end of the footbridge.

Items to draw there: newly restored lock, avenues of trees, skatepark, Park Street cottages, Fort St George pub, boathouses, exterior of Museum of Technology, Riverside/Equiano Bridge.

Refreshments available at the Kiosk at Jesus Green, Café at Museum of Technology, perhaps Tesco's?

SP 12: Boardgaming taster 2

Organiser: Jo Whitehead

Day and time: Monday 14:00 - 16:30

Venue: Member's home (CB2 8AR)

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 24 Jun

This is a repeat SP 03

Members will be informed of the venue address on application

SP 13: The Summer Draw 2

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Wednesday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 26 Jun

This event is a repeat of Summer Draw 1 but will be meeting in a different location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea and time to talk.

Meeting point: At Quayside.

Items to draw there: include punts, plus Portugal Place, Bridge Street, St Clement's and the Round churches, outside of St John's College, interesting shop fronts, cafés and tourists.

Refreshments available at Fitzbillies café.

SP 14: New Towns and Garden Cities - a presentation

Organiser: Ian Hunter

Day and time: Thursday 11:00 - 12:30

Venue: Northstowe Tap and Social, Unit 2, The Mount, Station Road, Northstowe CB24 3DS

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 18

Date: 27 Jun

A talk about New Towns and Garden Cities, in the UK and across the world. The Cambridge area is set to see a major increase in the volume of housing, so this talk will help members gain a better understanding of what the consequences might be. Members arriving by car can park, for free at Longstanton Park & Ride. Coffee, alcohol and meals are available in The Northstowe Tap and Social.

Meeting point: The guided bus stop coming from Cambridge. I will have a placard with U3AC written on it.

Full

SP 15: The Summer Draw 3

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Friday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 28 Jun

This event is a repeat of Summer Draw 1 but will be meeting in a different location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch.

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea and time to talk.

Meeting point: Outside the Department of Engineering, Trumpington Street CB2 1PZ to sketch Hobson's Conduit, outside of Fitzwilliam Museum, (and perhaps inside?) Trumpington Street, the Judge Institute, Little St. Mary's church/churchyard, the Pitt Building, exterior of Peterhouse College etc.

Refreshments available at The Little Rose, Hot Numbers café, Fitzwilliam Museum café.

SP 16: A guided tour of Letchworth, the world's first Garden City

Organiser: Ian Hunter

Day and time: Saturday 10:30 - 12:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

Date: 29 Jun

The tour and talk will be led by Josh Tidy - the Curator of the International Garden Cities Exhibition Centre. He will explain the importance of Letchworth in relation to Town planning throughout the world. Members can also arrive by car and park near to the railway station.

Meeting point: Outside Letchworth railway station (I will have a U3AC placard)

Cost: £5.00 fee To be given to Josh Tidy, on the day, and will go directly to the International Garden Cities Exhibition Centre, to assist in its reopening. Any additional voluntary donations would be very welcome.

SP 17: The Summer Draw 4

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Monday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 01 Jul

This event is a repeat of Summer Draw 1 but will be meeting in a different location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea and time to talk.

Meeting point: Outside Cambridge Fire Station, to draw it or the swimming pool or skatepark, or anything on, or from, Parker's Piece, moving on to the first part of Mill Road/Petersfield area, cafés, shops and Mill Road Cemetery.

Refreshments available at many local cafés.

SP 18: Short walk to see art round Mill Road

Leader: Jo Edkins

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 02 Jul

Starting at Parker's Piece, we will walk around the Mill Road area as far as the railway bridge, looking at local art. The pace will be gentle rather than brisk walking. Wear comfortable shoes! I have set up a website for this walk, giving the route, and more information about what we will see: <https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-mill.htm>

Meeting point: Corner of Parker's Piece near the junction of Gonville Place and Parkside.

Full

SP 19: The Summer Draw 5

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Wednesday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 03 Jul

This event is a repeat of Summer Draw 1 but will be meeting in a different location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch.

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea and time to talk.

Meeting point: Just outside the Railway Station, sketching there, plus nearby suspension bridge, older and newer buildings in Station Road or Hills Road, Highsett, the War Memorial, and cranes.

