

Easter 2002 Termcard

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! Although many of us will be busy this term, we hope you'll be enticed out by the sunny (?) weather, and come 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. This term, we've included two shorter [afternoon walks](#) during the exam period, so we hope to see you on those, as well as at our [May Week events](#)!

Saturday 27th April

Brandon – Thetford

Distance: 10 miles

Contact: [Katharine](#)

Meet: 1055 at the station, for the 1105 train to Ely (then a further train to Brandon)

Return: 1749 train from Thetford, arriving back at 1838

Train fare: £4.35 with a railcard, £6.60 without (Return to Thetford)

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Starting from Brandon we take the Little Ouse Path eastwards towards Santon Downham, where we stop for lunch (N.B. there is no pub in Santon Downham so you will have to bring your own refreshments). We then leave the river to cut through Thetford Forest, before rejoining the Little Ouse as we enter Thetford for the return train.

Sunday 5th May

Newport – Elsenham

Distance: 9½ miles

Contact: [Tanya](#)

Meet: 1025 at the station, for the 1034 train to Newport

Return: 1600 train from Elsenham, arriving back at 1628

Train fare: £3.95 with a railcard, £6.00 without (Return to Elsenham)

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Starting from the village of Newport, we walk along Debden Water through Debden Park (which

features a waterfall), and then through Cabbage Wood to a pub in Widdington, where we shall stop for lunch. After passing a Wildlife Park, we cross the stream-sized River Cam and continue through Henham village for the return train from Elsenham.

Wednesday 8th May

Meal at Italian Restaurant

Contact: [David](#)

If you would like to join us for a meal out at Bella Pasta (on Coe Fen), then please let David know by Sunday 5th May. Further details will be announced to those attending in due course.

Saturday 11th May

Elmswell – Thurston

Distance: 10½ miles

Contact: [Fiona](#)

Meet: 0955 at the station, for the 1009 train to Elmswell

Return: 1644 train from Thurston, arriving back at 1744 (after a change at Ely)

Train fare: £4.95 with a railcard, £7.50 without (Return to Elmswell)

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Starting from Elmswell, we walk through the undulating Suffolk countryside to the village of Norton for lunch. From there, we head north past Stocking's wood and Stowlangtoft, before turning south-east past Pakenham Fen and Pakenham village itself. We then finish the walk by entering Thurston via Thurston gardens and Meadow Lane.

Sunday 19th May

Downham Market – King's Lynn

Distance: 13 miles

Contact: [Matthew](#)

Meet: 1050 at the station, for the 1102 train to Downham Market

Return: 1726 train from King's Lynn, arriving back at 1814.

Train fare: £5.15 with a railcard, £7.80 without (Return to King's Lynn)

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Definitely no hills this week, as we head north into some of the flattest, yet strangely most awesome countryside known to mankind. Joining the tidal waters of the Great Ouse 35 miles downstream from Cambridge, we follow its raised banks across open fenland to the estuary at

King's Lynn. We pass through three villages called Wiggshall, one of which will be our lunch stop!

Saturday 25th May

Balsham – Fulbourn

Distance: 5 miles

Contact: [Alan](#)

AMENDED bus times:

Meet: 1310 at the bus station (junction of Emmanuel St and Drummer St), for the 1320 bus to Balsham

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Return: Frequent buses from Fulbourn, arriving back by about 1700

We start in Balsham, a village with an historic church dating back to the 13th century, and take a northerly route onto the Harcamlow Way. We then proceed in a north-westerly direction along the ancient defensive earthwork of Fleam Dyke, passing through some woodland on the way. After crossing the A11, we continue over Mutlow Hill, and through a nature reserve on our way into Fulbourn. We should have a chance to stop at the Six Bells pub here (in place of our usual lunch stop) – reputedly the best pub in Cambridgeshire!

Sunday 9th June

Shepreth – Foxton

Distance: 8 miles

Contact: [Mike](#)

Meet: 1345 at the station, for the 1354 train to Shepreth

Return: 1813 train from Foxton, arriving back at 1825

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Train fare: £1.85 with a railcard, £2.80 without (return to Shepreth)

We head north to Barrington (with its airport-sized village green) and on to Haslingfield, with a panoramic view of Cambridge en route. The River Cam (or "Rhee" in these parts) is followed on the way back to Foxton station. This is an afternoon walk so there will be no stop for lunch.

May Week

Garden Party/Punt Trip

Contact: [David](#)

We are hoping to organise a Garden Party, and possibly a Punt Trip, during May Week – watch this space later in the term for more information!

Saturday 15th June

Ashwell – Great Eversden

Distance: 14 miles
 Contact: [David](#)
 Meet: 0940 at the station, for the
 0954 train to Ashwell &
 Morden
 Return: 1710 bus from Gt. Eversden,
 arriving back at 1747
 Transport £3.05 with a railcard or £4.60
 fare: without, **plus bus fare.**

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Starting from Ashwell & Morden station, we pass through the village of Steeple Morden on our way to Guilden Morden, where we will stop for lunch. We then continue across flatter countryside to Tadlow, before bearing north-east and ascending a line of low chalk hills. Passing the sites of the medieval villages of Clopton and Croydon, we cross Ermine Street and pass through the grounds of Wimpole Hall on our way to Great Eversden, obtaining good views over west Cambridgeshire!

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd June

Oxford – Cambridge: The Varsity March

Distance: 82 miles "non-stop"
 Contact: [Matthew](#)

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This term we plan to resurrect our mammoth two-day sponsored charity walk, which was cancelled last year due to Foot & Mouth disease. This year we will start in Oxford and walk through night and day back to Cambridge, stopping only for meals. Further information, including the charity we hope to support, will be announced soon. [Contact Matthew](#) if you are interested.

Sunday 28th July – Sunday 11th August

Summer ramble in the French Alps: Tour du Mont Blanc

Distance: 100 miles (plus 10,000 metres of
 ascent) over 12 days.
 Contact: [Matthew](#)

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We are organising a two-week trip to the Alps this year, during the Long Vacation. Our route will be the "*Tour du Mont Blanc*", a long-distance path which encircles the highest peak in Europe, passing through France, Italy and Switzerland. Accommodation will be in staffed mountain refuges and hostels. Shorter variants are possible if you prefer not to undertake the whole walk.

If you might be interested to take part in this trip, and are not already registered, please [contact Matthew](#) by Sunday 5th May. It will be possible to defer your final decision until later, but this may result in higher travel costs. [Photos from last year's trip](#), in the same region of France and Switzerland, are available.

[Click here for more information about the trip](#)

Meeting Places

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure, and allow extra time for queues at the railway station on Saturday mornings

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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