CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Easter Term 1998

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! Although many of us will be busy with exams this term, we hope you will find time to leave the city for a few hours, and enjoy the surrounding countryside with us. The pace of our walks is generally easy, as our primary aim is to relax and appreciate the local scenery and villages. We usually stop at a village pub en route, but you should bring a packed lunch and liquid refreshment anyway. Strong boots and waterproof clothing are also recommended. There is no need to sign up in advance to join a walk, and your only expense is the bus/train fare to the start point for each ramble, plus our £1 annual membership fee. In addition to our walks this term, we look forward to seeing you at our Formal Hall gathering in Jesus, and at our post–exam punt picnic!

Saturday 2nd May Audley End – Barley 9½ miles Contact: David

This walk explores the (almost) hilly countryside that lies between Saffron Walden and Royston. We head uphill and in a westerly direction from Audley End towards the small village of Duddenhoe End, where we stop for lunch. Continuing through wooded countryside, we reach the attractive village of Great Chishill, passing on the way the highest point in Cambridgeshire (at 146m above sea—level!). We then descend towards Barley, via Chishill Windmill, from where we should get good views to the north if the weather is fine.

Out: 1120 train to Audley End Return: 1733 bus from Barley, then 1835 train from Royston, arriving back at 1852

10 miles

Contact: Matthew

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Saturday 9th May Bromham – Bedford

Starting from Bromham, we walk through the valleys and ridges south-west of Bedford. After lunch in Wootton village, we follow the banks of the River Great Ouse into Bedford.

Out: 1000 coach to Bromham Return: 1600 coach from Bedford, arriving back at 1650

Note: Bring your NUS card for a discount on the coach journey.

Thursday 14th May Formal Hall at Jesus

If you would like to come to this event, please send a cheque for £3.60, (made payable to "F. Vas"), together with your name, college and email address to Fred by May 11th at the latest, stating whether you require a vegetarian meal. Please feel free to bring your own wine; there is no corkage charge. Dress should be smart – gowns are optional. Meet in Jesus Plodge at 7.15pm for dinner at 7.30pm.

Sunday 17th May Audley End – Stansted Mountfitchet 10 miles Contact: Simon

We head southwest from Audley End, through the small villages of Wicken Bonhunt and Rickling to Rickling Green, where we will stop for lunch. We then walk south across rolling wooded countryside to the historic town of Stansted Mountfitchet, with its ruined 12th–century castle.

Out: 1050 train to Audley End Return: 1606 train from Stansted Mountfitchet, arriving back at 1630

Thursday 11th June Punt Picnic to Grantchester

Following last year's total washout, we hope for an absence of thunderstorms this time as we present the traditional end-of-term outing on the Cam. Starting at 7.30pm from Trinity Backs, we shall punt upriver to Grantchester; after a picnic on the meadow, we return by moonlight (?) into Cambridge. If you would like to come, please let Matthew know by the end of May. We will provide food, but please feel free to bring your own drinks. A contribution of about £1 per person on the day to cover the cost of punt hire would be appreciated.

Saturday 13th June Oakham – Stamford 13½ miles Contact: Owen

We head in an easterly direction from Oakham along the Hereward Way, before joining the Rutland Cycle Way, which runs along the northern edge of Rutland Water. After stopping for lunch in the small village of Whitwell, we continue past Empingham through open countryside to join the River Welland for the last two miles into Stamford.

Out: 1010 train to Oakham Return: 1815 train from Stamford, arriving back at 1929

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st June Cambridge - Oxford : The Varsity March 80 miles Contact: Fred

No, we're not joking! Following the success of last year's 50-mile marathon, we aim to walk more-or-less continuously through day and night (with a total of 4-6 hours break) along a mixture of quiet lanes and footpaths, which will include sections of the historic Icknield Way and the Grand Union Canal. There are several escape routes by bus or train throughout the length of the march, so there is no commitment to walk the whole distance! If you are interested in taking part in this endeavour, then please let Fred know at least a week in advance (especially if you want provisional accommodation in Oxford).

Depart: Gt. St. Mary's, Cambridge, Saturday, 0600 dead Arrive: Gt. St. Mary's, Oxford, Sunday evening, really dead!

Meeting Places (please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure):

Bus/Coach: At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street, near the public toilets (!)

Train: In the main hall of Cambridge railway station.

The Rambling Club is brought to you by:

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