

WEA

Courses for Adults

Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire

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Welcome to the WEA

Welcome to our course brochure. We hope that amongst the wide variety of subjects offered in local communities, there is something to interest you.

What is the WEA?

The WEA is a 21st Century, democratic, voluntary adult education movement for all adults over the age of 19 committed to widening participation and to enabling people to realise their full potential through learning. We employ course tutors and a small professional staff, but our strength also lies in the work of the voluntary members who govern the Region and run local branches, which choose and deliver open access courses in community settings.

What are the courses like?

We aim to provide friendly, informal and enjoyable courses with expert tutors. Each course has a written course outline and learning outcome statements, which are confirmed with the students. If you want to see if a course is right for you, come along to the first meeting without any obligation – after checking with the contact person that there are places available.

How much do courses cost?

Fees are kept as low as possible. We are a non-profit-making body, supported by funding from the Skills Funding Agency. Some students (and their unwaged dependants) who receive income-based benefits may be eligible for fee remission. The WEA Discretionary Learner Support Fund is another means by which students on low household income can apply for financial support to help with costs incurred as a result of attending a WEA course.

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The WEA in Bedfordshire

Last year there were nearly 1100 enrolments on WEA courses in Bedfordshire. These learners needed no previous experience or qualifications – just an interest in the subject and an enthusiasm for learning. If you see something of interest in this brochure, why not join their number?



Local WEA Branches help choose and organise the courses which typically run over an eight to ten week period for an hour and a half or two hours each

week. If there is no WEA Branch near you, and you would be interested in starting one, please contact the Regional Office.

The courses outlined in the brochure are taught by professional tutors but are organised by local volunteers. Branches are usually happy for you to attend the first session of any course without obligation to see if the subject and learning style is right for you. There is generally no need to enrol in advance though it is wise to telephone the Branch Contact to ensure that the course is not oversubscribed and there are no local changes to the published information. The contacts printed in the brochure are volunteers; please do not expect them to keep office hours.

The WEA also runs a wide range of community and work based courses across Bedfordshire. These are organised and delivered in conjunction with partner organisations. The topics covered are very diverse. Last year we ran courses on **Painting and Drawing, Photography, Crafts, Skills for Life, ESOL, Community Learning Champions** – to name but a few.



If you would like to find out more about how the WEA makes educational opportunities happen for adults in the community – or would like to become a WEA tutor – contact the WEA Regional Office:

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 12 Hills Road
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 CB2 1JP
 Tel: 01223 417320
 E-mail: eastern@wea.org.uk

Visit our national website:
www.wea.org.uk
 and regional website:
www.wea-eastern.org.uk
 for details of WEA courses and activities in the Eastern Region and beyond.

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Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex
Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
 To request other area booklets please call 01223 417320.

BIGGLESWADE

Contact: Claire Bartram
Tel: 01767 223524

The Two World Wars C2217923

No period of history excites so much popular interest as the era of the two World Wars. Find out more about the causes, course and consequences of these two great conflicts.

Tutor Stephen Corley
Venue Labour Hall, Crab Lane SG18 0LN 
Date Mondays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 12/09/2011



Russia and the Russians C2217924

Study of the turbulent and fascinating history of Russia from its beginnings to the present day. A country of extremes, we will examine the characters, the significant themes, and the problems and opportunities of Russia today.


Fee: £45
Tutor Roger Cornwell
Venue Labour Hall, Crab Lane SG18 0LN 
Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 22/09/2011



The Rise and Rise of the West C2217925

Why has Western Europe and its civilisation been so powerful and attractive over the last 500 years? Is the West declining or has western civilisation actually taken over the world? Controversial and important history.

Fee: £45

Tutor Roger Cornwell
Venue Labour Hall, Crab Lane
 SG18 0LN 
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 10/01/2012

To be confirmed C2217926

Please contact Claire Bartram for further details.

Tutor To be confirmed

DUNSTABLE


Contact: Tony Woodhouse
Tel: 01582 527044
N.B: There will be a pre-enrolment session on 6th September at 10am at the Priory House, Dunstable.

The Tudors in Bedfordshire C2217927

A brief look at the lives of the Tudor Kings and Queens and the way life changed for the people of Dunstable and the surrounding area during their reigns.

Fee: £45



Tutor Vivienne Evans
Venue Tourist Information Centre Dunstable, Priory House, 33 High Street South LU6 3RZ 
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

The Native Trees of Britain – Facts and Folklore

C2217928

From alder and aspen to the iconic yew, our native trees frame the landscape. In architecture and literature; from cradles to cures, trees are a vital part of our lives.




