

## U3AC

### WALKING FOR PLEASURE

#### PROGRAMME 1 (WEEKLY)

OCT 09 TO MAR 10

6 OCT 09

Walk 1

Stow cum Quy – Lode - ScQ

Map: (1). OS Landranger 154

Start: The White Swan.

Leader:

Distance: 6 miles

Grid Ref: 521606

Tel: 01223 811821

Directions from Cambridge. Take the A1303, past Marshalls Airport, cross the A14 to Stow cum Quy. The pub is on the slip road on the right.

Walk. With ones back to the pub turn right and go across the X road on the minor road. When the road crosses a river, turn right along the left bank. Follow the river along the back of Anglesey Abbey to Lode. The path breaks away from the river and in a short distance you come to a track with a metal gate on your right. Go through the opening at the side of the gate and go left and turn left along a track. Shortly after turning left ignore a path to the right. In about ½ mile the track swings left, a path goes off to the left, continue straight ahead. In about 200yds the track bears right into a field, continue ahead on a signed path round the edge of a field to a bridge over a stream and a kissing gate. Just beyond the gate is a marker post and a Y junction, keep right. Take a diagonal across the field to a stile and turn right (a pair of secateurs could be useful as a bramble interferes with the path) to a pond. At the far end of the pond cross the stile and go down the right side of the hedgerow, pass under the overhead power lines, the path eases left and in 100yds turn left. At a X path go ahead on a farm track, pass Allicky Farm and keep left at a Y junction just past the farm, stay with the track as it goes right and then sharp right. Take the next path on the left, through a kissing gate, about 300yds, and rejoin the road into Stow cum Quy.

Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

13 OCT 09

WALK 71. WITCHFORD

Map: OS Landranger 143

Start: The Caterinn Co

Grid Ref: 502788.

Tel: 01353 663763

Direction from Cambridge. Take the A10 north towards Ely. After the roundabout at Stretham take the first left to Witchford. At the T junction in the village turn left the pub is on the right.

WALK. 502788 ,505783, 492773, 494803, 502811, 508796, 502788

20 OCT 09

Walk 5

The Wilbrahams

Map: OS Landranger 154

Start: Hole in the Wall

Leader

Distance: 6 miles

Grid Ref: 548573

Tel: 812282

Directions from Cambridge. Two options. Take the A1303, cross the A14 and turn right at Dunsley Corner. Take the 1st right to Little Wilbraham the pub is on the right round the first bend. OR go to Fulbourn and follow the signs to Great Wilbraham and then Little Wilbraham, you have to go into the village don't by pass it.

Walk. The path goes along the back of the pub and is signed. Aim for a white barn and pink house. At the road side-step left and take the left of two paths to Hawk Mill farm (this crosses 2 fields, if they are v.v. wet you can go down the road and right past the mill on a track to the farm). At the farm ignore a white footpath sign. You go down the track with the farm cottage on your left, the track swings right round a small copse, here turn left onto another track and in a short distance go down the left side of a hedge. At the end of the field pass through a gap, there is a stile to the left into common land, continue in the same direction crossing a deep ditch and a stile to a road. Turn right, use the grass verge to walk along the road, and in 150yds turn left across a field to a works. The path goes right and circles the works to a road, you face Ernest Doe, turn left. Go over the level crossing and in 600yds, when the road turns sharp right, cross it and turn left signed 'nature reserve'. The path has a long straight before winding to the right, at this point look left for a double gate into Fulbourn Fen, the nature reserve, and go in. Take the path ahead passing two superb old oaks and through the first of 4 gates as you swing to the right. After the last gate turn left, the path swings right and crosses a bridge again turn left. Fleam Dyke is to the right as you ease left then straight ahead along a good field track. At a T junction go left and in 150yds right to cross the railway and into Great Wilbraham. At the road turn left\* and in about ½ mile, as the road turns sharp left, turn right onto a track. Go through a gate onto a common, the path slowly eases to the

right to a new (Sep 06) bridge, there is a junction of streams and ditches, head toward the wind mill keeping to the right of a ditch, this turns left to a track. Turn right past the mill into Little Wilbraham, through the village to the pub.

