

U3AC RAMBLING

PROGRAMME 3

SUMMER 2010

The Stour Valley Way is included in the programme. These are linier walks we meet at one end change to car sharing leave some cars behind and drive back to the start at the end of the walk. It being summer some of these walks can be picnic lunches. The short walk on linier days will be a shorter linier walk on the same route aimed at lunching together for picnics or meet at the end if using a pub. The far end of the walk makes for two long days out a suggestion is to overnight at Stoke by Nayland and do the last two sections, Bures to Cattawade, on consecutive days. Each is about 8.5 miles. I shall send an e-mail to get response.

PLEASE CHECK DATES FOR LEADING BOTH MAIN AND SHORT WALKS.

15 APRIL.

Carry forward the postponed walk from 7 JAN, Cavendish – Clare. 09.30 start from the Bull, GR 807465. Tel: 01787 280245. Short walk leader: **David S.**

22 APRIL

Walk 92

Leader, Aubrey

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 ½ mile. In a further ½ 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 (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 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 (449255). Cross road and take track half right (no way mark), 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 (? No way mark). 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 (483263). Just before the road the path goes diagonally across an arable field 200yds east of the black farm building; there are no way markings. 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 (454263). Turn right along track cross concealed bridge and take track immediately right. After 200yds enter parkland through gap in 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 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.

Short Walk. **Leader, David C** 0945.

436278 – 441299 – 443303 – 451294 – 455286 – 449278 – 453277 – 454265 – 447262 – 444273 – 436278

29 APRIL

*WALK 65.

Leader, Jan.

Stansfield – Poslingford – Stansfield

Distance 9 ½ miles

MAP: OS Landranger 153

START: The Compasses.

Grid Ref: 782515.

Tele: 01284 789486

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 to Haverhill, go into Haverhill. In Haverhill take the A143 towards Bury St Edmunds. In 8 miles, at Wickham Street, turn right to Denston and Stansfield. In Stansfield there is a junction, could be a T or a Y, here turn right, the pub is on the right in about ¾ mile.

WALK: With one's back to the pub turn right along the road for about ½ mile. At the end of the houses on the left turn left onto a bridle path follow this until passing along the right hand side of a wood, 300yds past the wood the path crosses a stream, here turn right and go along a hedgerow with the hedge on the left. In 400yds turn left onto a bridle path continuing to a farm track. Turn right and in 100yds turn right onto a footpath into Poslingford. At the road turn right and in 200yds go left down a wide drive access to some houses and in a short distance turn left onto a footpath. Cross the river turning right round the horse paddocks to a gateway in the hedgerow, here turn right round the headland and follow the stream north to a road, ignoring a footpath off to the left. At the road turn left and at a T junction go left. This road /track turns right after 150yds and shortly becomes a footpath. In 200yds the path turns sharp left, in a short distance take a path to the right. This path crosses a farm track and passes down the right hand side of a young wood. In ½ mile after crossing the farm track the footpath forks take the left hand fork following the footpath signs, as the path has been relocated, follow the stream round to a wood here turn right. Partway along the wood look for a bridge on the left over a stream, cross this and follow the path to the end of the wood passing through a metal gate into parkland. Go ½ right across the field to a gate then go ½ left back to the stream. In a few hundred yards at a track junction go left over the stream and continue to a metalled driveway. At the driveway turn right and at the village road turn right. In 400yds turn right at a road junction, in a further 200yds look for a footpath going through a hedge. There are 2 paths take care to take the left hand one which takes you to a road where it crosses a river, cross the river taking the footpath on the right to the right hand corner of a wood, here turn left and in 300yds at a fork in the path take the right hand fork to a road. At the road turn right and turn right at the next road junction. In 300yds turn left onto a footpath to a road. At the road turn left back to the pub.

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

Short Walk. **Leader, Francis.** 0945.

782515 – 781511 – 784496 – 798477 – 770481 – 768489 – 766504 – 772509 – 779507 – 782515..

6 MAY

Walk 111

Leader, David C.

Hail Weston – Staughton – Staughton Moor – Hail Weston

Distance: 9.4 miles

Map: OS Landranger 153

Start: Royal Oak

Grid Ref: 165622

Tel: 01480 472527

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A428 to St. Neots, turn right onto the B1428 through the town and cross the river. At the roundabout turn right onto the B1048. On crossing the A1 it becomes the B645.

Take the first right to Hail Weston and park around a three-way junction or on the street by the pub. Pub has space for about 5 cars.

WALK: At the three-way junction, take the road north-east, at first bend ignore farm track and take signposted footpath to left shortly after. This meets the farm track and you turn immediately right over bridge over stream. You should then follow a path NNE over field towards corner of Little Paxton wood (GR 169632), (on the recce, we did not find this path and went NW along the stream but came to a dead end & had to cut over fields to the wood). Follow grassy path along western side of wood, and then onto a crossroad of paths (GR 165644), there turn left on a good grassy path, mostly straight, but after several bends, eventually reaches a road (at GR 140651). Suggest elevenses just before road reached. Turn left on road (Cage Lane) and at corner, take footpath to right along edge of field (NB footpath sign obscured by growth). At end shortly, turn left and very shortly over footbridge through hedge. This takes you over a field and then left round on a path to a housing estate. You are now in Great Staughton. When road met, turn right & shortly you meet B645 where turn right. Cross over to left hand side, & then opposite the junction with B661, turn left on signposted footpath (go to far end of car park), after end of some houses, turn left on footpath down to road. Here turn right to a bridge, where cross road and continue past church (& a cemetery on right), then turn left (GR 120644) on track to Garden Farm, continue on & then leftish, on farm track up slope southwards. At top track, turn does U-bend to east, and take field path off to right SSE, this dips down to a stream, turn right & then left over bridge, then continue down to road. Turn left, past a road turning on left, to a sharp right turn where there is a footpath sign. Proceed along path, taking left field path down to reservoir and on track going north of High Wood. Think you need to switch to north side of ditch at some point (we did not & had to scramble across ditch where track swings round to the right!). Proceed along stream, then NE across field path. By Wood Farm, there should be continuation path NE but as field was ploughed on recce, went due east and cut over north to join B645, turn right and then take road to left into Hail Weston and pub.

