

U3AC

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SUMMER EVENTS
2026

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 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.

SP 01: The Summer Draw 1 - Jesus Green

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Jesus Green

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 29 Jun

FULL

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. We will gather beforehand to say hello, then sketch – either near to others in the group, or more spread out – according to individual's preferences and the area. Afterwards, we can go for a cuppa nearby to swap stories, compare and admire drawings (optional...) and pool ideas about future locations, materials used 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.

Jesus Green, plus lock (recently restored) 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 (CB5 8AG)

SP 02: The Summer Draw 2- Quayside

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Quayside

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 01 Jul

FULL

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.

Meet: Quayside (CB5 8AB)

SP 03: An introduction to the drum kit

Tutor: Mike Nathan

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

Venue: Barton Studios

Number of sessions: 2

Places: 6

Start date: 02 Jul

FULL

This is a drumming course for absolute beginners. Over six, one-hour sessions we will work on understanding the role of the drummer and also learn some techniques and drumming patterns. Hopefully, all attendees should be able to perform at least one blues/rock style beat by the end of the course. Classes will take place at my studio in Barton where there is plenty of free parking. We will watch and listen to different drummers and explore how the drummer is essential and plays a fundamental part in the sound and the performance of a band. We will also plan to see a local, live band during the period of the course. The course is just for fun, but I'm sure it will be informative and edifying at the same time.

Meet: Barton Studios, Top Field Farm, 16 Cambridge Road, Barton (CB23 7AR)

SP 04: Ladies Well-Being Social

Coordinator: Karen Rodgers

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

Venue: TBC

Number of sessions: 5

Places: 8

Dates: 2, 16, 30 July; 13 August, 3 September

What are you looking forward to sharing this summer?

2.30-2.45 Arrival, writing name labels and chatting to your neighbour about what they have been enjoying over the past week. We each buy our own drinks and may want to share snacks.

2.45-We each present our neighbour to the rest of the group, citing three facts we have discovered during our conversation.

3pm Each of us has one minute for sharing details of whatever we've been making recently (recipes, crafts etc), followed by three minutes of questions.

3.40 -4.30 General chat ...and bring a craft if you like...

Time for all of the other questions we had but didn't initially have the time to ask.

Meet: Pub in CB4 - TBC

SP 05: The Summer Draw 3- Hobson's Conduit

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Hobsons Conduit

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 03 Jul

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. We will gather beforehand to say hello, then sketch – either near to others in the group, or more spread out – according to individual's preferences and the particular area. Afterwards, we can go for a cuppa nearby to swap stories, compare and admire drawings (optional...) and pool ideas about future locations, materials used 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.

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To sketch Hobson's Conduit, Trumpington Street, exterior of the Judge Business School, or Fitzwilliam Museum, (and perhaps inside the museum?) Little St. Mary's church/churchyard, the Pitt Building, exterior of Peterhouse College etc.

Meet: Outside the Department of Engineering, Trumpington Street (CB2 1PZ)

SP o6: Knowledge is Power

Tutor: Jenny Knight

Day and time: Monday

Venue: Email

Number of sessions: 8

Places: 25

Start date: 06 Jul

Check how powerful your general knowledge is by joining in another email quiz programme this summer. For the eight weeks beginning on 6 July and ending on 28 August you will be sent three quizzes on a wide range of topics. In previous years they have encompassed islands and rainbows. They will arrive on Monday each week or over the preceding weekend. Answers will be sent to you later in the week. It is up to you whether you report your scores, whether you share the quizzes with family and friends, and whether you look up answers before they are sent to you. Most have not been offered at U3AC before – a few may have been aired four years or so ago. Email course.

FULL

SP o7: The Summer Draw 4 - Cambridge Fire Station

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Fire Station

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 06 Jul

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. We will gather beforehand to say hello, then sketch – either near to others in the group, or more spread out – according to individual's preferences and the particular area. Afterwards, we can go for a cuppa nearby to swap stories, compare and admire drawings (optional...) and pool ideas about future locations, materials used 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.

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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. (+ 'Swimmers' sculpture: John Mills)

Meet: Cambridge Fire Station (CB1 1JF)

SP o8: Walk round Cambridge - Water in Cambridge

Tutor: Jo Edkins

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

Venue: Cambridge

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 07 Jul

How did the people of Cambridge use water in the past? What did they drink? How else were the water courses used? This is a short walk (under 2 miles) round Cambridge, looking at the river, Hobson's Conduit, the other conduit, the Kings Ditch, and other water-related places.

