

## U3AC RAMBLING

OCT 09 TO MAR 10

Welcome to this years new comers and to all who have walked before on Thursdays.

### **8 OCT 09**

WALK 28: Great Eversden - Orwell - Wimpole Hall- GE. Distance 9 ½ miles

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Wheatsheaf/La Pergola Restaurant. Grid Ref: 378526 Tel: 260005

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on A603, Barton Rd. Pass through Barton and The Wheatsheaf/La Pergola restaurant is on the left in about 2 miles

Walk: Cross the road towards Great Eversden at the church turn left. As the track reaches a farm building turn left across the field to a broad farm track. Turn right for a few hundred yards, and go left through the hedgerow ref: 366526. Keep with this track until it reaches the crest of the hill, turn left for a few hundred yards and take a track to the right down the side of a hedge to a metalled track. Here turn left to A603, side step right and cross the road taking the path into Orwell. In Orwell turn right back to the A603, cross the road and go through the hedge (not the NT gate just to the right) and keep ahead with the woodland on the right, through a narrow belt of trees, ref: 353511, and diagonally across a meadow. Here the track meets a stream, continue to a stile on the left and cross the stream, turn right round the farm buildings and house to a track and turn left to a road. Cross the road and go through a metal gate into a meadow to Wimpole Hall car park and across the front of Wimpole Hall. Go through a gate and cross the front of a short ha ha wall. Through a second gate and go ½ left across a parkland meadow to another gate, ref: 330510, and through to a wide woodland track. Follow this track to a junction and turn right, the track keeps to a band of trees first swinging left and in ½ mile turns right, continue to a road junction and turn left onto the road. In a few hundred yards the road turns sharp left; here turn right onto the left track of two (they are divided by a hedgerow). Follow this track to the edge of a wood, ref: 344528 and turn right along the track, in 300yds turn left into the wood and in a further 300yds turn right at a track junction in the wood. Follow this track until it leaves the wood and keep ahead with the wood on the right side to a stream and turn left, in ½ mile the track turns right across the stream, follow this to a road junction and turn right into Great Eversden and return to the pub

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch and drinks may be ordered before the start.

### **15 OCT 09**

.WALK 50 Horseheath–Shudy Camps–Castle Camps–Horseheath. Distance 10½mils

Maps: OS Landranger 154. Explorer 210

Start: The Old Red Lion. Grid Ref: 610472 Tel: 892909

Directions from Cambridge: Take the A1307 south from Cambridge, signed Haverhill, go past Linton and in 3 miles fork left into Horseheath village. The Red Lion is immediately on the right.

WALK: Walk through the village to the other pub and go down the path at the side of the pub car park to a cross path and turn right, head for a gap in the hedge on the skyline, at the hedge turn right to the A1307, ref: 619468, go left, cross the road and take the path in 50yds. Go ½ left across a field to Cardinals Green, turn left and in 300yds at a bend in the road go right beside No 16, over a ditch and ½ right to a stream, turn left along the stream. At the corner of a wood the path goes ½ right to a gap in a hedge, through the gap and turn right, ref: 633464, along the bank of the stream for ¾ miles, turn sharp left through a wood and go up hill to Barsey farm. At the farm turn right off the farm track between two moats and go ahead along the hedge row and then an open path. Ignore path to the right, go straight ahead to a right turn and follow the track to a road near a white house. Go left to Goodwoods Farm, 400yds, take the path just round the corner going down the left side of the farm, in just over ½ mile turn right on a path to Drapers Green, ref: 645426. At the road turn right and in 100yds left. At a path junction turn right. Ignore a path to the left (turning down a cross track) and continue to a path T junction and turn left. At a cross track turn right, ref: 634417. Continue ahead through Castle Farm passing a church on your left and turn left in a short distance at a cross path. In 100yds turn right to a road, here turn right. The road goes right and in 250yds left, here take the right hand path, of two, to Shudy Camps and at the road, near the church, turn left to the second road T junction, ref: 619448. Go left along Bartlow Road to village sign, then turn right along path, keep ahead, ignore paths to left and right, to a gap in the hedge on the skyline. Keep ahead to a road and turn left. Follow the road to Cardinals Green, at junction turn left and in 330yds go right along overgrown path through paddocks, over A1307 to Horseheath, turn left for the Red Lion.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered in the pub before the start of the walk

### **22 OCT 09**

Walk 91

Clare –Belchamps St Paul & Otten - Clare

Distance 10miles

Map: O.S. Landranger 155

Start: The Swan.

Grid Ref: 769455.

Tel: 01787 278 030

Directions from Cambridge: leave Cambridge on A1307 to Haverhill . At Haverhill take the bypass, A1017 through Sturmer and in 2miles turn left onto the A1092 to Clare. In Clare turn left into High St., the pub is on the left.

Walk: Turn right out of the pub back to the A road, sidestep right and go down the road opposite, cross the river Stour and turn left over the bridge onto a footpath following this to a road. Turn left and in 200yds take the footpath on the right, along a farm drive, in 50yds turn left through the hedge and keep ahead with the path to a hedgerow where you have to sidestep left to go through the hedge. Continue down the left side of the hedgerow for 300yds then turn sharp left, at a cross path go right continuing straight ahead until passing under overhead cables. Just beyond this point take the left hand path at a Y junction to the corner of a field. Here the path eases right to the left side of the hedge follow this path to a road, here turn left. In 200yds take the first path on the right, keep straight ahead until reaching a hedge, here turn left down a green lane to a road turning right. In about 250yds opposite a drive to a house turn left following this path until it meets a concrete farm track turn right across an open piece of concrete and grass turning left down the right hand side of a stream. Take the first footbridge on the left crossing over a concrete road taking the path straight ahead. In 300yds this path bends to the left, continuing to a concrete road, cross the road and go through the hedge, in 70yds the path bends right up the side of a hedgerow, continue to a road keeping ahead to a road junction. Turn right walking through the village passing the church on the left. Just past the church turn left into a driveway with a fish pond on the left, go straight ahead to a door in the wall, passing through and in 20yds turning right to a kissing gate. Turn left following the path to a farm track, here turn right, the path soon bends round to the left keep ahead to a road. At the road turn right and continue to just before the church here turn left keeping to the left side of the farm. The path turns left, and then right, ignore a path off to the left, at a cross path turn left. Ignore another path off to the left continuing to a road. At the road side step left taking a path 100yds to a cross path and turn right to a road. Turn right to a road junction taking the path opposite to a road. At the road turn left, and follow it into Clare back to the pub.

Notes: Start time 9.30am. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. The car park at the pub is limited, it may be necessary to park in the street

## 29 OCT

WALK 102:

Fen Drayton – Holywell – Over – Swavesey – Fen Drayton

Distance: 9 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Three Tuns.

