

COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS

JAN - JUN 2009

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There are many maps and leaflets on walks available or you can create your own route using the path network. There are opportunities for walkers, runners, riders, cyclists, carriage drivers and motorised vehicles.

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JANUARY

Large flocks of wading birds over-winter in Cambridgeshire.



These geese are pictured flying over Ramsey Heights Claypits, Cambridgeshire. (Picture Courtesy of the Wildlife Trust)

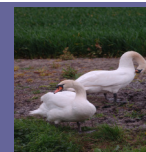
Date	Time	Location	Description	Cost	Contact
Thurs 1 Jan	10.00-sunset	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	RSPB New Years Day Ice Breaker. Join experts from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve for spectacular winter birds, guided walks (at 10.30am and 2.00pm), advice on feeding birds and hot refreshments.	Free	01480 451568
Sat 3 Jan	Drop-in between 11.00 - 15.00	Community Room, 1 Brookside, Cambridge University Botanic Garden	Winter Wonderland; a family workshop to design and make a winter garden on a plate having been inspired by the wonders of the Winter Garden	£2 per child plus admission charges for accompanying	Education Department: 01223 331875 Email: education@botanic.cam.ac.uk
Sat 3 Jan	10:00	Meet in Steeple Morden car park, map/grid ref: 208/TL285427 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. The Bun Walk. Steeple Morden and Guilden Morden figure of eight. Bring lunch, but buns provided for tea-break! 15km (9.5 miles)	Free	Janet 01223 356889
Sun 4 Jan	10:00-12:30	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Guided Winter Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve: Enjoy a New Year walk through the Reserve, find out about wildlife, footpaths and future work, and enjoy fine views over the City and surrounding countryside. Please dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear.	Free- donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sat 10 Jan	10:00	Meet at Wimpole Hall car park (£2 for non-NT members) map/grid ref: 209/TL338509 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. More of the Harcamlow Way. Follow the Harcamlow Way to Whaddon and return via Orwell where there is a pub. 15km (9.5 miles)	Free	Lisa 01223 245566
Sun 11 Jan	10.30 -15.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Green Santa and Christmas Tree Shredding! Bring your Christmas tree for shredding then take away some chippings for your garden AND add any unwanted presents to Green Santa's sleigh. They will be donated to local charities. For more information contact Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network.	Free	01480 451568

Sun	11	Jan	10.30	Fen Drayton Reserve	FHINR Winter Warmer Walk. Meet at the small car park at the end of the gravel track at Fen Drayton Reserve. Come along for a 6km (4 mile) walk at a good time of year to see waders and waterfowl. Bring binoculars. Following the walk there is the option of Sunday lunch in The Three Tuns (personal expense). Those requiring lunch should confirm they are coming 01480 451362 after 6pm before 06/01/09.	Free	01480 451568
Wed	14	Jan	19.30	Over Town Hall	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society (SOCS) Event " Birds of Northern Peru - From the Pacific to the Amazon " (Neil Renwick). Guests always welcome.	Free but a donation of £2 towards overheads and refreshments would be appreciated.	Email: frparish@ntlworld.com
Sat	17	Jan	10:00	Park at South End, Bassingbourn, beside the recreation ground, map/grid ref: 209/TL332438 (but note map 208 also required) at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. The Cam valley. Bring lunch. 16km (10 miles)	Free	Roger 01223 356889
Sat -Sun	17-18	Jan	10.00 -16.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Bentwood Furniture Making. Make and take home beautiful furniture using hazel and willow harvested from the country park. This two day workshop costs £90.00 including materials.	£90.00	01480 451568
Mon	19	Jan	10:30	Meet in Babraham on the road between the school and the pub, map/grid ref, 209/TL512503 at 10:30.	Cambridge Ramblers Monday walk. Worsted Lodge, Roman Road, Ash Grove. Finish by lunchtime. 9km (5.5 miles)	Free.	Bernard 01223 354376
Sat	24	Jan	10.00 -11.00	Sudbury Meadow	RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. Come and help with the annual bird watch as part of the RSPB's national event. Under 16 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Wrap up warm, bring a pair of binoculars and be prepared to sit or stand quietly for an hour! Meet at the Crosshall Road entrance at 9.50 am.	Free	01480 451568

