

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 Thurslow, 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

Saturday 12th November: *“Simon Goes West (to England’s Smallest County) ”*
Oakham to Stamford via Rutland Water **11 miles** **Contact: Simon**

This week we head further afield- northwest to Rutland, England’s smallest county. From the county town of Oakham we’ll head east along the Hereward Way to Rutland Water, a large reservoir with several important wildlife reserves and a tenuous Blackadder connection. In the afternoon we’ll pass through the village of Empingham heading for the historic and picturesque town of Stamford, which we hope to have time to explore before returning to Cambridge. This ramble is a little further afield than usual, however we hope that it will be interesting enough to more than compensate for this!

Meet: 08:40 at the railway station for the 8:58 train to Oakham

Return: 17:00 train, arriving back in Cambridge at 18:15.

Cost: £16.10 or £10.80 with a railway card.

Wednesday 16th November: *Meal, 8pm* **Contact: Helen**

Details of this will follow nearer the time by email but we hope to arrange the usual termly meal out in a nice restaurant in Cambridge.

Sunday 20th November: *“Geoffrey’s Birthday Ramble”*
Royston Circular **14 miles** **Contact: Geoffrey**

After last week’s longer journey this week we’ll be exploring the countryside a little nearer to Cambridge. From Royston we’ll head north towards Bassingbourn and onwards through the Cam valley to Wendy. After lunch we’ll loop back towards Royston, through the villages of Shingay and Litlington along the Icknield Way.

Meet: 08:45 at the railway station for the 9:01 train to Royston.

Return: 16:56 train, arriving back in Cambridge at 17:15.

Cost: £4.50 or £2.95 with a railcard. (Return to Royston)

Saturday 26th November: *“Hemisphere Hopping”*
Somersham to Longstanton **7 miles** **Contact: Victoria**

Following a section of the ‘Pathfinder’ long distance walk south from Somersham, starting on the Greenwich Meridian we’ll spend the morning in the eastern hemisphere, visiting Colne and Bluntisham, before hopping over into the western hemisphere for the afternoon to visit a Benedictine Priory and ‘Amen Corner.’

Meet: 08:30 at the bus depot for the 08:45 to Somersham.

Return: 15:00 bus, returning to Cambridge at 15:36.

Cost: Approximately £4 bus fare.

Thursday 30th November: *‘Christmas’ Party* **Contact: Laurence**

With the end of the term fast approaching we hope you’ll join us at the rambling club Christmas Party for an evening of mulled wine and mince pies. The archives and photographs of recent club trips will also be on display. The exact location for this event will be announced nearer the time, although spaces are likely to be fairly limited.

Saturday 3rd December: *“The Early Bird...gets to see Hills!”*
Ivinghoe Beacon to Princes Risborough **18 miles** **Contact: Helen**

The traditional more strenuous end of term ramble and obscenely early start takes us to the Chiltern Hills. We’ll be following the ancient Ridgeway footpath through rolling chalk downland and patches of beechwood, passing ancient earthworks and scenic villages. Joining the trail at its eastern end we’ll start with a brisk climb up the 233m of Ivinghoe Beacon, before heading west over Pitstone Hill to a lunch stop at Wendover. In the afternoon we’ll pass through more open countryside, seeing woodland and an historic fort as we head for Princes Risborough and a pub dinner.

Meet: 04:10 at the railway station for the 04:25 train to Tring. (Bring a packed breakfast!)

Return: 17:48 train from Princes Risborough, arriving back into Cambridge at 20:43.

Cost: £27.40 or £18.10 with a railcard

Christmas Holidays Mailing List- If you are in Cambridge for at least some of the holidays and wish to receive information about informal day rambles, pub meets and possibly the occasional weekend break then please email ldm29.

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To submit walk reports, amusing anecdotes and quotes to the archives then please contact our archivist, Dr Laura Napran, at l.m.napran.97@cantab.net Larger attachments such as photographs should however be sent to ldm29.

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