

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Lent Term 1998

Welcome back to the Rambling Club! We once again 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 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 Formal Hall gatherings in Wolfson and Trinity!

Saturday 24th January **Balsham – Great Chesterford** **8½ miles** **Contact: Aidan**
Travelling south–west from Balsham, we climb to the top of Rivey Hill, near Linton. After stopping for lunch, we continue across undulating farmland towards Great Chesterford.
Out: 1030 bus to Balsham Return: 1540 train from Great Chesterford, arriving back at 1557

Sunday 1st February **Great Barford circular** **10 miles** **Contact: Matthew**
This walk explores the villages and rolling countryside north–east of Bedford. Starting from Great Barford, we follow the River Great Ouse upstream for two miles before heading north to Renhold and Church End, where we stop for lunch. After reaching a staggering height of 70 metres (!) we return south–east to the starting point.
Out: 1000 bus to Great Barford Return: 1615 bus from Great Barford, arriving back at 1650

Thursday 5th February **Formal Hall at Wolfson** **Contact: Anshuman**
Places will be rather limited for this occasion, so please contact Anshuman early to reserve a place (giving your name, college, e–mail address/phone no. and preference for a vegetarian meal if required), letting him know by February 1st at the latest. The meal will include wine, sherry, port and dessert wine, and will cost between £9 and £12, with a discount of around £3 for those not requiring drinks. Payment will be organised later, based on the number of people attending. Dress should be smart – please wear a gown if you have one. Dinner will start at 7.30pm ; meet in Wolfson Plodge at 7.15pm , or alternatively outside Trinity at 6.40pm.

Sunday 15th February **Cottenham – Ely** **11 miles** **Contact: Matthew**
We follow the Cottenham Lode across the vast flat landscape of the Fens to its intersection with the River Great Ouse, where we stop for lunch. Continuing along the north bank of the Ouse, we pass the end of our familiar Cam and head for Ely. If the weather is fine, we should see impressive views of the cathedral on our final approach. There will be an opportunity to visit this magnificent building with its unique octagonal tower before returning home.
Out: 1005 bus to Cottenham Return: 1704 train from Ely, arriving back at 1720

Saturday 21st February **Swaffham Bulbeck – Cambridge & Pancakes!** **10 miles** **Contact: David**
Starting from the village of Swaffham Bulbeck, we head west to Lode, and from there to Horningsea, via Anglesey Abbey and Stow cum Quy Fen. After stopping for lunch, we follow the river back into Cambridge. Join us for pancakes afterwards in Matthew's room (C6 New Court, Trinity) !
Out: 1015 bus to Swaffham Bulbeck.

Thursday 5th March **Formal Hall at Trinity & AGM** **Contact: Matthew**
If you would like to come to this event, please send a cheque for £3.50 , together with your name, college and email address to Matthew no later than the 28th February. Please state if you require a vegetarian meal. Dress smartly, and wear a gown if you have one. Wine may be bought at the buttery, or brought in at a cost of £1. Dinner will be at 8pm, but we shall meet in the Mitre on Bridge Street from 7pm. Otherwise find us in Trinity Great Gate at 7.45pm. We will hold our AGM afterwards at 9.15pm in the Junior Parlour (T Blue Boar Court) ; your chance to get involved in the running of the club!

Sunday 8th March **Horseheath & West Wrattling circular** **9 miles** **Contact: David**
A walk through the rolling "uplands" of East Cambridgeshire. Starting from the small village of Horseheath, we head NE to Balsham, where we stop for lunch. From there, we walk to the nearby village of West Wrattling, and then in a southerly direction back to Horseheath through wooded countryside.
Out: 1110 bus to Horseheath Return: 1550 bus from Horseheath, arriving back at 1635

Easter Ramble **The Yorkshire Dales** **Contact: David**
We are currently organising a more challenging, 4–5 day hike for the week after the end of term through the decidedly more hilly countryside of Wensleydale and Swaledale. We will probably follow the route of the Pennine Way, heading north from Dentedale Youth Hostel, and hoping to cover about 15 miles each day. It is estimated that the total cost of the whole trip, including rail travel, accommodation, food and YHA membership will be about £140. If you would like to take part in what promises to be an enjoyable excursion, then please let David know ASAP (preferably by 1st February). Further details will be announced nearer the time.

Meeting Places (please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure):

Bus: At the corner of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Street, near the public toilets (!)
Train: In the main hall of Cambridge railway station.

The Rambling Club is brought to you by:

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