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RAMBLING

October 2011 to March 2012

PROGRAMME No 1

**6 OCT 11.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**WALK 54:**

Weston – Hall's Green – Walkern – Warren's Green – Graveley – Weston.

**Distance 9mils**

Map: OS Landranger 166

Start: The Red Lion.

Grid Ref. 258301

Tel: 01462790328

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A10 for Royston. At A505 turn right for Baldock. At the traffic lights in Baldock turn left onto A507, in 2miles turn right for Clothall & Weston. The pub is on the right towards the far end of the village.

**WALK:** Cross the road from the pub and take the footpath opposite between houses signed for the church. Follow the path through 3 gates, after the third gate take the second path on the right. The path crosses some fields and goes along the left hand side of a wood, at the end of the wood cross a stile on the right and go ½ right and head for a gate at the bottom of the field. Keep ahead with a wood on the right to a good farm track, ref: 268286, which crosses the path, keep straight ahead to the hedgerow on the other side of the field and join a sunken bridle path, in a short distance this turns sharp left keep with the path to a bend in a road, ref: 273284, join the road and keep straight ahead to a T junction, at the junction turn right and as the road bends to the left go straight ahead on a footpath. Cross the field and aim for a bend in the hedgerow, follow the headland round and the path goes through a tall beech hedge about ½ way along its length, the path bends left around some properties to a corner of a wood turn right with the wood on the left. At the end of the wood bear slightly left and cross to an old gate post, look ahead and there are 2 posts indicating the direction, the first in a hollow and the second on rising ground beyond it. On reaching the second post ref: 284267 turn right and keep straight ahead until passing a farm on the right, cross the bridle path and take the stile straight ahead, here bear left to the bottom of the field to a wood. Keep the wood on the left until reaching a hedgerow and turn right along a headland until reaching another wood. Cross an open ditch on the left and turn right along the headland with the wood on the right, follow the headland until a gap in the hedge on the right, go through the gap and across the field to a marker post keeping straight ahead too pass a farm on the right to a road. Turn left and in 1/3 mile turn right onto a bridle path to a road, there is a ruined church, ref: 247279. Turn left and at the road junction turn right and follow the lane down into Graveley. Take the lane that heads towards the church and follow the lane round to the right and join a bridle path rising between bushes after 1mile there is a wood on the left just beyond the wood the path turns sharp right. Keep straight ahead to a road and turn left to the pub.

NOTES: Start time 09.30. Lunch can be ordered at the pub before starting the walk. (We may get a senior concession here!)

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: JOHN D**

Walk. Continue south from the pub and in about 200m turn right into a cul-de-sac and at the end take the footpath. Following this footpath for about 1k to a cross track (248294). Here the path turns left and goes down the lefthand side of How Wood continue with this path coming out just to the left of Graveley church. Turn left with the track to a minor road and turn left on the road, in 150m just before the road bends to the left turn right onto a footpath (236278). In 200m turn left following this path to a cross path and turn left again passing down the lefthand side of a wooded area. The path joins a road at a right angle in the road go right onto the road, follow the road round a right hand bend and in 250m as the road bends again to the right turn left up a lane. In 70m by the remains of a church turn right onto a path. At the next road (254278)

turn left. Follow the road and just before it bends sharply to the left turn right down the right hand side of Tile Kiln Farm and in about 70m turn left down the other side of the farm, ignore cross paths going left and right continuing to a road (266285). You come out a sharp bend in the road, turn left onto the road and in 50m when the road turns sharp left carry on straight ahead onto a footpath ignoring one going off to the right. In about 100m (268286) at a cross path turn left (the path you are on is below the level of the fields, the cross path is not evident and when last used there were no directional arrows). The path crosses a field and goes up the right hand side of a wood before crossing fields to the corner of a second wood, here the path eases 1/2 right and then swings left to go up the right hand side of a third piece of woodland. Keep with this path to a cross path (265299) turn left and return to the pub

**13 OCT 11.**

**LEADER: DAVID S**

**WALK 67:**

**West Wratting – Willingham Green – Weston Green - West Wratting.**

**Distance 9.5mls**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Chestnut Tree pub.

Grid Ref: 609518

Tel: 01223 290384

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A1303 past the airport. After crossing the A14 take the first road on the right to Six Mile Bottom. At the cross roads turn right and in ¾ mile turn left to West Wratting. At the road T junction in the village turn left and then right, the pub is on the right in about ½ mile

**Walk.** Take road to South towards Bartlow for c200m. Footpath leaves road to right. As approach wood round farm buildings turn right onto cross path. Follow hedge line to, ref: 602523, the far end of village. Turn left along B1052 for 400m. Take unsigned track to right which rapidly veers left along the hedge line meeting a cross track after 1km. Take track to right for c.2.5km. After crossing footbridge, turn right and then left onto road. In 300mtrs turn right along conifer shelter belt. . After 2km branch left at sign, ref: 622540, to a road. Here take the road going east from, ref: 625539. After 500m, take path to the right, down hill and then left along hedge side. Cross stream, ref: 635534, onto bridlepath turn left ( SE ) to Carlton.(mid walk break). (The path to Carlton is sheltered but in prolonged wet weather and if used by horses could become a slippery nightmare in winter-- a right turn after crossing the stream would avoid it).At Carlton turn right onto metalled track to Cocksedge farm. In farm buildings turn right; the stile into a grass field is immediately visible, and cross to gate diagonally across the field. Take track in westerly direction along the field margin and follow it round into Weston Green. In Weston Green, side step right and go up the drive to the right of last bungalow. On reaching open field, turn left and follow field margin round until arrive at a wood over a bridge. Go to the right of the wood and take the path diagonally 300m across field to another copse. (at this point the suggested path and the one we took is ploughed out and looks as if it may not be reinstated.) We turned right along the NE face of the copse, to the way marker in the distant hedge. Then turn left along hedge to road. Turn left onto road. After 300m, take path to right across 2 open fields to wood, go right of wood and turn right onto a good path. Proceed till field margin goes left and cross bridge straight ahead through the hedge. Go across what is currently a cultivated field towards the house and turn left onto the green track. Follow track until its about 300m from road, cross over small bridge to left and follow field margin to left of large steel building to join the road and turn right to return to West Wratting.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: PETER M**