Refreshments available in Cafés in Hills Road or at station.

SP 20: Studio ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 1

Organiser: Lindsay Millington and Penny Carter

Day and time: Thursday 14:30 - 16:00

Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street CB2 1RB

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 8

Date: 04 Jul

Full

U3AC tutor Lindsay Millington, who helped to install the collection, will lead a gallery-based introduction to twentieth-century pottery, looking at how styles and techniques developed through the work of potters such as the Martin Brothers, William De Morgan, Bernard Leach (known as the 'father of studio pottery') Lucie Rie and Hans Coper, and some of the contemporary ceramicists who followed them.

Meeting point: In the reception area of the Courtyard Entrance

SP 21: The Summer Draw 6

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

Day and time: Friday 10:15 - 16:30

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 05 Jul

This course is a repeat of Summer Draw 1 but will be meeting in a different location.

10.15-10.30 Meet

10.30-12.30 Morning sketching session

12.30 Coffee, and time to talk, then lunch

2.15-2.30 Meet again.

2.30-4.30 Afternoon sketching session.

4.30 Tea and time to talk.

Meeting point: Outside the West Road concert hall (CB3 9DP) to draw buildings/sculptures/bicycles in the area between Sidgwick Avenue and West Road, perhaps exterior of University Library, Squire Law Library etc. Refreshments available at the Iris Café at Newnham College, other university cafes in the area.

SP 22: What is the Chalk? 1

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 09 Jul

Full

Visit the Sedgwick Museum to explore the Chalk. From William Smith's pioneering mapping of the Chalk outcrop, as seen in his 1815 map, to the Museum's extensive collections of Chalk fossils. This 'tour and talk' will discuss the unique nature of this Cretaceous limestone that forms so much of the landscape of southern England. The talk and tour introduces an aspect of the Sedgwick Museum which is not immediately available to the casual visitor. Behind the wealth of objects in the museum lie fascinating histories of the people and their work which have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the deep geological past.

SP 23: Short walk to see art in Cambridge city centre

Leader: Jo Edkins

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 09 Jul

Full

Starting at the bus station, we will walk round the city centre, looking at a wide variety of art visible from the streets and paths. The pace will be gentle rather than brisk walking. Wear comfortable shoes! I have set up a website for this walk, giving the route, and more information about what we will see:

<https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-cenart.htm>

The content of this walk has been covered by my U3AC "Walks around Cambridge", so I suggest that anyone who has been on that does not apply.

Meeting point: Bus Station, Christ's Pieces end of Christ's Lane.

SP 24: What is the Chalk? 2

Tutor: Douglas Palmer

Day and time: Tuesday 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Sedgwick Museum, Downing Place CB2 3EQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 09 Jul

Full

This visit is a repeat of SP 22.

SP 25: Short walks in and around Cambridge

Organisers: Heather Chisholm & Jacqueline Radford

Day and time: Alternate Wednesdays, 10:30 - 12:00

Number of sessions: 4

Places: 10

Start date: 10 Jul

Full

We will walk around Cambridge for one to two hours looking at architecture, works of art, anything quirky and interesting. Each walk will be different and at a gentle pace. Before each walk we'll send a map and details of where we will meet. Dates of the walks will be 10 & 24 July, 7 & 21 August.

SP 26: Tour of Cambridge University Library

Organiser: Belinda Bryan

Day and time: Friday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Cambridge University Library, West Road CB3 9DR

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 12 Jul

Full

A guide will lead a tour of one of the world's great libraries: 'Billions of words, millions of books, thousands of years of human thought and discovery.' Before or after the tour participants may wish to visit the library's current exhibition: 'Murder by the Book: A celebration of 20th Century British Crime Fiction'. Free tickets for the exhibition can be booked online at [Murder by the Book: A Celebration of 20th Century British Crime Fiction | Cambridge University Library](#)

SP 27: Short walk - Saxon Cambridge

Leader: Jo Edkins

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 16 Jul

Full

Starting at Quayside, we will walk round the city centre. There isn't much left of Saxon Cambridge, but we will explore the hints. The pace will be gentle rather than brisk walking. Wear comfortable shoes! I have set up a website for this walk, giving the route, and more information about what we will see:

<https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-saxon.htm>

The content of this walk has been covered by my U3AC "Walks around Cambridge", so I suggest that anyone who has been on that does not apply.