Sat	24	Jan	09:15	Meet near the Penny Ferry pub, Chesterton, map/grid ref: 209/TL470600, north of the River Cam at 09:15 (note early start).	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Cambridge to Anglesey Abbey. Bring NT card for Winter Walk at the Abbey. NT café/restaurant. 24km (15 miles)	Free	Jill 01223 362881
Sat-Sun	24-25	Jan	10:00-17:00, 10:00-15:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Hedgerows – Their History and Management: Theoretical and practical work under the guidance of the Rangers at Cambridge Preservation Society's Wandlebury Country Park. Campaign to Protect Rural England sponsored FREE two-day course. Numbers limited to 30. Preference given to those who book for two days.	Free	Further information from and bookings to Shirley Fieldhouse, CPRE, tel. 01223 426514, email: cprecams@btinternet.com
Sat	31	Jan	10.00 -13.00	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	FPPNR Winter Birds. A short indoor session at the visitors' centre followed by time out on the reserve getting to know the birds' sunning themselves during the winter.	Free	01480 451568
Sat	31	Jan	10:00	Meet at Fordham Church, map/grid ref: 226/TL633708 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Aconites and Snowdrops (hopefully). Chippenham Fen, Snailwall, Landwade (for the aconites). No guaranteed pub stop, so bring packed lunch. Ring leader for info in week before walk. 15km (9½ miles)	Free	Bernard 01223 354376

FEBRUARY

Geese, ducks and swans continue to feed in Cambridgeshire's wetlands.
(photo courtesy of Great Fen Project)



Look for snowdrops, hazel catkins and pussy willows in the countryside.

Date			Time	Location	Description	Cost	Contact
Sun	1	Feb	10.00 -14.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Huntingdon Field Day. A winter festival of countryside food and farming, with local produce on sale and demonstrations of rural crafts.	Free	01480 451568
Sat	7	Feb	10:00 -12:00	Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). Meet at the main noticeboard in the car park [TL492 532].	Ladies Only Orienteering Taster Session at Wandlebury: Learn some basic orienteering skills and try out a short course. Over 16's only. Wear long trousers and suitable footwear.	£3.50 per person (CPS members £2.50)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	7	Feb	Drop-in between 11.00 - 15.00	Community Room, 1 Brookside, Cambridge University Botanic Garden	My Day with Plants: discover the plants you use everyday without even noticing, plus design and make a bean bag.	£2 per child plus normal admission charges for accompanying adults.	Education Department: 01223 331875 Email: education@botanic.cam.ac.uk
Sat	7	Feb	11:00	To be held at Doddington Village Hall, Benwick Road, Doddington, PE15 0TG, map/grid ref: 227/TL398908.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Area AGM & Morning Walk. . Morning walk of 5.5 miles starts from village hall at 11:00. AGM starts at 14:00. Light refreshments will be available. Prior to the AGM there will be a joint presentation at 14:00 by representatives of Ramblers Worldwide Holidays and the Falkland Islands Tourist Board during which we will hear about the range of holidays on offer from "Ramblers Worldwide" and more specifically about the many attractions of the Falkland Islands.	Free	Brian 01354 677537

Sun	8	Feb	Registration between 10:00 and 12:00	Croxton Heath Forest, near Thetford. (see contact details nearer the time for meeting location)	Orienteering is an outdoor sport enjoyed either competitively or recreationally by people of all ages and abilities. The usual type of event is to navigate on foot around an area such as a forest or fell using a specially drawn orienteering map to visit a series of controls that have been placed on a course. Events are staged as races, but not everyone regards it as such, and you'll be very welcome whatever your motivation. At each event there are usually several courses of varying length and difficulty suitable for the very young through to the active retired. Starts are staggered over a two hour interval to prevent following.	Approx £2 juniors, £7 adults (£5 members). Please see details nearer the time for up to date costs.	For details on what orienteering is and details on events please see our website www.waoc.org.uk Further enquiries to 07957790984
Mon	9	Feb	10:00	Meet at Bartlow at map/grid ref: 209/TL580451 (park carefully on grass verge) at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers Monday walks. Houses, Mill and Mud around Bartlow. Walk round Steventon End, Ashdon and Bowers End. 10km (6 miles)	Free	David 01223 842074
Wed	11	Feb	19.30	Over Town Hall	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society (SOCS) Event. "Re-Introductions of Species" (Peter Newbery). Guests always welcome.	Free but a donation of £2 towards overheads and refreshments would be appreciated.	Email: frparish@ntlworld.com
Sat	14	Feb	10:00 -16:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Welcoming Wildlife to Your Garden No.1: A series of hands on workshops at Wandlebury Country Park giving children the information and skills necessary to encourage wildlife into their gardens, including making homes, feeding and habitat creation. Look out for posters, or check our website: www.cpswandlebury.org for more details nearer the time. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and dress according to the weather. Ages 7-12. Booking is essential.	£5 per child (CPS members £4 per child)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	14	Feb	10:00	Meet at the bus stops near the Addenbrooke's roundabout, map/grid ref: 209/TL467552 at 10:00am.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. A linear walk from Addenbrooke's. Walk to Linton and take the bus back. 15km (10 miles)	Free	Joye 01223 368326

