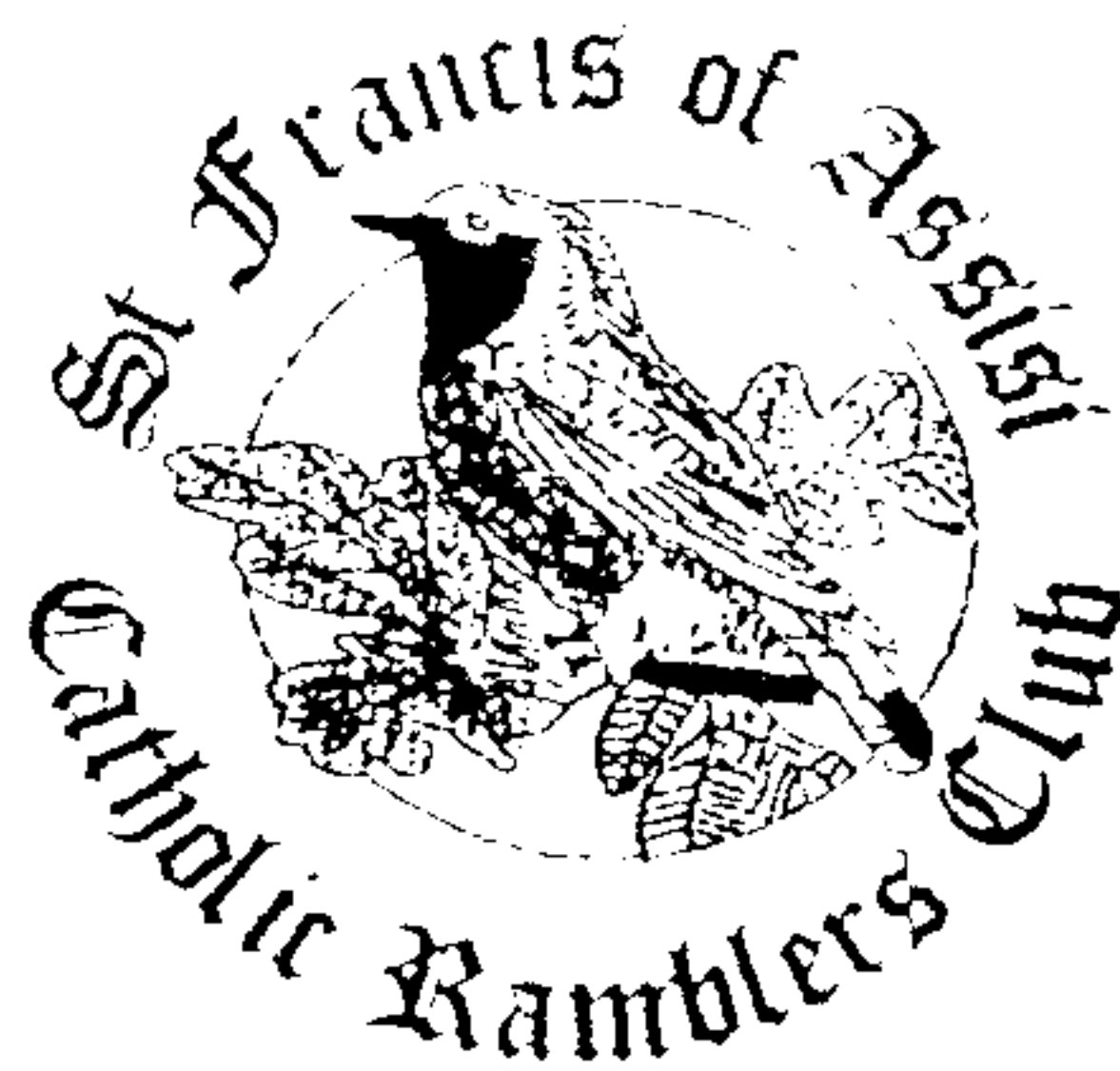


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SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000

Greetings Ramblers.