608517 – 613520 – 617543 – 628544 – 635534 – 626522 – 621512 – 607513 - 608517

**20 OCT 11.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**WALK 104**

**Clayhithe – Lode – Clayhithe**

**Distance 9 ½ miles**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Bridge Hotel

Grid Ref. 501645

Tel: 01223 860622

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1303 and turn left onto B1047 for Fen Ditton and Horningsea. Continue and the road turns sharp left over the river, The Bridge Hotel is on the right hand side over the river.

**Walk:** Cross the river and turn left along the right hand bank of the river, continuing with the river for about 2miles. Just past a farmhouse on the right hand side cross the lode and turn right down the left hand bank of the lode. In about 1 ½ miles turn right over a footbridge taking the footpath straight ahead, this skirts round the right hand side of a pond and woodland. When the woodland turns back towards the lode cross the field to the near corner of a wood following the footpath round. Ignore a cross path, the path in due course goes down the right hand side of a stream to a farm track and turns left onto the farm track. In about 1mile the farm track runs into a metalled road in Longmeadow. Take the first footpath on the right off the road heading to the village of Lode. At a sports field go round the left hand side and at a fence turn right, in 50yds turn left into Lode. At a road sidestep right taking the path down passing a church on the left to an allotment. Here turn right following the footpath immediately round to the left to a mill. Cross the mill stream turning right along the left hand bank of the stream. In about 300yds the path leaves the stream and comes to a 5 bar metal gate, go through the gap to the right of the gate and turn left and in 10yds left again down a track. Ignore paths to the left and right and in about ¾ mile the track swings right into a meadow, here continue straight ahead following the hedgerow round the left hand side of a field to a bridge and a kissing gate. Just beyond the gate is a post here the path divides at a Y junction take the right hand path diagonally across a field to a stile. Do not cross the stile but turn right and cross another stile further on. Go round the left hand side of a pond to a stile, cross this taking the path down the right hand side of a hedge passing under power lines. Keep with this path until just before a road taking a path on the right towards Eye Hall farm. As the path reaches the farm turn right along the fence line to a stile continue ahead taking the first path on the left to the hotel.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER:SIMON**

501644 – 510657 – 526628 – 499630 – 505642 - 501644

**27 OCT 11.**

**LEADER: AUBREY**

**WALK: 78:**

Brent Pelham – Starlings Green – Furneux Pelham – Brent Pelham **Distance 10 miles**  
MAP: OS Landranger 167  
START: The Black Horse.                      Grid Ref: 433311.                      Tel: 01279 777305

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A10 for Harston. At the traffic lights at the Old English Gentleman turn left onto B1368, keep with this road through Fowlmere, Barley, and Barkway to Hare Street. Here turn left to Brent Pelham, at the T junction turn left and the pub is on the right in 300yds.

**Walk:** Continue up the lane from the pub through the car park and into woodland, at a field boundary take the path joining from the right and swing left almost immediately with a stream on the left. Continue to a cross path and turn left this goes round the boundary of a field to a wood and joins a path coming in from the right. Continue through the wood keeping the hedge on the right with farm buildings in the distance. Shortly before the buildings turn right, ref 451319, through the hedge and go straight across the next two fields at the second field boundary turn right and go with the field boundary to a road. Here turn right taking the first lane on the left walk through the hamlet and just before reaching a road turn left and follow this path round to a road, ref 462310, take the footpath opposite this path goes ½ right across the field to a hedge corner and continues down the right hand side of a newly planted hedgerow continue through the farm to a road. At the road turn sharp left signed Berden Priory, this path eventually swings round to the right and crosses a stream, keep straight ahead until reaching a road here turn left. At the road junction turn

right and in 50yds turn left, ref 466298, through the hedgerow and keep straight ahead crossing a farm track to the next hedgerow here turn ½ right and head for the water tower. By the water tower go through the hedgerow to pass down the east side of the electric sub station passing under a single pylon line and then a double. Keep with this track when it turns sharp right past a pond to a road, ref 459277. At the road turn right walk round the Z bend passing a farm on the right. 100yds past the farm take the path on the left keep with this path until reaching Hixham Hall and turn right. In 300yds take the path to the right. This path goes round a field boundary and then continues straight ahead with a stream on the left to a road. Here side step right taking the path to the left to another road. Turn right onto the road, ignore the first road off to the right continuing to a junction and turn right, ref 433272. At the next road junction go straight across keeping with the right hand path which crosses over a stile to the right with a bridge over a stream turn left and go along the right hand side of the woodland ahead to Whitebarns. Pass round Whitebarns and at a fork take the left hand fork. After about 100yds turn right through a gap in the hedge heading for the corner of the field down to the left. Here descend the wooden steps and go ½ left across the field at right angles to the overhead power line following this track to Brent Pelham. At the road turn left and follow it back to the pub.

Notes: Start time 9.30am. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before leaving

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

432310 – 431324 – 418327 – 425337 – 441339 – 446329 – 454318 – 441315 – 432310

**3 NOV 11.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**WALK 32:**

Great Eversden – Kingston – Toft - Great Eversden

**Distance 10 miles**

MAP: OS Landranger 153/154

Start: . The Wheatsheaf

Grid Ref: 378525.

Tel: 264008

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on A603 and approx. 2miles after leaving Barton the pub is on the left. Turn left for Harlton to access the car park.

