

Dec.2003 - Feb. 2004

# Ramble List & News

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Dear Ramblers,

We have had another quarter of lots of good rambles and the very hot summer did not seem to deter many, as there was a good turnout on most walks.

The St Richard Anniversary Pilgrimage started when the temperature was 38 C. and in spite of the heat there were many of our members that joined the pilgrimage.

## AGM

Our AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> October was well attended in St Mary Moorfields. The main news is that Paul Connolly our Ramble List Compiler has stepped down after six years of doing a great job. On behalf of all of us I wish him well in his other pursuits.

Tony Norton has risen to the challenge of taking on this role and the committee wishes him every success. The meeting was followed by Holy Mass and thereafter there was a party in the Church Hall where there was music and dancing.

Further details are on page 5.

## Subscriptions

Please remember that subscriptions are due in October (currently £5) and if you have not already paid your subscription to Gillian McLauchlan, then please do so ASAP. Membership will be deemed to have lapsed if subscriptions are not paid.

## Reunion 27th September 2003

There were 40 members that met for lunch at the Royal Festival Hall and also had a good chat. Some of the group has planned to go to Alnwick for a classic walking holiday with HF 29<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2004. Anyone interested can

join by making their own arrangements with HF Tel: 020 8905 9556

## Forthcoming Events

### Christmas Meal 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2003

At Spaghetti House, 3 Bressenden Place, London SW1 (near Victoria Station) at 7.30pm. A copy of the menu is on Page 6. Many apologies for the short notice as an early booking has to be made. Members who wish to come should contact Alison Clarke on Tel H 0208 981 4628 or W 2070082354 or email: [alison.clarke@fco.gov.uk](mailto:alison.clarke@fco.gov.uk) and let her know by **Tues. 2 December.**

### Christmas Ramble and Social.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2003. There will be a buffet meal in the Royal Oak, Tabard Street, Borough, SE1, which is highly recommended. The cost will be £5.50 which can be paid on arrival.

### New Year Party 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004

Holy Mass at St Mary Moorfields at 6.00pm followed by a party in the Church Hall where there will be a disco. Please bring food to share and your own drink. This event is one off the highlights of the year and always very enjoyable. Please make sure that you get your tickets. Cost £4.00

### Holiday in Shrewsbury

16<sup>th</sup> to 21 Feb. 2004

See attached page 4 for details.

### Day of Recollection

7<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

This will be at St Mary Moorfields and will start at 11.00am with a talk by Fr Peter Newby, which will then be followed by Holy Mass. Further details will follow. Cost is £6. 00

### Easter Break in Whitby

10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

See attached Page 4 for details.

### Holiday in Lindisfarne

13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004

See attached page 4 for details.

### Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We have recently written to Bishop Bernard Longley for him to join us in a celebratory Mass in Oct 2005 and so far we have not heard from him.

### Assisi/Palazzola Holiday 2005

So far we have 16 people definitely interested and still have vacancies. By Christmas final-costing and date details will be available and Barbara Bridle will contact interested members at that time. Presently it looks like the date may be Sat 4 June to Sat 11 June with 4 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Palazzola. There will be many places to visit and some lovely local walks. Contact is Barbara Bridle

Tel. 01689 827656

I would gladly recommend you to view the Franciscan web site [www.franciscans.ie](http://www.franciscans.ie) It has a lot of the history of the Franciscans together with a lot on the life of St. Francis.

### Park Place Pastoral Centre, Fareham

A booking has been made for the August Bank Holiday weekend 2005. Anne Dunne is co-ordinating this event and she would be grateful for some assistance in organising a walk for the weekend. If you can help then please contact her on Tel 0208 554 1901

### Obituaries.

Sadly I have to inform you that Meg Walsh died on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

She was a Life Member and joined the club in 1958 together with her sister Mary.

She did several stints on the committee, and also on the social committee, which was a feature of the club in the 50s and 60s.