Meeting point: Quayside

SP 28: Military History Summer School

Organisers: Harry Belsey & Justin Hiscock

Day and time: Wednesday 10:30 - 12:00

Venue: Zoom

Number of sessions: 6

Places: 40

Start date: 10 Jul

We propose to replay and discuss favourites from the back catalogue as chosen by the current members.

A 90 min military history meeting typically comprises a 50 min PowerPoint presentation on a military theme, followed by a discussion; this is followed by a brief (20 min) "postscript" which can be on personal or family experience, an artefact or a cameo; often not too serious, also followed by a discussion. Zoom invitations to the meeting are sent to participants the previous day.

Please click [HERE](#) for the programme.

SP 29: Visit to Histon Road Cemetery

Organiser: Penny Carter

Day and time: Thursday 10:30 - 11:30

Venue: Histon Road Cemetery, CB4 3LE

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15

Date: 18 Jul

Full

Histon Road Cemetery (www.histonroadcemetery.org) was created in 1843 to serve the thriving non-conformist community of Cambridge. As the best example of the work of horticulturalist and designer John Claudius Loudon, it is Grade II* listed. Join a tour of this serene and beautifully curated haven in the centre of Cambridge with its abundance of wildlife and botanical interest. The tour will be led by Michael French, former Chair of the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery, who is an authority on its origin and history, and who will recount some of the stories of those buried there. The names of shopkeepers, builders and others may well be familiar to you.

Donation: (£2.00-3.00) to the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery welcomed. Please bring cash on the day

Meeting point: At the central oval in the Cemetery. The Cemetery lies between Histon Road and Victoria Road and there is also an entrance on Victoria Road by the Carpenter's Arms, a convivial pub for refreshment after the visit.

Stagecoach buses 8 and 8A stop near the Cemetery.

SP 30: Short walk - Coe Fen and Sheep's Green

Leader: Jo Edkins

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 23 Jul

Full

Starting at Silver Street bridge, this is a short walk through a surprisingly rural part of the city. The paths are paved (tarmac) but may be muddy or uneven. The pace will be gentle rather than brisk walking. Wear comfortable shoes! I have set up a website for this walk, giving the route, and more information about what we will see:

<https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-fen.htm>

Meeting point: Silver Street bridge

SP 31: Emmanuel College afternoon tea

Organiser: Susan Jeeves

Day and time: Friday 14:30 - 16:30

Venue: Emmanuel College Garden

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 110

Date: 26 Jul

Come and join us for Afternoon tea in the beautiful gardens or Emmanuel College (or in the Old Library if the weather is inclement). The price includes Selection of sandwiches including vegetarian fillings. Scones, clotted cream and jam.

A selection of sliced cakes

Tea, coffee, A selection of herbal teas

Cost: £22.80 to be paid to the Office on registration, either by Bacs or in person with a credit or debit card.

Closing date for applications: 18 July

SP 32: Cambridge city sculpture walk 1

Organiser: Penny Carter

Day and time: Monday 10:00 - 11:30

Venue: Senate House, King's Parade

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 29 Jul

Full

The walk will be led by Heather Warwick, one of the founder members of Cambridge Sculpture Trails (www.cambridgesculpturetrails.co.uk), together with Karina Plough and artist and sculptor Richard Bray, who hope to raise your awareness of just some of the publicly accessible sculptures our city has to offer.

It will start at the Senate House, cross over the river, walk through college gardens, proceed to the Sidgwick Site via the University Library and end at Newnham College, where the pleasant café overlooking the college gardens will be open for refreshments.

Meeting point: On the corner of Senate House Passage

Donation: £3.00 is requested to help maintain Cambridge Sculpture Trails and cash will be collected on the day.

SP 33: Botanic Garden sketching, picnic and music

Organisers: Maggie Balshaw & Samara Philpott

Day and time: Wednesday 15:00 - 20:00

Venue: Cambridge University Botanic Garden, 1 Brookside CB2 1JE

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 16

Date: 31 Jul

Full

Join us for an afternoon of sketching, a picnic (bring your own), and then Sounds Green on the lawn. Cores do Samba are playing live that evening as part of the Summer Music Festival. 6.15pm. Sketching anywhere in the garden or the greenhouses, bring your usual drawing/painting equipment.

