CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Easter Term 2008

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 sometimes stop at a village pub en route, but **you should bring a packed lunch and a drink** anyway. **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 26th April: ***"Tumuli and Romans"***
Great Shelford Circular **16 km / 10 miles** **Contact: David**

We leave Great Shelford and head towards the River Granta. Crossing the river, we soon reach Babraham which was once a Roman settlement but is now home to the labs of the Babraham Institute. We continue through the undulating countryside to reach Worsted Lodge, then follow an old Roman Road to the Iron Age hill fort of Wandlebury. We pass the Gog Magog Hills and after admiring the views back over Cambridge, we return to Great Shelford for our journey home.

Meet: 10.35 at the train station for the 10.51 train to Great Shelford
Return: 16.36 train from Great Shelford, arriving back in Cambridge at 16.42
Cost: £2.60, or £1.70 with a railcard [Return to Great Shelford]

Sunday 4th May: ***"Castles, Churches and Lodes to see"***
Burwell to Swaffham Prior **15 km / 9 miles** **Contact: Mary Jeddere-Fisher**

We start in Burwell, and after admiring the ruins of its 12th Century castle we walk out towards the New River which we follow as we pass Wicken Fen: one of the most important wetlands in Europe. We then follow Burwell Lode and Reach Lode to the village of Reach (once a significant port) and then make our way along Devil's Dyke to Swaffham Prior which has the slightly unusual feature of two churches in one churchyard.

Meet: 10.10 at the bus station for the 10.25 bus to Burwell
Return: 16.09 bus from Swaffham Prior, arriving back in Cambridge at 16.39
Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Saturday 10th May: ***"Horse Houses"***
Newmarket Circular **18 km / 11 miles** **Contact: Mary Flook**

From the National Stud and Newmarket Heath, we'll be walking along the Devil's Dyke and into a series of villages with interesting names – Ditton Green, Saxon Street (where we'll probably stop for lunch if we haven't already) and Cheveley. From there we'll head towards the centre of Newmarket to catch the bus back to Cambridge. Along the way we will pass a series of studs – where the racing industry is trying to produce the next Red Rum.

Meet: 10:00 at the bus station for the 10:15 bus to Newmarket
Return: 16:20 bus from Newmarket, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:50
Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Thursday 15th May: ***Meal Out in Grantchester*** **Contact: Helen**

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

Sunday 18th May: ***"AMAZEingly, we're heading out to St Ives for this ramble..."***
St Ives to Fenstanton **23 km / 14 miles** **Contact: Sam**

Once at St Ives, we will proceed along the Ouse Valley Way before making our way south through meadows and the village of Hemingford to the village of Hilton. Hilton will be our lunch stop. There, we can "explore" the maze, situated on the village green. From there, we will make for Fenstanton, continuing through the villages of Elsworth and Conington, both of which are home to drinking establishments.

Meet: 09.50 at the bus station for the 10.05 bus to St Ives
Return: 16.32 bus from Fenstanton, arriving back in Cambridge at 16.59
Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

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Saturday 24th May: ***"On the National Trust trail"***
Shepreth to Royston **24 km / 15 miles** **Contact: Geoffrey**

From Shepreth we head north to the village of Orwell, then on into the Wimpole Hall estate. We plan to have lunch near the Folly and lake, and if the weather is nice we can have very tasty home made National Trust ice cream at the Stable Block. Leaving Wimpole, we head into Arrington and Croydon village then south through Shingay and Bassingbourn and back to Royston to catch the train home.

Meet: 9.40 at the train station for the 9.55 train to Shepreth
Return: 16.36 train from Royston, arriving back in Cambridge at 16.54
Cost: £4.50, or £2.95 with a railcard [Return to Royston]

Sunday 1st June: ***"Revision Avoidance Option no. 358"***
Hardwick to Caldecote **13 km / 8 miles** **Contact: Steven**

This is a shorter afternoon walk for anyone not wanting to spend the whole day away from revision! Taking in the villages of Hardwick, Comberton, Toft and Caldecote, as well as parts of the Hardwick Millennium Footpath and the Harcamlow Way, it should be a good opportunity to escape the stress of Cambridge exam term for a few hours! Being an afternoon walk, there will be no lunch stop.

Meet: 12.35 at the bus station for the 12.50 bus to Hardwick
Return: 16.46 bus from Caldecote, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.00
Cost: £3 for the bus fare.

Saturday 7th June: ***"Boots, Boats, and Birds"***
St Neots Circular **35 km / 22 miles** **Contact: Gillian**

This is a longer walk for anyone longing to escape Cambridge for the day! Leaving St Neots, we cross the A1 and head through open countryside and woodland to reach Grafham Water, passing the villages of Hail Weston and Dillington on our way. We walk around the shores of the reservoir, with its many boats and birds, to reach Grafham itself, where we leave the water's edge and walk on through Buckden, Diddington and Little Paxton to St Neots, where we catch the bus home

Meet: 08.25 at the bus station for the 08.40 bus to St Neots
Return: 18.20 bus from St Neots, arriving back in Cambridge at 18.55
Cost: Approximately £5 for the bus fare

Thursday 12th June: ***Midnight Punting Trip to Grantchester*** **Contact: Helen**

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 Helen if you would like to help with the catering or can provide a cheap punt!

Sunday 15th June: ***"Next: The Sea"***
Cley-next-the-Sea to Wells-next-the-Sea **21 km / 13 miles** **Contact: Helen**

We celebrate the end of exams with a visit to the North Norfolk coast. Leaving the narrow streets of Cley we walk around marshes popular with birds to reach Blakeney where we stop for lunch (and possibly ice cream). From there we follow the coastal path alongside salt marshes, through Morston and past Stiffkey to reach Wells. Here we find fish and chips to eat, and a short walk takes us out to the sea for a paddle before we return home.

Meet: 9:00 at the train station for the 9:16 train to King's Lynn
Return: 18:38 bus from Well-next-the-Sea for the 20:26 train (Arrives Cambridge 21:14)
Cost: £8.50 for the train fare (£5.60 with a railcard) [Return to King's Lynn] and £6.30 for the bus fare (£5.10 for under 20s)

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June ***The Varsity March*** **130 km / 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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