Grid Ref: 339682

Tel: 01954 230242

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge via A14 westward. Take the fly-off, Grid Ref. 323679, for Fenstanton and Fen Drayton. Follow the signs for Fen Drayton

Walk: With your back to the pub turn right following the road which eventually becomes a track to the disused railway track and turn left. In  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile at a cross track turn right to the river. At the river turn right keeping with the path following the river to Grid Ref 370726. There is a quarry conveyor system crossing the river at this point . Turn right and at a metalled road turn right, follow this road to a T junction turning left into Over. At a T junction, with the church to the right, turn left, take the next road to the right which in 100yds turns left and then swings slowly to the right to a crossroads within a housing area here turn left and in a few yards turn right. In 250yds turn right at a T junction, Grid Ref 374700, in less than 100yds take a footpath to the left signed for Swavesey following this into Swavesey. At the main street Grid Ref 361689 through Swavesey turn right and in about 100yds as the road turns sharp right go left following this minor road keeping right at a junction. This road swings sharp left and then right, there are two paths one straight ahead and one to the left take the one to the left following this back into Fen Drayton.

Notes: Start time 9.30am. Lunch may be ordered before starting the walk

## 5 NOV 09

Walk 92

Ferneaux Pelham-Patmore Heath-Farnham-FP

Distance: 10miles

Map: OS Landranger 167

Start: The Brewery Tap.

Grid Ref: 436278.

Tel: 01279 777820

Directions from Cambridge. Take the A10 south. At the traffic lights at Harston turn left on to the B1368 through Fowlmere, Barley and Barkway to Hare Street. Pass the offset cross road and take the next left in  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. In a further  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile go right for Ferneaux Pelham. The pub is on the right past the church.

Walk. Set off westwards past the church to T-junction, turn left (south). After 100 yds take marked footpath right to Patient End, ref:428269, across meadows and one arable field. Cross road and take path south. After half mile at crest of hill turn left just beyond the way marker round edge of field and enter cupressus wood. Follow path through rolling wooded area to ref: 434253. Turn left (east), on track to Clapgate. At road go left and immediately take path to right to Green. 300yds along side of Green, take left (RIGHT?) down minor road on sign posted footpath. Down into valley and

up the other side to tarmac road ref: 449255. Cross road and take track half right (not way marked), but confirmed after few hundred yards by fancy signpost low in hedge ( no markings). Follow track past two woods on RHS then take LH turn east onto green bridle way just beyond second wood (? Not way marked). Follow this track beyond power lines to Levels Green, Farnham. About 300yds after houses start take marked narrow path to LHS .473248 before first of ex council houses. Proceed to Chatter End. Path turns left into an open field 400yds from road. At road turn left and almost immediately right down unmarked path beyond house. Cross bridge and up side of wood, fork right, proceed along a rather slippery track to ref: 483263. Just before the road the path goes diagonally across an arable field 200yds east of the black farm building; there are no waymarkings. Cross road and walk in wooded area to end of trees on LHS. Round corner and follow track west. This then goes round south and west of a small copse and then departs from the mapped route by going slightly further north, along a track against a hedge. It returns to original line at a dogleg 400yds before the road. Go straight across the road through fields to next road at, ref: 466265. Here turn left and take a path up a track to south of house at the corner. 200yds up the path fork left. Follow this path to, ref: 454263. Turn right along track cross concealed bridge and take track immediately right. After 200yds enter parkland through a gap in the hedge. Follow track round park perimeter taking RH fork when track has worked round to go north. This goes through a garden, keep to the right. There are no way markings in this section. Emerge through machinery dump into works yard and take LH turn down road. After 500yds take marked path across bridge to right, across fields. Path soon joins the principal access road to the yard which cuts more directly across the field and is not shown on the map. Proceed on access road to west to, ref: 443273 cross over public road and follow track to join next road. After 200yds on road turn right into road to village, pub is about a third of mile.

Notes. Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

### 12 NOV 09

WALK 80: Much Hadham – Netherstreet – Hunsdon – Wareside – Much Hadham. Distance 10 ½mils

MAP: OS Landranger 167

START: The Bull Inn. Grid Ref: 428194. Tel: 01279 842668

Directions from Cambridge: there are 2 routes. First take M11 south to Bishop's Stortford, take the A120 west following the bypass round Bishop's Stortford keep with A120 to Little Hadham turn left at the traffic lights to Much Hadham. 2nd, take the A10 south through Royston and continue to the roundabout junction with A120, turn left on A120 to Little Hadham, here at the traffic lights turn right to Much Hadham. The pub is on the right just after entering Much Hadham.

WALK: Take the lane across the road from the pub and at a junction continue to the left for about 10yds turning right onto a footpath. Take the left hand path of 2 continue over a metalled track to a road here turn right and in 50yds at a road junction take a path on the left turning back up a field to a road. At the road turn right for 75yds and turn right onto a track along the edge of woodland for about 1 mile to another road. At the road turn right and in 100yds, just before a road junction, turn left up a metalled bridle way. In about ½ mile turn right keeping ahead to a track junction here turn left, ref: 427164. In about 300yds, after passing along the front of a few houses, turn right, continue to a metalled farm track turning right. In 75yds turn left through a hedge following the footpath signs to the corner of a wood. Keeping the wood on the right hand side go down a short side and turn right down the long side of the wood keeping to the outside of the wood all the time. Continue for 50yds beyond the edge of the wood and at a cross path turn left, ref: 425151. Continue to a track junction by a wood here turn right, passing to the right hand side of farm buildings, to Hunsdon. In Hunsdon cross the road by the pub continuing for 50yds then turn right. In 50yds the track turns left behind houses continue ahead, the track swings to the left to travel in a north easterly direction, as the track straightens turn left passing a wood on the right, the track descends into the river valley, at a cross track turn right. Continue to a road, ref: 406158, turn right and in 100yds turn left onto a path continue to a stables and here turn left across the river turn right across a field over a dismantled railway to a track junction here go straight ahead along side a garden hedge to a road, turn left continuing straight ahead as the road becomes a bridle path. At the next track junction turn right, ref: 415179, keeping ahead passing a moated farmhouse to a road, at the road turn right continue ahead over an old railway bridge taking the footpath sign on the left. Follow this metalled footpath to a track junction turning right, ref:414193. Follow this path back into Much Hadham and at the road turn right to the pub.

NOTES: Start time 09.30. Lunch may be ordered at the Bull Inn before starting the walk

### 19 NOV 09

Walk 40: Croydon- Kingston –Wimpole – Arrington- Croydon Distance 9 ½ miles

Map: OS Landranger 153 154. Explorer 208

Start: Queen Adelaide, Croydon. Grid Ref 569471 Tel: 208278

Directions from Cambridge: Take A603 through Barton, at the A1198 roundabout go right, in 1mile turn left to Croydon. The Queen Adelaide is on the right.

