



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC RAMBLERS CLUB



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The club is Approved by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster; Affiliated to the Ramblers Association

## Programme of Events September - November 2008

*Greetings Ramblers,*

**NB Items for the next programme must reach the Secretary or Ramble List Compiler by 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** (Landranger Map 165) Leader: Paul Connolly

MEET: Marylebone 0930 for 0954 train to Little Kimble (arr 1057). **NB Please read "Fare" line below for advice on ticket to buy).**

LUNCH: Wendover – choice of shops, cafes and pubs in a 200 yard stretch, including one pub where you can eat your own food.

TEA: Aylesbury

DISTANCE: 12 miles, returning from Aylesbury. Mostly level, apart from a short climb in the morning.

FARE: £10.55 cdr Aylesbury from Marylebone, £7.20 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network card.

Freedom Pass holders only need cdr Amersham to Aylesbury (£5.30 with Network / Senior Railcard). 2 trains an hour back to London.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** (Landranger Map 186) Leader: Maurice Hickman

MEET: Waterloo 0900 for 0930 train to Guildford (arr 1012)

LUNCH: William IV, Albury Heath

TEA: Villagers, Blackheath and /or Rodboro Buildings, Guildford (Wetherspoon)

DISTANCE: 14 miles, returning from Guildford

FARE: £6.40 cdr Guildford from Waterloo, £5.00 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network card

**19<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008: Continuation of Compostella Pilgrimage:** Maurice Hickman will be doing the third leg of the pilgrimage from Le Puy to Compostella between 19<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September he will get the 6 30 am Eurostar train from St Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord and thence to Gare Montparnasse, Toulouse, Rodez, and finally Viviez Decazeville. He will return on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from Moissae, again by train via Montauban and Gare Austerlitz. One member, Carol Anley, will be travelling by plane so if anyone wishes to travel this way they could contact Carol. Maurice will be staying at gites which work out at 30 Euro a night. The cost of travel by train is about £200 so total cost works out at £700- £800. If you feel like joining this exciting journey ring Maurice on 01737 765 231.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** (Explorer Map 147) Leader: Paul Brunning

MEET: Charing Cross 0945 for 1000 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1034)

LUNCH: The Cock, Ide Hill

TEA: Optional at Sevenoaks

DISTANCE: 11 miles, returning from Sevenoaks

FARE: £5.40 cdr Sevenoaks from Charing Cross, £1.70 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** (Explorer Maps 120, 133) Leaders: Marta and John Haworth

MEET: Waterloo 0900 for 0930 train to Petersfield (arr 1040)

LUNCH: The Red Lion, Chalton

TEA: Unlikely

DISTANCE: 16 miles, returning from Petersfield

FARE: £12.70 cdr Petersfield from Waterloo, £9.85 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Annual General Meeting and Mass for Members' Intentions**

This year we can have the AGM on the feast of St Francis itself so please be sure to attend and take your full part in decisions concerning the running of the club. Nomination forms for committee (see back page) membership (see back page) must be with the Secretary by Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Motions for discussion must reach the Secretary by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The AGM will be in St Mary Moorfields Church Hall, 4-5 Eldon Street, London EC2 . Refreshments from 3 30 pm and the meeting will begin at 4 pm.

With thanks to our president Fr Peter the AGM will be followed by the annual Mass for members' intentions.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** (Landranger Map 167) Leader: Paul Connolly

MEET: Liverpool Street 0935 for 1002 train to Ingatestone (arr 1035). Train also calls at Stratford at 1009. **NB Please read "Fare" line below for advice on ticket to buy).** Paul will meet the ramblers at Ingatestone.

LUNCH: The Cuckoo, Radley Green.

TEA: Chelmsford.

DISTANCE: 12 level miles returning from Chelmsford.