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

Short Walk. **Leader, Ann M.** 0945.

165622 – 165619 – 158607 – 147609 – 132612 – 128609 – 128622 – 136633 – 157626 – 165622..

13 MAY

WALK 42.

Leader, Roger G.

Great Chishill – Building End – Chrishall Common – Chrishall – Great Chishill

Distance 10miles

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: The Pheasant pub.

Grid Ref 423389

Tel: 01763 838535

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on the A10 for Royston. In Royston turn left onto the B1039 for Barley and Great Chishill. In Great Chishill turn left at the road junction, the pub is 100 yds on the right

WALK: Rejoin the 'B' road and turn left, leave the village and just past The Hall farm go right through a hedge (need secatoures) and pass the left side of a wood to a road(GR439377), turn right and keep with the road when it bends sharp left between buildings, in a short distance at a fork go right. Ignore the 1st path off to the left and take the next by a small wood, cross the field to the corner of a wood and turn left to the next corner of the wood and turn right(GR443367) over the stream and left to continue with the hedge and stream. Take the next path right, just after a path on the left and before a bend in the headland, across a field through a hedge and turn left and follow the headland to Chiswick Hall. Here turn left to a road, bear left across the road and take the path to the church. Go left of the church to a road, cross and keep with the path as it turns right and comes out by the pub in Chrishall. Cross the road and take the path opposite, at a lane turn left and where the lane ends turn right, through a belt of trees to a road and turn left. In about 400yds take a path to the right between houses and passing an orchard on the right, keep left at a fork in a short distance and continue to a road, turn right and then left to a road, here turn left and at the road junction left to the pub.

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

Short Walk. **Leader, Roger S.** 0945.

423389 – 429385 – 437376 – 433359 – 444356 – 451386 – 445394 – 423389.

20 MAY

Walk 99.

Leader, John H.

Distance 9 miles

East Cambridge

Map: O S Landranger 154

Start: The White Swan. Grid Ref: 521606

Tel: 811821

Directions from Cambridge: Head through the village of Stow-cum-Quy the pub is on a slip road off to the right about 2/3s through the village.

Walk: Leave the hotel and go under the A14. At the Newmarket Road turn right, cross the stream and cross the road taking the path to the right of a house to Teversham. In Teversham turn right along the street, pass the church, and turn left at the road junction,495586. In 100yds cross the road taking the footpath signed to Cherry Hinton. In Cherry Hinton walk down the cul-de-sac and swing right and at the end of the road turn right, after a works building turn left down an alley coming out on Coldhams Lane. Cross the road and turn right taking the first footpath on the left at the end of the housing estate, 486574, in 150yds this turns right and passes a new sports centre on the left. Continue turning left over the railway, keep with this path until it comes out at the bottom of Mill Rd here turn sharp right along the stream passing through Sainsbury's car park onto Coldhams Lane. Cross the road going under the railway bridge then cross the road again. Continue to a lay-by turning left into Coldhams Common. In 50yds cross a stream and turn right, in 150yds the path swings sharp left continue to a metalled path and turn right to Newmarket Rd, 473594. Cross the road and turn left over the railway bridge. Take the 2nd right after the bridge, continue to its end and bear right joining a footpath to the river swinging right along the river. Keep to the east side of the river passing through Fen Ditton and under the A14. Turn immediate right, 484616, in 150yds the path turns left to a metalled drive, here turn right. At the road go straight across and follow the road/vehicle track as it turns right and swings right crossing A14. At the road junction turn left to the Newmarket Rd, turn left along the road and left under the A14 to the hotel.

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

Short Walk. **Leader , Felicia** 0945.

521606 – 517611 – 530626 – 543631 – 532649 – 526629 – 507629 – 520620 – 521606..

27 MAY

*Walk 97

Leader, Francis.

Ely – Littleport (travel by train) - Prickwillow – Ely

Distance 9 miles

MAP: OS Landranger 143

Start: Ely railway station. To catch 9.47 train to Littleport (see notes below)

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A10 to Ely. (see note below)

Walk: Leave the platform and turn left under the railway following this road until it meets the A10 and turn right over the river. At the roundabout turn right down a minor road alongside the river. In 150yds turn left, at the end of the houses onto a footpath go round the edge of the field and at a ditch turn left and in 20 yds right onto a metalled track here turn left and in 20 yds turn right (it should be possible to continue straight ahead and then turn ½ right ,try and use this) where this track meets the road turn left and in 200yds at a cross track turn right (this is the track queried earlier) to a road. At the road sidestep left across the dyke taking a path straight ahead follow this for 1 ½ miles to a road. Turn left. It is possible to use either the road or the river bank until just short of the railway bridge. If walking the bank cross a stile to the road by a mooring and follow the road into Prickwillow. Turn right through Prickwillow and in ½ mile at a Y junction go left. Having turned left follow a slip to the right signed Hereward Way following this for 2 miles to a road. Turn right and in 150yds left over a footbridge, continue over Cuckoo bridge passing an industrial site on the left. At the end of the industrial buildings turn left and follow this into Ely.