Walk: Leave pub yard and turn right. In 100yds go right on path between houses continue uphill keep left of the wood to left corner of field and turn left on bridle way to a road. Turn right and in 400yds go right into field and left along shelter belt for ¾ mile. At path junction (GR 299508) turn right along bridle way to a copse, follow farm road left round copse continue ahead, left at junction then past the moat round the field boundaries to the shelter belt ahead. Go right and at the end of the wood go right and then left along a bridle way to a road (GR 320529). Here turn right and in 300yds turn left along minor road signed Wimpole. Pass Kingston Pastures Farm and footpath on right, at far edge of wood go right along farm track into woods then left for 500yds., right through gap, downhill past Wimpole Folly (GR 335521) towards

east end of Hall. Turn right along Walnut Tree Ave and the road to the Arrington gate. Cross the road and follow the road opposite to the church, go right past the church and follow signs for the Clopton Way, climbing left to tree belt, follow Clopton Way to Croydon church and then right to The Queen Adelaide.

Notes: Start time 9.30am. Lunch may be ordered before start of the walk

### 26 NOV 09

WALK 69: Northill – Ickwell – Old Warden - Northill Distance 8½ miles  
MAP: OS Landranger 153  
START: The Crown. Grid Ref:149466 Tel:01767 627337

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A603 through Barton to the junction with the A1198. Here go straight across the roundabout onto B1042. When the B1042 turns right to Wrestlingworth continue straight ahead through Dunton to Biggleswade. In Biggleswade go through the centre of the town on the A6001 to the junction with the A1. Here go straight across the roundabout onto a minor road passing the Shuttleworth aircraft museum on the left, take the next right to through Ickwell to Northill, the pub is on the left just before the church.

WALK: With one's back to the pub turn right and take the first road on the left which becomes a footpath. Take the first right down the right side of a wood, the path enters the wood and on exit turn right to a road. Here turn left to Ickwell. In Ickwell keep to the left of the green taking the footpath, at the end of a row of houses, to a road, 155449. Sidestep left and take the path on the opposite side of the road to a track, here turn right and in a short distance left and go round the right hand side of a field to a wood. Pass down the left hand side of the wood to a road, 149431, and turn right. In about ½ mile turn right onto a good track through a wood and follow a signed footpath to a road, here turn left. Pass The Hare & Hounds pub on your left and in a short distance turn right, 138439, onto a path to Old Warden church, here turn left and keep ahead until reaching the Greensands Ridge Walk. Turn right and take the third path on the right, in just under 1 mile, and follow this path to Northill

NOTES: Start time 9.30am. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the start of the walk

### 3 DEC 09

Walk 101. Cottenham – A circuit of the fen. Distance : 10 miles  
Map: OS Landranger 154  
Start: The Chequers. Grid Ref: 450673 Tel: 01954 251851

Directions from Cambridge: Take the B 1049 from Cambridge through Histon to Cottenham .

Walk: Continue north through the village and at a mini roundabout, Grid Ref. 452681 turn left. Follow the road round to Grid Ref. 448684, turn right taking the left bank of Cottenham Lode. At the junction with the river Great Ouse turn left and keep to the river passing Smithy Fen pumping station. In a further ¾ mile at a cross path turn left. Continue over the first road to a second turning left . Keep with the road as it turns sharp right and in 200yds, Grid Ref 434694, turn left onto a footpath and follow this back into Cottenham.

Notes: Start time 9.30 lunch may be ordered before starting the walk

### 10 DEC09

Walk 84. Braughing - Patient End – Gravesend – Braughing Distance: 8 miles  
Map: Explorer 194  
Start The Axe and Compass. Grid Ref 398253. Tel: 01920 821610

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A10 for Royston. Continue past Buntingford to the next roundabout and turn left to Braughing. After passing the sign entering Braughing take the right fork at the next junction, the pub is ¾ mile on the right.

Walk. Continue up the village street and take the first left, when the road turns sharp left go ahead on a bridle path. Ignore all paths to the left and right until passing two houses, one new, at the next junction take the right fork. At the next houses go right around the large converted barn, past a pond and through a hedge, here turn right to Patient End. At Patient End turn right down their private road and at the next road sidestep left and take the path along a headland. After crossing a stream the path rises to a crest here turn left to a wood, go down the right side of it to the next cross path and turn left to a road. At the road turn right to a road going left and follow this to Patmore Heath, 200yds. Turn right over the heath to a road and turn right again. When the road turns sharp right go straight ahead, ignore a path to the left, to a

road and sidestep left. This path crosses a stream, turns right and then left along some trees. Follow this path to Braughing. When you reach the road descending to the village cross it and take the path opposite which goes behind the houses, at the road turn left to the pub.

Notes. Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

### 17 DEC 09

Walk 109

Radwinter, Godfrey's Farm, Great Dawkins (farm), Olmstead Green, Red Oaks (farm).

Distance 10.5 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer

Start: The Plough.

Grid Ref: 613376

Tel: 01799 599222

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on the A1301 joining the B184 at Stump Cross to Saffron Walden. Continue into the town to a set of traffic lights, here turn left onto the B1053 to Radwinter. The Plough is on the right, at a crossroads, as you leave the village.

Walk east from the pub along the B1054 for about 1Km and take the tree-lined track on the left (620379). Follow this track until it reaches the road (about 1km) leading to Godfrey's Farm. Turn right and continue passed Park Farm until you meet a cross-track (629400). Turn right keeping the hedge on your right and continue until you reach the road (1 km) (625391). Turn left and follow the road and take the track leading ahead where the road swings to the right. Continue past Great Dawkins and at the bottom of a shallow valley with a stream take the track to the left (646399) and bare left following the stream and continue on this path until it reaches the road (639409). Turn left and after about 300 metres take the path on the left (635415) and after about 200 metres turn right towards Olmstead Hall. Go through the farmyard and bare left around the farm buildings and into a narrow lane. In about 50 metres the lane turns sharp left, turn right here keeping the hedge on your right (do not go over the bridge putting the hedge on your left) and follow the edge of the Great Bendysh wood to 615 401 and turn right into the wood and bare left along a wide ride to the far side of the wood. Continue straight across the field to the farm road and turn left (617407) following the farm road through to the road (Red Oaks Hill). Turn right and take the first turn left (50 metres) into New House Lane. After 200 metres turn left following the path along the edge of the wood and then into a field. Half way across the field at 601395 turn right across the field and into the wood. Bare right entering the wood and follow the path around the edge of the wood and continue on this path as it turns due south finally reaching the road (604379). Turn left along the road and after 50 metres take the path on the right and bare left across the stream going east to reach the road at 610379. Turn right and the pub is about 200metres ahead.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

### 24 DEC 09

Walk 100

West Cambridge

Distance 10 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Red Lion, Granchester.

