



Greetings Ramblers.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLICS RAMBLERS CLUB

This year the club is celebrating a very special event, the 70th anniversary. We have organised a special weekend at Aylesford Priory to enable members to get together to socialise, walk and pray to mark this special event. Twenty members have booked into Aylesford for the weekend. All members are welcome to attend for the individual days walking or social events.

The weekend starts off on Friday June 16th. Most members will arrive in the afternoon and check into their accommodation. The Club will have the use of the Conference Room from 6pm on Friday. Light supper is served at 7pm. Bar is open from 8pm to 11pm.

The highlight of the weekend will be the celebration of a Mass of thanksgiving for the Clubs 70 years in existence on Saturday 17th at 6pm.

After Mass there will be a social evening and the cutting of the 70th Anniversary Cake. Members of the club who are not staying for the weekend are invited to attend Mass and the social evening. Members are invited to bring photos, posters and anything else that may be of interest for a display board. All material will be returned.

TRAVEL: Trains from London Victoria to Maidstone East. There is a bus service from outside Maidstone East Station. The 155 bus stops outside the Friars. Aylesford Station is approximately 3 miles from the Friars. Taxis are available from Maidstone East Station but not from Aylesford Station. For the energetic members, there is a riverside walk to the Friars from Aylesford Station. (about 15 mins.)

RAMBLES

Several walks of varying lengths to suit all tastes have been arranged for the weekend. (See Ramble List for full details).

Members who are not interested in the walks will find plenty of interesting features. Rosary Way, The Chapels and the grounds are interesting. There is a Pottery, an Upholsterer, a Gift Shop. There is also a lovely walk along the river to the Malta Inn, about 45 minutes walk from The Friars. The Malta Inn provides a nice venue for a relaxing drink and there are Boat Trips on the Medway.

MASS TIMES AT THE FRIARS: Weekdays, 7.30am/12 noon,

Morning Prayer-8am. Rosary, Evening Prayer 6.30pm.

Night Prayer-8pm.

Sunday Mass, 8.00/ 10.15am.

Evening Prayer and Benediction-Check notice board for times.

There will be a souvenir programme to mark the anniversary week end.

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

Life Membership Cards: Any life members 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.

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.

Tuesday June 13th THE STRING of PEARLS MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL: A visit to some of the buildings especially opened for the festival. Meet outside Westminster Tube Station from 11.30 to 11.40 to visit the Foreign Commonwealth Office King Charles Street. Lunch possibly at Windmill, Lambeth High Street then visit the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Lambeth High Street for a guided tour (2.30-4pm) and a possible visit to it's rooftop terrace. All enquiries to Dorothy Hickman. Tel. 01737 765231

SATURDAY JULY 15th: Meet outside Monument Tube Station from 10.20 to 10.30am. A visit to the Custom House lower Thames Street for an insight into the workings of one of the oldest Government Departments. Walk along the Thames Path (Lunch possibly the Founders Arms.) for tour of Horse Guards, Whitehall and Somerset House (Café) Strand, finishing about 5pm. All enquiries to Dorothy Hickman. Tel. 01737 765231

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.

OBITUARY: Our sympathies to Mary Hennessy, former secretary of the club, on the sudden death of her father John in Cork, Ireland. The

6.15 Mass on Sat. June 3rd in St Anselms Church, Tooting Bec, will be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

Saturday July 22nd SUMMER PARTY This year we are holding the summer party on the **REGALIA BOAT**. The boat is moored on the north bank of the Thames opposite Southwark Cathedral. The Regalia is located at the bottom of Swan Lane off Lower Thames St. Go down the steps by 33 King William St near the entrance to Monument Station on City side of London Bridge. Swan Lane is by the traffic lights on the opposite side of Lower Thames Street. The top deck of the Regalia is open to the public and has a bar!! Below is a seated area with a bar and will be for our use. Food will be served inside and we have full use of the facility below deck. Price of the buffet is £7.00, with a selection of seven dishes. Drinks at own expense from the bar. **Please do not bring your own food or drink.** You are not obliged to have food so if you fancy a drink and social get together all are welcome. Anyone ordering food should send a cheque to John Burbage for £7 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers club by the 30th of June. Look forward to seeing you all there.

