



Cambridge and District Geographical Association

September Newsletter

Welcome to September's email update from the Cambridge and District Branch of the GA.

Below you will find our latest "**Programme of Events**" for 2011 – 2012. This year's programme includes a range of Sixth Form Lectures, starting with Dr Tim Hess' 'How much water do we eat?' on Tuesday 18th October; Tim's lecture was very well-received at the GA Conference in April this year and we very much look forward to seeing him again. Later in the year we will also hear lectures from Professor Hazel Barrett on 'The HIV/AIDS pandemic in the twenty-first century', and Professor Michael Bradford on 'Reshaping and Re-imagining UK Cities'. Please note that following the success of last year's lectures, our Sixth Form Lectures will be held at either the Faculty of Education or Homerton College in Cambridge starting at 5pm. We will also be hosting the extremely successful annual Worldwide Quiz on 22nd November, and are pleased to be able to advertise a GA CPD Event 'Geographical curriculum making: making a difference in the classroom' which will be led by Alan Parkinson in October.

As we start a new school term, you will find we have updated the format of our monthly newsletters to incorporate a wider range of information we hope will be useful to you. In addition to the latest programme of events, we also have "**Members' News**" which this month contains a report from Jim Hill of Witchford Village College on the GA Worldwide Challenge Weekend at Blencathra Field Centre in the Lake District in May. In "**Related Events**" we are pleased to be able to provide information about a series of lectures and events run by Cambridgeshire Geology Club and Cambridge Past Present and Future which may be of interest for you. Finally, we would like to draw your attention to two competitions: the first is to "**Design a logo**" for the CDGA and is open to all school students; the second is the "**Rex Walford Award for PGCE Students and NQTs**" which, given Rex's connections with our area, we do urge you to support.

Our next mailing will be in October, but you can also see the further information about each of the events on our programme now, along with reports on past events, at our website:
<http://www.geography.org.uk/aboutus/branches/contactsprogrammes/cambridge>.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

CDGA Committee

Events Programme 2011-12

PGCE Event

Tuesday 20th September, 4-6pm

➔ *DEADLINE: 7th October, 2011 - The Rex Walford Award for PGCE / NQTs: What should every good geographer understand?*

GA Cluster Group CPD Event

'Geographical curriculum making: making a difference in the classroom'

Leader: Alan Parkinson (GA)

Thursday 13th October, 2-5pm

This afternoon will include making a difference in the classroom; How to be outstanding in your field (work): practical activities and ideas for on & off site fieldwork; Swap-shop and idea exchange - learning from the experts: the delegates!

Location: The Leys School, Cambridge

Cost: £25 for GA members (£50 for non members)

For further information or to book a place, please contact Paul Baker (pabsbaker@yahoo.com) for an application form.

Olympic Site Field Visit

Saturday 15th October

Theme: How best to use the Olympic Games for Geography Field Visits - with an emphasis on sustainability and changing land use.

This visit is now FULL.

Sixth Form Lecture #1: 'How much water do we eat?'

Dr Tim Hess, Cranfield University

Tuesday 18th October at 5pm

Location: Boulind Rooms, Homerton College, University of Cambridge

➔ *DEADLINE: 2nd November, 2011 – CDGA Logo Competition*

Sixth Form Lecture #2: 'The beginning of the end?: the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the twenty-first century'

Professor Hazel Barrett, University of Coventry

Tuesday 15th November at 5pm (**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE & LOCATION**)

Location: Boulind Rooms, Homerton College, University of Cambridge

Worldwise Quiz

Tuesday 22nd November, 6-8:30pm

Location: Long Road Sixth Form College

For further information contact Dave Castell (dacastell@yahoo.co.uk)

Sponsored by Open Air Cambridge



Sixth Form Lecture #3: 'Reshaping and re-imagining UK cities: with special reference to land use change and Manchester'

Professor Michael Bradford, University of Manchester

Tuesday 6th March at 5pm

Location: Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge

Public Lecture: To be confirmed

Spring term (details to be confirmed), 7pm

Location: Department of Geography, University of Cambridge

CDGA Logo Competition



With an increasingly varied and popular range of events and activities run by the CDGA each year, we would like our members to help us to design a logo for us. We would like a logo to use on our newsletters and website, alongside the current logo showing affiliation to the national GA. Examples of geography-related logos can be seen above; to help guide your entry:

- The logo needs to include the acronym 'CDGA', as well as reflecting our interest in geography. You could also include reference to Cambridgeshire / the local area, but this is not necessary.
- The logo will need to be suitable for reducing in size for newsletter headings etc – as such, please keep any design uncluttered and simple and avoid small font (ensuring that it works well at small size, e.g.3cm deep).
- The logo can be hand-drawn, computer-generated, or a combination of the two. Please ensure any photographs you use are your own.
- The competition is open to all school students, from Reception age to Year 13.
- The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 2nd November**. The entries will be judged by the CDGA Committee and designers of winning entries will receive a book token. The overall winning entry will be adopted by the CDGA as their logo.
- To submit your entry, please email Nicola Walshe (nicola.walshe@gmail.com) – we look forward to hearing from you.

