

# Cambridge University Rambling Club

## Michaelmas 2018

You should **bring a packed lunch** (unless stated otherwise) and a bottle of water. Strong boots, waterproofs, and warm clothing are also recommended. Your only expense will be the bus or train fare (given below) and our annual £1 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. For more information, please explore our website and Facebook page at: [www.srcf.ucam.org/curac](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/curac) & [www.facebook.com/cambridgerambling](http://www.facebook.com/cambridgerambling)

If you have any questions, feel free to email the Club's President, Aneesh Naik, at: [rambling@cusu.cam.ac.uk](mailto:rambling@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

### **A Stroll to Grantchester**

5 miles / 9 km

**Sunday 7th October**

Aneesh Naik: [an485](#)

This easy afternoon walk will take us to two tranquil villages just outside Cambridge. From Great St Mary's Church, we will head to the river, where we will pick up a path to take us behind the Botanic Gardens. We'll then head back to Trumpington Road, leading us to the village of Trumpington. We'll then follow the winding country lane past Byron's pool to Grantchester, where notable intellectuals of the early 20th century gathered for discussion and bucolic inspiration. After stopping for refreshment at the village tea rooms or a pub, we will follow the footpath along the river back to Cambridge, via Newnham.

**Meet:** 1300 outside Great St Mary's

**Return:** Back to the city centre by 1730

**Cost:** Free!

### **The Pitfall of the Pruning Poet**

15 miles / 24 km

**Saturday 13th October**

Pierre Haas: [pah59](#)

From Welwyn Garden City, we pass through Sherrardspark Wood, and follow the Ayot Greenway (a dismantled railway) to Ayot St Lawrence, where the poet George Bernard Shaw lived (and died at the age of 94 of the internal injuries caused by the fall from a tree that he was pruning). After catching a glimpse of his home, Shaw's Corner (now a National Trust property), we continue past Kimpton Mill. Skirting Whitwell and St Paul's Walden, we head along small country lanes towards Old Knebworth. After passing through Newton wood, we leave behind England's pleasant pastures green and reach the dark Satanic mills of Stevenage.

**Meet:** 08.30 at the train station for the 08.56 service to Welwyn Garden City.

**Return:** 16.38 from Stevenage, arriving back in Cambridge at 17.21.

**Cost:** £8.10 (or £12.20 without groupsave/railcard).

### **Shotley Point**

11 miles / 18 km

**Saturday 20th October**

Pete Jackson: [pj17@waitrose.com](mailto:pj17@waitrose.com)

We shall walk from Freston to the broad tidal river Orwell and then along its lovely wooded southern bank via the historic village of Pin Mill and then to Shotley where there is the wide panorama of the Stour and Orwell estuary between Felixstowe and Harwich.

**Meet:** 0825 at the train station for the 0847 service to Ipswich

**Return:** Back in Cambridge at 2040

**Cost:** Train about £12 (with Railcard/GroupSave) and a few pounds for the buses

### **Ten Ways to Avoid a Guided Busway**

15 miles / 24 km

**Saturday 27th October**

Aneesh Naik: [an485](#)

We walk from Cambridge to St. Ives, but rather than simply following the Guided Busway, we make our lives rather more difficult for ourselves with a more circuitous route, passing through Oakington, Longstanton and Swavesey. Then, we can explore the Fen Drayton Lakes RSPB reserve, looping around and finding a place to pause for lunch. Then, we press on to Hemingford Grey, where we visit the Cock: the best pub in the country according to the Good Pub Guide 2019. After stopping there for a pint, we press on to St Ives, where a bus will return us along the Busway to Cambridge.

