



Newsletter August – December 2012

A Message from the Chairman

Our 30th anniversary Garden Party was to have been held in the Fellows' Garden at St John's on St Swithin's Day. Forces other than the good saint conspired to flood that venue and we were translated into the Great Hall for our celebration. The recorder group entertained with a delightful programme while everyone was arriving, Nick Coni reminisced about U3AC and proposed a toast to our continued prosperity and the choir (sadly thwarted by girth and arthritic conditions from manoeuvring up and into the minstrels' gallery) contributed a short selection including a rendering of Happy Birthday in the style of J.S. Bach (his prelude and fugue no. 48 ½ perhaps!). Julian Huppert MP took time out from his campaign to save the nation's (and in particular Cambridge's) high street pubs, to show support. The College authorities and staff did us proud, even providing a good number of 'doggy boxes' for takeaway strawberries!

Before that we put on a couple of Open Days at Bridge Street. These were well attended by interested members of the public who were able to see clearly what we are about. They could look at powerpoint demonstrations, attend a German class studying the words of the German national anthem, appreciate our in-house artistic and photographic skills and even observe U3AC members doing what U3AC members do naturally and best – engaging in friendly and intelligent conversation over Tchibo coffee! Most of our visitors happily stumped up £2 for a membership pack and some even joined up on the spot. Many thanks to Beth Morgan for organising all this and to existing members and tutors who gave up their time to help out. Definitely an experiment to be repeated.

As of 15th August membership applications were nicely up on the same date last year totalling 2,418, this included more than 239 new members, which is very satisfactory. Welcome to you all and I hope to meet many of you in person at the new members meeting on 1st October at the Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane. The process of course allocation began in earnest during August. Activating the computer programme is the easy bit. Then the staff have to move into overdrive to sort out any number of individual problems to which task they quite heroically and uncomplainingly (well, pretty much so!) give a personal touch. With Carol now back in action after losing her appendix in a bit of a hurry, we can look forward to the start of the new academic year with confidence. We have a broader than ever range of courses and a splendid series of lectures (both Wednesday at Mill Lane and Norah Boyce) in prospect. Above all, of course, our success depends on your membership. Thank you for your unstinting and enthusiastic support.
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Charles Bonney, Chairman

Term Dates for 2012 – 2013

Autumn: Monday 8 October – Friday 14 December 2012

Spring: Monday 14 January – Friday 22 March 2013

Summer: Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June 2013

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Messages from members of Council

Courses and Allocations 2012 – 2013

Once again we are looking forward to the start of a new academic year and the great majority of members have sent in their course bids together with their subscriptions. Not everyone has managed to keep to the requested deadline, but so far there have been 7011 course requests matched to 6307 possible course allocations and there are still 1066 free spaces on various courses.

Like most years some subjects have proved very popular and remain well beyond our modest course's capacity. There are 15 courses that have received applications in excess of the class size by factors of three, four, five and even six times. Throughout the year we hope to be able to introduce additional courses, these will be either advertised in the weekly bulletin or the newsletter and are subject to our ability to source a venue. Classrooms at Bridge Street are running at full capacity and renting extra venues is financially expensive. Our total expenditure for both internal and external venues runs into well over £120,000.

Turning to other matters, it looks as if our recent publicity campaign has had some success, and will be sufficient to maintain a small growth in membership number.

Our Summer Holiday Programme of courses has been hugely successful, with many of our members trying their hand at subjects not previously ventured. Thank you to all the tutors who led courses, we have received some wonderful feedback from members.

Finally a warm welcome is extended to all new entrants and best wishes to everyone with the allocations. No doubt there will be disappointments, but it is hoped these constitute the exceptions.

Carlos de la Riva, Director of Studies (Courses)

At present U3AC prepares its management accounts for years ending 30 June. Last year we made a small surplus, which compares with a budgeted small deficit and is good news. I am not giving precise numbers, as these are cash accounts and the numbers are distorted by the date that a bill is received and paid. We are considering moving our management accounts to a December year end, like the financial accounts, which will then allow us to deal properly with accruals (e.g. adjusting for bills that come early or late); it should also save marginally on workload, as we will only have one set of accounts.

Writing this in early August, it is still too early to say how membership numbers compare with last year. We are hoping for a small increase (to help finances) but not a big one (as we wish to maintain the ratio of course places to members).

