

News and Events - Autumn 2014

ANNUAL REUNION and SOCIAL EVENT 2014

Our Annual Reunion and Social Event will take place on Saturday 27th September 2014 at our beloved St. Mary Moorfields where the club began nearly 85 years ago.

It is an occasion when all members, past and present (some travelling long distances to be with us) come together to socialize, renew friendships, exchange news and to celebrate the continued life of the club and the loyalty of all those who have its interests at heart. This year we have an added reason for celebration: Maurice's 75th birthday falls on this day.

As always, our sincere thanks to Canon Peter Newby, our President, for the use of St. Mary Moorfields' hall.

Full details with contact numbers etc. are enclosed with this programme.

Annual General Meeting - Saturday 11th October

On this day, **hopefully**, the Club will be electing a new committee. If you have not served on the Club committee before please give it serious consideration. The future of the Club depends upon it. Remember no committee no Club.

The front page contains a nomination form. Please nominate yourself if you wish to make a genuine contribution to the survival of the Club by filling in your name. Alternatively you can nominate another Club member but be sure to get his or her permission first.

The AGM will start at 4pm with tea/ coffee and biscuits available beforehand. The AGM will be followed by Mass at 6pm.

A motion will be voted on at this meeting to make an addition to the Rules of the Club Constitution. If approved it will come in to force in the 2015/2016 Club year. This will come after paragraph 6A as follows:

"6B For members who elect to receive the Club quarterly programme by email the annual membership shall be the ordinary subscription minus £2."

A copy of the current constitution is available on line on request by emailing the secretary.

Annual Mass for Deceased Members - Saturday 15th November

There will be a Mass for the Deceased Members of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club at 6pm. A full list of the deceased members will be handed out to all those present at this Mass. Those members who have died within the past year will be printed in red. The date this year has been selected so that it does not clash with the previous Saturday which is the day of the Lord Mayor's Show. Please make a special effort to attend. Many members go for a meal afterwards. This year has particular significance in the remembrance of the dead being the centenary of the start of the Great War.

Saturday November 29th-Friday 5th December at Walsingham

We shall leave by the 10 44 train from Kings Cross to Kings Lynn, arriving at Kings Lynn at 12 22 where we will stop for lunch before catching the 13 45 bus from Kings Lynn bus station to Fakenham where we change on to the 14 40 bus to Walsingham (arrives 14 56). On the following Friday we catch the 1010 bus, changing once again at Fakenham to arrive in Kings Lynn at 11 25.

We have lunch and then catch the 13 55 or 14 55 train back to London (arrives Kings Cross 1535 or 1635). The fare from Kings Cross is £29.90 with Network Card.

We shall be staying at Elmham House on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights for bed & breakfast at the Standard charge of £25.50 per night. The evening meal is £9. Since there is a special 2 for 1 offer, we pay only £76.50 for the 6 nights. **No soap or towels are provided for Standard nights.**

It is essential to telephone Elmham House first to verify there is still accommodation. They will send you a form to fill in and send back with a £5 deposit. Tel: 01328 82021701328 820217 elmhamhouse@walsingham.org.uk

Do your own booking but let Maurice know you are coming. Maurice and Hilary have already booked to come.

Subscriptions

By the end of the period covered by this programme it will be time to pay your subscriptions for 2014-2015 so please don't put it off. Send a cheque for £7 (payable to "St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club") to Gillian McLauclan, 64 Pankhurst House, Du Cane Road, London W12 OUL. Tel. No.020 8740 5507020 8740 5507. Those who joined the Club for the first time after 31st July do not need to pay again at this time as their initial subscription takes them up to October 2015.

Autumn Walks 2014

Unless otherwise mentioned, all meeting points are by the relevant station ticket office and we will usually leave to join the train 7 minutes before departure. Please allow plenty of time to purchase your ticket especially for later departures when stations are busier.

Sunday 7th September(Explorer Map 120)

Leader: Angela Shardlow

Meet: Victoria 0855 for 0917 train to Chichester(arr. 10.59) where we change for the 11.26 train to Bosham(arr. 11.32).

Lunch: Anchor Bleu or Bosham Walk Cafe.

Tea: Chichester Marina

Distance: 12 level miles, returning from Chichester via a ferry across harbour.