VACANCY: The Secretary's post is still vacant. I would like to urge members to give some thought of serving on the committee. I know it can take up some of your time but it can also be very rewarding. I have enjoyed my time as secretary but would like to hand it on now. You will have the opportunity to come forward for nomination to serve on the committee at the A G M in October. Please give it some thought.

Happy rambling,

Club Committee 1999-2000

President: Fr David Barnes, Parish Priest. St Mary Moorfields.

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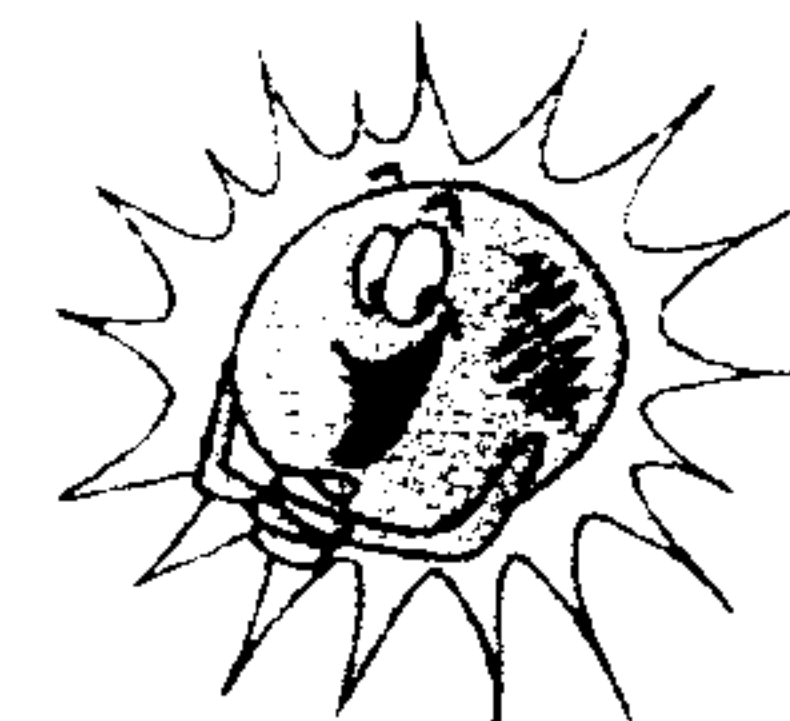
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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : FRIDAY 21ST JULY



Now that Summer's here . . .



It's nice to see some more new leaders, so lets hear it for Robert Slater and Jo Lewis-Evans, and David Clark and what they are doing in this current programme.

But let us not forget the now regular leaders, particularly those who are involved with the Seventieth anniversary celebrations, as their efforts are giving added worth to all that Barbara Bridle has done to make the weekend at Aylesford possible in the first place. Good luck to all involved.

Saturday 3 June: Mass for Mary Hennessy's father R.I.P. See blue pages for details.

Sunday 4th June (OS map 175) Leader : Peter MacDonald

MEET : Paddington at 1015 for 1043 train to Windsor - change at Slough (arr Windsor 1126)
 LUNCH : Fox & Hounds (Nr. Bishop's Gate) – filled baguettes only
 TEA : Windsor
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Windsor
 FARE : £5.90 cdr

This walk goes through Windsor Great Park, so beware of self-drive monarchs!!!

