CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Lent 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 – 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 20th January: ***"Swanning around Swavesey"***
Swavesey Circular **9 miles** **Contact: Steven**

For the first walk of term we head to the village of Swavesey, situated close to the River Ouse about 10 miles north-west of Cambridge. From here we'll explore the lakes and waterways of the nearby Fen Drayton Nature Reserve before visiting the village of Fenstanton. After lunch we'll walk along part of the River Ouse on our way back towards Swavesey for the bus home.

Meet: 10:30 at the bus station for the 10:45 bus to Swavesey.
Return: 17:00 bus from Swavesey, arriving in Cambridge at 17:36.
Cost: Approximately £4.50 for bus fare.

Sunday 28th January: ***"Exploring the Fen Rivers Way"***
Littleport to Ely **7 miles** **Contact: Jane**

We start the day walking cross-country (on a footpath of course!) via Sandhill, to the River Lark and Padnal Fen. Then it's along the river to the village of Prickwillow for lunch. In the afternoon, we continue south west down the Hereward way, before crossing the Ouse, and Fen Rivers Way to Ely.

Meet: 08.45 at the railway station for the 09.07 train to Littleport.
Return: 15.14 train from Ely, arriving back in Cambridge at 15.31.
Cost: £5.50, or £3.65 with a railcard [Return to Littleport].

Saturday 3rd February: ***"A Linear, Leisurely, Local Walk"***
Shepreth to Cambridge (Great St. Mary's Church) **8 miles** **Contact: Geoffrey**

A chance to walk the final section of the famous 'Varsity March'. This walk starts from Shepreth Railway station. From Shepreth we head to Barrington Village, and then on to Chapel Hill see the views of Cambridge from the top. We have lunch in Haslingfield or Barrington, and then continue to Granchester, from where we walk along the Granchester Meadows into Cambridge City Centre where the walk ends.

Meet: 09.30 at the railway station for the 09.54 train to Shepreth.
Return: 3pm-ish.
Cost: £3.40, or £2.25 with a railcard [Single to Shepreth].

Thursday 8th February: ***Pub Meet, The Castle Inn (on Castle Hill), 8pm***

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

Sunday 11th February: ***"If you go down to the woods today… "***
Watlington Circular **11 miles** **Contact: Ab**

Starting from Watlington station, we explore the local woodland, first heading towards the village of Shouldham, via Shouldham hall, where we will stop for lunch. In the afternoon, we walk through more woodland to Watlington hall, before returning to Watlington station. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for this ramble, as we will picnic in the woods if the weather is nice.

Meet: 08:45 at the railway station for the 09:06 train to Watlington.
Return: 16:33 train from Watlington, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:14.
Cost: £8.50, or £5.60 with a railcard [Return to Watlington].

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Saturday 17th February: ***"Wandering to Wimpole"***
Meldreth to Shepreth via Wimpole Hall **11 miles** **Contact: Victoria**

Starting from Meldreth, we head towards Whaddon, from where we pick up the Harcamlow way. This takes us to the famous Wimpole Hall Avenue, which we follow, for almost its entire length, on the approach to Wimpole Hall. The avenue is 3km long, and we should be able to see the impressive hall at the head of it during our approach. In the afternoon, we continue on towards Orwell, and then through the fields to Barrington, before catching the train home from Shepreth.

Meet: 09.35 at the train station for the 09.54 train to Meldreth
Return: 15.11 train from Shepreth, arriving back in Cambridge at 15.26.
Cost: £3.50, or £2.30 with a railcard [Return to Meldreth].

Tuesday 20th February: ***Meal Out*** **Contact: Victoria**

Victoria will be sending out an email containing further information nearer the time.

Sunday 25th February: ***"Strolling around Sandy (sadly not at the seaside)"***
Sandy to Biggleswade **9 miles** **Contact: Ben**

Heading north out of Sandy along a roman road we wind round through Potton and Gamlingay to Wrestlingworth, where we will stop for lunch. After lunch we turn south west toward Biggleswade for our train home.

Meet: 08:40 at the railway station for the 08:54 train to Sandy.
Return: 16.17 train from Biggleswade, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.26.
Cost: £12, or £7.90 with a railcard [Return to Sandy].

Saturday 3rd March: ***"The Traditional Pancake Ramble"***
West-of-Cambridge Circular **9 miles** **Contact: Lara**

This year's pancake ramble will be a local walk leaving from Cambridge town centre. We will head south along the Cam to Grantchester before crossing the M1 en route to Barton where we will stop for lunch. Leaving Barton, we will head north to the village of Coton before returning to Cambridge along the Harcamlow Way. The walk will be followed by a pancake-making (and eating) session.

Meet: 11am outside the Anchor pub on Silver Street
Return: 3pm-ish
Cost: Free!

Sunday 11th March: ***"Historical Highlights of South-West England"***
Salisbury Plain **15 miles** **Contact: Victoria**

As it's nearing the end of term, we're going to hire a minibus to allow us to escape a bit further from Cambridge than usual. We'll be exploring the area north of the Salisbury Plain, and hope to see a number of sites of historical interest – including some "White Horses" and Avebury circle. Spaces on this walk will be limited by the number of seats in the minibus, so please contact me if you are interested in coming along. I'll confirm travel arrangements when you book your place – it's going to be a long day out, leaving early from Cambridge and returning late in the evening.

Cost: This will depend upon the number of people who come.

Saturday 17th March: ***"Discover the Delights of Dalham, Desning and Denham"*** **12 miles** **Contact: Holly**
Kennett Circular

From Kennett we head south passing Lanwades with its hall, park and stud (it's not as if you can miss them round here!). We will then pick up a footpath alongside the River Kennett, which leads us to Moulton, the site of a 15th Century Packhorse Bridge, as well as our lunch stop. From here the Icknield Way will lead us south west alongside woodland. We will then wind our way back to Kennett past the Halls at Dalham and Desning, and the site of Denham castle.

Meet: 10.30 at the train station for the 10.43 train to Kennett.
Return: 16.06 train from Kennett, arriving in Cambridge at 16.39.
Cost: Cost: £6, or £3.95 with a railcard [Return to Kennett].

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