



September - November 2002

Ramble List and News

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Hello Ramblers,

After ten years as parish priest at St Mary Moorfields, and president of our club, Fr David Barnes is moving to Bishops Stortford. We would like to thank him for all his help and involvement in the club, especially for hosting the last Day of Recollection, which those who attended found spiritual and thought provoking. Saddened as we are that he is moving on, we are sure that all members extend to Fr David their prayers and good wishes for his new responsibilities.

Fr Peter Newby is our new president, and comes to St Mary Moorfields from an appointment as Chaplain at Oxford University. We welcome him, and look forward to his collaboration with our club for many years to come.

The **Club AGM**, will be held on **Saturday 12th October at 3.30pm** with tea and scones served from 3.00pm, at **Holy Apostles Church Hall, Cumberland St in Pimlico**. From Pimlico Station walk straight down Lupus Street. Cumberland Street is a right turn about eight minutes walk from the station, or the 24 bus stops nearby.

The AGM 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*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Highlights of this issue:



AGM - Saturday, 12 October 02



Dates for your Diary



Summer Party
Saturday, 7 September 02



Forthcoming Xmas events

a constant flow of new committee members and new ideas to maintain the successful tradition of the club.

As mentioned in the last newsletter I will be definitely stepping down as Secretary, so we urgently need to fill this position. If you come forward you will find as I did that you receive a lot of support and encouragement to help you along.

This is also a time for members to bring up any concerns they may have about the Club, and also a chance to have a say in how things are run. *We invite you this year to write in with motions that you wish to raise on the day in advance to Helen Hunt.* This is so that they can be dealt with effectively and satisfactorily. Please be advised that members who submit motions, must be present at the AGM otherwise the matter cannot be raised.

We also ask you kindly to raise only issues that are relevant to the general business and running of the club, and not individual issues, which should have been dealt with at or near the time they occurred with the

member concerned, or the relevant committee member.

Motions should be sent to Helen Hunt to arrive no later than Saturday 7th September and nominations should with her by Saturday 28th September.

Subscriptions are due in October. As agreed at last year's AGM this year it has been necessary to increase the subscription to £5 due to increases in the cost of postage and printing. £5 for a whole year's membership, with just the one £5 for married couples, is still outstandingly good value if you compare it for example to £20 for Ramblers Association membership or a minimum of £15 for membership of the Catholic Truth Society. So please remember to pay or your membership will be considered lapsed.

Welcome to new member:
John Sealy, Wallington.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Summer Party, 7th September: See below for full details.

Summer Party

Saturday, 7th September 2002 ~ 6.30pm-11.00pm

After the 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass at
St. Mary Moorfields Church hall, 4-5 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LS
Nearest tube/rail stations are Moorgate and Liverpool Street.

Cost £4.00

By popular demand, we are again pleased to have
Ken Aguiar as DJ spinning those tunes
you all know and love

and happy to play your requests from 7.00pm

Bring food to share and your own drink(s)

Donations for raffle welcome

Bring family and friends and have a good time!!!

Please send cheque or postal order to Gillian McLauchlan,
64 Pankhurst House, Du Cane Road, London, W12 0UL, made payable to
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club, or see other committee members on
the walks who will happily take cash or cheques or pay at the door.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Cont'd):

Saturday, 14th September - Parish Barn Dance at Holy Apostles Church Hall, Pimlico. Also forthcoming in the autumn term: "*Mansfield Park*" by Jane Austen. Date to be announced or contact Eileen Sheehy, Parish Office for further details tel. 020 7834 6965.

Saturday, 12th October, 6.00pm: The annual mass for SFACRC members' intentions is held in Holy Apostles Church, Winchester Street, Pimlico after the AGM.

*We will be going to Chimes Restaurant in Pimlico for a drink and a meal afterwards. A table has been booked, but need to confirm numbers so please advise me **three days before the AGM** if you intend coming.*

Saturday, 16th November, 6.00pm: The annual mass for diseased members of SFACRC will also be held in Holy Apostles Church, Winchester Street, Pimlico. *Venue for a drink and a meal afterwards to be advised on the day.*

Informal reunion on Saturday, 23rd November at the Royal Festival Hall, London. Contact Esther Harris Tel. 01603 454 633 or Maureen Furlong (Mobile: 07950 766 346).

The Club BBQ, 13 July:

It was a glorious sunny day
fit for a BBQ

Tony and Helen brought wonderful music
The benches were laid out on the lawn
Smoke billowed from the BBQs
meals sizzling away

A banquet was spread out
salads, rolls, relishes and desserts

But where were you?