Meet: Quayside, by Magdalene Bridge. Bench behind the telephone box

FULL

SP o9: The Summer Draw 5 - Railway Station

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: Railway Station

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 08 Jul

An untutored group activity, meeting in the city to sketch buildings, landmarks, museum exhibits, people etc. We will gather beforehand to say hello, then sketch – either near to others in the group, or more spread out – according to individual's preferences and the particular area. Afterwards, we can go for a cuppa nearby to swap stories, compare and admire drawings (optional...) and pool ideas about future locations, materials used 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.

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Station buildings, plus nearby suspension bridge, older and newer buildings in Station Road or Hills Road, Highsett, the War Memorial, and (mechanical) cranes...

Meet: Just outside the Railway Station (CB1 2JW)

SP 10: Ladies Summer Reading Group

Coordinator: Karen Rodgers

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

Venue: TBC

Number of sessions: 5

Places: 8

Dates: 09, 23 July, 6, 20 August; 10 September

What are you reading this summer?

2.30-2.45 Arrival, writing name labels and chatting to your neighbour about what they have been enjoying over the past week. We each buy our own drinks and may want to share pub snacks.

2.45-We each present our neighbour to the rest of the group, citing three facts we have discovered during our conversation.

3pm Each of us has one minute for sharing details of whatever we've been reading followed by three minutes of questions.

3.40 -4.30 General chat ... time for all of the other questions we had but didn't initially have the time to ask. Bring a book, magazine or poem to recommend

Meet: Pub in CB4 - TBC

SP 11: The Summer Draw 6 - West Road

Leader: Jessie Nisbet

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

Venue: West Road

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 10 Jul

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Drawing buildings/sculptures/bicycles/people in the area between Sidgwick Avenue and West Road, perhaps exterior of University Library, Squire Law Library etc.

Meet: West Road Concert Hall (CB3 9DP)

SP 12: Walk round Cambridge - Coe Fen and Sheeps Green

Tutor: Jo Edkins

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

Venue: Cambridge

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 14 Jul

This is a short walk (under 2 miles) along the River Cam, through countryside, despite still being within Cambridge itself.

Meet: At the weir south of Silver Street Bridge, next to the Mill pub, Mill Lane.

FULL

SP 13: Sketching and Music in the Botanic Gardens

Coordinator: Maggie Balshaw

Day and time: Wednesday 14:30 - 19:30

Venue: Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 15 Jul

We will be sketching around the Garden, own choice of where you sketch/subjects. Then meeting up to share artwork. Then staying on to listen to Sounds in the Green featuring The Basin St Brawlers, a London Jazz band. Bring a drink and nibbles if you would like, the cafe stays open too. Bring your usual sketching materials, you might find a folding stool/chair useful too, though there are some seats in the Garden. You can enter the Gardens from Brookside or from the new entrance on Hills Rd. **Buses:** the buses stop near that entrance. There is a cycle park.

Meet: Botanic garden cafe

Cost: £8.60 entrance fee to Botanic gardens (free to Friends of CUBG).

FULL

SP 14: Working Lives in the 18th Century

Tutor: Glenda Ferneyhough

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

Venue: Museum of Cambridge (previously Folk Museum)

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 20 Jul

I have recently offered 2 social history courses about Georgian England. The museum's collection is displayed within an inn which offered hospitality to Cambridge townspeople for 300 years. Its objects all have connections to Cambridgeshire and cover both domestic and working life in the town and in the surrounding rural areas. As we walk around, I will tell you about exhibits which relate to everyday life before the Victorian era. At the end of the visit, we will have an opportunity to sit down and talk about the items over complimentary tea and coffee. I will provide a handout highlighting some objects which relate to everyday life before the Victorian era.

Please note: Be aware that the building is very old with uneven floorboards, narrow staircases, and crooked stairways. Before requesting a place at the event, anyone who has mobility issues may wish to read the information on Accessibility on the museum website.

Meet: In the courtyard outside the main entrance.

Cost: £6 upon application to U3AC

FULL

SP 15: Walk round Cambridge - Saxon Cambridge

Tutor: Jo Edkins

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

Venue: Cambridge

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 21 Jul

This is a short walk (under 2 miles) through Cambridge, seeing the locations of places which dates back to Saxon times, including the only Saxon building.

Meet: Quayside, by Magdalene Bridge. Bench behind the telephone box

FULL

SP 16: Tour of Robinson college Gardens

Organiser: Sheila Bennett

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

Venue: Robinson College, Grange Road CB3 9AN

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

Date: 22 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.

Buses: U1 and U2.

Meet: Porters Lodge.

Cost: Donation of £5 to the National Garden Society to be collected in cash on the day.