**WALK:** Leave the pub in the direction of the church past the church and shortly after a lane goes left turn right onto a footpath. After some 500yds turn left through a hedge into a treed area continue up to the top of the rise and turn right keep straight ahead passing a trig point on the right. At the road continue straight ahead and in just over ½ mile turn right, ref:329529, go to the left of the farm buildings and follow the track straight ahead, after approx. 1mile look for a path over a bridge from the left, turn left to the corner of a wood, ref 331543, and turn right. At a path T junction turn right to a road, turn right and right again to Kingston. Cross the crossroads in Kingston and follow the lane ahead, which becomes a path, to a cross path and turn left with a stream on the left and continue to a road. At the road sidestep left and follow the footpath signed Caldicote, ignore the first path on the right and take the second. At the road in Toft, ref: 359562, turn left and follow the road round to the right and take the first lane on the right (School Lane), go to the end of the lane turn left and immediately right onto a footpath, over a bridge and go ½ left to a stile crossing into a golf course, continue along the path to a road turn left follow the road round to the right and look for a path on the left follow the path through to a lane and turn right to the pub.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: DAVID S**

378525 – 383555 – 360559 – 360542 – 372532 - 378525

**10 NOV 11.**

**LEADER: ROGER G**

**WALK 133.**

**Howlett End – Cole End – Swards End - Wimbish – Howlett End**

OS Landranger 154

Start: The White Hart.

Grid Ref: 582347.

Tel: 01799 599030

Directions from Cambridge. Cambridge to Saffron Walden. Turn left at the traffic lights in the middle of town, over a roundabout to traffic lights and turn right on the B184. The White Hart is 3.5 miles on the left

**Walk.** 582347 – 579353 – 565355 – 570380 – 590367 – 597369 – 598361 – 608354 – 601348 – 586350 - 582347

Notes: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be booked before the start.

**Short Walk**

**LEADER: JOHN D**

582347 - 580351 – 584359 – 571367 – 592365 – 602354 – 609348 - 605340 – 593346 – 586350 - 582347

**17 NOV 11.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**WALK 73:**

**Ousden – Lidgate - Ousden**

**Distance 10mls**

Map: OS Landranger 154&155

Start: The Fox

Grid Ref: 748592.

Tel: 01638 500275

Directions from Cambridge. Cambridge to Newmarket, at the top of Newmarket High Street turn right onto the B1063 for Ashley and Lidgate. The pub is on the left half way through the village.

**Walk.** Cross the road and take the lane opposite. In 100yds take the path on the left and at a Y junction turn sharp right heading towards 2 radio masts. Ignore a path on the left and continue to a cross path and turn right., 769549. Continue ahead to a lane and a road (B1063) in Lidgate. Here turn right and in 200yds turn left, crossing the road, to the right hand side of a house. Follow the path over an open field and continue over the stile through a strip of woodland to the road. Turn left onto the road and then immediately left onto the minor road towards Wickhambrook for almost a mile. Where the road bends to the right, ref: 735554, turn left into the field (no footpath sign) and walk to the hedgerow opposite. Turn left keeping the hedge on your right and where the hedge breaks continue now with the hedge on your left. Continue around the headland until there is break in the hedge and now with the hedge on your right follow the path to the road skirting around the garden on the left. This is Boydon End. Cross over and follow the road opposite through to the cross roads just beyond the pub. Turn left up the hill and after about 300 yards turn right onto a farm track that leads directly to a building at the end. Turn left and follow the path first through a narrow wood and then beside a small stream. The path and the stream separate and soon after the path forks. Take the less obvious right turn that leads across a field keeping the hedge and farm on your right to join the road. Continue straight along the road past the turn to Baxters Green on the right and turn left onto a path between the next pair of houses on the left. The path is tree-lined on both sides and eventually leads to a T-junction. Turn right and follow the path to the road. Cross the road taking the road opposite to a T-junction at Lady's Green. Turn left, then right through the first gateway on the right and follow the path across the field to exit through the farmyard onto the road. Turn right and turn left into the field at the first gap in the hedge (no sign post) then follow the boundary hedge of the house on your right as you enter the field. Follow the hedge until you reach a path running at a right angle to the hedge at the back of the house. The path goes straight across the field (about 300 yards) to a hedge. Turn left and identify the exit point just to the right of a white house about 500 yards across a large arable field with a shallow valley. The path is not marked so it could be easier to follow the headland to the exit point rather than diagonally across the field depending on conditions under foot. The exit is beside a house onto a short tree lined path to the road. Turn right onto the road and then left at the T-junction

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

**SHORT WALK.****LEADER: JAN****748592 – 749600 – 770605 – 776594 – 774573 – 754580 – 745585 - 748592****24 NOV 11.****LEADER: PETER L****WALK48:****Graveley – Toseland – Croxton Park – Yelling – Graveley****Distance 9 ½ miles**

Map: OS Landranger 153

Start: The Three Horseshoes

Grid Ref 246641

Tel: 01480 830992

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A428, continue across the Caxton Gibbet roundabout and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right in about 3 miles, signed Graveley.

**Walk.** Turn left, up the rise, from the pub and as the road goes left turn right and pick up the path signed by the telegraph post, follow this to a road and turn left. The road bends sharp left, in 150yds there is a lone tree with a concrete post by it, turn right along a headland and carry on with a hedge on the left to the corner of the field and turn left through the hedge. Cross two fields and continue with a belt of trees on the left to a road, ref: 236625. Here turn right and then left, ignore a path to the right in about 1 mile, and continue to a road, again turn right and then left. In 150yds turn left, onto a metalled track, through a farm and continue to a road, ref: 245596, cross the road and take the path into Croxton Park. At the next road go right to visit Croxton church. Return along the same road and cross the A428, follow this path to Yelling. At the road there is a cricket ground on the right and a Baptist church opposite. Turn right, the road bends continuously to the right, in 300yds turn left, ref: 261626, at first a track then a path towards Papworth St Agnes. In about a mile the path becomes a track. In a short distance turn left and follow this path to Graveley, at the road turn left and follow the road back to the pub.