Fee: £45

Tutor Sheila Meekums
Venue Tourist Information Centre Dunstable, Priory House, 33 High Street South LU6 3RZ 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
First session starts at 9:30
 10 meetings from 21/09/2011

Dunstable around 1841 C2217929

Queen Victoria's visit in 1841 came just as the town was going through the breakdown of the coaching industry and the arrival of the bonnet making factories. New businesses, service and roads soon led to it becoming a boom town.

Fee: £45

Pre-enrolment only.
Tutor Vivienne Evans
Venue Tourist Information Centre Dunstable, Priory House, 33 High Street South LU6 3RZ 
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 10/01/2012

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LANGFORD


Contact: Jean Chapman
Tel: 01462 700306

What's New in Space C2217930

This fully illustrated course explores the latest ideas, observational methods and discoveries that have over the past few years so drastically changed our views of the universe.



Fee: £50

Tutor Anthony Woodhouse
Venue St Andrews Church Hall, Church Street SG18 9QA 
Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 15/09/2011

World War One Ancestors C2217931

This course examines life in World War One – propaganda; literature; weapons; military records; the Home Front – using original records and artefacts.

Fee: £50



Tutor Aidan Lawes
Venue St Andrews Church Hall, Church Street SG18 9QA 
Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Contact: Ken Prosser
Tel: 01525 210294

The Northern Renaissance C2217932

The course will discuss the lives of the artists involved with the artistic innovations in the Netherlands and cover a basic knowledge of the social history and religious upheavals.

Fee: £50

Tutor Kate Phillips
Venue Leighton Buzzard Theatre Lounge, Lake Street LU7 1RX 
Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 2 hour sessions.
 8 meetings from 28/09/2011

The Detective in Fiction C2217933

The course deals with the authors of crime novels, the detectives they create and the history of the genre. It compares screen detectives, and provides an opportunity to discuss your favourites.

Fee: £50



Tutor Peter Leyland
Venue Leighton Buzzard Theatre Lounge, Lake Street LU7 1RX 
Date Thursdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions.
 8 meetings from 29/09/2011

The Native Trees of Britain – Facts and Folklore C2217934

From alder and aspen to the iconic yew, our native trees frame the landscape. In architecture and literature; from cradles to cures, trees are a vital part of our lives.

Fee: £50

Tutor Sheila Meekums
Venue Leighton Buzzard Theatre Lounge, Lake Street LU7 1RX 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions.
 8 meetings from 18/01/2012

Ancient Science in the Modern World
C2218040

Ancient sciences such as astrology and alchemy remain influential and important even thousands of years after their origins. Find out about ancient science, what they tried to explain, and why they're still significant today.



Fee: £50

Tutor Neale Monks
Venue Leighton Buzzard Theatre Lounge, Lake Street LU7 1RX 
Date Thursdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions. 8 meetings from 19/01/2012

RISELEY


Contact: Mione Harrison
Tel: 01480 861231

Hark, Hark the dogs do bark C2217935

From the Great Pestilence to the Poor Act 1834, we observe how government legislation and social attitudes combined to regulate the everyday life of the labouring




poor. Discussions and practical evaluations.
Fee: £45

Tutor Liz Carter
Venue Riseley Village Hall, Gold Street MK44 1EG 
Date Wednesdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 14/09/2011

London Artists – Artists' London
C2217936

London has been a creative centre since Roman times and still inspires artists and designers today. Out of its eccentric seedy glamour comes a wealth of cultural treasures. **Fee: £45**



Tutor Terry Sladden
Venue Riseley Village Hall, Gold Street MK44 1EG 
Date Wednesdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 11/01/2012

Course funding

If you wish to take part in one of the courses in this brochure which are funded by the Skills Funding Agency, but have not been resident in the UK or the EU for the last three years, you may not be eligible to be enrolled as a learner. Please ring the WEA Regional Office in Cambridge on **01223 417320** for advice, if you think this might apply to you.



The WEA in Cambridgeshire

Last year there were nearly 1600 enrolments on WEA courses in Cambridgeshire. These learners needed no previous experience or qualifications, just an interest in the subject and a willingness to learn. If you see something of interest in this brochure, why not join their number? A friendly welcome is always waiting.



The WEA has twenty-five branches in Cambridgeshire. The courses outlined in this brochure last for ten weeks unless otherwise shown; most classes last for

1.5 hours (plus extra time if branches choose to have a mid-session break). The fees are low because each branch is run by its voluntary members. For example a 10-week course can cost as little as £45.

If possible, enrol in advance for Cambridge City courses; an enrolment form can be found at the back of this brochure. For all other courses, enrol at the first session, or phone the named contact. Although we have made every effort to publish information which is correct at time of printing, last minute changes sometimes occur. Please check dates and details with the contacts named.