Both she and her sister maintained regular contact with the club after their move to the Isle of Wight

Meg's niece Mary has created a website in her memory, which is well worth a visit at <http://www.megwalsh.co.uk>

#### **Please promote our club.**

If you know a spiritually minded person please feel free to recommend the club to them. The membership secretaries will be happy to let you have a notice to put up in on your church notice board (with the agreement of your Parish Priest of course.)

#### **Welcome to new members**

Paula Bresford, Pimlico,  
Shamus Mc Cann, Crouch End  
Fiona Rubens, SW11  
Peter White, St Albans

#### **Farewell**

Monsignor Peter Grant had his farewell in the Apostolic Nunciature. He leaves his role as Private Secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio to return to Yorkshire where he will head a Parish in Leeds. Four of our Committee Members had the pleasure of attending the very dignified farewell. The four felt that they were privileged to be in the house where the Holy Father stayed whilst on his visit to the UK in 1982. For farewell wishes Monsignor Peter can be contacted at St Paul's Church, Presbytery House, 1 Buckstone Crescent, Leeds, LS175ES

#### **News of members.**

Belated congratulations to two of our Life Members, Anne and Peter Fraser who have recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Many of you will remember Stefan Gatward who is one of our Life Members. I have received a letter from Stefan to inform me of his present work and he has asked to be remembered to his rambling friends. Stefan is overseas most Sundays and

therefore has been unable to join us on our rambles.

News on Stefan is that in Oct. 2003 he started at Ushaw College, Durham for a postgraduate module course, which will eventually lead to an MA in Theology and Ministry.

Also he has been accepted by the Apostleship of the Sea for training as a Port Chaplain and will be based somewhere on the South Coast. Stefan is at an important stage in his Christian life and I would ask you all to say a prayer for his success in the ministry of his work.

#### **Additional walks**

If you feel that the main walk on Sunday is too long or hilly and the weather is reasonable, then please phone Hania or Witold for a short or a long walk with lots of leisurely breaks.

Tel 0208 543 5494

If you fancy an occasional midweek walk then please contact Dorothy Hickman

Tel 01737 765 231

#### **Corner of Special Interests.**

This is a new item and the idea first came to me over a few beers at the end of one great ramble. The thinking was that it would be great if those who are interested could get together once a quarter to watch a video or listen to poetry or discuss.

I'm sure that many of us have seen some great film and wouldn't it be great to watch that film again and share the magic of seeing something great. It would be interesting to share our thoughts about a particular film and I would welcome your suggestions of good films so that a group of us can watch it in my home and discuss it.

To start off, very appropriately we will watch a film called **Brother Sun, Sister Moon**. This is a film, which was made during the 60's, and it depicts the life of St Francis of Assisi. There are many things about the film, which are thought provoking and remind me of the life of St Francis.

I will be showing this film on **Saturday 14 Feb.2004 at 2.30pm** in my home. There will be a buffet and I would also welcome your contributing some food and drink to share. Please call me beforehand so that I know how many to expect. Bill 0208 960 5896. At some future date as a

follow up to this it has been suggested that we watch "Casablanca." Needless to say I would welcome all your ideas re films, poetry, or topics for discussion.

**Items for next newsletter should reach me 31th January 2004. God Bless and Happy**

#### **Rambling Bill**

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## Freedom

My walks are my life; they take me away,  
 From the stresses and strains of every day,  
 I put on my boots and with a map in my hand,  
 From the top of the hills I survey the land,  
 I can't quite explain how it makes me feel,  
 The world is so beautiful it's almost unreal,  
 I feel God is with me with Heaven all around,  
 Lost in tranquillity until homeward bound.

*Poem by Brian Welch*

### *A Cretan Parable*

There once lived a peasant in Crete who deeply loved his life. He enjoyed tilling the soil, feeling the warm sun on his naked back as he worked the fields, and feeling the soil under his feet. He loved the planting, the harvesting, and the very smell of nature. He loved his wife and his family and his friends, and he enjoyed being with them, eating together, drinking wine, talking and making love. And he loved especially Crete, his beautiful island. The earth, the sky, the sea, it was his! This was his home.

