

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Michaelmas 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 Robinson and Christ's !

Sunday 25th October Audley End – Stansted Mountfitchet 11 miles Contact: David

Starting from the small village of Wendens Ambo, we walk in a south–westerly direction towards Arkesden, where we will stop for lunch. From there, we head across rolling wooded countryside to the attractive village of Clavering, obtaining good views to the south en route. We then follow the valley of the River Stort, passing through Manuden on our way to Stansted Mountfitchet.

Out: 1050 train to Audley End Return: 1605 train from Stansted Mountfitchet, arriving back at 1632

Saturday 31st October Brandon – Thetford 11½ miles Contact: Kirsty

Leaving Brandon, we will walk along Harling Drove to the curiously–named Grimes Graves (actually old flint mines!), where we will stop for a packed lunch. Passing through Forestry Commission woodland, we head south to join the River Little Ouse, which we will follow into the town of Thetford ; if we have time, we will try and stop in a pub before catching the train back to Cambridge!

Out: 1105 train to Brandon Return: 1626 train from Thetford, arriving back at 1727

Tuesday 10th November Formal Hall at Robinson Contact: Simon

If you would like to come to this event, please send a cheque for £5.50 (made payable to "S. Cottrell"), together with your name, college and email address to Simon no later than Monday 2nd November, or bring your payment to the ramble on Saturday 31st October. Please state if you require a vegetarian meal. Dress smartly ; gowns are optional. Feel free to bring your own wine, or buy it at the college bar on the day – there is no corkage charge. Dinner will be at 7.30pm ; meet at 7.15pm in the bar, or outside Great St. Mary's Church on King's Parade at 7pm.

Saturday 14th November Knebworth circular 9 miles Contact: Owen

A ramble around the countryside between Stevenage and Luton (yes, there is some!). Heading west from Knebworth we walk through Old Knebworth Country Park before following a circular route passing through woods and villages – including Langley, where we will stop for lunch – come prepared for a few contours as well!

Out: 0954 train to Knebworth Return: 1538 train from Knebworth, arriving back at 1625

Sunday 22nd November Kennet circular 11 miles Contact: Simon

We walk north from Kennet Station, through wooded countryside along the Cambridgeshire – Suffolk border. We then head south–east to join the ancient Icknield Way, which takes us to our lunch stop in the village of Gazely. After lunch, we drop down into the wooded valley of the River Kennet, which we follow back to the railway station.

Out: 1040 train to Kennet Return: 1618 train from Kennet, arriving back at 1650

Wednesday 25th November Formal Hall at Christ's Contact: David

Places are strictly limited for this event, so please let David know soon (by email) if you would like to reserve a place. The price will be £4.40 – payment will be arranged nearer the time. We will meet in Christ's Plodge at 7.20pm, for dinner at 7.30pm. Dress should be reasonably smart ; please wear a gown if you have one.

Saturday 28th November Stamford – Empingham 13 miles Contact: Matthew

Starting from Stamford, in the southwest corner of Lincolnshire, we head upstream along the banks of the River Welland. After a short climb up to Easton on the Hill, we should (no promises!) have good views over historic Stamford. Then we descend to the small village of Ketton for drinks in the Northwick Arms. Heading north–west after lunch, we follow the edge of Rutland Water, and cross the dam in our final approach to Empingham. We'll have enough time for a look around Stamford on the return journey, for those with enough energy!

Out: 1005 train to Stamford Return: 1607 bus from Empingham, then 1719 train from Stamford, arriving back at 1838

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th December Full day excursion Contact: Matthew

We are hoping to organise a somewhat longer walk (around 20 miles) by the coast on the weekend after the end of term – more details will be given out nearer the time.

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.

The Rambling Club is brought to you by:

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