Notes: Start 0930. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the walk

**SHORT WALK.****LEADER: FRANCIS****247640 – 242647 – 245662 – 226669 – 262667 – 245667 – 248657 – 249639 – 247640****1 DEC 11.****LEADER: PHILIP****Walk 33:****Arkesden-- Brent Pelham - Clavering - Arkesden.****Distance 10.5mils**

Map: OS Landranger 154 &amp; 167

Start: Axe &amp; Compasses Pub.

Grid Ref 483344

Tel: 01799 550272

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1301, through Shelford, to Stump Cross interchange and turn right at the 3<sup>rd</sup> roundabout onto the B1383. Continue passing Audley End House on the left, turn right in 1 ¼ miles onto B1039, signed Royston. In 1 ½ miles, at a sharp right bend, go straight ahead to Arkesden.

**WALK:** Facing the pub go right and in about 600yds turn left into a lane to Chardwell Farm, ref: 471345, turn right immediately before a bungalow at the start of a group of farm buildings. Continue to a T junction, ignoring a path to the left, turn left through a narrow strip of woodland, at the end turn sharp right and across a ditch (do not take the stile into the meadow). Go straight ahead and in 600yds turn left along the old Roman Rd. to a road junction at Butts Farm. Turn right and take the first left into the marked by way, follow it through to a road, turn left and follow the road as it dips down and bears right and left before rising again. About ½ way up the rise, turn right into a field, keeping the hedgerow on the left, to a road. Turn right and about 1100yds at a T junction take the path straight ahead, to the right of a house to Meesden. Cross an open field to a wood and turn left to a road, cross the road and take the footpath to Brent Pelham. At a road turn right past the Black Horse pub and in 200yds turn left along a wide tree lined track,

continue, leaving a group of trees to the left, skirting the edge of the wood bearing left heading for the corner of the wood around 2 sides of a triangular field. Continue eastward and pass a second wood on the right, after the next field turn right down a field to a hedge at the bottom, here turn left keeping a ditch and then a woodland on the right to a road. Turn right and about 400yds on the edge of Starlings Green turn left over a stile and continue with the hedge on the right. Cross a stile to left of a cottage and continue keeping the hedge on the right to a road at Curles Farm. Turn left and follow the signs to Clavering church, through the churchyard keeping the church on the left, then follow a short stretch of road to a T junction, here turn left to a second T junction and a ford. Go straight across the road and follow the path to a road at Stickling Green. Bear right taking the footpath to Wood Hall and Arkesden.

Notes: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be ordered at the Axe & Compass before the walk

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: JOHN H**

482344 – 474318 – 466327 – 459351 – 465360 – 465350 – 482344

**8 DEC 11.**

**LEADER: JILL**

Walk 123. Eltisley – Great Gransden – Caxton – Eltisley

Distance: 10mls

Map: OS Landranger 153

Start: The Eltisley

Grid Ref: 271598.

Tel: 01480 880308

Directions fro Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1301 west. Join the A428 through Caxton Gibbet. In 11/4 miles turn left to Eltisley. Park near the green.

Walk. Start from outside the PH. Cross the road and turn right past the pavilion. Turn left onto a lane; ignore 'Woodland walks' signs on both right and left. At farm buildings turn left onto a track (bridleway). When the track turns right keep straight ahead on a grass lane for 1 mile (Caxton Drift). At T-junction turn left and go straight over a cross track (a waymarked bridleway). In the next field turn right. Pass by a track on the left, then take a field edge path on the left (a waymarked footpath). Follow the footpath and after 300 yards turn right on a grass track. At a road cross over into the field opposite along a footpath. Go straight over a cross path and after 100 yards turn right. Follow the path for 300 yards and meet a track. Turn left onto the bridleway and pass under the Caxton bypass through a culvert. In 200 yards take the signposted bridleway on the right. Follow this around Cambourne for about 0.75 mile to a junction with a footpath. Turn right and follow for 0.5 mile to a road. Go straight over (Caxton End). After 350 yards (use an elevated footway to avoid the ford) turn right and follow the footpath into a garden. Cross the footbridge and turn right. When you come to a track cross it and pick up a path with a hedge and Bourn Brook on your left. Cross (left) at the next footbridge and cross a field to a tree belt; here turn right. Follow signs across fields to the road. Cross the bypass and then go ahead over a second road, picking up a bridleway leading to the Gransden Road. Turn left, first on a footpath and then the roadway past Caxton church. Take the bridleway at the bend ahead, due west. At a T junction turn left then almost immediately right. Follow the field edge past Hardwicke Farm, first on grass and closer to Great Gransden on a track. Take a signposted footpath on the right due north for 0.5 mile, then turn left across an open field due west to the Eltisley Road. Here turn right and walk on the roadside verge for over 0.5 miles. Just after a chicane bend take a footpath on the right past Eltisley Wood. Follow a waymarked footpath across an open field north east to

a road. Turn left and after 200 yards turn right by a hedgerow (north). At the next road turn right and follow it east; at a junction take the left fork back to the pub

Walk. 271598 – 267597 – 266587 – 270578 – 279564 – 308566 – 307568 - 315573 – 301578 – 293586 – 271598.

Notes: Start time 09.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: AUBREY**

271597 – 273595 – 269591 – 277568 – 301578 – 302586 - 271597

**15 DEC 11.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**Walk 96.**

**Melborne - Meldreth – Whaddon – Melborne**

**Distance 9.5mls**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Old Elm Tree.

Grid Ref: 385449.

