**CAMBRIDGE RAMBLING CLUB (Affiliated to HF Holidays and the Ramblers)**

**WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023 (Jan to April)**

**2022 Club AGM:** The Club’s AGM on Saturday 26th November was well-attended. We welcomed Jackie W as joint Group Secretary of the Wednesday Bs (all day), replacing Sue who is moving away. The Club’s Life Membership was awarded to Jenny, in recognition of her sterling work as President and especially her key role in ensuring that the Club’s weekend trip to Brecon could go ahead earlier this year. Thanks were given to Committee members retiring, Anne D, Debbie T and Elaine W. We welcomed Rita and Janette in their place – with one vacancy. Please contact Jenny if you are interested in filling this place. Following the business meeting Paul gave a very interesting talk on the Ramblers ‘Don’t Lose Your Way’ campaign which is seeking to add long-lost public rights of way to the map. Paul had tracked down a great Pathe News film of ramblers in the 1930s!

**Distributing our Club newsletter by email**

The Club has now switched over to emailed Newsletters wherever possible – although members can request a posted paper copy by contacting our Membership Secretary Anne. We will, of course, continue to post Newsletters to all members without email. And just a reminder that all Newsletters are posted on the Club’s website. membership@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Contact details - walking groups & trips secretaries**

Most Group Secretaries email their regular walkers to alert them to forthcoming walks. Please contact them for further information and to be added to mailing lists. The Club’s website provides more information about most Groups in the section ‘About’ – here is a synopsis: *please note there is an underscore\_ in most email addresses*, e.g. sunday\_a@ etc. We also include our ‘Coach & Hotel trips’ and ‘Budget trips’ organisers. We will circulate a full list of Committee members with their contact details with the April 2023 newsletter.

**Sunday ‘A’:** Secretary: Margaret: phone: 07775 672588;

email: sunday\_a@cambridgeramblingclub.com;

13+ miles (average 14-15); 3mph; 9.30-16.00; picnic lunch with possible pub for drinks

**Sunday ‘B’**: Secretary: Miranda: phone: 01223 881588

email: sunday\_b@cambridgeramblingclub.com

10-12 miles; 2.5-3mph; 10.00-15.30; picnic lunch with possible pub for drinks

**Sunday ‘C’**: Secretary: Barbara: phone: 01223 890194

email: sunday\_c@cambridgeramblingclub.com;

4-6 miles; 2.5mph max; 10.00-13.00; no lunch stop

**Wednesday ‘A’**: Secretary Jean: phone: 07714 322484

email: wednesday\_a@cambridgeramblingclub.com;

11-14 miles; 3mph;10.00-16.00; picnic lunch or pub – please check with leader

**Wednesday ‘B’ mornings**: Secretary: Esther: phone: 01223 524894; 07833 732933; email:

wednesday\_bmorning@cambridgeramblingclub.com 5-6.5 miles; 3mph;10.00-13.00; no lunch.

**Wednesday ‘B’ All Day**: Secretaries: Geoff: phone 07751 483715; Jackie; email for both: wed.alldaybwalks@gmail.com

6.5-8 miles; max 2.5mph;10.15-14.30 or 15.00; picnic lunch or pub – please check with leader

**Wednesday ‘C’**: Secretaries: BarbaraAnn: phone 01223 352537; Josie: phone: 01223 233186

email: wednesday\_c@cambridgeramblingclub.com;

4-5 miles morning walk; leisurely; 10.30 to 13.00 (meet for coffee at 10.00); pub lunch to follow if possible

**Thursday evenings (summer):** Secretary Sue: phone: 01223 276773

email: thursday\_pm@cambridgeramblingclub.com;

5-6 miles; 2.5-3mph; start from 18.00 on – do check

**Coach & Hotel Spring trip:** Helen: phone 07780 962977; email: spring@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Coach & Hotel Autumn trip:** Sally: phone: 07540 221704; email: autumn@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Budget trips:** Jill Tuffnell: phone: 07793 077230: email: secretary@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Future Activities**

**Spring Coach & Hotel Trip to Eastbourne, Friday 24th to Sunday 26th March, 2023 (2 nights).** Eastbourne is the perfect place to take a short break - lying on the south coast near beautiful rolling downland, the iconic Seven Sisters chalk cliffs and Beachy Head. We h A, B & C walks - although some ramblers might prefer to enjoy the attractions of the area independently. We are staying at the Lansdowne Hotel, Eastbourne [www.bw-lansdownehotel.co.uk](http://www.bw-lansdownehotel.co.uk/), a traditional Victorian hotel set directly on the seafront.  We still have small single, double and twin rooms available to book. It is also possible to book a double or twin room for single occupancy, paying a supplement. The cost of the weekend, with two nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner and two packed lunches, coach and gratuities is £230 per person for a shared room or small single room, or £260 for single occupancy of a double or twin room.

We will leave Bottisham at 10.00 on the Friday morning, with car parking near the coach pick up point, (at a cost of £10 per car). We will stop en-route at the National Trust’s beautiful Sheffield Park Gardens. Entry to the Gardens costs £14 for non-National Trust Members. There are two short waymarked routes, picnic tables and a cafe outside the formal gardens. Contact  spring@cambridgeramblingclub.com to let Helen know you want to book. Please include **your name(s),** **address, email and** **telephone details, any dietary requirements and if you are a NT member.** (The NT have requested numbers in advance to ensure a speedy entry for our booked coach). A non-refundable deposit of £75 pp is to be paid on booking to the Club's account, preferably by bank transfer, with the final payment to be made by Monday 20th February 2023. CRC bank details are available from treasurer@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**London Walk Saturday 22nd April 2023**  David A will again be leading a London walk and members will take the King’s Cross train from Cambridge with David joining the train at Royston. On this occasion it will be an 8¼ miles walk in the Walthamstow Wetlands & the Olympic Park.