**Notes:** Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. If you use the car park please use the pub, a drink will do, as the landlady gets upset if one just parks for "free".

\* It may be wise to send one person ahead to warn traffic at the corner where you turn right as it is a fast approach road.

27 OCT 09

WALK 72. MEPAL

Map: OS Landranger 143

Start: The Three Pickerels

Grid Ref: 440812.

Tel: 01353 777777

Direction from Cambridge. Take the A10 north towards Ely. At the Strethham roundabout turn left onto the A1123 to Haddenham. In Haddenham turn right onto the A1421. At the T junction with A142 turn left. In about 2 miles turn right into Mepal, the pub is at the far end of the village on the New Bedford River.

WALK. 440812, 457824, 465831, 476824, 470813, 452811, 440812.

3 NOV 09

Walk 3

Leader

Barrington – Harlton – Barrington

Distance: 5.5 miles

Map: (3). OS Landranger 154

Start: Royal Oak

Grid Ref 390495

Tel: 870791

**Directions from Cambridge. Two possibilities. Take the A10 south through Harston and turn right just before the level crossing at Foxton, turn left at the T junction by the church in Barrington, the pub is on the left in 400yds. OR take the A603 through Barton and turn left to Haslingfield. In Haslingfield turn right to Barrington, the pub is on the left at the far end of the village.**

**Walk. Turn right, towards the church, and take the 2nd gravel track to the left and pass to the left of the cricket pavilion. Keep ahead along field edges and across a field to a farm track, turn left. As the track meets a road, turn right uphill on a byway to Harlton. At the road, facing 2 thatched cottages, turn right through the village and turn right 50yds past the Hare & Hounds pub. The path enters a clunch pit, go to the left of the sign as marked then ease right to go up the slope then turn left to the easy slope out of the pit, follow the path round to the right and turn left. The path continues through trees to a T junction, (just left of the junction is a view point over the quarry) turn right. In a short distance the path eases left out of the trees onto a headland, turn left at the next hedgerow. Go to the right of the farm and continue into Barrington, turn right to the pub.**

**Notes:** Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

10 NOV 09

\*Walk 32.

Leader.

Ashdon.

Distance: 5.9 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer

Start:

Grid Ref: 587422.

Tel: 01799 584337

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Pass Linton and as the road bends left and starts to rise turn right. At the next crossroads turn right to Ashdon, the pub is on the right opposite a T junction.

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.

Notes: start time 10am. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

**17 NOV 09**

**\*Walk16**

**Leader**

**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**

**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 at the end of the street. Park in the pub car park.**

**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 winds 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.**

**Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk**

**It is possible to park at Grid Ref : 548801, to get there take the next right after 'Annesdale', go to a T junction turn right, then go straight ahead when the road turns left, in about 100yds turn left sharp back on yourself, the road is very narrow, it then turns right. You can park on the side of the road as it gets wider or go down to its end and turn left into a 'fisherman's' car park, its free. This gives you greater freedom in choosing where to eat, there is the Peacock Tea Room, T: 661100, home made everything, but you can't prebook and the Boat House, T: 664388, a bit more expensive, but both very good as is the pub.**

**24 NOV 09**

**\*Walk 6**

**Leader:**

**Litlington – Steeple Morden**

**Distance 5 ½ miles**

**Map: OS Landranger 153 / Explorer 208**

**Start: The Crown. 0**

**Grid Ref: 311428**

**Tel: 01763 853859**

**Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A603 through Barton to the junction with the A1198 and turn left towards Royston. Pass the barracks and at a mini-roundabout in Kneesworth turn right through Bassingbourn to Litlington. The Crown is on the right at the junction of the one way system, turn right and park on the road. Do not block any drive-ways.**