Notes. Meet at 0900 at The Cutter Inn, Annesdale, Ely, Tel: 01353 662713. Book lunch.

Directions from Cambridge. Take the A10 to the roundabout junction with the A142 just before Ely and turn right down the hill. Pass to the left of a business park and Tesco store. Cross a mini roundabout and at the next roundabout turn left and immediately right into Annesdale. Drive straight ahead until reaching The Cutter Inn at the end of the street. Park in the pub car park to the left of the pub. The station is about 8 minutes walk away. An alternative is to park in the car park by the river and have lunch in The Peacock Tea Rooms, but this can not be ordered in advance

Short Walk

Leader, John D.

Ely south and outskirts

Distance 6 miles

Map: OS Landranger 143/ Explorer 226

Start: The Cutter Inn, Annesdale, Ely. Grid Ref:544798

Tel: 01353 662713

Walk. With your back to the pub turn right and walk along the waterfront, past the Boat House restaurant and under the railway to the A142. Side step right cross the A142 signed Cawdle Fen and take the embanked path for 2.25 miles along the Ouse, through Cawdle Fen to Grid Ref:535759. Turn right over the railway into Little Thetford. At Grid Ref:531763 turn right passing Braham Farm.. This path goes through lightly wooded scenery to eventually cross the A142. The path then wends its way north through the grounds of Ely Golf Course and then the King's School to reach mediaeval Ely. Cross a square with great views of the Cathedral and then bear right through the Arch of The King's School, proceed through parkland – again with magnificent views of the Cathedral – on a gradual descent towards the river. Entering Jubilee Gardens, pass the recently (2003) hoisted Barnack Stone and , on reaching the river, turn right to The Cutter.

3 JUNE

Walk 116

Leader, Aubrey.

Godmanchester – Hemingfords – St Ives – Houghton – Godmanchester Distance 10 miles

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 Ann M.** 0945.

244709 – 248709 – 256715 – 281719 – 277714 – 264715 – 256707 – 244709.

10 JUNE

WALK 15: Balsham-Horseheath-West Wickham-West Wrating-Balsham. Distance 9 miles.

MAP: OS Landranger 154.

START: The Bell pub

Grid Ref: 585505

Tel: 894415

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge by going down Cherry Hinton Road and continue passing Fulbourn Hospital on the left, through Fulbourn to Balsham. At the T-junction turn left, the road goes round to the right, the road turns right again, after the bend go straight ahead down a lane, the start is in 100yds.

WALK: Continue down the lane and follow it through a Z bend to a T-junction with a bridleway and turn left to a road. Cross the road and continue ahead, ignore a farm road which crosses the path, and go straight on at the next X path, at the next X path turn left to a road in Streetly End and turn right. At the T-junction go across the grass island and take a path opposite up the side of a house (it is not immediately obvious), at a X path go straight ahead, this bends sharp left and crosses another path and heads for the left side of a wood. At the far end of the wood turn left at a X path and keep on to a road in West Wickham. Cross the road and take the path through a garden, the path turns right down the back of some houses to a stile through a hedge, on the far hillside is a wood and the path goes left along the near side. Ignore a path off to the right at the far corner of the wood and continue to a wide track skirting West Wrating Park and turn right to a road. At the road turn left and in 75yds turn right across a field to another road, here go straight across and head for the left corner of a wood 100yds ahead, keep in the same general direction into West Wrating. Look for the pub and go down the road to the left for 200yds and turn right down a cul de sac, at the end turn left past a house and in a few yards turn right across a field to a wood, in the wood bear left and follow the back to Balsham.

NOTES: Start time 10 am. Lunch may be ordered at the Bell before the start.

Short Walk

Leader, John H

Balsham – Roman Road – Balsham

Distance 6.5 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209

Start: The Black Bull.

Grid Ref: 587506.

Tel: 01223 893844.

Directions from Cambridge. Two routes. First, take the A1307, past Addenbrooke's, towards Haverhill. After crossing the A11 interchange and passing the Abingtons take the next left, a minor road, through Hildersham to Balsham. At the T junction turn right and join the B1052 into the village. The pub is on the right after the Z bend. Second, GO out through Fulbourn and take the minor road crossing the A11 to Balsham joining the B1052 as above.

Walk. From the pub turn right and continue on through the village. At the edge of the village turn right onto a track. Pass near to a water tower and continue to a minor road. Turn right and continue until you reach the Harcamlow Way and turn right. In about 1 mile turn right onto the Icknield Way and return to Balsham, turn right to the pub.

17 JUNE

Stour Valley. Reach – Great Bradley.

Distance 12miles.

Map: OS Landranger 154.

Meet: Great Bradley.

Grid Ref: 671530

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1303 cross the A14 and continue towards Bottisham. In about one mile turn right to Six Mile Bottom. Cross the A1304 and continue to Brinkley. In Brinkley cross the B1052, go through the village passing the church on your left. Take the next left and at the B1061 turn right to Great Bradley.

Meet at 0915. This will be a picnic lunch.

Short Walk. Same timings as group. Start GR: 619615. Distance 8 miles. Decide leader on the day.

24 JUNE

Stour Valley. Great Bradley – Stoke by Clare.

Distance 10.25 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 & 155

Meet: Stoke by Clare.

Grid Ref: 741435.

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A 1307 to Haverhill. Take the Haverhill bypass A1017 through Sturmer and turn left on the A1092 for Clare.

Meet at 0915. This will be a picnic lunch.

Short Walk. Same timings as group. Start GR680503. Distance 7 miles. Decide leader on the day.

1 July

WALK 51.