Please email david.slade.allard@gmail.com or telephone 01763 242677 and full details will be sent.

**Summer Coach Outing to Hunstanton, Sunday 11th June 2023:** The Club will be running its popular summer outing to the north Norfolk coast in early June 2023, offering A, B and C walks. The pick-up/return will be from Milton P&R site – times to be advised. Please contact our organiser Caroline. The cost will be £15. Please pay by bank transfer payable to Cambridge Rambling Club, details from: treasurer@cambridgeramblingclub.com, or send a cheque made out to Cambridge Rambling Club to Caroline at 5 High St, Milton CB24 6AJ.

**Lakes Week, Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th September 2023.** We are again based in Keswick. Please contact Bob if you are coming: email Bob at: lakes@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Friday 13th- Sunday 15th October 2023, Hotel and Coach Weekend to Chippenham Wiltshire (2 nights)**

The club has booked the Angel Hotel (Best Western) [www.angel-hotel-chippenham.com](http://www.angel-hotel-chippenham.com) in the historic market town of Chippenham. Among the attractions are John Coles Park and the Eddie Cochran Memorial! Chippenham lies close to both the Cotswolds and the Wiltshire Downs (including Avebury) and is just 3 miles from the National Trust village of Lacock.

There are 42 places in a mix of single, double and twin rooms. The cost for 2 nights dinner, B & B, packed lunch, coach travel and gratuities will be £240 per person for a shared room and £280 for a single room. We plan to organise a walk for Friday afternoon and 3 on both Saturday and Sunday; offers of leaders to Sally please.

To reserve a place, please contact Sally at autumn@cambridgeramblingclub.com and pay by bank transfer or send a non-refundable deposit of £75 per person to Sally with cheques payable to **CAMBRIDGE RAMBLING CLUB**, (final payment due by **31st July 2023**). For bank transfers, please contact treasurer@cambridgeramblingclub.com

When you reserve your place please send/email Sally the following information:

Address, email, phone number and dietary requirements.

Car parking and coach pick-up details to be arranged.

**‘\*Budget’ trips:** Unlike our ‘coach & hotel’ weekends, the Club’s ‘budget’ trips primarily make use of budget hotels or self-catering properties, booked both by the Club and by individuals directly. Travel from home is usually in members’ cars or by public transport. Most bookings are handled by Jill Tuffnell. Offers of help in leading walks are very welcome! Contact Jill at secretary@cambridgeramblingclub.com. *Payments are made to Jill for Club accommodation, not the Club – please ask Jill for her bank transfer details.*

**\* Dover Travelodge, Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January, 2023 (2 nights).** The National Trust has recently acquired land along the coast, close to our accommodation. We plan to walk the English coast path in both directions – east, towards Sandwich over the famous White Cliffs and west, to Folkestone. Please book your own rooms. There will be a half day walk on the Friday – details to be confirmed. Please let Jill know if you have booked. She also welcomes offers of B walks/leaders.

**\* Sheringham, Friday 24th to Monday 27th February 2023 (3 nights).** The Club has booked 4 properties at Sheringham, on the north Norfolk Coast, for a long weekend at the end of February next year. All rooms are now full - please let Jill know if you wish to be on a ‘late cancellation’ reserve list or if you have booked independently. A and B walks on offer, including the Norfolk coast path, Sheringham Park and Felbrigg Hall estate.

**\* Criccieth, Saturday 6th to Saturday 13th May 2023 (7 nights).** Several self-catering properties on the Lleyn Peninsulahave been booked on behalf of the Club to enable us to walk the best parts of the North Wales coast path and the western hills of Snowdonia. All rooms have now been taken; please contact Jill if you want to be on a ‘reserve’ list. We plan to hire a coach to allow us to walk linear stretches of this little-known coast, between Caernavon and Porthmadoc. The balance of £200 is payable by 1st March.

**\* Ingleton, Yorkshire Dales, Friday 23rd to Friday 30th June 2023, (7 nights).** The Club has booked four self-catering properties in Ingleton for the last week in June 2023 and all rooms are now reserved. We plan to walk some of the highest hills in the Dales, including Whernside and Ingleborough, as well as some of the delightful vales in this beautiful countryside. The balance of £200 per person is due by 21st April, which includes single occupancy of rooms in shared houses. Please let JIll know if you wish to be on a ‘reserve’ list or have booked independently. Offers of leaders of both A and B walks to Jill please. And please let Jill know if you book your own accommodation.

**\* Matlock, Peak District, Friday 3rd to Monday 6th November (3 nights)**. Nearby budget hotel prices are eyewatering! Consequently, the Club has booked several self-catering houses, with 15 rooms, in the well-situated town of Matlock in Derbyshire, giving access to many walks in the Peak District. Matlock can be reached by train from Cambridge. The price per person is £135, with a deposit of £35 required to secure a place; the balance is due on *10th September 2023*. Bookings to Jill, please – and offers to lead A and B walks. Do let Jill know if you book your own accommodation.

**Please keep an eye on our online Club ‘News’**. Lots can happen in the gaps between publication of our four-monthly Newsletters and we try and keep the website up to date.

**Using pub facilities:** Members are reminded that it is Club policy that a drink etc should be purchased if you are making use of a pub’s facilities.

**Club membership** – annual subscription of £4 due annually on 1st November. Please pay by standing order if you don’t already do so.

**2023 Club Membership cards** – are required for discounts in a number of Cambridge outdoor shops, including Cotswold Outdoor and Ellis Brigham.. They are available from Group, Membership and General Secretaries.

**Next Committee Meeting** is on Tuesday March 21st at 7.30pm - provisionally at the Wesley Church on King Street in Cambridge.