Roger Salmon, Treasurer

Administrator's Report

The last few months have provided challenges, both large and small to both staff and volunteer receptionists. All have been met with charm and efficiency and we are most grateful to everyone involved. The small varied from a coffee machine that seemed unwilling to dispense coffee to computers that were unwilling to link to data projectors. The large varied from ensuring that the Publicity Committee were supported for our Open days, to coping with the rush of course applications in the last week of July.

Originally four garden parties were to be hosted for members but the first of these at Haslingfield by Chris and Pam Holt had to be cancelled. The remaining three, at Mariners Way by Margaret Nimmo-Smith, at Histon by Gabby and Martin Rudin and at Fulbourn by Suzy Worzencraft were all enjoyed by those attending despite the weather. It is such a pleasure to be able to sit in a lovely garden and chat to friends both old and new whilst at the same time supporting charities chosen by the hosts. We are most grateful to all those involved.

A hearing loop has now been installed in the downstairs room at the Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane.

Delia Suffling, Administrator

New courses – please enrol with the Office

PSY 03: The Psychology of C G Jung (spring term)

Tutor: John Lamble

Day and time: Friday 1.30 – 3.00

Venue: U3AC Room 5

Length of course: 1 term

Number of places: 25

Start date: 18 January

Some years ago I ran a 5 week course with the same title which was over-subscribed. I am now able to give a similar but longer course. Subjects to be covered would be: 1. Jung the Man; 2. Jung in the context of the world of thought; 3. Outline of Jung's model of the psyche; 4. The conscious mind and personality; 5. Archetypes of the unconscious; 6. Jung and life's trajectory; 7. Jung and religion; 8. Jung and science; 9. The politics of psychology. I will devote a session to answering questions.

CMP 08: Computing for Beginners

Organiser: Gail Wynne-Jones

Day & Time: Monday 4.00 – 5.00

Venue: U3AC Room 3

Length of course: 1 term

Number of places: 4

Start date: 8 October

This course is aimed at people with little or no knowledge of how to use a computer. The aim is to give you confidence in working with Microsoft Windows and its applications. We will start off learning some jargon and understanding the different ways that you as user can interact with the computer. Following this we will look at how to use the internet and email. Other topics will depend on requests of class members and time available. Students will be encouraged to bring their own computers where possible.

Note: Additional fee £10 to pay for the use of a U3AC laptop.

PSY 04: The Bronowski Group

Tutor: John Crawley

Day and time: Saturday 10.30 – 1.00

Venue: U3AC Room 1

Length of course: 1 term (may continue)

Number of places: 30

Start date: 6 October

The Group will reconvene on 6th October meeting every Saturday morning to 15th December. (10.30 coffee, Start 11.00, Finish 13.00 approx.)

The BG is a multidisciplinary group founded with the intention of developing a statement made by Jacob Bronowski in the preface to his book on his TV series *The Ascent of Man* (1973):- "There cannot be a philosophy, there cannot be a decent science, without humanity.....For me, the understanding of nature has as its goal the understanding of human nature, and of the human condition within nature." Every atrocity in the world today represents a failure of "The Humanities", their inability to demonstrate what Bronowski called "human specificity" as the premise of the world. The present concern of the BG is the nature of Language, its uses, misuses and even complete absence, in making that premise a universal reality for ethical existence in a natural universe.

Note: Members must enrol for this course with the Office.

Courses - General

Oversubscribed courses

Several courses attracted a very high level of applicants this year and consequently have very long waiting lists. Below are the "top 5" courses with the longest waiting lists.

Course	Number on waiting list
ARTA 02: The Cambridge College Gardens	135
HIS 29: Your Cambridge	77
HIS 19: Roman History: The Beginnings of Rome	74
HIS 05: A Short Introduction to the Diary of Samuel Pepys	58
HIS 04: A Short History of Europe	55

If you have been unsuccessful with any course choice, you will automatically be added to the waiting list and if a place becomes available the Office will contact the person at the top of the waiting list to offer them the place.

Alterations to Programme of Studies

HIS 08 - cancelled

WLS 01 - start date 15 October

WLS 02 - start date 15 October

WOR 02 - start date 12 February and runs for 7 weeks

From the fireside to the front lines in Spain: *The other face of war*

This talk by Angela Jackson, an invited speaker will be chaired by Nick Coni.

