

Michaelmas 2000 Termcard

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 or 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 at St. John's!](#)

Saturday 21st October

Baldock - Hitchin

11 miles

Contact: [Simon](#)

Out: 1031 train to Baldock

Return: 1646 train from Hitchin, arriving back at 1725

We head south-east from Baldock and ascend into the rolling hills of north Hertfordshire, stopping at the village of Weston for lunch. We continue south and then west passing through wooded parkland and through the villages of Graveley and Great Wymondley. We then finish our walk at Hitchin, passing a nature reserve on the edge of the town.

Sunday 29th October

Newport - Elsenham

12 miles

Contact: [David Barden](#)

Out: 1034 train to Newport

Return: 1715 train from Elsenham, arriving back at 1744

Note: The clocks go back one hour on the morning of this walk.

After passing through Newport village, we head in a westerly direction over higher ground to Arkesden, and from there to Clavering, where we will stop for lunch. We then walk south, following the valley of the River Stort, to Manuden, via the delightfully-named farmstead of Maggots End. We then join the Harcamlow Way for the last part of the walk through wooded countryside to Ugley Green and Elsenham.

Saturday 4th November

Great Barford - Milton Earnest

11 miles

Contact: [Matthew](#)

Out: 1005 coach to Great Barford

Return: Bus from Milton Earnest, then 1755 coach from Bedford, arriving back at 1900

Note: Bring your NUS card for a discount on the coach journey.

A walk through the rolling countryside north of Bedford. We head north-west from Great Barford to the village of Church End, where we stop for lunch. We then walk west, passing some woodland, and finally descend to the valley of the River Great Ouse.

Thursday 9th November

Formal Hall at St. John's
Contact: [David Spence](#)

If you would like to attend this event, please send a cheque for £2.92 (payable to "*David Spence*"), to David by Sunday 29th October, or bring it to the ramble on that day. Please state your name, college and e-mail address, and whether you would like a vegetarian meal. The meal will start at 7.30pm; further details will be issued to those attending in due course.

Sunday 12th November

Linton circular
9 miles
Contact: [Simon](#)
Out: 1125 bus to Linton
Return: 1650 bus from Linton, arriving back at 1718

We head south-east from Linton passing through wooded undulating countryside and the village of Bartlow on our way to Ashdon, where we will stop for lunch. We then head north-west, returning to Linton via the village of Hadstock.

Saturday 18th November

Kennett - Dullingham
11½ miles
Contact: [Mike](#)
Out: 1009 train to Kennett
Return: 1640 train from Dullingham, arriving back at 1657

We head south from Kennett station to join the River Kennett, and walk upstream for about two miles. We then leave the river to join the Icknield Way Path and stop for lunch in the village of Ashley. Continuing along the Icknield Way, we pass some Newmarket stud farms and cross "Devil's Ditch" on our way to the train at Dullingham.

Sunday 26th November

Cambridge - Shepreth
10½ miles
Contact: [David Spence](#)
Depart: 1130 from the Senate House
Return: 1632 train from Shepreth, arriving back at 1645

We head out of Cambridge via the backs towards Grantchester. We continue on to Haslingfield, where we will stop for lunch, passing the end of the Travelling Radio Telescope. From Haslingfield we head south to Barrington, where we cross the Cam, and then finish the walk in Shepreth, passing a wildlife park and some Roman Remains on the way.

Saturday 2nd December

Sandling - Dover

15 miles

Contact: [Simon](#)

Out: 0425 train to Sandling

Return: 1821 train from Dover Priory, arriving back at 2210 (provisional)

Note: Please read the following information carefully if you intend to come on this walk.

Our traditional coastal walk at the end of the Michaelmas Term this year visits the south coast of Kent. This is generally the only time of the year when we visit the coast, and it will provide a welcome contrast to the rather flat scenery of East Anglia.

We will start at Sandling station, just to the west of Folkestone, and head north for a short distance to join the North Downs Way. We will follow the Way to the east, overlooking the town of Folkestone, and if it is clear, we should get views across the English Channel to the coast of France. We will reach the coast just to the east of Folkestone, at the western end of the famous White Cliffs of Dover, and we will stop for lunch in the village of Capel-le-Ferne.

After lunch, we will continue east along the cliff top to the town of Dover itself. As we approach the town, we will get excellent views of the historic castle, perched on the cliff above the town. We plan to then have a meal together in Dover before returning to Cambridge.

The length of the walk will be about 15 miles. This is not quite as long as in previous years, but there is no convenient finishing point beyond Dover that we would reach before dark. However, if we reach Dover in good time, there is a possibility of continuing the walk to the east of Dover and then returning to Dover.

Due to the disruption on the rail network at the moment, it is difficult to be precise about the travel arrangements. However, due to the long journey and the limited amount of daylight at this time of year, we will need to leave very early, and plan to take the 0425 train to London Liverpool Street. We then need to transfer to London Bridge station for the train to Sandling. Hopefully we will arrive there at 0746, but it is quite possible that we will be delayed on the way. Our return time will depend on when we arrive in Dover and how long it takes to have the meal, but we hope to arrive back in Cambridge by 2210.

The cost of the train ticket will be £21.40 if you have a railcard, or £32.40 otherwise. The ticket office at Cambridge will not be open when we depart, and the machine does not appear to sell tickets to Dover, so it would be very helpful if you could buy your ticket in advance, to save time in London. You should ask for a Cheap Day Return (from Cambridge) to Dover, for 2nd December (with railcard if appropriate).

Please arrive at the station by 0415 on the latest. Please bring a packed lunch; we plan to sit outside a pub to eat them as we do on our local walks. You will probably also want some breakfast to eat on the train. Due to the recent weather and the hilly nature of the walk, boots are very strongly recommended. Warm and waterproof clothing is also essential.

It is not essential to sign up for the walk in advance, but if you let Simon know if you are coming (by e-mailing sjc64@hermes.cam.ac.uk), then you will be informed by e-mail of any major changes to the arrangements.

Saturday 24th - Friday 30th March 2001

Easter Ramble - The Peak District

Contact: [Simon](#)

We are planning to organise a Youth Hostelling trip to the Peak District during the Easter vacation. Full details will not be available until January, but if you are interested, please contact Simon by the end of this term if possible.

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.

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