



## St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club

### Memorandum

To: All SFACRC Members

From: SFACRC Committee

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2001

Subject: *Recent outbreak of Foot & Mouth disease*

Dear Member,

In view of the Foot & Mouth outbreak and quarantine of lands, all walks for the next four weeks on the programme are cancelled. Attached with this memo is an alternative emergency programme of walks that avoid farmland or the countryside. Maurice Hickman's St Patrick's Day walk is still on.

Some of the committee members and leaders met recently to discuss this issue and we urge you to avoid walking in the countryside at all costs.

Please keep in touch with committee members and leaders (tel numbers given below) from April onwards. A good idea is also to keep an eye on the SFACRC website [www.stfrancisramblers.org.uk](http://www.stfrancisramblers.org.uk) and also the Ramblers Association [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk); the BBC [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food [www.maff.gov.uk](http://www.maff.gov.uk).

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Tel. No.:</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Tel. No.:</b>
Daphne Fisk	020 8660 9951	Paul Connolly	01708 478 745
Robert Slater	01462 435 229	Paul Brunning	01689 835 572
Frank Bigg	01787 227 977	Bridie Barry	020 7252 1904
Maurice Hickman	01737 765 231	Maureen Cahalane	020 7834 2432
Tony Finnegan	0208 767 5293	Hannia Poniatowska	020 8543 5494

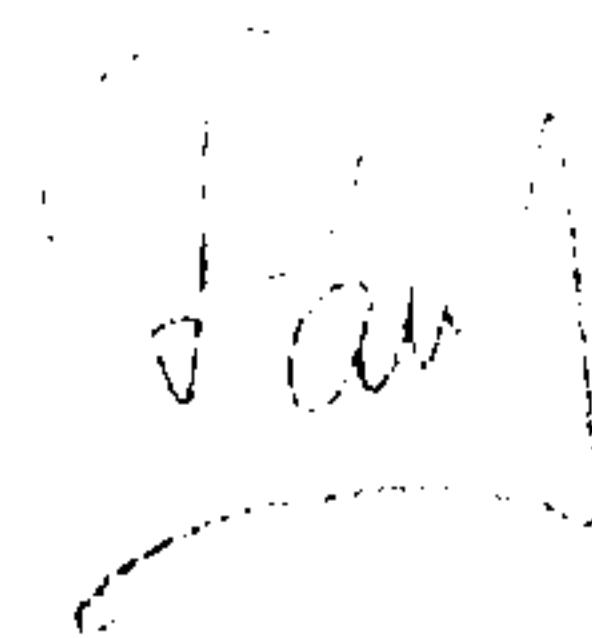
Best wishes,

**Antoinette**

## EMERGENCY PROGRAMME

This supercedes all walks shown from 18<sup>th</sup> March until 16<sup>th</sup> April 2001

Due to time constraints the usual details such as lunch stops cannot always be confirmed, but leaders will endeavor to find suitable places to obtain meals. Should we be unable to resume the normal programme from 22<sup>nd</sup> April onwards, a further emergency list will be prepared and sent out. Leaders and potential leaders please advise what rambles you could offer up to the end of May that fall within the constraints imposed as a result of the terrible circumstances. Please let me have your walks by 30<sup>th</sup> March so a properly detailed programme can be put together if so required.



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March Frank Bigg's walk has been cancelled due to closure of paths around Alton Water

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March DAY OF RECOLLECTION – As originally announced this will take place at St. Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, Victoria, London SW1 (Tel. 0207 834 4004). Day starts at 11.00am with coffee and tea available on arrival. Bishop Victor Guazzelli (retired) will take us through the day with a talk at 11.30am and 2.00pm - with a break for lunch at 12.30-1.30. There will be a mass at 3.00pm, and the day will end at 4.00pm approx.

Due to the favourable location of the venue, there are plenty of options for lunch - lots of local restaurants (e.g. MacDonalds, Pizza Hut etc.), or you can bring a packed lunch if you prefer as there is a room available to have your lunch in. The cost of the day is £10.00. If you would like to attend please send a cheque to Gillian made payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club.