The turnout, compared to last year was very poor and a major disappointment. However, thank you to all those who did come and gave your support - your presence was very much appreciated as always. *A big thank you to John Burbage for arranging this for us this year as well.*

OBITUARIES: Our sympathies and prayers for Elsie Atkins, from Thornton Heath who died in March. She was a member of our club from 1954 to 1974.

Also to the family and friends of Winnie Herring who died in May. The membership records shows her to have been already a member when

membership records began in 1938 and remained one up to 1978. She was a committee member during the war years including being Secretary from 1943 to 1945.

And also to family and friends of Audrey Stiles, who sadly passed away on 20th July. Audrey had been a member since 1958. Her funeral mass was held on 3rd July at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill which was attended by some of her friends from the club.

Elsie, Winnie and Audrey will be remembered in the Annual Mass for Diseased Members on Saturday, 16th November.

I was a stranger . . . (Mt 25:35): Following on from last newsletter's note about being more welcoming to members of other races or religion, we would also like to make you aware of introducing around a new member who joins a walk on the day, to make them feel more welcome and part of the community of the club.

The SFACRC website: Don't forget to visit our website (address on the top of this newsletter) when you are surfing the net, and also recommend it to prospective members.

Sponsor a walk on the Great Wall of China: Helen O'Brien is doing a walk to raise money in aid of St Andrew's Hospice on 3 March 2003. She needs to raise £2,500 by January 2003 and would be grateful to receive any contributions, which can be sent to her at 428 Kingston Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT19 0DW. Tel. 0208 337 5570. Any fund-raising ideas would be appreciated too. *Good luck to Helen from all of us on this exciting and challenging venture.*

Forthcoming Christmas events:

Sunday, 15th December: Christmas Ramble and Social. Full details to follow in the next newsletter and programme.

Saturday, 11th January 2003: Christmas Party. Again, details of this and the Christmas Dinner to follow in the next issue.

Y.H.A. Group Membership Card: The club is in possession of a group membership Y.H.A. card. Please contact Helen in advance, if you would like to borrow it in case she is away at the time you need it.

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by **19th October 2002.**

God Bless and happy rambling...

Antoinette

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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : 31 OCTOBER 2002



If you don't already know the underground line between Farringdon and Baker Street (Metropolitan, Circle, and Hammersmith & City) is shut every weekend until late autumn/early winter due to major works being done. If you are planning to come on the walks where the trains start from Kings Cross (Mainline or Thameslink), the Northern, Piccadilly, and Victoria lines all serve Kings Cross. Also for these trains, details of other stations served are shown. All stations shown have underground connections except East Croydon. Don't worry, as with all the other walks, get on the train shown in the programme and you'll be sure to meet up with everybody else at the starting point. Enjoy the days.

Paul

Sunday 1st September (os map 166) Leader : Phil Evans

MEET : Kings Cross 0940 for 1006 train to Welwyn Garden City (arr 1031)
Train also calls Finsbury Park at 1011
LUNCH : Elephant & Castle, Amwell
TEA : Wait and see
DISTANCE : 16 mostly level miles returning from Welwyn Garden City
FARE : £7.30 cdr Welwyn Garden City

Saturday 7th September, 6.00pm: Summer Party. For all those who enjoyed the last Christmas Party and for all those who heard how good it was!!

Sunday 8th September (os map 186) Leader : Witold Sokolowski

MEET : Waterloo 0920 for 0945 train to Farncombe (arr 1026)
LUNCH : Inn By The Lake, Godalming
TEA : Should be
DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Milford
FARE : £10.30 cdr Milford

Saturday 14th September - Parish Barn Dance at Holy Apostles Church Hall, Pimlico. Also forthcoming in the autumn term : Mansfield Park. Date to be announced or contact Eileen Sheehy, Parish Office for further details 020 7834 6965.

Sunday 15th September (os maps 198 & 199) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : East Croydon 0845 for 0905 train to Uckfield (arr 1008)

Connecting trains : From Victoria 0834 arrives East Croydon 0853**From London Bridge 0840 arrives East Croydon 0855**

LUNCH : New Inn, Hadlow Down – Pub does not serve food

TEA : Cock & Bull, Uckfield

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Uckfield

FARE : £7.60 cdr Uckfield with Network Card discount

The walk will take in Fox Wood where there is a tree dedicated to Genett Berhe

Maurice will meet the ramblers at East Croydon

Sunday 22nd September (os map 175) Leaders : Maureen Cahalane & Bridie Barry

MEET : Paddington 0850 for 0918 train to Pangbourne (arr 1020)

LUNCH : King Charles' Head, Goring Heath – Field nearby if you want to do your own grazing

TEA : Hopefully Mapledurham – entrance fee £tba

DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Pangbourne

FARE : £7.20 cdr Pangbourne with network card discount

Sunday 29th September (os map 165) Leaders : Tony Finnegan & Paul Connolly

MEET : Marylebone 0820 for 0845 train to Haddenham & Thame Parkway (arr 0936)

LUNCH : Red Lion, Brill

TEA : ???

