

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Rambler's Club
(Website: www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com)
(The Club is approved by the Archbishop of Westminster
Affiliated to the Ramblers Association and HF Holidays)

Programme of Rambles / Events for Spring 2014
(Items for the next list by the beginning of May please)

Sunday 2nd March

Leader: John Burbage

Meet: Euston 9.35 for the 9.54 London Midland train to Watford Junction (arr. 10.09).
Alternatively Freedom Pass holders can take the 09.17 London Overground service to
Watford Junction (arr. 10.04) at no charge.

Lunch: Coach & Horses, Croxley Green

Tea: Kiosk in Cassiobury Park and/or Nascot Arms, Stamford Road (3 mins station).

Distance: 10 miles, returning from Watford Junction

Fare: £6.75 (£2.95 from Zone 6) with Network Railcard. Freedom Pass holders travel
free with London Overground.

Sunday 9th March

Leader: Henriette van Zaelen

Linear Walk and Visit to Kenwood House

Kenwood House has a new lease of life after a 2 years closure. Visit the Robert Adams
rooms with the magnificent " great library "which has been restored to its 18 century
original appearance. It is stunning.

Morning walk.

Meet: Marylebone Underground Station 09.45 for a **10 o'clock** sharp walk start.

We will be walking through ...Regent Park- Primrose Hill- Belsize and Kenwood Park.

Lunch: Kenwood cafe Around 12.30hrs

Afternoon visit and walk.

To join the Kenwood House visit and/or afternoon walk: Take the Victoria line to
Finsbury Park. Exit Well Terrace and take the bus number 210. Request Kenwood stop.
It is 5minutes walk to Kenwood's cafe or take the Northern Line to Golden Green, then
bus 210 to Kenwood. Join the walkers at Kenwood café.

Visit: We go and visit Kenwood House at 13.30hrs.

After the visit we continue walking to Muswell Hill reaching Alexandra Palace, our final
destination.

Tea: may be Ally Pally or Garden Centre.

Fare: The walk is within Zones 2-3.

Distance : 9 miles with gentle undulation in the afternoon.

NB: Please bring a pair of shoes or overshoes if you intend to visit the house.

Sunday March 16th (Explorer Map 122) Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet: Victoria at 09.20 for 0947 train to Plumpton (arr.1053)

Lunch: Half Moon Inn, Plumpton (early lunch)

Tea: Lewes

Distance: 9 miles, returning from Lewes

Fare: £17.65 (£12.80 from Zone 6) with Railcard. Advance fares available online from £5 and Daysave (Southern Network) for £15.

We shall be climbing up on to the downs in the afternoon by a steep path

Sunday March 23rd (Explorer 122) Leader: John Burbage

Meet: Victoria at 09.30 for 09.53 train to East Croydon where we change to the 10.16 train to Buxted (arr.11.16)

Lunch: Crow and Gate, Crowborough. Good pub food at reasonable prices.

Tea: Unlikely

Distance: 13 miles, returning from Buxted

Fare: £11.35 (£8.60 from Z6) with Railcard. Advance fares available online.

An undulating walk across farmland and in the afternoon, heathland of the Ashdown Forest with ponies, deer and grazing animals roaming freely. A very unusual landscape in the South East.

Note: British Summertime begins. Clocks go forward one hour.

Sunday 30th March (Landranger Map 165) Leader: Paul Connolly

Meet : Marylebone 0945 for 1012 train to Great Missenden (arr.1053).

Lunch : Wendover - plenty of options including the White Swan where you can eat your own food.

Tea : Maybe at Stoke Mandeville

Distance : 12 miles returning from Stoke Mandeville, hilly in the morning, mud in parts.

Fare : £11.20 return (£5.70 from Zone 9) to Stoke Mandeville with Network Card.

Sunday April 6th (Landranger 197) Leader: Angela Shardlow

Meet: Victoria 08.55 for the 09.14 train to Chichester (arr. 10.59)

Lunch: The Spotted Cow, Hunston

Tea: Chichester

Distance: 8 easy miles, returning from Chichester

Fare: £18.60 (£17.30 from Zone 6) to Chichester with Network Card. Southern Daysave tickets available online for £15. Other advance deals from www.thetrainline.com .