**Meet:** 0830 on Magdalene Bridge

**Return:** Around 1700, depending on how long we tarry at the pub in Hemingford

**Cost:** A few pounds for the bus

<p><b>A Spooky Halloween Night Hike</b>      <b>Wednesday 31st October</b> Stephanie Smith: <a href="#">sgs30</a> 7.5 miles / 12 km</p> <p>From Brandon station we make our way into Emily's Wood, an ancient woodland once home to a white witch named Emily who for a few pence would prepare potions to ward off evil spirits and cure sickness. We then head to the ruins of Weeting Castle, a 12th century manor house haunted by a large black dog, and the site of All Saints church, which was abandoned after its tower collapsed in 1699, before returning to Brandon for the train home. As this is a night hike, you may wish to bring an electric flashlight. Dressing up in Halloween costume is also encouraged!</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 1755 at the train station for the 1811 train to Brandon <b>Return:</b> 2156 train from Brandon, arriving back in Cambridge at 2232 <b>Cost:</b> £8.85 (with Railcard/GroupSave)</p>	<p><b>Baldock to Royston Along the Ickniel Way</b>      <b>Saturday 3rd November</b> Tom Comerford: <a href="#">tafc2</a> 12 miles / 20 km</p> <p>From Baldock, we'll set out along the ancient Ickniel Way, taking us up to the ridgeline of the Weston Hills. We'll proceed along to the villages of Wallington and Sandon, where we'll break for lunch. Afterwards, we'll continue along to Therfield, and then on to Royston for the train back to Cambridge.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0910 at the station for the 0924 train to Baldock <b>Return:</b> Train from Royston returns to Cambridge at 1544 <b>Cost:</b> £7.70 (with Railcard/GroupSave)</p>
<p><b>Along the Stour Valley Path</b>      <b>Saturday 10th November</b> Pierre Haas: <a href="#">pah59</a> 15 miles / 24 km</p> <p>We join the Stour Valley Path in Dullingham and follow its meandering course southwards, along bridleways and footpaths, and across fields and through small wooded areas. The path takes us, via the Bradleys and the Thurlows, to Kedington and its 13th century church, built on the site of a Roman villa and whose altar is dominated by an Anglo-Saxon stone cross. Thence, we walk through fields to Haverhill, whence we take the bus back to Cambridge.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0920 at the train station for the 0947 service to Dullingham <b>Return:</b> 1637 bus (13A) from Haverhill bus station, arriving at Drummer St at 1753 <b>Cost:</b> £8.35 (with Railcard/GroupSave)</p>	<p><b>Autumnal Morning Stroll in Newport</b>      <b>Sunday 11th November</b> Aneesh Naik: <a href="#">an485</a> 6 miles / 9 km</p> <p>Just a short circular route from Newport to Debden and back, passing a disused chalk quarry, passing a chalk pit, a lake, and a waterfall (!) along the way. This walk will end at around lunch time, so there will be an optional pub lunch at the Coach and Horses in Newport before we return to Cambridge.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0940 at the train station for the 0951 train to Newport <b>Return:</b> Returning to Cambridge at 1319 if not lunching in Newport <b>Cost:</b> £4.90 for the train (with Railcard/GroupSave)</p>
<p><b>Modern and Medieval Essex</b>      <b>Saturday 17th November</b> Benjamin Marshall: <a href="#">bm515</a> 10 miles / 16 km</p> <p>We'll take the train to Sawbridgeworth and join the River Stort towpath to the mill at Little Hallingbury. Through the village, we then join the Three Forests Way, taking us to Hatfield Forest. This unique and ancient Royal Forest is unchanged since Norman times, and has been described by countryside expert Oliver Rackham as „the only place where one can step back into the Middle Ages to see, with only a small effort of the imagination, what a Forest looked like in use“. Finally we take the Flitch Way, a path along a former railway line, then skirt the village of Takeley to join a country road, suddenly depositing us at Stansted Airport for the train home.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0900 at the railway station for the 0921 train to Sawbridgeworth <b>Return:</b> 1710 train from Stansted Airport, arriving at Cambridge at 1741 <b>Cost:</b> £11.20 (with Railcard/GroupSave)</p>	
<p><b>Wild Fulbourn</b>      <b>Saturday 24th November</b> Pete Jackson: <a href="#">pj17@waitrose.com</a> 6 miles / 10 km</p> <p>We shall walk through Fulbourn, visit a spring and a nature reserve. and maybe climb Fleam Dyke.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0945 at stop E2 Emmanuel St, for the 0955 Citibus 3 to Fulbourn <b>Return:</b> Bus from Fulbourn at around 1400, returning around 1430 <b>Cost:</b> A few pounds for the bus</p>	<p><b>Nosing Around Northstowe</b>      <b>Sunday 25th November</b> Stephanie Smith: <a href="#">sgs30</a> 8 miles / 13 km</p> <p>Northstowe is Cambridgeshire's newest town, currently being built on the former RAF base at Oakington, and according to the developers is "richly steeped in local history, giving it an identity that is entirely unique and one that promotes health and wellbeing". We'll be able to make our own judgement after the ramble! Starting from Oakington, we'll follow the traffic-free Longstanton Road to Longstanton's St Michael's church, complete with thatched roof and a holy well. We'll then find our way around the Northstowe development area to Rampton, from where we'll follow Cuckoo Lane to Histon for the bus home.</p> <p><b>Meet:</b> 0905 at the Drummer St. bus station for the 0919 to Oakington <b>Return:</b> 1320 bus from Histon, arriving back in Cambridge at 1351 <b>Cost:</b> £4.50 for the bus</p>