In addition to the courses listed in this brochure, the WEA also runs a wide range of community and work based courses in Cambridgeshire in conjunction with partner organisations. Interest in new branches and suggestions for new courses are always welcome.

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Please contact the County Organiser for Cambridgeshire, if you want to know more about WEA activity near you, or if you would like to become a course tutor.

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The WEA Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire Branches



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ALCONBURY

Contact: Mary Daybell **Tel:** 01480 455031

Mid 19th Century Europe in Literature C2217971

An exploration of European history and society from 1850 to 1914 through 19th and 20th century fiction. Extracts from Flaubert, Zola, Tolstoy, Mann, Lampedusa and Joseph Roth. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Fiona Lucaft

Venue Alconbury Memorial Hall, School Lane PE28 4EQ

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

The French Revolution C2217972

In less than a decade, a monarchy that had endured for 1000 years was eliminated and France embarked on a period of political experimentation whose effects have continued to reverberate. This course charts the complex events and processes of this important event. **Fee: £45**



Tutor Rosemary Williams

Venue Alconbury Memorial Hall, School Lane PE28 4EQ

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 10/01/2012

BOTTISHAM

Contact: Shirley Ellis

Tel: 01223 811891

Email: shirleyellis@shirlellis.plus.com

1066 and All That C2217973

Missed out on history at school? Confused about what or who happened when? This course is a copiously illustrated rapid overview of English history from 1066 onwards. It synthesises styles, events, political and social history including royalty, peasants, inventors and artists.

Fee: £45



Tutor Honor Ridout

Venue British Legion Social Club, 31 Downing Close CB25 9DD

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 29/09/2011

The Art of Seeing C2217974

The return of a popular lecturer to provide an introduction to art appreciation using illustrations from the Renaissance to abstract art in national collections. There will be an optional field trip to the National Gallery at the end of the course.

Fee: £45

Tutor Mary Conochie

Venue British Legion Social Club, 31 Downing Close CB25 9DD

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

BUCKDEN

Contact: Bridget Hale **Tel:** 01480 216391
or Bill Templeton **Tel:** 01480 456788

History of the English Language Part 1

C2217975



The first part of a two-part course tracing the rich and splendid history of the English language. This part takes the story from the beginnings to the Tudor Age.

Fee: £45

Tutor Rosemary Williams

Venue Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
PE18 9TA

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
10 meetings from 20/09/2011

1066 and All That

C2217976



Missed out on history at school? Confused about what or who happened when? This course is a copiously

illustrated rapid overview of English history from 1066 onwards. It synthesises styles, events, political and social history including royalty, peasants, inventors and artists.

Fee: £45

Tutor Honor Ridout

Venue Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
PE18 9TA

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
10 meetings from 10/01/2012

Appreciating Film Music

C2217978

A course which explores the role of music in film, with reference to key composers such as Ennio Morricone, Bernard Herrmann and John Barry. We will examine the History of Film Music, the process and examples of innovative sound in film genres and an MGM musical.



Fee: £30

Tutor Laurence Staig

Venue Claret Centre, Buckden Towers
PE18 9TA

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions.
5 meetings from 17/04/2012

BURWELL

Contact: Patricia Morrison

Tel: 01638 602529

Ten Great Films of All Time

C2217979

We will examine 10 great movies and others you may never have heard of. We will look at the background in which the films were produced,



the stars and the film makers, as well as evaluating the reputation of the films themselves. A must for film fans.

Fee: £45

Tutor Laurence Staig

Venue Burwell Day Centre,
Ash Grove CB25 0DR

Date Tuesdays 15:15 – 1.5 hour sessions.
10 meetings from 20/09/2011

European Catastrophe 1914-45

C2217980



No period in history excites so much popular interest as the era of the two World Wars. Find out more about the causes, course and consequences of these two great conflicts. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Stephen Corley

Venue Burwell Day Centre,
Ash Grove CB25 0DR

Date Tuesdays 15:15 – 1.5 hour sessions.
10 meetings from 10/01/2012

CAMBRIDGE

Contact: Maggie Heywood

Tel: 07592 359039

Russian Conversation

C2218395

Improve conversational fluency and gain confidence and enjoyment from speaking Russian within this lively group. Informal conversations and discussions are complemented by structured activities. (For students with several years' experience).

Fee: £220

Tutor Alison Wilson

Venue St Augustines Church,
Richmond Road CB4 3PS

Date Mondays 13:30 – 2 hour sessions.
25 meetings from 26/09/2011

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Countryside & Wildlife of East Anglia

C2217981

An introduction, backed with quality colour images, to East Anglia's rich legacy of landscapes and stunning wildlife. Amongst the remarkable, some unique, areas covered will be The Fens, Breckland, The Wash, The Broads and Sandlings **Fee: £47**



Tutor Brian Sawford

Venue WI Hall, High Street,
Girton CB3 0QQ

Date Tuesdays 14:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
10 meetings from 27/09/2011


Are you interested in teaching for the WEA?