NB. Angela will meet walkers at Chichester

Sunday 13 April (Landranger Map 166) Leader: Robert Slater

Meet: King's Cross at 09.45 for 10.06 train to Welwyn Garden City(arr.10.31)

Lunch: The Bull, Wheathampstead.

Tea: The Two Willows, Welwyn Garden City.

Distance: 12 miles. Passing Bernard Shaw's house, Ayot St Lawrence, in afternoon and may stop for a breather at the 14th century Brocket Arms in the village.

Fare: £5.30 return to Welwyn Garden City with Network Railcard.

NB. Robert will meet walkers at WGC. Mobile:07780599922.

Friday 18th April (Landranger Map 187)

Leader : John Burbage

Good Friday Service at Worth Abbey

Meet: Victoria 10.10 for the 10.32 train to East Croydon (arr. 10.48) where we change for the 10.48 FCC train to Balcombe (arr. 11.21).

Lunch: (for those not fasting) Cowdray Arms 15 -20 minutes walk away

Distance: 10 Miles returning from Three Bridges

Fare: £12.20 (£7.20 from Zone 6) Return to Balcombe with Network Card. Advance fares available online. **NB.** John will join walkers at East Croydon.

Please bring a change of shoes or overshoes for use in the Abbey.

Sunday 27th April (Landranger Map 186)

Leader: Paul Connolly

In memory of John Haworth

Meet: Waterloo at 08.45 for 09.07 train to Farnham (arr.10.17)

Lunch: The Good Intent, Puttenham. Traditional (not gastro) pub.

Tea: Possibly at Compton

Distance: 12 miles with hills returning from Guildford. Possible visit to an interesting Mortuary Chapel and/or Watts Gallery at Compton.

Fare: £11.30 (£7.55 from Zone 6) return to Farnham with Network Railcard plus £2.30 single Guildford to Woking. Advance fares available online.

Sunday 4th May (Explorer Map 172)

Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet: Paddington at 08.20 for 08.43 train to Marlow (change at Maidenhead)

Mass: St. Peter's Church, St. Peter Street, Marlow at 11am

Lunch: Rising Sun or Ye Olde Bell Inn, Hurley

Tea: Marlow

Distance: 9 miles, returning from Marlow

Fare: £9.70 with Railcard

At St. Peter's Church there will be a chance to see the relic of the hand of St. James the Apostle.

NB. Maurice will be catching the 08.00 bus from Reading rail station (leaves 09.00 and arrives Marlow at 09.59). Later trains from Paddington leave at 43 minutes past the hour.

Sunday 11th May (Landranger Map 199)

Leader: Philip Groves

Meet: Victoria station 08:30 for 08:47 train to Polegate (arriving 10:07)

Lunch: The Plough and Harrow, Litlington

Tea: Perhaps!

Distance: 18-19 miles, some hills, returning from Polegate.

Fare: £18.90 (£15.60 Zone 6) return to Eastbourne with Network Card (or £10 return if booked well in advance e.g. on www.thetrainline.com). NB If booking in advance I suggest booking the 20.06 train back from Polegate.

NB. If he is not at Victoria station, the leader will meet the group at Polegate.

Sunday 18th May (Landranger Map 153).

Leader: Robert Slater

Meet: King's Cross at 11.00 for 11.23 train to Biggleswade (arr.12.02)

Lunch: White Hart, Biggleswade town centre.

Tea: Golden Pheasant, Biggleswade.

Distance: 7 miles.

Fare: £8.60 return to Biggleswade with Network Railcard.

Ramble will start after lunch. Shall visit RSPB Lodge and reserve consisting of woodland, heathland and formal gardens. A few short climbs all of which bar one are avoidable if need be. Between station and White Hart (five minutes) is St Peter's Catholic Church. Mass at 10am. Opportunity for coffee in church hall or town centre afterwards.

NB. Robert will meet walkers at Biggleswade station. Mobile: 07780599922

Sunday 25th May (Landranger Map 166)

Leader: John Dean

Meet: King's Cross at 09.45 for 10.06 train to Hatfield (arr.10.00)

Lunch: The Plume of Feathers, Tewin.

Tea: Unlikely

Distance: 10.5 miles. The morning will cover 6 miles with some hills.