Great Eastern – Little Cambridge – Richmond's Green – Thaxted – Tilty – Great Eastern

Distance 9 ½ mls

Map: OS Landranger 167

Start: The Swan pub

Grid Ref 605254.

Tel 01371 870359

Directions from Cambridge: Take the M11 south to junction 8 and go eastward on the A120 to Great Dunmow. At the roundabout at the beginning of the Great Dunmow by-pass go left into the town. In the town you need the B184 to Thaxted, but it is not signed from this direction. Look out for a sign to the left for the Sports Centre, this is the B184. Follow it to Great Eastern and turn left into the village. The pub is on the right as you start to go down a hill.

WALK: Leave the pub car park and turn left, take the path to the right of the village hall and follow it to the B184, turn left and in 200yds turn right (Grid Ref 611261) across the road continue to the corner of a field with a large house off to right across a field, here turn left and follow a headland. In about 200yds look for a rail sleeper bridge through a hedge and over a ditch, the hedge needs cutting back. Here head to the left of the farm in the hollow and cross a stream via a farm bridge, turn right with a stream on the right and follow this to a road (Grid Ref 622270). Cross the road and go to the left of the hedge, not to the right as the sign post indicates. In 200yds look for a sign to the right through a hedge, once through turn left along a hedge and when this ends cross to the corner of the field cross the stream and climb a slope to a gate. Take the track ahead to the corner of a wood where it joins a good farm track, keep with this when it leaves the wood, do not turn right at a junction at the far corner of the wood. In a short distance there is a farm on the right, here the track goes left and then right to join a road, turn left. Follow the road for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to Richmond's Green, turn right at the sign post (Grid Ref 624290) and as the road enters a farm yard turn left. Keep with this path as it turns left and in 100yds right, keep to the left of the hedge, at a cross path turn left down the hill to a road, side step right and take the path to the river and turn left. You keep with this path for about 2miles, at the 2nd road (Grid Ref 602269) go right to a T junction, cross the road and take the path to the right of a stream, the path turns left across the stream at the corner of a wood and then continues straight ahead with a hedge on the left to a gate. Head towards a house and turn left into a field just before it, cross the field to Tilty church. Cross the east end of the church and take the path just to the right at a road, follow this to a road, turn right and then left to Great Eastern. The pub is to the right.

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

Short Walk. **Leader, Kari Anne.** 0945

605254 – 601249 – 584249 – 584260 – 582266 – 566275 – 575280 – 582280 – 600264 – 605254

8 JULY

WALK 31.

Leader, Peter L

Dalham – Gazeley – Barrow - Dunstal Green - Dalham.

Distance 10mils

Map: OS Landranger 154 &155

Start: The Affleck Arms

Grid Ref: 723617

Tel: 01638 500306

Directions to start from Cambridge. Drive to Newmarket, at the roundabout, by the clock tower at the east end of Newmarket High Street, take the B1063 to Ashley. When the road goes sharp right go straight on, in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile take the right fork and join the B1085 turning right into Dalham. The pub car park is on the right just before a sharp right bend, behind the pub as you approach the village.

WALK. Turn left out of the pub along the river and cross a bridge on the left in 150m. Follow this path to a road and turn left to Gazley. In Gazley take the road opposite the pub, signed Icknield Way, bear right through an estate and pass between two houses to a field enters a piece of strip woodland, when the path goes sharp right go left and head for a farm. Go right round the buildings to a metalled road and turn left, follow this and go right by a row of cottages (Grid Ref 737635). Keep ahead over a road to a 2nd road and turn right into Barrow. Opposite the post office go right, past the village pond through some new houses, cross a road and go through a deer farm. At the road go left and then right to an orchard, turn left along the trees to a metalled track and turn left through a gate. Bear right at two signs and swing left round an overgrown

Motte & Bailey (Grid Ref 746628). Continue ahead ignoring a path to the right and at a path finger post keep to the right side of a ditch, follow the path round the headland and in the far corner turn left through a hedge and left again on a bridle path. Follow the path to a road. At the road turn right past a farm and look for a gap in the hedge on the right, it is signed. Turn left in the field past the back of a house (Grid Ref 745602) and cross a track and the corner of a field to a hedge and go left. Follow the hedge to the bottom right hand corner of the field, cross a ditch to lane and go right and left into a meadow. Follow the hedge and look for a right turn into the wood, go through the wood to a cross path at its edge, (Grid Ref 732616) turn right and in a short distance left onto a path between trees. At a road go across and follow the lane to a church, just beyond the church turn left along an avenue of trees to a road, turn left and return to the pub.

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

Short Walk. **Leader, Jan**

Walk. Turn left out of the pub and take the road beside the brook. Ignore road to right - to church – and go straight ahead uphill. Turn right at a kissing gate to follow a path between an avenue of trees. At the next kissing gate turn right onto a road, in 100yds fork left on a made up road and in another 200yds bear left onto a path into Brick Kiln Wood. After 400yds come out of the wood and skirt its right side. After traversing a valley, go left back into the wood. After 300yds you emerge onto the right hand edge of a large field. Go straight ahead into Blocksey Wood; bear left, heading NW along the edge of the wood. Leave the wood and almost immediately go into Bluebutton Wood, still heading NW. Follow the farm track straight ahead, cross the Gazeley green heading for a path skirting the left hand house to the Gazeley-Higham road. Follow this to a T junction. Turn right, cross the road to walk in front of Gazeley church. Take the signed footpath left into the churchyard and out via a gate onto a path. After 600yds on this path you come to the Moulton road. Go left and into Moulton. . Cross the village to the church and enter the churchyard. On the other side of the church take a bridleway signposted left. Continue for 1 mile to the Gazeley-Ashley road. Turn right and in 50yds turn left onto a path through light woodland. Follow paths to Dalham.