**Walk. From the Crown turn right towards the church. Turn left onto the tarmac path through the churchyard to the opposite corner and pass through a kissing gate. Side step left, cross the road and take the path to Steeple Morden. Follow the dirt path across the first field, cross a sleeper bridge and bear right to the corner of the second field and enter a third field. Follow the edge of this field, turning left at a ditch towards another wooden bridge which crosses the ditch. Turn left and again follow a narrow grass path shortly passing right and then left towards a farm track which crosses it at right angles. Turn right onto the track and at a waymark turn left up a gentle dirt slope. Beyond the horizon turn right onto another track, Guilden Morden church is now in view. In ½ miles turn right at the road and follow the road left across a small stream called Cheney Water.**

**Where the road bears right go left at a footpath sign and then at a waymark bear to the right along a narrow footpath, following the fence on the left. Pass through a gate into a pasture and head for the far right corner to a gate. Turn left into the village street opposite Cheney Close and in 50yds turn right at a footpath sign along Black Lane. Continue along the path to a road with a telephone box on the left. Here go straight on past a sign 'Public Footpath to Ashwell Street'. Walk past the cottages onto a grassy track towards a band of trees about 300yds away, bear left by a waymark through trees to the tiny Cheney Water on your left. Continue through the trees and cross over the bridge (with waymark) on the left and climb out of the valley over a style into a field. Turn right and walk along the fence and at its end turn left and the right onto an old runway. At the end of the runway turn left onto a track for about 125yds, then turn right onto a path. At the T junction turn left onto the Icknield Way ( electricity wires on wooden poles follow this path) towards Litlington, continue over grassy and concrete areas to a waymark on the left, bear left onto another grassy path to Litlington. At the village turn left into Church Street and the Crown.**

Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

1 DEC 09

Walk 7

Leader

Moulton – Dalham – Gazeley – Moulton

Distance 6 ½ miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 210

Start: The Kings Head

Grid Ref: 697647

Tel: 01638 750156

**Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1303, past the airport and Bottisham to the clock tower in Newmarket. Turn right (B1063) and immediately left to Moulton.**

**Walk. 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. Go past the pub and turn right to cross the bridge. Turn left and 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 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**

**Notes. Start time 10'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.**

8 DEC 09

WALK 73. WILLINGHAM

Map:OS Landranger 154

Start: The Black Bull

Grid Ref: 403700.

Tel: 01954 261555

Direction from Cambridge. Two routes.

Take the A14 to Bar Hill, fly off and take the B1050 through Longstanton to Willingham.

Take the B1049 through Histon to Cottenham. In cottenham turn left through Rampton to Willingham.

The pub is on the right of the B1050 in a side street.

WALK: 403700, 420697, 438721, 418729, 405712, 403700.

15 DEC 09

.\*Walk 27.

Leader

Horseheath

Distance: 5.4 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Start: The Old Red Lion

Grid Ref: 616469

Tel: 892909

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Horseheath is the next village after Linton. Turn left into Horseheath and the pub is on the right in 150yds.

Walk: Continue down the village road passing a road going to the left to the end of the houses on the left hand side and turn left onto a footpath. The path crosses 2 fields rising to a hedgerow(621471) here turn left with the hedge on the left. On reaching a fenced area on the right go straight across the field to a farm track and turn right. Follow this track but look for the footpath going off to the left of the track just after the track has done a small Z bend. The footpath goes through the centre of a small copse of fir trees ahead. If you reach a sign saying PRIVATE you have gone too far. Continue to a road and turn left. In about 200yds as the road bends sharp right(637474) turn left going down the right hand side of a hedge. Keep with the headland which swings right to a bridge crossing a stream on your left. Continue keeping the hedge on the left to a wood. Turn left into the wood to a bridge over a stream. The footpath continues straight ahead now with the wood on the right. In about 150yds at the corner of the wood go about ¼ left to a corner of the wood on the horizon.(624481) Here turn right to Hill Farm. As you approach the farm keep to the left until you reach a farm track crossing your front and turn left. There is a triangulation point to the right of the track continue a further 150yds beyond this and turn right across the field to a bridge over a stream. Here turn ½ left towards the church, at the road turn left and at a T junction turn right pass the church on the right and in a further 100yds turn left. At the next road(605484) turn left and in about 200yds turn right. At a cross path sidestep right taking the path down the right hand side of a stream to Horseheath. At the road turn right and at the T junction turn right to the pub.