A G M: will be held on **Saturday October the 14th** at 3 pm in the Holy Apostles Church Hall Cumberland Street in Pimlico. **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. Tea and scones will be served from 2.30. There is Mass at 6pm in the Holy Apostles Church Winchester Street Pimlico for members' Intentions. Members can gather for a meal in Brahms Restaurant in Lupus Street in Pimlico after Mass. Please inform Marie Darroch or Myself (Helen) if you are coming for the meal before 25th September enclosing a cheque for £10 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club. Nearest tube stations are Pimlico and Victoria. 24 Bus from Victoria. Look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome to New Members: Pauline Lear, Victoria Wright, Lon.N12 8VG, Lorna O'Donnell, Lon. SE15 4HY. Julian & Betsy Farmer, Joyce Heron, Sheila Lawrence, T.G O'Flynn. Welcome back to Len Bulaitis, Lon. SE13 7RE.

OBITUARY: We extend sincere sympathy to Mary Hennessy on the death of her Mother Breda in Cork, Ireland. Mary's Father predeceased her Mother only five months ago. The 5.15 Mass will be offered for Mary's Mother in St Anselm's Church Tooting Bec on Saturday September the 9th. Members who wish to have a meal after Mass can do so as we have found an Italian Restaurant in Balham reasonably priced.

THE STRING of PEARLS MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL: Visit to Three Inns. **Wednesday September 13th.** Meet outside Holborn Tube

Station from 10.20-10.35 for a visit to Lincoln's Inn Old Hall where St Thomas Moor was a member. For a visit to Middle and Inner Temple Inn's of Court meet outside St Anselm & St Cecilia's after 12.30 Mass. (Suggestions for a good lunch place welcome). Please let Dorothy know by early September if you are going to the Lincoln's Inn's as she has to give numbers attending. (Old Hall is not normally open to the public) All enquiries to Dorothy Hickman. Tel: 01737 765 231.

POETRY EVENING: Joseph O'Reilly is having a poetry evening on **Saturday 21st of October** in his home at 4 Rona Road, Gospel Oak, London NW3 2JA. First reading starts at 7.30 sharp. Buses 24 and 46 stop at the Priory. Mass at 6pm. Walk up to traffic lights and turn right, 5th turning on your left is Rona Road. Gospel Oak Station (Metro Link) 2 mins walk, turn

Special Dates for your Diary

- 1 AGM, Annual Mass and Dinner – Saturday 14th October
- 2 **STRING OF PEARLS MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL.**
- 3 Poetry Reading on Saturday 21st October
- 4 Annual Mass for deceased Members Saturday 4th November

right out of station. Wine and Grapes provided. You just read Poetry and enjoy yourself. Tel.020 7482 1530 and let Joseph know if you are attending.

Mass for Deceased

Members: The 5.30 Mass on Saturday November the 4th in St Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street will be celebrated for the Deceased Member's.

Nearest underground stations Liverpool Street and Moorgate. Members can gather for a meal and a drink after Mass.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB

Thanks to all who made the 70th Anniversary a great success. A special word of thanks to Barbara Bridle who organised the weekend, Maureen Cahalane who organised the Anniversary Cake and to all the leaders who arranged the varied Rambles to suit all. Members who stayed at Aylesford for part or all of the weekend and those who turned up for the day enjoyed the varied rambles or stayed and prayed. There was something to suit everyone.

The Club received a Papal Blessing from His Holiness Pope John Paul II for the 70th Anniversary. A copy of the blessing is enclosed for each member. Our thanks to Fr David Barnes and Mgr. Peter Grant for their help in arranging this.

Fr David sent a special message to the club but due to commitments could not be there himself. A special Mass was celebrated by Fr Wilfrid McGreal O' Carm Prior of Aylesford for our group on Saturday evening and was attended by over 40 members.

The cutting of the Anniversary Cake took

place on Saturday by Meg and Mary Walsh.

A big thank you to Maurice Hickman who entertained us with a slide show and cine film from past years.

Our thanks also to Tony and Maria Chainey, Mary O'Connell (nee Kyte), Maureen Cahalane and Witold and Hania who provided a selection of photographs for display. They brought back a lot of good memories to all and were a very popular attraction between sections of Maurice's slide show. A great time was had by all.

We are now thinking towards our 75th Anniversary and early ideas will be welcome

Summer Party: We apologise to members who had booked for the summer party on the Boat as this was cancelled by the booking office at short notice. John Burbage has returned all Cheques to members who had paid. We hope to organise another party later on in the year, this time successfully we hope.

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 Don't forget your torch

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 but make sure to do so well in advance in case I am away at the time you need the card.

