### Easter 2000 Termcard

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! Although many of us will be busy with exams this term, we hope you will find time to leave the city for a few hours, 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 <u>Formal Hall at Girton</u>, and at our post-exam <u>punt picnic!</u>

#### **Sunday 7th May**

Lode - Cherry Hinton

7 miles

Contact: <u>David Spence</u> Out: 1405 bus to Lode

Return: 1732 bus from Cherry Hinton, arriving back at 1758

A shorter walk than usual, exploring the villages and fens to the east of Cambridge. We head south-west from Lode along Quy Water to Stow Cum Quy, passing an old watermill. We then continue south-west across Teversham Fen, passing close to Teversham village, and finish our walk on the edge on Cherry Hinton. As this is an afternoon walk, there will not be a lunch stop.

# **Sunday 14th May**

Great Barford circular

11 miles Contact: Mike

Out: 1000 coach to Great Barford

Return: 1615 coach from Great Barford, arriving back at 1650 *Note: Bring your NUS card for a discount on the coach journey.* 

From Great Barford we head north-east and follow the River Great Ouse and then turn south along the River Ivel. We pass Gannocks Castle on our way to the village of Blunham, where we stop for lunch. We then continue along the river for another mile before heading west to the village of Mogerhanger. From there we return to Great Barford in a north-westerly direction, via Barford Bridge.

# Saturday 20th May

Audley End - Great Chesterford

12.5 miles

Contact: David Barden

Out: 1043 train to Audley End

Return: 1649 train from Great Chesterford, arriving back at 1707

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This walk explores the countryside to the west of Saffron Walden. We will stop at the small village of Arkesden for an early lunch, before heading in a north-westerly direction to Chrishall. Passing through wooded countryside, we cross to Elmdon and then Strethall, from where we descend to Great Chesterford for the train back.

### **Thursday 25th May**

Formal Hall at Girton Contact: Anneliese

We apologise for the proximity of this event to the exam period, but if you would like to attend, please send a cheque for £6.25 (payable to "Anneliese Parkin"), to Simon Cottrell at Robinson College by Wednesday 17th May, or bring it to the ramble on Sunday 14th. Please state your name, college and e-mail address, and whether you would like a vegetarian meal. The meal will start at 7.15pm; further details will be issued to those attending in due course.

### **Thursday 15th June**

Punt Picnic to Grantchester

Contact: Simon

We invite you to join us on our traditional end-of-term outing on the Cam. Starting at 6.30pm from Trinity Backs, we shall punt upriver to Grantchester; after a picnic on the meadow, we return by moonlight (?) into Cambridge. We will provide food, and there will be a charge of £2.50 to cover this and the punt hire. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. If you would like to come, please send £2.50 to Simon by Thursday 8th June at the latest (cheques payable to "Cambridge University Rambling Club").

# Saturday 17th June

Brandon - Thetford

11.5 miles Contact: Fiona

Out: 1105 train to Brandon

Return: 1749 train from Thetford, arriving back at 1838

Leaving Brandon, we will walk along Harling Drove to the curiously-named Grimes Graves (actually old flint mines!), where we will stop for lunch. Passing through Forestry Commission woodland, we head south to join the River Little Ouse, which we will follow into the town of Thetford. Please ensure that you bring a packed lunch on this walk, as there is no pub en route.

# Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th June

Cambridge - Oxford: The Varsity March

82 miles

Contact: Fiona

Following the success of the events of the previous two years, we are planning to repeat our mammoth two-day sponsored walk from Cambridge to Oxford this year and raise money for Shelter (the national campaign for homeless people). Leaving Cambridge slightly earlier than last time, at midnight on Friday night, we will walk continuously through day and night, stopping

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only for meals until we reach Oxford on Sunday evening. It will be possible to walk just part of the way and return by bus or train. Please contact <u>Fiona</u> as soon as possible if you are interested.

(Shelter is a registered charity, number 263710.)

### **Meeting Places**

(please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure):

Bus/Coach

At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street, near the public toilets (!)

Train

In the main hall of Cambridge railway station.

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