Thurs	19	Feb	12:00 -16:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Drop-in Children's Holiday Activity Day at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey. Cosy Cottage. Our cottage mural is looking rather cold and empty - come and add some colour and fill it up with drawings of what you might find in a 1940s home. Take home your own mini-mural too!	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036
Fri	20	Feb	19.30	Little Paxton Village Hall	FPPNR Illustrated Talk and AGM. "Paxton's Future Birds" - Trevor Gunton looks back over forty years of bird study at Paxton Pits reflecting upon our lost breeding species, suggesting how the new extension will benefit some declining species and pointing the way to an exciting range of new birds which may breed within the next decade. Reserve update, refreshments and prize draw.	Members free. £2.00 for non-members	01480 451568
Sat	21	Feb	10:30 -15:30	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Tree & Hedge Planting Day at Coton Countryside Reserve: Join the Rangers to help plant up trees and hedgerows around the Coton Countryside Reserve with native species. Drop in any time. Dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear. Tools and gloves provided.	Free	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	21	Feb	10:00	Meet at The Town House, Barley [opposite church], map/grid ref:194/TL402385 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. A Birthday walk round Barley and Barkway. Walk round Barley, Newsells, Barkway and Smiths End, returning to Town House for soup, bread and coffee. Bring own sandwiches and drink! Please ring leader at least 4 days beforehand to give idea of numbers. 10km (6 miles)	Free	David 01223 842074
Sun	22	Feb	10.00-12.00 Guided walk 13.00-14.30 Guided Walk	Barford Road Pocket Park	Work Party & Guided Walk. Come and help to manage the park and/or go for a walk with the Ranger in the afternoon. Meet at the notice board by the wooden bridge on the school side of the park.	Free	01480 451568
Sat	28	Feb	10:00	Meet at Milton Country Park car park, map/grid ref: 226/TL476620 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Clayhithe and Bottisham Lock. Bring packed lunch. 15km (9.5 miles)	Free	Chris 01223 690557

MARCH

Look out for primroses and the antics of 'mad' March hares as you are out and about in the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside.

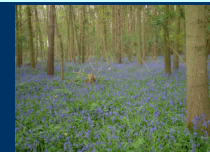


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Sat	7	Mar	10:00	Meet at junction of Newtown and Hunters Way, Kimbolton PE28 0JF, map/grid ref: 225/TL098683 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Fields and woods of West Hunts. Walk to Perry (pub lunch available) via Grafham Water and back by more direct route. Could be extended to take in more of Grafham Water. 14km (8.5 miles)	Free	Paul 01480 434198
Sat & Sun	7 & 8	Mar	10.00 -16.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Basket Making Course. Expert tuition from master basket maker Adrian Charlton will allow beginners to make a fruit basket and improvers to create a log basket over this two day course.	£90.00 per person including materials and the loan of necessary tools.	01480 451568
Sunday	8	Mar	Registration between 10:00 and 12:00	Rowney Warren, approx 8 miles south east Bedford	Orienteering is an outdoor sport enjoyed either competitively or recreationally by people of all ages and abilities. The usual type of event is to navigate on foot around an area such as a forest or fell using a specially drawn orienteering map to visit a series of controls that have been placed on a course. Events are staged as races, but not everyone regards it as such, and you'll be very welcome whatever your motivation. At each event there are usually several courses of varying length and difficulty suitable for the very young through to the active retired. Starts are staggered over a two hour interval to prevent following.	Approx £2 juniors, £7 adults (£5 members). Please see details nearer the time for up to date costs.	For details on what orienteering is and details on events please see our website www.waoc.org.uk Further enquiries to 07957790984
Wed	11	Mar	19.30	Over Town Hall	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society (SOCS) Event. Guests welcome. "Spitsbergen & The Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Whales Polar Bears and Little Auks" . (Trevor Gunton).	Free but a donation of £2 towards overheads and refreshments would be appreciated.	Email: frparish@ntlworld.com
Fri	13	Mar	19.30	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	HBKA AGM. Meet members of Huntingdonshire Beekeepers Association and hear about the work they do within the country park, the role of beekeepers and discuss the plans for the coming year.	Free	01480 451568