Angela is a Cambridge historian who has lived in Catalonia since 2001 where she has been researching and writing on the subject of the civil war. Her books on the International Brigaders and their interactions with local people, the medical services during the Battle of the Ebro and the varied roles of women in wartime, have been published in English, Spanish and Catalan. Her talk will focus on this latter theme, embracing the roles played by Spanish women on both sides and by those from other countries such as our own - including women from Cambridge. If time permits, she will show some archive footage of the Spanish Civil War.

This talk should be of interest to those who have attended the U3AC course on the SCW, those who are about to start it, and those who don't need to because they are well versed in the subject already, and all will be very welcome.

It will be held in Room 1 on Friday 28th September at 12 noon. Contact the Office to enrol.

Swimming at the Leys Pool

Term starts on Thursday 13th September and ends on 6th December, breaking for half term.

THERE IS A TIME CHANGE: 1 to 2 pm ***

The school have completely rescheduled and extended their use of the pool. The mornings through the week will be fully taken up by their own pupils and St Faith's. The lunchtime hour is the **only time** the Leisure Centre manager can offer U3AC. This enforced change may cause some of our existing members to review their position. Unfortunately some may be unable or not wish to continue. At present there are no vacancies and we have a short list of three. This may change.

FEES: The pool hire charge will increase in September. Our fees have to be increased by £5 per term from **£48 per term to £53** with half term of six sessions £30. (I had feared the increase might be higher).

The 25 metre pool is heated. There is no parking available at the school. Several of our members use the free council car park near the river at Newnham. For further information contact the **Organiser:** Greg Wren

SCE 12: Polar Study Group

Please note that the first three meetings (16 & 30 October and 13 November 2012) in the autumn term will be held in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre of the Department of Chemistry (next to the Scott Polar research Institute in Lensfield Road, Cambridge). Parking is not available at Chemistry. Meetings begin at 2.30 pm prompt.

"POLAR WONDERS"

This is the exciting title of a presentation to be given by Daisy Gilardini at a meeting of the Polar Study Group on 16 October (2.30 pm in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre at the Department of Chemistry in Lensfield Road). Daisy is an accomplished photographer who has won a number of international awards and made 18 expeditions to Antarctica and 24 to the Arctic, which have produced her deep seated passion for the Polar Regions and for the conservation of their wildlife and fragile environments. To find out more go to: www.daisygilardini.com. All U3AC members are most welcome to attend as it will be a fascinating account of her polar activities. To defray expenses there will be a retiring collection.

Dr Bill Block

U3AC Cycling Group

To request a list of planned rides and join the club, email cyclingu3ac@gmail.com. Further information on the cycling group can be found at <http://www.u3ac.org.uk/courses/OtherGroups2.html#cycle>.

U3AC Equipment Workshop for Tutors

Days and Times: Tuesday 18th September, 11.15 – 12.45 **or** Wednesday 3rd October 12.00 – 2.00

These are sessions for tutors and presenters who wish to be trained or familiarise themselves with the equipment available at Bridge Street. To enrol for a workshop please call the office and register for a 15 minute slot.

Portrait Models Required

If you would be interested in sitting for the portrait painting course, for which a small payment will be given, please contact Alan Lucas via the Office.

Administrative Information

Communicating with Members

In order to maintain low administrative costs and reduce paperwork, where possible the Office will communicate with members via email. This may include notification of a change to their course, a cancellation or course material. It is therefore important that the Office is informed should you change your email address or no longer have this facility.

U3AC Premises – access for members with mobility issues

A handrail is fitted at the front door entrance and further handrails are fitted to the walls on the staircase up to the first floor. A bell at low level near the front entrance can be used to alert staff to members who require assistance or the ramp to access the building. An intercom system is also installed for members who wish to speak to staff before proceeding to the first floor.

To All Members: Oversubscribed Courses

Please check your letter carefully as to which courses you have been allocated a place. A member may not attend a course, even those with a large number of places, if they have **not** been given a place.

Withdrawing from a Course

If you are no longer able to attend a course in which you have been allocated a place, please inform the Office at the **earliest** possible opportunity. Please do not wait until the course is about to start or has started. Thank you.

Additional fees for classes

We are aware that some members have paid the additional fee required for certain classes but have not been allocated a place. We will be refunding these fees as soon as possible.

Mailings

We are making savings in postage by combining husband/wife mailings in one envelope. If, however, members would like their mailings kept separate please inform the Office.