Grid Ref 435556

Tel: 840121

Walk: Leave the pub and walk down past the church, when the road goes sharp left cross over taking a footpath on the right. Keeping straight ahead on this path to the motorway, turn right overlooking the motorway and turn left over the bridge continuing to a road. Cross the road taking the road opposite into Barton. As the road bends left take a footpath on the right following this across the rifle range to a road. Here turn left and in 400 yds turn right along a permissive path passing a barn on the left. In 350 yds turn left on a cross path and follow this to a road at the road side step left following the path into Coton. At the road turn right and in 100yds at a Y junction take the right hand fork, in 100yds, when the road turns sharp right, go straight ahead following this across the motorway. After crossing the motorway the tarmac track goes straight ahead do not take this but turn right into some woodland. The path emerges by the university rugby ground in Grange Road, here turn left and right by the Real Tennis Court. Keep straight ahead until reaching Trinity St. here turn right. Go along Kings Parade turn right down Silver St. and left down Mill Lane. Cross the river following the footpath through Coe Fen continuing along Granchester Meadows to Granchester

Notes: Start time 9 30am. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the walk.

CHECK RANGE CLEARANCE

### 31 DEC 09

WALK 66: Grafham Water

Distance 8½ miles

MAP: OS Landranger 153

START: The Wheatsheaf.

Grid Ref: 147668.

Tel: 01480 810253

Directions from Cambridge: There are two routes either the A14 to Huntingdon transfer to A1 southbound to the roundabout at Buckden here turn right to West Perry or the A428 towards St. Neots, at Croxton turn right to Graveley, at the T junction turn left to Offord D'Arcy here turn right to Offord Cluny. In Offord Cluny turn left to Buckden, through Buckden to the roundabout on the A1 going straight across to the B661 to West Perry

WALK: Go west from the pub and just round a left hand bend turn right on a metalled road with parking down to the right continue along and the road becomes a farm track, the farm turns a sharp left here carry on to the right of a hedge towards the corner of a wood. Just before reaching the wood there is a trig point in the hedgerow. Continue along the edge of the wood to a cross path junction turning right along the edge of the wood keep with this path now as it goes round the whole of Grafham Water. On approaching Hill Farm join a metalled road just past the farm the road bends left, here there should be a path to the right ( it was not found on the recce because the field had a mature rape crop in it) which continues down the side of the lake. If this path can not be found continue for ½ mile to a signed path turning right which returns you to the lake continue with the path and road to West Perry.

Notes: Start time 9.30 am. Lunch maybe ordered before the start of the walk.

### 7 JAN 10

Walk 90. Cavendish – Clare

Distance 10miles

Map: OS Landranger 155

Start: The George.

Grid Ref: 806465

Tel: 01787280248

Directions to start: Leave Cambridge on A1307 to Haverhill. Take the A1017, Haverhill By-pass, through Sturmer and in 2 miles turn left on the A1092 for Long Melford. The pub is on the left at the end of the green in Cavendish.

Walk: Continue towards Long Melford and in 300yds turn right on the B 1064 to Pentlow. As the road bends left at a road junction take the path to the right of the junction. Follow this path for 2miles to a T junction and turn right in 200 yds turn right to the river. Cross the river and take the left hand of two paths to the far corner of the meadow, cross the bridge and keep with the path as it swings sharp left with the stream to a road junction here turn right. At the next road junction side step left taking the path between houses. In 100yds turn right behind the houses and follow a clunch wall round to the cemetery, continue ahead and cross straight over the old fort to a road and turn right and at a road junction left. In 300yds turn right down a metalled lane, in 150yds turn left along a hedgerow following this path for 2 ¼ miles to a metalled lane by a large pond. Here turn right and in 300yds turn right through a hedge with a pond on the right. Continue ahead to Colt's Hall, go round to the left of the hall and after a short piece of metalled road take the footpath straight ahead as the road turns sharp right. Pass a copse on the left and at the end turn right to a road, here turn right the pub is ½ mile ahead.

Notes: Start Time 09.30. Lunch may be ordered before starting the walk. This is a restaurant more than a pub and has an interesting menu

### 14 JAN 10

WALK 76 Hadstock - Bartlow – Ashdon – Hadstock

Distance 9 ½ miles

Map OS Landranger 154

Start: The Kings Head.

Grid Ref: 558448.

Tel: 893473

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1307 through Great Shelford to Linton. In Linton turn right on the B1052 to Hadstock. The pub is on the right in the village.

Walk: Cross the road from the pub and take the road signed for Bartlow, in about 100yds turn right into a lane which becomes a footpath. Keep straight ahead ignoring one path to the right and two to the left. In about ¾ mile the path meets a farm track going left (Grid Ref. 569442) follow this to a road. At the road turn right and walk down into Bartlow. At the road junction turn left and at the cross roads turn right. In 100yds turn right through the church yard and follow the path through to the Bartlow Hills ( tumuli) the path leaves the tumuli at the bottom right corner and continues to Hills Farm, pass through the farm and turn left continuing until the track turns sharp left (Grid Ref. 594442) here turn right, when the headland reaches a hedge keep to the right to a five way junction and here turn sharp left. In 200 yds go right through a gate crossing 2 fields passing through 2 gates the path continues straight across a field to a hedgerow here turn right following the headland to a sign turning left through a garden to a road in Steventon End. (Grid Ref. 598429). Continue straight ahead for 20yds and when the road turns sharp right go straight ahead along a road signed as a bridleway. Keep to the bridleway until it comes to a cross path here turn right and take the footpath to the right of woodland, the bridleway goes to the left of the woodland, follow this path until it reaches a cross path which is a lane between 2 hedgerows and turn right. Follow the path between hedgerows for about ½ mile and turn left (there is an old mill to the right here ) follow this path ignoring one off to the left and one to the right until it reaches a road. Turn right and at the next road junction turn right. Continue to the main road through Ashdon and turn left. Go past the nursery and in a further 150yds turn right keep straight ahead crossing a farm track and a minor road. Climb the next stile into a large meadow and head for a gate way in the far bottom corner keep straight ahead and just before a stream turn left and immediately right continuing ahead to a road. Turn right and in 200yds the track goes right across a field to a hedgerow here turn left keeping to the right of the hedge, follow this path until reaching a farm road, carry on in the same general direction and 100yds the farm road turns sharp left here take a path to the right to another road. At the road sidestep right taking a

path to the left (it crosses the end of an old polythene greenhouse) it passes through a wood to another road here turn right. In 200yds turn left along the track ignoring the stile, follow this path as it bends round to the left with a large farm building (poultry house) just past this building turn right through a door in the fence! Through the young orchard and through another door, continue straight ahead for 1 ¼ miles to Hadstock.