Sat	14	Mar	10:00	Meet at Balsham Church, map/grid ref: 209/TL588509 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk - The south-eastern part of this 25-mile circular walk which is being developed by the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke together with the Ramblers Association and Cambridgeshire County Council. Walk via West Wrating (pub at coffee time) and West Wickham to the Suffolk County boundary and back along the Roman Road. Bring packed lunch. 19km (12 miles)	Free	Roger 01799 584563
Sun	15	March	11:00 -15:30	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Science Festival Open Day at Wandlebury: A special event for Cambridge Science Festival - for all the family. Walk the nature trail through beautiful woods and pasture. In the Education Centre see bees and bats, dissect owl pellets, peep through microscopes, explore leaf litter and pond water for invertebrates. Just drop in at any time between 11 am and 3.30 pm.	Nature Trail Booklets £1.00 - no booking necessary	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sun	15	Mar	9.00	Start at Ely Cathedral. Location: Ely, Cambridge and riverbanks between.	Turing Trail Relay - six stage running relay along the riverbanks from the centre of Ely to the centre of Cambridge and back.	£42.00 per team for ARC or UKA affiliated clubs +£2.00 per runner for non-affiliated teams	TTR Entries. 0845 1081608. info@turingrelay.co.uk
Sat	21	Mar	09:30	Meet near Burrough Green church, map/grid ref: 210/TL636555 at 09:30.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Burrough Green - Figure of 8. Pub available in Burrough Green after morning circuit. 15/11km (9/7 miles)	Free	Jill 01223 362881
Sat	21	Mar	14:00 -16:00	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Plantlore Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve: Dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear. Join a Ranger on a walk around Coton Countryside Reserve and find out more about the history and uses of many of our native trees and plants. Booking is essential.	Free - donation appreciated	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	28	Mar	10:00	Meet at NW corner of Patmore Heath, map/grid ref: 194/TL442257 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walks. Wild daffodils [hopefully], and much more. Walk round wild daffodil woods to Farnham and Farnham Church, returning by Clapgate. 11km (7 miles)	Free	David 01223 842074
Sun	29	Mar	11.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Spring Stroll. Join Rangers for a morning stroll looking for signs of early spring.	Free	01480 451568

APRIL

Fresh leaves on trees and shrubs create lush greenery in the Cambridgeshire countryside. Bluebells carpet the woodland floor.



Bluebells at Gamlingay Nature Reserve, Cambridgeshire.
(photo courtesy of the Wildlife Trust)

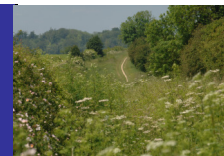
Date	Time	Location	Description	Cost	Contact
Sat 4 Apr	10:00	Meet at Kedington Church, map/grid ref: 210/TL705469 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Stour Valley. Walk down the Stour Valley path to Boyton End and on to Hundon where there is a pub for food and drinks. 18km (11 miles)	Free	Lisa 01223 245566
Sat 4 Apr	10:00 -14:00	Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). Meet at the main noticeboard in the car park [TL492 532].	Family Orienteering Taster Day at Wandlebury: Come along and try some orienteering, individuals/families/groups, everyone is welcome. Join the Rangers as they take you through the basic skills and then send you off on a short course. All ages welcome, but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Wear long trousers and suitable footwear. Setting off from the car park notice board on the hour, every hour from 10:00 to 14:00. No need to pre-book.	£5 per family/group (CPS members £4)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sun 5 Apr	10.00		Ouse Valley Way Guided Walk. Meet at Buckden Marina for this 15km (9 mile) circular walk to Godmanchester including Portholme. Wear warm clothing, stout footwear and bring sufficient food and drink	Free	01480 451568
Tues 7 Apr	19.30	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	FPPNR Illustrated Talk. "Sex and Bribery in the World of Wild Orchids" by David Elcombe. David, former head of education at the RSPB and a noted speaker, will reveal the amazing and varied lifestyles of orchids.	Members free. £2.00 for non-members	01480 451568
Wed 8 Apr	10:00 -12:30	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Easter Holiday Activity Day: Travel back through time at Wandlebury: Track down evidence of the past around the site, then get messy making 'wattle and daub' panels and Celtic styled artefacts. Old clothes advised! Ages 7-12. Booking is essential as places are limited.	£9 per child (CPS members £8 per child), any accompanying adults free.	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Thurs 9 Apr	12:00 -16:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Drop-in Children's Holiday Activity Day	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036