Fare Guide: £18.60 return from Bosham with Network Card plus £2 for the ferry. Also available online in advance is the £15.00 Off Peak Daysave fare on the Southern website.

Please Note: Angela will meet the ramblers at Chichester.

Sunday 14th September(Explorer Map 171)

Leader: Joseph O'Reilly

Meet: Paddington at 09.00 for 09.32 train calling at Twyford. (Note: Train leaves from platform 13 or 14 which is some distance from the ticket office.) Quick change at Twyford for the 10.43 train to Henley on Thames.

Lunch: Stag & Huntsman, Hambledon. (Benches nearby for those with packed lunch.)

Tea: Catherine Wheel, Henley on Thames. (JDW House)

Distance: 10.5 leisurely miles.

Fare Guide: £6.75, returning from Henley on Thames with Network Card.

Sunday 21st September

Leader: Dennis O'Mahoney

An Autumn walk around Ruislip Lido, Ruislip Woods and the Hillingdon Trail.

Meet: West Ruislip (Central Line Tube / Chiltern Rail) 10.30 where we will walk or take a local bus to the start near the Lido. Allow 40 minutes on the Tube from Oxford Circus. Chiltern Railways departs Marylebone 09.52 (arr. 10.13)

Lunch: Caf  / Pub at Ruislip Lido

Tea: Maybe

Distance: 10-11 gentle miles returning from West Ruislip.

Fare Guide: Oyster Zone 6 . Return fare on train £5.00 with Network Card

Note: Dennis will meet the walkers at West Ruislip. (Dennis T. 07946 43679607946 436796)
Details of the flora & fauna are on the London Borough of Hillingdon website.

Sunday 28th September (Explorer Map 146)

Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet: Victoria at 08.45 for 09.10 train to Dorking (arr. 10.09). Trains are also available from Waterloo departing 09.02 (arr. 09.52) or from East Croydon via Redhill and Dorking Deepdene(Dorking Station then only a 5 minute walk away)

The 0920 from Redhill arrives Dorking Deepdene at 0932. The 0855 from East Croydon(platform 5) will connect with this Redhill train. Refreshments available from Dorking Station or car boot sale nearby.

Lunch: Kings Head, Holmbury St Mary

Tea: Leith Hill

Distance: 15 miles, returning from Dorking

Fare Guide: £5.75 (£5.35 from East Croydon) Anytime Return with Network Card

Note: Maurice will meet walkers at Dorking. This is a special walk which Maurice led 10 years ago to celebrate a special occasion.

Sunday 5th October(Explorer Map 147) Leader: Paul Brunning

Meet: Victoria 09.40 for 10.00 train to Eynsford (arr. 10.34)

Lunch: The Crown, Shoreham (Kent).

Tea: Possibly

Distance: 9.5 miles, returning from Otford

Fare Guide: Anytime Return Otford £7.40 with Network Card

Note: Paul will join group en route.

Sunday 12th October (OS Explorer Map175) Leader: Philip Groves

Meet: Fenchurch Street station (near Tower Hill) at 8.50 for 9.10 train to West Horndon (arr. 09.37) - also possible to join train at Limehouse (09.14), West Ham (09.19), Barking (09.24) or Upminster (09.32)

Lunch: Bear Inn, Stock

Tea: Homely tea stop in Basildon

Distance: 17 miles, fairly flat terrain, walking at fairly brisk pace, returning from Basildon.

Fare Guide: Off-peak Return to Basildon with Network Railcard, £6.40 cheapest fare

Note: Philip will meet the group at West Horndon.

Sunday: 19th October (Landranger map 166) Leader: Robert Slater.

Meet: King's Cross 09.50 for 10.13 train to Hertford North (Not Hertford East)(arr.10.56).

Lunch: Papillon (The Woodhall Arms),Stapleford.

Tea: Hertford. Probably The Six Templars.

Distance: 11 miles returning from Hertford North.

Fare Guide: £5.30 with Network Rail Card. Robert will meet walkers at Hertford North.

Sunday 26th October (Landranger Map 177) Leader: Paul Connolly

Meet: Liverpool Street 09.20 for 09.44 train to Brentwood (arr. 10.16). Train also calls Stratford 09.52 with connections to various Tube, Overground, and Docklands services.

Lunch: Old Dog, Herongate, Tye.