15 JULY

WALK 22.

Leader, David C.

ASHWELL-GULDEN MORDEN-STEEPLE MORDEN-ASHWELL.

Distance 9miles.

MAP: OS Landranger 153

START: Bushel & Strike pub. Grid Ref: 267398 Tel: 01462 742394

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on the A10 for Royston. At the roundabout junction with the A505 turn right for Baldock. Cross two roundabouts keeping to the A505. In 2 miles turn right signed Ashwell, in ½ mile turn left, after entering the village turn left at the War Memorial along the High Street .The pub is opposite the church which is to the right behind the High Street, about ¾ of the way along the street.

WALK: With your back to the pub go left. As the road bends right go ahead through a kissing gate and follow the path to a road, turn left and in 20yds right. Continue over a ditch to a farm road and turn right along it to a road junction. Cross the road and take the right hand of the Y junction for 500yds, turn left opposite a cottage along a good path. After 200yds the land is cultivated and at the time of my walk the path was not evident. The path continues nearly due north for a mile then passes through some farm buildings to a road. Cross the road and follow a path with a fence/paddock on your right to a cross path and turn right along a wide grass path to a road. Cross the road and take a path to the right of a house following left round the back of the garden and keep ahead, ignoring a path of to the right. The path comes out at a small recreation ground, follow round heading for the church, at the road turn right to a road junction with the Edward V11 pub opposite, turn right and in 300yds right again along a path for 200yds and turn left onto a bridleway. As this meets a road take a path to the right with a stream on your left, in a short

distance turn left over the stream, follow the path right then left to come out at a road by a bungalow. Go left and in 50yds right, in about 150yds right again down the back of gardens. Cross a stile into a paddock with rows of trees and keep to the right of it reaching a stile at the bottom right corner. Turn left for 50yds and right along a metalled footpath, follow this to the hamlet of Morden Green and continue along the street, the path continues straight ahead. The path joins a hedge with a stream on the left, follow this to a corner of a field. The path goes through the hedge, but I could find no obvious way, and turns right over a stile and then left across 2 paddocks to a farm road. Cross this and go along the side of an old barn aiming for a corner post of a fence/hedge 200yds away just to ones right. Continue ahead to reach a farm road and turn right. Follow this crossing a road and a cross path to Ashwell.

Notes: Start time 0930. Lunch may be ordered at the Bushel&Strike before the walk.

Short Walk.

Leader, Simon

Distance: 5.9

Ashwell.

Walk. Leave the pub car park and turn right down the road and in a short distance go left, with a narrow lane going off to the right. At the next junction keep left, the lane takes a sharp right and at the next junction, ref: 261402, go left over a ditch on to a path. At the road turn right and as the road bends right take a path to the left. At the next road side- step left and follow the path to the left of a house, in about 150yds turn right over a ditch. Cross a field then pass a farm joining a track heading towards the white gable of a house. The track rises and at a gate, ref: 238407, go left on a grass track to a road. Side step right and take New Inn Road, in 75yds turn left and pass the church on your left to a track and turn right. Keep ahead and at a hedge row go ½ left to a group of buildings. As you approach the buildings turn left along the garden of the large house (but*) and keep with this path as it climbs a slope to a road, ref: 251383. Side-step left and follow a path past a pig farm swinging left past a conifer copse, in due course pass through a hedge and turn left on a track. In a short distance turn right, there is a boarded up house on the left, on to the Ickneild Way. Take the road which bends to your left downhill back to the pub.

Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the start of the walk.
but*: take a moment to look at the front of the house it is interesting, also there are sculptures everywhere.

22 JULY

WALK14: ASHDON- WATER END- STOCKING GREEN- RADWINTER – RADWINTER END – ASHDON.

Distance 10 ½ miles

MAP: OS Landranger 154

START: The Rose & Crown. GRID REF 587422 Tel: 01799 584337

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on A1307, past Addenbrookes Hospital through Linton and turn right on a minor road to Bartlow, at the crossroads in Bartlow turn right for Ashdon, passing the Six Hills pub on the left. In Ashdon turn left opposite the pub and the carpark is a short distance on the right.

WALK: Leave the back of the carpark and take the path bearing ½ left across a meadow to a gap in the hedge, turn right and cross a bridge over a stream, turn left to cross a field heading for the church. Keep to the left of the church and before passing it turn left. Follow this path along field boundaries and pass through a hedge, turn left go down the field and at the bottom turn right to a wide track and then a road. Follow the road passing thatched buildings on the right, at the top of the hill turn left down the right side of a house. The path passes through an orchard keep straight on to cross a field and then a stream, the path bears right with the stream first on the left and then on the right to a road. Here the path should go through a copse but this is totally overgrown, keep to the left of the copse along the field boundary to a T junction and turn left with woodland first on the right and then on the left. On reaching a house keep right and then left round the house and take a footpath, this path meanders with 2 paths to the right, a cross path and a 3rd path off to the

right before reaching a road by a house. Here turn right and follow the road for about ½ mile, immediately after a sharp right hand bend take a signed footpath to the left past a house and across a stream, in 50 / 60 yds a path goes off to the left over a stile and through a hedge, a few yards further on this path passes left through the same hedge (and is very difficult to see) continue with the stream on the left to a 4 way track junction and turn back left over the stream to go up the right hand edge of a field to a road, turn left. Follow the road until it crosses a stream and here turn right continuing with the stream on the right to a road, at the road cross and continue with the stream on the left to a bridge. Turn left over the bridge and continue over a field and through a hedge. Once through the hedge look across a small meadow to see a gap in the opposite hedge make for this point (there is a large bramble to circumnavigate) to come to a road, turn right and in 100yds turn left and follow the path through a wood to its far side. At a cross path turn right the path bears right round the edge of the wood to a wide track, turn left. Follow the track into the wood ahead, once in the wood swing left and then right ignoring the track going off to the right. Follow the path through the wood and over a field to a farm road with the farm down to the left, turn right, follow the track to a large pond go left round the pond and follow the footpath ½ right heading for farm buildings. Pass down the left hand side of this farm and continue straight ahead to a T junction, turn left with the stream on the right follow this road back to Ashdon.