Cost: Entry fee to the Botanic Garden includes the music. Friends of the BG free.

Meeting point: At the Garden Café at 3pm.

SP 34: Wine tasting with Dinner

Organiser: Sue Jeeves

Day and time: Wednesday 17:00 – 20:30

Venue: d'Arry's, King Street CB1 1LN

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15

Date: 31 July

Full

Please come and join us for a wine tasting with a difference. We will be having dinner at d'Arry's with the wines. Matthew Boucher will talk us through some more wines but will pair it with your dinner choices (as far as he can in the group).

There will be an additional fee to pay for this event along with your own dinner.

Menu choices will need to be submitted two weeks before the event, a link will be sent to you.

Please click [HERE](#) for the Menu

Cost: £30.00 to be paid upon registering, either by BACS or by card in person at the Office. £10 of this is a deposit for your food.

Closing date: Monday 15 July.

SP 35: Robinson College walking garden tour

Organiser: Sheila Bennett

Day and time: Thursday 11:00 - 12:30

Venue: Robinson College, Grange Road CB3 9AN

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

Date: 01 Aug

Join us for a Summer's walk round the stunning gardens of Robinson College led by the Head Gardener, who will talk about their development and the history of the college. The gardens comprise 10 original Edwardian gardens linked to a central woodland water garden focused on Bin Brook, with a small lake at the heart of the site. This gives a sense of park and informal woodland but keeping the sense of more formal gardens beyond.

The college cafeteria will be open for refreshments after the walk.

Meeting point: The Porter's Lodge.

Buses U1 and U2 stop outside the college.

Donation: £5.00 to the National Garden Scheme is requested; to be collected in cash on the day.

SP 36: Cycling group summer picnic

Leader: Derek Morris

Day and time: Monday 10:30 - 14:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 25

Date: 05 Aug

Several rides starting from locations around Cambridge and all meeting for a picnic in Milton Country Park from around 12.30. It is suggested that riders bring their own refreshments, but we will be meeting near the cafe in the park, and there will be toilets nearby. Rides will vary in length, from between 10 and 30 miles. Ride start locations and times will be published closer to the date of the event, in the Cycling group rides programme.

SP 37: Visit to the Whipple Museum

Organiser: Belinda Bryan

Day and time: Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30

Venue: Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Free School Lane, CB2 3RH

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

Date: 06 Aug

Full

An opportunity to take a tour of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science (<https://www.whipplemuseum.cam.ac.uk>) when it's not open to the public (and to ask questions). The Museum was founded in 1944 when Robert Stewart Whipple presented his collection of scientific instruments to the University of Cambridge. An exceptional array of scientific instruments is exhibited dating from the Middle Ages to the present day, and all are tools that have helped scientists to understand the world. Highlights include the Grand Orrery of c. 1750, Charles Darwin's microscope and a range of splendid globes of many types. In addition to instruments of astronomy, navigation, surveying, drawing and calculating there is also a fascinating display of sundials, mathematical instruments and early electrical apparatus.

Meeting point: At the main entrance in Free School Lane

SP 38: Studio ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 2

Organiser: Lindsay Millington and Debbie Ganz
Day and time: Thursday 14:30 - 16:00
Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street CB2 1RB
Number of sessions: 1
Places: 8 **Full**
Date: 08 Aug
This event is a repeat SP 20.
Meeting point: In the reception area of the Courtyard Entrance.

SP 39: Themed photo walks around Cambridge 1

Organiser: Tim Ewbank
Day and time: Monday 14:00 - 16:00
Number of sessions: 1
Places: 20
Date: 12 Aug
Would you like to spend a summer afternoon taking photos around Cambridge? Members of our Photo Forum are offering to lead walks on four subjects:

- walks along the Cam from Bridge Street
- Bicycles
- portrait of King Street
- shop fronts

Participants will be asked to pick one of the four themes to focus on. Each group will contain a maximum of five members (so 20 in total on each day). Walks will take about two hours, plus an initial group briefing at the Round Church. There are no technical prerequisites in terms of types of camera. "The best camera to capture the moment is the one you have with you".