Tel: 01763 269933

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A10 south for Royston. Turn left for Melbourne, past the garden centre, the pub is on the left just after entering the village.

**Walk.** Turn right at the traffic lights, pass Sheen Mill on your left, and at the curve in the road turn left into Station Road. Pass under the A10 and at the curve of the road to the right (378450) take the **byway** alongside the nursery immediately on your left. At the A10 cross the road and take the byway running parallel with the A10 finally turning right onto the road to Melbourne Industrial Estate to reach the A10 again. Cross immediately and onto the concrete road that passes under the railway bridge and turns into a field track. After about 1¼ miles (352432) turn right and follow the path keeping Kneesworth hospital on the left and continue until the path reaches the road at Hill View farm. Turn left onto the road and after about 300yards turn right through the hedge. Follow the obvious track to Whaddon through Dyer's Green keeping to the right of the irrigation reservoir and mound. On the outskirts of Whaddon do **not** go through the kissing gate onto the road (355463), but take the path on your left, turning back about 70°. As you near the hedge you will see the golf course on your right and after about 200 yards turn right through the hedge and walk across the golf course to emerge on the road by the clubhouse. Turn right and just after the village hall turn right again to cross a field to the churchyard and exit onto the road. Turn right and where the road swings to the right cross over and take the second of the two footpaths. Follow the path to the road and turn left and just after the cement works turn left onto the footpath to Meldreth. At the road turn left and turn right opposite the church. Keep the stream on the left-hand side until you reach the mill, then cross the stream and follow the obvious footpath keeping the stream on the right-hand side. Cross the railway line (mind your head as you emerge from under the bridge) and continue beside the stream keeping to the right of the two electricity poles eventually passing under the A10 and onto the playing field a short distance from the bridge. Walk along the right-hand edge of the two playing fields and exit along the path beside the lamppost between the houses to the road. Turn left to the traffic lights and left to the pub.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: ROGER S**

385449 – 371437 – 352433 – 354463 – 365464 – 378467 – 380453 – 382448 - 385449

**22 DEC 11.**

**LEADER: TONY R**

**Walk 85.**

**Haynes - Maulden Wood – Clophill – Haynes****Distance: 10mls**

Map: OS Landranger 153

Start: The Greyhound.

Grid Ref 103417.

Tel: 01234 381239

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A603 through Barton. At the junction with the A1198 continue ahead on the B1042. Do not turn right to Wrestlingworth, but go straight on to Biggleswade going through the center of town to the roundabout junction with A1. Cross the A1 and in 1mile turn left onto the B658, continue through Stanford and take the first right, signed Southill, in C200yds turn left. In 1mile a road joins from the right, continue ahead and at a T junction turn right and follow the road round to the left to a cross roads with the A600. Go across and in 300yds take a right fork; the pub is on the left in ½ mile.

**Walk.** From the pub turn left and walk the length of the village to a T junction. Turn left and in C50yds right into a no through road, in C50yds go left on a path to a road ( see comment under notes) and turn right. The road walk is about 1mile. Go through Haynes Church End, pass a road off to the left and when the road dips into a hollow look for a path on the left. Follow this to the A6. The path reaches a corner of a field with a finger post pointing right, a few yards on is an iron gate and this is the exit. Cross the road and take the path opposite to another road, here turn left to the A6. A short way down the A6 turn right into Maulden Wood and take the first track to the left until you reach the notice board, here turn right. Follow this to the first major track on the left and turn down it. In C200yds the track crosses an open area and then descends down to a cottage on the left, here turn left and follow the edge of the wood to reach a road. Turn left along Clophill Road, cross the A6 and continue to the Greenman pub. Turn left by the pub along a walk way, at the next road go right and the left to Back Street, here turn right passing the Stone Jug pub . When the road goes right turn left and pick up the Greensand Ridge Walk, sign is a monkjak deer. The path goes half right through a wood and through a small holding to a good farm track, turn right. The track becomes a road, follow this to a junction on a bend and turn left. In 200yds at a road turn right and in a few yards left up to a church ruin. Turn left, the path follows a farm track and then a headland down to the corner of a wood, turn right and keep to the edge of the wood to a road, here turn left. In 400yds take a path on the right to Haynes and at the road turn right to the pub.

Notes. The road mentioned in the text at GR 091413 is a country road with frequent bends, I think that it would be best if the leader used a yellow jacket and walked some 70yds ahead of the group. It wasn't very busy on the reece, but it could be dangerous if vehicles came in opposite directions at the same time and the group was taking up a good part of the road.

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

**SHORT WALK.****LEADER: SIMON**

103417 – 097420 – 085401 – 086383 – 110387 – 118402 – 106411 - 103417

**29 DEC 11.****LEADER: PHILIP****Walk 98.****Great Wilbraham - Six Mile Bottom - Balsham - Great Wilbraham****Distance 12mls**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Carpenters Arms.

Grid Ref: 548573.

Tel: 880202

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge via Cherry Hinton to Fulborn. In Fulborn follow the signs for Great Wilbraham, the pub is on the left.

**Walk:** Continue along the road from the pub go past the first turning left and at the second turning left turn right into a bridleway. In 200yds at a Y junction take the left hand fork to a road, turn right. Cross the main road in Six Mile Bottom and the level crossing turning right opposite the church onto a path. Keep straight ahead for ½ mile taking a path on the left. Keep straight ahead for about 2miles until you reach a broad farm track by a ford, here turn right. Again keep straight ahead for 2miles and as you reach the top of a rise

turn right. In 1 mile you join Fleam Dyke which continues northwest for 3 miles. At the end of the dyke turn right and in ½ mile turn left on a good track. In 300yds turn right to Great Wilbraham.

Notes: **START TIME 9 15AM.** Lunch may be ordered before the walk. The walking is easy.