Weekend access to U3AC Premises

The U3AC has several courses in the coming year that will take place on Saturdays. As the front door is locked, members will gain access by using the intercom system located next to the front door. Further details will be provided to the individual Tutor.

Non-attendance

If for any reason you are unable to attend the first week of your class please inform the tutor or the Office **before** term starts. Due to many classes having a long waiting list and in fairness to other members, if we do not hear from you we will replace you with someone from the waiting list immediately after the first session.

Change of members' contact details

It would be very helpful if members could inform the Office of any change of home address, or email address, and especially any new telephone number.

Copy for next Newsletter

Articles/information that members would like to be published in the December newsletter should be received by the Office no later than **Monday 3 December 2012**.

Council Minutes

All members are entitled to request to read the minutes of the U3AC Council meetings which are held in the U3AC Office.

Next Council Meeting

Friday 5 October

General

A Thank You from the Clare Family

The Clare Family would like to say a very big thank you to all members who donated to the collection held at Jeremy's funeral. The family were very pleased to be able to provide the RSPB with a cheque for £903.50 and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust with a cheque for £329, both huge amounts.

Volunteers for Wednesday Lectures

Volunteers are sought to assist with the running of the Wednesday Lectures, namely checking membership cards, assisting members to their seats etc. If you are able to help, please contact Peter Woodsford via the office.

Exhibitions

If any U3AC groups or individuals would like to hold an exhibition of their work at the U3AC, please contact the Office to reserve a 3-week slot. If you are looking to sell your work through the exhibition the U3AC would appreciate a donation from your profits.

We were sorry to hear recently of the deaths of:

Dick Chapman
Jeremy McInerny
Mary Seton-Watson
Jill Toynbee-Clarke
Christine Tutte

Knitting Projects

As a keen and experienced knitter, I am happy to finish any abandoned garment. It is helpful if you have the original pattern and enough wool to complete the item but this is not essential. I just ask for a donation for the SOS Children's Charity for a successful outcome.

Contact Alice Zeitlyn via the Office

Research

Research at the U3AC

As you will have already discovered, the teaching efforts of the U3AC can be enjoyable! You may also like to know that U3AC research can be fun too! Whether you are a research veteran or completely new to research, you will find that active participation in a research project can prove to be both fascinating and worthwhile, whatever the disciplines involved. Do you have a research question that you wish to investigate or are you just happy to be a team member? Do you want to work alone or in a team? We have now constructed a Research Committee that contains a range of transferable skills and we are happy to help you to achieve your goals. There are many different types of research activities, including learning new research skills, developing existing skills and, ultimately, making an original contribution to knowledge. If research interests you, please email me, Ray Adams, at adams@churchillians.net or drop me a line via the U3AC Office. There are currently two active projects, as shown below. Though more are in the pipeline. You will hear about them soon. Please email either of these groups to participate.

“Care of Older People” contact Dick Wilson

This research asks: “How do differences in the way the care assessment system is organised, affect the kind of care that is offered to older individuals?”

“Positive aspects of ageing” contact Dr Ray Adams

Much current research concentrates on the easy negatives of ageing and ignores the positive changes! This research seeks to redress this bias, identifying possible factors and evaluating them through appropriate research methods.

Dr Ray Adams
Chair, U3AC Research Committee

Social

U3AC Christmas Lunch

Two U3AC Christmas Lunches have been arranged for Tuesday 11 December and Thursday 13 December at the Cambridge Regional College – Kings Hedges Road Campus. Application forms available from 5th November.

New Year Drinks

This event will be held on Thursday 10th January 2013 from 12 noon – 2 pm at The David Rayner Building, Scotsdales Garden Centre. Application forms available from 5th November.

Wine Tasting at Bridge Street

The next Wine Tasting evening will take place on Wednesday 14th November at 7.00 pm; again ably conducted by Matthew Boucher of Cambridge Wine Merchants, who will tell us about and let us sample wines from South America this time. Look out for further details in the weekly bulletin.

Monika Pruetzel-Thomas

U3AC Film Group Autumn Programme 2012

Established in October 1999, with the much valued collaboration of the Arts Picturehouse management. The aim of the U3AC Film Group is to show a wide range of the best in cinema from all nations, generations and genres. Our shows take place at The Arts Picturehouse every Tuesday during term time and normally start at 2pm. Members are welcome to attend our post screen discussions.