Notes: Start time 10am. Lunch may be ordered before starting the walk.

22 DEC 09

Walk 9

Leader

Granchester – Newnham – Trumpington – Granchester

Distance 5 ¼ miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 208

Start: The Red Lion.

Grid Ref: 436554.

Tel: 01223 840121

Directions from Cambridge. Two routes. First, leave Cambridge on the A603 towards Barton. In Newnham take the 1st left after the Black Bull pub to Granchester. In Grandchester turn left by The Green Man pub, the Red Lion is on the left in 100yds. Second, leave Cambridge on the A10. In Trumpington turn right down Maris Lane, past Bidwells, to Grandchester and turn right by the Green Man pub.

Walk. Walk down the lane beside the pub car park and continue across Granchester Meadows until you reach the Barton Road (via Eltisley Avenue) in Newnham. Turn right onto a minor road, which soon becomes a path, by the side of Lam-mas land, at the footbridge cross the Cam and continue to Trumpington Road opposite Brooklands Avenue. Cross to Brooklands Avenue and in a short distance turn right along Hobson's Brook. Continue going under Long Road and bear right along the disused rail track. About ½ mile after Long Road turn right onto a broad track, skirting around school grounds and continue along Alpha Terrace to the A10 in Trumpington. Cross the road and turn left then right into Church Lane to Grantchester.

Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

29 DEC 10

Walk 21. Stetchworth

Distance 5.7 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Start: The Marquess of Granby

Grid Ref: 641584.

Tel: 01638 507628

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A1303 past the airport to the roundabout junction with A1304. Go straight across onto the minor road. At the B1061 turn right and immediately left and continue into Stetchworth. The pub is on the right by a right hand junction.

Take 'Tea Kettle Lane' out of Stetchworth direction Dullingham and turn right onto the footpath alongside the school grounds. Pass through kissing gate at the first hedge and immediately turn left. Follow the field border to diagonally opposite corner and exit by kissing gate, keep to path straight on and down steps to road ; turn right. Follow the road to the 'Kings Head' crossroads in Dullingham. Turn left across the green to the far left corner and take the lane up to Dullingham Church. Follow the churchyard path round the east end of the church and pick up the public path heading south. Go straight on with this path, passing an extensive new house to another kissing gate 10yards before a hedge end. The path crosses the hedge and then across a field to another hedge with gate. Go through and turn left (mind the rabbit burrows). Follow the hedge round to farm buildings at GR 633566 where one doubles back left on track / path which is concreted at the start. Keep straight on passing paddocks to reach a minor road. Turn right along the road. Just beyond Thatched Oak Cottage the Ickneild Way Path crosses the road, ref: 642566. Take this path on the left hand side of the road and go straight ahead to reach a T junction with the Stour Valley Path at ref: 644572. Turn right and at the start of Basefield Wood (first wood after field on left) turn left off the Stour Valley Way taking the path along beside the wood and then a field up to another minor road. Turn right along the road for approximately 200 yards and take the path to the left. Follow down to cross a small poplar lined stream and keep to the way-marked path into Wood Ditton heading left on the track to the main road by the water tower, ref: 657581. Leave on the Stetchworth Road, turning right after approximately 50 yards onto the path signed to Reach ( This is not the Ickneild Way bridleway ) Cross the field bearing diagonally left for the steps up at the start of Devils Dyke . Continue along Devils Dyke ( warning: along here the surface is uneven) until the cross path junction with the Ickneild Way Path is reached at ref: 648589. Turn left down the slope and continue straight ahead on the path up to the outskirts of Stetchworth, crossing straight over an estate road , to reach the 'Marquess of Granby ' crossroad.

Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

5 JAN 10

WALK 74. SOHAM

Map: OS Landranger 154.

Start: The Cherry Tree.

Grid Ref: 603721.

Tel: 01353 720405

Directions to start from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1303, after crossing the A14 go left on the B1102 through Stow cum Quy and Burwell to the A142 and turn left to Soham. At the roundabout with the A1123 take the minor road into Soham, the pub is along this road.