Notes: Start Time 9.30 am. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. Walking poles will be useful on this walk unless it has been very dry beforehand.

## 21 JAN 10

WALK 55: Saxon Street - Wodditton – Stetchworth – Dullingham – Burrough Green – SS.  
Distance 10 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Reindeer. Grid Ref. 677595 Tel. No. 01638 730989

Directions from Cambridge: Take the A1303 Newmarket Rd. Pass Bottisham cross A14 and at the roundabout cross to the minor road signed Stetchworth. Cross B1061 through Stetchworth and Woodditton to Saxon Street. At the road junction turn right, the pub is on the right in the village.

WALK: Go right out of the pub and in 150 yds turn right to Woodditton. Go through the village and just past the water tower go right between houses. At the field bear ½ left aiming for the corner of the field, here the path enters a wood. At a Y junction take the left hand fork, the path exits the wood, turn right and continue with the wood on the right. Ignore a path going off left and continue with the wood on the right round the headland to back of some houses, here turn right and follow the path to a road. At the road turn left and in a short distance the path goes off to the right follow this through to some stables and turn left down a tarmac drive to the road. At the road turn right and in 200yds the path goes off to the right, in 200yds take a path to the left (GR636583) and follow to a road. Turn right and at the crossroads in Dullingham turn left across the green to the far corner and go round the back of the church taking a footpath between two hedgerows which goes off to the right. Follow this path until crossing a stile where there are horse paddocks and barns to the left, go to the barns following the tarmac road between them to a road. At the road continue straight ahead ignoring the turn to Burrough Green and in a further 400yds turn left down a broad right of way. At the road turn right and in 250yds at a minor crossroads turn left into a small estate taking a footpath between two houses, on reaching a field turn right. In the near distance there is a concrete wall, this is part of a large manure storage (GR640556), on reaching it turn left and ahead you will see a signed path which bears right and then left. In a short distance there is a wooden summer house/garden shed off to the left. A footpath SHOULD go right across the field somewhere here. If not, EITHER look for the tallest tree in the hedgerow and follow a bearing 110 degrees across the field to a hedgerow and look for a bridge crossing a deep ditch and going through the hedgerow, here go left and then right round a paddock to a road, OR follow the field boundary until there is a ditch and a hedge on the left with paddocks on the other side, cross the ditch and climb through the hedge and go ahead with the paddocks on the left and the hedge on the right for about ½ mile when you reach another ditch go left and there is a bridge on the right which brings you to the road. Turn right and take the first path on the left through woodland to a field turn right and at a deep ditch turn left to a wood (GR661559). At the cross track by the wood turn left, ignore a path off to the right, round the top end of the wood and keep ahead across an open stretch keeping to the right of a hedge. Continue with a wood on the right and at the end of the wood turn right with the wood still on the right continuing to a road. At the road turn right and after passing 4 cottages turn left the path goes along the edge of a wood bears left and then turns right follow this back to the water tower.

Notes: Start time 9.30 am . Lunch can be ordered at the pub before the start of the walk.

## 28 JAN 10

WALK 38: Litlington - Guilden Morden – Steeple Morden – chalk pit – Litlington. Distance 9 ½ miles

Map: OS Landranger 153

Start: The Crown, Litlington Grid Ref: 310428 Tel. 01763 853859.

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A10 to Royston. At the roundabout junction with the A505 turn right for Baldock. Go straight over the next two roundabouts. Take the first right after the second roundabout, signed Litlington

Walk: From the pub cross the road and go through the church yard and take the path opposite the exit from the church. After a few hundred yard the path forks, take the right fork. Cross a small bridge and at a cross track turn right heading for a gap in the trees. Cross a bridge and turn right to Down Hall Farm (Grid Ref 305437). At the farm turn left along a good farm track to a wood, here turn left and in a few yards go right. After passing through a hedge the path turns left, follow this to a road. Here turn left and in a short distance right, on reaching the trees go right and then left over a bridge and past a moat (Grid Ref 285440) on the left. Just before some farm buildings go right through a school sports field to the iron gate. Cross the road and pass to the left of the church, take the first left into a small estate go ahead and bear right across an open green to pass to the left of the end house. At the next road go across and follow the lane which becomes a bridle path, take the first left, opposite a signed path to the right, which crosses the end of a horse paddock, to a road. Turn right and in a short distance left through some old farm buildings, bearing ½ right through a hedge. Turn right down the back of a row of houses and take the first path to the left in the direction of the church steeple in Steeple

Morden. At the church turn right past the pub and take a lane to the left. At the end of the lane (Grid Ref 287423) turn left over a stile past the statue of a horse, at a Y junction go right and in a short distance at a 2nd Y go right again. Go on to a farm, here go left and right up a slope to pass to the east of a quarry. At the end of a line of conifers cross a stile and turn left and go down the side of a field to a farm road. Cross the road and go along another field hedge and turn left at the field corner. Follow this path down hill and when a path goes off ½ right follow it to Litlington.

NOTES: Start time 9.30. Lunch at The Crown can be ordered before the start of the walk.

#### **4 FEB 10**

WALK 77 Toppesfield - Stambourne

Distance 9.6 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 & 155/ Explorer 195

Start: The Green Man

Grid Ref: 740375 Tel: 01787 237418

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 to Haverhill, take the by-pass and continue through Ridgewell ( OSL 155 7341), turn left either just before or just after Great Yeldham on to minor roads to Toppesfield. The pub is in the centre of the village.

WALK: With one's back to the pub go right through the village centre taking the first road on the left which has a No Through way sign. In 400yds at a farm on the right turn right between farm buildings, continue, passing a wood on the left to a minor road. Step right and continue ahead, the path goes left and then right to Dyer's End ( 723386). At the road turn left continuing ahead ignoring a road on the left to the church and turn right across the churchyard. There is a stile in the far corner of the churchyard. In the field travel due north and look for a gateway through the hedgerow ahead. The gateway enters a long narrow field, follow the right hand hedge to a gate at a road. Here turn left and 150yds turn right. Continue, ignoring two paths off to the right, the path eventually turns left through a gap in the hedge, continue with the hedge on the left for 200yds and at a track junction turn right ( 708394). The path goes along the right hand side of Park Wood, about ½ way along the wood turn left through the wood following the path to the road ( 700392). At the road turn right taking the first road on the left and follow this round to the right, in ½ mile, just before a road junction, turn left into a farmyard and pass to the left of the barn. Keep ahead but when the farm track turns left take care because the footpath goes down the lefthand side of a hedge immediately after the bend in the farm track and follow this footpath round to the left of a wood to a road ( 692384). At the road turn left and 100yds turn right following this path which swings first left and then right to Stambourne Green. At the road turn left and 150yds turn right onto a bridle track. In about 600yds a track goes off to the left, continue ahead but when the bridle track reaches what appears to be an open field with a hedgerow on the right look for the path that goes to the right of the hedgerow ( in summer this is quite well hidden by foliage) at the exit to this overgrown path continue ahead passing trees that used to be part of a hedgerow. In 300yds in an open area at the junction of 4 fields turn left passing a pond on the right to Levitt's Farm. At the road turn right and opposite Locksmith's Farm on the right take the track on the left through Thurston's Farm. At the end of the farm take the left hand bridle track through Meekin's Farm and up Harrow hill taking the 2nd path on the left ( The path is opposite the old concrete to the right and NOT the new sign to the left which is about 50yds beyond where the path goes left). Follow this path back to Toppesfield.

