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2025 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 <u>Office</u> quoting the event code shown next to the title. Please email or ring 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.

## SE 01: Guided Tour of Letchworth Garden City

Organiser: Ian Hunter

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

Venue: Letchworth Number of sessions: 1

Places: 25 Date: 28 Jun

Letchworth is the world's first Garden city and is an exemplar for new towns across the world. The tour will be guided by Josh Tidy, who is the curator of the international Garden Cities Exhibition Centre.

**Meet:** The tour starts at 10.30am outside the Letchworth Railway station. For those coming by car, parking arrangements will be released near the time.

# SE 02: Studio Ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 1

Leader: Lindsay Millington

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

Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street CB2 1RB

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 8 Date: 02 Jul

U3AC tutor Lindsay Millington, who helped to install the collection, will lead a gallery-based introduction to 19th & 20th 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.

**Meet:** Fitzwilliam Museum, meet at the Courtyard entrance

(inside)

## SE 03: Botanic Gardens sketching, picnic and music

Organisers: Maggie Balshaw and 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 Start date: 02 Jul

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

Cost: Entry fee to the Botanic Garden includes the music.

Friends of the Botanic Garden free. **Meeting:** at the Garden Cafe at 3pm

## SE 04: Knowledge is Power

Leader: Jenny Knight

**Day**: Monday **Venue**: Email

Number of sessions: 8

Places: 25 Start date: 07 Jul

Check how powerful your general knowledge is by joining in a new email programme this summer. For eight weeks from 7 July, you will be sent three quizzes on a wide range of topics. In previous years they have encompassed elephants and geometry. They will arrive on Monday each week or over the preceding weekend. Answers will be sent to you later in the week so you can check your score yourself. It is up to you whether you report your score, whether you share the quizzes with family and friends, and whether you look up the answers before they are sent to you. Most have not been offered at U3AC before – a few were perhaps aired four years or so ago.

## SE 05: The Summer Draw - Jesus Green

Tutor: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Jesus Green Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 07 Jul

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. Arrive and say hello, then sketch - near to others in group, or more spread out – according to individual's preferences and the particular area. Afterwards, meet for a cuppa nearby to swap stories, admire drawings (optional...) and pool ideas about locations, materials used etc. (+ option to draw after lunch). 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 and bring drink. A lightweight portable stool might be useful. Jesus Green, plus lock (restored last year) avenues of trees, skatepark, Park Street cottages, Fort St George pub and boathouses. (Perhaps different bridges, exterior of Museum of Technology or Riverside/Equiano Bridge in the afternoon?)

**Meet:** Jesus Green, near little kiosk at end of footbridge. If it's too wet to draw outside, we will meet at the Fitzwilliam Museum instead.

## SE 06: Cambridge City sculpture walk

Organiser: Penny Carter

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

Venue: Department of Engineering, Trumpington Street

CB2 1PZ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12 Date: 09 Jul



Join a Cambridge City sculpture walk lasting approximately 90 minutes. We'll start at the entrance to the University's Engineering Department, where we'll look at the sculpture by Kenneth Martin, a leading Constructivist. We'll then walk to Pembroke College, visiting both the old and new sites, for works by Henry Moore, Nigel Hall, John Farnham and Antony Gormley. Heading to the city centre, we'll examine some of the familiar sculptures and art works, but also others that are less well known. The walk will finish at the New Museum site, where another Antony Gormley sculpture is among the various works on display. The walk will be led by Heather Warwick, one of the founder members of Cambridge Sculpture Trails together with Karina Plough.

**Meet:** Outside the Engineering Department, Trumpington Street, opposite the Hot Numbers café.

## SE 07: Guided tour of Northstowe New Town

Organiser: Ian Hunter

Day and time: Wednesday 10:15 - 12:45

Venue: Northstowe Number of sessions: 1

Places: 25 Date: 09 Jul

Northstowe currently has around 4,000 inhabitants and is the biggest new town being built in the UK. When completed it will have around 10,000 houses and a population of about 25,000 people. The tour will be led by the Northstowe community development officers, and has been arranged by Ian Hunter, who is a U3AC tutor, and is also a Northstowe town councillor.

**Meet:** At the bus stop at Northstowe Park and Ride at 10.45 am. and make our way to the community development Officers' office which is about a 10-minute walk away. Buses from Cambridge are about every 10 or 15 minutes, and free parking is available at the Park and Ride, for those arriving by car.

## SE 08: Summer Draw - Quayside

Tutor: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Quayside Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 09 Jul

Repeat of SE 05 except, Quayside to draw punts and people? Plus Portugal Place, Bridge Street, St Clement's and the Round churches, outside of St John's College, interesting college entrances, shop fronts, cafés and tourists. If it's too wet to draw outside, we will meet at the Fitzwilliam Museum instead.

