

Wednesday Lectures – Summer term 2025

The lectures this term are being run as either Zoom or hybrid events, giving members the opportunity to attend either via Zoom, or apply for a limited number of pre-booked places to attend in person. The talks will be held in the Pink room here at Bridge Street. Places can be booked 7 days before each lecture and are open to members only. Zoom links are on the website (you will need to log in to access them) and will be included in the Bulletin each Wednesday on the day of the lecture. Lectures will start at 2.15 pm.

Any last-minute changes to the programme will be publicised in the weekly Bulletin.

23 April Justice for some: Comparative miscarriages of justice HYBRID **Note: Speaker is on ZOOM**

Speaker: Kent Roach, C.M., F.R.S.C. Professor of Law at the University of Toronto

The differing concepts of miscarriages of justice, wrongful convictions and innocence will be discussed with an emphasis on differences between England and the United States. The inability of the English system to respond to the Post Office scandal and other recent failures such as the Victor Nealon and Andrew Malkinson case will be discussed as will the remedial legislation that overturned the Post Office convictions.

This is the fifth of our International Canadian Zoom lectures.

30 April Gliding over the Andes HYBRID

Speaker: Terry M Holloway FRAeS Aviation Consultant and Freelance Flying Instructor

Terry led an RAF expedition to Chile in 1996, comprising five pilots and was the first Englishman to fly over the Andes from Chile to Argentina passing over the summit of Mount Aconcagua, which is the highest mountain in the Americas at just under 26,000 feet.

7 May Gardens: wildlife refuges or impoverished in diversity HYBRID

Speaker: Dr Julian Doberski, U3AC member and Ecology lecturer ARU

A review of garden habitats, some of the effects of plant choice and garden management on species diversity and some pointers to what gardeners can do to promote biodiversity. In 2024 I published *The Science of Garden Biodiversity*.

14 May A lab of one's own: Cambridge women in the First World War HYBRID

Speaker: Dr Patricia Fara, an Emeritus Fellow of Clare College, and a historian of science

Many Cambridge women took over traditionally male roles during the First World War, including some extraordinary scientists, doctors and engineers who helped to ensure victory. Confronting danger, prejudice and disease, they worked in factories, laboratories and hospitals, both at home and overseas. After the Armistice, the old stereotypes returned, and women were squeezed out once again – but Britain had changed forever.