

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Lent Term 2015

To new ramblers and returning members alike, welcome to the Rambling Club! We invite you to leave the city for a few hours this term to enjoy the surrounding countryside with us. The pace of our walks is generally easy, as our main aim is to relax and appreciate the local scenery and villages. We sometimes stop at a village pub en route, but **you should bring a packed lunch (except for half-day rambles) and a bottle of water** anyway. Strong boots, waterproofs, and warm clothing are also recommended. Your only expense is the bus or train fare (given below), plus our £1 annual membership fee. There is no need to sign up in advance to join any of this term's walks — just turn up at the time and place given. Our meeting points (unless otherwise noted) are:

- **Bus:** at the entrance to Drummer Street bus station, near the *taxi rank / public toilets*.
- **Train:** in the main hall of the Cambridge Railway Station.

For more information and photos of past events, check out our website at www.srcf.ucam.org/curac

Saturday 17th January	“Through the Brecks”	<i>Bury St Edmunds to Mildenhall 21 km / 13 mi. Contact: Angela</i>
<p>Starting at Bury St Edmunds, this walk cuts across the heart of the Brecks in Suffolk. Breckland is one of the driest habitats in the UK — grasses, heather, and gorse all thrive there. Our walk will include riverside and woodland in addition to the area's characteristic heathland. Pack a lunch and join us!</p> <p>Meet: 08:30 at the train station for the 08:44 journey to Bury St Edmunds Return: Arriving back at 18:39 Cost: £10.70 (train without railcard/groupsave) plus a few pounds for bus from Mildenhall to Bury St Edmunds</p>		
Sunday 25th January	“The Wilds of Hertfordshire”	<i>Welwyn to Hatfield 23 km / 14 mi. Contact: Oscar</i>
<p>This is a relatively long but very varied day walk across fields and through woods along paths, tracks and occasionally minor roads. The area is fairly hilly compared to Cambridgeshire and we will walk across hills and along valleys. There are a couple of opportunities to stop at a pub in small villages but it would be advisable to take some food with you.</p> <p>Meet: 07:40 at the train station for the 07:55 train to Welwyn Garden City Return: 16:48 train (or perhaps earlier) from Hitchin arriving back at 17:28 Cost: £7.60 Group Save/Railcard (£11.50 full fare)</p>		
Saturday 31st January	“The Ewe-nique Wool Towns of Suffolk”	<i>Steeple Bumpstead to Clare 17 km / 11 mi. Contact: David</i>
<p>Our first stop is Moyn's Park, an Elizabethan manor which at one point even played host to Ian Fleming. Our path winds through the River Stour. We then pass through Stoke-by-Clare, home of Matthew Parker, a key figure in the early Anglican Church and a Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. We finally continue on to our destination, Clare, formerly one of the richest towns in this part of England. A centre of the wool trade, it had a medieval castle and priory which have both survived to the modern day, while even lays claim to the oldest pub sign in England.</p> <p>Meet: 07:45 at the train station for the 08:04 train to Audley End Return: 15:59 bus from Haverhill, arriving back at 17:08 Cost: £6.70 for the train (£4.50 railcard/groupsave) plus around £12 for the buses</p>		
Saturday 7th February	“Two Mills and a River East of Cambridge”	<i>Stow-cum-Quy to Bottisham 10 km / 6 mi. Contact: David</i>
<p>We walk out west from Stow-cum-Quy, passing an old water mill, before joining the river. We will then follow Quy Water and later Little Wilbraham River eastwards across the fens towards another old mill and later on the small village of Little Wilbraham, before heading north to Bottisham.</p> <p>Meet: 13:10 at Drummer Street bus station for the 13:25 bus to Stow-cum-Quy Return: 17:08 bus from Bottisham, arriving back at 17:37 Cost: £6.20</p>		
Sunday 15th February	“Pancake Ramble”	<i>Cambridge Circular 13 km / 8 mi. Contact: Susan</i>
<p>On this ramble we will enjoy the countryside around Cambridge and its surrounding villages before heading to a local kitchen for a pancake feast. We begin at Great St Mary's Church, whence we will walk to Grantchester via Hobson's Conduit and Trumpington. We'll explore Byron's Pool woods before entering Grantchester itself and rambling around some local farmlands. We'll then head back into Cambridge along the more familiar riverside. Before getting back to city centre, we'll detour into a house in Newnham village for a home-cooked pancake meal courtesy of the Rambling Club.</p> <p>Meet: 12:00 at Great St Mary's Church in the city centre Return: Arriving back in Cambridge for the pancake feast by 16:00 Cost: Free!</p>		

Saturday 21st February “Ruins, Romans, Saints, and Cathedrals” *Welywn Garden City 16 km / 10 mi. Contact: David to St Albans*

Walking west from Welywn Garden City to Lemsford and then through some woods, we join the Hertfordshire Way outside the the village of Sandridge. From Sandridge, we follow the Hertfordshire way around the edges of St Albans to arrive by the ancient Roman remains of Verulamium, seeing Roman mosaics, walls, a hypocaust (heated Roman room with mosaics), one of the few Roman theatres in the country, and possibly the museum. Afterwards, it's up a small hill to the cathedral built to honour St. Alban, the first saint from Britain. Finally we catch the bus to Hatfield for the train home

Meet: 09:40 at the train station for the 09:55 train to Welwyn Garden City

Return: 17:26 bus from St Albans, then 17:57 train from Hatfield (changing at Stevenage), arriving back at 18:54

Cost: £11.50 for the train (£7.70 railcard/groupsave) plus a small amount for the bus fare. Some of the sites in St Albans also have a small charge if we decide to go into them

Saturday 28th February “Blakeney Point” *Cley-next-the-Sea to 13 km / 8 mi. Contact: Angela Blakeney*

Starting at the seaside village of Cley-next-the-Sea, on the North Norfolk Coast, we'll walk to the beach. Following the seaside, we'll trudge through shingle (small stones on the beach – tough walking) towards Blakeney Point. If we're lucky, we may see a few members of the colony of seals that resides close by! After a picnic lunch, we'll double back to Cley-next-the-Sea. We'll then stretch our legs on more solid turf as we walk the short distance to Blakeney. This walk will definitely be worth the travel time required to get there!

Meet: 08:20 at the train station for the 08:35 train to Kings Lynn

Return: Arriving back at 19:22

Cost: £7.50 (train without railcard/groupsave) plus £8.40 (Coasthopper)

Saturday 7th March “Meldreth to Shepreth the long way” *Meldreth to Shepreth 19 km / 12 mi. Contact: Christopher*

This ramble will take us from Meldreth to Shepreth, only a couple of miles apart as the crow flies, but we'll take a more circuitous route exploring the countryside south west of Cambridge. From Meldreth we join the river Mel for a while before heading to the picturesque village of Barrington from where we make a loop taking in Haslingfield and Harston Mill. Heading to Shepreth we cross the river Rhee, a tributary of the Cam, and skirt the wildlife park before reaching the station.

Meet: 09:40 at the train station for the 09:55 train to Meldreth

Return: 16:14 train from Shepreth, arriving back 16:29

Cost: £3 (£2 with a rail card)

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