Notes: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

#### **11 FEB 10**

WALK 37: Wickhambrook-Farley Green- Stradishall- Denston- Wickham Street- Wickhambrook.

Distance 8 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 & 155

Start: The Greyhound.

Grid Ref: 745558.

Tel: 01440 820548

Directions from Cambridge. There are 2 routes.

1. Cambridge to the clock tower roundabout in Newmarket, at the top of Newmarket High Street, here turn right onto B1063 to Wickhambrook. At the offset crossroads in Wickhambrook turn left, the car park is 100yds on the right.

2. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 to Haverhill, go into Haverhill and take the A143 for Bury St. Edmunds pass HM prison and in 1 ½ miles turn left onto B1063 to Wickhambrook. At the offset crossroads in Wickhambrook turn right, the car park is 100yds on the right.

WALK: Turn right out of the car park and at the crossroads go left along the lane, at the road junction ease left slightly and cross the road and take the footpath round a garden to the right and then turn left. Keep straight ahead to the end of the hedgerow and turn left with a hedge on the left, in 150yds turn right to a road. Turn left along the road, ignore the first footpath to the right and take the second one, just before a road junction. Follow this path to a road and turn left, at the second road junction turn right ( Grid Ref. 734533) and in a short distance take a bridle path to the left. In approx 100yds at a cross track go left over a stile and keep straight ahead over a second stile and across a field, aim for an oak tree in the next hedgerow, go just to the right of this and follow the field boundary to the corner of a hedgerow turn right and face the farm, the path goes ½ left at this point to the A143, cross the road, turn left and in a short distance turn right and follow this path to Stradishall church. At the road turn left ignore the first path on the right and take the second, as the road bends to the left, follow this path to a road. At the road the path continues to the right of the stream, just after the path

turns right turn left over a bridge and through a small iron gate. Head for the right hand corner of the field and at an estate road turn left into Denston. Take the footpath to the left of the church, through 2 kissing gates then turn right and in 50yds left to the bottom of the field ( Grid Ref. 761533) and left along the stream. Ignore 2 paths off to the right and keep ahead to Wickham Street. Cross the A143 and take the lane past the pub, take the first footpath sign to the right, about 400yds. In a short distance the path forks take the right hand fork, follow this path over the cross path to a road, here turn left and in a short distance turn right onto a bridle path, follow this over a stream to a cross path by a farm and turn left to a road. Here turn right and take the second path on the left, at a cross path go right to the car park.

NOTES: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. It is a restricted menu but the landlady is helpful.

### 18 FEB 10

WALK 61: Hatfield Broad Oak – Woodside Green – Hatfield Forest – Hatfield B/O  
Distance 8 miles

MAP: OS Landranger 167

Start: The Cock Inn.      Grid Ref. 546165      Tel. No. 01279 718306

Directions from Cambridge: Take the M11 to the Bishop's Stortford exit. At the exit take the 'B' road to Takeley . In Takeley turn right onto B183 to Hatfield Broad Oak, the pub is on the right at the far end of the village. NOTE: Take care at the motorway exit not to follow the A120 to Great Dunmow as this is a new dual carriageway opened in August 2004 .

WALK: Cross the road from the pub and go down the minor road opposite to the village hall and turn right. At the sausage factory turn left at the gate and follow the footpath round the site. In a short distance the footpath follows the left bank of a stream and in about 300yds turns into the woodland running along the stream and cross the stream via a bridge turning left, continue ahead over a 2nd bridge to a road. Turn right and when the road goes sharp right carry straight on along a lane and when the lane turns sharp right carry straight on with a footpath which immediately turns sharp left round a house. After ½ mile the footpath runs down the left hand side of a stream, and in a further 500yds meets a farm track coming in from the right, here turn left and turn right at the next hedgerow to the corner of a wood. The path goes to the left of the wood and across a large open green. Continue straight ahead crossing a road and a stile and continue to a road. At the road side step left, go along a driveway, bearing left and past a farm barn on the right. The path goes alongside a large fishing pond and at the far end crosses 2 stiles and turns right into the driveway of a large house. Go to the right of some buildings at the top end of the drive over a stile turning right. In a short distance this path comes to a fence, here turn left into a broad clearway into the forest. Cross another clearway to a post with a white ring round the top, here turn ½ right. In a short distance one comes to an open area cross this to a fence by a stream and a pebbled road, cross the road and continue in the same general direction to a large open area going down the right hand side of this until meeting a raised wooden footpath. There is now woodland to the right, continue parallel to the wood for 250yds to a track, here turn left . There should be 2/3 cottages in the near distance. Go towards them and down the lane between them. Cross a stream and as the road rises turn right over a green area. The footpath goes through a hedgerow and should go straight across the field to a hedgerow running in the same direction, keep to the left of the hedge to a farm track and turn right to a road, here turn left. Continue straight ahead ignoring a turning to the right and when the road turns sharp left continue straight ahead down the right hand bank of a stream and follow this footpath back to Hatfield Broad Oak.

NOTES: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the start

### 25 FEB 10

WALK 60: Horseheath – West Wickham- Withersfield - Horseheath      Distance: 8 ½ miles

MAP: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Old Red Lion Inn.      Grid Ref. 609472      Tel: 892909

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1307 past Addenbrookes Hospt. & Linton. Horseheath is on the left 3 miles after Linton, take the slip road off the A1307 signed Horseheath & the pub is on the right in 100yds.