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: BRIAN C**

548573 – 540574 – 533581 – 543585 – 537586 – 528570 – 524568 – 527555 – 540561 - 548573

**5 JAN 12.**

**LEADER: JAN**

**WALK 43:**

**Chevington – Tan Office Green – Birds End – Hargrave – Chevington Distance 9.5mils**

Map: OS Landranger 155

Start: The Greyhound.

Grid Ref: 784594.

Tel: 01284 850765

Directions to start from Cambridge: There are two options. Option 1. Leave Cambridge on the A1303 to Newmarket. At the Clock Tower roundabout in Newmarket take the B1063 through Ashley to the junction with the B1085. At this crossroads take the minor road straight ahead to Ousden and Chevington. Option 2. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 to Haverhill. Go into the town and at the double roundabout take the A143 to Bury St Edmunds. Pass through HM Prison and on entering Chedburgh turn left to Chevington. The pub is at the crossroads in the village

**Walk:** Take the East bound road from the pub and in 300yds take the path on the right. Follow this to a metalled farm track with a farm on the left continue to ref: 791584 and turn left. At a road T junction turn left and in 100yds go right. In ¾ mile pass to the left of Chevington church to a road, go straight across and continue to a track junction where the path passes through a hedge, here turn right, keeping the hedge on your left, to Birds End. At the road go left and then right, in ½ mile turn left to go to the left side of a large barn. At the road turn left and in a short distance right through a hedge, keep ahead to a junction with a broad bridle path, passing Hargrave Hall complex on the left. At the bridle path, ref: 762608, turn right and at the road turn left and left at the next junction. In c400yds take the path on the left, follow this path ignoring a track off to the left into Hargrave. At the road turn left and in 100yds at a road junction turn left again taking the first path on the right. This path comes to a complicated track junction, just keep right and straight ahead to a road, ref: 775595. At the road turn left and then right, (the map shows right and left) continue, ignoring a path on the right and take the next path on the left follow this broad path to the left side of the hedgerow, at a footpath sign indicating a right turn only turn left following this path to a road, the pub is 200yds on the right.

Start Time 9.30am. The Greyhound is a specialist “curry-house”. They are prepared to serve sandwiches, but need several days notice to do so. I shall ask for non-curry orders in the weeks prior to the walk

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: ANN**

784594 – 789599 – 775599 – 765605 – 755613 – 748607 – 768595 – 779588 - 784594

**12 JAN 12.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**WALK 72:**

**Little Walden – Ashdon – Little Walden**

**Distance: 9mils**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Crown.

Grid Ref: 546415

Tel. 01799 522475

Directions from Cambridge. Take A1307 past Addenbrookes Hospt. to Linton. In Linton turn right onto B1052 through Hadstock to Little Walden. In Little Walden the road goes sharp left here turn right and immediately left into the pub car park.

**Walk:** With one's back to the B road take the right hand metalled track which follows a stream, the track turns left and in 100yds turns right follow this track to Park Farm. Just before the farm the path has been diverted and turns right before reaching the farm it goes left round the back of the barn and then right across fields. Follow this to a road, turn left and in 100yds turn right past a farm. Follow this track and carry on straight ahead past a trig point, in 150yds the track turns sharp right and in another 50yds sharp left. At this point there are 2 paths take the left hand one going diagonally across a field to a hedgerow. At the hedgerow turn right and go through the left hand edge of the wood on exiting the wood carry on with the hedge on your left to the corner of the field. Here go left and immediately right and over the fence into a meadow. The path goes down the right hand side of the field and follows the hedge round along the bottom of the field to a gate, at the gate go left to a stile. Cross the stile into a meadow and go straight ahead to the bottom right hand corner of the field to a road. Here turn right cross over a stream and go left into woodland crossing a fence/stile into a field, continue passing to the right of a farm and swing right with the track. As the track rises turn right to a road. Here turn right and opposite The Old Rectory turn left onto a path. In 200yds at a cross path turn right to a tarmac track. Cross this to a stile in the hedge (difficult to see) cross the field going left through a hedgerow and turn right with the hedge on the right pass a small copse keeping it to the right and at the end of it turn left to a road here turn right and in 150yds. a house on the left pass it and turn left in a short distance the track turns right passing another house on the left, immediately after the house the path forks, take the left hand fork to a road and turn left. In 200yds. turn right through the gate of a market garden and continue until reaching a field and follow this track to a barn at the barn continue straight ahead passing over a track by the corner of a wood continuing ahead ignoring a path to the left carry on until the path meets a track. Turn right and in a short distance the path leaves the track branching off left to go down the right hand side of a wood 300yds ahead. The track leaves the right hand side of the wood and swings right over a stream. In 200yds at a track junction at the end of a copse turn left to Little Walden.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: ROGER G**

546415 – 540423 – 542431 – 553419 – 559407 – 544397 – 558411 – 558419 – 553419 – 551422 - 546415

**19 JAN 12.**

Walk 127. Saffron Walden.

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: Eight Bells

Grid Ref: 535387.

**LEADER: DAVID C**

Distance: 9.75mls

Tel: 01799 522790

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1301 to Stump Cross and continue on the B184. The pub is on the left as you enter the town.

Walk. 535387 -551399 – 573416 – 575416 – 575411 – 578412 – 584402 – 584388 – 574394 – 535387

Notes: Start time 09.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: JOHN D**

535386 – 537383 – 530378 – 524379 – 533359 – 568367 – 549377 – 539386 - 535386

**26 JAN 12**

**WALK 50:**

**Horseheath – Shudy Camps – Castle Camps – Horseheath**

Maps: OS Landranger 154. Explorer 210

Start: Red Lion.