CDGA Members' News

**GA Worldwide Challenge Weekend
Blencathra Field Centre, Lake District
May 2011**



A team from Witchford Village College, along with teams from seven other schools from across the UK, were invited to take part in the 2011 *Worldwise* Challenge Weekend in the Lake District on the strength of their involvement with *Worldwise* activities over a number of years

During the weekend, students undertook a variety of fieldwork, including walking up Latrigg to get a stunning view of Derwent Water, meeting local farmers, and talking to some academic geographers about the area; the ultimate aim was to produce a presentation on "What makes the area around Blencathra (*mountain*) a special place?". After a weekend of hard work, lightened only by Eurovision (!), teams presented to a panel of judges which included Fran Martin (GA Senior Vice President). Although they didn't win the overall prize, Witchford's Team B (Molly Peckham, Richard Padmore

and Eleanor Grace) managed to secure the Best Presentation Prize and Team A (Ross Payne, Eve Lucas and Ben Brown) were highly commended. The College received £100 towards a stay in a FSC centre which will be used to subsidize a fieldwork weekend. It was sad to leave such a beautiful place but the journey home on the Sunday afternoon was brightened by an upgrade to First Class, courtesy of Virgin trains. Who said software malfunctions were always a bad thing?!

My thanks to all of the students involved who made the weekend so enjoyable and my colleague Sara Hennessy for all of her help. A big thank you needs to go to the GA and the Field Studies Council for organising such a wonderful weekend. We felt privileged to have been invited and the students had a fantastic time "living and breathing Geography".

Jim Hill, Head of Geography, Witchford Village College

The Rex Walford Award for NQTs: What should every good geographer understand?

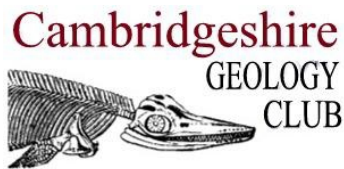
The RGS recently announced The Rex Walford Award for PGCE students and newly qualified geography teachers. Reflecting Rex Walford's passion for training new geography teachers, this award will be given to a PGCE student or NQT who creates the best set of teaching resources, scheme of work or lesson plans linked to this year's Young Geographer competition (based around the question, 'What should every good geographer understand'. The winner will receive a Society Fellowship for one year plus a cash prize of £150 and their materials will be hosted on the Society's website.

It is the expectation that lesson plans that are created would underpin outstanding lessons along the theme of 'What should every good geographer understand?'. Plans for a maximum of two lessons need to be provided, with an indication of where they fit in the scheme of work, along with the key resources used, plans for assessment and differentiation etc.

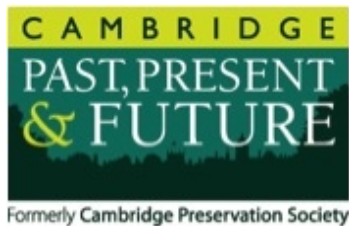
Deadline for this is 7th October 2011 and all entries must be sent in WORD or PDF format to ygoty@rgs.org. **Given the high quality of PGCE trainees and NQTs in our area, along with Rex's connections with the local area, we really hope for a high number of entries from Cambridge.** For further information, go to <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Schools/Young+Geographer+2011.htm> .

Related Events

Each month, we would like to let you know of any other local events we think you may find useful . This month, we are particularly keen to give you details about the annual programme of the Cambridgeshire Geology Club, and Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF):



Cambridgeshire Geology Club: The local group of the Geologists Association is a very active group with a full programme of lectures throughout the year. Many of their lectures would be extremely useful for sixth form groups studying both Geology and Geography; for example, April's lecture 'A Lot of Hot Air: volcanic eruptions and their climate impacts', or the lecture in June entitled 'Under the Volcano: layered intrusions of the North Atlantic Tertiary Igneous Province'. You can access the full programme at their website: <http://www.cambridgeshiregeologyclub.org.uk/talks.htm>.



Cambridge Past, Present and Future: CambridgePPF is a charity working to keep Cambridge and its surroundings special by positively influencing planning developments, delivering environmental education and managing the Green spaces and historic buildings in its care – for the benefit for all. CambridgePPF is organising a range of local events throughout October, for example a Autumn Guided Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve. For further information you can visit the website: <http://cambridgeppf.org/events.shtml>.

Resources Swap

Would it be useful for us to provide a 'resources swap' section on our newsletter to encourage re-use of materials (resources, photographs etc) and cross-fertilization of ideas? We could give you the chance to advertise materials on offer or put in requests for resources required; in Chris Kington's words, a sort of 'curriculum co-op'. If you are interested, please contact Nicola Walshe (nicola.walshe@gmail.com).

And Finally

Watch out for the launch of our local map contest for children of all ages later in the Autumn: this will link with the Japanese annual Asahikawa Children's Environmental Map Contest and will be open to school children of all ages.