*Special thanks to Mary Maxwell for all her hard work in arranging this for us.*

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March as in original programme (os map 176) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Westminster Cathedral 1020 for 1030 mass, then after at the Willow Walk, Wilton Road, SW1 (over the road from Victoria Station) until 1200

LUNCH : The Mad Hatter, Stamford Street, SE1

TEA : The George Inn, Borough High Street, SE1

DISTANCE : 5 miles returning from London Bridge

FARE : One day travel card, up to £4.80

This walk covers part of the Thames Path, and after lunch there will be a visit to Southwark Cathedral



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March (os map 176) Leader : Tony Finnegan. Tel 020 8767 5293 Mobile 0780 304 2748.

MEET : Gunnersbury District Line for 1045 start (allow one hour from Central London as Richmond line trains are restricted to one every 16 minutes on Sundays due to engineering Works).

LUNCH : Bridge Tavern, Barnes side of Hammersmith Bridge. Good value food but sorry no really suitable place to eat own food.

TEA : Various possibilities in Putney.

DISTANCE : 9 Miles approx returning from Putney; suburban pavements and tow paths all the way but Tony (naturally) managed to find some mud on the walkout so boots or strong shoes still recommended.

FARE : Travelcard up to £4.80. Walk starts and finishes in Zone 3.



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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (os map 176) Leader : Paul Connolly. Tel 01708 478 745

MEET : Westbourne Park (Hammersmith & City line) for 1030 start  
LUNCH : Around Greenford  
DISTANCE : 10-12 level miles finishing West Drayton or Uxbridge along the Grand Union Canal  
FARE : £4.80 all zones travelcard  
Plenty of drop off points for those wishing to do shorter distances.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** (os map) Leader : Maurice Hickman. Tel 01737 765 231

MEET : Victoria 1035 for 1102 train to Redhill (arr 1137)  
LUNCH : To be decided  
TEA : Redhill or Reigate.  
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Redhill  
FARE : £6.10 cdr Redhill

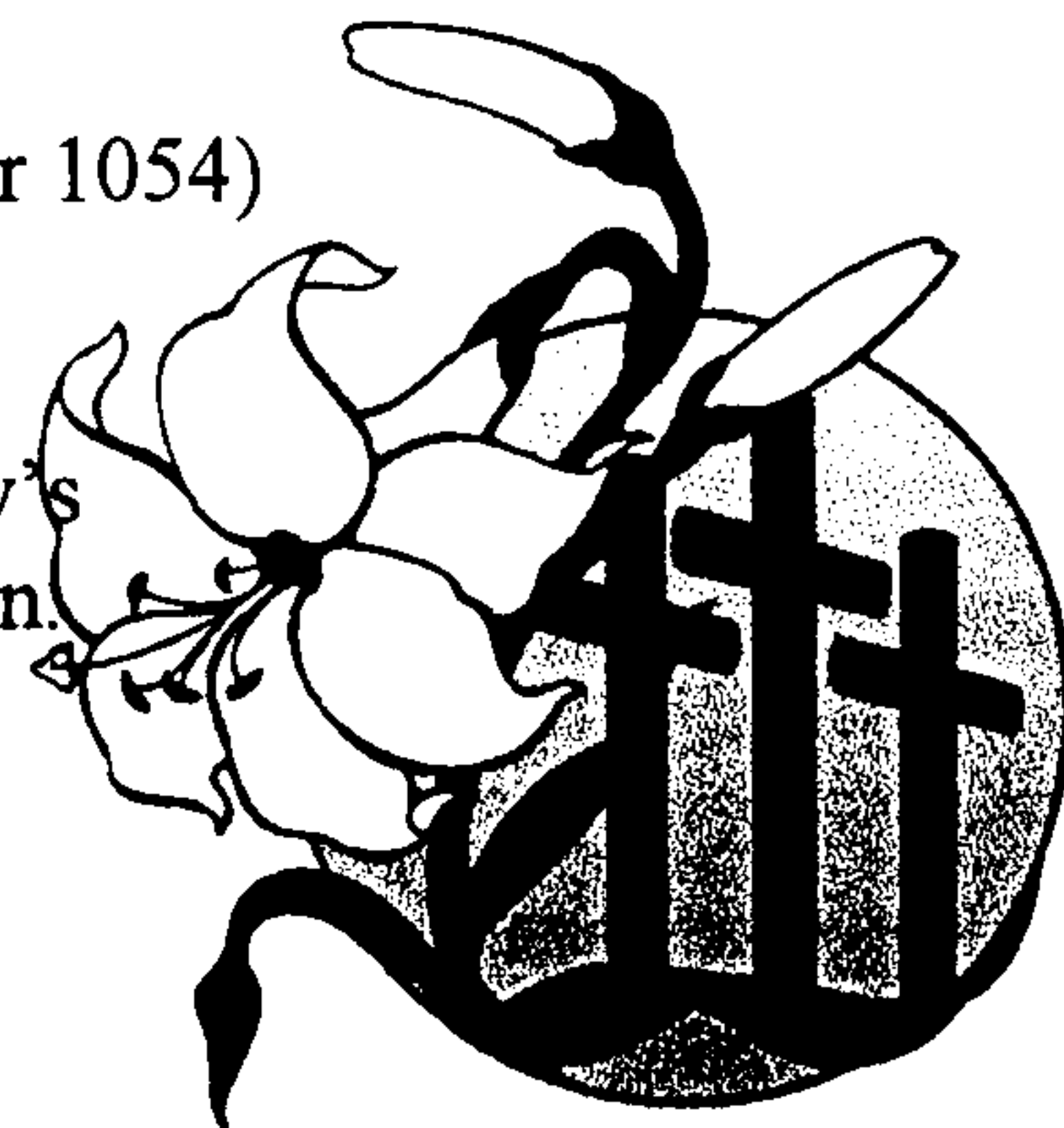
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April** (os map 176) Leader : Gillian McLauchlan. Tel 020 8740 5507

