

September - November 2001 Ramble List and News

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Dear Ramblers

Coming soon to a venue near you, **The SFACRC AGM!** Set for **Saturday 13th October at 3.00pm** in St. Mary Moorfields Church hall, Moorgate. Nearest tube/rail stations are Moorgate and Liverpool Street. Tea and scones will be served from 2.30pm.

This is a time for members to come forward and offer to serve a term on the committee; nomination slips are enclosed. Please consider getting someone to nominate you or nominate somebody yourself (with their agreement of course).

We need a constant flow of new committee members and new ideas to maintain the successful tradition of the club.

The AGM is also a time for members to bring up any concerns they may have about the Club, and also a chance to have a say in how things are run, use or lose it.

The **5.30pm Mass** on the day is offered for **SFACRC members**. We will go to the Wetherspoons pub, *Masque Haunt*, in Old Street for a drink and a meal afterwards.

Highlights of this issue:

-  AGM
-  Forthcoming Xmas events
-  Special Announcements
-  Masses for SFACRC members and deceased members

Summer BBQ: Despite the terrible weather at the start of the day everyone who came had a good time. Look forward to next year's Summer BBQ when hopefully more members would attend. *Many thanks to John Burbage for all his hard work in setting this up for us.*

Welcome to new members: Joan King, Middlesex and Colette O'Harte, London SW1.

Advice to new members: Please read your introductory leaflet carefully, especially about wearing suitable footwear with ankle support for your own safety, and maintaining good relations with pub owners by not eating your own food on their premises.

Subscriptions: Membership subs are due in October and it is still only £4.00. Cheques should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club and sent to our Treasurer, Gillian McLauchlan. Subs in cash/cheques can also be given to any committee member you meet on a Sunday ramble.

Christmas already? Please put **Saturday 15th December** in your diary if you would like to come to the **SFACRC Christmas dinner**. The restaurant and other details will be announced in the next issue.

After the Christmas and New Year celebrations January can seem an anti climax. Never fear, as we will be coming to your rescue by holding the **Christmas Party in January** - watch this space for further details.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding congratulations to Paul and Lorna (née O'Donnell) Rowntree who got married on 26th May. Paul became a member of the club recently - *Best wishes to you both from the Club.*

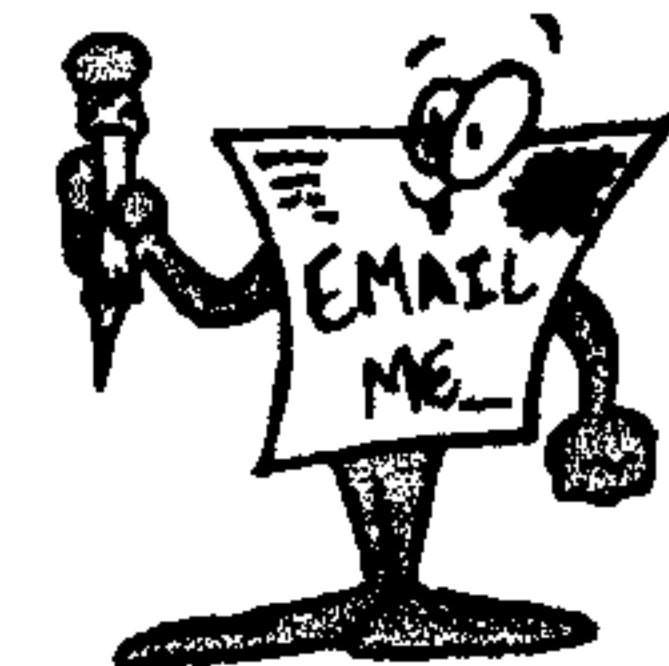


Keeping in touch: Frances Tolhurst (formerly Kershaw) has asked to convey her thanks for the leaving card she received. She was pleased to find it waiting in her new home in Australia when she moved in. If any members go over to Australia she hopes they will get in touch with her (please contact me or Gillian for her address).

Obituaries: Our deepest sympathy to Josephine Burns (née Brunning) and her family on the death of her husband John on 14th March. Josephine and John had been members of the club since the 1960s and got married after meeting each other through the club rambles.

A Mass for the repose of his soul, and for the souls of all the deceased club members will be held on **Saturday 10th November at 6.00pm** in Westminster Cathedral, Victoria. Members can gather after Mass to go for a meal and a drink.