We welcome enquiries from potential tutors. If you are interested in teaching adults and would like to know more about becoming a course tutor for the WEA, please go to www.wea.org.uk where you can download an application form and find out more about us.

Landscape into Art C2217982

An introduction into the development of landscape painting: from Altar pieces to Land art; from the Arcadian to the Apocalyptic.


Fee: £47

Tutor Mary Conochie
Venue Cambridge & County Folk Museum, 2-3 Castle Street CB3 0AQ 
Date Fridays 10:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 30/09/2011

The French Revolution C2217983

In less than a decade, a monarchy that had endured for 1000 years was eliminated and France embarked on a period of political experimentation whose effects have continued to reverberate. This course charts the complex events and processes of this important event.

Fee: £47

Tutor Rosemary Williams
Venue St Augustine's Church, Richmond Road CB4 3PS 
Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/10/2011

Dickens C2217987

Explore Dickens' life, times and genius! We will study extracts from his works, as well as interpretations of illustrations, audio and film versions.

Fee: £47




Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Cambridge & County Folk Museum, 2-3 Castle Street CB3 0AQ 
Date Fridays 10:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 13/01/2012

Heroes of Empire C2217988

A critical look at the achievements, mainly of men but of some women, in extending, ruling and discovering the British Empire.

Fee: £47


Tutor Mary Dicken
Venue WI Hall, High Street, Girton CB3 0PU 
Date Tuesdays 14:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 17/01/2012



Europe Between the Wars C2217986

The two World Wars excite constant popular interest, but less attention is paid to the vital years between them. Find out more about the fascinating history which links these two great conflicts.

Fee: £47


Tutor Stephen Corley
Venue St Augustine's Church, Richmond Road CB4 3PS 
Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 18/01/2012

Exploring Cambridge C2217990



This course explores the streets of central Cambridge, on foot, looking at the buildings and shape of the city, and the lives of those who shaped it and lived in it.

Fee: £37


Tutor Honor Ridout
Venue St Giles Church, Castle Hill, Castle Street CB3 0AQ 
Date Thursdays 14:00 – 2 hour sessions. 6 meetings from 23/02/2012



Parish Churches in East Anglia C2217989

The Medieval churches of East Anglia are a great treasure: this course will consider how they were designed and built, their meaning, uses and how they have changed over time.

Fee: £29

Tutor Lynne Broughton
Venue Cambridge & County Folk Museum, 2-3 Castle Street CB3 0AQ 
Date Fridays 10:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 6 meetings from 04/05/2012

CHATTERIS

Contact: G and J Setchfield
Tel: 01354 693224

Appreciating Film Music C2217991

A course which explores the role of music in film, with reference to key composers such as Ennio Morricone, Bernard Herrmann and John Barry. We will examine the History of Film Music, the process and examples of innovative use of sound in film genres and an MGM musical.

Fee: £45

Tutor Laurence Staig
Venue King Edward Centre, King Edward Road PE16 6NG 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 21/09/2011

Dickens C2217992

Explore Dickens' life, times and genius! We will study extracts from his works, as well as interpretations of illustrations, audio and film versions.

Fee: £45

Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue King Edward Centre, King Edward Road PE16 6NG 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 11/01/2012


CHEVELEY

Contact: Rosemary Foreman
Tel: 01638 730072

Shakespeare C2217993

A fun exploration of Shakespeare's life, times and drama. We will study 3 plays: 'Richard III', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Hamlet', through text and screen.

Fee: £45


Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Community Room, Cheveley Primary School, Park Road CB8 9DF 
Date Fridays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 07/10/2011



Strong Minded Women C2217994

Move over Mrs Pankhurst – there's more female suffrage that you think! We study women (and men) whose lives and actions changed the way government and society viewed women 1790-1928.

Fee: £45

Tutor Liz Carter
Venue Community Room, Cheveley Primary School, Park Road CB8 9DF 
Date Fridays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 20/01/2012

COTTENHAM

Contact: Liz Milway
Tel: 01954 250039

Evolution: The Story of the Last Four Billion Years C2217995

The story of the Earth and the life that populates it, and how they have evolved together through nearly four billion years, concluding with the emergence of humankind.

Fee: £45

Tutor Keith Tritton
Venue Lecture Room, Cottenham Village College, High Street CB24 8UA

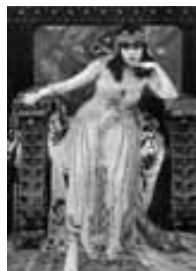
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

The Art and Craft of Film Costume C2217996

Explore costume design in film from the silent era to today, and the role costume plays in creating character and image. Does costume influence or reflect fashion?