MEET : Putney Bridge (District Line) for 1030 start  
LUNCH : Kew – various pubs and cafes  
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Richmond  
FARE : Up to £4.80 all zones travelcard (Richmond is in Zone 4)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April** (os map) Leaders : Tonys Finnegan and Norton

Tel 020 8767 5293 or Mobile 0780 304 2748

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Three Bridges (arr 1052) or  
London Bridge 0945 for 1010 Thameslink train to Three Bridges (arr 1054)  
LUNCH : The Cowdray Arms, - Good non-meat selection  
TEA : No; it's Good Friday  
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Three Bridges. Subject to what the two Tony's  
find on the walkout there may be some road walking on this occasion.  
FARE : £6.15 cdr Three Bridges with network card discount



**Sadly the long walk has had to be cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth crisis.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** (os map) Leader : Maureen Cahalane. Tel 020 7834 2432

MEET : Grosvenor Gardens SW1 opposite Victoria Station 0910 for 0930 Oxford Tube bus to  
Oxford (arr 1110) or  
Paddington 0905 for 0936 train to Oxford (arr 1033) then short bus ride or walk to  
Gloucester Green (bus station), to join the coach travellers.  
LUNCH : To be advised  
DISTANCE : Approx 8 miles around Oxford  
FARE : Train £10.20 cdr with network card discount Oxford  
Bus £7.50 return

**Please refer to original programme for any notes or comments.**

## Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at The Royal Oak, Tabard Street, SE1

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### Apologies for absence were received from:

Bridie Barry  
Frank Bigg  
Daphne Fisk

Colin Mascarenhas  
Mary Maxwell  
Tony Norton

Nick Peterson  
Hannia Poniadowska  
Robert Slater

### Present:

John Burbage  
Maureen Cahalane  
Paul Connolly  
Maria Darroch

Tony Finnegan  
Maurice Hickman  
Helen Hunt

Gillian McLaughlin  
Antoinette Ratnam  
Ranald Watson

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possible cancellation of walks going into the countryside during the present Foot & Mouth outbreak.

