



Ramble List and News

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SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1999

Greetings Ramblers

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. will be held on October 9th in the Holy Apostles Hall, Cumberland Street, Pimlico SW1V 4LY at 3pm sharp. Nearest Underground Pimlico; Cumberland Street is 8 minutes walk down Lupus Street (or 24 bus from top of Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria. Nominations are required for committee members. Please send nominations (on forms enclosed with this Newsletter) to Paul Brunning by September 18th.

Subscriptions due in October:

Talk of the AGM reminds us that subscriptions fall due in October. Please pay up promptly by sending a cheque for £4 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to Gillian McLaughlan address overleaf.

Mass dates and venue on this programme:

Please note the following Masses for members of the Club – all are at 5.30 pm at St Mary Moorfields (Nearest Tube and Rail station Liverpool Street and Moorgate).

Saturday 18 September for Maria Darroch's Mother R.I.P.

Saturday 2nd October – annual Mass for members' intentions.

Saturday 6th November for deceased members.

Announcements: Congratulations to Fr Peter Grant on his appointment as Monsignor by his Holiness Pope John Paul II. Gillian, Paul Brunning and myself felt honoured to be invited to represent the Club at the reception in the Apostolic Nunciature in Wimbledon to witness this special occasion. We are

very proud to have him as a member. Mass will be offered for Fr Peter's intentions in St Boniface's Church in Tooting on Friday 10th September at 8 PM.

70th Anniversary Celebrations: As announced in the last programme Barbara Bridle is organising a special weekend at Aylesford Priory in Kent to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Club. The weekend begins on Friday evening 17th June and ends on Sunday evening 19th June. On both the Saturday and Sunday there will be a choice of short (5 or 6 mile) and longer (10 or 15 mile) walks. The longer option on Sunday will meet up with the day walkers for the normal Sunday Club Ramble. Or those who prefer to relax around the Priory can do that. Prices as follows, £30 per night, full board. £60 for weekend. B&B & supper £22.60p. Or £18 B&B (NB the main meal at the priory is at midday so if you book B&B + Supper you need to be prepared for the fact that supper is a light meal). **Please send £5 deposit, cheques payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to: Barbara Bridle, 24 Greencourt Road, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 0QE, to arrive by 15 September.**

Other suggestions so far to celebrate this occasion are a dinner

dance, Holiday/Pilgrimage to Assisi, a new club badge. We would welcome any other ideas plus feedback on ideas so far and some action from club members. If anyone knows of a suitable hall to hold a function which is not too expensive please let me know.

Summer Party:

There was a small crowd at the party this year probably due to the very hot weather, and the fact we did not sell tickets before the party on account that we could not collect money on the door. However the party proved a success and most of those present took the opportunity to buy their copy of the history of the club. We would like to thank those who did attend. We also had a change of music as the group I booked cancelled two days before the party. The venue was very suitable and is available if required for future bookings.

Please Note: Paul Connolly is no longer at the E mail address given on the last programme. Watch this space for new E Mail address.

Welcome To New Members:

Susan Boyle, Tooting, London, SW17 8QX. Colin Lavinder, Pimlico, SW1. Claire Sherrer, London, W10 6NZ. Merle Stayne, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 6ET. Jaqueline Twining, London, W10 5PZ.

New members Please read your introductory leaflet carefully as it gives good advice, especially about wearing suitable footwear with ankle support for your own safety

Monthly Dinners:

Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal

Highlights of this programme

- 1 *A.G.M Saturday 9th October*
- 2 *70th Anniversary Celebration Weekend 17-18 June 2000 – deposits needed by September*

at a Central London Restaurant (not too expensive). Meeting place for Saturday the 4th of September Mass is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6pm mass

As mentioned above, the Mass on September, 18th, October 2nd and November 6th are at St Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street, EC2M 7LS at 5.30 so on 2nd October and 6th November the meeting place will be St Mary Moorfields after the 5.30 Mass. Nearest Tube and Rail station Liverpool Street and Moorgate. Contact any committee for further details.

Y.H.A. Group Membership

Card: The club is in possession of a group membership Y.H.A. card. Contact me (Helen) if you would like to borrow it for hostel weekends.

Weekend breaks: Two weekends away with Croydon YHA. 1) 1-3 October at Trileigh Hill, North of Shoreham-by-Sea (near Brighton) Rambles on Sat & Sunday along the South Downs Way. Cost £9.15 per night plus food. 2) 10-12th December at Broadstaires, Kent. (Rent a Hostel). Rambles on Sat & Sun. Cost: depends on numbers staying but about £10 per night plus food. Colin Mascarenhas is organising food for the weekends. Car drivers welcome as petrol is shared. £10 deposit is required ASAP. Contact Colin at 324, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey. SM3 9QZ Tel: 0181 715 3736

UN year for older people: On Wednesday September 29th Bishop Tripp is celebrating a special Mass at 11.30 at St Mary's West Croydon. Saturday October 2nd two walks are being held at London South Bank and City of London. Details from Dorothy Hickman, Tel 01737 765 231.

Poetry Evening

Joseph O'Reilly is hosting a poetry reading evening on October 16th. Address: 4 Rona Road, London, NW3 2JA. TEL: 0171 482 1530 Joseph asks those attending to arrive at 7.30 sharp. Please phone if you intend to go. There is a 6pm Mass at St Dominic's Church. No

3 and 24 buses stop at St Dominic's. Bus from Victoria, Charing Cross, Tottenham Court Rd and Warren Street Stations. Walk up Mansfield road, turn right and Rona road is the 5th turn on the left. Also two minutes walk from Gospel Oak Station.

Club History: There are still a few copies of the first print available £4 (plus £1.70p postage and packing if relevant) please send a cheque payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to: Tony Finnegan, 30 Avarn Road, Tooting, London SW17 9HA.