FULL

SP 17: Studio Ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 1

Leader: Lindsay Millington

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

Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 8

Date: 23 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)

FULL

SP 18: American Cemetery

Coordinator: Carol Spong

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

Venue: Cambridge American Cemetery

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 19

Date: 27 Jul

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. This is a walking tour, so please remember to bring a hat and water bottle with you.

Buses: No4 Stagecoach bus also stops at the gate.

Parking: On-site parking available

Meet: At the main entrance.

FULL

SP 19: Walk round Cambridge - Art around the railway station

Tutor: Jo Edkins

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

Venue: Cambridge

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 10

Date: 28 Jul

There has been a lot of development near the railway station, including some public art. This is a short walk (under 2 miles) through Cambridge, looking at some of this art. (You don't have to approve of it!)

Meet: By the statue Ariadne Wrapped in front of the railway station (the artwork wrapped in cloth).

FULL

SP 20: Visit to the Cambridge Assessment Archive

Organiser: Sebastian Carter

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

Venue: Cambridge University Press and Assessment

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 15

Date: 28 Jul

FULL

Cambridge Assessment was set up as the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate in 1858 and is the longest-surviving assessment agency in the UK. It is now part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment, delivering assessments to over 8 million learners in over 170 countries. The Assessment Archive holds content which reflects the educational aspirations of society, and the changes in exam subjects, over one and three quarter centuries. The archive will be introduced by Gillian Cooke, Group Archivist at Cambridge Assessment since 1996, who will show us sample material from the collection. Afterwards there will be a chance to talk in the café (card payments only) until 4pm.

Buses: U bus stops in Brooklands Avenue by the junction with Shaftesbury Road, and a number of Stagecoach buses stop at Cambridge main station, from which the Triangle is a ten-minute walk.

Parking: There is 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.

Meet: At the reception area in the Triangle building at the southern end of Shaftesbury Road (CB2 8EA)

SP 21: Studio Ceramics at the Fitzwilliam Museum 2

Leader: Lindsay Millington

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

Venue: Fitzwilliam Museum

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 8

Date: 29 Jul

Repeat of SP 17

FULL

SP 22: Guided visit to Histon Road Cemetery

Coordinator: Penny Carter

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

Venue: Histon Road Cemetery

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 14

Date: 30 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. The entrance on Victoria Road is by the Carpenter's Arms, a convivial pub for refreshment after the visit.

Please note: some of the walk will be over uneven ground.

Buses: Stagecoach buses 8 and 8A stop near the Cemetery.

Meet: At the central oval in the Cemetery, which lies between Histon Road and Victoria Road (62 Histon Rd, CB4 3LE)

Cost: Donations to the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery will be welcome. Please bring cash on the day.

SP 23: Sketching in the Botanic Gardens

Organiser: Maggie Balshaw

Day and time: Tuesday 13:30 - 16:00

Venue: Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 04 Aug

We will be sketching around the Garden, own choice of where you sketch/ subjects. We will meet up to share artworks and sketching experiences in the Cafe at 3.30pm and have a drink together. Bring your usual sketching materials, you might find a folding stool/chair useful too, though there are seats in the Garden

Cost: £8.60 entrance fee to Botanic gardens (free to Friends of CUBG).

Meet: Botanic Garden café

SP 24: Guided tour of Cambridge Central Mosque

Leader: Madeleine Cooter-Baker

Day and time: Wednesday 10:20 - 11:30

Venue: Cambridge Central Mosque

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 30

FULL

Date: 05 Aug

Guided tour (1 hour duration) of Cambridge Central Mosque. We'll be told the stories behind the evolution of this ambitious, eco-friendly project, about the award-winning architecture and the concepts behind the craftsmanship that define this incredible space.

See website for more details and FAQs: [Tours – Cambridge Central Mosque](#)

Please note: modest dress code i.e., covered arms and legs. All visitors will be asked to remove their shoes at the entrance; women will be asked to cover their heads before entering the prayer hall. Toilet facilities available.

Parking: Free underground car park

Buses: The 'Citi 2' bus to Romsey Town, Vinery Road, stops right outside; and cycle racks are available. The Mosque is a 15-minute walk from Cambridge rail station

Meet: In the Islamic garden at the front of the Mosque (inside the main gate), for 10.30am tour start. (CB1 3DF)

Cost: Suggested donation, at the Mosque (card or cash), of up to £5pp

SP 25: Jesus Green Summer Picnic

Coordinator: Jenny Blackburn

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

Venue: Jesus Green

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 100

Date: 05 Aug

Friends of U3AC members, and children, are all welcome. We hope to be able to listen to a little live music while we enjoy our picnic on Jesus Green. We will sit on the grass (bring your own chair if preferred) under the trees. We will bring our own food and drink, rugs etc., and enjoy the view, the punts and the conversation with fellow members. There is no shelter from rain, but there are several local pubs to adjourn to. The closest public car park is at Park Street, CB5 8AS. There will be a U3AC banner at the site. There is a kiosk selling hot drinks, snacks and ice cream at Jesus Green Lock, a few minutes' walk away, and public toilets there too. Barbecues are only allowed in the marked spots on the other side of the tennis courts.