Tea : Billericay

Distance: 11 mostly level miles returning from Billericay. Return trains leave for London every 30 minutes. Likely to be muddy after lunch.

Fare Guide: £8.50 Anytime Return to Billericay with Network Card discount.

Note: Paul will meet the ramblers at Brentwood.

Sunday November 2nd (Explorer Map 147) Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet : Victoria at 09.00 for 09.32 train to Redhill (arr. 10.02) to connect with 10.10 train to Edenbridge (arr. 10.25)

Lunch: Henry VIII. Hever

Tea: Penshurst

Distance: 12 miles, returning from Leigh. We will be following the Eden Valley Walk most of the way.

Fare Guide: £10.25 Leigh (Kent) with Network Card

Note: Maurice will meet the group at Redhill.

Sunday 9th November Leader: John Burbage

A walk along two sections of the Capital Ring taking in the River Brent, Grand Union Canal and River Thames.

Meet: Greenford Underground Station (Central Line) 10.00 for a 10.15 start. Allow 30 minutes travel time from Oxford Circus.

Lunch: The Fox, Hanwell. Pleasant local pub near the canal serving freshly made food at reasonable prices and a good selection of cask beers.

Tea: Syon Park Garden Centre.

Distance: 10 level miles returning from Richmond. (Note: Richmond Station has services to West London (District Line), North London (Overground) and South London (South West Trains to Waterloo).

Fare Guide: The walk is in Zone 4. Oyster off peak day price cap covering all zones is £8.50.

Sunday 16th November

Leader: Maureen Cahalane

Meet: Charing Cross mainline station (by information desk) 12.00 for 12.15 start.

Distance: 5 miles. "Peace Walk" through central London visiting various monuments and churches dedicated to Justice and Peace. The walk finishes at the Peace Garden in Lambeth.

Refreshments: Tea or a meal will be arranged during or after the walk

Fare Guide: The walk takes place within Oyster Zone 1.

Sunday 23 November

Leaders Virginia & Roger Yelland.

(Explorer Map 174: but better is the dedicated map of Epping Forest produced by OS for the Corporation of London).

Meet: (leaders) at Loughton Station (Central Line: Zone 6) at 10.00 for a 10.15am sharp departure. Loughton is approximately 45m from Oxford Circus.

Lunch: Choice of venues at Theydon Bois village green (TQ452 990).

Tea: Epping Village. Distance: 8 leisurely miles through the western and northern parts of Epping Forest. Should be ideal for the Autumn Colours. Including Loughton Brook, Great Monk Wood, Hangboy Slade, Jack's Hill and Ambresbury Banks. Returning from Epping (Central Line: Zone 6). Epping is three stops from Loughton for those who wish to leave cars at the start.

Fare Guide: Oyster off peak day price cap covering all zones is £8.50. As Epping is in Zone 6 there will be no charge for Freedom pass holders. **For a photographic preview (won't be complete until a week or two before the walk!) follow this link, or ask and we can email the link to**

you. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.818620978171019.1073741827.100000693729661&type=1&l=9722885be3>

Sunday 30th November (Landranger Map 177)

Leader: Paul Connolly

Meet : Barking (Zone 4) station 10.05 for 10.29 train to Purfleet (arr 1042). (Barking is well served by Tube and Overground Services. Alternatively, a train from Fenchurch Street departs 10.10 arriving Barking 10.24. If using this option please ensure you have your tickets sorted before getting to Barking.

Lunch : Rainham - various options.

Tea : Maybe at Upminster

Distance : 9 level miles on mostly firm and dry surfaces returning from Upminster Station. Station serves District Line (Zone 6) or mainline trains (4 per hour) to London.

Fare Guide: Various - all zones Travelcard plus single Rainham to Purfleet £2.40 with Network Card discount. Oyster (not Freedom Pass) cards valid to Purfleet. Note: Paul will meet the ramblers at Barking.

Other Events

Sunday 26th October: Day of Recollection at the Poor Clare's Convent at Arkley. Organised by the Secular Franciscan Order. Call Roger Yelland on 07910 35864607910 358646 for details. Transport will be provided from High Barnet station (Northern Line, Zone 5).

Autumn Dates: Taize Prayer Group which meets at St James's Spanish Place on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the church followed by tea and coffee. Next dates are 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.