Fee: £45

Tutor Karen Hore
Venue Lecture Room, Cottenham Village College, High Street CB24 8UA
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 10/01/2012



Adventurous Women C2218013

A pair of stout boots and serge petticoats – what else would an adventurous woman need? We study the lives and travels of some unusual women and their influence on contemporary society.

Fee: £27

Tutor Liz Carter
Venue Lecture Room, Cottenham Village College, High Street CB24 8UA
Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 6 meetings from 24/04/2012

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Contact: Sue Holgate
Tel: 01353 668438

The Art and Craft of Film Costume C2218014

Explore costume design in film from the silent era to today, and the role costume plays in creating character and image. Does costume influence or reflect fashion?

Fee: £45

Tutor Karen Hore
Venue Ely Library, 6 The Cloisters CB7 4ZH

Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 21/09/2011

The Golden Century of Spain C2218015

The course examines the rise of Spain to become the superpower of 16th century Europe. This was based on her extensive empire, impressive military strength and the unifying effect of Catholicism.

Fee: £45

Tutor Michael Muncaster
Venue Ely Library, 6 The Cloisters CB7 4ZH

Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 11/01/2012



GODMANCHESTER

Contact: Margaret Arch
Tel: 01480 433288
Email: wea@godmanchesterwea.org.uk

The Golden Century of Spain C2218016

The course examines the rise of Spain to become the superpower of 16th century Europe. This was based on her extensive empire, impressive military strength and the unifying effect of Catholicism.

Fee: £45

Tutor Michael Muncaster
Venue Queen Elizabeth School, Post Street PE29 2NB

Date Thursdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 22/09/2011

A History of Cambridge C2218017

2000 years of fascinating Cambridge history. We'll explore the City and the University, the streets, buildings, people and events through documents, pictures and maps, to bring past lives to life.

Fee: £45

Tutor Honor Ridout
Venue Queen Elizabeth School, Post Street PE29 2NB
Date Thursdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

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Curios and Collectables C2218018



This course will explore the world of curios and collectables

featuring everything from glass, silver, ceramics, clocks, furniture, textiles and a 'Top 40' of collectables. Not to be missed!

Fee: £28.50

Tutor Peter Edwards
Venue Queen Elizabeth School, Post Street PE29 2NB

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions. 5 meetings from 26/04/2012

GREAT GRANSDEN

Contact: Les Davidge **Tel:** 01462 742121

1000 Years of Literature in Britain C2218019

A whistlestop tour of Britain's literary heritage from 'Beowulf' to 'Under Milk Wood', studying extracts from 1000 years of poetry, prose and drama.

Fee: £45

Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Reading Rooms, Fox Street SG19 3AA

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 22/09/2011

History of British Architecture (1600 – Today) C2218020

Everywhere we look in Britain buildings are in view. Some are a delight, others can make us ill. Judge, enjoy and be amused by our rich built environment.

Fee: £45

Tutor Terry Sladden
Venue Reading Rooms, Fox Street SG19 3AA

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012



GULDEN MORDEN


Contact: Mrs C. Murfitt
Tel: 01763 852526



Introduction to Astronomy C2218021

In this course you will learn about the history of astronomy, the formation of the Universe and learn to recognise some of the major constellations, planets and nebulae.


Fee: £48

Tutor Christopher Woolston
Venue Guilden Morden School, Pound Green SG8 0JZ 
Date Tuesdays 19:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

1000 Years of Literature in Britain C2218022

A whistlestop tour of Britain's literary heritage from 'Beowulf' to 'Under Milk Wood', studying extracts from 1000 years of poetry, prose and drama.

Fee: £48

Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Guilden Morden School, Pound Green SG8 0JZ 
Date Tuesdays 19:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 10/01/2012



HADDENHAM

Contact: Irene Abraham
Tel: 01353 740002



Coasts and Seashores of East Anglia C2218029

Visiting the coast has always been a favourite pastime in this country. Now you can learn about just what lurks beneath your beach towel! Find out about scorpions in rock pools, spitting fulmars, sand dunes, saltmarshes and much more.

Fee: £45

Tutor Frances Dipper
Venue Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road CB6 3DX 
Date Mondays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 26/09/2011

From Sleeping Giant to Superpower C2218030

The years 1880-1990 saw the United States rise from isolation to become the dominant world power. The course examines key domestic issues, looks at influential personalities and assesses the impact of the USA on world events.