Meet: U3AC sign in sight of the tennis courts. Close to the Byron's Bear Pub. What3words ///rich.fortunate.shirt

SP 26: Cambridge Sculpture Trails: guided walk

Coordinator: Penny Carter

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

Venue: Cambridge

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

FULL

Date: 07 Aug

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

Cost: Donations to help maintain the CST website would be welcome. Please bring cash on the day.

SP 27: Women's Art Collection at Murray Edwards College

Coordinator: Jenny Blackburn

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

Venue: Murray Edwards College

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 20

FULL

Date: 12 Aug

Murray Edwards College moved into its iconic, white-domed 'Brutalist' site in 1965. It is one of only two colleges admitting only women undergraduates. The Women's Art Collection is the largest in Europe, and is displayed on the walls of the College, in public rooms and (sculpture) in the lovely gardens. We will also tour the current exhibition, 'Relative Values' of works by the four female artists in Ben Nicholson's family. We hope to have refreshments at the College's Art Café afterwards. I will give everyone a copy of the 'self-guided tour' leaflet on arrival. More info. about all the modern artists shown, is available at

<https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/womens-art-collection>. We will be walking and standing for an hour,

and there is little seating en route, but if anyone is tired it is easy to drop out and rejoin the group later.

Parking: The College car park (CB3 0DR) is accessed from Storey's Way, not from Huntingdon Road. Use Madingley Road to get to Storey's Way and walk through the gardens after parking. If the gate is shut, speak on the intercom. Directions and maps:

<https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/about-us/visit-us>

Meet: Porter's Lodge, off Buckingham Road, for walkers, bus users and cyclists (CB3 0DF)

SP 28: Trinity College tour

Organiser: Gemma Clare

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

Venue: Trinity College

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 14

Date: 18 Aug

FULL

Come and join us in exploring Trinity College through a guided tour, led by one of their knowledgeable Porters. Please arrive at the Great Gate on Trinity Street at 9.50am, for a prompt start at 10am, if you are late, you will not be allowed to join a tour which has started. Tours last approx. one hour.

Meet: Great Gate on Trinity Street

Cost: £5 per person upon application to U3AC

SP 29: Sketching and Painting in Cambridge Botanic Gardens

Leader: Samara Philpott

Day and time: Thursday 13:00 - 16:00

Venue: Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 20 Aug

Spend a relaxing afternoon sketching or painting in the beautiful Cambridge Botanic Gardens, outside in the grounds if the weather is fine or in the Glasshouses if wet. Entrance fee of £8.60 but free for Friends of the Gardens. Bring your own folding chairs. Also bring your own art materials such as pencils, paint, art paper, a board to support the paper etc... we will meet at the café at 1pm. Then sketch or paint, returning to the café at 3.30 for tea and chat. There are buses that go to the Gardens along Hills Road and Trumpington Street. Bikes can be parked on site.

Meet: Botanic Garden Café

Cost: £8.60 entrance fee to Botanic gardens (free to Friends of CUBG).

SP 30: Talk about bobbin lace

Tutor: Jo Edkins

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

Venue: Member's home

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 6

Date: 25 Aug

We will spend an hour looking at lace, how it is made and something of its history. You can even have a go yourself!

Meet: At tutors' home CB1 2LG (further information will be emailed to you before the day).

SP 31: Beer Tasting at Histon Beer festival

Tutor: Don Kelly

Day and time: Tuesday 12:30 - 14:00

Venue: Red Lion Pub Garden, Histon CB24 9JL

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 08 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) and purchase your own beers. Parking is not available (as the marquee covers the pub car park) and driving to a beer tasting is not recommended!!!

Cost: £13 on the day, cash or card.

SP 32: Cider Tasting at Histon Beer festival

Coordinator: Don Kelly

Day and time: Thursday 12:30 - 14:00

Venue: Red Lion Pub Garden, Histon CB24 9JL

Number of sessions: 1

Places: 12

Date: 10 Sep

Come and join us for a tasting session of 6 ciders with a local cider expert. We will talk through the ciders 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) and purchase your own drinks. Parking is not available (as the marquee covers the pub car park) and driving to a cider tasting is not recommended!!!

Cost: £13 on the day, cash or card