After the walks, the results will be shared via the Photo Forum website.

Meeting point: The Round Church

SP 40: Christs College afternoon tea

Organiser: Susan Jeeves
Day and time: Tuesday 14:30 - 16:30
Venue: Christ's College, St Andrew's Street, CB2 3BU
Number of sessions: 1
Places: 110
Date: 13 Aug
Join us for an afternoon tea in the gardens of Christ's College. Afternoon tea will include:
Cocktail Sandwiches: Cheese & Tomato, Ham & Mustard, Smoked Salmon & Cucumber and Egg & Cress.
Selection of Cakes: Scones - A mixture of Plain & Fruit with Jam & Clotted Cream, Mini Chocolate Éclairs, Shortbread, Carrot Cake Bites and Chocolate Brownies.
Tea, Coffee and Herbal Infusions.
In the event of inclement weather, an indoor venue will be used.
There will be a selection of Library treasures available to view during the event, for which you will need to choose your time slot for when you arrive.
Please notify us of any dietary requirements when booking.
Cost: £18.95 to be paid to the Office on registration, either by Bacs or in person with a credit or debit card.
Closing date for applications: Monday 5 August

SP 41: Visit to the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop

Organiser: Penny Carter
Day and time: Thursday 11:00 - 12:30
Venue: The Cardozo Kindersley Workshop, 152 Victoria Road CB4 3DZ
Number of sessions: 1
Places: 12 **Full**
Date: 15 Aug
Founded by David Kindersley in 1946 and now run by his widow, Lida Lopes Cardozo MBE Litt.D., and daughter-in-law Roxanne, the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop applies the knowledge and traditions of a craft thousands of years old to bring beautiful things to life in the modern day. They create outstanding lettering in stone, glass, metal, wood and on paper – including headstones, commemorative plaques, heraldic carving, sundials, bookplates, typefaces and lettering cut straight into buildings. They cut with hammer and chisel and avoid using machines, designing, cutting, painting and gilding all entirely by hand.
Lida will describe in more detail the history of the Workshop and some of the commissions it has undertaken over the decades, and there will be an opportunity to see the craftspeople at work.
Meeting point: At the Workshop.
Stagecoach buses 8 and 8A stop nearby.

SP 42: 'Letter Word Text' at the David Parr House

Organiser: Penny Carter
Day and time: Monday 14:00 - 15:30
Venue: David Parr House, The Visitor Centre, 184 Gwydir Street CB1 2LW
Number of sessions: 1
Places: 15 **Full**
Date: 19 Aug
A specially arranged visit to this exhibition at the David Parr House of books and printing by the Rampant Lions Press (www.rampantlionspress.com). The work on display focuses on the use of two typefaces which echo the Gothic Revival lettering used by David Parr in his domestic decoration: one based on the type originally used by Gutenberg in his first Bible of 1455, and the later one used by William Morris at his Kelmscott Press. Sebastian Carter, one of the partners in the Rampant Lions Press, will talk about the books. Tea and coffee will be available.
Members registering for the Exhibition may also apply for a guided tour of the house. Tours, limited to 6 people, will take place at 12.00 and 15.30 and last approximately 90 minutes. To book a place (on a first come first served basis), contact info@davidparrhouse.org stating clearly 'U3AC, 19 August' and which time slot you wish to join. The cost is £14.50 (£16.00 with a donation), to be paid direct to the David Parr House on the day.
Meeting point: At the Visitor Centre (next door to the David Parr House at no. 186).
Directions: See: <https://davidparrhouse.org/find-us/>
Donation: Is requested to the David Parr House.

SP 43: Themed photo walks around Cambridge 2

Tutor: Tim Ewbank

Day and time: Monday 14:00 - 16:20

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

Date: 19 Aug

This is a repeat of SP 39.

Meeting point: The Round Church

SP 44: Lace bobbin making

Leader: Jo Edkins

Day and time: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Member's home (CB1 2LG)

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 6

Date: 20 Aug

Full

We will spend an hour looking at lace, how it is made and something of its history.

Members will be informed of the venue address upon application.