Obituaries: It was with sadness that we received the news of the death of Daphne Solly from a long illness bravely borne.

We sympathise with Maria Darroch on the sudden death of her Mother Joan in Australia. Mass for Intentions on September 18th at St Mary Moorfields, Eldon Street.

News has also come of the death of Joan Austin nee Wheal and Violet O'Brien who were both members in 1938 when membership records began. and Michael McKeowen who was a member from 1950 to 1961.

We also offer our sympathy to Daphne Fisk on the death of her Mother in March.

Ordnance Survey Maps Available: Since I became Secretary I have accumulated quite a collection of OS maps which members of the club are more than welcome to borrow or have permanently. They include the following: Landranger Maps 70 Ayr/Kilmarnock, 71 (Lanark and Upper Nithsdale), 73 (Peebles, Galashiels), 74 (Kelso), 78 (Nithsdale and annandale Area), 79 (Hawick and Eskdale), 80 (Cheviot Hills and Keelder Forest), 124 (Dolgellau), 125 (Bala and Lake Vymwy), 135 (Aberystwyth), 187 (Dorking/Reigate/Crawley - 2 copies), 197 (Chister and the Downs; Tourist Maps of the Border country and Scotland; Pathfinder No 485 (Hawick and Area). If anybody want these maps please send me a

large SAE with stamps to the value 45p per map.

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by the 18th of September.

Happy Rambling

Helen

Club Committee 1998-99

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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

No byline this time due to various circumstances, just one suggestion. As the ticket offices at many of the London termini can be very busy and therefore buying a ticket can be very time consuming, (and nerve racking if the train is due to leave shortly), don't forget you can obtain your tickets the day before from any mainline station and still get all your discounts for network/gold cards and concessions from the boundary of your season/travelcard.

Please note at the end of September the winter timetable for the trains comes into effect and at the time this programme was being prepared the new details were not available. Please phone 0345 48 49 50 prior to coming on a ramble if you wish to check the times.

By the way - don't forget to read the blue pages!!

Saturday 4th September (os map 150 & 151) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Paddington 0820 for 0848 train to Honeybourne (arr 1039)
LUNCH : Volunteer, Chipping Campden
TEA : Probably in Blockley
DISTANCE : 12 miles Returning from Moreton in Marsh
FARE : £14.05 cdr Honeybourne with Network card discount

Sunday 5th September (os map 197) Leader : Peter Macdonald

MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0902 train to Bognor Regis (arr 1048) Then bus to Paglesham
LUNCH : Crab & Lobster, Sidlesham
TEA : Paglesham
DISTANCE : 7 miles returning from Bognor Regis
FARE : £16.00 cdr Bognor Regis plus bus fare to Pagham

Sunday 12th September (os map 197) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Waterloo 0820 for 0845 train to Rowlands Castle (arr 1006)
LUNCH : Hare & Hounds, Stoughton
TEA : ???
DISTANCE : 15 miles returning from Rowlands Castle
FARE : £10.75 cdr Rowlands Castle with Network card discount

Sunday 19th September (os map 153) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Kings Cross 0900 for 0921 train to Biggleswade (arr 1010)
LUNCH : Cock, Gamlingay
TEA : Who knows
DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from St Neots - Fairly level terrain
FARE : £13.00 cdr St Neots

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Sunday 26th September (os map 197) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0902 train to Arundel (arr 1032)
LUNCH : The Maypole, Maypole lane, Yapton
TEA : No chance
DISTANCE : 15 miles returning from Chichester. No hills but many stiles.
FARE : £10.60 cdr Chichester

Sunday 3rd October (os map 198) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0825 for 0847 train to Lewes (arr 0958)
LUNCH : Swan, North Falmer - Good food and ale
TEA : Lewes
DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Lewes
FARE : £9.25 cdr Lewes with Network card discount
Maurice will meet the Ramblers at Lewes

Sunday 10th October (os map 187) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0906 train to Dorking (arr 0957)
LUNCH : Stephen Langton, Friday Street
TEA : Dorking
DISTANCE : 18 miles returning from Dorking - Hilly in parts
FARE : £6.40 cdr Dorking

Sunday 17th October (os map 174) Leader : Francis O' Sullivan

MEET : Paddington 0835 for 0900 train to Bedwyn (arr 1032) - Change at Reading for local train to Bedwyn, direct trains to London for the return Journey.
LUNCH : Crown & Anchor, Ham
TEA : Possibly at Kintbury
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Kintbury
FARE : £10.00 cdr Bedwyn with network card discount

Sunday 24th October (os map 178) Leader : Witold Sokolowski

MEET : Charing Cross 0900 for 0923 train to Strood (arr 1028)
LUNCH : Robin Hood, Bluebell Common
TEA : Aylesford Priory (and a craft fair)
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Aylesford
FARE : £8.80 cdr Aylesford

There will be a mass at 5pm for the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales

Sunday 31st October (os map 177) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0930 for 0952 train to Hayes (arr 1031)
LUNCH : Queens Head, Downe
TEA : Possibly (Where's that?)
DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Hayes
FARE : £5.00 cdr Hayes with Network discount

Paul will meet the ramblers at Hayes.

Stop Press - Jubilee Weekend at Aylesford 16-18 June 2000

Since printing the programme arrangements for the 70th anniversary weekend at Aylesford have been confirmed as follows:

Friday evening to Sunday evening 16 - 18
June 2000

Single Room £61.50 full board.

Twin Bedded Room £56.50 per person full
board

Senior Citizens £53.50

Special rates available for B&B or
BB+Supper

Places will be limited so to secure a place
please send £5 deposit to Barbara Bridle, by
15 September. **Please make cheques
payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic
Ramblers Club.**