Grid Ref: 610472

**LEADER: PHILIP**

**Distance 10.5mls**

Tel: 894759

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

**WALK:** 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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: PETER L**

610472 – 612472 – 616470 – 626466 – 623465 – 634455 – 636443 – 631445 – 625441 – 620450 – 617448  
– 619458 – 612469 – 610472

**2 FEB 12.**

**LEADER: ROGER S**

**WALK 28: Orwell-Great Eversden-Wimpole Hall - Orwell.**

**Distance 9.2mls**

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Chequers.

Grid Ref: 361502

Tel: 207840

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on A603, Barton Rd. On approaching Wimpole turn right for Old Wimpole & Wimpole Hall. After approx. 1 mile turn left into Wimpole Hall car park.

**Walk:** Turn left out of the pub up the short hill and turn left 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. Cross the front of Wimpole Hall, 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. Continue to the church and turn right. 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

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

**SHORT WALK**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

361502 – 356495 – 352466 – 348465 – 337509 – 344515 - 361502

**9 FEB 12.**

**LEADER: PHILIP**

Walk 91

**Clare –Belchamps St Paul & Otten - Clare**

**Distance 10mls**

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.

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: DAVID S**

769455 – 782450 – 798441 – 796440 – 798433 – 786425 – 784426 – 777447 – 782450 – 769455

**16 FEB 12**

**LEADER: JENNIFER+**

WALK 102:

**Fen Drayton – Holywell – Over – Swavesey – Fen Drayton**

**Distance: 9mils**

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.

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: PETER M**

339682 – 331685 – 313689 – 352700 – 362691 - 339682

**23 FEB 12.**

**LEADER: JILL**

. WALK8: Circuit from Hatley St George.

Distance 9mils.

MAP: OS Landranger 153

START: Village hall /Community centre Hatley St George: GRID REF 283508

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A603 through Barton, at the round-about junction with the A1198 go straight across onto the B1042. Take 1<sup>st</sup> right signed Croydon, and right again to the Queen Adelaide pub in Croydon to book lunch. Return along the road and turn right to Hatley St George. The village hall is at the start of the village on the left.

**WALK:** Turn left from the village hall and in 75yds turn left onto a metalled farm road with woodland on the left, at the end of the wood turn left with woodland still on the left to a tracking crossing, continue straight ahead. 150yds after passing a strip of woodland turn right, continue ahead (ignore 2 paths off to the left) the path zig-zags right and left 3 times before turning right passing stables to a road, turn right for 400yds taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> path on the left at a bend on the road opposite a cottage. The path crosses a field and turns

right to a farm lane, turn left to the edge of a wood and turn right to continue with the wood on the left, take the first path on the right to a metalled track. Turn right and in 150yds turn right again and continue ahead to a road, turn right to the village hall.

NOTES: Start time 9.30. Lunch may be pre-booked at the Hardwick Arms on the A1198 at Arrington (the food at the Queen Adelaide in Croydon has gone down badly), this is about 3 miles from the end of the walk. Philip to visit the post office at H St G to see who administers the village hall.

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: SIMON**

283508 – 281510 – 277517 – 281521 – 290525 – 286536 – 294536 – 299521 – 296505 – 283508

**1 MAR 12.**

**LEADER: FRANCIS**

**WALK 80:**

**Much Hadham – Netherstreet – Hunsdon – Wareside – Much Hadham.**

**Distance 10.5mils**

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. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**SHORT WALK.****LEADER: ANN**

428194 – 410192 – 406224 – 409220 – 423215 – 428204 – 431198 – 432195 – 428194

**8 MAR 12.****LEADER: BRIAN C**

Walk 116

Godmanchester – Hemingfords – St Ives – Houghton – Godmanchester

Distance 10mls

Map: OS Landranger 153/ Explorer

Start: Black Bull Inn.

Grid Ref: 244709

Tel: 01480 456024

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A14 west. Exit at Junction 24, signed Godmanchester. Follow the B1044 into Godmanchester and turn right at the mini roundabout. The Black Bull is on the right before the road goes under the A14 again.

Walk. Turn left out of the pub, back along the road, left at the mini roundabout and continue under the A14. At the layby turn left on a footpath and turn left at a road after 700m. Take the second footpath on the right, close to the dismantled railway and in 0.5 mile join the road through Hemingford Abbots at a metal gate. About 100m past the Axe and Compass pub take the footpath on the left between houses towards the river. At a road by the river keep left on the path near the river. Continue to a road near Hemingford Grey church, turn right then shortly left on a footpath to a road. Take Meadow Lane opposite which becomes a footpath across Hemingford Meadow to St Ives. Turn left to cross the old bridge, left again at the first road and continue past shops then through the churchyard to a footpath, Ouse Valley Way (OVW). After about 1½ miles ignore the OVW path signed left then right behind houses. Continue along the road to the T junction at Houghton, turn left to Houghton Mill. Cross the river and lock then immediately right along the OVW. After a footbridge over a sluice turn left to a wider bridge then right along the bank. Cross another footbridge, go ahead to the river and left along the bank for ½ mile. Cross a field diagonally left to a footbridge then angle right between lakes and a stream to Godmanchester Nature Reserve. At a gate with a lake ahead go left round the lake to the dismantled railway, turn right along it then left after 330m along a path to the A14. 250m after crossing under the A14 turn right at the edge of playing fields on a path/cycleway which becomes a road. At the main road turn left to the pub.

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

**SHORT WALK.****LEADER: JOHN D**

244709 – 247707 – 248705 – 256706 – 263713 – 277713 – 281718 – 264723 - 244709

**15 MAR 12.****LEADER: TONY R**

WALK 75

Shillington – Meppershall – Lower Stondon – Pirton – Shillington.

Distance 9.6mls

Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer

Start: The Crown

Grid Ref: 127341

Tel: 01462 711667

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A603, continue on the B1042 then the minor road through Dunton to Bigleswade. Take the A6001 south, cross the A507, pass Henlow Airfield and cross the next roundabout, go through Lower Stondon to Shillington. Keep left into Shillington, the pub is on the right, set back.