Fee: £45

Tutor Michael Muncaster
Venue Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road CB6 3DX 
Date Mondays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 16/01/2012




HEMINGFORDS

Contact: Juliet Stockwell
Tel: 01487 841660

A History of Cambridge C2218028

2000 years of fascinating Cambridge history. We'll explore the City and the University, the streets, buildings, people and events through documents, pictures and maps, to bring past lives to life.

Fee: £45


Tutor Honor Ridout
Venue Bluntisham Baptist Church Hall, High Street PE28 3LD 
Date Mondays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/09/2011

Contact: Susan Sutcliffe
Tel: 01480 352079

The Story of the English Parish C2218023

The origins and function of the Parish. How these functions have changed over the years. The people, documents, buildings and structures of the Parish. Civil and Ecclesiastical Parishes today.

Fee: £45


Tutor David Bond
Venue Hemingford Grey Reading Room, High Street PE28 9BJ 
Date Mondays 19:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 19/09/2011

Contact: Maureen Rolfe
Tel: 01480 463493

1000 Years of Literature in Britain C2218025

A whistlestop tour of Britain's literary heritage from 'Beowulf' to 'Under Milk Wood', studying extracts from 1000 years of poetry, prose and drama.

Fee: £45

Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Hemingford Grey Reading Room, High Street PE28 9BJ 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 21/09/2011


Contact: Janet Hewitt **Tel:** 01480 464500

The Napoleon Experience C2218024



Few individuals have had such an impact on world history as Napoleon Bonaparte. The main facts of his career are well known, therefore, we shall attempt to go beyond them and investigate some less familiar aspects, including his deeply enigmatic personality.

Fee: £45

Tutor Rosemary Williams
Venue Hemingford Grey Reading Room, High Street PE28 9BJ 
Date Mondays 19:45 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 09/01/2012

Course funding

If you wish to take part in one of the courses in this brochure which are funded by the Skills Funding Agency, but have not been resident in the UK or the EU for the last three years, you may not be eligible to be enrolled as a learner.

Please ring the WEA Regional Office in Cambridge on

01223 417320 for advice, if you think this might apply to you.



Contact: Pat Douglas **Tel:** 01480 463825

The Art and Craft of Film Costume

C2218026

Explore costume design in film from the silent era to today, and the role costume plays in creating character and image. Does costume influence or reflect fashion?

Fee: £45

Tutor Karen Hore

Venue Hemingford Grey Reading Room, High Street PE28 9BJ

Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 11/01/2012

One of Us!

Would you like to show your continued commitment and support of the WEA by becoming a Member?

Membership of the Association is free and open to all.

If you would like a membership application form, please contact the Regional Office on:

01223 417320

E-mail: eastern@wea.org.uk



Contact: Juliet Stockwell **Tel:** 01487 841660

European Catastrophe 1914-45

C2218027

No period of history excites so much popular interest as the era of the two World Wars. Find out more about the causes, course and consequences of these two great conflicts.

Fee: £45

Tutor Stephen Corley

Venue Bluntisham Baptist Church Hall, High Street PE28 3LD

Date Mondays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 16/01/2012



HUNTINGDON

Contact: Lin Fleming **Tel:** 01480 468055

The History of the English Language: Part 1

C2218031

The first part of a two-part course tracing the rich and splendid history of the English language. This part takes the story from the beginnings to the Tudor Age.

Fee: £45

Tutor Rosemary Williams

Venue Godmanchester Primary School, Park Lane PE29 2AG

Date Tuesdays 19:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

Mapping the Landscape

C2218032

From the Mappa Mundi to Google Earth – we observe how maps and surveys can chart the changing landscape of Britain. Lots of practical work with copy documents and maps.

Fee: £45

Tutor Liz Carter

Venue Godmanchester Primary School, Park Lane PE29 2AG

Date Tuesdays 19:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 10/01/2012

ICKLETON/CHESTERFORDS

Contact: Margaret Beston **Tel:** 01799 530454

Tudor, Stuart and Georgian Cambridge

C2218033

Focusing on three centuries, including times of danger, turbulence and corruption, we'll look at both Town and University, the lives people led and some notable individuals.

Fee: £45

Tutor Honor Ridout

Venue Great Chesterford Congregational, Carmel Street CB10 1PH

Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 14/09/2011

Ten Great Films of All Time

C2218034

We will examine ten great movies and others you may never have heard of. We will look at the background in which the films were produced, the stars and the film makers, as well as evaluating the reputation of the films themselves. A must for film fans.

Fee: £45

Tutor Laurence Staig

Venue Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street CB10 1SH

Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 11/01/2012

Form your own WEA Branch!