CLUB WEBSITE: Finally you will notice from the address on top of this newsletter that the website address is now much

shorter and is directly accessible on the worldwide web.

Happy Rambling

Club Committee Members 1999/2000

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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : 21st OCTOBER 2000



A BIG THANK YOU to all the leaders who have given walks for this programme, especially as all those involved confirmed their commitment before copy date, and most of the details were submitted by that time. It really does make a difference to the quality of preparation.

July 9th ; An apology and an explanation. Due to sustaining a broken foot David Clark was unable to lead and had written two weeks beforehand to let me know the situation. As he did not have anyone to substitute for him I assumed the responsibility for leading, to the extent of checking out a route on the previous Sunday. Unfortunately come the day I was ill, and not able to lead, but hopefully those of you who turned up had an enjoyable time. This was an unusual and rare situation, and David's action in advising in good time is very much appreciated.

Other notes are at the end of the programme.

Sunday 3rd September (os map 175) Leaders : Maureen Cahalane, Ann Richardson, and Bridie Barry

MEET : Paddington 0850 for 0918 train to Pangbourne (arr 1018)
 LUNCH : Kings Charles Head, Goring Heath. Good food – slow service
 TEA : Mapledurham grounds (Entrance to grounds £1.00 , house and mill, extra charge)
 DISTANCE : 10 Miles returning from Pangbourne
 FARE : £10.40 cdr Pangbourne

Saturday September 9th : Mass for Mary Hennessy's mother R.I.P. – see details on front pages of Newsletter.

Sunday 10th September (os map 197 & 198) Leaders : Chris Mcnicolas & Catherine Scott

MEET : Victoria 0820 for 0847 train to Worthing (arr 1027)
 LUNCH : Tudor Tavern, Angmering (drinks but no food),
 or Bluebird Café (food but not drinks).
 TEA : Littlehampton
 DISTANCE : 8 flat miles returning from Littlehampton
 FARE : £11.00 cdr Littlehampton with
 network card Bring a towel / swimming costume as there
 will be opportunities for a dip in the sea.



Wednesday 13th September: String of Pearls events in London – see front pages of Newsletter for details.

Sunday 17th September (os map 197) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Waterloo 0820 for 0845 train to Petersfield (arr 0958)
 LUNCH : Three Horseshoes, Elsted – Good food but expensive
 TEA : White Hart, South Harting
 DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from Petersfield. Hilly in the afternoon
 FARE : £9.20 cdr Petersfield with Network card discount.

Sunday 24th September: New train timetables come into effect. See special announcement at the end of the programme

Sunday 24th September (os maps 168 & 169) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0850 for 0920 train to Manningtree then local train to Mistley (arr 1032)
 LUNCH : Castle, Ramsey
 TEA : Harwich
 DISTANCE : 14 level miles returning from Harwich
 FARE : £11.20 cdr Harwich with network card discount



Sunday 1st October (os map 175) Leader : Bernadette Cahill

MEET : Waterloo 0920 for 0948 train to Shepperton (arr 1034)
 LUNCH : Old Crown, Weybridge
 TEA : Shepperton Lock
 DISTANCE : 8.5 miles returning from Shepperton
 FARE : £3.55 cdr with network card discount Shepperton

Sunday 8th October (os map 187 & 186) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Waterloo 0915 for 0942 train to Horsely (arr. 1023)
 LUNCH : The White Horse Shere (does food, seats on river bank to eat your own)
 TEA : Guildford
 DISTANCE : 12 miles, returning from Guildford. This is a hilly walk with stunning views of the South East and entering Guildford from above!!
 FARE : £6.60p cdr Guildford.

Saturday 14th October: AGM followed by annual members' Mass and dinner – see details on front page of Newsletter.

Sunday 15th October (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0906 train to Dorking (arr 0957)
 LUNCH : Skimmington Castle, Reigate Heath
 TEA : Boxhill
 DISTANCE : 16.5 miles returning from Boxhill (optional 1.5 miles into Dorking)
 Level terrain in the morning, hilly in the afternoon

FARE : £6.70 cdr Dorking. Maurice will meet the walkers at Dorking and pick up anyone arriving at Dorking Deepdene (train from Guildford arrives 1004)

Saturday 21st October: Poetry Reading at Joe O'Reilly's – see front pages of Newsletter for details.