Fri	10	Apr	10.30 -12.30	Barford Road Pocket Park	Family Easter Wildlife Trail. There will be fun, games and an observation trail for accompanied children aged 4-9 years old. Look out for the Easter Bunny hiding in the park.	£6.00 per child	01480 451568
Sat	11	Apr	10:00 -16:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Easter Fun Day at Wandlebury: Have fun with the Rangers, take part in the Wandlebury photo-trail egg hunt and Easter related crafts and games. Dress according to the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential as places are limited.	£5 per child (CPS members £4 per child)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sun-Mon	12 - 13	Apr	10.30 -17:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	The Giant Easter Egg Trail. Complete a circuit of exciting Easter activities and find your way to the treasure	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Corrina Bower on 01223 860 988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk
Mon	13	Apr	11.00 -13.00	Coneygear Park	Easter Egg Hunt. Drop in anytime and follow the clues to lead you to a delicious Easter treat. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult for this family event. Please book in advance.	Free	01480 451568
Thurs	16	Apr	12:00 -16:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Drop-in Children's Holiday Activity Day	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036
Sat	18	Apr	10:00	Meet at Wimpole Hall car park (£2 to park for non-National Trust members), map/grid ref: 209/TL338509 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Wimpole Walk. Walk to the Eversdens and Mares Way. 11km (6.5 miles).	Free	Ken and Kathy 01223 840589
Sat	18	Apr	11.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	HCP 20th Anniversary Party. A Moment in Time. Bring your camera and walk around the park with experts to advise how to make the best of your pictures. Alternatively, have a go with water colours! Capture the moment in time and keep your handy work as your personal souvenir. There will also be an exhibition of pictures and paintings tracing the development of the park from 1989 to the present day. Have you got any to add. Throughout the day, there will be walks and talks by Rangers and plenty of activities for everyone, so just drop in.	Free	01480 451568

Sun	19	Apr	11.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	FHCP Fun Run. You can run, walk or hop the 3.5km (2mile) course - the aim of the day is to have fun! All ages and abilities, teams, families or individuals welcome. Lots of prizes to be won plus cash prize for the most money raised. All participants will be entered into a draw.		07967 991006
Sun	19	Apr	14.00 -16.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Wildlife Trust Plant Sale. If you're beginning to think about preparing your garden for the summer, start here! Buy plants for the cottage garden to attract both birds and bees. Don't forget trees, shrubs and bird boxes too.	Free	01480 451568
Mon	20	Apr	10:30	Park courteously in Little Abington, eg side road near the pottery, map/grid ref: 209/TL533493 for a 10:30 start.	Cambridge Ramblers Monday walk. Bring snack lunch. 13km (8 miles)	Free	Janet 01223 356889
Sat	25	Apr	10:00	Park carefully in Great Wilbraham and meet at the Fulbourn end of the village, map/grid ref: 209/TL546571 at 10:00.	Cambridge Ramblers walk. Across the A11. Fleam Dyke, Old Cambridge Road and Six Mile Bottom where there is a pub for lunchtime snack/drinks. 18km (11 miles)	Free	Lisa 01223 245566
Sat-Sun	25 - 26	Apr	10:00 -17:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Garden Willow Weaving Workshop. Learn about and make simple and practical supports for your garden plants at this hands-on workshop.	Both days cost £55 and Saturday only will cost £40. Prior Booking Required	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036
Sun	26	Apr	10.30 -12.00	Sudbury Meadow	How to Survey Ladybirds. Tree beating, sweep netting and walking surveys. Learn where and how to look for different species of ladybird and how to take part in the National Ladybird Survey. Ideal for ages 8+. Under 16 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Please book in advance.	Free	01480 451568
Sun	26	Apr	Morning event (see details nearer the time)	Ampthill Park, approx 8 miles south Bedford	Orienteering short races (see details nearer the time)	See details nearer the time	For details on what is orienteering and details on events please see our website www.waoc.org.uk Further enquiries to 07957790984

MAY

The white flowers of elder and cow parsley adorn the countryside as can be seen here at the Roman Road in Cambridgeshire.