If there is no WEA Branch near you and you are interested in starting one with our support, contact the Regional Office on **01223 417320**

Email: eastern@wea.org.uk



LINTON

Contact: Marion Bryant **Tel:** 01223 290420

History on Your Doorstep

C2218035



How to trace the history of your community/village – using maps, surveys, printed resources and prime sources – from the modern day back to Roman times. Using local examples for countrywide application.

Fee: £45

Tutor Liz Carter

Venue Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane CB21 4JS

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 04/10/2011

Helms, Hatchments and Hedgehogs: Heraldry, It's All Around Us

C2218036

An introduction to everyday heraldry. Heraldry is all around us. It can be seen in Cambridge colleges and schools and when we visit country houses, churches and cathedrals or look at pub signs and cricket caps.

Fee: £45

Tutor Chloe Cockerill

Venue Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane CB21 4JS

Date Tuesdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 10/01/2012


MARCH

Contact: Teresa Fowler
Tel: 01945 410424

Evolution: The Story of the Last 4 Billion Years **C2218037**

The story of the Earth and the life that populates it, and how they have evolved together through nearly four billion years, concluding with the emergence of humankind.

Fee: £45


Tutor Keith Tritton
Venue March Conservative & Unionist Club, 14 Creek Road PE15 8RD 
Date Thursdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 22/09/2011

The Story of London **C2218038**



The historical growth of London over the centuries. Reasons for it developing as it has. Its history reflected in its various functions, plan and surviving buildings and monuments.

Fee: £45

Tutor David Bond
Venue March Conservative & Unionist Club, 14 Creek Road PE15 8RD 
Date Thursdays 10:15 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

ST IVES


Contact: Mrs C. Kilbee
Tel: 01480 493895

Notes: Please contact the above to pre-book your place.
Numbers restricted to 45.

Love and Sex in Shakespeare **C2218039**

A course exploring Shakespeare's view of love and sex: from tenderly romantic and worshipful to bawdily comic and cynical; also his intensely personal experience described in his sonnets.

Fee: £45

Tutor Lindsay Fursland
Venue St Ivo School (Community Lounge), High Leys PE27 6RR 


Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 22/09/2011



Britain and the Great War **C2218041**

The Great War marked a turning point for Britain. As well as examining the reasons for its outbreak and Britain's part in the war, the course considers the effects which the war had on Britain.

Fee: £45


Tutor Michael Muncaster
Venue St Ivo School (Community Lounge), High Leys PE27 6RR 

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

Do You Remember the Sixties? **C2218042**

The course will look at the culture of the sixties Swinging Britain and Flower Power USA, including a review of film, music and literature. This tutor was there and became a member of a 60's Blues Band.

Fee: £27

Tutor Laurence Staig
Venue St Ivo School (Community Lounge), High Leys PE27 6RR 

Date Thursdays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 6 meetings from 19/04/2012


ST NEOTS

Contact: Elaine Donaldson
Tel: 01480 217492

Europe Between the Wars **C2218043**

The two World Wars excite constant popular interest, but less attention is paid to the vital years between them. Find out more about the fascinating history which links these two great conflicts.


Fee: £50

Tutor Stephen Corley
Venue Eynesbury C of E School, Montague Street PE19 2TD 
Date Thursdays 19:30 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 22/09/2011

Shakespeare – Through Text and Screen **C2218044**

A fun exploration of Shakespeare's life, times and drama. We will study three plays: 'Richard III', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Hamlet', through text and screen.

Fee: £50

Tutor Fiona Lucraft
Venue Pilgrim Hall, URC Church, Moores Walk PE19 1AG 
Date Thursdays 14:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 12/01/2012




UPWOOD

Contact: Liz Carter
Tel: 01487 813008

The Story of London **C2218045**

The historical growth of London over the centuries. Reasons for it developing as it has. Its history reflected in its various functions, plan and surviving buildings and monuments.

Fee: £48


Tutor David Bond
Venue Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall, High Street, Upwood PE26 2QE 
Date Wednesdays 20:00 – 1.5 hour sessions. 10 meetings from 28/09/2011

Novels into Films **C2218047**

We shall watch three films that are adaptations of novels – 'The Hours'; 'Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'; 'Age of Innocence' – then analyse them in tutor led group discussions.