Change of email address: Please note that the Ramble List Compiler's email has changed (see last column).



Malvern Hills Weekend

by Mary Maxwell

Some 18 of us spent a delightful few days in Great Malvern over the first Bank holiday weekend in May. Our hosts were Maureen and Trevor Conway. We were very lucky on a number of counts. It was the first time that the Malvern Hills were open for walking and it was the first good weather of the year.

We all met up in a pub on the Friday evening and discussed the programme with Trevor and Maureen over a 'jar'.



Sunday am trek - Great Malvern Hill

On the Saturday morning, Trevor gave us a guided tour of Great Malvern. We were fascinated to discover the connection with Elgar and his interesting monument in the Town Centre. Some of us spent the early afternoon exploring the lovely and very well preserved 11th century former Benedictine Priory and the interesting Museum. Afterwards Trevor escorted us over the Hills for Mass in Malvern Link. Trevor and Maureen then very generously hosted a lovely vegetarian meal for all of us.

Next day our ramble over the Malvern Hills was more strenuous but it was followed by the usual Ramblers pub lunch. Thus fortified we proceeded to traipse over the hills again in the opposite direction. That evening Trevor introduced to the delights of one of the local hosteries.

On the Monday, a lovely warm sunny day, we set off to explore Worcester, especially the Cathedral and some of us had a meander along the river. And so back to London that evening, refreshed by the beauty of the Malvern countryside, especially the clean air and indeed wondering why we were not living there as well.

Grateful thanks from all of us to Trevor and Maureen for giving so much time to making the weekend a success and especial thanks for the lovely meal.

by Maureen Furlong

Many thanks to Maureen and Trevor for organising so efficiently the walking holiday at Malvern, their present home town.

On the Friday evening we all met at 'The Fisherman's Inn' where we were told of the plans for the weekend's activities - happy and jolly meeting.

Saturday morning was fine and bright as Trevor took us on a very interesting tour of the town. We were fortunate that some of the hills had just

opened again after the FMD closures. So, having dipped our footwear in the disinfectant pool, we had a splendid afternoon walk to St. Anne's Well café. There, fortified by drinks and delicious cake, we set off again over the hills to St. Joseph's Church for Mass.

Later in the evening we wined and dined at Maureen and Trevor's home. A very special thank you for a lovely meal and the amount of preparation (not to mention the clearing up!) that went into it.

Those of us who decided to take a late three mile walk back to the Youth Hostel had a little adventure but that's another story!

We are very grateful, however, to Maureen and John, a couple we had seen earlier in the church, who made two trips by car to enable us to reach the hostel

before it closed.

There were more delightful walks on Sunday, again in good weather, and thanks go to Maureen for leading one of them.

Most of Monday was spent in Worcester, a fine city, visiting the Cathedral, the Royal Worcester Visitors' Centre and historical sites, before departing for our various destinations. This was a most enjoyable and memorable club trip. Maureen and Trevor, thank you again.

Thank you to Mary for the use of her photos.



Mr Edward Elgar meeting
Miss Catherine Scott

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by 20th October 2001.

God Bless and happy rambling...

Antoinette

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Y.H.A. Group Membership Card:

The club is in possession of a group membership Y.H.A. card. Please contact Helen in advance, if you would like to borrow it for hostel weekends in case she is away at the time you need it.