The blossom of may, or hawthorn, brightens the hedgerows.

Date	Time	Location	Description	Cost	Contact
Fri 1 May	5:30 - 6.15	The Picnic Field, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	May Day Morris Dancing at Wandlebury: Watch the Devils Dyke Morris Men as they carry out the tradition of dancing to greet the summer sun as it rises above the woodlands at Wandlebury.	Free	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sat 2 May	5.00 - 9.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Dawn Chorus Walk. Come along and celebrate "International Dawn Chorus Day" by listening to the best sounds of birds. We finish with tea, coffee and bacon rolls at 8.30am. Please book in advance.	£8.00	01480 451568
Sat 2 May	20.00 -22.00	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	FPPNR Children's Nightingale Fun Evening. Join us for an evening of fun and games, followed by a sort guided walk until after-dark to explore Paxton Pits' nightlife! Nightingales, owls, bats and other wildlife of the night. Bring a torch. Under 15 year olds must be accompanied by an adult but ideal for ages 6+.	£6.00 per child and per accompanying adult, please book in advance.	01480 451568
Sat 2 May	11:00 - 15:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Family May Day Celebration: Maypole dancing and craft activities, prize for the best dressed Green Man and May Queen. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day.	£5 per child (CPS members £4 per child)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sun 3 May	4:30 - 7:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Dawn Chorus Walk at Wandlebury: Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day by joining the Rangers and a local expert for a walk around the Country Park to listen to the birds as they welcome the rising sun, then return to the Education Centre for a hot cup of soup.	Free- donation appreciated	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Mon 4 May	10.30 -17:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Discover Your Past. Friends Family History Day	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Corrina Bower on 01223 860 988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk
Thurs 7 May	19.30 -21.00	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	FPPNR Nightingale Serenade. The Friends' annual invitation to everyone to hear the Nightingales at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. No need to book; donation invited.	Donation invited	01480 451568
Thurs 7 May	19.30	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	FHCP AGM. Talk to the committee, hear about the events of the past 12 months and voice your ideas for the future. Maybe you'll even become a member!	Free	01480 451568

Sat	9	May	10.00-12.00 Campfire construction 14.00-16.00 Shelter building	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Explorers Outdoor Survival Skills. These two sessions are ideal for young people aged 14+ working towards outdoor badges, or need to improve techniques.	£6.00 per session or £10.00 for both. Please book in advance.	01480 451568
Sat	9	May	5:00 - 7:00	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Dawn Chorus Walk & Picnic at Coton Countryside Reserve: As an early bird join us for a Dawn Chorus Walk and learn about bird songs of the countryside and past bird surveys. Bring binoculars and please dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear. Bring a breakfast picnic & drink for after the walk to be enjoyed somewhere near the barn and car park. Booking is essential.	Free- donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	9	May	21:00 -22:00	Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). Meet at the main noticeboard in the car park [TL492 532].	Moonlit Walk at Wandlebury: Join the Rangers on a guided walk around Wandlebury and see it as you've never seen it before, by the light of a full moon (weather dependent). Dress according to the weather and bring a torch if you wish. Booking is essential.	Free- donation appreciated	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Sun	10	May	10.30	Holt Island Nature Reserve	FHINR Spring in your Step. Meet at the entrance to Holt Island at 10.30am for a 9km (6 mile) along The Thicket Path to Houghton Mil returning via Hemingford Meadow. Optional Sunday lunch in St Ives (personal expense). Those requiring lunch should confirm they are coming before 03.05.09 - 1480 461362 after 6pm.	Free	01480 451568
Sun	10	May	14:30 -17:30	Mill Lane, Hinxton (turn off the A1301 from Cambridge into Hinxton Village)	Hinxton Mill Open Day: Discover this working watermill, dating back to the Domesday book, owned by Cambridge Preservation Society, in picturesque surroundings in the village of Hinxton.	Entrance to Mill: CPS members free, Adults £1.50, Children: 50p	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sun	10 (& 31)	May	14:00 -16:30	Between Bourn and Caxton (off the A428 from Cambridge take the turn after the blue footbridge signed Caldecote then Bourn Airfield and then Bourn, and take a right turn into Caxton Road, alternatively turn off the A1198 via Caxton village).	Bourn Post Mill Open Days: A chance to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the country with knowledgeable Cambridge Preservation Society volunteer guides.	Entrance to Mill: CPS members free, Adults £1.50, Children: 50p	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org