Sunday 22nd October (os map 185) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Waterloo 0810 for 0839 train to Alton (arr 1004)

LUNCH : The Queens, Selbourne

TEA : Wait and see

DISTANCE : 14 miles returning from Alton

FARE : £12.00 cdr Alton

Sunday 29th October (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

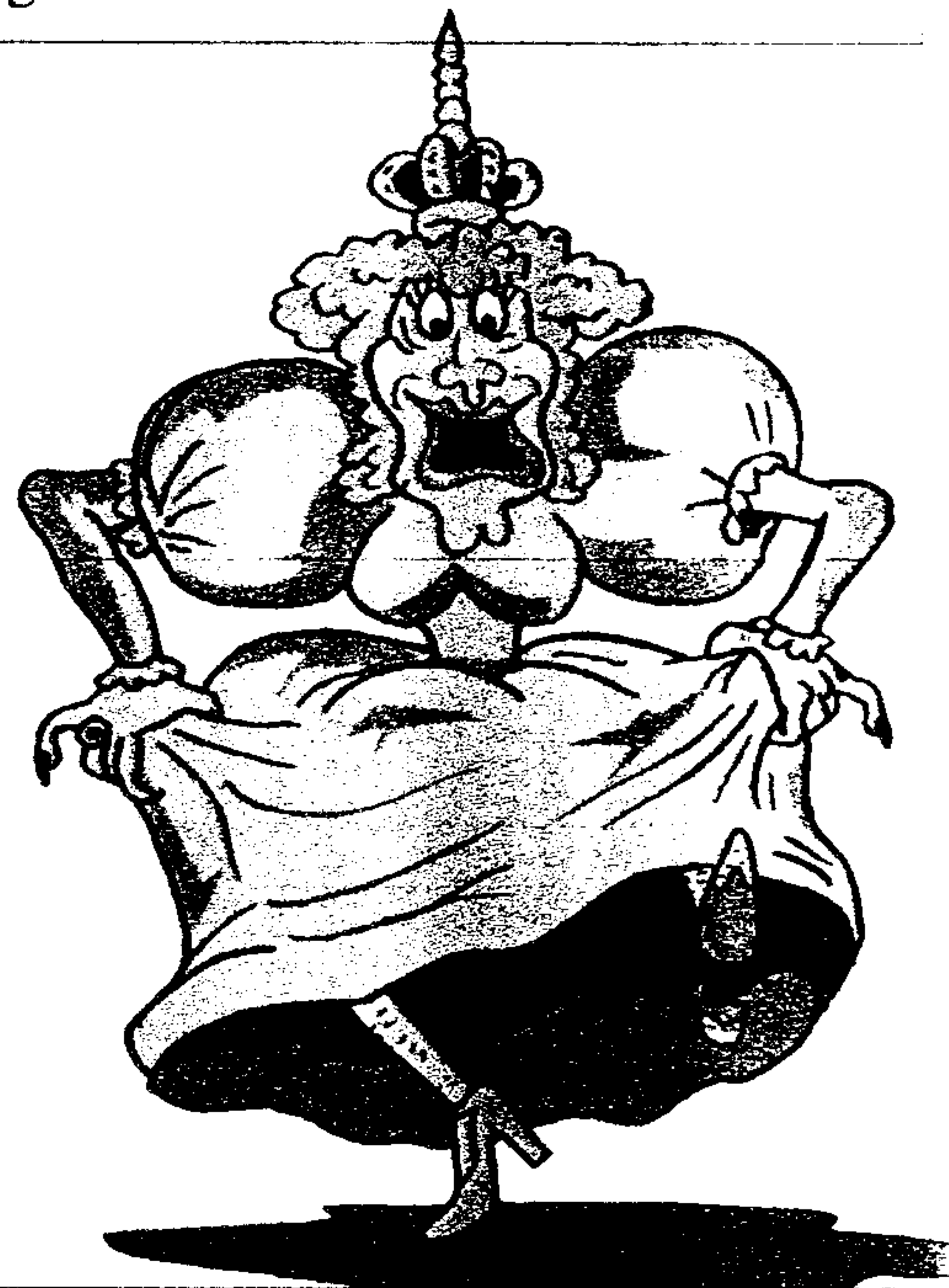
MEET : Charing Cross 0930 for 0953 train to Hayes (arr 1031)

LUNCH : Queens Head, Downe

TEA : Maybe in Farnborough

DISTANCE : 10.5 miles returning from Hayes

FARE : £3.90 cdr Hayes. Paul will meet the walkers at Hayes.