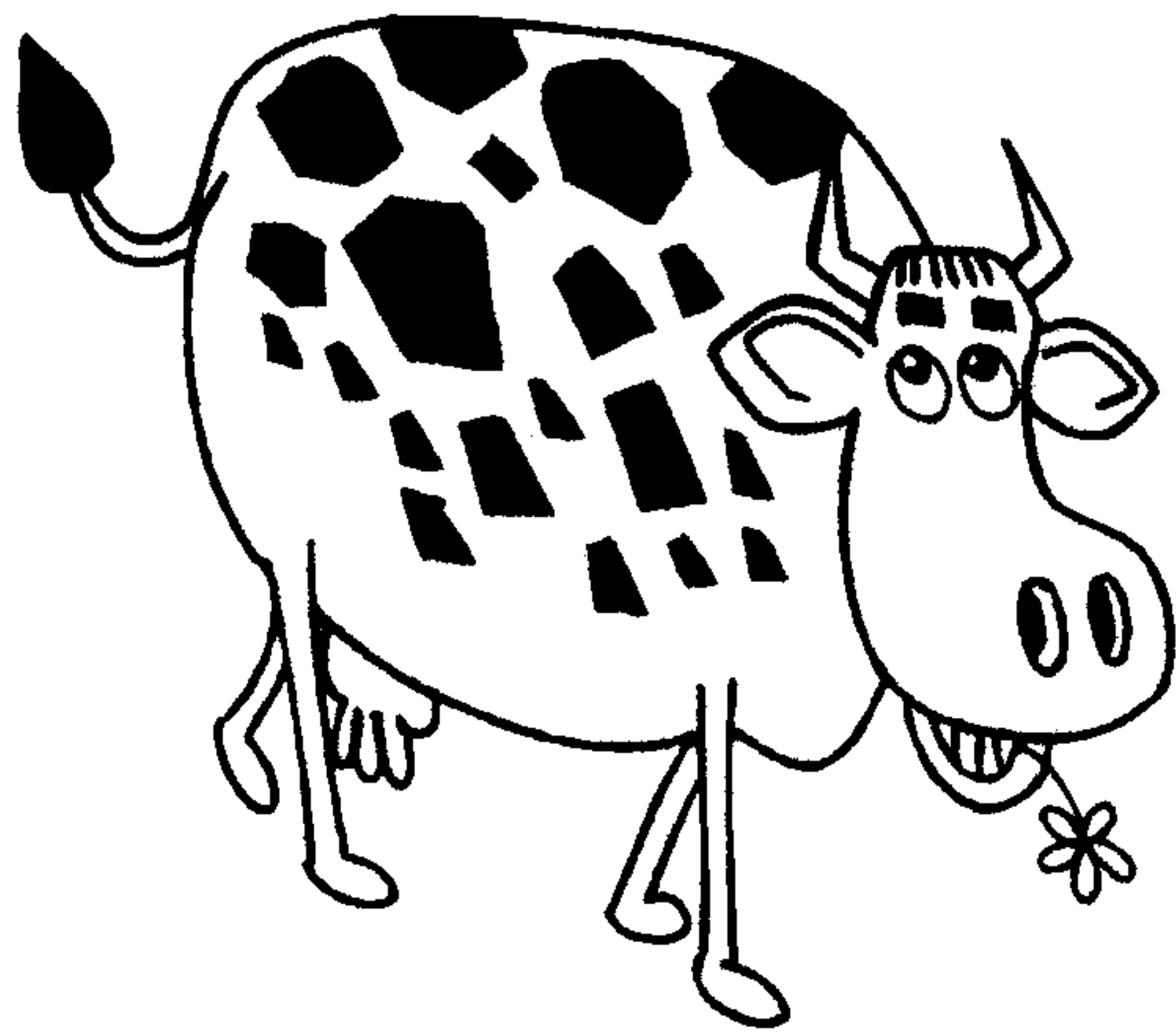
A poem sent in by Norah Marshall, Cardiff. Norah saw this poem in a tourist info. office in New Zealand and it reminded her of the wet rambles in the Essex mud in the 1960s. I'm sure it will rekindle lots of memories of other walks for all of us.

Rain

It rained and rained and rained
The average fall was well maintained
And when the tracks were simple bogs
It started raining cats and dogs
After a drought of half an hour
We had a most refreshing shower
And then most curious thing of all -
A gentle rain began to fall
Next day but one was fairly dry
Save for one deluge from the sky
Which wetted the party to the skin
And then at last the Rain set in.



COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : 20th October 2001



It looks as though the Foot and Mouth crisis has abated to a point where people can use country paths again, hence the programme that has been put together. Let us hope that for all concerned that this improvement continues. Should any particular ramble still be affected please note the following ; **Ramble leaders** : Please phone me **latest** by the Tuesday prior to your ramble if you have to substantially alter what is supposed to happen that day. Please also let other committee members know as well. **Ramblers** : By each Thursday evening there will be a message regarding the following Sunday on the intro tape of my answering machine, if any changes have been notified by the leader concerned.

Please note the train times change on 29th September so times may vary from those in the programme. Please phone 08457 48 49 50 for details of services on Sundays you are walking.