Tues	12	May	18:30 -21:00	Coton Countryside Reserve, meet at the Reserve Notice Board, off Coton Footpath (east of recreation ground) Coton village [TL416587]	Evening Guided Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve: Enjoy the long late spring evenings, learn more about the Reserve and enjoy the countryside views; please dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear.	Free- donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sat	16	May	10.30 -17:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Free open Day as part of Museums and Galleries Month	Free	Corrina Bower on 01223 860 988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk
Sun	17	May	14.00 -17.30	Barford Road Pocket Park	Guided Walk. Join the Ranger to investigate the wildlife and management of the pocket park. Meet at the notice board by the wooden bridge on the school side of the park.	Free	01480 451568
Sun	17	May	10:00 -15:00	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Drawing & Picnic at Coton Countryside Reserve: Drop in for morning session at 10 am or for 13.00pm for picnic (latter on the Hill or if wet at Wheatcases Barn) and afternoon session (finish at 3.30pm) or stay all day. Enjoy a day at the Reserve with drawing enthusiast Jon Harris known for his architectural and countryside illustrations. Come in countryside clothing (including sun protection and sturdy shoes); bring something to comfy to sit on, paper and clipboard (or drawing pad and clips) your favourite pens/crayons/markers and a picnic & drink. This event is dependent on weather - of course! Booking essential (event will be re-confirmed early Sunday am).	Free- donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sun-Mon	24 - 25	May	10.30 -17:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Farm and Country Fair	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Corrina Bower on 01223 860 988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk
Tues	26	May	10.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 16.00	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Woodland Birds and Leaves. Listen to birdsong then try to identify them in the field. Ideal for the whole family, and adults on their own. Please book in advance.	£6.00 per person.	01480 451568
Thurs	28	May	12:00 - 16:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Drop-in Children's Holiday Activity Day	Normal Admission applies £4 adults, £3 concessions, £2 children over 5	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036

Fri	29	May	8.00-14.00	Huntingdon Market Square	Pumpkins for your Garden! Come and join us at the Farmers' Market. Plant some pumpkin seeds and enter our vegetable quiz! For more details about the market visit www.HuntingdonTownCentrePartnership.co.uk/farmersmarket .	Free	01480 388388
Sun	31	May	14:00-16:30	Between Bourn and Caxton (off the A428 from Cambridge take the turn after the blue footbridge signed Caldecote then Bourn Airfield and then Bourn, and take a right turn into Caxton Road, alternatively turn off the A1198 via Caxton village).	Bourn Post Mill Open Days: A chance to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the country with knowledgeable Cambridge Preservation Society volunteer guides.	Entrance to Mill: CPS members free, Adults £1.50, Children: 50p	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sun	31	May	Morning event (see details nearer the time)	Cambridge (see details of exact location nearer the time)	Urban and park orienteering (see details nearer the time)	See details nearer the time	For details on what orienteering is and details on events please see our website www.waoc.org.uk Further enquiries to 07957790984

JUNE

Birds are busy breeding and feeding their young. Rivers, streams and ponds are alive with damselflies and dragonflies.



Dragonfly basking in sunlight near public footpath at Giants Hill, Rampton, Cambridgeshire.