FARE: £8.10 cdr Chelmsford from Liverpool Street, £4.80 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

Two trains an hour back to London.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Poetry Evening at Joe O'Reilly's.**

Another of Joe's legendary poetry events at 4 Rona Road NW3 2JA. Time: **Please come early - first reading 19 29 sharp. Sorry, numbers strictly limited so the first 18 to ring Joe on 020 7482 1530** are in. Anyone ringing after the 18<sup>th</sup> person or anyone arriving after 19 29 not admitted. How to get there: **Bus 24** from Pimlico or Victoria, via Tottenham Court Road, to first stop past St Dominic's Church, Southampton Road NW5 (request stop). Walk on to traffic lights, turn right to 5<sup>th</sup> turning on left. No. 4 Rona Road is second house on right. **Top bell is Joe's. Please note the usual train option is not available due to works in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games.** 6 pm Mass at St Dominic's suitable for those going on ramble the next day.

**Sunday 12th October** (Landranger Map 188 )

Leader: Helen Hunt

MEET :Victoria 09 00 for 09 18 train to Maidstone East (arr. 10 18).  
LUNCH :Fleur de Lys, Burham (grid reference 731619). Pub does food. Seats opposite for those who wish to eat their own.  
TEA :Maidstone East (Wetherspoons).  
DISTANCE :13 miles returning from Maidstone East..  
FARE :£9.70 CDR Maidstone East, £5.15 from boundary zone 6, both including Network card discount.

**Sunday 19th October** (Explorer Maps 134, 135) Leader: Joe O'Reilly

MEET: Victoria 0900 for 0932 train to Balcombe (arr 1023)  
LUNCH: Red Lion, Handcross (bench nearby for eating your own)  
TEA: Half Moon, Balcombe  
DISTANCE: 9 miles, returning from Balcombe. Some parts are hilly, but worth it for the views.  
FARE: £8.65 cdr Balcombe from Victoria, £5.35 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

**Sunday 26th October 2008** (Landranger map 189)

Leader Tony Finnegan

**MEET:** Victoria 0820 for 0842 train to Charing (arr 10.02)  
**LUNCH :** The Running Horse, Broughton and Aruph (GR 014482)  
(Pub does good food. There are seats nearby to eat your own).  
**TEA :** Possibly Charing  
**DISTANCE:** 11 easy miles returning from Charing  
**FARE:** £11.90 CDR Charing from Victoria, £7.40 CDR from Boundary Zone 6 to Charing, both with Network card discount.

**Sunday 2nd November** (Landranger Map 186) Leaders: Marta and John Haworth

MEET: Waterloo 0845 for 0907 train to Farnham (arr 1015)  
LUNCH: The Good Intent, Puttenham  
TEA: Compton  
DISTANCE: 12 miles, returning from Guildford  
FARE: £8.45 cdr Farnham from Waterloo, £5.35 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

**Saturday 8th November - Mass for deceased members:** This is another important annual event so please make a note of the date now. Mass will be at 6 PM at St Mary Moorfields Church, 4-5 Eldon Street, London EC2.

**Sunday 9th November** (Explorer Map 146) Leader: Maurice Hickman

MEET: Victoria 0910 for 0934 train to Horley (arr 1025)  
LUNCH: Jolly Farmer, Horne  
TEA: Jack Fairman, Horley (Wetherspoon)  
DISTANCE: 12 miles, returning from Horley  
FARE: £6.00 cdr Horley from Victoria, £3.30 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** (Explorer Map 146) Leader: Terry Dobson

MEET: Victoria 0910 for 0934 train to Merstham (arr 1008)

LUNCH: The Fox, Coulsdon Common (bus 466 from Croydon)

TEA: The Good Companions, Hamsey Green (bus 403 from Croydon)

DISTANCE: 10 miles, hilly in parts. Returning from Purley.

FARE: £4.90 cdr Merstham from Victoria, with Network Card. If you have a Travelcard valid in Zones 1-6 or a Freedom Pass, you only need a single from the Zone 6 boundary to Merstham (£1.65 with Network Card).

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** (Explorer Map 147) Leader: Paul Brunning

MEET: Charing Cross 1015 for 1030 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1104)

LUNCH: The White Rock Inn, Underriver. Good food, but a bit pricey.

TEA: Optional at Sevenoaks.

DISTANCE: 10 miles, returning from Sevenoaks.