Sunday 2nd September (os maps 195 & 196) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Waterloo 0825 for 0850 train to Brockenhurst (arr 1052)

LUNCH : The Turfcutters Arms, East Boldre

TEA : Brockenhurst

DISTANCE : 14 miles returning from Brockenhurst

A pleasant level walk that goes through a variety of New Forest Scenery

FARE : £ 16.05 cdr Brockenhurst with network card discount

Sunday 9th September (os maps 165 & 175) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Marylebone 0800 for 0824 train to Saunderton (arr 0916)

LUNCH : Bull & Butcher, Turville. Good food but expensive

TEA : Wait and see

DISTANCE : 19 hilly miles returning from Saunderton

FARE : £ 6.60 cdr Saunderton with network card discount

-Sunday 16th September (os map 168) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0850 for 0915 train to Manningtree (arr 1017)
LUNCH : Case Is Altered, Bentley
TEA : Manningtree
DISTANCE : 12 miles through Constable Country returning from Manningtree
FARE : £10.20 cdr Manningtree with network card discount
Frank will meet the ramblers at Manningtree



Sunday 23rd September (os map 187) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Christs Hospital (arr 1114)
LUNCH : The Blue Ship, The Haven
TEA : Not today thanks
DISTANCE : 13 mainly level miles returning from Billingshurst
FARE : £ 8.20 cdr Billingshurst with network southeast discount

Sunday 30th September (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0940 for 1000 train to Tonbridge (arr 1041)
LUNCH : Leicester Arms, Penshurst
TEA : Tonbridge
DISTANCE : 12.5 miles returning from Tonbridge
FARE : £ 6.20 cdr Tonbridge
Paul will meet the ramblers at Tonbridge

Sunday 7th October (os map 166) Leader : Robert Slater

MEET : Kings Cross 0850 for 0911 train to Stevenage (arr 0945)
LUNCH : The Bull Inn, Whitwell
TEA : Maybe
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Welwyn North
FARE : £6.50 cdr Stevenage with network card discount
Robert will meet the ramblers at Stevenage

Saturday 13th October: The AGM will be held at St Mary Moorfields followed by the 5.30pm mass for the SFACRC members. Please see blue pages for full details.

Sunday 14th October (os map 197) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1004 train to Arundel (arr 1132)
LUNCH : Bridge Inn, just down from Amberly Station
TEA : Arundel
DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Arundel
FARE : £10.75 cdr Arundel with network card discount
Maurice will meet the ramblers at Arundel

Sunday 21st October (os maps 167 & 168) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0910 for 0932 train to Chelmsford (arr 1009)
LUNCH : The Bell, Woodham Mortimer
TEA : Maldon or Chelmsford
DISTANCE : 13 level and downhill miles returning from Maldon
FARE : £6.10 cdr Chelmsford with network card discount plus £2.40 bus fare
Maldon to Chelmsford. Frank will meet the ramblers at Chelmsford

27th / 28th October remember BST comes to an end so you get an extra hour in bed.

Sunday 28th October (os map 153) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Kings Cross 0855 for 0921 train to Sandy (arr 1003)
LUNCH : Rose and Crown, Potton
Food a bit pricey, but quality and good portions make up for that
TEA : Biggleswade
DISTANCE : 10 mostly level miles returning from Biggleswade
FARE : £7.80 cdr Sandy with network card discount



Sunday 4th November (os map 165) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Baker Street 0945 for 1006 train to Chesham (arr 1056),
change at Chalfont & Latimer
LUNCH : The Bell Inn, Chartridge (grid ref 932038)
TEA : Variety of places in Chesham
DISTANCE : 10½ fairly strenuous miles returning from Chesham.
FARE : One day travelcard, zones 1-6 plus 'D' £6.50

Saturday 10th November: The 6.00pm mass at Westminster Cathedral for the repose of the soul of John Burns and all other deceased members of SFACRC. See details in the blue pages.