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

Short Walk.

Leader, Roger G.

Ashdon.

Distance: 5.9 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer

Walk. Turn left out of the pub car park and in 100yds turn left along a narrow lane. The lane ends and the footpath continues from the right hand corner. In 200yds turn left over a stile, the path goes between fences and at the end ease to the right to a field and turn right down the left hand side of the hedgerow to the bottom of the field and turn left to a road.(GR579424) Here turn right cross the bridge and turn left,go 1/2 right across the field cross a stream turning right along the left hand side of a hedgerow to Bowser. At a metalled road turn left pass in front of the house and follow this track round until it meets another track here turn left going down the right hand side of a hedgerow which is behind some trees. The path joins a metalled track passing a building on the right. When the track turns sharp left carry straight on ahead to the right hand side of a copse, continue straight ahead down the left hand side of a hedgerow to the corner of the field turning right over a sleeper bridge. In 100yds go right across the field then left down to a farm. Just beyond the farm on a metalled road turn left (GR 571419) down a hedgerow. At the end of the field cross a stream and turn right along the headland following this turning left and right to a road. At the road go left and in 200yds turn right, at the next road go left and in 400yds right down a broad track. The track rises to the crest of a hill and turns right and then swings left past the corner of a wood down to a stream here turn left. Continue passing through a farm yard and swing right into Water End. As you pass cottages on the right take the road going sharp left (GR 588407). Continue to a T junction and side step left taking a path to the right of a farm cottage. On entering a field keep to the left of a wooded area joining a farm track. In a short distance look for a gap through the hedge on the left taking this path down to a road. At the road go left and a T junction go right back to the pub.

29 JULY

Stour Valley. Stoke by Clare – Long Melford

Distance 11.5 miles

Map: OS Landranger 155

All Meet: The Black Lion Inn.

Grid Ref:866466

Tel:

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A 1307 to Haverhill. Take the Haverhill bypass A1017 through Sturmer and turn left on the A1092 for Clare and Long Melford. The pub is on the left just after you enter the village.

Meet at 0915. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. This is a pub worth using.

Short Walk. From GR: 773454. Distance 8 miles. Leader to be decided on the day.

5 AUGUST

Stour Valley. Long Melford – Burse.

Distance 11 miles

Map: OS Landranger 155 & 168

All Meet: Railway Station Burse.

Grid Ref:902339

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A 1307 to Haverhill. Take the Haverhill bypass A1017 through Sturmer and turn left on the A1092 for Clare and Long Melford. In Long Melford turn right onto the B1064 to a rondabout, here take the third exit to Sudbury. In Sudbury follow the circuit and at the first roundabout take the B1508 to Bures.

Meet at 0945. Lunch today will be a picnic.

Short Walk. From GR863408. Distance 7 miles. Leader to be decided on the day.

12 AUGUST

WALK 2: Toft-Comberton-Hardwick-Toft.

Distance 9 miles.

Map OS Landranger 153/154

Start: Car park in School Lane in Toft. GRID REF 360561

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1303, passing the American Cemetery, at the round-about turn left and then take 2nd left into Hardwick village. Stop at the Blue Lion pub in Hardwick to book lunch. We will travel from here to the start as a group if using the pub for lunch. If not, continue on the road to Toft, turn right at the road junction and left into School Lane.

WALK: Leave the carpark and turn right, in a short distance turn left over a meadow, passing the village church on your right. Continue until you reach a road turn right and then left to pass Comberton village church. Immediately after the church turn left and follow the footpath and road into Comberton. At the Xroads continue straight ahead until the road turns sharp right, take the footpath on the left. Follow the footpath, first west then north passing the righthand side of a copse to a track junction, here turn right. Follow path to road, turn left, in 50yds turn left again and follow a footpath with a stream on your right, this takes you into Hardwick. In Hardwick turn left and walk south to the end of the village housing, turn right onto the Harcamlow Way. Continue to a track junction and turn left and follow down the righthand side of Hardwick Wood, continue beyond the wood for 200yds turning left through a hedge and then right to follow the field boundary, after 400yds turn left still along a field boundary to return to Toft.

NOTES: Start time 9.30. PICNIC today. (Change this to start at Hardwick for a winter walk)

Short Walk. **Leader, Francis**

360560 – 347562 – 330564 – 325566 – 330574 – 356581 – 354572 – 362571 - 360560

19 AUGUST

Walk 88

Ridgewell – Stanbourne – Great Yeldham – Ridgewell

Distance 9 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/155

Start: The White Horse Inn

Grid Ref. 735406

Tel No 01440785532

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1307 to Haverhill. Take Haverhill by pass, A1017 and continue for 5 miles to Ridgewell. The pub is on the right hand side at the end of the village.

