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

**SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023 (May to August)**

**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. All Newsletters are posted on the Club’s website.

**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.

**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**: Secretary: Geoff: phone 07751 483715: email: 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

**Remembering John Clitheroe**

John Clitheroe played a major role for many years in keeping Club activities running smoothly – and it is sad to record his passing. John was the Wednesday Bs Walks Secretary for 6 years; following Rod Barton, who also did several years as Secretary, the Wednesday Bs were well led for over a decade. In addition, John led three walks on every Programme card; he had many routes and took members on some very interesting walks.  He and his wife Ann also went on Club coach outings and weekends.  He was greatly missed when he became unwell around 2019.

**Audrey Osborne’s archive of books, maps & walks**

The Club has been donated Audrey Osborne’s extensive archive of walking materials, including maps, books, walks, especially of London and leaflets. We are keen to make these available to members and our President Jenny is currently looking after them. She has made a list - which is available to anyone interested. Contact Jenny: president@cambridgeramblingclub.com or phone her on 01223 811525.

**Club archivist wanted!**

Most of the Club’s historic records have been transferred to the County Council’s collection, but we are collecting new material regularly, especially photo albums and walks’ information. It would be great if a member could help look after this legacy – and help display some items at our AGM in November. Please contact Jenny if you can help.

**Thursday evening walks –**

will be starting on Thursday 18th May. Sue will be leading the first walk, starting at 6.30pm from the Madingley P&R car park and then walking to the Coton Countryside Reserve. The walks run through to mid August – just check out the Club’s website.

**Future Activities**

**Summer Coach Outing to Hunstanton, Sunday 11th June 2023:** The Club is running its popular summer outing to the north Norfolk coast in early June 2023, offering A, B and C walks. The cost is £15 with bookings to Caroline Diston. If you would like to come please email the organiser Caroline to reserve your place.

 caroline.diston@gmail.com. Payment is to the Club, preferably by bank transfer. Alternatively, send a cheque made out to Cambridge Rambling Club to Caroline. The pick-up will be from ***Milton P&R site at 8.30am***, returning around 6.30pm.

**Lakes Week, Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th September 2023.** We are again based in Keswick. Please contact Bob to let him know you are coming: email Bob at: lakes@cambridgeramblingclub.com. Bob would very much like to hear from anyone willing to lead a walk – of any length/exertion!

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

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

There are 42 places in a mix of single, double and twin rooms available. 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 Saturday and Sunday; offers of leaders to Sally please.

To reserve a place, please 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**). If you prefer to pay by bank transfer please contact the Treasurer for details: treasurer@cambridgeramblingclub.com.

When you reserve your place please send/email Sally the following information, (see contacts):

Address, email, phone number and dietary requirements.

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

**Coach & Hotel weekend trip Spring 2024 (2 nights).** No details yet, but we are working on offering a trip, probably soon after the early March Easter in early April 2024. Please keep checking our CRC website as details for booking will be posted when available.

**‘\*Budget’ trips:** Unlike our ‘coach & hotel’ weekends, the Club’s ‘budget’ trips 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. Please help to lead walks! 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.*

**\* 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 are hiring a coach on 3 days to allow us to walk linear stretches of this little-known coast, close to Caernavon and Porthmadoc.

**\* 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. 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 very welcome – please contact Jill.

**\* Matlock, Peak District, Friday 3rd to Monday 6th November 2023, (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 nearby. Matlock can be reached by train from Cambridge. All Club properties are now booked; please let Jill know if you wish to be on a reserve list or have booked independently. The price per person is £135; the balance of £100 is due on 10th September 2023.

**\* Harwich, Essex coast, Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January 2024 (2 nights),** Based at the Premier Inn in Harwich/Dovercourt, the Club will be exploring this very attractive coastal area in north Essex. We plan a Friday afternoon walk in ‘Constable’ country around Dedham Vale, with two full day walks on Saturday and Sunday from Harwich. A linear walk west to Manningtree is possible using the train or bus and a walk south through Dovercourt is another ‘must-do’. Please let Jill know if you are joining us – especially if you would like or can offer a lift from Cambridge.

**\* Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk coast, Friday 8th to Monday 11th March 2024, (3 nights).** The Club has booked several self-catering cottages in Wells-next-the-Sea in early March 2024, enabling us to explore this wonderful stretch of the north Norfolk coast as well as nearby Holckham Hall parklands. The coast bus runs daily throughout the year, allowing us to walk linear stretches of the coast path. The cost is £150 per person for the accommodation; please pay Jill £50 as a deposit with the balance due on 15th December 2023. And please let Jill know if you have booked independently.

**\* Beaumaris, Anglesey, Wales – a week’s walking on the Anglesey coast path, Friday 31st May to Friday 7th June 2024 (7 nights).** Several self-catering properties have been booked for the Club in this very attractive coastal town, providing an opportunity to explore the best sections of the Isle of Anglesey coast path. The ‘per person’ cost for the week for sole occupancy with shared bathrooms averages £250, but, because there is quite a variation in accommodation, a few single en-suite rooms are available at £275 – and shared rooms will be £225 per head. Please pay Jill a deposit of £75 and let her know if you are happy to be flexible on the final cost. The balance is due 1st April 2024. We will be hiring a private coach, at an additional cost, to enable us to walk linear stretches of the coast path. Please let Jill know if you have booked your own accommodation and want to be included on the coach.

**Cotswold Outdoor on-line discount code**: If you want to buy from Cotswold Outdoor online and still receive your 15% discount, please contact our Secretary Jill for the code: secretary@cambridgeramblingclub.com

**Please keep an eye on our online Club ‘News’.** Lots can happen in the gaps between publication of our four-monthly Newsletters.

**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 1st November 2023. 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. They are available from Group, Membership and General Secretaries.

**Next Committee Meeting** is on Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm - provisionally at the Wesley Church on King Street in Cambridge.