

# NEWS FROM CAMBRIDGE BRANCH 142

**Welcome.** We welcome new Branch Members Anne and David Millard, Penelope and David Mansfield, David and Mary Griffiths and Derek Bushell. Thank you for joining the Cambridge Branch.

**Cambridge Branch Annual General Meeting 2026.** The Branch AGM will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 11.00am in the St Andrews Church, St Andrews Street, Cambridge. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 10.30am.

This is an important meeting for the Branch as the Branch Charman, Branch Secretary, Branch Treasurer and Branch Social Secretaries will report on their work over the past twelve months and will take questions on their reports from members present. The way forward for 2026 will be discussed and we should have some outline details of our social program for 2026. More importantly you will be electing the new Officers and Committee to run the Branch for the next twelve months.

**Coffee Mornings 2026.** The venue for Coffee Mornings is our usual location in the St Andrews Church Hall, St Andrews Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AR, almost next door to the Regal Public House. The entrance to the Church Hall is through the Stone Yard Centre and up the stairs on your left. There is a lift up to the hall. The events run from 10.30am until 12.00pm. No booking required, just turn up. There will be the usual tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls etc. There will be a raffle. Entrance fee is just £3.00.

**Coffee Morning Dates for 2026.** 13<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> September & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026. We will have a speaker at each event.

**Social Subcommittee Report.** A meeting of the Committee was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October to discuss an outline social program for 2026.

The meeting agreed that we have two lunches at the Cambridge Regional College. One in June and the other at Christmas time. These events have been popular with members especially with those members who cannot manage coach trips.

As far as coach trips are concerned we will explore the following venues:- River Lee Boat Trip and Lunch: BBC Gardeners World at Birmingham NEC: Picture Postcard Essex & Lunch: A trip to the popular Teressa Joanne boat in London Docklands for musical entertainment and a lunch. We must stress that these are just ideas at this stage and a lot of following up is needed.

**Contact Details.** I have built up a list of members email addresses over the last couple of years. This allows me to send out regular messages to members to keep them informed of social events and to send out booking forms when appropriate. If you wish to be added to the list please email me at the address below. Also, if you wish to be removed from the list just let me know.

**Thankyou.** As these are the last Branch Notes for 2025 the Branch Officers & Committee wish to thank Members for their support during 2025 and wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year in 2026.

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