Meet: Quayside

## SE 09: What are you reading?

Coordinator: Karen Rodgers

Day and time: Thursdays monthly 14:00 - 16:00 Venue: Daily Bread café, Unit 3, Kilmaine Close, King's

Hedges CB4 2PH **Number of sessions**: 3

Places: 8

Dates: 10 Jul, 14 Aug, 11 Sept

This group is a chance for those who love reading (anything at all.. novels, autobiographies, poems, magazines, recipe books etc. it doesn't have to be classics though these are welcome:) to get together in a relaxed way once a month over the summer at a congenial local community cafe and to swap notes. Each participant has initially just one minute to tell the group about his or her discovery of the month, followed by three minutes of questions, then we move straight on to the next contributor. This protects the group from those of us (ahem:) who would happily go on for half an hour if we were not timed, provides even the most reticent of contributors with an achievable target and ensures everyone gets a turn. Once we have been around everyone, we then top up the tea cups, invest in more cake and conversations take off as participants ask all those additional questions they were bursting to ask. I've been running book groups on these lines for years and they are a lot of fun. Each of us brings a resource we have enjoyed reading over the previous

## SE 10: Jesus Green picnic

Convenor: Jenny Blackburn

Day and time: Thursday 12:30 - 14:30

Venue: Jesus Green Number of sessions: 1

Places: 100 Date: 10 Jul

We will sit on the grass (bring your own chair if preferred) and enjoy listening to the U3AC Mainly Madrigals group who have kindly agreed to sing for us. We will bring our own food and drink, rugs etc., and enjoy the view across Jesus Green, the punts and the conversation with fellow members, families and friends. If the forecast and local conditions promise rain, the picnic will be cancelled, as there is no shelter. The closest public car park is the new Park Street car park, though it is not large. There will be a U3AC banner at the site (by the trees) but of course members can sit anywhere. There is no charge to enter Jesus Green, of course. There is a kiosk selling hot drinks, snacks and ice cream at the Lock, a few minutes' walk away.

Meet: Between Park Parade and the Tennis Courts, near

the Punting area

## SE 11: The Summer Draw - Hobson's Conduit

Tutor: Jessie Nisbet

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 11 Jul

Repeat of SE 05 except, to sketch Hobson's Conduit, Trumpington Street, exteriors of the Judge Institute or Fitzwilliam Museum, (and perhaps inside the museum?) Little St. Mary's church/churchyard, the Pitt Building, exterior of Peterhouse College etc. If it's too wet to draw outside, we will meet at the Fitzwilliam Museum instead.

 $\textbf{Meet:} \ \textbf{Outside the Department of Engineering, Trumpington}$ 

Street CB2 1PZ

### SE 12: A Celebration of Stone

Organiser: Sebastian Carter
Day and time: Sunday 14:00 - 15:00
Venue: Histon Road Cemetery

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15 Date: 13 Jul Full

The Celebration of Stone day will be opened by the Mayor of Cambridge at 12 noon and continue until 4 pm. It will feature tours of the magnificent monuments in the Cemetery, nature walks, demonstrations of stone carving and displays of the materials used in the gravestones. U3AC members are invited to an exclusive tour of the monuments by Michael French, the Cemetery's historian, focusing on the craftspeople who did the work. Histon Road Cemetery was established in 1843 by the Nonconformist community. It is Grade 2\* listed by Historic England as one of only three in England by the leading Victorian garden designer John Claudius Loudon. Loudon was the most influential horticultural journalist of his time and one of the first professional cemetery designers. Histon Road is the best surviving example of his work in this field, well known for its mature planting and calm beauty. The Cemetery lies between Histon Road and Victoria Road, about one mile north of Cambridge city centre. Gates from both these roads are joined by a wide path through the centre of the Cemetery. The Number 8 bus towards Histon stops near the Histon Road entrance, and from Histon near the Victoria Road entrance. The nearest parking is in Castle Park: on Sundays this costs £4.50 for the whole day.

Meet: At the central oval at 2 o'clock.

# SE 13: The Summer Draw - Cambridge Fire Station

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 14 Jul

Repeat of SE 05 except, to draw the Fire Station, 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. If it's too wet to draw outside, we will meet at the

Fitzwilliam Museum instead.

