CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Michaelmas Term 2007

Welcome to the Rambling Club! 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 always 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 – 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 13th October:

"Freshers' Ramble 2007"

Cambridge to Waterbeach

This is a gentle afternoon stroll along the River Cam, ideal both for new members who want to learn more about the club and meet some fellow walking enthusiasts as well as for existing members who want to swap stories of their summer travels. After the walk we'll stop briefly at the pub in Waterbeach before catching the train back to Cambridge.

Meet: 13.30 on the Quayside next to Magdalene Bridge

Return: 17:13 train from Waterbeach, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:22 **Cost:** £2.40 for the train, or £1.60 with a railcard [Single from Waterbeach]

Tuesday 16th October

Pub Meet, The Granta, 8pm

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety, also featuring an appearance by club mascot Dylan the Sheep! Both new and existing club members are very welcome – turn up any time from 8 pm onwards and look for the group with the sheep...

Sunday 21st October:

"Medieval Halls and Healing Springs"

Bar Hill Circular

9 miles Contact: Helen

6 miles

11 miles

Contact: Steven

Contact: David

Starting from Bar Hill, we first walk to the village of Boxworth, via Lolworth and Yarmouth Farm. From Boxworth, we follow the footpath to Knapwell to have our lunch at Overhall Grove and visit the Red Well, whose water was supposedly responsible for several miraculous healings in the Middle Ages! In the afternoon, we follow the Thorofare Lane to the beautiful medieval village of Childerley and will pass by Childerley Hall, Moat and Chapel before walking through Dry Drayton en-route to Bar Hill.

Meet: 10:50 at the bus station for the 11.05 bus to Bar Hill

Return: 16:42 bus from Bar Hill, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:59

Cost: Approximately £4.50 for the bus fare

Saturday 27th October:

"The Ouse River and Romans"

St Ives to Huntingdon

We'll begin by following the Ouse Valley Way from St. Ives to the Roman town of Godmanchester. We'll then continue along the River Ouse to Brampton, before making our way through Hinchingbrooke Country Park to the Motte and Bailey Castle on the edge of Huntingdon.

Meet: 09:30 at the bus station for the 09:45 bus to St Ives

Return: 16:30 bus from Huntingdon, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:36

Cost: Approximately £4.50 for the bus fare

Sunday 4th November:

"Sam's Village Church Tour"

Audley End Circular 11 miles Contact: Sam

This ramble takes in six village churches, some of which we hope to be able to have a brief look around, and two trig points! From Audley End station we head first across the rolling Essex countryside the villages of Arkesden and Clavering, before climbing to the amazing height of 119 metres. We'll then continue to the hamlet of Rickling, and then make our way back to Audley End station via Wicken Bonhunt and Newport.

Meet: 09:15 at the train station for the 09:32 train to Audley End

Return: 16:24 train from Audley End, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:40 **Cost:** £5.40 for the train, or £3.55 with a railcard [Return to Audley End]

Saturday 10th November:

"Maypoles and Holly Bushes"

Bury St Edmunds to Elmswell

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Meet: 09:25 at the railway station for the 09:43 train to Bury St Edmunds **Return:** 17:41 train from Elmswell, arriving back in Cambridge at 18.41 **Cost:** £10.00 for the train, or £6.60 with a railcard [Return to Elmswell]

<u>Tuesday 13th November:</u> Meal Out Contact: Steven

Details of our termly meal out at a nice restaurant in Cambridge will be sent out by email nearer the time.

Saturday 17th November:

"Geoffrey's Birthday Extravaganza"

Shepreth to Great Shelford

10 miles Contact: Geoffrey

Contact: Victoria

15 miles

From Shepreth station we first head south to Frog End to visit Geoffrey's enormous goose, and then to Fowlmere for lunch. We then continue to the village of Newton and on to Great Shelford on the edge of the Gog Magog Hills. This walk takes in the surrounding countryside of South Cambridgeshire as well as several pretty villages.

Meet: 09:35 at the train station for the 09:55 train to Shepreth

Return: 16:36 train from Shelford, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:42

Cost: £5.50, or £3.65 with a railcard [Single to Shepreth £3.40 or £2.25 with railcard; Single from Shelford £2.10 or £1.40 with railcard]

Sunday 25th November:

"Return to Devil's Dyke"

Lode to Burwell

8 miles Contact: Holly

We start by walking west from Lode skirting Swaffham Bulbeck to reach Swaffham Prior where we will stop for lunch. On leaving the village we will be able to see the restored working windmill as we head towards the nature reserve of Devil's Dyke, an Anglo-Saxon defensive earthwork ridge. We shall follow this ridge for a mile or two, before heading to Reach, and finally Burwell.

Meet: 10:10 at the bus station for the 10:25 bus to Lode

Return: 16:00 bus from Burwell, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:39

Cost: Approximately £4.50 for the bus fare

Thursday 29th November:

'Christmas' Party Contact: Steven

With the end of term fast approaching we hope you'll be able to join us at the Rambling Club Christmas party for an evening of mulled wine and mince pies. More details will be sent out by email nearer the time.

Saturday 1st December:

"Oh when the Saints, go marching in..."

Thetford to Brandon

13 miles Contact: Ling

We follow the river Little Ouse out of Thetford on the St Edmund way, passing the remains of Thetford priory and continuing along its banks as it winds through Thetford forest. We leave the river in search of the site of St Helen's Oratory and (perhaps more importantly) some picnic tables where we stop for lunch. After crossing the river once more, we walk deeper into the forest to reach Brandon, where we catch the train home.

Meet: 09:55 at the railway station for the 10:14 train to Thetford

Return: 17:22 train from Brandon, arriving back in Cambridge at 18:02 **Cost:** £8.80 for the train, or £5.80 with a railcard [Return to Thetford]

Christmas Vacation Mailing List:

If you are in Cambridge for all or part of the vacation and wish to receive information about informal out-of-term rambles, please email Steven.

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