Sunday 11th November (os map 187) Leaders : Maurice Hickman

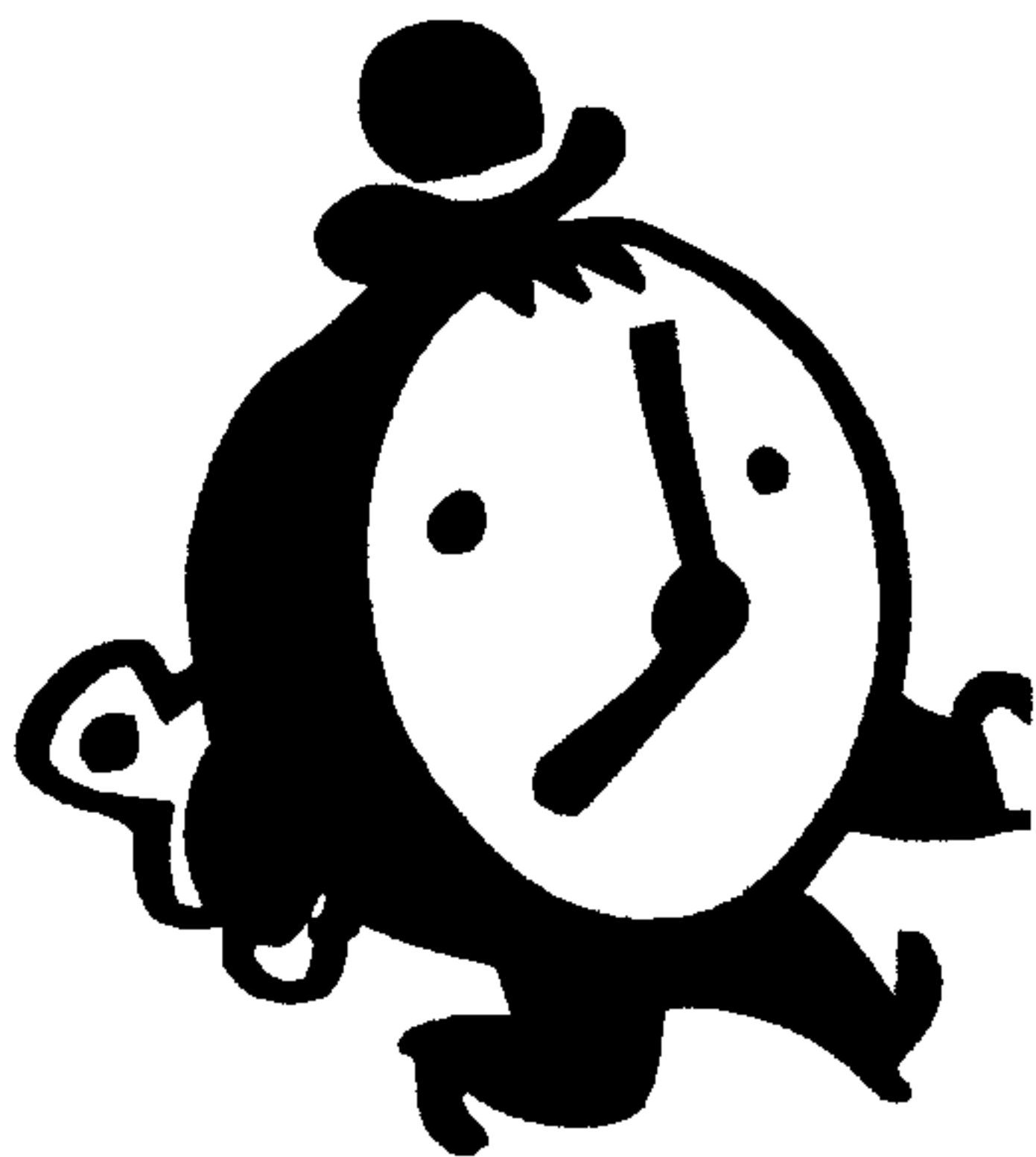
MEET : Victoria 1010 for 1034 train to Coulsdon South (arr 1102)
LUNCH : The Fox, Coulsdon Common
TEA : Fanny's Farm Shop
DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Redhill
FARE : All zones travel card £4.90 plus excess from Redhill £2.60 single
Maurice will meet the ramblers at Coulsdon South

Sunday 18th November (os map 166) Leader : Tony Norton

MEET : 0840 for 0903 train to Enfield Lock – Zone 6 (arr 0926)
LUNCH : The Crown, Broxbourne
TEA : Hertford
DISTANCE : 12 level miles returning from Hertford (East for Liverpool Street)
Or (North for Finsbury Park and Kings Cross)
FARE : One day travelcard (all zones) £4.90 plus excess from Hertford £3.30 single

Sunday 25th November (os map 188) Leader : Hilary McNabb

MEET : Charing Cross 0940 for 1000 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1033)
LUNCH : Crown Point Inn, Seal Chart
TEA : Sevenoaks
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Sevenoaks
FARE : £6.60 cdr Sevenoaks
Hilary will meet the ramblers at Sevenoaks



Don't forget Sunday train services can be affected by engineering works. Information on these can be obtained by calling 08457 484950 or see the relevant ceefax or teletext pages on tv.

