Lent Term 2005:

Sunday 23rd January: "The Major James 'Biggles' Bigglesworth Tribute Ramble"
Sandy - Biggleswade (11 miles) [Laura]

Starting from Sandy in Bedfordshire we join the Greensand Ridge Walk, heading through the villages of Beeston and Northill. We then pass through Palmer's Wood to Old Warden, where we'll stop for lunch at the Hare and Hounds. After lunch we walk through Warden Warren and east to the village of Broom, continuing until we reach Biggleswade for the train home.

Meet: 08:40 at the train station for the 08:54 train to Sandy (via Hitchin)

Return: 16:19 train from Biggleswade (via Hitchin), arriving in Cambridge at 17:25

Cost: £12.50 (£8.25 with railcard). [Return to Sandy]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Saturday 29th January: "Another Ben Fryer walk on the wild side..."

Mildenhall - Red Lodge (12 miles) [Ben]

After an early start(!) we walk through woodland and then along the river Lark to Cavenham Heath Nature Reserve, and then Icknield way path to Tuddenham for lunch. We then head through Herringswell and climb to the astonishing height of 25 metres around Kennings heath before looping back to Red lodge to catch the return bus to Cambridge.

Meet: 08:40 at the bus station for the 08:56 bus to Mildenhall

Return: 16:18 bus from Red Lodge, arriving in Cambridge at 16:51

Cost: Approx £4 for bus fare [*Return to Mildenhall*]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Tuesday 1st February: Pub Meet (The Castle Inn, 8pm)

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety. Just look for the group with the sheep!

[STREET MAP]

Sunday 6th February: "The Traditional Pancake Ramble" West-Cambridge Circular (9 miles) [Richard]

We head south along the river to Grantchester, then turn west to Barton, where we'll stop for lunch. In the afternoon, we'll head north towards Coton, briefly visit the American Cemetery at Madingley, then walk back into Cambridge along the Harcamlow way. After the walk you're all very welcome to join us for pancakes at my room in Trinity.

Meet: 11:00 outside Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge city centre

Return: 3pm onwards...

Cost: FREE!

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Saturday 12th February: "Lunch chez Geoffrey"

Ashwell - Baldock (11 miles) [Geoffrey]

From Ashwell & Morden station we head north-west to Ashwell, then onwards via Ashwell End to the village of Hinxworth, where we'll stop for lunch in the garden of Geoffrey's house. After lunch we'll walk south by the Icknield Way to Baldock.

Meet: 09:40 at the train station for the 09:54 train to Ashwell & Morden station.

Return: 15:54 train from Baldock, arriving in Cambridge at 16:25

Cost: £6.90 (£4.55 with railcard) [*Return to Baldock*]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Thursday 17th February: Pub-Meet (The Granta, from 8pm)

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety. Just look for the group with the sheep!

[STREET MAP]

Sunday 20th February: "Royston not-very-circular"

Royston Circular (12 miles) [Helen]

We head south from Royston to Therfield, reaching the dizzy heights of 167 metres(!) and admiring the site of a Motte and Bailey castle en route to Sandon for lunch. We then follow the Chain Path, Icknield way, and Hertfordshire Way back to Royston.

Meet: 09:40 at the train station for the 09:54 train to Royston

Return: 17:03 train from Royston, arriving in Cambridge at 17:25

Cost: £4.50 (£2.95 with railcard) [Return to Royston]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Saturday 26th February: "A return to the sunny(?!) delights of Hertfordshire"

Knebworth - Letchworth (12 miles) [Alan]

We take a western route around Stevenage, taking in the sights of Old Knebworth and Langley before heading up to Titmore Green, where we stop to sample the local pub. From here we continue northwards through Great Wymondley and

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Willian before heading into Letchworth for the train home.

Meet: 08:40 at the train station for the 08:54 train to Knebworth

Return: 17:25 train from Letchworth, arriving in Cambridge at 17:52

Cost: £12.60 (£8.30 with railcard) [*Return to Knebworth*]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Sunday 6th March: "Laurence's Timewarp Extravaganza, complete with (more) free

cake"

Newmarket Circular (15 miles) [Laurence]

Taking the Icknield Way from the station we pass part of the famous Newmarket race course on route to the village of Stetchworth. Carrying on southwards through gently rolling countryside we will pass some attractive woods, weirs and a vineyard before lunch (with the obligatory free cake). In the afternoon we aim to return to Newmarket through an undulating landscape of medieval farmhouses and ruined castles. You're all then invited back to Laurence's afterwards for tea and more cake.

Meet: 10:35 at the train station for the 10:50 train to Newmarket

Return: 18:00 train from Newmarket, arriving in Cambridge at 18:24

Cost: £4.40 (£2.90 with railcard) [Return to Newmarket]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Tuesday 8th March: Meal & AGM [Laurence]

The location of the meal is yet to be decided, but you can be assured of an enjoyable evening with good food and even better company (or so we'd like to think...). The meal will be followed by a short and informal AGM – your chance to get involved in the running of the club. If you'd like to go, please let Laurence know by email before the 1st March.

Saturday 12th March: "Simon takes us round in circles yet again..."

Newport Circular (9 miles) [Simon]

Exploring the villages west of Newport we head 1st for Clavering, where will have lunch, via Ricking. Then we will walk to Arkesden through the grounds of Wood Hall before heading back along the Harcamlow way.

Meet: 10:20 at the railway station for the 10:36 train to Newport **Return:** 15:46 train from Newport, arriving in Cambridge at 16:12

Cost: £5.10 (£3.35 with railcard) [*Return to Newport*]

[AREA MAP] [DETAILED MAP]

Saturday 19th March: "The Presidential Ramble" Bourton-on-the-Water Circular (14 miles) [Richard]

After our usual eight 'standard' walks this term, for the final walk in the Rambling Club year we're going to try something a bit special. Abandoning public transport for one walk only, we'll be hiring one of CUSU's MPVs to allow us to go somewhere new and different - The Cotswolds! This circular walk from Bourton-on-the-Water will take in the beautiful rolling countryside around the villages of Naunton, Guiting Power and the wonderfully named villages of Upper & Lower Slaughter.

Places will be very limited, and will need to be booked in advance. An email will be sent out about this closer to the time.

Meet: 7:30am in Cambridge (Location TBA)

Return: Back at around 7pm

Cost: Approximately £5 as a contribution towards car-hire and fuel costs.

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