9th October

Another Year

Dir: Mike Leigh UK 2010 (129 mins)

Mike Leigh has returned with a new family-and-friends group portrait, a film in which the distant sob or throb of sadness is never entirely absent. With its immersive sweetness and gentleness, this is another utterly confident and unhurried ensemble picture from Leigh, containing his distinctively extended dialogue scenes of unpointed ordinariness, and a lowered narrative heartbeat to which you have to make conscious effort to adjust. Jim Broadbent and Ruth Sheen lead an excellent cast.

16th October

The Best Intentions

Dir: Bille August Sweden 1992 (180 mins)

The epic-length story of a Swedish couple's courtship and marriage is dominated by an unborn child. The baby whose arrival is imminent as the film concludes will be Ingmar Bergman, whose screenplay looks back at the social, economic and personal forces that turned his parents' early years together into a tug of war. Directed by his trusted colleague Bille August it won the Palme d'Or at the 1992 Cannes Film Festival. Featuring Max Von Sydow and Pernilla August, who won a best actress award for her performance.

NOTE THAT THIS PERFORMANCE WILL START AT 1PM.

23th October

Zelig

Dir: Woody Allen USA 1983 (84 mins)



The director uses a documentary format to create a profile of Leonard Zelig, a 20's phenomenon known as the "human chameleon." Zelig's overwhelming desire to belong is manifested in his ability to take on the facial and vocal characteristics of whomever he happens to be around at the moment. Zelig becomes a celebrity in his own right, inspiring a song, a dance craze and even a Warner Brothers biopic.

30th October

Albert Nobbs

Dir: Rodrigo Garcia UK 2012 (113 mins)

Based on a story by George Moore, an Irish realist writer, who may have known some real-life parallels in Dublin. Albert Nobbs is not a man, she is a woman who works as a butler and waiter in a 19th century Dublin hotel, where she dresses and passes as a man because a woman would not be hired for the job, and she needs the economic security. Glenn Close plays Albert and had starred in an Off-Broadway production of it in 1982, she fulfils a personal ambition in bringing it to the screen.

	<p>FILM GROUP</p> <p>ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE</p> <p>£27.50</p> <p>Every Tuesday at 2pm Term starts 9 October and concludes 11 December</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP TO ACT AS TICKET PLANNED POST SCREENING DISCUSSIONS USE OF THE ARTS PICTUREHOUSE CAFÉ-BAR</p>	
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'City Screen' (Cambridge) Ltd		
Please return this form to The Arts Picturehouse		
38-39 St Andrew's Street, Cambridge CB2 3AR		
*Please note – unless otherwise stated in the cinema programme screenings are open to everyone		

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- 6th November The Burmese Harp Dir: Kon Ichikawa USA 1956 (116 mins)**
 One of the great humanist films to come out of the 20th C world wars, the message of *The Burmese Harp* is not simply that war causes suffering. Nor, despite its Buddhist milieu, does the film endorse the Buddhist doctrine that suffering is caused by desire. Instead, the film declares, that we mortals do not know why suffering happens. Rather than diagnosing a cause, *The Burmese Harp* emphasizes the importance of compassion, humility, and spirituality in facing up to the disease. Elegantly expressed through the extraordinary visual imagery of the cinematographer Minoru Yokoyama.
- 13th November Inside Job Dir: Charles Ferguson USA 2010 (116 mins)**
 As gripping as any thriller this film is a compelling lesson in what went wrong with the banks. Aided by some fascinating interviews, the director lays out a disturbing story. In the 1980s, the markets and financial services were deregulated; Charles Ferguson's *Inside Job* is an angry, well-argued documentary about how the American financial industry set out deliberately to defraud the ordinary investor. Considered to be essential viewing at the time it was released.
- 20th November The Gospel according to St. Mathew Dir: Pasolini Italy 1964 (137 mins)**
 There's something deeply personal about Pier Paolo Pasolini's approach, which at times almost feels like a documentary. Christ's meeting with Satan in the desert, his healing of lepers, or his feeding of the multitude are stripped of all the grandness one would normally associate with them, and presented in such a way that even non-believers should find the work moving and inspiring. A truly remarkable film.
- 27th November Charlie Wilson's War Dir: Mike Nichols USA 2007 (101 mins)**
 This is Mike Nichol's, fictional tribute to the real-life congressman Charlie Wilson, an exuberant figure who in the 1980s, masterminded and funded the covert war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. It is a fascinating and eye-opening account of the most unlikely "difference maker" imaginable. A relatively obscure Congressman from the Second District of Texas, "Good Time Charlie" was known more for his libertine lifestyle than his libertarian legislation. Likable and licentious (even for a politician), Charlie Wilson served his constituency well since the good folks of Lufkin only really wanted two things, their guns and to be left alone.
- 4th December To Have and Have Not Dir: Howard Hawks USA 1944 (99 mins)**
 Expatriate American Harry Morgan helps to transport a Free French Resistance leader and his beautiful wife to Martinique while romancing a sexy lounge singer. Loosely based on an Earnest Hemingway novel, the story of Henry Morgan, was rewritten by James Furman and William Faulkner. It was the first film role for the 19 year old Lauren Bacall and led to an iconic screen partnership with Humphrey Bogart as well to a marriage that endured until his death in 1957. It is also notable as one of the key screen appearances of the singer/songwriter Hoagy Carmichael.
- 11th December Le Havre Dir: Aki Kaurismaki France 2012 (94 mins)**
 This is a seductively funny, offbeat and warm-hearted film with a heartfelt urgency on the subject of northern Europe's attitude to desperate refugees from the developing world. The drollery and deadpan in Kaurismäki's style in no way undermine the emotional force of this tale; they give it an ingenuous Chaplinesque simplicity that helps to make it a satisfying and distinctively lovable film.