Please ensure you bring your Network cards or Gold cards so that you can get the 1/3rd off full fares for yourself and up to three guests travelling with you. You can also get 50p off all zone travel cards even if purchased at underground stations.

Unless otherwise indicated the fare shown is the full fare from the London terminus.

SFA CRC: Election of Committee for the year 2001-02

Nomination Form: NB Please return to Helen Hunt, 157 Coteford Street, Tooting, London SW17 8NT by 1st October 2001

NNB: If you wish to propose a motion you must ensure that it accords with the provisions of the constitution and send it to the same address to arrive by Saturday 8th September.

I wish to nominate(NAME) for the position of (Please place a ✓ by the position for which you wish to nominate):

Vice President () Secretary () Treasurer ()

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Proposer.....(Please sign and print name).

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Signature of person nominated.....



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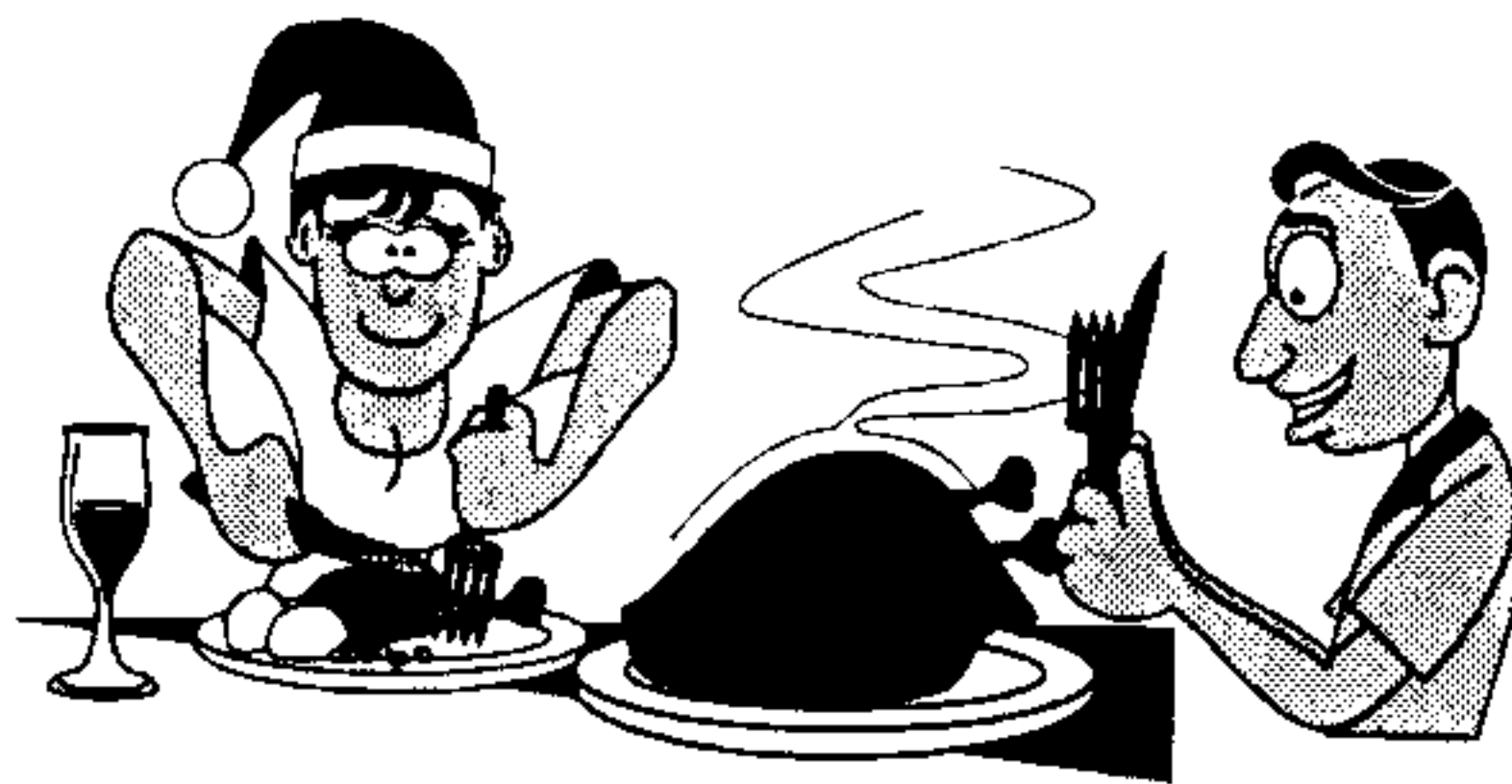
Proposer.....(Please sign and print name).

