

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RAMBLING CLUB

Michaelmas Term 2005

Welcome to the Rambling Club! 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 moderate and relaxed, as our main aim is to unwind and appreciate the local scenery and villages. We usually stop at a village pub en route but **you should bring a packed lunch and a drink** anyway as several walks this term won't pass a pub. **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's no need to sign up in advance to join any of our walks, 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.

Saturday 15th October:

"Freshers' Ramble 2005"

Cambridge to Waterbeach

6 miles

Contact: Laurence

This is simply a gentle stroll along the Cam, ideal both for new members who want to learn more about the club and meet some fellow walking enthusiasts as well as for existing members who want to swap stories of their summer travels. After the walk we plan to stop briefly in a pub in Waterbeach for a drink before returning to Cambridge in the early evening.

Meet: 14:00 on the quayside by Magdalene Bridge.

Return: 17:33 train from Waterbeach, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:42.

Cost: £2.10 or £1.40 with a railcard. (Single from Waterbeach)

Wednesday 19th October:

Pub Meet, The Granta, 8pm

Come and join us for a drink and a ramble of the conversational variety – featuring an appearance by Dylan the Sheep, club mascot and vice-president. Photos of summer holiday expeditions and walks are welcome!

Sunday 23rd October:

"It'll all end in tears..."

Bury St Edmunds Circular

12 miles

Contact: Duncan

For our second walk of the term we head east to Suffolk and the town of Bury St Edmunds, with its famous ruined abbey and Gothic revival cathedral not to mention the intriguing combination of a play park, one of Europe's largest sugar factories and the Greene King Brewery. Heading north we'll spend the day in and around Livermere Park and its scenic lake, passing by a ruined church, a mill, a weir and woodlands – certainly a little different from the landscape of the Cambridgeshire Fens.

Meet: 10:35 at the railway station for the 10:50 train to Bury St Edmunds.

Return: 17:40 train, arriving back in Cambridge at 18:24.

Cost: £10.80 or £7.15 with a railcard. (Return to Bury St Edmunds)

Saturday 29th October:

"Romans, Ramblers and Other Rare Breeds"

Needham Market Circular

12 miles

Contact: Holly

From Needham Market we'll head east through lightly wooded countryside to Coddham where we'll stop for lunch. After lunch we'll carry on through several plantations, passing Shrubland Park and its 18th century hall before joining the Gipping Valley Path back towards Needham Market via several meres, a rare breeds farm and Combretovium Roman settlement.

Meet: 9:25 at the railway station for the 9:43 train to Needham Market.

Return: 16:26 from Needham Market, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:39.

Cost: £12.50 or £8.25 with a railcard. (Return to Needham Market)

Thursday 4th November:

Pub Meet, The Castle, 8pm

Come and join the rambling club and Dylan the sheep for a drink and for another ramble of the conversational type.

Sunday 6th November:

"The New and Improved Haverhill Ramble"

Haverhill and the Thurlows

12.5 miles

Contact: Laura C

Returning to the site of one of 2004's more memorable rambles we head south-east towards one of the (relatively!) undulating sections of East Anglia. From Haverhill we head for Withersfield on our route to the twin villages of Great and Little Thurlow, aiming to have lunch there on the boundary of Suffolk. From Great Thurlow we'll join the Stour Valley path looping south-east toward Kedington.

Meet: 9:10 at the bus depot for the 9:25 bus to Haverhill.

Return: 16:25 bus, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:18.

Cost: Approximately £4-6 bus fare.

For photos, the forum and more information about the club have a look at our website: www.srcf.ucam.org/curac