WALK: 603721, 603741, 598759, 593748, 588746, 577746, 588730, 592728, 603721.

12 JAN 10

Walk 10.

Leader

Horningsea – River Cam – Fen Ditton – Low Fen Drove Way – Horningsea.

Distance 5 miles

Map. OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 209&226

Start. The Plough and Fleece.

Grid Ref: 493625.

Tel: 01223 860795

**Directions from Cambridge.** Leave Cambridge on the A1303, Newmarket Road. At the junction by the Borough Cemetary turn left into Ditton Lane through Fen Ditton to Horningsea. The pub is on the left, opposite Notcutts Nursery.

**Walk.** With your back to the pub go right and in 400m turn right onto a path to Baitsbite and the River Cam. Just before reaching the river turn left along the river to Fen Ditton. When the river eases right, bear left to cross the recreation ground then along a minor road to the church. Here turn left to a crossroads (Ancient Shepards pub), turn right along the road for a short distance and then take a 'permissive footpath' to the left along the old railway. At the next minor road go right for about 500m. Turn left along Low Fen drove Way. Continue to the Fen Ditton/Horningsea road and turn right to Horningsea.

**Notes.** Start time 10o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

19 JAN 10

Walk 11

Leader

Boxworth – Lolworth – Boxworth.

Distance: 6 ¼ miles

Map. OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 225

Start. The Golden Ball.

Grid Ref: 345641.

Tel: 01954 367397

**Directions from Cambridge.** Two routes. First, leave Cambridge on the A14 and exit left at the Cambridge Services continuing ahead to Boxworth. The pub is on the right at the far end of the village. Second, leave Cambridge on the A1303, Madingley Road, and join the A428 at Hardwick. In about 3 ½ miles turn right for Knapwell, go through the village and at a crossroad 1mile beyond the village turn right to Boxwell. The pub is on the left as you enter the village.

**Walk.** Take Battle Gate Road opposite the pub. In about 200yds turn right onto a path. Follow the path by a hedge, across a meadow, between two woods. At a stream, turn left through a wood. Just after leaving the wood turn left down the right side of a tree line and follow the path to Childerley Hall. Just before the main farm buildings (now converted to accommodation) turn left onto a path across a grass field (could change) to a bridleway for 1 ½ miles to Lolworth. In the centre of the village turn left to Boxworth

**Notes.** Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

26 JAN 10

Walk 13

Leader

Croydon and vicinity.

Distance 5 miles

Map: OS Landranger 153 / Explorer 208

Start: The Queen Adelaide.

Grid Ref: 313493.

Tel: 01223 208278

**Directions from Cambridge.** Leave Cambridge on the A603 through Barton to the roundabout junction with the A1198 and turn right. In Arrington turn left opposite the Hardwicke Arms to Croydon. The pub is on the right set back from the road.

**Walk.** Go to the road and turn left returning the way you came and the left again into Church Lane. After 300yds leave the Clopton Way and continue on a tarmac track which winds through a farm to follow a hawthorn thicket for a ¼ mile. The track crosses a ditch and at a small oak wood turn left at the waymark to follow a grassy track with a hedge on the right. Turn left onto the road and just before the 'steep hill' sign turn left onto a wide grass path. Continue onwards to cross a stile into a lovely meadow and turn right to descend the hill. At the road, cross over to complete a further loop past a moat to the B1042 and back to Croydon. (this needs further recce)

**Notes:** Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

2 FEB 10

\*Walk 12

Leader

Hildersham – Linton – Roman Road – Hildersham

Distance 5 or 6 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 209

Start: The Pear Tree.

Grid Ref: 544484.

Tel: 01223 891680

Directions from Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1307, past Addenbrooke's. Cross over the A11 and in about 2 miles turn left to Hildersham. The pub is on the left. The car park is small, but it is possible to park on the road side in the village.