Seconder.....(Please sign and print name).

Signature of person nominated.....

STOP PRESS!!!

Christmas Dinner, 7pm Saturday 15 December



This year we will return to Brahms Restaurant, 147 Lupus St, London SW1V 3HD.

Three-course meal with good choice of dishes for £16.00; drinks and coffee extra.

Please send a cheque payable to the Club to either Maria Darroch or Gillian McLauchlan by 31 October.

(Addresses in Committee Members list).

Late bookings cannot be accepted.



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club
Income and Expenditure Account for Year to 31 August 2001

1999-00	Income	2000-01	1999-00	Expenditure	2000-01
	£648.00 Subscriptions	£543.00		£236.55 Postage	£322.21
	£232.00 Life Membership £4X59	£236.00		£414.95 Photocopying/Printing	£594.08
	Transfer from Club History Acc	£260.56		£18.46 Stationery	£48.95
				£20.00 Telephone	£25.00
<hr/>	£880.00	£1,039.56	<hr/>	£689.96	£990.24
	£147.00 Donations	£27.50		£20.00 R.A. Affiliation	£20.00
	£14.67 Bank Interest	£12.55		£74.00 Insurance	£78.00
	£4.00 Club badges sold	£4.00		£12.00 YHA Gp Membership	£12.00
	£1,126.70 Aylesford 2000	£0.00		£1,250.20 Aylesford 2000	£0.00
	£34.50 Surplus Christmas Ramble/Party	£85.20		£66.00 AGM + Committee Expenses	£76.00
	£80.00 Surplus Day of Recollection	£30.00		£73.40 Travel Expenses	£37.80
	£0.00 Surplus Bar B Que	£30.85		£20.00 Masses/Cards/Flowers	£67.33
				£80.00 Donation to St Mary Moorfields	£0.00
<hr/>	£2,286.87	£1,229.66	<hr/>	£2,285.56	£1,281.37
	-£1.31 Excess Inc/Exp	£0.00		£0.00 Excess Exp/Inc	-£51.71
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				Life Membership Fund	
	£1,460.21 Balance as at 1 Sep 00	£1,591.29		£232.00 Transfer to Inc Acc	£236.00
	£240.00 New subscriptions	£80.00		£1,591.29 Balance as at 31 Aug 2001	£1,540.69
	£123.08 Interest on Investment Acc	£105.40			
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				Club History Account	
	£176.96 Balance as at 1 Sep 00	£260.56		£84.00 Preparation + Printing	£0.00
	£37.32 Sales + Dispatch	£0.00		Transfer to income account	£260.56
				£260.56 Balance at 31Aug 01	£0.00
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				Capital Account Balances	
	£1,330.88 Balance as at 1 Sep 2000	£1,329.57		£133.94 Cash in hand/owed to Treasurer	-£15.86
	-£1.31 Excess Exp/Inc	-£51.71		£834.25 Nationwide Acc	£585.78
<hr/>	£1,329.57	£1,277.86		£2,343.29 NSB Investment Acc	£2,448.69
	£20.00 Subscriptions in advance	£37.00			
	£0.00 Christmas Meal 2001 Adv	£32.00			
	£1,591.29 Life Membership Fund	£1,540.59			
	£260.56 Club History Acc				
	£110.06 Unallocated Funds in Bank	£131.16			
<hr/>	£3,311.48	£3,018.61	<hr/>	£968.19	
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We have audited the above accounts and find them to be properly drawn up in accordance with the books and accounts of the club and certify that they are to the best of our knowledge and belief correct.

Signed: John Lawrence Date: 6/10/01
 John Lawrence

Signed: Tony Finnegan Date: 6-10-01
 Tony Finnegan

9 Club badges in stock

Notes:

Excess Expenditure due to Foot and Mouth and reduced membership

	£p
Extra postage X 2 Mailings	£116.00
Envelopes X 2 mailings	£29.98
Printing X 2 Mailings	£60.00
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	£205.98
Reduced members	£85.00
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	£290.98
Reduced Interest Rates	£19.80
	£310.78
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58 Life Members+2 -1(Marjorie Heald)=59