One day he sensed that death was near. What he feared was not what lay beyond, for he knew God's goodness and had lived a good life. No, he feared leaving Crete, his wife, his children, his friends, his home and his land. Thus, as he prepared to die, he grasped in his right hand a few grains of soil from his beloved Crete and told his loved ones to bury him with it.

He died, awoke, and found himself at heaven's gates, the soil still in his hand, and heaven's gate firmly barred against him. Eventually St Peter emerged through the gates and spoke to him: *"You've lived a good life, and we've a place for you inside, but you can't enter unless you drop that handful of soil! You can't enter as you are now."*

The man was reluctant to drop the soil and protested: *"Why? Why must I let go of this soil? Whatever is inside those gates I have no knowledge of But this soil I know... it's my life, my work, my wife and kids, it's what I know and love, it's Crete. Why should I let it go for something I know nothing about?"*

Peter answered: *"When you get to heaven you'll know why. It's too difficult to explain. I'm asking you to trust, trust that God can give you something better than a few grains of soil"*

But the man refused. In the end, silent and seemingly defeated, Peter left him, closing the large gates behind. Several minutes later, the gates opened a second time and a young child emerged. She didn't try to coax the man into letting go of the soil. She simply took his hand and, as she did, it opened and the soil of Crete spilled to the ground. She then led him through the gates.

A shock awaited him as he entered heaven...there, before him, lay all Crete!

*Retold by Ronald Rolheiser in*

*"Against an Infinite Horizon" Hodder and Stoughton 1995 quoted in Focus on Spirituality*

**Half Term Break, Walking in the Shropshire Hills. 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004**

Accommodation will be at a reasonably priced B&B in Shrewsbury (Monday night to Friday night). Depart on the 1300 hr coach from Victoria Coach Station on Monday 16th of February and return on the 1045 coach from Shrewsbury on the following Saturday the 21st It is also possible to travel to Shrewsbury by train. Two of the days will be spent planning a days walk from Shrewsbury to Oswestry for the A & B Walking Pilgrimage. For further details and a list of 'walker friendly' places to stay contact Maurice Hickman, 75 Carlton Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2BZ.

**Easter Break at Whitby Youth Hostel - Saturday 10th April to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2004.**

We depart by coach & bus or by train from Victoria or Kings Cross via Middlesborough Seven nights accommodation (bed only) at the hostel comes to £74.20. To book phone the hostel first to find out if a bed is available (tel: 0870 770 6088). If so. send a deposit of **£20** to the hostel - address YHA East Cliff. Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4JT. Pay the balance (£54.20 ) on arrival at the hostel on the Saturday evening. Whilst there we shall spend the time doing coastal walks and also exploring the North York Moors There are self-catering facilities for making your own breakfast or you can purchase a breakfast at the hostel. We shall probably go out for our evening meals. Please note that this hostel is extremely popular so it is essential to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Book for the nights of Saturday 10th to Friday 17th of April inclusive and mention that you are a member of Mr Hickman's party. More information on the above from Maurice, 75 Carlton Road. Redhill, Surrey. RH1 2BZ. Tel: 01737 765231

Please note that normally membership of the Youth Hostel Association is required before you can stay at a hostel. However the Club possesses a Group Membership Card which enables groups of 5 or more to stay at a hostel without the need for all the members of the group to have individual membership provided at least one person in the group is a member. At least one person in the party will be a member'

**Holiday in Lindisfarne 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004**

Dorothy Hickman is hoping to arrange a holiday staying in Lindisfarne and Seahouses (for trips to the Farne Islands). (i.e. from Durham area) If interested ring 01737 765231. Dates will be around 13 -23 May 2004

## **Summary of AGM 2003 Meeting together with Accounts**

The AGM was held on 11 October at St Mary Moorfields. Over 30 members attended and there was a warm and friendly atmosphere. The officers (myself as Secretary, Gillian McLauchlan as Treasurer, Paul Connolly as Ramble List Compiler and John Burbage on behalf of himself and Margaret Moran as Membership Secretaries) were able to report a good year full of activities both rambling, holidaying and social in which a large proportion of the membership participated. Comments and suggestions from the floor were very welcome and a lively discussion took place.