DISTANCE : 18 miles returning from Haddenham

Mostly level, apart from one stiff climb up into Brill, **before lunch!!**

FARE : £8.60 cdr Haddenham & Thame Parkway with network card discount

Sunday 6th October (os maps 179 & 189) Leader : Tony Norton

MEET : Charing Cross 0810 for 0830 train to Folkestone Central (arr 1017)

LUNCH : First & Last, Dover

TEA : ??

DISTANCE : 17 miles mostly along the Saxon Shore Way returning from Deal

FARE : £13.00 cdr Deal with network card discount

Saturday 12th October 3.30pm, The Club AGM - A time for members to come forward and voice their opinion. Please see newsletter for details.

and at 6.00pm: The Annual Mass for Members' Intentions, held after the AGM. Please see newsletter for details.

Sunday 13th October (os map 153) Leader : John BurbageMEET : Kings Cross **Thameslink** 0910 for 0931 train to Flitwick (arr 1030)

Train also calls at East Croydon 0901, London Bridge 0915, Blackfriars 0919, Farringdon 0927, Kentish Town 0935, and West Hampstead 0939.

LUNCH : The Old Sun, Ampthill – good value food

TEA : Flitwick

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Flitwick

FARE : £8.80 cdr Flitwick with network card discount

Sunday 20th October (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0945 for 1010 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1045)

LUNCH : The White Rock Inn, Underriver – good pub grub

TEA : Maybe in Sevenoaks

DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Sevenoaks

FARE : £6.50 cdr Sevenoaks

Paul will meet the ramblers at Sevenoaks

Sunday 27th October (os map 166) Leader : Tony FinneganMEET : Kings Cross **Thamelink** 0910 for 0931 train to St Albans (arr 1006)

Train also calls at East Croydon 0901, London Bridge 0915, Blackfriars 0919, and Farringdon 0927, Kentish Town 0935, and West Hampstead 0939.

LUNCH : The Wicked Lady, Nomansland

TEA : St Albans Abbey – if we arrive early enough

DISTANCE : 17 miles returning from St Albans

FARE : £7.90 cdr St Albans

Sunday 3rd November (os map 153) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Kings Cross 0855 for 0921 train to Sandy (arr 1010)

Train also calls Finsbury Park at 0926

LUNCH : The Cock, Broom

TEA : Henlow

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Arlsey

FARE : £8.00 cdr Sandy with network card discount

Sunday 10th November (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 1010 for 1034 train to Coulsdon South (arr 1102)

LUNCH : The Fox, Coulsdon Common

TEA : Fanny's Farm Shop

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Redhill

FARE : All zones one day travelcard £5.00 plus excess Redhill – zone 6 £2.60 single

Maurice will meet the ramblers at Coulsdon South

Saturday 16th November, 6.00pm: The Annual Mass for Diseased Members of our club. Please see newsletter for details.

Sunday 17th November (os map 188) Leader : Hilary McNabb

MEET : Charing Cross for train to Hildenborough (arr 1049)

LUNCH : Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol

TEA : Country Club, Hildenborough

DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Hildenborough

FARE : £7.70 cdr Hildenborough

Hilary will meet the ramblers at Hildenborough

Saturday 23rd November: Informal reunion at the Royal Festival Hall, London. Contact Esther Harris Tel. 01603 454 633 or Maureen Furlong (Mobile: 07950 766 346).

Sunday 24th November (os map 177) Leader : Paul Brunning

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

LUNCH : Queens Head, Downe

TEA : Farnborough??

DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Hayes

FARE : One day all zones travelcard £5.00

Paul will meet the ramblers at Hayes

Sponsor a walk on the Great Wall of China: Helen O'Brien needs your help to raise £2,500 in aid of St Andrew's Hospice by January 2003. Please see newsletter for further details.

Additional walks:

Please ring Dorothy Hickman on 01737 765 231 for occasional midweek walks, and when the main walk is too long or hilly for you - phone Witold or Hania (020 8543 5494) for a short, or long and leisurely walk with lots of breaks.



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.

SFA CRC: Election of Committee for the year 2002-03

Nomination Form: NB Please return to Helen Hunt, 157 Coteford Street, Tooting, London SW17 8NT by 28 September 2002

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 7 September.

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

Secretary () Treasurer ()

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