Sunday 11th June (OS maps 165 & 166) Leaders : BobbyJo (Robert Slater and Jo Lewis-Evans)

MEET : Euston 0840 for 0908 train to Tring (arr 0952)
 LUNCH : The Red Lion, Dagnall
 TEA : Aldbury (Stocks on the village green for those who misbehave!!)
 DISTANCE : 14 miles returning from Tring – hilly in places
 FARE : £5.70 cdr Tring with Network card discount

Tuesday June 13th: Tuesday June 13th. THE STRING of PEARLS MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL: A visit to some of the buildings especially opened for the festival. See full details on the blue pages. All enquiries to Dorothy Hickman. Tel. 01737 765 231

In the warmer weather you may find it useful to carry a hat and some water to reduce the danger of burning and dehydration.

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th JuneSaturday 17th – Sunday 18th June

This weekend the club celebrates 70 years of its existence with a weekend at Aylesford Priory (“The Friars”) organised by Barbara Bridle. On Saturday and Sunday there will be a choice of short and medium distance walks. Also on Saturday at 6 pm there will be a celebration Mass which all members of the club past and present are very welcome to attend whether they have been walking or not. Details of walks are as follow: **(NB On both Saturday and Sunday, if you are travelling from London, you are strongly recommended to be at the station at the meeting time stated because there is a possibility that the train will be diverted and leave from another London terminus and you will need time to get there on the underground.)**

FARES ARE AS FOLLOWS : Cheap day return £ 9.70

Weekend return £ 15.00 (After 1000 Friday and anytime

Saturday for returning Saturday or Sunday)

PLEASE NOTE ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENTS WITH BARBARA BRIDLE WILL BE STAYING OVER AT THE FRIARS.

Friday 16th June

Some of those going to Aylesford for the weekend will be catching a train at Charing Cross shortly after 10 00 am. There is a train at 10 06 which gets to Aylesford at 11 38 am. There will be a short ramble from the Friars in the afternoon.

Saturday 17th June

Option 1 - Medium distance (OS map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

The leader will meet the ramblers at the destination station.

MEET : Charing Cross at 0900 for 0927 train to Aylesford, change at Strood (arr 1107)

LUNCH : The Robin Hood, Blue Bell Hill

TEA : The Friars, Aylesford (have 20p pieces for the drinks machines).

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Aylesford

Option 2-also Medium distance (OS map 188) Leader : Hania Poniatowska and Witold

MEET : Charing Cross at 0935 for 0957 train to Strood (arr 1100)

LUNCH : The Robin Hood, Blue Bell Hill Common. Picnic area nearby for people to eat their own.

TEA : The Friars, Aylesford. Celebration Mass at the Friars at 6 PM – all welcome whether walking or not

DISTANCE : 9 Miles returning from Aylesford

NB See next page for option 3

Option 3 – Short Distance for those staying at the Friars on Friday night. Tony Finnegan will lead a short walk to join the day walkers at the pub on Saturday. Be ready to leave the Friars at 11 am.

2½ miles to the pub. Back to the Friars down hill or you can choose to join one of the longer walks for the afternoon if you wish.

Sunday 18th June

Option 1 - Medium distance (OS map 188) Leader : Maurice Hickman and Tony Finnegan

The leader(s) will meet the day walkers at Aylesford Station.

MEET : Charing Cross at 8.35 for 8.57 train to Aylesford (change at Strood to platform 3 – train to Aylesford leaves Strood at 10.30) Arr. Aylesford 10.45.

LUNCH : The Cock Horse, Detling. Good food and a place nearby to eat your own.

TEA : Unlikely.

DISTANCE : 13 Miles.

FARE : £9.70 CDR Returning from Aylesford



Option 2 - Short distance (OS map 188): Take the same train as the medium distance walkers but join a shorter walk (about 6 miles from the Friars and back, about 8 miles from the station and back to the station) led by Hania Poniatowska and Witold Sokolowski with lunch at the Golden Eagle in Burham.

Hania and Witold will meet the day walkers at the station at Aylesford

Sunday 25th June (OS maps 153 & 154) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Kings Cross 0925 for 0951 train to Brixton (arr. 10.28)

LUNCH : Rose and Crown, Ashwell

TEA : Royston

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Royston

FARE : £9.00 cdr Royston with network card discount

Sunday 2nd July (os maps 166 & 167) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Liverpool St. 0850 for 0913 train to Broxbourne (arr 0943)

LUNCH : Travellers Friend, Epping Green

TEA : Epping Forest Conservation Centre

DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from Chingford (Zone 5)

FARE : All zone travel card £4.80 plus extension Zone 6 to Broxbourne £2.30

Sunday 9th July (os map 166) Leader : David Clark

MEET : Kings Cross 0845 for 0911 train to Bayford (arr 1032)

LUNCH : The Woodman, Wildhill

(No food, but you can eat your own packed lunch in the pub garden)

TEA : Little Berkhamstead, cream teas available

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Bayford

FARE : £6.00 cdr Bayford

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Sunday 16th July (os map 199) Leader : Maurice Hickman

- MEET : Victoria 0915 for 0947 train to Eastbourne (arr 1124)
 LUNCH : Tiger Inn, East Dean
 TEA : Birling Gap (Possibility of a swim at Birling Gap if weather permits)
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Eastbourne
 FARE : £11.40 with network card discount Eastbourne

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Sunday 23rd July (os map 175) Leader : Ranald Watson

- MEET : Paddington 0900 for 0930 train to Reading, change for 10.10 train to Mortimer (arr 1020)
 LUNCH : Turner's Arms, Mortimer West End
 TEA : Unfortunately impossible
 DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from Mortimer. In the morning a walk along the Roman Walls of Silchester, in the afternoon pleasant walking through Hampshire/Berkshire woodland
 FARE : £12.00 cdr Mortimer

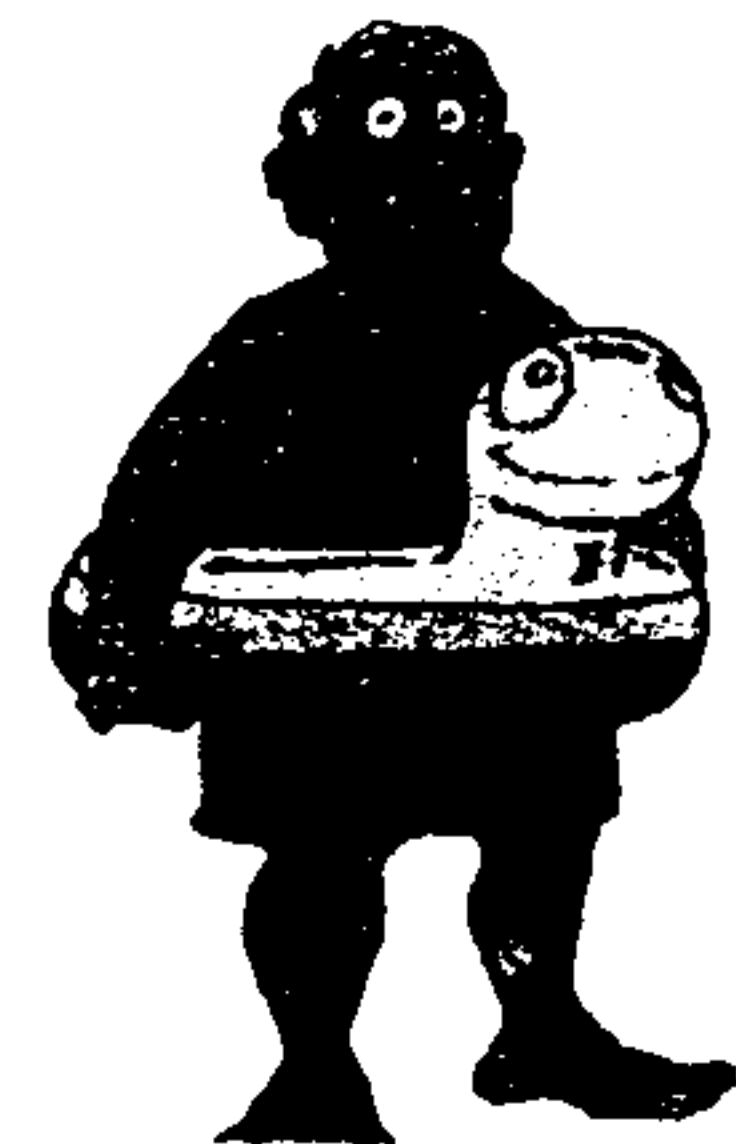


Saturday 29th July (os map 150) Leader : Maria Darroch

- MEET : Paddington 0820 for 0848 train to Honeybourne (arr 1039)
 LUNCH : Crown & Trumpet, Broadway
 TEA : Broadway (this is a circular walk)
 DISTANCE : 20 miles returning from Honeybourne, very hilly in the afternoon
 FARE : £14.70 with network card discount Honeybourne

Sunday 30th July (os map 197) Leader : Peter MacDonald

- MEET : Victoria 0835 for 0902 train to Bognor Regis (arr 1048), then short bus ride to Pagham
 LUNCH : Crab & Lobster, Sidlesham
 TEA : Pagham (chance of a swim)
 DISTANCE : 7 miles returning from Pagham to Bognor Regis by bus
 FARE : £16.60 cdr Bognor Regis plus local bus fare each way



Sunday 6th August (os map 155) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0805 for 0832 train to Marks Tey, change
for train to Sudbury (arr 0947)

LUNCH : The Hare Long Melford

TEA : Sudbury

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Sudbury

FARE : £10.60 cdr Sudbury with Network Card discount.

Frank will meet the ramblers at Sudbury

Sunday 13th August (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Victoria 0950 for 1022 train to Otford (arr 1102)

LUNCH : Rising Sun, Kemsing

TEA : Maybe in Otford

DISTANCE : 12 easy miles returning from Otford

FARE : £6.50 cdr Otford

Sunday 20th August (os map 174) Leader : Francis O'Sullivan

MEET : 0830 for 0900 train to Reading, change for 0950 to Bedwyn (arr 1032)

LUNCH : Crown and Anchor, Ham

TEA : Maybe at Kintbury

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Kintbury, the return trains are direct to Paddington

FARE : £10.50 cdr Bedwyn with network card discount

Monday 28th August (os map 165) Leader : Paul Connolly

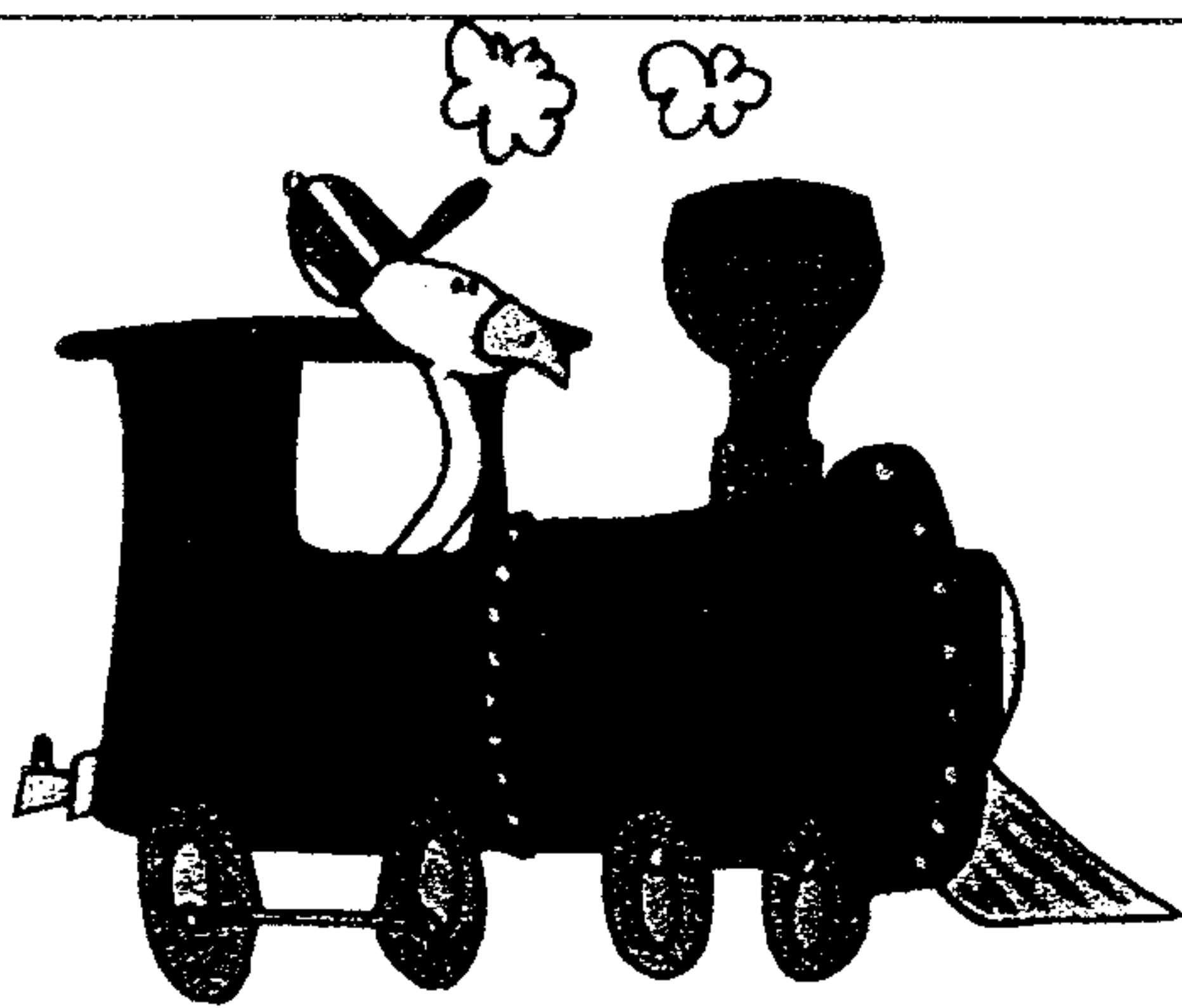
MEET : Euston 0935 for 1003 train to Tring (arr 1051)

LUNCH : Rose and Crown, Ivinghoe – Good value food

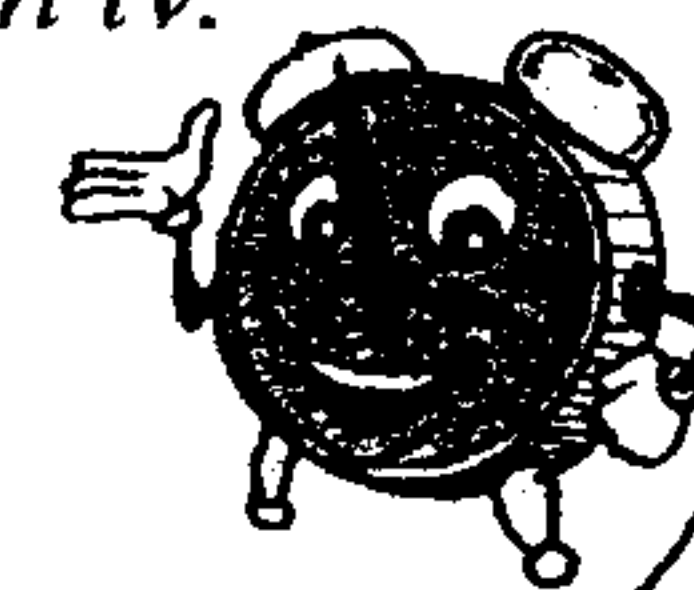
TEA : Near the Bridgewater monument in the Ashridge Estate

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Tring – fairly level apart from one short stiff climb up
Ivinghoe beacon (as usual just after lunch!!!)

FARE : £5.70 cdr Tring



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.

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