Walk. Cross the road and take the cul de sac opposite the pub. At the end take the path bearing right across the meadow to a stile. Continue to Linton recreation ground, here turn left over a footbridge and through a small estate to Back Road. Cross the road and take the path to the right of the telephone exchange. The path turns right, then left to the B1052. At the road turn left and in 100yds take the path through the hedge on the right, through the hedge go left to the Roman Road, 250yds. Here turn left along the Roman Road crossing the 'B' road. In about 1 mile at a minor road one can go left to Hildersham (5mile route) or continue ahead to the next path on the left and take that and return to Hildersham (6 mile route).

Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk

**9 FEB 10**

**Walk 35.**

**Leader.**

**Chrishall.**

**Distance: 5.6 miles**

**Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194**

**Start: King William IV**

**Grid Ref: 432397.**

**Tel: 01763 838773**

**Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A10 towards Royston. At the traffic light at the north end of Harston turn left onto the B1368 to Fowlmere. Just before leaving Fowlmere turn left onto a minor road to the A505. Go straight across the A505. At the next T junction turn right for Chrishall and Heydon. At a Y junction you go right for Heydon, the pub is on the left in about 1mile.**

**Walk. With your back to the pub turn right and take the first path on the right. After 200yds the path bends to the left to a copse, joins another path and goes to the left of the copse. At a minor road turn right and in 150yds left into Chrishall. Cross the road and take a lane between houses, this becomes a path which crosses a lane and turns left to a road. Cross the road and take the path to the church., ref: 451385, turn right down hill to a road, side step left and take the metalled track towards a farm. Just short of the farm turn right through a hedge then left to the corner of a paddock fence, turn right and follow the fence. At a hedge turn left, in about 100yds turn right over a bridge. Go straight ahead over the field, at the crest look for a galvanized post in the hedgerow, this is a bridge that you cross. Weave through the scrub to a grass path and turn right to a lane. Here turn left and in 200yds right on a track to the right of a wood. At the end of the wood, ref: 434382,\* turn right on a grass track to a road and again turn right.\*\* In 50yds turn left along the right side of a hedge and keep straight ahead until the path becomes a lane, here turn left go through a tree belt and enter the edge of an orchard to a road. At the road turn right to the pub.**

**Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.**

**This farm track is not a public path, the public path goes on straight ahead at this point to the road where you would turn right to the turning\*\*. Take care here the lane is narrow and there is a sharp right bend at the point that you take the next path left. There was quite a lot of traffic the day of my recce.**

16 FEB 10

Walk 15.

Leader.

Hemingford Grey – Houghton Mill – St. Ives – Hemingford Grey

Distance 6 miles

Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer 225

Start: The Cock Inn.

Grid Ref:?

Tel: 01480 463609

Directions from Cambridge. Take the A14 west towards Huntingdon. Shortly after Fenstanton and a garage turn left onto the A1096 towards St. Ives. After a short distance take the road on the left signed to The Hemingfords. When you reach Hemingford Grey the Inn is on the right hand side of the road.

Walk. Turn right from the Inn and go towards the river. Turn left on reaching the river and take a path across a field and along a track to Hemingford Abbots. Walk through the village and over a bridge and a meadow to Houghton Mill (NT). On leaving the Mill turn left then almost immediately right. Continue to the centre of Houghton village turning right by a public house to reach the Ouse Valley Way. Walk along this track to the church in St. Ives, go through the churchyard and a short distance into the town to a bridge. At the back of the Dolphin Hotel there is a path across the water meadows to Hemingford Grey.

Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.

**23 FEB 10**

**Walk 2**  
**Little Walden**  
**Map: (2). OS Landranger 154**  
**Start: The Crown**

**Leader**

**Distance: 6 ¼ miles**  
**Tel: 01799 522475**

**Grid Ref: 546415**

**Directions from Cambridge.** Take the A1307 past Adennbrookes Hospital to Linton. At Linton turn right onto the B1052 towards Saffron Walden. In about 3 miles the road turns sharp left with the pub in front of you, go right and then left into the pub car park.