We were sad to see five members of the committee stand down: Paul Connolly after six sterling years as Ramble List Compiler, John Burbage after two years as joint membership secretary, Mike Hoffman after two years in a second stint on the committee, Nick Peterson after three years and Alison Clarke after only one year. But it is a tribute to the long standing spirit of the club that sufficient people came forward to provide a full new committee and we welcome on to the committee for the first time Tony Norton as new Ramble List Compiler, Hania Poniatowska and Witold Sokolowski, and for second stints Catherine Scott and Tony Finnegan. Helen Hunt, our life vice president, Gillian McLauchlan our treasurer, Margaret Moran our joint membership secretary and myself as secretary will provide continuity. Full details of your new committee are at the end of page two. Because he is now on the Committee Tony cannot be auditor. John Lawrence and John Burbage agreed to be auditors for the next year, John Lawrence having served the club as auditor, treasurer and secretary for over 30 years. Following the AGM the outgoing and incoming committee members had a meeting to decide on actions for the immediate future and the remainder of the evening was passed by celebrating and dancing to music.



**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club**  
**General Income and Expenditure Account for Year to 31 August 2003**

2001-02	Income	2002-03	2001-02	Expenditure	2002-03
£512.00	Subscriptions	£647.00	£273.03	Postage	£193.66
£240.00	Life Membership	£310.00	£404.05	Photocopying/Printing	£584.70
£0.00	Transfer from Club History		£47.96	Stationery	£57.01
	Membership in advance		£25.00	Telephone	£20.00
<u>£752.00</u>		<u>£957.00</u>	<u>£750.04</u>		<u>£855.37</u>
£32.10	Donations	£82.50	£20.00	R.A. Affiliation	£20.00
£5.50	Bank Interest	£7.05	£88.00	Insurance	£105.00
£6.00	Club Badges Sold	£0.00	£0.00	YHA Group Membership	£25.50
£73.00	Surplus Christmas Social	£60.75	£57.00	AGM & Committee Expenses	£64.00
£16.00	Surplus Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£17.30	Travel Expenses	£41.60
£66.00	Surplus Christmas Party	£36.02	£0.00	Masses & Mass Cards	£10.00
£7.41	Surplus Day of Recollection	£4.00	£23.14	Loss on Bar-B-Que	£0.00
				Loss on Summer Party	£16.14
<u>£958.01</u>		<u>£1,147.32</u>	<u>£955.48</u>		<u>£1,137.61</u>
			£2.53	Excess Income/Expenditure	£9.71
<u>£958.01</u>		<u>£1,147.32</u>	<u>£958.01</u>		<u>£1,147.32</u>
Life Membership Fund					
£1,540.69	Balance as at 1.9.2002	£1,558.51			
£80.00	New Subscriptions	£100.00			
£90.00	Interest on Investment Account	£111.08	£240.00	Transfer to Income Account	£310.00
£10.00	Donations	£0.00	£1,558.51	Balance as at 31.8.2003	£1,459.59
£77.82	Unallocated funds transferred to Life Membership Fund	£0.00			
<u>£1,798.51</u>		<u>£1,769.59</u>	<u>£1,798.51</u>		<u>£1,769.59</u>
Capital Account Balances					
£1,368.10	Balance as at 1.9.02	£1,370.63	£65.26	Cash in hand	£0.00
£2.53	Excess of Income/Expenditure	£9.71	£306.69	Nationwide Account	£298.54
			£2,538.69	NSB Investment Account	£2,649.77
<u>£1,370.63</u>		<u>£1,380.34</u>			
£0.00	Christmas Meal Advance 2001	£0.00	£160.00	Summer Party 2002 Advance	£0.00
£62.00	Subscriptions in Advance	£30.00		2005 Celebrations Advance	£25.00
£51.50	Fr David Barnes	£0.00			
£28.00	Summer Party Advance 2002	£0.00			
£1,558.51	Life Membership Fund	£1,459.59			
	Owed to Treasurer	£103.38			
<u>£3,070.64</u>		<u>£2,973.31</u>	<u>£3,070.64</u>		<u>£2,973.31</u>

We have audited the above accounts and found them to be properly drawn up in accordance with the books and accounts of the Club and certify that they are to the best of our knowledge and belief correct.