The conclusions were:

- countryside walks will be cancelled up to April 16<sup>th</sup>;
- a memo will go out to members telling them of this on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, and Paul Connolly is going to draft an alternative emergency programme of walks to go with it;
- leaders whose walks are after April have enough time to think of an alternative (i.e. a canal/London walk) if the quarantine of farmlands is still ongoing - there may be others who might be willing to do an alternative walk in their stead;
- leaders should inform Paul Connolly or Antoinette Ratnam of their alternative walk and they will pass on the information to other committee members, so members can ring up any committee member to find out what's happening after April;
- list of telephone numbers of leaders' whose walks are on the current programme is also given in the memo;
- Tony Finnegan will update the club's website regularly to keep members informed on what is happening;
- a follow-up meeting is set for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the same time (6.30pm), same venue (The Royal Oak, Tabard Street, SE1); and
- last but not least, we have to totally avoid walking in the countryside at this time of crisis that the farmers are facing.





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Sadly the foot and mouth crisis shows no sign of abating, however we should express our gratitude to those members who have rallied round and come up with alternative walks that take account of the restrictions in force for the foreseeable future. The summer programme will have to take account of these circumstances so please think hard as to what you can do. Even if you have not led before you may know of an urban or city walk (not just in and around London) that falls within the constraints imposed. The date for submission of walks has had to be brought forward to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April so please let me have them by then.

One small point; just because the walks are in urban areas is no guarantee they will be mud free so boots will still be needed.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** (os map 177) Leader : Paul Brunning

**MEET** : Charing Cross 1010 for 1030 train to Orpington (arr 1053)

**LUNCH** : Seven Stars, Footscray

**TEA** : Orpington

**DISTANCE** : 9 miles returning from Orpington

**FARE** : One day travelcard up to £4.90

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – A mass and party to celebrate Fr. David's silver jubilee in the priesthood. Please read the blue pages for more information on this.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April** (os map 178) Leaders : Hannia, Witold and Jackie Twining

**MEET** : Victoria 0840 for 0905 train to Rochester (arr 0944)

**LUNCH** : Wherever possible in Rochester (crowds!), meeting point front of Cathedral.  
12.30-12.45

**TEA** : Possibly

**DISTANCE** : 6 miles returning from Rochester

Morning river walk in Rochester for Chimney Sweep Festival.

Interesting mass in the evening and then enjoy the festival.

**FARE** : £9.50 cdr Rochester

**Friday 4– Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Maureen and Trevor's Malvern weekend is still going ahead. Although no walks can take place there are days out that can be done. Please refer to the original programme for travel details and information for booking accomodation.

For further information please email Maureen at [mhbconway@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mhbconway@yahoo.co.uk) or send an SAE to M Conway, 19 Cromwell Road, Malvern Link, Worcs, WR14 1NA.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** (os map 168) Leader : Frank Bigg – Colchester town walk

MEET : Liverpool Street 0935 for 1000 train to Colchester (arr 1105)  
LUNCH : Variety of options in Colchester  
TEA : Colchester  
DISTANCE : Approx 9 miles around Colchester  
FARE : £9.60cdr with network card discount. Frank will meet the ramblers at Colchester

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May** (os map 197 & 198) Leader : Hilary McNabb, Nick Peterson, and Mike Arnup

MEET : Victoria 0950 for 1017 train to Worthing (arr 1136)  
LUNCH : Tudor Tavern, Angmering – no food, café nearby  
TEA : Littlehampton  
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Littlehampton  
FARE : £10.90 cdr with network card discount

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** (os map 176) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Highgate (Northern line, zone 3) 0930 for 0945 start  
LUNCH : The Spaniards Inn, Spaniards Lane, NW3  
TEA : Holly Bush, Holly Mount, NW3  
DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Tufnell Park – hilly in parts  
FARE : One day travel card up to £4.90 – Maria will meet the ramblers Highgate  
The walk takes in Hampstead Garden Suburb, Fenton House (admission £4.30), and Kenwood House (free admission). Walking boots are essential, but ramblers intending to visit either of the houses are asked to bring a change of footwear

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May** (os map 197) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Littlehampton - change at Ford (arr 1153)  
LUNCH : The Cabin, Elmer Road, Middleton on Sea  
TEA : Bognor Regis  
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Bognor Regis  
FARE : £11.30 cdr Bognor Regis with network card discount plus excess fare Ford – Littlehampton  
Beach walk with the chance of a swim weather permitting. Maurice will join the train at Redhill



*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.*