Walk: Continue along the A1017 and in 300yds at a layby turn right along the footpath. Head for a lone tree in the field and continue to a thick hedgerow crossing a bridge over a stream into some woodland. Continue ahead on an ill defined path, on exiting the woodland follow the left hand side of a hedgerow which bends right then left to a farm track. Here turn right and in about 100yds turn left through a wide gap in the hedge. Ahead there is a hedgerow with some woodland to the right of it, go to the right of the woodland continuing along the field. At the end of the woodland continue ahead across the next field and then turn left heading to the left hand side of a Hall in the distance. At the bottom of the field there is a deep ditch, go left to find a stile at the corner of a field. Cross the stile and go diagonally across the field through a gate way, ease right to a stile. Go along the side of a small sewage works before coming out in the village of Stanbourne. At the road go left taking the left hand fork of a Y junction and in 100yds go right across the bottom of a garden to a gap in the hedge. Continue straight across the field to a metalled road and go straight across. Head for the left hand corner of a wood continuing ahead passing between barns in a farm yard to a metalled farm road turning left into Toppesfield. Go straight through the village passing the church on the right hand side. Keep ahead as the road becomes a metalled track and eventually a bridleway to a road. Turn left and about 100yds before a house on the right hand side turn right through a gateway. Cross the field towards the pond ahead turning left at the fence following this over a disused railway through the garden of a pub to a road. Turn left and in 150yds turn right down a drive keep ahead when the drive turns left joining the drive again easing right then left. Follow this path as it swings left through a field and in about 200yds locate a rail sleeper bridge over a ditch, cross this and continue to a road. Turn left and in a short distance turn right up some steps following the footpath between gardens to open fields and then a road. Turn left and in 150yds turn right (this turn is well hidden in the bushes) in a short distance cross a bridge over a stream, in 100yds at a waymark turn right along a school boundary into a parkland. Continue ahead with the woodland on the right for about 1 mile until you reach some old air field metalled peri- tracks. Turn right taking the first left through a gateway continuing to a road. Turn right and in 100yds turn left crossing a field to a hedgerow, go through the hedgerow crossing into a field, in the field turn right heading for a gap in the far corner, pass through the gap turning left to Ridgewell church. Continue past the church into the village and turn left for the pub.

Notes: Start 9 30. Lunch may be ordered before starting the walk.

Short Walk. **Leader, David C.**

735406 – 744404 – 747405 – 758387 – 760384 – 730370 – 727380 – 723386 – 730397 – 735406.

26 AUGUST

Walk 117

Distance 8.75 miles

Brandon, Santon Downham, Thetford railway station.

Landranger map 144.

Report: Thetford Station.

Grid Ref: 868837

Turn left out of Brandon railway station into the town. After 500 meters turn left opposite the Methodist chapel into a no through road (787867). The road gives way to an un-surfaced track and finally into a footpath. Continue straight on past the riding school. Keep with this footpath through the forest and at about 808875 the path crosses a wide forest ride and after about 150 metres the path forks. Take the left fork leading to a road into Santon Downham after about 200metres. Follow the road to the T-junction in front of the church and turn right. After about 200metres turn left onto the forest road (818875). Follow this track for about 1.8km and turn right (835870) onto a narrow path through the trees that emerges, after a short distance, onto a wide forest ride. Go straight across through a narrow band of trees and across a field. At the boundary of the field turn left and after about 100 metres, opposite a coppice of mature Scots pines,

(840868) turn right onto a narrow path, through closely planted pine trees about 10 years old, which emerges onto a wide forest track after about 200 metres. Turn right and after 300 metres (844867) turn left across an open space towards the river. The path forks at the edge of the wood. Go left dropping onto a marshy area leading to a bridge across the river. Follow the path to an open area (ignore the sign to Thetford) and keep to the path by the river with the power generating plant on the left. Follow the path keeping the river on your right until you reach the road at Thetford Priory (868833). Turn left onto the road and where it bends to the right turn left along Station Road. The station is straight ahead.

Notes. Thetford railway station to catch the 10 o'clock (approx) to Brandon. Picnic today. **No short walk**

2 SEPTEMBER

Walk 115

Dane End –Haultwick – Great Munden - Sacombe – Dane End

Distance 9miles

Map: OS Explorer 194

Start: The Boot ??

Grid Ref: 334215

Tel: 01920 438770

(alternative Burns Green 3022)

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A10 south through Royston past Buntingford to the A120 roundabout junction. TAKE CARE THERE IS A NEW ROAD WHICH IS NOT MAPPED. At the roundabout go right signed Colliers End, 150yds after the roundabout turn right for Levens Green and Dane End. The pub is on the right hand side.

Walk: Leave the pub car park and turn right and turn right at the Post Office. Follow Kingsfield Road as it swings right taking a footpath off to the left. When the path enters a field take the left hand footpath of two. Continue ahead ignoring one footpath to the right to a road. Here turn right following the road round to the right, passing a pond on the left. In a further 200yds turn left along a roadway and in 100yds the footpath turns right, across a cricket field, keep with this for ½ mile and a path junction turn left, this path swings right between houses to a road, turn left. In 200yds turn right down Frogs Hall Lane along the front of houses, soon the road turns into a bridle track and at a junction keep right. In 150yds at the corner of a hedge the path goes diagonally left over two fields to a corner of a wood. Keep to the right hand side of the wood and swing round left at the end of the wood to a gateway straight ahead. At the gateway turn right down a green lane ignore a path off to the left in 200yds continuing to Bugby's farm. Pass through the farm keeping ahead ignore a path off to the right, as you approach the corner of a field take a footpath off to the left to a road. Turn right past the church and at crossroads go diagonally across signed Puckeridge . The road goes downhill and at the bottom take a footpath on the right, at the next road sidestep left taking a footpath which swings right down the edge of a field. Just past a lone tree turn left along a hedgerow and at the top of a rise turn left through a gateway (this may now be the end of the hedge and no gate) then go diagonally right across a field, cross a footbridge and a stile in the hedge straight ahead. The path crosses a field and swings left after a hedge corner, here head to the right hand side of a barn coming out into a green lane, turn left and at the road turn left. In 250yds turn right down a bridle track to a metalled lane, turn right and in 100yds left in a further 150yds turn left through a small gateway cross the field and then cross two stiles close together then through a horse paddock, keep ahead for ½ mile to Potter's Green. At the road turn right and in a few yards left down Rowney Lane. In ½ mile the lane bends sharp right, in 50yds take a path on the left which goes along side a garden and then turns right across fields to a road. At the road turn right swinging left with the road ignore the first path off to the left just round the corner taking the second opposite a farm. The path goes right diagonally across the field to a stile just below a dogs leg in the hedge, the path continues entering woodland, past the church to a road. Here turn right and keep with the road when it goes left and right to a road junction. Go straight across continue straight ahead with this path until you can see a sewage works down to the left, take a path down to the left to a road and turn right to Dane End.

