Open Day at Madingley Hall
Thursday 2 April 2015, 9.15am to 7.00pm

The University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education offers 100s of courses for the public, from weekends to part-time Master’s degrees.

Join us for our Open Day on 2 April 2015 at our home, Madingley Hall, and choose from more than 50 free events running throughout the day.

❖ Talks by top University experts
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❖ Tours of the Hall and Gardens
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Madingley Hall (CB23 8AQ) is in the village of Madingley, 3 miles west of Cambridge. Parking is available – see www.ice.cam.ac.uk/directions
Programme for the day: 2 April 2015

09.15 onwards: Information and enrolment stands
*Information and advice available throughout the day – no booking required*

09.15 onwards: eLearning: online study and support
*eLearning drop-in session running throughout the day – no booking required*

09.15 onwards: Master of Studies (MSt) programmes
*Information stand – no booking required*

10.00–10.45: The origins of the consumer society
*Local History taster session with Dr Ken Sneath*
Today we live in a consumer society, but how and when did it begin? In this highly illustrated talk, we will explore how new consumer goods started to change the lives of people in late 17th-century England. Soon even agricultural labourers started to own goods like clocks and mirrors – but how did they afford it?

10.00–10.45: History’s secret: finding lost gardens
*Historic Environment taster session with Dr Susan Oosthuizen*
Gardens are a particularly English passion. The remains of abandoned gardens of all periods often survive in humps and bumps above the ground. This accessible talk explores their characteristics and how they can be identified.

10.00–10.45: Certificate in Social Sciences: Politics taster session
*Politics taster session with Richard Yates*
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11.00–11.45: Rebuilding Rome: English classical architecture in the 17th century
_History of Architecture taster session with Dr Andrew Lacey_
England came late to classical architecture, yet soon produced architects of genius such as Sir Christopher Wren. This talk will explore something of the classical tradition and the reasons why England was so late in adopting this style.

11.00–11.45: International development and global change
_International Development taster session with Dr Alexandra Winkels_
Are you interested in global issues related to poverty, equity and aid? How do people cope with disasters? What is the role of NGOs or the United Nations? Have you wondered why Fair Trade is important, or why education is linked to human development? Our courses look at human development from both theoretical and applied perspectives and examine these in light of global issues such as climate change, resource scarcities, financial transfers and population dynamics.

11.00–11.45: Making sense: an introduction to close reading
_Literature taster session with Dr Jenny Bavidge_
Come along and practise your skills of literary analysis on a range of examples from the sweetly simple to the fiendishly difficult. No previous experience required!

11.00–11.45: Advanced Diploma student presentations
Hear from some of our students as they talk about their experience of studying part-time for an Undergraduate Advanced Diploma, and share the findings of their research projects.

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*History of Art taster session with Mary Conochie*

This session will examine the many layers of meaning behind portraits of the great and, often not so, good figures of power over the centuries.

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*Philosophy taster session with Anna Smajdor*

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Can I study for the Undergraduate Certificate in Local History? What does the course cover? Is it really for beginners like me? Dr Ken Sneath answers your questions and gives a brief synopsis of a lecture.

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Talk with Jonathan Baldwin
ICE offers you the opportunity to study for a University award on a part-time basis, enabling you to follow an interest for personal or professional development from undergraduate-level through to postgraduate-level study. No prior academic study or qualifications are required to embark on an Undergraduate Certificate course, just enthusiasm and a desire to learn. Come along to discover what opportunities we offer, what’s involved and how other students have found the experience.

13.00–13.45: French for beginners: in at the deep end
French taster session with Francine Rouanet-Démocra (beginners)
Do you enjoy going to France on holiday and would like to communicate better? This practical but inclusive session is designed for those who have very rusty or limited knowledge of French. You will be surprised at how quickly you can improve your skills. C’est du gâteau! (It’s a piece of cake!)

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13.00–13.45: The Tudors: fearsome and fascinating?
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14.00–14.45: *Landscape detective: finding history hidden in plain sight*

*Historic Environment taster session with Dr Susan Oosthuizen*

Almost every landscape has clues in its buildings, roads, fields and hedges to its origins and later evolution. This talk introduces some of them to enable you to begin to reconstruct the history of your own local landscapes.

14.00–14.45: *Famous French people and places*

*French taster session with Francine Rouanet-Démocrate (intermediate/advanced)*

Held in French, this session is suitable for those with some knowledge of the language who wish to develop their skills. You will not only learn more about France and its rich historical and cultural traditions, but will see your confidence and communication skills improve.

14.00–14.45: *Can literary criticism halt climate change?*

*Literature taster session with Dr Jenny Bavidge*

What contribution can literary and cultural analysis make to our understanding of environmental crisis? This talk will discuss recent developments in the 'ecological humanities' and looks at the kind of stories we're telling ourselves about climate change.

14.00–14.45: *The Pre-Raphaelite rebellion*

*History of Art taster session with Mary Conochie*

This session gives an analysis of how the various subjects of these artists reflect both an acceptance and a rejection of the impact of industrialisation on Victorian England.

14.00–14.45: *Mathematics by sticks and stones*

*Mathematics taster session with Guy Roberts*

We are used to the notion that the Chinese and Japanese used the bead abacus very effectively to do their arithmetic. In fact, other systems were in use. This talk will introduce and briefly explore the system of arithmetic using sticks, known as the *sangi* in Japan, which could even be adapted to solve algebraic equations.

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*Biological Sciences taster session with Dr Ed Turner*

This interactive session will take a look at what research involves and what a research scientist actually spends their time doing! Focusing on a study based in the rainforests of SE Asia, we will follow the various stages of a research project, from the first idea to a published scientific paper, and the trials and tribulations of research.
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We are familiar with the idea that Europe adopted a number system from the Islamic world, but Islam traded with India along the ancient Persian trading routes and, in turn, inherited from India. This session will look at early mediaeval Indian arithmetic and mathematics and their influence on the West.
16.00–16.45: Meet the ancient Egyptians
Archaeology taster session with Dr Corinne Duhig
We think we know what the ancient Egyptians were like: they built magnificent tombs and temples and were so concerned with religion and the afterlife that they tried to preserve their dead for eternity, as mummies. Learn from archaeology about what life was really like in ancient Egypt, and how all those monuments to the gods and the dead fitted into a society that was vibrantly alive and in some ways not so different from our own.

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**Accommodation**

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