CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Easter Term 2007

Welcome back to the Rambling Club. Once again, we invite you to leave the city for a few hours this term, and 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, and we have tried to provide a mixture of walks of different lengths. We usually stop at a village pub en route, but **you should bring a packed lunch and a drink** anyway as occasionally a walk doesn't pass a pub, or we find that a pub is closed. **Strong boots and waterproof 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 (apart from the Varsity March at the end of term) – just turn up at the time and place given. Our meeting points are:

Bus/Coach: At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street.
Train: In the main hall of Cambridge Railway Station.

Saturday 28th April: ***"Where are we going to on this expotition? Expedition, Silly Old Bear. It's got an 'x' in it"***
King's Lynn to Downham Market **12 miles** **Contact: Sam**

We start the Easter term with a walk alongside the river Great Ouse from King's Lynn to Downham Market. Heading out of King's Lynn along the South Quay we'll take in some of the more historic parts of the town before picking up the Fen Rivers Way. This takes us along the river and through the villages of Wiggenhall St Germans, Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene and Stowbridge, before we reach Downham Market for the train home.

Meet: 09:15 at the railway station for the 09.33 train to King's Lynn
Return: 17.09 train from Downham Market, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.44
Cost: £8.50, or £5.60 with a railcard [Return to King's Lynn]

Sunday 6th May: ***"A visit to Oliver Cromwell's Hole"***
Cambourne Circular **15 miles** **Contact: Victoria**

From Cambourne we head first to the villages of Caxton and Bourne. From here we follow the "Porters Way" past Oliver Cromwell's Hole, before visiting Hayley Wood and the nature reserve just outside the village of Little Gransden. We then follow "Dick and Dolls Lane" back to Caxton and so to Cambourne for the bus back to Cambridge.

Meet: 10.00 outside the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Downing Street for the 10.10 bus to Cambourne
Return: 17.43 bus from Cambourne, arriving back in Cambridge at 18.05
Cost: Approximately £4.50 for the bus fare

Tuesday 8th May ***Pub Meet, The Granta, 8pm***

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety.

Saturday 12th May: ***"Around Shepreth with some very tasty ice cream included"***
Shepreth Circular **12 miles** **Contact: Geoffrey**

Another chance to visit Wimpole Hall and sample the National Trust ice cream! From Shepreth railway station we first visit the village of Orwell before heading to the Old Folly at Wimpole Hall where we will stop for lunch. After stopping for ice creams in the stable block we will head south to Whaddon and then back to Shepreth.

Meet: 09.30 at the railway station for the 09.45 train to Shepreth
Return: 16.30 train from Shepreth, arriving back in Cambridge at 16.46
Cost: £3.50, or £2.30 with a railcard [Return to Shepreth]

Sunday 20th May: ***"Four Rivers and a Windmill"***
Downham Market Circular **10 miles** **Contact: Helen**

Leaving Downham Market, we walk South along the River Ouse, crossing two rivers at Denver Sluice and continuing until we meet the River Wissey. We follow the Wissey into the village of Hilgay, where we stop at picnic tables by the river for lunch in the company of the local ducks. After lunch we walk through the hamlet of Fordham and on to Denver windmill, a restored and fully working 19th century mill, complete with tearoom! Suitably refreshed, we walk through Denver and Downham Market to catch the train home.

Meet: 08.55 at the railway station for the 09.14 train to Downham Market
Return: 15.46 train, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.02
Cost: £8.50, or £5.60 with a railcard [Return to Downham Market]

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Saturday 26th May: ***"A Welcome Return to Audley End"***
Audley End Circular **9 miles** **Contact: Holly**

This is a shorter morning walk, which might be appreciated by those of you not wishing to spend a whole day away from revision! We may not stop at a pub en route, so remember to bring sandwiches. We begin by heading north from the station towards Audley Park with its stately home. From here we turn south following Beechy Ride, and then pass through several areas of woodland (including Cabbage Wood!), as we move through Debden Park, with its small lake, before heading back to the station.

Meet: 09.10 at the railway station for the 09.24 train to Audley End
Return: 14.01 train, arriving in Cambridge at 14.21
Cost: £5.40 or £3.55 with railcard [Return to Audley End]

Thursday 31st May: ***Meal Out in Grantchester*** **Contact: Steven**

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

Sunday 3rd June: ***" Exploring the Dizzying Heights of South-East Cambridgeshire"***
Linton to Fulbourn **10 miles** **Contact: Steven**

Leaving Linton on the Icknield Way, we first climb Rivey Hill before making our way to Balsham. From here we pick up the Harcamlow Way which takes us along Fleam Dyke and over Mutlow Hill to Fulbourn.

Meet: 10.55 at the bus station for the 11.10 bus to Linton.
Return: 16.51 bus from Fulbourn, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.45
Cost: Approximately £4.50 for the bus fare.

Saturday 9th June: ***"Post-Exam Ramble and Relax!"***
Waterbeach to Ely **12 miles** **Contact: Ling**

The aim of this ramble is to celebrate the end of something called Tripos and reminds you that May Week is coming! Starting from Waterbeach, we'll follow the beautiful Fen Rivers Way along the River Cam, with a picnic lunch by the river bank. In the afternoon, we'll continue to explore the Fen Rivers Way along the River Great Ouse (no longer our loving Cam) before arriving at Ely Station.

Meet: 10:15 at the railway station for the 10.33 train to Waterbeach
Return: 17:39 train from Ely, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.56
Cost: £3.50 or £2.30 with a railcard [Return to Ely]

Wednesday 13th June: ***Midnight Punting Trip to Grantchester*** **Contact: Steven**

Starting in the early evening, we'll head down to Grantchester by punt, stopping in the meadows for a picnic along the way. After a quick drink at the 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 Steven if you would like to help with the catering or can provide a cheap punt!

Saturday 16th June: ***"Rambling Around the Oldest City in Britain"***
Colchester Circular **17 miles** **Contact: David**

For the traditional slightly longer and further afield end-of-term ramble we'll be exploring the countryside around Colchester, with its numerous Roman and other historic sites. From Colchester station we head first to the visible remains of a Roman fort and Iron Age settlement at Cheshunt Field before continuing through woods and farmland and along the Roman River, stopping for lunch at a pub in either Fingringhoe or Layer de la Haye. Afterwards we'll walk along the River Colne and back towards Colchester for a pub dinner before catching the train back to Cambridge.

Meet: 07.45 at the railway station for the 08.02 train to Colchester
Return: 19.40 train from Colchester, arriving back in Cambridge at 21.21
Cost: £18.00, or £11.90 with a railcard [Return to Colchester]

Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th June ***The Varsity March*** **81 miles** **Contact: Steven**
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 talk to any of the committee members if you would like more information.

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