Date	Time	Location	Description	Cost	Contact
Sat 6 June	20.45 - 23.30	Hinchingbrooke Country Park	Mid Summer Bats. Join the Rangers for a short talk followed by a walk through the park searching for our nocturnal friends.	£3.00 per person or £8.00 per family.	01480 451568
Sat -Sun 6 & 7 June	10:00 - 16:00	The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey	Adult Art Weekend Workshop	£15 for any one day, £25 for both days. Prior Booking Required	Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036
Sun 7 June	10:00 - 16:00	Meet at Coton Countryside Reserve, Martin Car Park off Grantchester Road, to the south of Coton village [TL414577]	Farm Sunday at Coton Countryside Reserve: Meet the farmer and Society staff - guided walks and exhibition in the barn highlighting how the farm is managed.	Free- donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sun 7 June	14:30 - 17:30	Mill Lane, Hinxtton (turn off the A1301 from Cambridge into Hinxtton Village)	Hinxtton Mill Open Day: Discover this working watermill, dating back to the Domesday book, owned by Cambridge Preservation Society, in picturesque surroundings in the village of Hinxtton.	Entrance to Mill: CPS members free, Adults £1.50, Children: 50p	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Sat 13 June	11.00 am & 14.30 pm	Wicken Fen	Dragonfly Safari - guided walk around the fen by the Dragonfly Project. Come and see the Dragons Fly ! Booking not required (unless large parties > 10 people)	£ 3.50 Adult, £ 2.50 children (plus NT admission to Fen for non members)	01733 204286
Sun 14 June	11.00 am & 14.30 pm	Wicken Fen	Dragonfly Safari - guided walk around the fen by the Dragonfly Project. Come and see the Dragons Fly ! Booking not required (unless large parties > 10 people)	£ 3.50 Adult, £ 2.50 children (plus NT admission to Fen for non members)	01733 204286
Sat 20 June	14.00 - 17.00	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	FPPNR Wildlife Strawberries and Cream. Join us for a short guided walk to enjoy the best of the Reserve's summer wildlife, followed by a strawberries and cream afternoon treat at the visitors' centre accompanied by a string quartet. Please book in advance.	£5.00 per person payable on the day.	01480 451568

Sat	20	June	10:00 - 16:00	Education Centre, Wandlebury Country Park (on the A1307, 2.5 km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout). [TL492 532]	Welcoming Wildlife to Your Garden No.2: A series of hands on workshops at Wandlebury Country Park giving children the information and skills necessary to encourage wildlife into their gardens, including making homes, feeding and habitat creation. Look out for posters, or check our website: www.cpswandlebury.org for more details nearer the time. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and dress according to the weather. Ages 7-12. Booking is essential.	£5 per child (CPS members £4 per child)	Jon Gibbs, Head Ranger, Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 248706 E-mail: ranger@cpswandlebury.org
Tues	23	June	18:30 - 21:00	Coton Countryside Reserve, meet at the Reserve Notice Board, off Coton Footpath (east of recreation ground) Coton village [TL416587]	Midsummer Guided Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve: Enjoy a midsummer evening and sunset aura, learn more about the Reserve and take delight in the countryside views; please dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear.	Free - donation appreciated	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Fri	26	June	19.00 - 23.00	Meet at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park	Nocturnal Wildlife on the Commons. A 6km (4mile) walk from Hinchingsbrooke Country Park over Views Common and onto Stukeley Meadows before continuing on to Spring Common to look for bats. Wear warm clothing, suitable footwear and bring a torch.	Free	01480 451568
Sat	27	June	19.00 - 21.30	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve	Farming for Wildlife Guided Walk. Join the Ranger for a walk around the arable farm on the reserve, at a time when farmland birds are singing and our fields are flourishing.	Free	01480 451568
Sun	28	June	14:00 - 16:30	Between Bourn and Caxton (off the A428 from Cambridge take the turn after the blue footbridge signed Caldecote then Bourn Airfield and then Bourn, and take a right turn into Caxton Road, alternatively turn off the A1198 via Caxton village).	Bourn Post Mill Open Days: A chance to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the country with knowledgeable Cambridge Preservation Society volunteer guides.	Entrance to Mill: CPS members free, Adults £1.50, Children: 50p	Cambridge Preservation Society Tel: 01223 243830 e-mail: admin@cpswandlebury.org
Saturdays and Sundays throughout June			Any time	Various locations	Walk on the Bright Side Throughout June we are encouraging groups to organise or take part in a countryside walk in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. By doing this, you will be helping make a real difference to the lives of patients and their families who need help coming to terms with the devastating effects of cancer and other life limiting illness. For details on how to organise a walk, or to find a walk taking place near you, please contact the Fundraising Team. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from www.arhc.org.uk . Just click on our events		01223 723115 Arthur Rank Hospice Charity