SP 45: Tour of Wolfson College Gardens

Organiser: Belinda Bryan

Day and time: Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

Venue: Wolfson College, Barton Road CB3 9BB

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

Date: 20 Aug

Full

The tour of these beautiful gardens will be led by Oscar Holgate, the Head Gardener, who will talk about plants, sustainability and biodiversity as well as composting and propagation facilities. He is a fount of knowledge and is happy to answer any questions. Tea and coffee will be served in the College after the tour.

Cost: £2.42 to cover the cost of tea and coffee – to be paid to the Office on registration, either by Bacs or in person.

Meeting point: Outside the Porter's Lodge

The U Bus stops in Grange Road, about 5 minutes' walk from the College.

For parking availability, contact the Porter's Lodge on 01223 335900.

SP 46: American Cemetery tour

Organiser: Susan Jeeves

Day and time: Thursday 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Cambridge American Cemetery, Madingley Road, Coton CB23 7PH

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

Date: 22 Aug

Full

Our visit includes a general tour and the Visitor Centre. The Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial site in England was donated by the University of Cambridge. The cemetery contains the remains of 3,811 of our war dead; 5,127 names are recorded on the Walls of the missing. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified. A new Visitor Centre opened in May 2014. Through interpretive exhibits that incorporate personal stories, photographs, films, and interactive displays, visitors will gain a better understanding of this critical campaign that contributed to the Allied victory in Europe during World War II.

Meeting point: At the main entrance.

On-site parking available and the Number 4 Stagecoach bus also stops at the gate.

SP 47: Histon Beer Festival tasting

Leader: Don Kelly

Day and time: Tuesday 14:30 - 15:30

Venue: Red Lion Pub Garden, Histon CB24 9JL

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 03 Sep

Come and join us for a tasting session of 6 beers with an expert beer festival volunteer. We will talk through the beers and what you will be expected to taste. You would then be welcome to stay and enjoy the rest of the day (after 5pm there is an entry fee £3) and purchase your own beers, before heading home in a discounted Panther taxi (if needed).

Meeting point: At the entrance to the beer tent in the pub garden

Cost: £10 payable on the day, cash or card.

SP 48: Women's Art Collection at Murray Edwards College

Organiser: Jenny Blackburn

Day and time: Wednesday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Murray Edwards College, Huntingdon Road
CB3 0DF

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

Date: 04 Sep

Full

A self-guided tour of the renowned international Women's Art Collection at Murray Edwards College (www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk), with its award-winning 'Brutalist' architecture and its gardens. We will see paintings, ceramics and sculpture on the walls, corridors, Dome and outside. The Art was given to this women's college by artists such as Barbara Hepworth, Maggi Hambling, Tracey Emin, Paula Rego and Lubaina Himid. We hope to have time to visit the college café afterwards, and of course the gardens.

Meeting point: Porter's Lodge on Buckingham Road (off Huntingdon Road)

Directions: Bus 8/8A from e.g. Drummer St or Emmanuel St, towards Cottenham. Alight at Histon Road Corner. Also Bus 5/6 along Huntingdon Road.

Car Park is on Storey's Way, accessed from Madingley Road A1303 next to Churchill College. Use intercom to speak to Porter's Lodge if gate is closed.

Walk through grounds to Porter's Lodge.

SP 49: Visit to Cambridge University Press Museum

Organiser: Belinda Bryan

Day and time: Thursday 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Cambridge University Press and Assessment, Shaftesbury Road CB2 8EA

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

Date: 05 Sep

Full

Rosalind Grooms, Cambridge University Press archivist, and Heidi Mulvey, Head of Community Engagement, will provide an introduction to the Press and a tour of the highlights of its museum. The fascinating displays explore the printing and publishing history of the Press from its beginnings in 1534 to the present day. Tea and coffee will be available.

Meeting point: University Printing House Reception (on entering the Press site, you will pass The Triangle building on your left. The Printing House is further on, beyond the grassed area on the right).

Directions: The U bus stops in Brooklands Avenue by the junction to Shaftesbury Road, and a number of Stagecoach buses stop at Cambridge station, from which the Press is a 10 minute walk.

Very limited visitor parking, which must be booked in advance on registering, giving make of vehicle plus registration number so that a named place can be allocated.

