## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERISTY RAMBLING CLUB

## Easter Term 2006

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, as this is exam term. 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 (apart from The Varsity March at the end of term) – 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.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April:

"Time to get walking again after all those Easter Eggs..."

West-of-Cambridge Circular

n along the Cam to Grantchester before

Contact: Lara

We start this term with 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.

Meet: 11am outside the Anchor pub on Silver Street

**Return:** 3pm-ish **Cost:** Free!

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May:

"Another aMAZEing walk around St. Ives"

St. Ives to Fenstanton 13 miles Contact: Holly

From St. Ives we will follow the Ouse Valley Way before heading south through the meadows and Hemingford villages to Hilton where we will stop for lunch. Before continuing, we can visit the turf maze on the village green! We will then head to Fenstanton, passing through the pretty villages of Elsworth and Conington (both of which also have pubs if we are feeling like afternoon refreshments!).

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

Return: 16:57 bus from Fenstanton, arriving in Cambridge at 17:26

**Cost:** Approximately £4 for bus fare [Return to St. Ives]

Tuesday 9th May:

Pub Meet, The Granta, 8pm

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

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

"Penguin Counting Expedition no. 379"

Attleborough circular

16 miles Contact: Jane

Following unconfirmed penguin sightings in the locale, we shall be exploring the countryside around the town of Attleborough. From Attleborough, we will head south, skirting Old Buckden Fen and crossing Banham Moor before reaching the picturesque village of Banham in time for lunch (where we have an excellent chance of spotting penguins and other wildlife). We will then head north east, taking in a medieval castle at Old Buckenham before returning to Attleborough.

Meet: 09.00 at the train station for the 09.16 train to Attleborough

**Return:** 17.54 train, arriving back in Cambridge at 18.55

Cost: £15.20 for the train, or £10.05 with railcard [Return to Attleborough] and approximately £7.50 to see the penguins.

Sunday 21st May:

"A Relaxing Riverside Stroll with a Technological Twist"

Shepreth to Cambridge 10 miles Contact: Ab

Starting at Shepreth, we head towards Barrington, to admire the imposing towers of the cement works! We then continue on to Harston, where we shall stop for a relaxing packed lunch on the riverbank beside Harston Mill (weather permitting!). Then it's on to Haslingfield, and Grantchester (via some radio telescopes), from where we follow the River Cam homeward.

Meet: 10.25 at the railway station for the 10.44 train to Shepreth

**Return:** 3pm-ish

Cost: £3.30, or £2.20 with a railcard [Single to Shepreth]

Saturday 27th May:

"A High Level Walk to find a View..."

Baldock to Royston 10 miles Contact: Geoffrey

Starting from Baldock Railway Station, Geoffrey will lead us into the high hills in search of some stunning views. We start by heading towards Weston over the new Baldock bypass, then climb over Weston hills, from where we will be able to survey the surrounding countryside. From Weston we head towards Wallington where we stop for lunch, and then it's on to Kelshall and Royston, over Therfield Heath.

Meet: 09.30 at the train station for the 09.58 train to Baldock

Return: 15.56 train from Royston arriving back in Cambridge at 16.15

Cost: £7.50, or £4.95 with a railcard [Return to Baldock]

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May: *Meal out in Grantchester* 

We're planning on taking advantage of the long summer evenings by holding this term's meal out a short stroll away in Grantchester, at the Red Lion. Victoria will be sending out an email containing further information nearer the time.

Sunday 4th June:

"The Steeple Bumpstead Experience"

Haverhill Circular 14 miles Contact: Ben

Beginning at Hanchett End we skirt the south of Haverhill before passing through wood and farm land to reach the criss-crossing maze of paths of Helion's Bumpstead. We stop for lunch at the pub in Steeple Bumpstead and then head east to follow the River Stour from Sturmer to Keddington, before returning to Haverhill for the bus homeward.

**Meet:** 08.50 at the bus depot for the 09:10 to Haverhill **Return:** 16:08 bus, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:02 **Cost:** Approximately £4 for bus fare [Return to Haverhill]

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June:

"In search of the Mildenhall Treasure"

Mildenhall Circular 13 miles Contact: Steven

This week's ramble takes us to the Anglo-Saxon market town of Mildenhall, famous for the Mildenhall Treasure discovery of 1943. Leaving Mildenhall on the Lark Valley Path, we'll pass through Cavenham Heath Nature Reserve and then take the Icknield Way to Tuddenham. After lunch we'll continue along the Icknield Way, passing through the villages of Herringswell and Red Lodge before returning to Mildenhall via Worlington.

**Meet:** 08:40 at the bus depot for the 08:56 bus to Mildenhall **Return**: 16:11 bus, arriving back in Cambridge at 16:51

Cost: £5.60 for bus fare [Return to Mildenhall]

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:

Midnight Punting Trip to Grantchester

Starting in the early evening, we'll head down to Grantchester by punt, stopping in the meadows for a picnic along the way. After a quick drink at a pub in the village we'll then punt home by moonlight. A unique Cambridge experience! More details will follow nearer the time, but please contact Victoria or Holly if you can provide a cheap punt!

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** 

"A Trip to the Seaside with Fish 'n' Chips for Tea"

**Hunstanton to Wells** 

18 miles Contact: Victoria

For the last ramble of term we will venture further afield, and spend the day following the Pedders Way along the beautiful North Norfolk coastline. Starting from Hunstanton, we pass Gore Point en route to the village of Thornham, from where we head inland before stopping for lunch around Brancaster. We then continue along the top of the sand-dunes, and past the coastal salt-marshes. We will then spend the early evening enjoying fish-and-chips by the seaside before catching the Hopper Bus homeward.

**Meet:** 09.15 at the railway station for the 09.32 train to King's Lynn, to connect with the 10.25 Coast-Hopper bus to Hunstanton. **Return:** 18.30 Hopper Bus from Wells to King's Lynn, connecting with the 20.26 train and arriving back in Cambridge at 21.14. **Cost:** £9.40 for the train, or £6.20 with a railcard [Return to King's Lynn] plus £5 for the Hopper Bus.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June:

The Varsity March

81 miles Contact: Victoria

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The annual Varsity March is a mammoth two-day walk between Oxford and Cambridge, completed in under 48 hours without any sleep! Many people do not join us for the whole epic hike, but turn out to support their friends for short sections. More details will be sent out by email nearer the time, but please talk to any of the committee members if you would like more information.

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