Signed John Lawrence  
 John Lawrence

Signed Tony Finnegan  
 Tony Finnegan

After six years the time to step down has finally come. Having served on the committee through some challenging periods, such as the Foot and Mouth crisis, I hope that Tony Norton has a less demanding but equally rewarding stewardship. All credit to the members who have stepped forward in the last few years to add to the ranks of leaders. Sadly there are still some club members who are only too quick to complain when there are not walks suited to them; If you don't see what you like in the programme I'm sure Tony will only be too happy to receive details of the rambles that you've always wanted to lead.



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December (os map 188) Leader : Tony Norton

MEET : Charing Cross 0850 for 0910 train to Tunbridge Wells (1004)  
 LUNCH : Crown, Groombridge  
 TEA : Tunbridge Wells  
 DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Tunbridge Wells  
 FARE : £8.80 cdr Tunbridge Wells

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December (os map 177) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Angel (Northern line) 1045 for 1100 start  
 LUNCH : The Matchmaker, 580-586 Roman Road, London, E3  
 TEA : Christmas social at The Royal Oak, Tabard Street, London, SE1 – full information on the yellow pages and separate flyer.  
 DISTANCE : 8 miles if finishing at Canary Wharf and going direct to London Bridge or 10 miles if walking the whole way to the Royal Oak, taking in some little explored parts of East London such as Abbey Mills and Bow Backwaters  
 FARE : One day travelcard up to £5.10

There is 10am mass at St Johns, Duncan Terrace, N1 (less than five minutes walk from Angel)  
 Please meet at Angel by 0945 if you wish to attend this mass and are not sure how to get there.  
 No need for boots, dry and paved surfaces all the way.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December (os map 177) Leader : Martin Harrison

MEET : Cockfosters (Piccadilly Line) 1045 for 1100 start  
 LUNCH : The Chequers, Coopers Lane, Potters Bar  
 TEA : Trent Country Park  
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Cockfosters  
 FARE : One day all zones travelcard £5.10

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0910 for 0934 train to Ifield (arr 1039)  
 LUNCH : Lamb Inn, Lambs Green  
 TEA : Horsham  
 DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Horsham  
 FARE : £11.40 cdr Horsham  
 Maurice will meet the ramblers at Ifield

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January (os map 166) Leader : Robert Slater

MEET : Kings Cross 0930 for 0951 train to Stevenage (arr 1015)  
 LUNCH : The Bull, Whitwell  
 TEA : Hitchin  
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Hitchin  
 FARE : £7.25 cdr with NSE discount Hitchin  
 Robert will meet the ramblers at Stevenage

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January (os maps 187 & 176) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : 08 45 at Waterloo for 9 00 train to Effingham Junction (arr 09 44)  
 LUNCH : The Old Bear, Cobham Village. Serves good food.  
 TEA : Possibly at Hersham station  
 DISTANCE : 13 EASY miles Returning from Hersham.  
 FARE : All Zone Travel card £4.70 plus excess to Effingham Junction £2.80. At the end of the walk there will be a small charge to get from Hersham to Zone 6.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January (os map 198) Leader : Philip Groves

MEET : Victoria 0820 for 0847 train to Lewes (arr 0959)  
 LUNCH : Abergavenny Arms, Rodmell – good food  
 TEA : Maybe at Berwick  
 DISTANCE : 15 hilly miles returning from Berwick  
 FARE : £11.00 cdr with NSE discount Berwick

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0940 for 1000 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1037)  
 LUNCH : The White Rock Inn, Underriver – Excellent grub  
 TEA : Sevenoaks  
 DISTANCE : 9.5 miles returning from Sevenoaks  
 FARE : £5.90 cdr Sevenoaks with NSE discount

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February (os map 165 & 166) Leader : Phil Evans

