



June - August 2002 Ramble List and News

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Dear Ramblers

Hi Summer, and goodbye to the cold showers and gales of February and March.

Summer of course, brings with it its own fun and activities in the club - as you can see opposite. We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ if you can make it.

I was a stranger . . . (Mt 25:35)

We would like to remind members that this club welcomes walkers from other denominations to come and sample our unique hospitality. All members please ensure that you are welcoming and not judgmental. Under our constitution members of other denominations may become associate members of our club.

New Club Secretary for 2003: It may seem a bit early to talk about the AGM and the election of a new committee, but as there was a year's gap the last time before a new Secretary was elected, we wanted to give you advance notice of this impending vacancy. If you would like to volunteer please advise any member of the committee when you see them next - you will be welcomed with open arms!

The post does not require much time on your part, or any special skills. In fact, whatever attributes you have always come to the fore. And of course, it's very sociable and personally rewarding in return, and you'll be in good company too!

Highlights of this issue:



Summer BBQ



Dates for your diary



Special Announcements

Summer BBQ

Saturday, 13th July 2001, 1.00pm at Salesian College,
Surrey Lane, Battersea, London SW11 3PB

Cost £4.00 in advance or £4.50 on the day

BBQ's, plates, cutlery etc will be provided.

There will be a BBQ solely for the use of vegetarians.

**Bring food you can share e.g. salad/rolls/sauces/
dessert items etc. and your own meat to barbeque
and own drink(s)**

Covered area if showery

On-site car parking available

Friends and family welcome

There will be a raffle - donations welcome

Please send a cheque or postal order to John Burbage, 31 Leigham Avenue, Streatham, London SW16 2PR made payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club, or give to any Committee Member on the walks who will also take cash.

The school can be reached by car: from Battersea Park Road turn into Battersea Bridge road, then turn left into Surrey Lane. Entrance to school is by Gate C. Parking in Surrey Lane is free on Saturdays. 10-15 mins walk from Clapham Junction station train by Connex (to Victoria) Silverlink (to North London Line) and Southwest Trains (to Waterloo). Also served by bus routes 19, 44, 49, 239, 319, 344 and 345.
(Bus stops: "Surrey Lane" and close by "Latchmere Road").



Welcome to new members:

Christina Bartolo, London W9; Helen Nelson, London SE26; Susan Richards, Croydon and Norah Ryan, Morden.

Welcome back to: Phil Doorley, London SE5; David Gallo, Finland; Chris Goode, Harrow and Greg McCormick, Stanmore.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

London String of Pearls Golden Jubilee Festival - Wednesday, 5th June and Friday, 5th July. Organised by Dorothy Hickman (01737 765 231). Please see the programme for details of this.

Dorothy has 5 spare tickets for the 3.30pm guided tour of the Innholders' Hall (30 College Street) on Thursday 19th September. Please contact her on the given if you would like one of these.

Holidays in Durham - Further details from Dorothy Hickman.

Sunday 4th August - Saturday 10th August.

Ushaw College (3 miles from Durham City) are holding a week of pilgrimage and prayer entitled Journeying with the Northern Saints. Places visited include Lindisfarne, York, Rievaulx, Mount Grace. Cost £240. Details and booking form can be obtained from Tracy Maratty, Course Administrator, Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9RH. Tel. 0191 373 8517.

Saturday 10th August - Saturday 17th August. Week in Durham city, walking and sightseeing. Staying in University holiday accommodation. B&B from £20 (more if ensuite) and plenty of single rooms.

Summer Party - Saturday, 7th September. Full details to follow in the next newsletter.

Informal Reunion - Saturday, 28th September at 1.00pm, Royal Festival Hall, organised by Maureen Furlong (mobile: 07950 766 346).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obituaries:

Our deepest sympathies to Stephen Graham, on the death of his mother, who passed away in January and to Terry Dobson, on the death of his father in March of this year. Our sympathies also to Mrs Sheila White on the death of her mother, Patricia Crocknell, who used to make the christmas cake for our club parties for a number of years. They will all be remembered in our annual mass in November for the deceased family of members.

Clare Fruin by *Maureen Furlong*: As reported on our last newsletter, Clare Fruin a former active club member died in February R.I.P. She was 94 years of age! It was in the club that she and Mary Frazer first met. Mary eventually went to live in Ireland but came over to visit Clare several times a year, and was one of the chief mourners at Clare's funeral. At the Requiem Mass, Mary gave a reflection on Clare's life, mentioning, in particular, the various walks and club activities in which they had taken part.

Mary Frazer is planning to come to visit Audrey Stiles, a life member, who also knew Clare. Audrey is now in a nursing home in Ipswich. She sends her regards to everyone, and is always glad to have news of the ramblers. Anyone wishing to write/send a card etc to Audrey should address it c/o her brother: Mr Peter Stiles, 10 St Andrews Close, Barningham, Suffolk IP31 1EQ who will see that she gets it.

Please note change of name and address: As many of you are aware, Paul and I got married early in May, hence my change of surname and new address. Many thanks for all the best wishes received.

