Easter Term 2005:

Saturday 30th April: "Geoffrey's Folly" Meldreth Circular via Wimpole Hall (10 miles) [Geoffrey]

To start the term we'll head north from Meldreth to the small village of Orwell before entering the grounds of Wimpole Hall for lunch. Having seen the Folly and inspected the Hall's home-made ice cream we'll proceed on to Arrington before heading southwards into the Cam valley along the Harcamlow Way.

Meet: 09:40 at the train station for the 09:54 train to Meldreth **Return:** 16:07 train from Meldreth, arriving in Cambridge at 16:25 **Cost:** £4.50 (£2.95 with railcard). [*Return to Meldreth*]

Tuesday 3rd May: Pub-Meet (The Granta, from 8pm)

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety. Attractions include photos of the Easter Ramble and an appearance by the club mascot, the legendary Dylan the Sheep.

[STREET MAP]

Sunday 8th May: "The Fryer Water Meadow Incident Memorial Walk" St Ives Circular (13 miles) [Laura]

From St. Ives we'll follow the Ouse Valley Way west to Houghton before turning off to explore Houghton Meadow. After stopping for lunch in the picturesque village of Wyton we walk on towards the Roman town of Godmanchester, where we pick up the Pathfinder Long Distance Walk. On our return to St. Ives for the bus home we'll pass through the attractive villages of Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey as well as walking through the beautiful Hemingford Meadow.

Meet: 09:50 at the bus station for the 10:05 bus to St. Ives

Return: 17:25 bus from St. Ives, arriving in Cambridge at 17:59

Cost: Approx £4 for bus fare [*Return to St. Ives*]

Saturday 14th May: "Where Holly leads us from Stowmarket to London..." Stowmarket - Needham Market (12 miles) [Holly]

Starting in Stowmarket, we make our way through Little London(!) to Moats Tye, where we'll stop for lunch. We then amble through pleasant countryside, skirting several woods, including Bonny Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest, and passing the moated Tarston Hall before heading to Needham Market for the train home.

Meet: 9:30 at the railway station for the 9:43 train to Stowmarket

Return: 16:27 from Needham Market, arriving in Cambridge at 17:40

Cost: £12.50 (£8.25 with railcard). [Return to Needham Market] (UPDATED!)

Tuesday 17th May: Meal out in Grantchester [Simon]

We're planning on taking advantage of the long summer evenings by holding this term's meal out a short stroll away in Grantchester at the Red Lion. Simon will be sending out an email containing further information nearer the time.

Sunday 22nd May: "Revision Avoidance Option Number 357"

Linton Circular (8 miles) [Victoria]

We'll pass some fishponds and a moat before heading south out of Linton, climbing gently to a height of 117m. Then we descend towards Hadstock, past the 'Thirty-Three Acre Covert' and return into Linton on the 'Chalky Road,' a part of the Icknield Way.

Meet: 9:10 at the bus station for the 9:25 bus to Linton

Return: 14:50 bus from Linton, arriving in Cambridge at 15:18

Cost: Approx £4 bus fare. [Return to Linton]

Saturday 28th May: "Where Simon ends up down at the hospital..." Abington to Addenbrookes (8 miles) [Simon]

Starting from Abington, we begin walking North back towards Cambridge. After a halt in Babraham for lunch, we'll pass through historic Wandlebury Country Park with its ancient earth ring, before walking back towards Addenbrookes hospital on the Harcamlow Way, other sections of which have featured several times already this term.

Meet: 11:15 at the bus station for the 11:30 bus to Abington

Return: Will arrive back into Cambridge city centre on the 16:04

Cost: Approx £4 bus fare

Thursday 2nd June: Pub-Meet (The Castle, from 8pm)

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety as honoured guests of lovable club mascot, Dylan the Sheep.

[STREET MAP]

Saturday 4th June: "The Curse of Skeleton Plantation"

Thurston Circular (13 miles) [Duncan]

In the likely event of surviving leaving Thurston via "Skeleton Plantation" we'll then carry on eastwards from Pakenham to Norton. From here we head south, towards Tostock and the village of Hessett. Then it's west to Rougham Park and a chance to admire the famous Delphiniums in their nursery, from which point it's just a short wander through the woods back to the station.

Meet: 10:35 at the railway station for the 10:48 train to Thurston

Return: 17:48 train from Thurston, arriving in Cambridge at 18:38

Cost: £8.00 (£5.30 with railcard) [*Return to Thurston*]

Sunday 12th June: "The Search for those Lofty East Anglian Summits" Shepreth to Foxton (8 miles) [Helen]

We head north from Shepreth towards the village of Barrington, then onwards to a ridge of chalk 'hills' (70 whole metres!) from where we should get some good views of Cambridge. Moving on westwards we'll pass through the village of Haslingfield before following the River Rhee (aka the Cam) to Foxton. Being an afternoon walk, there will be no lunch stop.

Meet: 12:40 at the railway station for the 12:54 train to Shepreth

Return: 17:13 train from Foxton, arriving in Cambridge at 17:25

Cost: £3.30 (£2.20 with railcard) [*Return to Shepreth*]

Thursday 16th June: Midnight Punting Trip [Laurence]

Starting in the early evening, we'll head down to Grantchester by punt, stopping in the meadows for a picnic on the way. After a quick drink at a pub in the village we'll then punt home by moonlight. A unique Cambridge experience! More details will follow nearer the time but please contact Laurence if you can provide a cheap punt, and Helen or Victoria if you would like to help with catering.

Saturday 18th June: "The End of the Term as We Know It" Newport to Audley End (15 miles) [Laurence]

We return to the Club's traditional stamping ground of Audley End for the final walk of the year. Heading south from Newport we'll pass by Prior's Hall before looping northwards via Debden Park and the Rowney Woods. After a picnic

lunch we'll skirt Saffron Walden in order to reach Audley End Park before following the woodlands south to the station. Afterwards you're all invited back to Laurence's room for free cake and pizza (not free) to celebrate the end of term and say goodbye to everyone before the summer.

Meet: 10:20 at the railway station for the 10:34 train to Newport
Return: 17:14 from Audley End, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:37
Cost: £5.10 (£3.35 with railcard) [*Return to Newport*]

Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th June: "*The Varsity March*" Oxford - Cambridge (81 miles) [Laurence]

The annual Varsity March is a mammoth two-day walk between Oxford and Cambridge, completed in under 48 hours without any sleep! Many people do not join us for the whole epic hike but turn out to support their friends for short sections. More details will be sent out by email nearer the time, but please get in touch sooner if you would like more information or to help out with the walk.

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