U3AC Cultural and Social Activities Committee

1. Information may be obtained from:

- ❖ the printed bulletin from 27-28 Bridge Street
- ❖ the website: www.u3ac.org.uk
- ❖ email: office@u3ac.org.uk

2. Application forms can be obtained in the following ways:

- ❖ from the display area at 27-28 Bridge Street
- ❖ at the Wednesday lecture
- ❖ by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Office with the name of the event in the top left hand corner
- ❖ **for a fee of £7 annually (payable in September) members will be sent forms as soon as they are available (see form below)**
- ❖ by email from the Office

NB: when sending forms to the organiser you **must** clearly mark the back of the envelope "U3AC" with the name of the trip. Forms are usually available about 4 weeks before the outing. A draw is held, if necessary, about 2 weeks later in order to make it fair for everyone. **All forms must be sent directly to the organiser with a stamped addressed envelope.**

It is important that forms are filled in correctly especially the section at the bottom re: a contact number for emergency purposes as this is a legal requirement.

We ask members to bring their acceptance slips with them as confirmation of the acceptance of their booking, to avoid any misunderstandings.

3. The following events have now been arranged

Wednesday 26th September

Cambridge Sculpture trail walk 10 am – 11.30 am

Forms now available, closing date for applications 12th September

Organiser: Janet Rallison.

Monday 1st October

Wrest Park, Silsoe, Luton

Forms now available, closing date for applications 15th September

Organiser: Clem Messenger.

Early November

Tour of the Bank of England –

TBC

Tuesday 11th December

'Xmas Special' – a regular feature

Trip to South Kensington.

Forms available November.

Organiser: Mary Elbourne.

Thursday 31st January 2013

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty, Milton Keynes Theatre

Forms available September

Organiser: Janet Rallison.

- Members are reminded that places on a visit can only be offered to a friend who is **not** a member if there is no waiting list for a trip. Arrangements must be made through one of the organisers.
- Activities are publicised in Bridge Street and also at the Wednesday Lectures. The Chairman is Clem Messenger.
- We shall use the **Trumpington** and **Madingley Road Park and Rides** regularly as our two pick up points, except on Sundays, when we shall also be using Bateman Street and Northampton Street.

U3AC Cultural and Social Activities Committee October 2012 – June 2013

To receive the forms by post, I enclose cheque for £7.00 payable to U3AC

Name:

Membership No:

Address:

The Norah Boyce Science Lectures

This lecture series will continue to be held in the Sackler Lecture Theatre of the Institute of Astronomy on Tuesdays. The lectures will start at 5.45pm. **Please do not arrive before 5.30pm** as access to the room is not available until this time. All welcome.

The Institute of Astronomy is in a side road marked 'University of Cambridge, Madingley Rise', on the north side of the Madingley Road, roughly opposite J J Thomson Avenue. It is 300 yards from the bus-stops there. Leaving the Madingley Road there is a car park on the right hand side and the Institute of Astronomy is the second building on the right further on. If the first car park is full, continue past the Institute and bear right for a second car park. The OS map reference is 543050 259390 or TL430594.