Fee: £48



Tutor Steven Wade-Jones
Venue Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall, High Street, Upwood PE26 2QE 
Date Wednesdays 10:00 – 2 hour sessions. 8 meetings from 01/02/2012



Water, Water Everywhere C2218046

From swampy, malaria-infested Marshes to the bread-basket of England and beyond – we study the changing landscape and communities, past and future, of Fenland through contemporary records and maps. Includes a Field Trip. **Fee: £42**

Tutor Liz Carter
Venue Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall, High Street, Upwood PE26 2QE ☎
Date Wednesdays 20:00 – 2 hour sessions.
 7 meetings from 18/04/2012

WILLINGHAM

Contact: Rosemary Mumford
Tel: 01954 260934

The Golden Century of Spain C2218048



The course examines the rise of Spain to become the superpower of 16th century Europe. This was based on her extensive empire, impressive military strength and the unifying effect of Catholicism. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Michael Muncaster
Venue Willingham Baptist Church Hall, George Street CB24 5LJ ☎
Date Mondays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 19/09/2011

Wet and Wild East Anglia C2218049

Come and explore the wealth of wildlife and ever changing history of the Broads, Fens, ponds, rivers, coasts and shores of our region. Learn how to identify common plants, birds, shells and creepy crawlies. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Frances Dipper
Venue Willingham Baptist Church Hall, George Street CB24 5LJ ☎
Date Mondays 10:00 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 09/01/2012

WISBECH

Contact: Ivan Esgate **Tel:** 01945 583326

Pompeii – Buried City C2218050

When Vesuvius erupted spectacularly in AD79, it buried Pompeii so completely that even its name was forgotten. Modern excavations have revealed a Roman city frozen in time. **Fee: £45**



Tutor Angela Rhys-Williams
Venue St John Ambulance Hall, William Road PE13 2AA ☎
Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 21/09/2011

The Amazing History of the Netherlands C2218051

The Netherlands is a tiny country that has punched far above its weight in European and world history. Come and discover a truly amazing story. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Rosemary Williams
Venue St John Ambulance Hall, William Road PE13 2AA ☎
Date Wednesdays 10:30 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 11/01/2012

YAXLEY

Contact: Diana Cleverley
Tel: 01733 240010

The History of British Architecture: 1600 – Today C2218052

Everywhere we look in Britain buildings are in view. Some are a delight, others can make us ill. Judge, enjoy, and be amused by our rich built environment. **Fee: £45**

Tutor Terry Sladden
Venue Yaxley Royal British Legion Club, 210 Broadway PE7 3NR ☎
Date Tuesdays 19:30 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 20/09/2011

The Story of the English Parish C2218053

The origins and functions of the Parish. How these functions have changed over the years. The people, documents, buildings and structures of the Parish. Civil and Ecclesiastical Parishes today. **Fee: £45**

Tutor David Bond
Venue Yaxley Royal British Legion Club, 210 Broadway PE7 3NR ☎
Date Tuesdays 19:30 – 1.5 hour sessions.
 10 meetings from 17/01/2012



Are you interested in teaching for the WEA?

We welcome enquiries from potential tutors. If you are interested in teaching adults and would like to know more about becoming a course tutor for the WEA, please go to **www.wea.org.uk** where you can download an application form and find out more about us'



CAMBRIDGESHIRE DAY SCHOOL – UPWOOD

Contact: Liz Carter **Tel:** 01487 813008
Email: liz@backtracks.biz

How to Look at Art

Art from Renaissance to the present day. Starting with Renaissance rules of perspective and how artists became creative, bending these rules, observing how art reflected changing social conditions through the ages.



Venue Upwood Village Hall, High Street, Upwood PE26 2QE
Fee £16
Time 10:00am – 4:00pm
Date 7th July 2012
Tutor Michael Baldry

Enrolment Form

Only for courses arranged by Cambridge WEA Branch

Postal Enrolments and enquiries to:

Cambridge WEA, 20 Badminton Close, CAMBRIDGE CB4 3NW

Tel: 07592 359039 (leave message on the answer phone).

Assume that you have a place on the course unless you hear otherwise.

A receipt and confirmation of place will be sent only if a SAE is enclosed.

Please enrol me/us for the following classes for 2011/2012 in Cambridge City (including Girton):



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Time:	

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someone receiving	_____
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If you are applying for a free place, it is essential that you send photocopied evidence with your application.



Introducing the WEA Eastern Region



WEA Eastern Region is one of nine English regions, which together with the Scottish Association form the National Workers' Educational Association. 132 branches offer courses in towns and villages in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Our Regional Office is in Cambridge.

The WEA is committed to:

- influencing and campaigning on behalf of adult learners
- removing barriers to learning
- being responsive in the heart of communities
- making the most effective use of all our resources
- promoting learning for life
- changing and enriching lives through learning – at individual and community levels
- promoting adult education worldwide
- promoting equality and diversity.



Support for Students

We may be able to provide:

- financial help for students on low household income, within the limit of the funds available (course fees, travel, books and equipment, childcare)
- support in the classroom for all students who need extra help
- specialist equipment in the classroom
- information and advice before, during and after your course.

All WEA courses are available to those over the age of 19 who are UK or EU citizens (or who have been resident in the UK or EU for 3 years).

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