Fare: £5.30 return to Welwyn Garden City with Network Railcard.

NB. John will meet walkers at Hatfield.

Occasional Mid-Week Walks

Those members who would like to do walks which involve less mileage than any of the above walks should contact Dorothy Hickman who sometimes does country walks, particularly around the Redhill/Reigate area. Her phone number is: 01737 765231 Her email is: mhickman@waitrose.com

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Club Committee 2013-2014

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News and Forthcoming Events

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the father of Paul Brunning who passed away last December

26th and 28th of February The King Must Lie - Richard 111 Returns

On Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th of February Fentiman presents the above play at 7.30 pm in Westminster Cathedral Crypt. Tickets are £8 on the door. Full details from the author Sharon Jennings. Her email is: jenningssharona@yahoo.co.uk _

Saturday March 8th -10.00am - 3.30pm- The Divine Life Revealed

This is a day conference exploring **friendship, knowledge and life in Christ the Word of God.**

This will be taking place at The Friary, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley RH10 1HR. This is only 5 minutes walk from the train and bus stations.

The speaker is Fr. John Farrell OP, the Provincial of the Dominican Order and Theologian and National Speaker.

Talks - Q & A - Mass - Adoration - Reconciliation

email: admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk or phone: 07975 845193

The conference is a donation only event and booking is not necessary.

Bring a packed lunch; teas and coffee provided.

This event is organised by the Wellspring Community in collaboration with the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Jubilee.

Travel information

Meet Victoria at 0845 for 0902 train to Crawley (arrives 0948). The fare is £11.60 return with Network Card but Advance tickets can be had for as little as £5 or £8 if purchased ahead of time. Maurice will meet people at Crawley train station.

Friday March 14th The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1923)

The Classic Cinema Club of Ealing presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1923) directed by Wallace Worsley starring Lon Chaney, Patsy Ruth Miller with live musical accompaniment by the talented Joseph Marshall! He will be playing live music sounds to accompany the silent film.

This is an adaptation of Victor Hugo's epic novel of class, persecution and destiny: narrating the intertwining lives of the bell-ringer Quasimodo, the gypsy Esmeralda, and the scheming and jealous Jehan. Boasting a lavish reproduction of medieval Paris and its Gothic cathedral, and centred on Chaney's astonishing physical performance and make-up, in a story where every character's looks can be deceiving.

You can reach us by email at classiccinemaclub@hotmail.co.uk or by ringing: 0208 991 1163

Where to find us

The film will be shown at the Ealing Town Hall:-Classic Cinema Club Committee Room 3 on the second floor. Look for the signs on the evening of the film to direct you. The address of the town hall is: Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY. The town hall is a short walk from Ealing Broadway Underground Station which is on the District and Central Lines.

The town hall is also near St Benedict's Ealing Abbey. Tickets cost £6.00

Friday March 21st - Monday March 24th at Walsingham

We shall leave by the 1044 train from Kings Cross to Kings Lynn, arriving at Kings Lynn at 1222 where we will stop for lunch before catching the 1345 bus from Kings Lynn bus station to Fakenham where we change on to the 1440 bus to Walsingham (arrives 1456). On Monday we catch the 1010 bus, changing once again at Fakenham to arrive in Kings Lynn at 1125. We have lunch and then catch the 1355 or 1455 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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday night for bed & breakfast at the Standard charge of £25.50 per night. The evening meal is £9. Since there is a special 3 for 2 offer, we pay only £51 for the 3 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 820217 email: elmhamhouse@walsingham.org.uk
Do your own booking but let Maurice know you are coming.

HOLIDAY IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT 6TH - 13TH MAY (7 nights)

Dorothy Hickman is arranging a holiday to the Isle of Wight for the walking festival staying at guesthouses in the Totland Bay area. She will be doing the shorter more moderate walks. If interested ring Dorothy on 01737 765231

A&B Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage Sat. 9th to Sun. 24th August

The Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage this year will be walking from Liverpool to Carlisle via Lancashire and the Lake District. The theme of the Pilgrimage will be the First World War hostilities and the Pope's choice of Francis. The St. Francis theme of peace will be discussed. Francis and Maurice will be leading two of the walks in the first week. For more information and a booking form go to: <http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk>