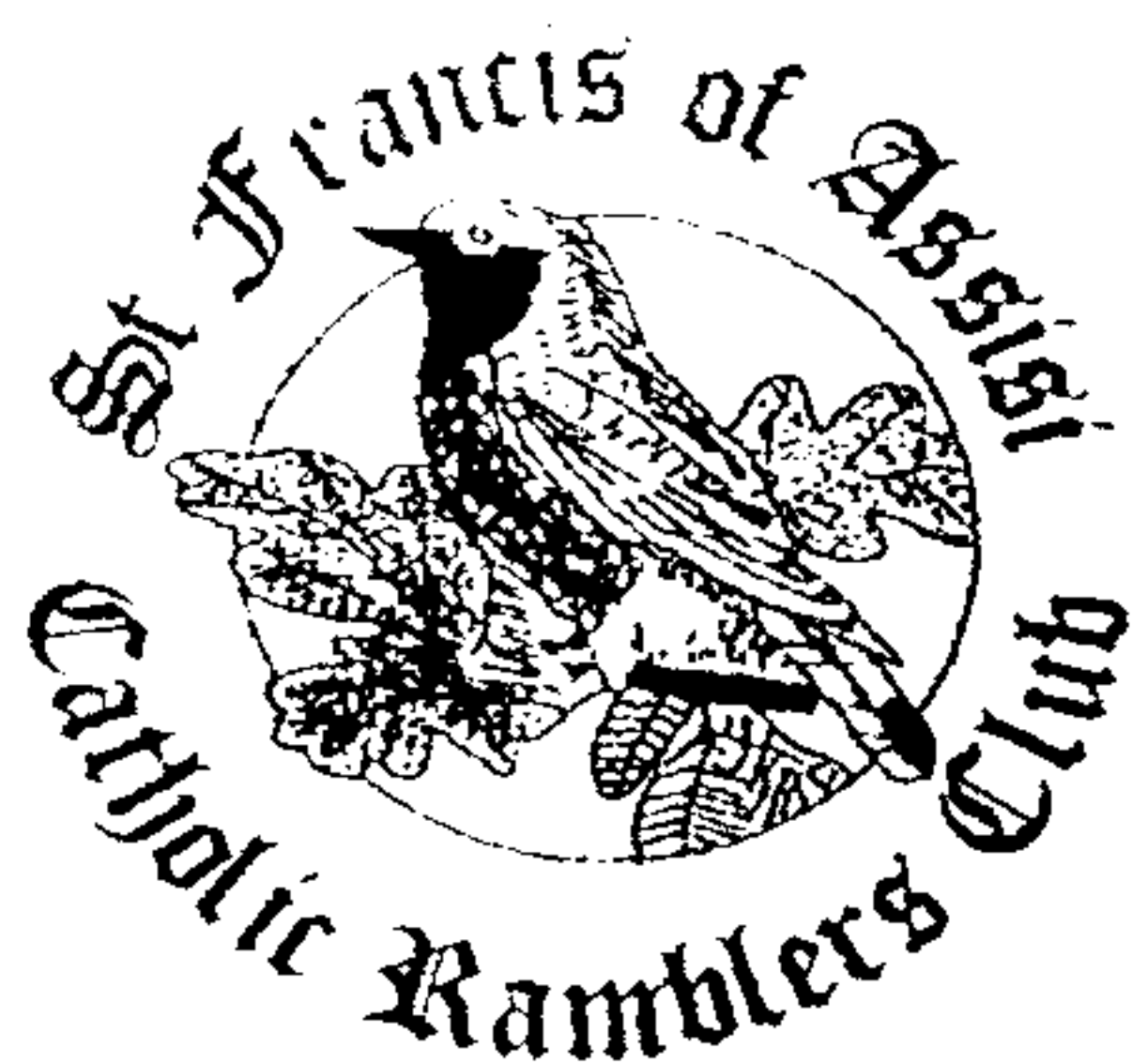


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March-May 2000

Greetings Ramblers.

Welcome to the New Millennium

As you can see the bug did not get to the computer.

On this programme we continue the practice of putting details of all events in date order on the Ramble List. Views would be welcome as to whether members think this is helpful or not.

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers that Witold presented to me at the Christmas Ramble in the Kings Head Pub. This was an unexpected surprise.

As we ramble into the club's 70th year I would like to thank all members for their support, especially long standing members in ensuring the club's survival down through the years. It is great to have survived seventy years and still have a large group out on Sunday rambles. I am sure members who have bought the History of The Club will see how the unity and bonding of members kept the club going. It is interesting to note however that many of the rambles are the same as years ago.

Reminder to members that the new telephone codes come into effect on 22 April.

Life Membership Cards: Any life member who would like a membership card in the design

we are using this year is very welcome to have one. Please send Gillian a SAE.

Welcome to New Members:

Carol Anley, Chiswick, W4 4BN, Anne Brierley, London, SW19, Terry Connell, Stoke Newington, N16, Margaret Corcoran, East Dulwich, SE22, Tom Gilmartin, Bromley, Kent, Brigitte O' Loughlen, St Albans, Herts, Nicky Sullivan, Ealing, W5.

Welcome New Life Members:

Paul & Bridget Brunning, Terry Dobson, Eugene Donnelly, John & Genevieve Geary, Eddie Tame.

New members Please read your introductory leaflet carefully

as it gives good advice, especially about wearing suitable footwear with ankle support for your own safety. Don't forget your torch.

There are still 50 outstanding subs due at the time of dispatch.

Please encourage members to pay their subs, as it is unfair on members who do pay up. Life membership subs for those with 10 years ordinary membership are

£40 and ordinary Membership £4.

Monthly Dinners: Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal in at a central London Restaurant (not too expensive) Meeting place is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6pm Mass except for 4th March when we will be attending the 5 30 Mass at St Mary Moorfields in remembrance of Madeline Lane R.I.P (see obituary notice below).

Announcements:

Day of Recollection: Sunday March 12th. This year we return to Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place London W2 Full details on the Ramble List but be sure to send your £6 to Gillian or Maria (addresses on the Committee list overleaf) as soon as possible if you are coming.

Saint Patrick's Day: See Ramble List for special announcement of

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event being planned by Hanna and Witold.

Rent-A-Hostel Weekends

Colin Mascarenhas is organising two weekends away in March and April. 1) 31st March to April 2nd to Dover 2) 14th -16th of April at Steps Bridge, Devon. Numbers are limited so act quickly. Full details on the Ramble list.

Reunion of Club Members:

Saturday 20th May. Esther Harris is holding a reunion in the Festival Hall, London. Meet at 12.30pm at the main box office. The group will then eat and find a space to sit and catch up with all the news like last time. A group will be going on to the concert in the evening (balcony seats) and hope others will join them. Details from Esther on Tel: 01603 619 336.

70th Anniversary Celebrations:

June 17th to 19th. Barbara Bridle will be writing to the 20 members who have sent their deposit for the Aylesford weekend. See Ramble List for further details.

Antler Suitcase: Betty Morrison is looking for a home for an Antler suitcase. Length 27ins, Width 17ins, Depth 7 ins. Interested, contact Betty Tel 0208 676 0778.

Change of Paul Connolly's E

Mail address: Please note Paul's new E Mail address is PCConnolly@tmmlines.com.

Y.H.A. Group Membership

Card: The club is in possession of a group membership Y.H.A. card. Contact me (Helen) if you would like to borrow it for hostel weekends.

ORDINATION: Congratulations to Philip Geoffrey Millar son of Marion (nee Rigg) and Geoff Miller who was ordained a Priest on the 4th September 1999 by Bishop James O' Brien, Bishop of Hertfordshire, at the Church of

SS Alban and Stephen. St Albans.

Congratulations to Peter Crosland on his marriage to

Andrea in August 1999 in Budapest in Hungary. Andrea is from Hungary and has now become a member of the club. Peter informs me that some members of our club attended their wedding. We wish them many years of happiness together.

Congratulations also to Caroline Nolan on her marriage

in West Cork, Ireland last year.

Obituaries:

Madeline Lane: The unexpected death has occurred of Madeline who was a member since 1950/51 and until last year was an active walker. 5 30 Mass at St Mary Moorfields on Saturday 4th March will be in remembrance of Madeline. Her family asked that no messages be sent to the house.

Desmond O'Neill: News of the death of Desmond O' Neill at St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley. He was a prominent member of the club from 1954 to 1975. He was a talented dancer and a member of the Kentish Travellers group who toured Villages each summer demonstrating Country Dancing. In his retirement Des was a keen worker for the Bluebell Line, and had hoped to see the proposed link up with East Grinstead completed; but it was not to be. Thanks to Fred Mc Andrew for this information. The 1PM Mass at St Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street, London will be Celebrated for Desmond by Fr Philip Millar on a date to be arranged.

Dorothy Fisk: The 6pm Mass will be offered for Dorothy Fisk, Mother of Daphne Fisk on March 18th in St Aidan's Church, The Presbytery, 1 Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey. This follows Daphne's Ramble and is around

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the corner from her house. Members are invited to Daphne's home for tea before the Mass. If you are going to tea Tel Daphne 020 8660 9951 See ramble list for details of ramble.

Happy rambling,



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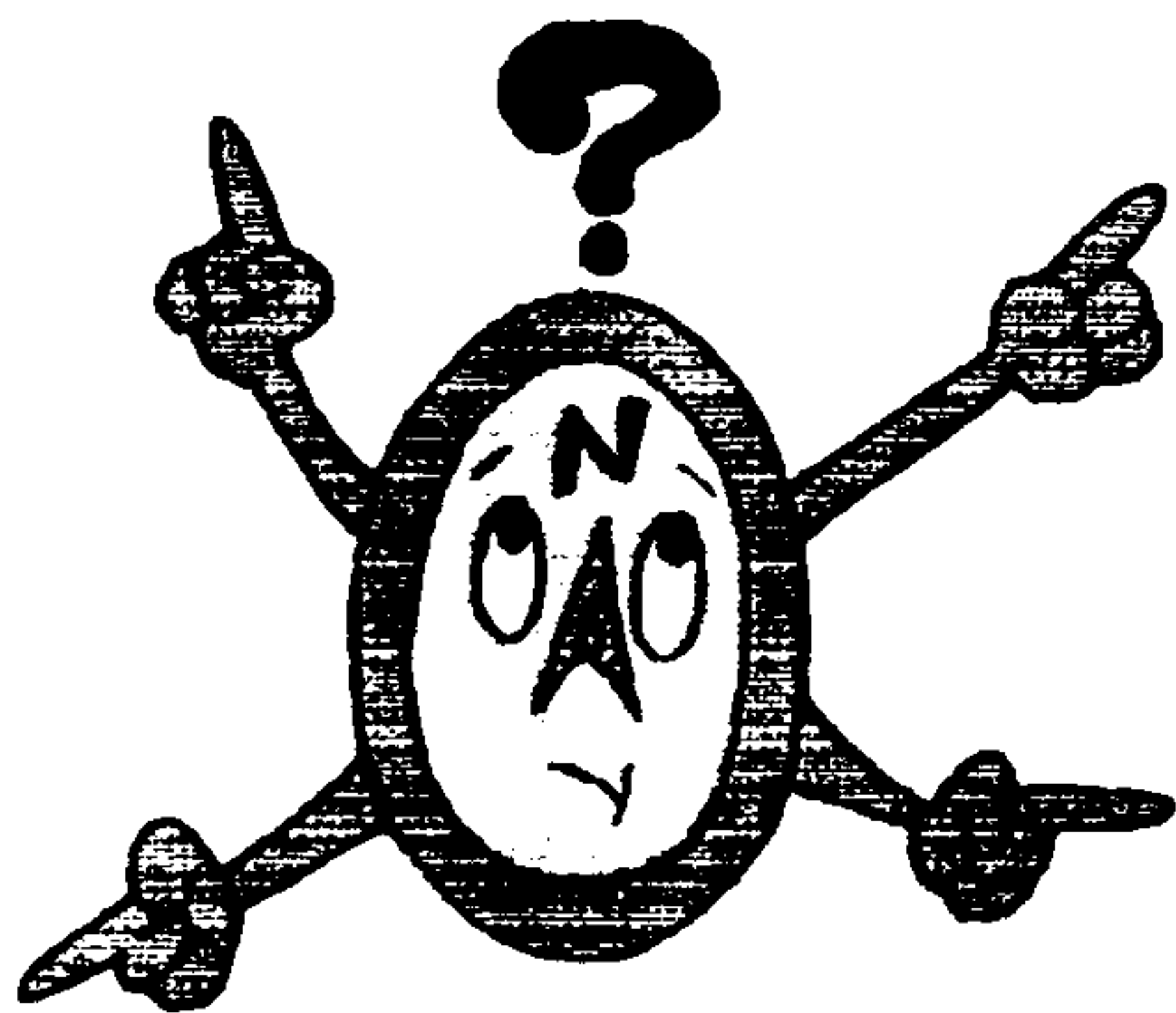
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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : FRIDAY 21ST April



Many thanks to John and Marta Haworth for joining the ranks of leaders, and thanks as well to all the other members who have led rambles over this and the last programme. We are still on the lookout for new talent and Maureen Cahalane has kindly offered prospective leaders the chance to join her on her walkout for her Easter Monday walk. Please telephone her on 020 7834 2432 if you want to find out what goes into leading a ramble. In fact any present leader is usually happy to have some company when checking their walks out. So don't be nervous, just ask when we are going route finding and come along and enjoy the day.

Saturday March 4th: Monthly Dinner: Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal in a central London Restaurant (not too expensive). Meeting place is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6pm Mass. Dates are April 1st and May 6th.

Sunday 5th March (os map 177) Leaders : John and Marta Haworth

MEET : Charing Cross 0915 for 0939 train to Chiselhurst (arr 1008)

LUNCH : The Greyhound, Eltham

TEA : ?

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Erith - Drop off options are available for a shorter walk

FARE : £ 4.70 all zones travelcard

John and Marta will meet the ramblers at Chiselhurst

Saturday 11th March (os maps 155 & 168) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0920 for 0945 train to Manningtree (arr 1041)

LUNCH : The Swan, Stratford St Mary

TEA : Station Buffet, Manningtree station (No ordinary station buffet)

DISTANCE : 12 miles around Constable country, returning from Manningtree

FARE : £ 9.80 cdr with network card discount Manningtree

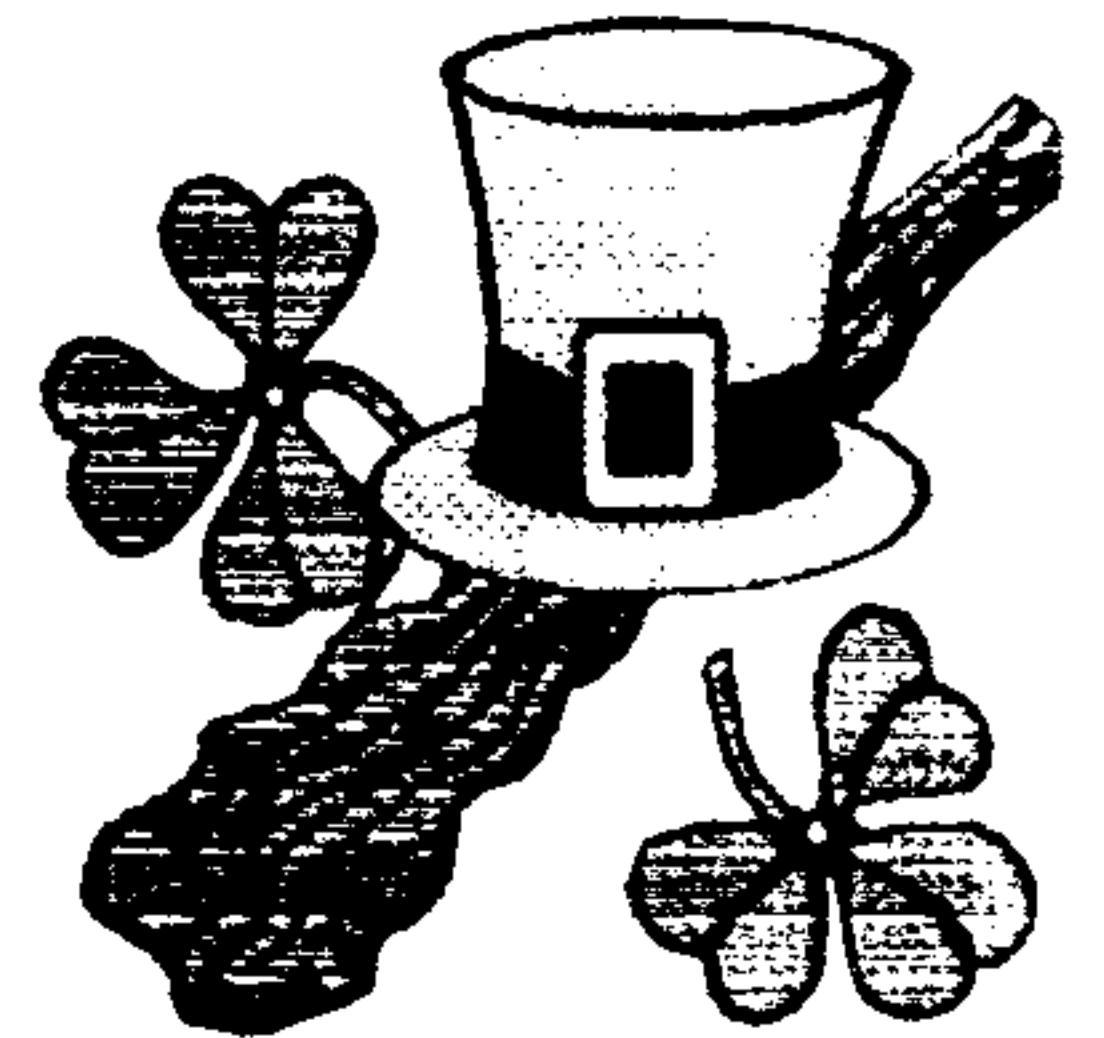


SUNDAY 12TH MARCH – DAY OF RECOLLECTION. This year we return to Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde

Park Place London W2. (Off Marble Arch) Bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Cost £6.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 09.30 and we start the day at 10am. Monsignor Peter Grant will take us through the day. We will also have a talk by one of the Sisters on the Martyrs after lunch. We will end the day with Mass at 3.30pm. Contact Maria Darroch or Gillian if you would like to attend. Cheques £6 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to be sent to Gillian or Maria in advance. Addresses and Tel No. on Committee list.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Friday 17th March: Hanna and Witold would like members interested in celebrating St Patrick's Day to join them for the 10.30 Mass in Westminster Cathedral And afterwards for a short walk and perhaps a meal at the Polish Club in Hammersmith, where Hanna is a member. Interested? Contact Hanna - Tel 0208 543 5494.

Saturday 18th March (os map 176) Leader : Daphne Fisk

MEET : Victoria at 1045 for 1110 train to Purley (arr 1133)
 LUNCH : The Fox, Coulsdon Common – Good food available
 TEA : Daphne's house. Please phone her on 0181 660 9951 if you are coming for tea.
 You do not have to be on the ramble if you want to turn up for tea.

After tea the 6pm Mass at St Aidan's, Coulsdon will be said for Daphne's mother

DISTANCE : 5 miles returning from Coulsdon South or Woodmansterne

FARE : £ 4.70 all zones travelcard

Sunday 19th March (os map 187) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 0900 for 0926 train to Dormans (arr 1028)

LUNCH : The Swan, Forest Row

TEA : Various Possibilities in East Grinstead

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from East Grinstead

FARE : £8.60 cdr East Grinstead

Sunday 26th March (os maps 186 & 187) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Waterloo 0940 for 1003 train to Woking (arr 1046)

LUNCH : The Anchor, Ripley

TEA : Possibility at Ockham Common

DISTANCE : 12 mostly level miles returning from Bysfleet & New Haw

FARE : £ 7.00 cdr Woking

31st March to April 2nd: the first of two Rent-A-Hostel Weekends arranged by Colin Mascarenhas: the venue is Dover. Numbers are limited so act quickly. Send a £10 deposit to Colin ASAP. Cost will not exceed £30 for two nights Friday and Saturday and includes food. Rambles on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Colin at 324 Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM3 9QZ TEL: 0181 715 3736.

Saturday April 1st: Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal in a central London Restaurant (not too expensive). Meeting place is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6pm Mass.

Sunday 2nd April (os map 187) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0906 train to Box Hill & Westhumble (arr 0954)
 LUNCH : Abinger Arms, Abinger Hammer
 TEA : Wait and see
 DISTANCE : 16 very hilly miles returning from Box Hill & Westhumble
 FARE : £ 6.40 cdr Boxhill & Westhumble

Sunday 9th April (os map 188) Leader : Hilary McNabb

MEET : Victoria 0955 for 1002 train to Borough Green & Wrotham
 LUNCH : Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol
 TEA : ??
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Borough Green & Wrotham
 FARE : £ 7.90 cdr Borough Green & Wrotham

14th to 16th April the second of two Rent-A-Hostel Weekends arranged by Colin Mascarenhas: this time the venue is Steps Bridge, Devon. Numbers are limited so act quickly. **Send a £10 deposit to Colin ASAP.** Cost will not exceed £30 for two nights Friday and Saturday and includes food. Rambles on Saturday and Sunday. **Contact Colin at 324 Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM3 9QZ TEL: 0181 715 3736.**

Sunday 16th April (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0940 for 1000 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1035)
 LUNCH : The Woodman, Ide Hill
 TEA : Sevenoaks
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from
 FARE : £ 5.50 cdr Sevenoaks

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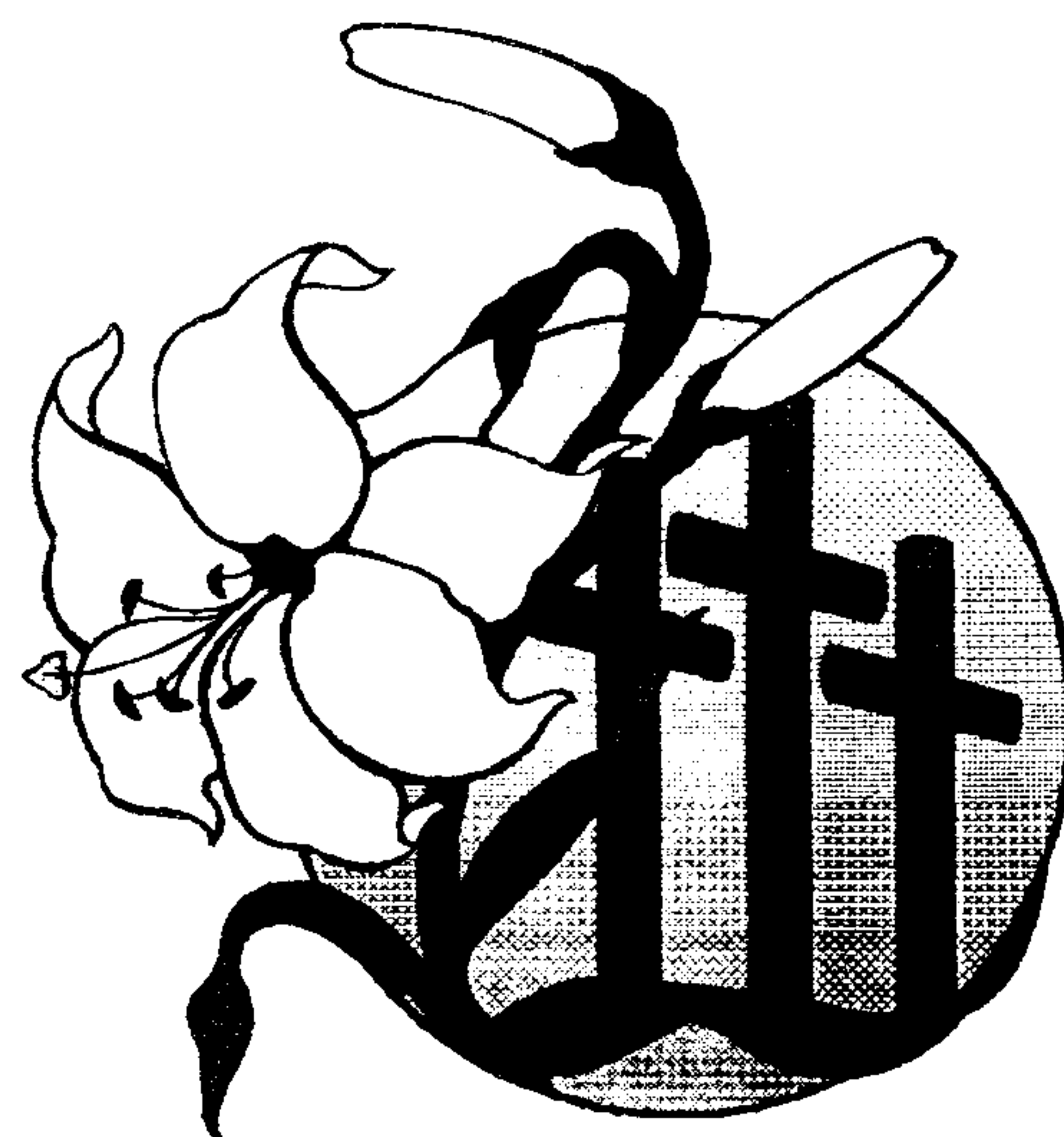
Choice of two walks, both of which join together for the Good Friday service at Worth Abbey.

Walk 1 (the long one) Leader : Catherine Scott and Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria at 0800 am for 0832 train to Balcombe
 LUNCH : White Hart West Hoathly (good food and we will arrive early enough to beat the queues and have time to walk on to Worth Abbey for the 3 O'Clock Sacred Good Friday Liturgy.
 TEA : None (fast day)
 DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Three Bridges
 FARE : £9.50 CDR Balcombe

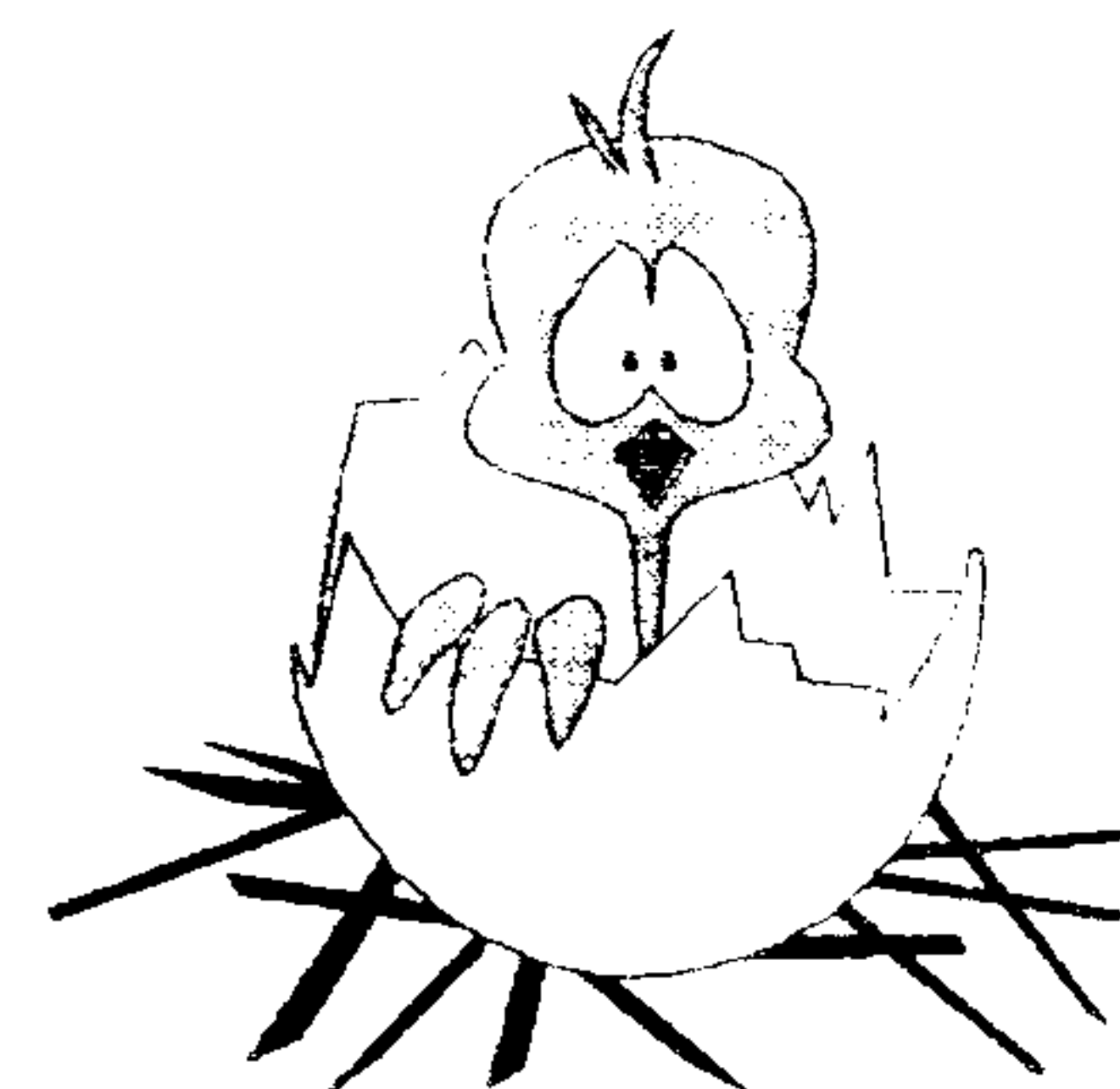
Walk 2 (the short one) Leader : Maureen Cahalane

MEET : Victoria 0930 for 1002 train to Three Bridges
 LUNCH : Cowdray Arms, near Worth Abbey
 TEA : None (fast day)
 DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Three Bridges
 FARE : £ 8.80 CDR Three Bridges



Monday 24th April (os map 175) Leader : Maureen Cahalane

MEET : Paddington 0915 for 0940 train to Henley-on-Thames
 (arr 1052) Change at Twyford
 LUNCH : Stag & Huntsman, Hambleden. Expensive food. Shop in
 the village, and possibly a craft fair with refreshments
 TEA : Fawley Court, or Henley-on-Thames
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Henley-on-Thames
 FARE : £9.00 cdr Henley-on-Thames



Saturday 29th April (os map 184 & 185) Leaders : Paul Connolly and Tony Finnegan

MEET : Waterloo 0810 for 0835 train to Andover (arr 0937)
 LUNCH : Tally Ho, Broughton. Good food and rambler friendly.
 TEA : The Blackbird Inn, Salisbury (5 minutes walk to the station)
 DISTANCE : 26 miles returning from Salisbury taking in the Test Way, and the Clarendon Way.
 FARE : £ 14.60 cdr with network card discount Salisbury

The morning part is fairly level if any ramblers want to finish at Broughton. Buses run from there to Andover and Salisbury.

Monday 1st May (os map 198) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0905 for 0932 train to Hassocks (arr 1038)
 LUNCH : Jolly Sportsman, East Chiltington
 TEA : If possible
 DISTANCE : 14.5 miles returning from Hassocks
 FARE : £ 12.10 cdr

Saturday May 6th: : Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal in a Central London Restaurant (not too expensive) Meeting place is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6pm Mass.

Sunday 7th May (os map 166) Leader : John Dean – Joint ramble with Mid-Herts Catholic Ramblers

MEET : Kings Cross **Thameslink** 0940 for 1001 train to St Albans (arr 1033)
 This train calls at East Croydon 0931, London Bridge 0943, Blackfriars 0952, and Kentish town 1005
 LUNCH : Green Man, Sandridge
 TEA : St Albans
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from St Albans
 FARE : £ 7.90 cdr St Albans. John will meet the ramblers at St Albans

Sunday 14th May (os map 179) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Victoria 0800 for 0822 train to Wye (arr 1010)
 LUNCH : Compasses Inn, Sole Street
 TEA : Only if you bring your own
 DISTANCE : 12 occasionally hilly miles returning from Chilham
 FARE : £10.15 cdr with network card discount Chilham



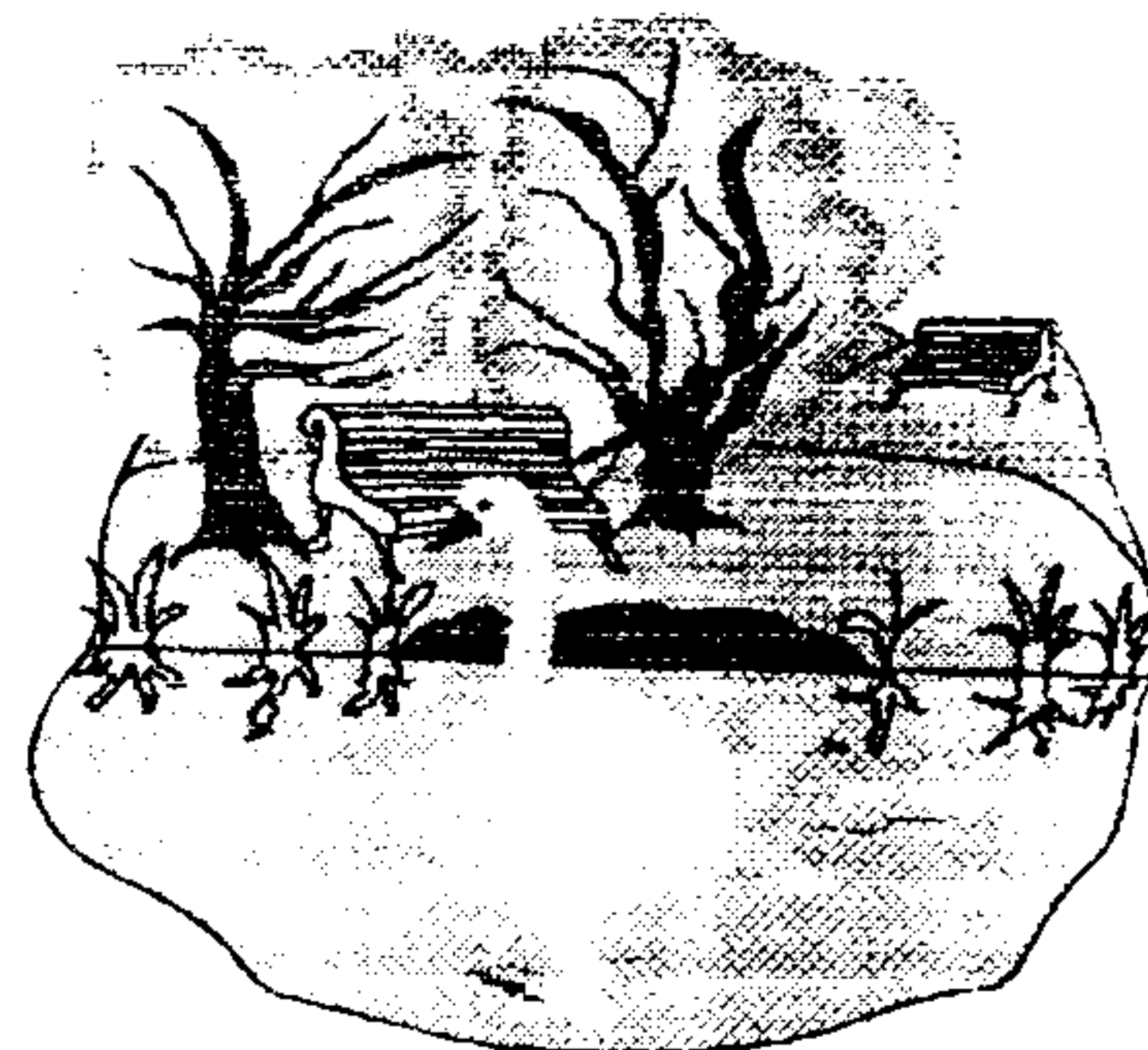
Sunday 21st May (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0855 for 0919 train to Dorking (arr 1027)
 LUNCH : Plough Inn, Coldharbour
 TEA : No T today
 DISTANCE : 16 hilly and energetic miles returning from Dorking
 FARE : £ 6.70 cdr Dorking. Maurice will meet the ramblers at Dorking

Saturday 27th May (os map 150) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Paddington 0820 for 0848 train to Evesham (arr 1046)
 LUNCH : Queens Elizabeth, Elmley Castle
 TEA : Pershore
 DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from Pershore
 FARE : £ 15.60 cdr with network card discount Pershore plus 30p for the chain ferry across the River Avon at Evesham.

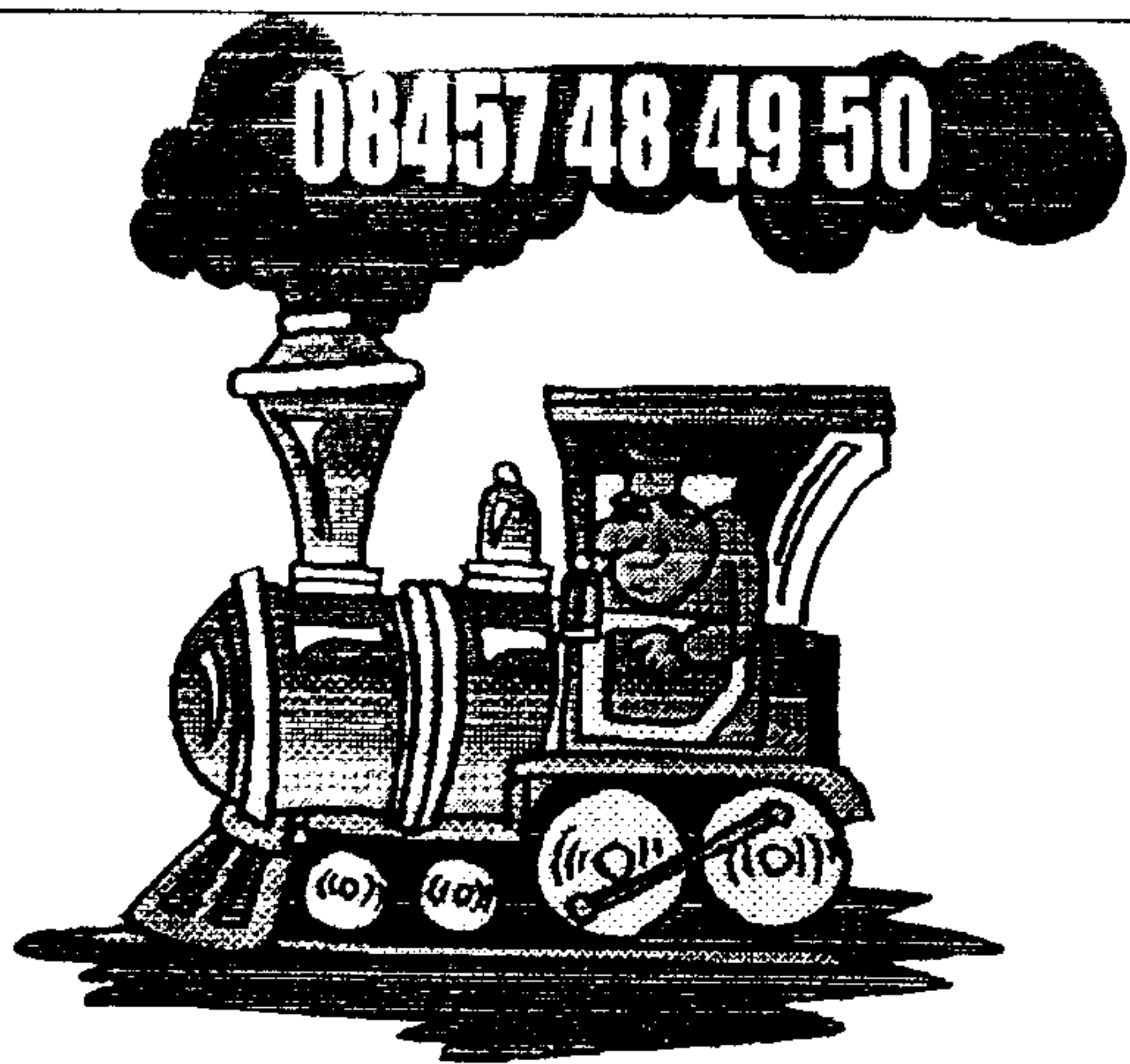
Possibility Paul may meet the ramblers at Evesham. This walk takes in Bredon Hill from which some beautiful views of the heart of England can be enjoyed.



Monday 29th May (os map 179) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0910 for 0930 train to Chilham (arr 1109)
 LUNCH : Chapter Arms, Chartham Heath – Good food
 TEA : Canterbury
 DISTANCE : 9 easy miles returning from Canterbury
 FARE : £ 6.60 with network card discount cdr Canterbury. Paul will meet the ramblers at Chilham

June 17th – 19th; 70th Anniversary Celebrations: Barbara Bridle will be writing to the 20 members who have sent their deposit for the Aylesford weekend. Full Payment to be sent to Barbara by the end of April. If you have booked the full weekend the cost is £60 full board, £30 per night. B&B and supper £22.60. B&B only £18. Send remainder of cost to Barbara Bridle, 24 Greencourt Road, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 0QE. Cheques payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club.



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.

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