Walk: Continue walking into the village turning left at the 1st road junction & left again in 50yds onto a footpath for Streetly Hall. Follow the path until reaching a road & here turn left, in 150yds turn right following a path up hill. At the next road turn right & in 150yds turn left into the church yard, go to the right of the church and follow the path through a small meadow over a stile into a large field and take a path on the left (GR 613494) passing the mid pole of three telegraph poles. In ¼ mile at a cross track by a bridge turn right, follow this path over a bridge, turn right and follow the headland to a road, turn right to a farm, the path turns sharp right just before the farm house. Turn left after the pond and follow the path up hill over a cross track then turn right at the next cross track. Follow this for 200yds then turn left along a broad green track to the road. Turn left and cross the road and take the path round the headland of a field to a bridge, cross the bridge and turn left to a bridle path (GR625496), here turn right . At the last hedgerow on the left just before a wood turn left keeping to the right of the hedge, when the hedge stops follow the ditch until you reach a road, here turn right & in 100yds left. Continue with the wood on your left until its end & turn right following a path along a stream, cross a good farm track & in 500yds further on turn right heading for a house on the horizon (GR642480), ignoring a farmhouse on the right ( the path has been diverted slightly & keeps to a headland rather than crossing a field ). At the road go straight across & to the right of the house on the horizon, over a stile & turn left in 200yds take a stile on the left &

cross the field to a road, here turn right. Follow the road for ½ mile & when the road turns sharp left turn right onto a footpath which follows a long headland to a wood. At the wood turn left entering the edge of the woodland, keep bearing left to a wooden bridge over a ditch here turn left along the headland & continue ahead with the hedge on the left. At the end of the hedge keep ahead to the corner of a wood (GR 623482) continuing with the wood on the left, at the end of the wood the path bears left across a field, go straight over 2 cross paths coming out between houses into Streetly End cross the road following the lane straight across & in about 50yds take the footpath on the left, follow this crossing the Roman road to Horseheath. At the road turn right & at the road junction turn right to the Inn.

Notes: Start time 09.30. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before start

#### **4 MAR 10**

**WALK 23: ASPENDEN - COTTERED- WHITEHALL- THROCKING- BUNTINGFORD- ASPENDEN.**

Distance 9 miles

MAP: OS Landranger 166

START: The Fox. Grid Ref: 359283

Tel: 01763 271886

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A10 southbound. At the roundabout on the Buntingford bypass turn left onto the B1038 into Buntingford. Having turned right with the road go straight on past the Fire Station and take the next right past a "Chinese pub" to Aspenden. In the village carry straight on past the 'no through road' sign, the pub is set back on the left. The car park is small so some may have to park in the village.

WALK: Continue along the lane towards the church, 50yds before the church turn left onto a bridle path, keep with this for approximately 1000yds, after rounding a gentle right hand bend with Tannis Court in view look for a footpath sign set back in the hedgerow on the right. Take this path which has a deep ditch and a hedge on the left, in a short distance cross the ditch via a bridge. Turn right for 10yds and look left across the field for the corner of a hedgerow and make for this (via the headland if necessary), continue with the hedge on your right to a bridge over a ditch, cross the farm track and keep ahead again with the hedge on the right. In about 200yds turn right over a bridge into a wooded area and follow the path keeping left at a Y junction to another bridge over a ditch (the large mature trees on the left denote an ancient moat). Cross the field to the end of a hedgerow and go down the left side to a road and turn right passing a cottage called 'The Place' keep with the wide track as it goes right and then left. At the next road turn left to the main road and turn left to the Bull pub and pass to the right along Bull Lane passing a sign post Broadfield Hall 1 ¼ miles. The lane becomes a broad path and swings right and left round a field, pass through a hedgerow and go ½ right across a field. Keep to the left of a thick hedge and pass through a gap in the hedge straight ahead. Turn left round the headland of a field to a substantial bridge over a ditch and turn right with the hedge on the right and continue to a metalled farm road. Go through a gate cross a field and through a second gate (Broadfield Hall is on the left) keep to the right hand side of a copse and then head for the corner of a wood where it meets a hedgerow, pass through and continue straight ahead to the near corner of a small wood, turn left and go straight ahead to a farm track. Here turn right to a road junction and turn right. As the road turns sharp left go straight ahead on a signed footpath (this field is sown with rape and the path may not be evident in spring, in this case go left round the headland of the field until you reach a bridge over a ditch on the far side of the field) go straight ahead heading for the near corner of a wood continue with the wood on your right and cross a bridge over a ditch. Turn right along the edge of the wood for approximately 50yds and turn left across the field (if there is no path take the centre point between 2 pylons, when you reach the crest take a line just left of Throcking church tower). At the road go right and then left past the church as the road swings sharp right there is a road junction with a broad grass lane going sharp left follow this through to Buntingford. At a road, with the school on the left turn right and opposite the entrance to a car park turn right again, with playing fields on the right, to a road and turn left for 50 yds, cross the road and take a private road (signed 'The Folly') this first bears left and then continues straight ahead through houses to a field, cross this and the bridge over the bypass. The path continues in the same direction through a large meadow (Aspenden Hall is just to the right) to Aspenden church yard, turn left down the lane to the pub.

Notes: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be booked at the pub. There are a number of paths on this walk that may not be evident on the ground but are signed.

#### **11 MAR 10**

**WALK 19: NASSINGTON-WANSFORD- YARWELL \_ NASSINGTON**

Distance 9 ½ miles.

MAP: OS Landranger 142.

START: The Black Horse pub.

Grid Ref: 068962

Tel: 01780 782324

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A14 westbound, continue on the A1 north until it becomes dual carriageway, after approximately 4 miles take the run-off for WANSFORD. At the T junction turn right over a narrow bridge, heading towards the church, at the X roads by the church turn left and immediately left again for Nassington. Continue to the far end of Nassington, The Black Horse is on the right hand side just before leaving the village.

WALK: With your back to the pub turn right along the road, after 100yds take the path on the right signed Nene Way. At the cricket pitch go across to the opposite corner and through a gate, turn right and follow the path to a cross track at the start of a wood, turn right and continue to a road. Turn left and in a 150yds turn right onto an ancient bye-way, continue with this for about 2 miles crossing a road and in due course passing through a gap in a wall to a bend in a road, contin-

ue ahead to the entrance to Old Sulehay Lodge on the left, take the path through a gate opposite ignore a path off to the right and keep ahead through the forest for about a mile. When the gated exit is in view look for a path off to the left, take this and in a 100yds you exit the forest and turn right keeping to the edge of the wood. In about 500yds at a T/Y junction take the right hand path to a road. Turn left into Wansford, keep with the road and go round the church heading for the narrow bridge crossed by car. 100yds before the bridge turn right into a meadow, continue ahead to Yarwell. After passing between houses turn left at a road, follow the road to the end of the houses on the left and take a path on the left going diagonally across a field. At the road junction turn left through the caravan site crossing the river by the lock. Continue over a field to a bridge and keep ahead with the river on the left until, in 400yds, you reach a stepping stone crossing over the river, at this point leave the river bearing right over a field to a bridge over another branch of the river. In 200yds you reach The Black Horse.

Notes: Start time 1015. Lunch may be ordered before starting the walk

### 18 MAR 10

Walk 108. Elmdon – Duddenhoe End – Littlebury Green – Strethall – Elmdon Distance 9 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194 & 195.

Start: The Elmdon Dial. Grid Ref: 462396.

