CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Lent Term 2006

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. We usually stop at a village pub en route, but you should bring a packed lunch and a drink anyway, as the pubs are sometimes closed. Strong boots and waterproof clothing are also recommended, especially at this time of the year when fields tend to be rather muddy! Your only expense is the bus or train fare (given below), plus our £1 annual membership fee. There's no need to sign up in advance to join any of our walks, except the March March. 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.

"The mythical garden of sting-free nettles"

Saturday 21st January: Wicken to Elv

Starting from Wicken, we explore Wicken Fen, an area of un-drained fenland representing a fragment of the wilderness that originally covered East Anglia. After following Wicken Lode to Upware, where we stop for a picnic lunch before having a drink in the "Five Miles From Anywhere No Hurry Inn" (!), we walk downstream along the Cam and the Great Ouse through the unique landscape of the fens. We continue along the Great Ouse to Ely, from where we return by train.

10 miles

 $12^{1/2}$ miles

Contact: Ben

Contact: Laura

Meet: 09:55 at the bus station for the 10:10 bus to Wicken

Return: 16:26 train from Ely, arriving in Cambridge at 16:44

Cost: Approx £4 for bus fare and £3.60 for train (£2.40 with railcard). Cost:

Sunday 29th January:

"A woody adventure through Thetford Forrest"

Thetford Forest Circular

Leaving the historic town of Thetford and heading in a north-westerly direction, we join the St Edmund way and follow the Little Ouse River through the impressive Thetford Forest. At Santon Downham we stop for a picnic lunch before heading back towards Thetford, taking a route deeper into the Forest.

Meet: 10:20 for the 10:38 train to Thetford (Please bring a packed lunch!) Return: 17:47 train from Thetford, arriving in Cambridge at 18:29 **Cost:** £7.70 (£5.10 with railcard) [*Return to Thetford*]

Tuesday 31st January: Pub Meet, The Castle Inn (on Castle Hill), 8pm

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

Saturday 4th February:

"Around the racing capital of the world"

Newmarket Circular

Taking the Icknield Way from the station we pass part of the famous Newmarket race course on route to the village of Stetchworth. Carrying on southwards through gently rolling countryside we will pass some attractive woods, weirs and a vineyard before Lunch. . In the afternoon we aim to return to Newmarket through an undulating landscape of medieval farmhouses and ruined castles.

Meet: 09:30 for the 09:43 train to Newmarket **Return:** 17:17 train from Newmarket, Arriving at 17:39 Cost: £5.00 (£3.30 with a railcard) [return to Newmarket]

Sunday 12th February: "Back to 2020"

Audley End circular

A nice stroll, setting off from the Rambling Clubs most frequently visited train station!. On a relatively short walk we pass a fort, Weir Tea Bridge, and of course catch a glimpse of Audley end itself. No pubs, so please ensure you bring lunch.

Meet: 08:40 at the train station for the 08:51 train to Audley End. Return: 14:58 train from Audley End, arriving in Cambridge at 15:18 **Cost:** £5.00 (£3.00 with a railcard) [*Return to Audley End*]

Saturday 18th February: "Up, Up and Away" **Stanstead Mountfitchet - Elsenham**

12 miles **Contact: Helen**

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15 miles **Contact: Geoffrey**

Contact: Duncan

11 miles

From Stanstead Mountfitchet we head south-west past stanstead hall, walking close to the airport en-route to Tye Green. We then pass Elsenham hall before stopping in Elsenham for lunch. After lunch we head West across undulating countryside to Chickney, before returning to Elsenham via the village of Henham. If time allows we'll do an extension to see if "ugley Green" really is!

Meet: 09:35 at the train station for the 09:51 train to Stanstead Mountfitchet **Return:** 16:52 train from Elsenham, arriving in Cambridge at 17:19

Cost: £7.20 (£4.75 with railcard) [Return to Stanstead Mountfitchet]

<u>Thursday 23rd February:</u> Pub Meet, The Eagle, 8pm

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

Sunday 26th February:

"Many Ways to get pancakes"

Caldecote to Cambridge

From Caldecode, we skirt woodland before heading down towards Hardwick, wehre we stop for lunch. We'll then head towards Coton, passing orchards, plantations and streams, before making use of three different 'Ways' (Whitwell, Harcamlow, and Wimpole) to walk back to Cambridge. After the walk you're all very welcome to join us for pancakes at my room in Newnham.

Meet: 10:50 at the bus station for the 11:05 bus to Caldecote

Return: Arriving in Cambridge around 15:30

Cost: Approx. £2 for bus fare. [*Single to Caldecote*]

Saturday 4th March: *"East to the Orient (or nearly)"*

Stow-cum-Quy to Bottisham via the Wilbrahams

A walk through the many villages to the East of Cambridge, heading along the meandering Quy water and Wilbraham river to Fulbourn, and then on to the picturesque Wilbrahams for Lunch, before continuing on to Bottisham.

Meet: 08:55 at the bus station for the 09:10 bus to Stow

Return: 15:47 bus from Bottisham, arriving in Cambridge at 16:08

Cost: Approx £3 for bus [*Return to Bottisham*]

<u>Tuesday 7th March:</u> Meal out, followed by AGM

Join us at Prezzo (behind St John's) for an enjoyable evening with good food and even better company (or so we'd like to think...). The meal will be followed by a 'short and informal' AGM – your chance to get involved in the running of the club. If you'd like to go, please let Simon know by email or on the forum by the 1st March.

<u>Saturday 11th March:</u>	"March March March?"	See forum on website for further details and to signup!
March		30 miles Contact: Victoria

A challenging march across the Fens from March to Cambridge, All within a single day (in March). This mammoth expedition was invented in 1979 by Jonathon Parrington, apparently because it seemed a good idea at the time. We will hopefully stop for pub meals along the way, but you should bring your own supplies too. (there is reputedly a tradition of date flapjacks being brought along...)

Meet: 06:00 at the train station for the 06:20 train to March

Return: Hopefully (!) arriving in Cambridge around 19:00

Cost: £8.00 (£5.30 with railcard) [*Single to March*] plus money for food.

"The traditional end-of-term ramble"

Ipswich to Shotley

Saturday 18th March:

This longer walk will explore the gently undulating countryside between the estuaries of the Rivers Stour and Orwell in south-east Suffolk. From Ipswich railway station, we walk south past Alton Water Reservoir nature reserve and the village of Stutton before reaching the estuary of the River Stour. Lunch will be in Harkstead, and we then continue alongside the estuary to the tip of the peninsula at Shotley Gate. This village has a Martello tower, one of many watch-towers built during the Napoleonic Wars.

Meet: 0730 at the train station for the 07:43 train to Ipswich.

Return: 1657 bus from Shotley then 18:03 train arriving at 19:21 in Cambridge

Cost: £13.60, or £9.00 with a railcard, plus approx. £3 for the bus.

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