MEET : Baker Street 0910 for 0930 train to Rickmansworth (arr 1003)  
 LUNCH : Red Lion, Chenies. Pub does food.  
 TEA : Chesham  
 DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Chesham. Hilly in parts.  
 FARE : All zones one day travelcard plus additional Zone 'D' £7.00.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1004 train to Redhill (arr 1037)  
 LUNCH : Plough, Leigh  
 TEA : Redhill  
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Redhill  
 FARE : £11.40 cdr Redhill  
 Maurice will meet the ramblers at Redhill

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February (os map 167) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Liverpool Street 0905 for 0930 Stanstead Express train to Bishops Stortford (arr 1004)  
 Also calls Tottenham Hale 0941 (Change from Victoria line)  
 LUNCH : Prince of Wales, Green Tye – inexpensive grub plus their own brewed beers  
 TEA : Sawbridgeworth  
 DISTANCE : 10 mostly level miles - may be muddy  
 FARE : £6.40 cdr Bishops Stortford with NSE discount



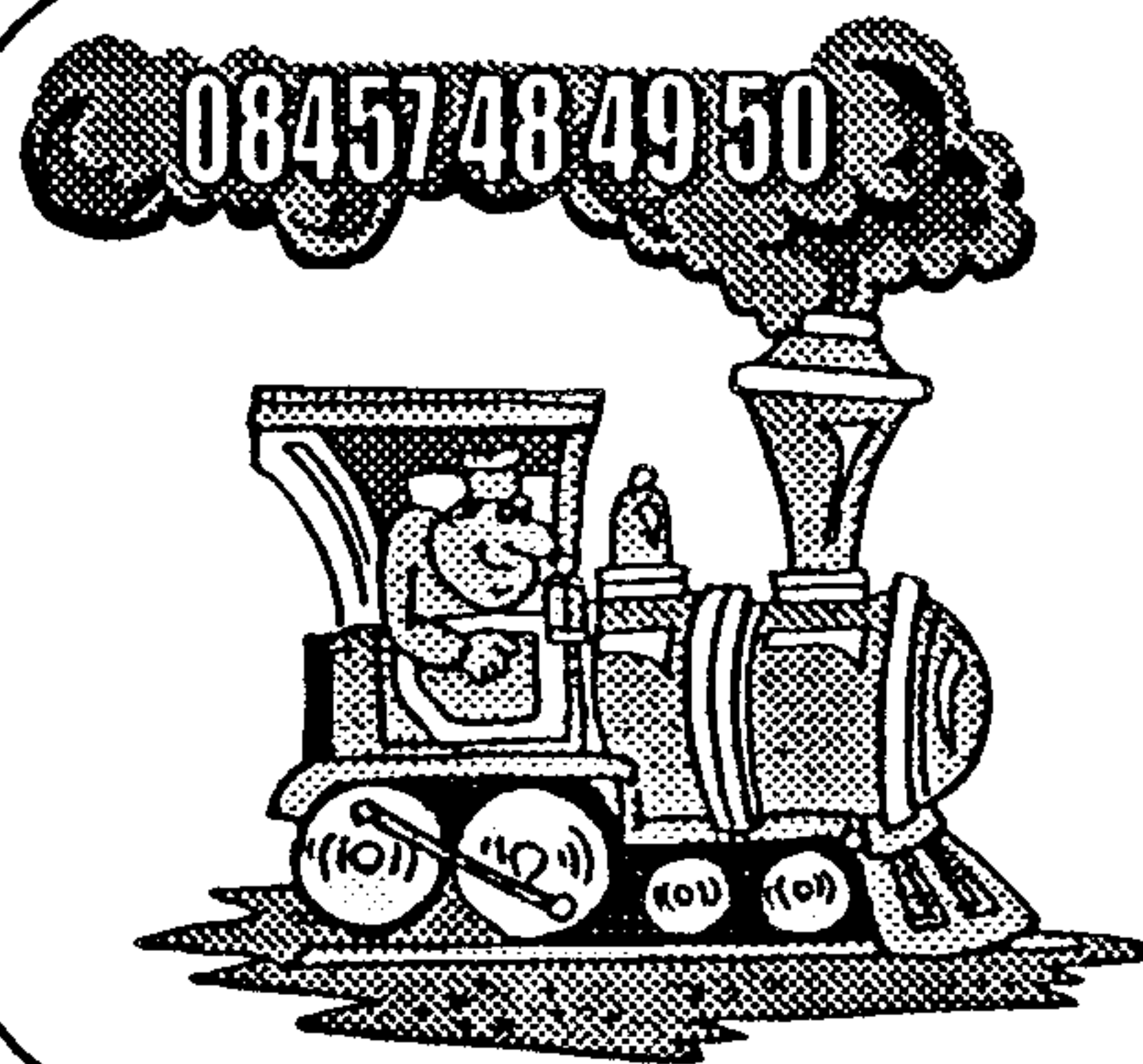
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (os map 165) Leader : Maureen Cahalane