Saturday 4th November: Annual Mass for deceased members – see details on front pages of Newsletter.

Sunday 5th November (os map 188) Leader : Hilary McNabb

MEET : Victoria 0855 for 0922 train to East Malling (arr 1017)

LUNCH : The Tickled Trout, West Farleigh

TEA : Wateringbury

DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from East Farleigh

FARE : £9.50 cdr East Malling. Hilary will meet the walkers at East Malling

Sunday 12th November (os map 166) Leader : Robert Slater

MEET : Kings Cross 0855 for 0921 train to Hitchin (arr 0950)

LUNCH : Bull Inn, Whitwell

TEA : Wait and see

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Welwyn North

FARE : £6.80 cdr Hitchin with network card discount

Sunday 19th November (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Redhill (arr ???)

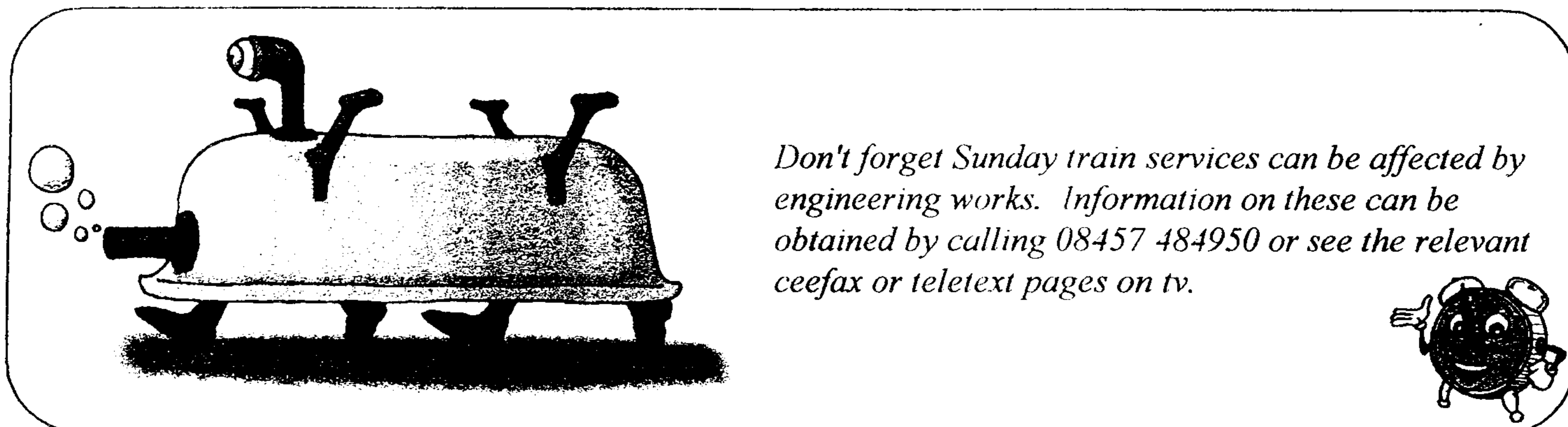
LUNCH : Plough, Leigh

TEA : Redhill

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Redhill
 FARE : £5.90 cdr Redhill

Sunday 26th November (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0935 for 1000 train to Tonbridge (arr 1043)
 LUNCH : The Royal Oak, Lower Haysden
 TEA : Tunbridge Wells
 DISTANCE : 9 easy miles returning from Tunbridge Wells
 FARE : £6.50 cdr Tunbridge Wells



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.

On 24th September the winter timetable comes into effect. Please bear with the leaders if you find yourself starting from London later than shown in the Programme as information concerning the new times was not available at time of preparation. Please phone **08457 484950** if you want to confirm the train times for a given Sunday.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. As the eve of holiday in both cases falls on a Sunday it is probably best for the walks on those weekends to take place on the Saturdays, so please can you give some thought as to what can be laid on for 23rd and 30th December.

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.

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

Nomination Form: **NB** Please return to Helen Hunt, 157 Coteford Street, Tooting, London SW17 8NT
by 1st October 2000

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 9 September.

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

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praying that God

will confirm them in peace and love

15th May 2000

+ Pablo Puente
Archbishop Pablo Puente
Apostolic Nuncio