

# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

## Lent Term 1999

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! We once again 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 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 gatherings in Girton and Pembroke!

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| <b>Sunday 24th January</b>  | <b>Hitchin circular</b>  | <b>13 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: Kirsty</b>  |
| Passing Hitchin Priory, we leave the town over Hitchin hill. After stopping for lunch in the village of Great Offley, we descend the steep slopes of Deacon Hill, and from there follow the Icknield Way back to our starting point.  |  |  |                         |
| Out: 1027 train to Hitchin  |  | Return: 1720 train from Hitchin, arriving back at 1751                                     |                         |
| <b>Sunday 31st January</b>  | <b>Harlow – Bishop's Stortford</b>   | <b>11½ miles</b>   | <b>Contact: David</b>   |
| This ramble explores the picturesque valley of the River Ash in East Hertfordshire; heading north from Harlow, we pass through wooded countryside before descending to Much Hadham for a lunch break – we should then obtain good views of the area as we cross over higher ground on our way to the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.   |  |  |                         |
| Out: 0950 train to Harlow Town  |  | Return: 1601 train from Bishop's Stortford, arriving back at 1630                          |                         |
| <i>Note: this journey will be slightly more expensive than usual; about £7.70 with a railcard.</i>  |  |  |                         |
| <b>Thursday 4th February</b>  | <b>Formal Hall at Girton</b>   |  | <b>Contact: Owen</b>    |
| If you would like to come to this event, please send a cheque for £5.25 (made payable to "O. Astley"), together with your name, college and email address to Owen no later than Sunday 31st January, or bring it to the ramble. Please state if you require a vegetarian meal. Further details will be announced to those intending to come nearer the time.  |  |  |                         |
| <b>Sunday 7th February</b>  | <b>Royston – Baldock</b>   | <b>12 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: Simon</b>   |
| We head south from Royston and climb steeply to Therfield, which has a motte and bailey. We pass close to the highest point in East Anglia (at 168m!), and from there through the village of Kelshall, on our way to Sandon, where we stop for lunch. We then head west across wooded hillside, through Wallington village, before turning north-west and descending to Baldock.                          |  |  |                         |
| Out: 0938 train to Royston  |  | Return: 1554 train from Baldock, arriving back at 1627                                     |                         |
| <b>Saturday 13th February</b>   | <b>Amptill – Bow Brickhill</b>   | <b>13 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: Matthew</b> |
| This walk explores the slopes of the Greensand Ridge south-west of Bedford. Our route takes us through some of the park surrounding Woburn Abbey before heading uphill through woodland to the Brickhills, near the edge of Milton Keynes.  |  |  |                         |
| Out: 1000 coach to Bedford  |  | Return: 1756 train from Bow Brickhill, then 1900 coach from Bedford, arriving back at 1950 |                         |
| <i>Note: Bring your NUS card for a discount on the coach journey.</i>   |  |  |                         |
| <b>Saturday 20th February</b>   | <b>Kingston – Cambridge &amp; Pancakes!</b>                                      | <b>12 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: Owen</b>    |
| Starting from the small village of Kingston, we walk in a southerly direction towards Eversden Wood, and then head towards Great Eversden, where we will stop for lunch. We then continue towards Haslingfield, from where we follow the Cam (via Grantchester) back into Cambridge. Join us for pancakes afterwards in Matthew's room (Q5, Great Court, Trinity) – feel free to bring your own toppings! |  |  |                         |
| Out: 1000 bus to Kingston   |  |  |                         |
| <b>Sunday 28th February</b>   | <b>Downham Market – King's Lynn</b>  | <b>13 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: Matthew</b> |
| Definitely no hills this week, as we head north into some of the flattest, yet strangely most awesome countryside known to man. Joining the tidal waters of the Great Ouse 35 miles downstream from Cambridge, we follow its raised banks across desolate fenland to the estuary at King's Lynn. We pass through three villages called Wiggenhall, one of which will be our lunch stop!                   |  |  |                         |
| Out: 1053 train to Downham Market   |  | Return: 1740 train from King's Lynn, arriving back at 1826                                 |                         |
| <b>Monday 1st March</b>   | <b>Formal Hall at Pembroke &amp; AGM</b>   |  | <b>Contact: Tim</b>     |
| If you would like to attend this event, then please send Tim a cheque for £4.50 (made payable to "T. Barnard") before Sunday 21st February, giving your name, college, email address and whether you would like a vegetarian meal. We will hold our AGM afterwards – further details to be announced nearer the time. Feel free to contact David if you would like to get involved.                       |  |  |                         |
| <b>Saturday 6th March</b>   | <b>Balsham – Dullingham</b>  | <b>12 miles</b>  | <b>Contact: David</b>   |
| Starting from Balsham, we head towards West Wrating, where we will stop for lunch. Passing an old windmill at Weston Colville, we then continue through wooded countryside, joining the Stour Valley Path before heading into Dullingham.   |  |  |                         |
| Out: 1050 bus to Balsham  |  | Return: 1741 train from Dullingham, arriving back at 1759                                  |                         |
| <b>Easter Ramble</b>  | <b>The Lake District</b>   |  | <b>Contact: David</b>   |
| We are currently organising a challenging 6-day hike for the week after the end of term through some of the most dramatically mountainous countryside in England; please email David soon (and no later than Sunday 14th February), if you are interested in coming.  |  |  |                         |
| <b>Meeting Places (please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure) :</b>  |  |  |                         |
| Bus/Coach:  | At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street, near the public toilets (!) |  |                         |
| Train:  | In the main hall of Cambridge railway station.                                   |  |                         |
| <b>Contacts:</b>  | David Barden (Christ's, djb39@hermes, President)                                 | Matthew Ford (Trinity, mtf22@hermes, Secretary)  |                         |
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