**Walk.** Face the village green and telephone box and take the right minor road, signed as a dead end. In ½ mile take a farm road to the right, through Home Farm gate, continue ahead passing a well managed vegetable garden, the track swings right then turns right. Go over a bridge and in 100yds turn right and then left round some horse paddocks, then in 50yds right across fields to a farm, notice the carp pond on the right as you approach the farm and another by the farm house, the path becomes a tarmac road, continue to a T junction and turn left. (Take care this is quite a busy road) In a short distance go right on a tarmac drive through Mitchells farm, there is a collection of water birds on a pond here, the drive becomes a farm track. Pass a trig point and go right at a T junction to some old farm buildings. Ignore the farm track turning left and look across the field to an oak tree at the right hand side of a wood and aim for it (there was no evidence of a path on my recce). At the oak tree cross a ditch and carry on down the field, look for a sleeper bridge through the hedge on your right and turn right, about 10yds past the bridge the path goes sharp right across the field to a hedge and turns left through farm buildings. The path runs into a tarmac road, in 50yds turn left down the right side of a hedge row. At the corner of the field cross a ditch through the hedge and turn right, passing a post with blue arrows, at the corner of the field go left and follow the headland when it goes right to a house. Go to the right of the house, in a short distance turn right and continue ahead to a road. Turn left and right past some glass houses, joining a chalk track, continue ahead to a group of barns and turn right down a track with high hedges. In about 200yds turn left, ignore a track off to the right and in a further 150yds go right on a path which goes into an alley between hedges, follow this path back to the pub.

**Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk.**

**2 MAR 10**  
**\*Walk 17.**  
**Graveley – Yelling – Papworth St. Agnes – Graveley**  
**Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer 225**  
**Start: The Three Horseshoes.**

**Leader.**

**Distance 4.5 miles**  
**Tel: 01480 830992**

**Grid Ref: 248640.**

**Directions from Cambridge.** Take the A428, the Madingley road, to the roundabout at Caxton Gibbet and turn right onto the A1198. Go through Papworth Everard and in 1 ½ miles turn left to Graveley, 2 miles. Take two sharp right hand bends in the village, the pub is then on the right.

**Walk.** From the pub turn left then at Home Farm turn right, signed 'Public Bridleway Yelling'. At the bottom turn left at the way-mark along a grassy path by a stream. Turn right across the stream to climb along a hollow lane to the top of the hill. Continue on a bridleway and on reaching a lane called 'Bridle End' turn left until you reach Yelling. Carry on along the road and turn left at 'Rambler's Association' way-mark'. Bear left on a farm track to pass the edge of Ridgeway Plantation. On reaching a gravel track turn left and when the track turns right, walk straight on through a small wood. Continue on a grass headland across a stile into a pasture. Go half left to join another path at a way-mark within the field. Turn left towards trees at the opposite side of the field. Cross a stile, pass a pond and go along a lane between two thatched cottages. Continue straight across a bridge and stile into a pasture and on the far side cross a concrete bridge into the next field along a broad path. At the top, a way-mark sign points straight on towards another concrete bridge. Cross this and reach a field edge at a way-mark. Turn half left to follow this field boundary. Reach a hedge and pass to the right of it and take the path through the hedge to a road. Turn left and walk back to the Three Horseshoes.

**Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered at the pub before the start of the walk.**

**9 MAR 10**  
**\*Walk 18.**  
**Balsham – Roman Road – Balsham**  
**Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209**  
**Start: The Black Bull.**

**Leader.**

**Distance 6.5 miles**  
**Tel: 01223 893844.**

**Grid Ref: 587506.**

**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 Har-camlow Way and turn right. In about 1 mile turn right onto the Icknield Way and return to Balsham, turn right to the pub.**

**Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk. I shall adjust this route on the day.**

16 MAR 10

\*Walk 19.

Leader.

Wimpole Hall Park – Wendy – Croydon – Arrington.

Distance: 6 ¼ miles

Map: OS Landranger 153/154/Explorer 209

Start: Harwick Arms Hotel.

Grid Ref: 329502.

Tel: 208802

Directions from Cambridge. Take the A603 through Barton, to the roundabout and turn right on to the A1198. The pub is on the right in Arrington.

