

V8 Curry 2007 – Cambridge Curry Centre – Saturday 24th February 2007

Ian Quarrington has volunteered to arrange the V8 Curry 2007. He lives in Cambridge and has chosen a delightful curryhouse in the centre of Cambridge called the Cambridge Curry Centre! The date of the V8 Curry 2007 has been moved to coincide with the Stoneleigh Show weekend so members will be able to go on the Stoneleigh on Sunday – it is not far to the west of Cambridge.

Ian explains “The Cambridge Curry Centre is at 45 Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AH. Telephone 01223 363666. Parking is free directly across the road at Shire Hall, which is the County Council head offices. For me it is a lovely thought to get free parking in the city right opposite the venue and even better to be able to use the facilities we are all paying for in our council taxes! The car park has barriers on both entry and exit but at weekends the entry barrier is permanently up and the exit opens as you approach it. Shire Hall also contains the births, marriages and deaths registry offices but I believe the last wedding on a Saturday to be at 4 pm so we won't have a problem parking.

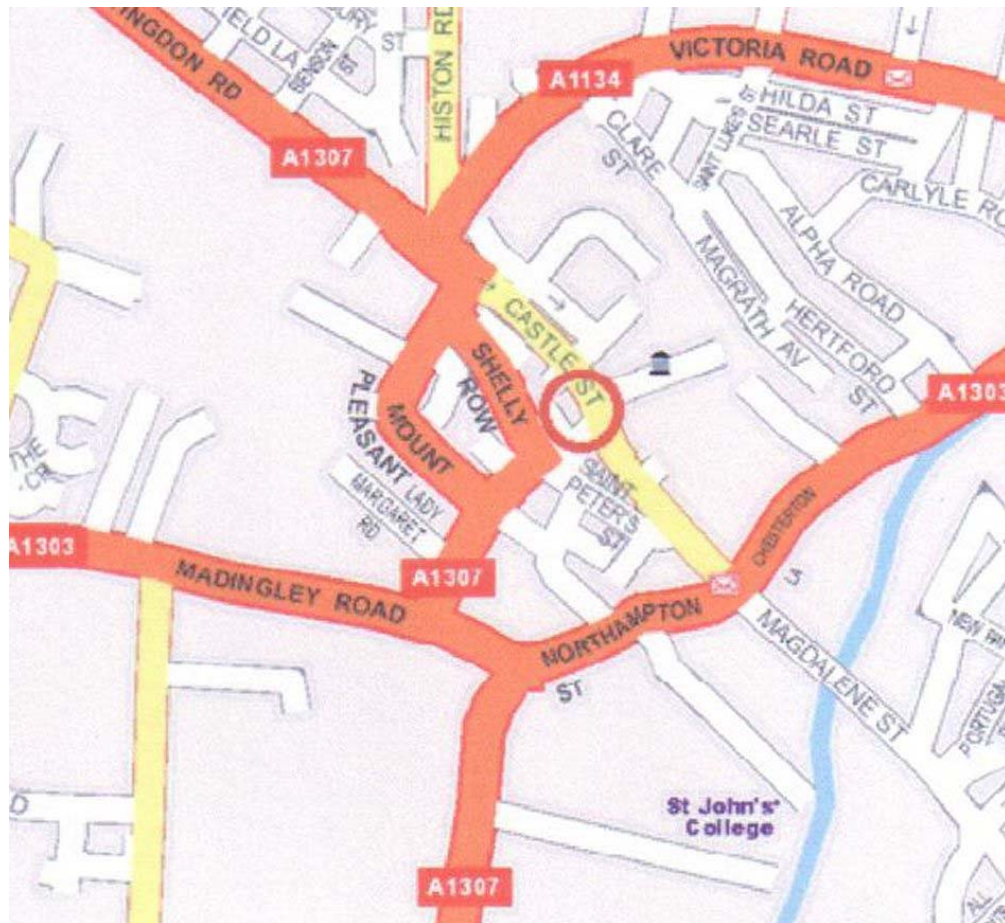
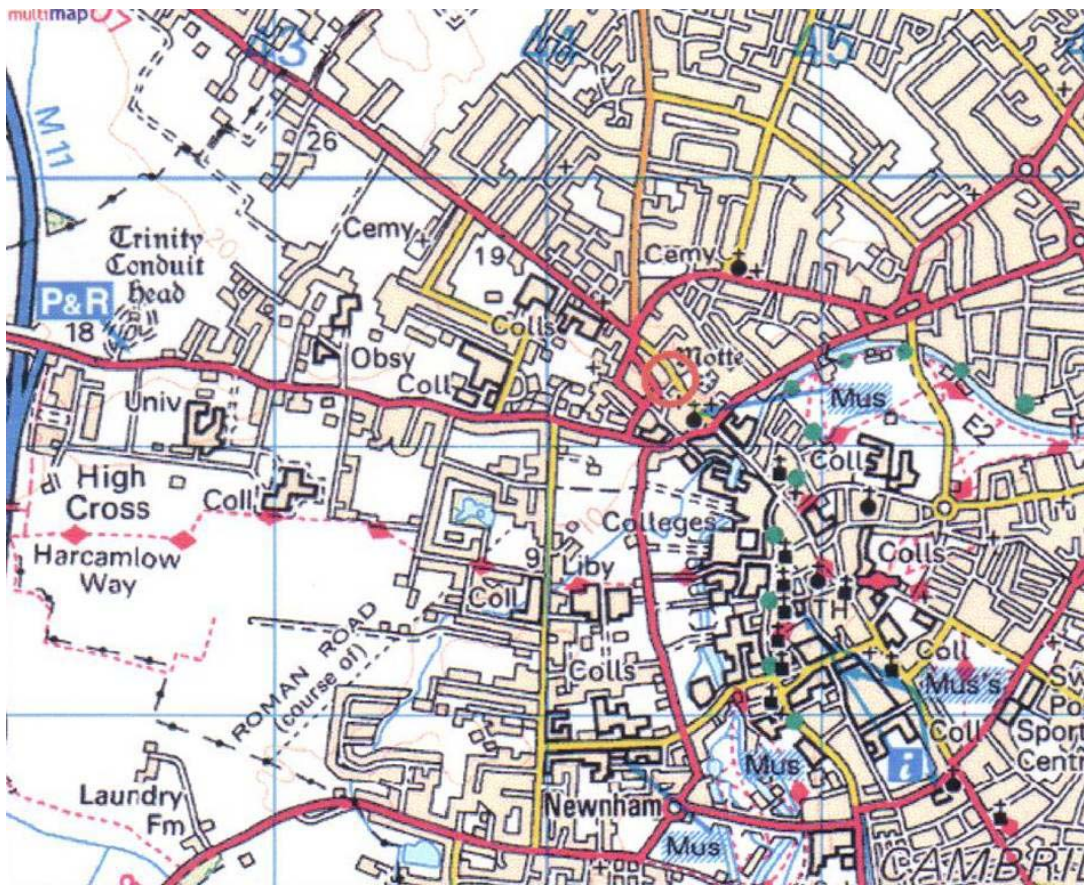
A ten minute walk south from the Curry Centre brings you outside the row of five colleges which begins with St. John's and ends at King's so you couldn't be more central than that if anyone wants to come a little early and have a look around the city. If there is enough interest I am prepared to organise a short tour of the main college and the city centre areas. Alternatively a short organ recital at one of the college chapels but we must remember these are all fully functioning places of worship and there may be evening services going on.

There is plenty of room at the Curry Centre. It has an old frontage but the interior is very modern, spacious and light and extends to two floors. The manager has accepted the booking in his 2007 diary. We will have a large area allocated to us on the ground floor. In terms of menu there are several "set" menus which encompass a wide variety of cuisine and lots to choose from in terms of liquid refreshment.

For directions on how to get to the venue... the easiest route is to follow what we know as the highway to hell i.e the A14 east bound until you reach the junction with the A1303 which brings you directly into Castle Street via such landmarks at Girton and New Hall colleges”. The attached maps should help you find the curryhouse if you are not familiar with the layout of Cambridge.

Al Barnett (V8 Chairman) notes “I have investigated hotels within walking distance of the Curry Centre and have found the **Arundel House** which seems to be just a few hundred yards away. Singles seem to be from GBP65 and the hotel has parking. The **University Arms** and the **Garden House** hotels are also close but likely to be more expensive. I will probably book a room a little later on in the year as I don't fancy returning to Surrey on Saturday only to start out in the morning for Stoneleigh”.

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