

East Midlands Summer School

16-19 August 2016

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Environmental studies

Tutor: Mike Benthall

Domestic: Population dynamics of otter, mink and water vole in the UK. a catastrophic collapse in the vole population has yet to be halted despite the recovery of the otter

International: can we save the Tiger?

This course looks at the fate of the tiger, the world's top predator on land and man's most popular animal. Its survival is threatened by loss and fragmentation of habitat, loss of prey and poaching for traditional Chinese medicine

Tutor led sessions with items of practical research work

Walking and Wildlife

Tutors: John Martindale, Steve Lovell

An interesting combination of a Shared Learning Project at Brackenhurst and exploring wildlife opportunities provided by different environments.

Day 1

Morning session - Presentation about the results of the Southwell U3A/Brackenhurst College wildlife shared learning project

Afternoon walk about - identification of flora/wildlife around Brackenhurst - hopefully looking for some of those identified in the learning project

Day 2

Morning session - Wildlife Photography - hints and tips for getting good results.

Afternoon session - Trip to Langford Lowfields RSBP reserve to use the skills learnt in the morning

Evening - Walk around Brackenhurst in search of Bats and Owls (and anything else that is around)

Day 3

Morning - Wildlife in the Garden - hints and tips to attract all forms of wildlife into your garden

How to apply

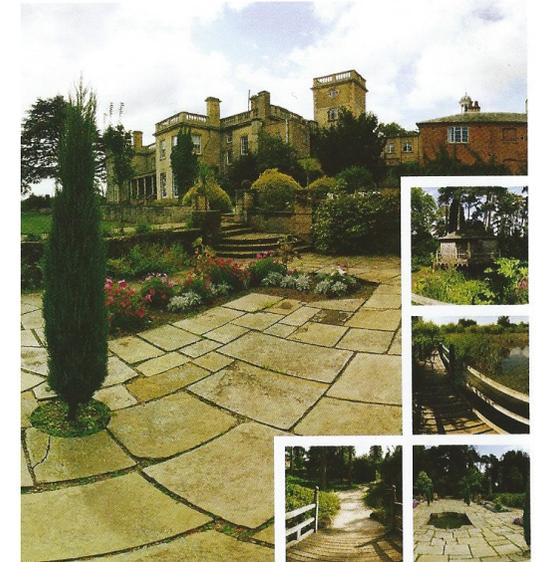
Application forms for the Summer School are now available. Please apply to

Jane Pavier jane.pavier@ntlworld.com for an application form.

Telephone 0115 840 1902 for those of you who don't communicate by email.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Remember that your application must be accompanied by a cheque for your deposit.

Deposits are not refundable unless we have a Waiting List for places or you get someone to take your place on the course you have chosen.



School of Animal, Rural and
Environmental Science

Summer School

The Summer school will begin with Dinner on the Tuesday evening, 16 August and run until lunch time on Friday 19 August. We plan to run 7 or 8 courses across the range of disciplines listed in this brochure.

Delegates

Delegates will be asked to indicate their preference for the course they wish to attend. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis on receipt of a completed application form and deposit.

Costs

The cost per delegate for the Summer School, in en suite rooms, including dinner on the Tuesday evening is estimated at £225 pp. Any additional costs eg visits which are part of a particular programme, will be paid a Registration.

2016 EM Regional Summer school programme
Tuesday 16 (1600) – Friday 19 August 2016 (lunch time)

Below Stairs in Country Houses

Marilyn Palmer MBE

Day 1

Marilyn will offer talks on the following topics: Landowners and innovation, Below Stairs: the reaction of servants to new technology, Heating and Lighting, Feeding the Household: kitchens and dining rooms, Water supply, bathrooms and WCs

Day 2

Belton House will offer the Four Kitchen Tour at 1000 with an option for group members to book themselves on a Below Stairs tour later in the day.

Marilyn will prepare a study questionnaire for use in the main house visit

Day 3

Plenary session

Churches: their architecture and changing function

John Elkington (Day 1), Roger Willson (Day 2)

Day 1: History of Gothic Architecture from Roman to Tudor times. Early influences from the Roman period and Byzantium on how the early Christian Church developed, evolution of the Gothic style from Romanesque architecture in Italy, France and England, characteristics of Gothic Churches and Cathedrals, styles structure and regional influences. French Gothic Cathedrals, English Gothic Cathedrals including Southwell Minster

Day 2: The changing functions of churches

Why were our parish churches constantly changed and added to? The day will focus on this question, looking at how churches have been used from Saxon and Norman times, through the Middle Ages, into the Reformation and then the Georgian and Victorian periods, up to the present day. The course will focus on examples from the East Midlands area which can easily be visited.

Day 3: visit to Southwell Minster on Friday morning

Digital Scrapbooking: a way to share photos

Susan Hewson

Are your precious family photographs mouldering in an old shoe box? hidden away on your hard drive? Learn how to produce beautiful digital scrapbook pages that will become treasured family heirlooms and important social history documents. Create an attractive electronic scrapbook that can be shared online or printed professionally for a more tangible final product.

A time consuming, expensive hobby becomes something anyone can do in a few hours. It comes with an array of useful design tools that produce superb finished products.

No more worry about dealing with expensive supplies, messy glue or unreliable tape again. Just click, drag and drop your way to a stylish keepsake.

We'll be using old photos and taking time out to create new ones for use on the course. Bring your photos, camera, android, or tablet/iPad.

Encouraging Participative Learning

Tutor: Mandy Topp

Using a mixture of tutor led sessions, discussion and practical hands-on activity this course will examine some of the current ideas about how adults learn and explore how these can enhance the informal, shared learning experience at the core of U3A activity. The focus will be on understanding and applying learning principles, creating stimulating learning settings and using modern technology to boost presentations.

Participants need to have basic computers skills as we will be learning how to use presentational software to its full potential. There will be the opportunity to develop and deliver (if wished) a very short presentation on something of interest in the local area. This course should appeal to all members but would be particularly useful for anyone who organises a group, gives talks or arranges events.

Gardening: the ultimate downsize

Tutors: Anthea Lock, National Subject Adviser on Gardening, Karen Taylor

People usually think of downsizing in terms of their house but of course the new garden is often rather small. This course offers gardeners the opportunity learn what can be achieved in a small garden and how to make things easier as we grow less fit.

The course will show how vegetables, small flowers and shrubs can contribute to a well designed garden and will include visits to a very local garden and nursery as well as practical sessions

Day 1: Planning a garden; Anthea Lock on Vegetables

Day 2: am Practical session on planning an alpine bed; pm visit to Crink Lane farm and nearby nursery

Day 3: What you can grow in a downsized garden; reviewing and planning for the future

Lawrence Landscape and Literature

Malcolm Gray

An interesting opportunity not only to learn about D H Lawrence but also to visit places closely associated with him and his work.

Day 1: Why Study Lawrence?

Classic Literature of Lawrence and "A Passion for Life", Study of Lawrence short story "Odour of Chrysanthemums": Readings + DVD selections from Lawrence and coal-mining heritage/ Lawrence and Modernism — poetry study

Day 2 : Visit to Eastwood to include: Birthplace, Heritage Centre, Breacliff House, Blue Line Trail, Vine Cottage, Brinsley Headstocks: all within 3 - 4 miles radius of Heritage Centre with-some walks. Buffet Lunch at the Heritage Centre & Cream tea at Beauvale Priory — historical site, Lawrence story.

Day 3 Lecture: Lawrence as a traveller / Lawrence's early writing / an illustrated lecture on Higgs Farm and Jessie Chambers. Q&Q closing session.