Autumn term

16 October

Cambridgeshire Wildlife: Past Present and Future

Brian Eversham, Chief Executive for the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

Brian Eversham has been Chief Executive for the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire since 2009. Previously he was head of conservation at the Trust for 12 years, following 15 years as a research ecologist at Monks Wood Experimental Station.

He will review the dramatic changes in Britain's wildlife in recent decades, caused by the interactions of climate, land use, pollution, and direct human impacts such as introduction of non-native species. Taking climate change as the biggest single factor, he will assess which species will be 'winners' and which 'losers' in a changing British climate. He will conclude by discussing how conservationists are responding to the challenges, and make some predictions of what our future wildlife may look like.

13 November

The Magic of Movement: A Bird's Eye View

Professor Nicola S. Clayton, FRS

Nicky Clayton is Professor of Comparative Cognition in the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge, a Fellow of Clare College and a Fellow of the Royal Society. She is also Scientist in Residence at Rambert Dance Company.

Her expertise lies in the contemporary study of the development and evolution of cognition in animals and young children, integrating knowledge of both biology and psychology to introduce new ways of thinking about key issues in comparative cognition.

Nicky is fascinated by movement. As a scientist she studies how crows and children think, using their behaviour to inspire novel tests to assess their cognitive capacities. But she is also a dancer and collaborates with Mark Baldwin, the Artistic Director at Rambert Dance Company on a series of new contemporary dance pieces inspired by science. In this talk Nicky will discuss the creative process used, and the striking parallels and improbable connections between choreographer and scientist.

27 November

The Resilient Brain: Cognition and Ageing

Professor Lorraine K Tyler, FBA

Lorraine K Tyler is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Cambridge, the director of the Centre for Speech, Language and the Brain, and Fellow of Clare College.

She heads a University-wide consortium, funded by the BBSRC, to study the relationship between brain function and cognition across the adult lifespan.

In this lecture, instead of focusing on what declines with age, she will discuss the more positive view which is starting to emerge in which ageing is no longer seen as an inexorable progressive decline in neural and cognitive fitness. This research focuses on what is preserved as we age, trying to understand the brain mechanisms by which cognitive functions can be preserved in spite of extensive changes in brain tissue. This research, that takes a positive view of changes across the life-span, is starting to over-turn existing stereotypes of ageing.

Wednesday Lectures

AUTUMN TERM 2012

This series of weekly lectures will take place in Room 3 of the University Lecture Rooms at no. 8 Mill Lane, starting at 2.15 pm.

All members are welcome to attend. Please have your membership cards ready to show on entry. Non-members may attend as guests for a fee of £2 per lecture, subject to availability of space.

- 10 October** ***The Politics of Papal Burial in Mediaeval Rome***
Rosamond McKitterick, Professor of Mediaeval History and Sidney Sussex
- 17 October** ***Don't mention the 'F' word – preventing falls as we get older***
Jackie Riglin, Falls Prevention Co-ordinator, Cambridgeshire Falls Prevention Service
- 24 October** ***Sustainable materials – with both eyes open***
Dr. Julian Allwood, University Senior Lecturer and leader of the Low Carbon Materials Processing Group, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge.
- 31 October** ***Henry Morris and the Village College Movement***
David Rooney, Biographer and former Warden of Swavesey Village College and Geoff Morris, former Chief Education Officer, Cambridgeshire
- 7 November** ***The response of the Greenland Ice Sheet to sudden surface lake drainage***
Dr. Ian Willis, Scott Polar Research Institute
- 14 November** ***The Fifth Wave of Computing***
Hermann Hauser, co-founder of Acorn Computers and Partner, Amadeus Venture Capital
- 21 November** ***Dame Cicely Saunders and the Modern Hospice Movement, Then and Now***
Christopher Saunders, U3AC member, brother of Cicely and trustee of www.cicelysaundersinternational.org
- 28 November** ***Alan Turing Remembered***
William Newman, Computer Scientist and son of Turing's mentor Max Newman
- 5 December** ***The Diamond Jubilee Hallmark and Silvermarks***
Gill Mallett, U3AC member, silversmith and gemmologist
- 12 December** ***What is happening to British and World English?***
Dr. Bert Vaux, Reader in Phonology and Morphology, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge

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