CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Easter Term 1999

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 at Robinson, and at our post−exam
punt picnic!

Sunday 2nd May **Linton – Audley End** **9 miles** **Contact: Simon**

We head south from Linton and climb Haw's Hill, then continue to the village of Hadstock for an early lunch stop. We then continue south until we meet the Harcamlow Way, which we follow into the historic town of Saffron Walden. We should have time to look around the town before continuing down into the valley of the River Cam to Audley End.

Out: 1110 bus to Linton Return: 1716 train from Audley End, arriving back at 1732

Saturday 8th May **Clophill – Millbrook** **10 miles** **Contact: Anneliese**

Setting out from Clophill, we head north−west through Maulden Wood and the rolling countryside of Bedfordshire to the village of Houghton Conquest for lunch. After continuing south over low hills, we skirt Ampthill and cross park and farmland to reach Millbrook station.

Out: 1000 coach to Bedford Return: 1613 train from Millbrook, then 1700 coach from Bedford, arriving back at 1750

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

Tuesday 11th May **Formal Hall at Robinson** **Contact: Simon**

If you would like to come to this event, please send a cheque for £5.50, (made payable to *"Simon Cottrell"*), together with your name, college and e−mail address to Simon by Monday 3rd May, or bring it to the ramble on Sunday 2nd. Please state whether you require a vegetarian meal. The meal will start at 7.30pm; further details will be issued to those attending in due course.

Sunday 16th May **Cambridge – Ely** **16 miles** **Contact: Laura**

A longer ramble than usual, across the Cambridgeshire Fens, to the historic cathedral city of Ely. Our route will follow the River Cam and the River Great Ouse for almost the entire walk. It is particularly important that you bring a packed lunch on this walk, as we are not aware of any pubs on the route. Ramblers who wish to walk a shorter distance may join the ramble at Waterbeach (about six miles from Cambridge) by taking the 1053 train from Cambridge to Waterbeach. There will be an opportunity to visit Ely Cathedral at the end of the walk. If you do not wish to do this, we may arrive in time to catch an earlier train, arriving back at 1726.

Depart: 0930 from the Quayside, next to Magdalene Bridge Return: 1802 train from Ely, arriving back at 1818

Thursday 10th June **Punt Picnic to Grantchester** **Contact: Matthew**

We invite you to join us on our traditional end−of−term outing on the Cam. Starting at 6.30pm from Trinity Backs, we shall punt upriver to Grantchester; after a picnic on the meadow, we return by moonlight (?) into Cambridge. We will provide food, and there will be a charge of £2.50 to cover this and the punt hire. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. If you would like to come, please send £2.50 to Matthew by 3rd June at the latest (cheques payable to *"Cambridge University Rambling Club"*).

Saturday 12th June **Newport – Thaxted – Elsenham** **15½ miles** **Contact: David**

Starting from the small village of Newport, we head east towards Debden, and from there follow the Harcamlow Way across the rolling countryside of north−west Essex to the attractive old wool town of Thaxted, where we will stop for a late lunch. Passing a windmill, we then walk south along the banks of the River Chelmer, before heading west through woodland to Elsenham.

Out: 0950 train to Newport Return: 1736 train from Elsenham, arriving back at 1809

Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th June **Cambridge – Oxford: The Varsity March** **81 miles** **Contact: Matthew**

Rather more strenuous than our other activities, the Varsity March is a mammoth two−day sponsored walk from Cambridge to Oxford. We have joined forces with the Oxford University Walking Club to raise funds for Shelter (the national campaign for homeless people), and to enjoy this awesome challenge together. Starting from Cambridge at 6am on Saturday morning, we walk continuously through day and night, stopping only for meals until we reach Oxford on Sunday evening. If you prefer, you can walk just part of the way and take a bus or train back. Please contact Matthew as soon as possible for information and sponsor forms.

(Shelter is a registered charity, number 263710.)

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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