Meet: Cambridge Fire Station, Parkside CB1 1JF

## SE 14: 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 Full

Date: 15 Jul

Starting at Parkers Piece (at the swimming pool corner), 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

## SE 15: Military History Summer School

Leaders: Harry Belsey, Justin Hiscock and Rod Hill

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

Venue: Zoom

Number of sessions: 6

Places: 30 Start date: 16 Jul

The Military History Summer School will replay old favourites from the archive. The programme will be chosen by the existing membership, and a full programme will be circulated before the event. Generally, our sessions comprise two presentations. The first is a presentation on a military theme lasting about 50 mins. The second, the postscript, can be more light hearted, a cameo, family or personal history. There is a brief discussion after each presentation. No qualifications are required for the summer school except an interest in military history and a willingness to join in with our friendly group.

## SE 16: The Summer Draw - Railway Station

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 16 Jul

Repeat of SE 05 except, Station buildings, plus nearby suspension bridge, older and newer buildings in Station Road or Hills Road, Highsett, the War Memorial, and (mechanical) cranes... If it's too wet to draw outside, we will

meet at the Fitzwilliam Museum instead. **Meet**: Just outside the Railway Station

## SE 17: Cambridge Photowalks 1

Organiser: Tim Ewbank

Day and time: Thursday 15:00 - 17:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15 Date: 17 Jul

This is a repeat of a popular event from last year. Participants will take photos of a number of subjects in central Cambridge (such as along the Cam, the Backs, shop fronts, independent shops, the market, architecture, tourists). Participants will be divided into smaller groups, each of which will be led by someone capable of offering technical advice. Any camera brand or style are welcome, from a mobile phone to hi-end DSLR. The resulting photos will be collated and made available online for all

participants to see.

Meet: At Round Church at 2.30 pm

## SE 18: The Summer Draw - West Road Concert Hall

Organiser: Jessie Nisbet

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 18 Jul

Repeat of SE 05 except, drawing buildings/sculptures/ bicycles in the area between Sidgwick Avenue and West Road, perhaps exterior of University Library, Squire Law Library etc. If it's too wet to draw outside, we will meet at

the Fitzwilliam Museum instead.

Meet: West Road Concert Hall CB3 9DP

## SE 19: Short walk - Hobsons Conduit

Leader: Jo Edkins

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Ful

Date: 22 Jul

Starting at Kings Parade (the wall in front of Kings College Chapel), we will walk round the locations of part of Hobson's Conduit, an early water supply for Cambridge. 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-hobson.htm

## SE 20: Short walks - Barnwell Priory and Chesterton

Leader: Jo Edkins

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

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10
Date: 29 Jul

This walk starts at the centre of Elizabeth Way roundabout (the underpass). Before the Dissolution of the monasteries, Barnwell Priory was an important place in Cambridge. We see a couple of buildings remaining. Then we cross the river to Chesterton, to see some connections to Olaudah Equiano, an important figure in the campaign against slavery, plus other Chesterton buildings. 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-chesterton.htm

# SE 21: Studio Ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 2

Leader: Lindsay Millington

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

Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street CB2 1RB

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 8
Date: 30 Jul

Full

Repeat of SE 02

Meet: Fitzwilliam Museum, meet at the Courtyard entrance

(inside)

## SE 22: Robinson College Walking Garden Tour

Leader: Sheila Bennett

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

Venue: Robinson College, Grange Road CB3 9AN

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30 Date: 31 Jul

Join us for a summer's walk in 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 formal woodland but keeping the sense of formal gardens beyond. The college cafeteria will be open for refreshments afterwards or Bring Your Own Picnic to have in an allocated garden area. Donation: £5 to the National Garden Society to be collected in cash on the day. Buses: U1 and U2.

Meet: Robinson College Porters Lodge.

## SE 23: Visit to Cambridge University Press Museum

Organiser: Sebastian Carter

Day and time: Thursday 14:00 - 15:45

Venue: Cambridge University Press Printing House

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 25 Date: 31 Jul

Rosalind Grooms, Cambridge University Press archivist, Heidi Mulvey, Head of Community Engagement, and Gillian Cooke, Cambridge Assessment Group Archivist will provide an introduction to Cambridge University Press & Assessment and a tour of the highlights of the Press Museum and Assessment Archive. The fascinating museum displays explore the printing and publishing history of the Press from its beginnings in 1534 to the present day. The Assessment Archive in the nearby Triangle building holds content relating to public examinations which have been closely associated with education and the educational aspirations of societies since the mid nineteenth century.

**Meet:** 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). 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 ten-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.