Walk. With ones back to the pub turn right, take the first right towards the church and take another right just before the church. In 100yds turn right onto a path which goes diagonally across rough ground. After passing through a back garden turn right onto a path at 126343, the path broadens into a rough road. After 50yds turn left through a gate and walk N across rough ground to the NE corner of the field. Enter another

rough field and follow path W towards playing field. Turn right into playing field 126345, follow hedge and continue in same direction until it meets Bury Road by a phone box. Turn right along Bury Road to junction at N of village, continue in same direction along track towards Shillington Bury. Turn right onto John Bunyan Trail to road at 129366 and turn left. In half a mile the road bends left, just beyond take a farm track to the right. In 250yds turn right on a path to Meppershall. At the main street in Meppershall side step right and follow the street to a T junction 147364. Here side step left and take the path on your right. When the path divides keep left to 159361 and turn right. At the next path junction go right. Path joins road at 153353, turn left into Hillside Road, at mini roundabout turn right into Station Road, follow to almost end of village, turn left down Fakeswell Lane, Take right second from end, towards Maple Close, not Hawthorn Close. Footpath to the right of cul de sac, follow S to join Holwell Road at 154326. Turn right to Pirton. Turn right onto West Lane, follow sign towards Shillington, skirting N end of village. Just before a barn which fronts onto the road turn right along a narrow path alongside barn, walk N across paddock towards gate in hedge, turn right after gate and follow path with hedge on right. At 139324 take track to the right to Shillington

NOTES: Start 09.30. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. (for future reference there are 2 other pubs on this walk that might be used. Meppershall, The Sugar Loaf, tel: 01462 813513 and at Lower Stondon, The Bird in Hand, tel: 01462 850385

**SHORT WALK**

**LEADER: JAN**

127341 – 143319 – 137314 – 165333 – 142345 – 130339 - 127341

**22 MAR 12.**

**LEADER: DAVID S**

Walk. 131.

Great Chesterford.

Distance: 9.8mls

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Plough

Grid Ref: 509427

Tel: 01799 530283

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1301 To Stump Cross and turn right onto the B1383. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left in Great Chesterford the pub is about 200m.

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

**SHORT WALK.**

**LEADER: JILL**

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**LEADER: AUBREY**

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Radwinter – Swards End – Water End - Radwinter

Distance: 9.6 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer

Start: The Plough.

Grid Ref: 613376

Tel:

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 : With your back to the pub turn right towards Great Sampford. At the top of the rise turn right past a house and right again at a cross track by the river, continue with the river to a road here turn right and then left past the church. On entering a field go ½ left to a gap in the hedge with a seat. Follow this track past the first bridge on the left taking the second 200yds further on. Follow the left hand hedge round the field and

at the corner ( 598364) of the field go left through a hedge. Here turn sharp right and the track follows a hedge round to the right and recrossing the river continue to a road. Turn right taking the path on the left in 200yds. On entering the field follow the left hand hedgerow round keeping to the right of a wood. At the end of the wood turn left through a hedge following the track down to Wimbush Hall. At a farm road turn right passing to the left of a church. The path crosses fields to the right of a hedge and eventually goes left through a hedge turn right following the hedge round taking the first plank bridge to the right. The path keeps with a hedge to the left and as the hedge swings sharp left the path cuts straight across the field to the right. Head in the general direction of a very tall tree in the hedgerow ahead. Half way across the field the path goes sharp left to the hedgerow on the lefthand side of the field at the hedgerow turn right following the hedgerow to a cross track. Cross the farm track and go straight ahead on the bridle path in ½ mile the track turns sharp left and in a further mile you reach the road in Swards End (571382). Turn right along the road and when the road turns sharp right take the minor road straight ahead. In about 1mile look for a radio mast on the right of the road and turn right onto the bridle that goes to the left of the radio mast. Along the bridle path stop and admire Saffron House then keep ahead on the bridle path. You pass an old house and a barn on the left and the bridle path goes sharp right. In 100yds take a path to the left (582401). Cross the horse paddocks, closing gates as you go, to a set of farm buildings. The path swings left into the buildings keep straight ahead, if necessary passing through a farm yard gate with loose horses on the other side. Do not turn right in the farmyard as is not a right of way. In a short distance you come to fields and drop down into a valley. Cross a horse eaten stile and cross the field to a gate on the far side. Do not take a track to the right through this field, once through the gate (581406) turn right and in a short distance the path goes between two fences to a house. Pass down the righthand side of the house and when the track bends sharply to the right go left for 10yds and then turn right. Join a road keeping to the right and in about 150yds take the path to the left but turn and admire the garden to the thatched house on your right. The path crosses a stream and in another 100yds turn right (595404) just before reaching a road. In about ½ mile go through a hedgerow into a pristine green lane. Follow this round passing the red barn on the left to a road and turn right. In 500yds immediately past a bungalow on the left take the path on the left follow this passing through a thick hedgerow to a track in Stocking Green and turn right in about 400yds take a path on the left through some houses, just before the last house on the left the path does a U shape to the right through an orchard coming out at the other end of the garden of the last house. Go through a gate and go ¼ right to the corner of a hedgerow and then turn right to cross a field to a bridge over a stream. Turn left before crossing the bridge, cross straight over a track junction and another 150yds turn right over a sleeper bridge. Keep ahead passing a track coming in from the right which is not on the map and just over the crest of the hill turn left. Keep ahead to a road turning right, just before the cross roads in Radwinter take a path to the left and at the next road turn right to the pub.

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

Note: We will meet in the car park in the centre of Radwinter. To get to the car park take the road opposite the church and in 50yds turn left into the car park. We will then try to take the minimum number of cars to the pub as it has a very small car park.

**SHORT WALK**  
**TBD**

**LEADER: DAVID C**