Tel: 01763 837386

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A10 towards Royston. At Harston turn left onto the B1368. As you turn right to leave Fowlmere turn left onto a minor road to the A505. Side step right and cross the A505, at the next T junction turn right and in about 2 miles turn left to Elmdon. The pub is on the right as you swing down hill in the village, take it slowly.

Walk. With one's back to the pub turn right through the village. The road climbs and swings to the left the path goes off to the right just after the bend. Keep to the left hand hedge as you go past the cricket field continuing ahead through paddocks. At a cross track turn left to a road. (462379) Side step right and go up a path between trees. Keep ahead crossing the first road to a second and turn right through the village. Take the first footpath on the left past a bungalow (460366) the path goes round the back of the bungalow and to the right of a brick building then passes through some makeshift horse paddocks. ( the tape fences can be unhooked to pass through ). Keep ahead to a gravel track and turn left and at a road turn right. When this road swings right carry straight on down the Roman road. In about 300yds at a stream which crosses the road turn left (459351) along the left hand side of the stream. In about 600yds when the track crosses the stream turn left. In about 250yds you pass a bungalow on the right hand side, the path soon becomes a tarmac lane. The lane dips down to a stream, just before the stream turn left. In 400yds this path swings right to a lane, turn left and a junction keep right. In a short distance the lane swings sharp left continue straight ahead ( 470364) on the right hand side of a fishing lake. Continue to the corner of a wood turning right with the wood on the left, continue to the top corner of the wood to a cross track and turn right to a road ( 481371 ). Turn right and in 100yds turn left, on reaching a wood turn right and in about 50yds turn left between woods to a road. Go straight across continue to the corner of a wood and turn right, at the next corner ( 480396) turn left. At the end of the wood continue straight ahead on a tarmac lane into Elmdon and turn left to the pub.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

### 25 MAR 10

Walk 103. Quendon – Berden – (Clavering) – Rickling – Quendon

Distance: 10 miles

Map: OS Landranger 167

Start: Cricketers Arms

Grid Ref: 511298

Tel: 01799 543210

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1301, through Great Shelford to Stump Cross. Turn right onto the B1383, through Great Chesterford and Newport, pass over the M11. In about a mile turn right to Rickling Green, the pub is on the left.

Walk. Walk north back towards the B1383, just before the B road turn left and in 200yds take a left fork through a wood. Emerging on a farm track turn left (S) and proceed to a road, turn right and in 300yds take a path to left shortly after the road crosses a stream. Proceed to Rickling Hall farm buildings. Path goes through buildings, bearing right to a T junction in 100yds. Turn right on to farm drive and in 100yds left. As the bridleway leaves the precincts of the farm estate it crosses a field over which there is no sign of any established path. Make for a small oak tree almost straight ahead. The path straight on does not exist, turn right (N) and in 200yds left to the field boundary. Turn left down the boundary and follow the path to a left hand turn (493299). Go straight ahead for 1 mile to a road. Proceed west along the minor road to Little London and take the track to Peyton Hall. Just before Peyton Hall the track veers left through a gateway (only marked from the other side) and crosses a small field. Turn right out of the gate and in 50yds, right again(W) by a house. Follow hedge to a linear copse through which the path goes. Take the second path to the right to Lt. London(473289). At Lt. London turn East on the road for 300yds. Turn left in front of a wood and follow path left round the field to Berden. Turn right (N) onto the road and going straight across the main junction follow the path to emerge on a cross track. Turn right for ½ mile, then left along the road. After the stream bridge, turn left through a gate under the wood, past the farm buildings. ¼ mile after leaving the road turn east up a tree lined track. (Poor way marking) At a path junction NE path along a hedge, cross over ditch and enter copse a little further up. Proceed to Coldhams farm along tree lined path. Path to SE from farm not marked on 1:25000 map and not apparent on the ground – leave down farm entrance road. Turn

right down road, after 500yds look for path to Rickling church on right. On road south out of Rickling take path to the left. After 1mile the path leaves the track. Proceed until you reach a garden fence (514307). Turn left and right to emerge on main road and take church lane nearly opposite. Continue down the track and follow the side of Quendon wood to rejoin the main road in S Quendon. Cross the road to pick up a path slightly to the right. Turn left back to the pub.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

### **1 APR 10**

Walk 121: Charlton - Great Offley - Kings Walden Preston - Charlton

Distance: 9 miles.

Map: OS Landranger 166

Start: The Windmill.

Grid Ref: 178281

Tel: 01462 432096

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A10 to Royston. At the roundabout junction with A505 turn right and take the A505 to its junction with the A1. Join the A1 south to junction 8 and take the A602 to Hitchin. Just after entering Hitchin go across a roundabout and take the next left signed Charlton. The pub is on the right.

Walk. 178281 - 146267 - 141243 - 146239 - 168238 - 178250 - 178281.

Notes: Start 9.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

### **8 APR 10**

WALK 106

Sturmer – Baythorne End – Ridgewell – Broad Green – Sturmer

Distance 10 ½ miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Start: The Red Lion pub.

Grid Ref: 695440.

Tel: 01440 766971

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 past Abington and Linton, then take the A1017 (Haverhill bypass) to Sturmer. The pub is on the left soon after entering Sturmer.

Walk: Take the footpath out of the back of the pub car park to the disused railway and turn right along it to the B1061 road. Turn left along the road then almost immediately at a sharp left hand bend turn right onto a bridleway (ref: 698440). After about 500m join the Stour Valley Path and continue eastwards crossing the River Stour and on to a road at Lower Farm (ref: 719441). Turn right along the road to Baythorne End. Turn right along the main road to recross the River Stour, left at the next road junction then left again along the footpath/road into Baythorne Park (ref:725429). Just after a nearby house on the right go through a gate set back on the right and cross the field diagonally to the near the corner of Baythorne Park House (ref: 730423). Continue ahead to a byway and turn right towards Ridgewell then right at the main road (ref: 736411). After 100m turn left between houses, right at a cross path after 100m then left at a cross path after 300m to a minor road out of Ridgewell (ref: 732408). Turn right along the road then left along a cul-de-sac 100m after a road on the left. After about 600m turn right along a bridleway then left at a T junction (ref: 716403). Continue to a road (ref: 705402), turn left and cross the next road (ref: 701401) onto a footpath across Moynes Park. At a path junction (ref: 689406) turn right, northwards, to Broad Green. At the road turn left then immediately right along a road over a ford to a T junction, turn left then, after 300m, turn right onto a footpath (ref: 687419). Cross the field diagonally right (path may not be evident, can follow the headland) continue ahead to a copse on the left after which the path turns sharp left. Continue northwards for 1.5 km to a cross track near a drain (ref: 684436), turn right along the drain, under a disused railway bridge, round a pond and continue ahead to the road opposite the Red Lion.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.