# SE 24: 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 Full

Date: 05 Aug

Starting at the weir, south of 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: <a href="https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-fen.htm">https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/walks/u3ac-fen.htm</a>

## SE 25: Bobbin lace

Leader: Jo Edkins

**Day and time**: Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00 **Venue**: Member's home CB1 2LG

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 6 Date: 12 Aug

We will spend an hour looking at lace, how it is made and something of its history. I am a lacemaker and have written

books on the subject. I also collect lace. See <a href="https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/lace/index.htm">https://www.theedkins.co.uk/jo/lace/collection/index.htm</a>

## SE 26: Cambridge photowalks 2

Organiser: Tim Ewbank

Day and time: Wednesday 15:00 - 17:00

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15 Date: 13 Aug Repeat of SE 17.

Meet: At Round Church at 2.30 pm

## SE 27: Painting Flowers in Watercolour

Tutor: Samara Philpott

**Day and time**: Wednesday 13:00 - 16:00 **Venue**: Cambridge University Botanic Garden, 1

Brookside, CB2 1JE Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12 Date: 20 Aug

Spend a relaxing afternoon drawing and then painting flowers in watercolour in the beautiful Cambridge Botanic Gardens. Guidance will be given if needed. If the weather is fine we will draw and paint outside; if wet we'll work in the Glasshouses. Please bring your own art equipment and a folding chair to sit on. The Gardens are accessed from Trumpington Road and Hills Road. At 3.30 we will return to the cafe for 'tea and chat'. The Gardens are accessed from Trumpington Road and Hills Road. There is no parking in the Gardens but there is paid parking on nearby Trumpington Road. Many buses from the City centre and Park and Ride stop near the entrances to the Gardens.

Cost: Entrance to the Garden is £8, but Friends of the

Gardens are free of charge.

Meet: Meet at the cafe in the Gardens at 1pm.

## **SE 28: Discovering Eighteenth Century Linton**

Tutor: Glenda Ferneyhough

Day and time: Wednesday 14:00 - 15:30

Venue: Linton

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10 Date: 20 Aug



What is known about the inhabitants of Linton in the eighteenth century? In the course of a gentle stroll around the centre of Linton I will draw out the themes which I covered in my introductory social history course about life in Georgian England (HIS01/42) – rural poverty, family life, the growing middle class. I plan to visit both the parish church and the United Reformed church. Parking in Linton is at a premium, so please either allow extra time to find a space in the car park in Coles Lane or on a nearby street or travel by the number 13 bus from Cambridge.

Meet: Opposite pavement to The Dog and Duck, 63, High

Street, Linton

# SE 29: Downing College Garden tour and cream tea

**Head Gardener**: Jack Sharp **Organiser**: Susan Jeeves

Day and time: Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Venue: Downing College, Regent Street CB2 1DQ

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20 Date: 21 August

Guided by Jack Sharp, Head Gardener, you will stroll through the Downing College grounds, including some areas which are not normally open to the public, such as

Fellows', Master's and Rose gardens.

Discover Downing's garden history, Learn about the established trees, See how Jack's team maintain and enhance the site and ask questions and chat over

refreshments.

Please wear sensible footwear.

Meet: 10 am at Downing Porters' Lodge (main entrance

gates on Regent Street)

Price: £20 including finger sandwiches and cream tea lunch, **payable on application** - please tell us any dietary requirements when booking. Closing date for applications 6 August.

Payment to be made by bank transfer:

Payee: U3AC no2 account Sortcode: 08-92-99

Account Number: 65863363

Reference: Downing plus your surname

Alternatively, payment may be made in person at the U3AC

Office by credit / debit card before Friday 13 June.

## SE 30: U3AC Cycling group summer picnic

**Coordinator**: Johannes Van Der Velden **Day and time**: Saturday 11:00 - 15:00

Venue: Various

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 100 Date: 23 Aug

Various starting points throughout Cambridge, rides of various length, all aiming to arrive at Milton Country Park around 12.30 for a joint picnic. Bring your own picnic or order food/drinks from the café when you arrive. The starting points and times for the rides will be announced via email and the programme of rides on the U3AC website (https://www.u3ac.org.uk/extra-groups/cycling-club/).

## SE 31: Visit to the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop

Organiser: Penny Carter

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

Venue: The Cardozo Kindersley Workshop, 152 Victoria

Road CB4 3DZ

Number of sessions: 1 Full Places: 12

Date: 26 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. Our hosts 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.

**Meet:** Outside the Workshop. Stagecoach buses 8 and 8A stop nearby.

## SE 32: Histon Beer Festival tasting

Tutor: Don Kelly

Day and time: Tuesday 12:00 - 15:00

Venue: The Red Lion, 27 High St, Histon CB24 9JD

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12 Date: 02 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 until 5 pm (after this time there is an entry fee) and purchase your own beers. £12 payable on the day, cash or card.

Meet: In the Beer tent in the Red Lion Garden.