Walk. 329502, 338497, 335479, 330476, 313493, 313499, 329502.

23 MAR 10

\*Walk 20.

Leader.

Saxon Street – Woodditton – Saxon Street

Distance: 6miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Start: The Reindeer pub.

Grid Ref: 679595.

Tel: 01638 730989

**Directions from Cambridge. Take the A1303 past the airport towards Newmarket. At the Stetchworth roundabout turn left onto the A1304 to Newmarket. On entering Newmarket turn right onto the B1061. After a short distance, when the B1061 bears right, continue straight on to Woodditton. At the cross road turn left through Little Ditton to a T junction, 1 ¼ miles, and turn right into Saxon Street. The pub is on the right.**

**Walk. From the pub turn right and after a short distance turn right again onto a track. Passing Parsonage Farm you reach a minor road. Cross this and continue on the tract to Woodditton and Ditton Green. Turn left onto a minor road and walk through the village. The road turns right and then left. Here continue straight ahead passing a water tower on the right. In about ¾ mile the Ickneild Way crosses the path, turn right onto it. At a minor road side step right and pass a church on the right. Continue on the Ickneild Way to another minor road and turn right to the pub.**

**Notes. Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk**

30 MAR 10

Walk 29.

Leader.

Castle Camps 2.

Distance: 6.5 miles

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Start: The Cock.

Grid Ref: 633434.

Tel: 01799 584207

Directions from Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. By Horseheath turn right through Cardinal's Green and Mill Green to Norsefield End, here turn right to Castle Camps.

Walk. From the pub car park go right along the High Street to the war memorial 'T' junction and turn left. At the end of the village take the path on the right across the field to a farm track and go right. This leads straight onto a path which after 300yards goes over a stile and then continues, swinging left, to meet the road leading to All Saints Church, Castle Camps. Turn left, through the churchyard exiting opposite the main porch onto the track taking one to the right hand side of Castle Farm. This becomes a path entering a field which one crosses diagonally to reach a track junction. Here go straight ahead bearing south east. When the radio mast, seen on the right hand side, is bearing at right angles to this track turn towards it across the fields (path shown on the maps not marked or clear on the ground) aiming for the left hand side of the copse in front of the mast where there is a path taking one to the minor road. Turn right past the radio mast GR 625415 and immediately after take the path on the left. Proceed straight ahead, ignore path off right, and further on swing right to Charlwood Farm, where there is a minor road straight ahead, continue on this for approximately 300 yards from the farm to a signed bridleway on left. Turn onto this and follow it to a farmyard/tip and small pond at GR611409. Go right immediately after the pond and over the ditch some 30yards beyond it at footbridge. Take the left hand fork up hill and across fields to Winsey Farm. (At the time of the recce this was recently demolished by a developer preparatory for a new property) Turn right in front of the site onto the track heading north east, straight over a cross path to a sharp right hand bend in the track where the path goes straight on through the hedge. Take this path which bends right as it approaches the road at Castle End. Go left on the road about 250 yards to sharp right angle bend and here take the track directly ahead to pass Byhurst Cottage. On entering the field at the end of the track immediately turn right and follow this path dropping downhill, through farmyard buildings to the Camps Hall road junction.

GR613431. Turn right along the road ( signed to Camps End ) and take the first path on the left through a wooden field gate, uphill and pass a small pond at the hill top . Continue on the way marked path ahead veering right across a meadow to a small copse and at the end of this the path turns 90 degrees left. Forward straight ahead over cross path to reach the Castle Camps to Bartlow road. Here turn right to the next road junction and there go left (road signed to Shudy Camps and Haverhill ). After 30yards, go right onto the marked by-way, GR 622440. Proceed uphill, ignore path off left but some 100 yards from this, two paths go off on the right. Take the left hand one of these two (heading south east) and keep going straight ahead to reach T junction at hedge. Go right and follow the hedge line, leading one past the back gardens of the houses in Castle Camps village until reaching the garden gate for 'The Cock 'Notes: Start time 10 o'clock. Lunch may be ordered before the start of the walk