

# Newcomers and Visiting Scholars

Michaelmas Term 2025  
Tuesday 7 October to  
Friday 5 December

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NVS welcomes Newcomers and Visiting Scholars and their families. Click [Here](#) to register and join today! You may then sign up to our [Facebook](#) group for updates and news. Our volunteers help you feel at home in the city, discover more about Cambridge, meet others and enjoy relaxed discussions, walks, talks, tea and coffee. Wherever you come from, NVS will support you. Please email [enquiries@nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Tuesday meetings are held in The University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, CB2 1RU.

## Tuesday Morning Meetings

### DURING TERM TIME

- 09.45 am** Practise your English with the Language Conversation Group.  
**10.30 am** Welcome and Coffee.  
**11.30 am** Tuesday Talk begins.

### OUTSIDE TERM TIME

- 10.30 am** Informal Tuesday Coffee continues every week.

## Group Activities

- Art Group** Art experience for all abilities  
**Coffee Club** Informal meetings in a local café  
**Coffee Mornings** Informal discussions, advice and support  
**Cookery Group** Recipes, dishes, tastes from around the world  
**Craft Workshops** Creative craftwork  
**Crochet and Knit Group** Share skills and learn more  
**Cultural Discussion Group** On multicultural perspectives  
**English Conversation Group** Improve your spoken English  
**Film.Point** For film and cinema enthusiasts  
**Pub visit** Discover the traditions of a typical English pub  
**Reading for Pleasure** The Happy Book Club  
**Tea Parties** Served with a personal touch  
**UniCam Babies** A parent led group for those with young children  
**Walking Group** Small groups visit interesting places  
**World Women Writers** Discussions on a variety of written pieces

## Tuesday Talks

### 7 October

**How NVS can help you**  
Meet volunteers and group leaders.

### 14 October

**Hear how a former NVS member settled into life in Cambridge**  
Helpful tips to cope with the challenges and surprises.  
Virginie Friend, Cambridge resident.

### 21 October

**Meditation and mindfulness for peace and insight**  
Philip Guildford, Meditation Teacher (voluntary).

### 28 October – school half-term

**A welcome morning and craft workshop for all**

### 4 November

**Bonfire Night, Guy Fawkes**  
Dr Sean Lang, Senior Lecturer in History, Anglia Ruskin University.

### 11 November

**The building of King's College Chapel**  
The work lasted through three dynasties, five monarchs and two conflicts.  
Paul Shakeshaft, Historian.

### 18 November

**Cambridge and its Colleges**  
A brief introduction to Cambridge, its history, and how it works.  
Dr David L Smith, Selwyn College.

### 25 November

**'What the Dickens': Choosing A Christmas Carol on film**  
Dr Christine L Corton, Cultural Historian.

### 2 December

**Christmas Celebrations**

### Special Events:

- Free welcome Afternoon Tea for all members including young ones
- King's Archive
- College Visit