Notes: start time 9 30am. Lunch may be ordered before the walk
(Short walk to be decided after checking pub)

9 SEPTEMBER

Stour Valley. Burse – Stoke by Nayland. Distance. 8.5 miles
We could stay at a hotel after the walk and walk the last stretch next day to break two long
journeys. There is accommodation available in the area. Both walks suitable for short walkers

16 SEPTEMBER

WALK 47: Walkern – Benington – Burns Green – Wood End – Walkern Distance 9 ½ miles
Map: OS Landranger 166
Start: White Lion, Walkern: Grid Ref 290263. Tel: 01438 861251

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on the A10, through Royston, to the roundabout at
Buntingford. Turn right onto the A507, signed Baldock, to Cottered, here turn left onto the B1037
to Walkern. The pub is on the left just after entering the village.

WALK; Walk down the left hand side of the village street to the garage and take the path down
the right side, the path goes ½ right and heads for the far corner of a wood (grid ref 294255),
pass through a hedge and turn right and as you enter a wood turn left and follow this path to
reach a road by Walkern Hall, turn left and then right along the front of the Hall until reaching a
road. Follow the road through Benington village, passing the church on your right, and in 250yds,
just before a right bend (GR 295233), go left over a stile across a field to a gate and then go
downhill to a ditch and follow this on your right hand side to a gate, pass through and turn left,
with a hedge on the left, and in a short distance go right at a path junction. In 200yds the path
joins a tarmac track past some cottages, in 150yds at a Y junction (GR306226) take the right fork
and keep with the path that swings to the left, after crossing a field the path goes to the left of a
cottage to a road, here turn right. Keep ahead until the road bends sharp left, here keep straight
ahead. The path bends left in 150yds to a road, go across and keep with this path for about
3miles to Wood End (327254). At the road in Wood End turn left and go straight ahead when the
road turns right, passing a 12th century house on your right, ignore all paths to left and right and
follow this path to Walkern passing the church on your right to a road junction, turn left to the pub.

Notes: Start 0930am. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the start. Interest, possible visit to
Lordship Gardens, Benington, site of ancient castle. Tel 01438 869668 for pre-booking.

If we did not complete the Stour Valley last week we will do it instead of this walk.

Short Walk. **Leader, David S.**

290263 – 286259 – 281240 – 299237 – 304250 – 308256 – 316254 – 321256 – 294265 –
290263.

23 SEPTEMBER

WALK 6: Kirtling-Green-Burrough Green-Dullingham Ley-Stetchworth Ley-Ditton Green-Kirtling
Green

MAP: OS Landranger 154

START: Red Lion pub Kirtling Green. Grid Ref: 684560 Tel: 01638 731976
(at the moment this pub is closed)

Directions to start from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on the A1303 for Newmarket, at the
roundabout junction with the A1304 go straight across and take the minor road to Stetchworth,
continue to Woodditton. At the cross roads in Woodditton turn right, signed Kirtling. At the next
road junction turn left, the Red Lion is on the left.

WALK: Return along the road to Woodditton, after 300yds turn left onto a signed path past a reservoir, continue with the reservoir overflow stream on the left, cross the stream at a minor road crossing and continue to a wood on the right, 50yds beyond the far corner of the wood turn right and follow the path to the left of the next piece of woodland to a stile. Here either continue ahead or follow the field boundary round to the right (depends on the number and age of cattle in the field) to a stile at the corner of a wood, follow the left side of the wood until the path passes through the wood, keep with the path and in 600yds approx turn right up the slope of a field, at the top the path turns left and heads for a farm, at the farm continue ahead to a grass lane and turn right. The lane becomes a path, continue to a minor road and turn right, pass a telephone box and in 50yds turn left. At a path junction turn right and in 50yds turn left to continue with a wood on your right to a minor road, turn right and in 150yds turn left again with woodland on the right, follow the path round the edge of two woods after which the path turns left to a road, turn right towards the water tower in Ditton Green and turn right with the road, then go straight ahead along a lane between houses, continue ahead to enter a wood, keep on, taking the second fire-break/track on the left to a road. Turn right for 300yds approx and turn left along a signed path. Follow the path with a stream on the right and take the 2nd path on the right, this has a wood on the left, follow the path round the wood and turn right, in 150yds turn left between paddocks to a lane and turn left to a road, turn right to the Red Lion 400yds ahead.

NOTES: Start time 9.45am. Lunch may be booked at the pub before the start of the walk. Decide short walk nearer the time, hopefully the pub might reopen.

30 SEPTEMBER. Rest day.