FARE: £5.40 cdr Sevenoaks from Charing Cross, £1.70 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**(Explorer Map 2) Leader: Tony Finnegan

**MEET** : Baker Street 0920 for 0940 train to Chesham (Arr. 10 33). Take Amersham train and change at Chalfont and Latimer. **NB Please read "Fare" line below for advice on ticket to buy).**

**LUNCH** : The Bell Inn, Chartridge (GR 937046)

**TEA** : Various options in Chesham.

**DISTANCE** : 10½ fairly strenuous miles, returning from Chesham.

**FARE** : Buy all zone travel card, **including Zone D** (only available at underground stations). £4,80 with Network Southeast Card Discount.

When joining us on a walk 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 traveling with you. You can also get £1.90 off all zone travel cards even if purchased at underground stations. Senior Railcard holders can also get the reduction on train fares but only for themselves.

*Don't forget Sunday train services can be affected by engineering works eg trains from Charing Cross are sometimes diverted to begin from Cannon Street or Victoria. Information on these can be obtained by calling 08457 484950 or see National Rail Website at [www.nationalrail.com](http://www.nationalrail.com)*

## News, Views and items of interest

**Welcome to New members:** A hearty welcome to the following who have become fully paid up members since the last programme: Richard Christopher of St Albans, Haidee Monaco of London SW17. We wish them many years of happy rambling with the club. Existing members or anyone wishing to join the club can send a cheque for £5 (or £100 for life membership) payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to the Treasurer, Gillian McLauchlan, 64 Pankhurst House, Du Cane Road, SW6 0UL.

**Holiday in Cornwall in May:** I heard glowing accounts of the walking holiday in Cornwall in May. Some photographs showing a challenging array of walks can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2001851&l=084ee&id=1394299451>  
Those who attended send their thanks to Marie Tisi for all she did to make it so enjoyable.

**Publicising the Club:** If your parish does not have our poster on its notice board please get a copy of the new one from the secretary or one of the membership secretaries and ask your parish priest for permission to put it up, or if there is one there already just replace it with the new one showing the names and details of the membership secretaries for the current year.

**Obituaries:** We were sorry to hear of the death of the following: Fred McAndrew on 2 August. Fred had been a member since 1957-58 and became a life member in 1982. He was a much loved vice president and played a key part in organising the celebration of the club's Golden and Diamond Jubilee celebrations;

Dennis Spiller who, with his wife Barbara was a long standing life member. At the time the last newsletter was compiled Dennis was ill in Stoke Mandeville hospital but unfortunately died before we dispatched the programme. Sincere sympathy to Barbara and her relatives.

Fr Anthony Finnegan OCSO (brother of Tony Finnegan and Alice Kennedy) died on 20 July.

**Sick members:** Please remember in your prayers members who are prevented from walking due to illness.

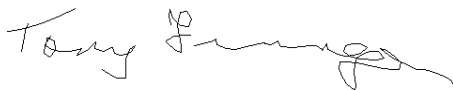
## Future Dates for Your Diary

**Sunday 14 December:** Christmas Ramble and Social. Full details in next programme.

**Saturday 20 December:** Christmas Dinner at Lowiczanka Polish Restaurant near Ravenscourt Park tube station. Details in next programme but we know from past experience that there will be excellent food and great music to dance to or just be entertained by.

**New Year Party:** A Saturday in January. Date to be decided and full details will be in next programme.

God bless and happy rambling.



Secretary

And



Ramble List Compiler

**Please complete committee nomination form overleaf. It will fit in a standard size window envelope for posting to Tony Finnegan**

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30 Avarn Road  
Tooting  
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SW17 9HA

**Club Committee 2007-08**

NB: Committee members' contact details are given in confidence on the understanding that they will be used for the sole purpose of members being able to make contact with them on legitimate club business. The strongest possible action will be taken against anyone using them for any other purpose.

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**SFA CRC: Election of Committee for the year 2008-09**

**Nomination Form: NB Please return to Tony Finnegan, 30 Avarn Road, Tooting, London SW17 9HA by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

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

Secretary ( ) Treasurer ( )

Ramble List Compiler ( ) Committee Member ( )

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

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

Signature of person nominated.....