



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 June - August 2008

Greetings Ramblers,

NB Items for the next programme must reach the Secretary or Ramble List Compiler by 31 July

Sunday 1st June (Landranger Map 167)

Leader: Carol Anley

- MEET** : Liverpool Street 1008 for 1028 train to Sawbridgeworth (arr 1104)
(Some may prefer to catch the train at 0943, arriving 1034 – this would give you time to browse round the Herts & Essex Antique Centre, an Aladdin's Cave of antiques – just opposite the station. Carol will check there for ramblers before starting the walk at about 1105.)
- LUNCH** : The George, Little Hallingbury (good roasts)
- TEA** : (and cakes) St James (of Santiago) Church Hall, Thorley
- DISTANCE** : 8 miles, returning from Bishops Stortford (where we can try our prowess at Ten Pin Bowling at "Super Bowl")
- FARE** : £8.10 cdr from Liverpool Street to Bishops Stortford, £5.75 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network card

Summer Barn Dance Party

Saturday 7th June

6 30 till 10 30 pm (NO Mass beforehand)

St Mary Moorfields Church Hall

Eldon Street EC1

Pay £7 in advance (tickets from Carol Anley or other committee members) or £8 on the door.

Music and calling by "the Old Mole"

Bring food to share and your own choice of drink

Invite your family, friends and neighbours to come and join us for an evening of dancing in traditional country style.

Sunday 8th June (Landranger Map 175)

Leader: Peter MacDonald

- MEET** : Paddington 0915 for 0944 train to Windsor (change at Slough) (arr Windsor 1028)
- LUNCH** : The Sun (near Savill Gardens entrance to Windsor Great Park)
- TEA** : Windsor
- DISTANCE** : 9 miles, returning from Windsor
- FARE** : £5.35 cdr Windsor from Paddington, £2.70 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network card

Sunday 15th June (Explorer Map 120) Leader: Angela Shardlow (mobile: 07527 127349)

MEET : Victoria 0845 for 0917 train to Chichester (arr 1102). Make sure you are in the right part of the train – usually the front 4 coaches.
 LUNCH : The Ship Inn, Itchenor (pub does food).
 TEA :
 DISTANCE : 12 flat miles round harbour and short ferry ride, returning from Chichester
 FARE : £13.60 cdr Chichester from Victoria, £12.60 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card, plus £1.50 for ferry.

Sunday 22nd June (Landranger Map 153) Leader: Robert Slater

MEET : Kings Cross mainline 1055 for 1118 train to Biggleswade (arr 1201)
 LUNCH : The New Inn, Biggleswade Town Centre (meals very reasonably priced)
 TEA : Biggleswade
 DISTANCE : 7 miles, returning from Biggleswade. Walk begins after lunch. Visit RSPB headquarters and Nature Reserve, comprising woodland, heathland, gardens and shop (coffee / tea from machine). Some short ascents, but within scope. Robert will meet the ramblers at Biggleswade.
 FARE : £9.90 cdr Biggleswade from Kings Cross, £6.25 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

Sunday 29th June (Landranger Map 147) Leader: Paul Brunning

MEET : Victoria 0945 for 1008 train to Eynsford, arr 1054
 LUNCH : Two Brewers, Shoreham
 TEA : Eynsford?
 DISTANCE : 11 miles, returning from Eynsford
 FARE : £4.90 cdr Eynsford from Victoria, £2.00 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

Sunday 6th July (Explorer Map 123) Leader: Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0920 for 0947 train to Eastbourne (arr 1119)
 LUNCH : Tiger Inn, East Dean
 TEA : Birling Gap (chance of a swim here, weather permitting)
 DISTANCE : 12 miles, hilly in afternoon. Buses available to and from lunch and tea stops.
 FARE : £14.80 cdr Eastbourne from Victoria, £11.80 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

Sunday 13th July (Landranger Map 174) Leader: Paul Connolly

MEET : Paddington 0915 for 0944 train to Goring and Streatley (arr 1057)
 LUNCH : Bell, Aldworth – no hot food, but good filled rolls
 TEA : Goring
 DISTANCE : 12 miles, returning from Goring and Streatley
 FARE : £10.30 cdr Goring and Streatley from Paddington, £7.40 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

Sunday 20th July (Landranger Map 187)

SPECIAL SUMMER PICNIC RAMBLE

LEADER: Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0940 for 1006 train to Dorking (arr 1102)
 PICNIC LUNCH: Boxhill (bring own food and drink)
 TEA : Burford Bridge and / or Dorking
 DISTANCE : 6½ or 10 miles, returning from Boxhill or Dorking
 FARE : £5.70 cdr Dorking from Victoria, £2.45 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

Sunday 27th July (Landranger Map 186)

Leader: Witold Sokolowski

MEET : Waterloo 0940 for 1000 train to Witley (arr 1104)

PICNIC LUNCH: Top of the hill

HIGH TEA : Wetherspoons etc, Godalming

DISTANCE : 8 miles or 12 miles, returning from Godalming or Guildford

FARE : £9.50 cdr Witley from Waterloo, £5.80 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

2nd to 9th August 2008 Holiday at Ushaw College, Durham

Ushaw College are holding their holiday/pilgrimage 'Journeying with the Northern Saints' from 3rd to 9th August 2008. Visiting York, Lindisfarne, Inner Farne Island, Whitby, Ripon and Mount Grace Priory. Cost is £390 for accommodation, meals, coach fares, and talks by staff and seminarians. We are going up on 2nd August. Cost of bed, breakfast and evening meal for the extra night, Saturday 2nd August, is about £36.

If interested ring Dorothy Hickman 01737 765 231 for more details.