SP 50: Cambridge city sculpture walk 2

Organiser: Penny Carter

Day and time: Monday 10:00 – 11:30

Venue: Senate House, Kings Parade

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 09 Sep

Full

A repeat of SP 32.

Meeting point: On the corner of Senate House Passage

Donation: £3.00 is requested to help maintain Cambridge Sculpture Trails and cash will be collected on the day.

SP 51: Visit to Histon Road Cemetery 2

Organiser: Penny Carter

Day and time: Thursday 2:30 - 3:30

Venue: Histon Road Cemetery, CB4 3LE

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15

Date: 18 Jul

Full

This is a repeat of SP 29

Donation: (£2.00-3.00) to the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery welcomed. Please bring cash on the day

Meeting point: At the central oval in the Cemetery. The Cemetery lies between Histon Road and Victoria Road and there is also an entrance on Victoria Road by the Carpenter's Arms, a convivial pub for refreshment after the visit.

Stagecoach buses 8 and 8A stop near the Cemetery.

The following events do not need to be applied for at the Office

Jesus Green Picnic

Organiser: Jenny Blackburn

Day and time: Wednesday 17 July 12:30 - 14:30

Venue: Jesus Green

Places: Unlimited

Bring your own food, drink and any seating required to the grass under the trees on Jesus Green (note that barbecues are not permitted in the area we've chosen). Friends of U3AC members, and children, are also welcome. We're delighted that the U3AC group, Mainly Madrigals, led by Susan Whykes will be doing an unaccompanied set early on during the picnic.

Meeting point: At the U3AC banner, between the tennis courts and Park Parade.

Anthony and Cleopatra

Organiser: Lucy Purkis

Day and time: Wednesday 17 July 19:30 - 21:30

Venue: Downing College

Places: Dependant on availability

Join members of the U3AC Theatre Club for this Cambridge Shakespeare Festival production in the formal splendour of the Downing College gardens. For more details see: www.cambridgeshakespeare.com/programme Please let the Club know that you will be attending on u3actheatre@barg.org.uk so that we can look out for you.

Buy your own ticket via the CSF website.

Tickets are now on sale so book now to avoid disappointment.

Meeting point: In the seating area of the college gardens at around 19:00. You are of course welcome to bring drinks or a picnic.

Richard II

Organiser: Lucy Purkis

Day and time: Wednesday 7 August 19:30 - 21:30

Venue: Trinity College

Places: Dependant on availability

Join members of the U3AC Theatre Club for this Cambridge Shakespeare Festival production in the gardens of Trinity College. For more details see:

www.cambridgeshakespeare.com/programme. Please let the Club know that you will be attending on u3actheatre@barg.org.uk so that we can look out for you.

Tickets are now on sale so book now to avoid disappointment.

Meeting point: Use the Queen's Road entrance to the college and meet in the seating area of the gardens at around 19:00. You are of course welcome to bring drinks or a picnic.

September Garden Party

Organiser: Pam Holt

Day and time: Sunday 1 September 14:30 - 17:30

Venue: The Dovecote, 29 High Street, Haslingfield, CB23 1JW

Members have been invited by Pam Holt to enjoy a traditional cream tea with freshly-baked scones, jam and cream, in the informal woodland garden of the 17th century Dovecote. £5 on the door, Proceeds to Parkinson's UK (this event is not exclusively for U3AC members).

Suggestions for private enterprise

Get Knitting!

Knitting Pattern of Alligator Alphabet Baby Blanket

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Histon and Impington Art Trail:

<http://www.hisimp.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Histon-Impington-Public-Art-Trail-Final-v1.4-210204.pdf> (self-guided trail to see public artworks in the villages).

Cambridge Past, Present and Future events:

<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/pages/events/category/cambridge-whats-on-events?Take=39> (lists a number of events over the summer, some of which are free, take place at Wandlebury Country Park and elsewhere).

University of Cambridge museums

<https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on> (lists a number of free events; in addition, the museums are open to the public; check the opening hours for individual museums at <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk>).

Classical concerts

<https://www.cambridgeconcerts.com> (comprehensively lists classical concerts in Cambridge and nearby).