MEET : Richmond 1045 for 1100 start, Frequent trains from Waterloo,  
plus District line and North London line  
LUNCH : The Boaters Inn, Canbury Gardens, Kingston  
TEA : Maybe at Hampton Court  
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Hampton Court  
FARE : All zones one day travelcard £5.10

Sunday 29th February

Long Walk (os map 166) Leader : Tony Finnegan

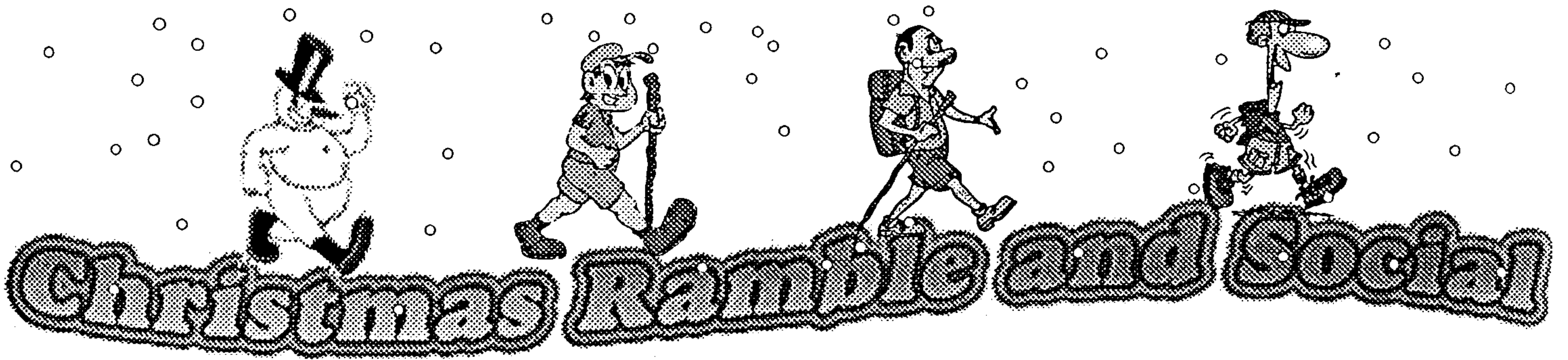
MEET : King's Cross 0900 for 0921 train to Hitchin (arr 09 50)  
LUNCH : The Green Man, Great Offley  
TEA : Hitchin  
DISTANCE : 17 miles returning from Hitchin  
FARE : cdr Hitchin £7.25 with Network Southeast Card Reduction



*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.*

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. You can also get 50p off all zone travel cards even if purchased at underground stations.

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



Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2003, 4.00pm at The Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street, London SE1.

Only three minutes walk away from Borough Station (Northern Line), and ten minutes from London Bridge. Also served by bus routes P3, 21, 35, 40 and 133 - alight at Borough Station.

There will be a buffet at a cost of £5.50 per head.

We need to confirm final numbers for catering by 8<sup>th</sup> December, so please send cheque or postal order to Gillian McLauchlan (address on the last column of the newsletter) 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



There will be a raffle - donations would be gratefully received.

Please see the programme for details of the walk

*Goodie, the Royal Oak again . . .*