Sunday 3rd August (Explorer Map 120)

Leader: Angela Shardlow (mobile 07527 127349)

MEET : Victoria 0845 for 0917 train to Chichester (arr 1102). Make sure you are in the right part of the train – usually the front 4 coaches.

LUNCH : The Spotted Cow, Hunston (pub does food)

TEA : At Chichester Marina and Wetherspoon's in Chichester

DISTANCE : 8 flat miles along canal and harbour

FARE : £13.60 cdr Chichester from Victoria, £12.60 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

Sunday 10th August (Landranger Map 165)

Leader: Paul Connolly

MEET : Marylebone 0905 for 0927 train to Wendover (arr 1015)

LUNCH : Kings Arms, Tring

TEA : Wendover

DISTANCE : 14 miles, returning from Wendover. A bit hilly in the morning, level after lunch

FARE : £8.90 cdr Wendover from Marylebone, £6.40 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

Sunday 17th August (Landranger Map 187)

Leader: Helen Hunt (mobile 0776 134 4003)

MEET : Waterloo 0935 for 0957 train to Effingham Junction (arr 1049)

LUNCH : The Black Swan, Martyrs Green

TEA : No chance

DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Effingham Junction

FARE : £5.40 cdr Effingham Junction from Victoria, £2.85 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

Sunday 24th August (Landranger Map 147)

Leader: Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0930 for 0956 train to Chelsfield (arr 1045)

LUNCH : Rock and Fountain, Well Hill

TEA : Lullingstone Golf Club

DISTANCE : 10 miles, returning from Chelsfield

FARE : £3.95 cdr Chelsfield with Network Card. Chelsfield is in Travelcard Zone 6.

Monday 25th August (Landranger Map 179)

Leader: Tony Norton

MEET : Charing Cross 0840 for 0900 train to Deal (arr 1106)
 LUNCH : Dover – venue to be confirmed. If you need this information before the walk, please e-mail Tony (anthonylnorton@yahoo.co.uk) after 1st August
 TEA : Wait and see
 DISTANCE : 19 miles, returning from Folkestone
 FARE : £16.00 cdr Deal from Charing Cross, £14.05 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card

Sunday 31st August (Landranger Map 187)

Leader: Tony Finnegan (mobile 0780 304 2748)

MEET : Victoria 09 15 for 09 36 train to Dorking (arr 10 32)
 LUNCH : The Plough, Coldharbour.
 DISTANCE : 15 miles returning Dorking.
 TEA : Dorking
 FARE : £5.70 cdr Dorking from Victoria, £2.45 from Zone 6 boundary, both with Network Card.

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

News, Views and items of interest

Many thanks to all who completed the mini survey on ideas to save money for the club. Views expressed were as follows:

Limit programme to walks only:	Yes 3; No 20; Neutral 6
Limit programme to three per year:	Yes 15; No 10; Neutral 2
Increase membership to £7 per year:	Yes 24; No 2; Neutral 2
Give option to receive programme by E mail:	Yes 12; No 5; Neutral 10

Your committee will now consider what action to take on the views expressed.

Welcome to New members: A hearty welcome to the following who have become fully paid up members since the last programme: Pat Downs, Christine Butt, Maureen Demetz, Anne Griffiths, Mary Cannon. We wish them many years of happy rambling with the club.

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:

Mary O'Connell who first joined the club in 1946 and became a life member when we were preparing the club history in 1997. Sadly the only way we heard she had died was her programme being returned marked "addressee deceased".

Eileen Short (nee Brick). Both Eileen and her husband were members in the early 1950s and Eileen was a cousin of Angela Shardlow to whom we offer our sympathy.

Carol Anley's mother who died in March and Penny Rivett's mother who died in April. We extend our sincere sympathy to Carol and Penny and other members of their families.

Sick members: Please remember in your prayers members who are prevented from walking due to illness. At the time of writing Denis Spiller, a long standing life member, is ill in Stoke Mandeville hospital and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

The Pilgrims of St Francis: 2009 walking pilgrimage: This is an international pilgrimage group with aims highly compatible with ours. They organise an annual walking pilgrimage in a different country each year on lines similar to the Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage which several of our members have joined over the years. In 2009 the annual international pilgrimage will be in the United Kingdom. We will keep in touch with the organisers and give full details of how to join in the pilgrimage as time goes on. Visit their website at www.cdsf.org for further details. Sorry the website address was incorrect in the last programme. The following events in England in 2008 may provide an opportunity to make the acquaintance of the pilgrims of St Francis.

The National Pilgrimage 16- 23 Aug. starting at Hassocks (a small village north of Brighton and close to Ditchling) and finishing at Chichester. 'Route in Car' will be available if you are unable to walk very much.

The costs will be:- £95 full rate; £80 for young/unemployed, £50 for children over 4.

Future Dates for Your Diary

Compostella Pilgrimage: A few members did the first leg of the Compostella from Le Puys to Decazeville in April. Maurice Hickman was the route finder and all returned safely. Maurice intends to continue the trek in September. If interested in joining him ring him on 01737 765 231.

Saturday 4th October - Annual General Meeting: This year the feast of St Francis falls on a Saturday so we will be able to have the annual Mass for members intentions and AGM on the feast day itself. Please put it in your diary now so that we can ensure a good turnout for this important event in the club's calendar.

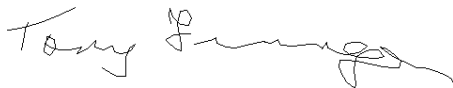
Saturday 8th November - Mass for deceased members: This is another important annual event so please make a note of the date now.

Sunday 14 December: Christmas Ramble and Social.

Saturday 20 December: Christmas Dinner. Details in next programme.

God bless and happy rambling.

And



Secretary



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