Ramblers' Day of Recollection
by *Mary Maxwell*

Some 35 of us spent a very rewarding Day of Recollection given by Father David Barnes, our President, at St Mary Moorfields on Sunday, 24th February.

It was the second Sunday of Lent and Father David chose as his theme one of the readings for Ash Wednesday, from the Book of Joel, "Come back to me with all your heart". He used this to illustrate the three important themes of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and

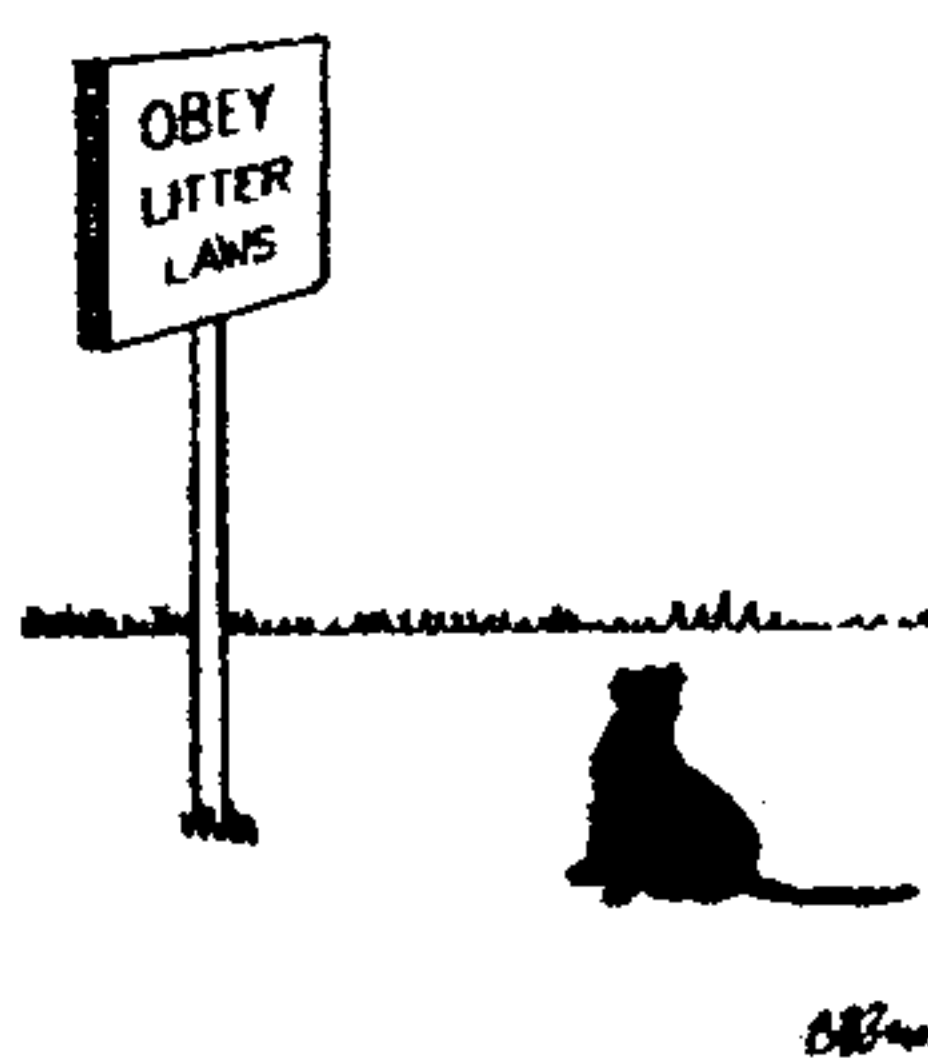
Almsgiving. He pointed out that these were meant to be tools to help draw us back to God and wean us away from our inclinations to over-emphasise worldly attractions.

We were indeed privileged to have Father David give up his Sunday for us. It was most memorable and a wonderful preparation for Lent. He gave us two thought provoking talks which were followed by a lively general discussion on some of the points he had raised. We also had the opportunity for some quiet time for reflection in the Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. In the afternoon session, Father David spoke about the parable of the Prodigal Son which seemed to lead naturally into a discussion about the importance of forgiveness and hence the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our lives. It was a day filled with spiritual blessings and I am sure I can speak for all when I say we went home spiritually refreshed and inspired and hopefully trying to put into practice at least some of what we had heard.

Many grateful thanks to Father David Barnes from all of us and it appeared to be the general consensus that we would hope the Day at St Mary Moorfields would become an annual event.

An abbreviated version of the Country Code submitted by *Tony Finnegan*

1. Respect the life of the countryside.
2. Guard against fire.
3. Fasten all gates.
4. Keep dogs under proper control.
5. Keep to the paths and walk in single file across farm land.
6. Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls.
7. Leave no litter.
8. Safeguard water supplies.
9. Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
10. Take extra care on country roads and face oncoming traffic on the right hand side of the road.



Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler **by 20 July 2002.**

God Bless and happy rambling...

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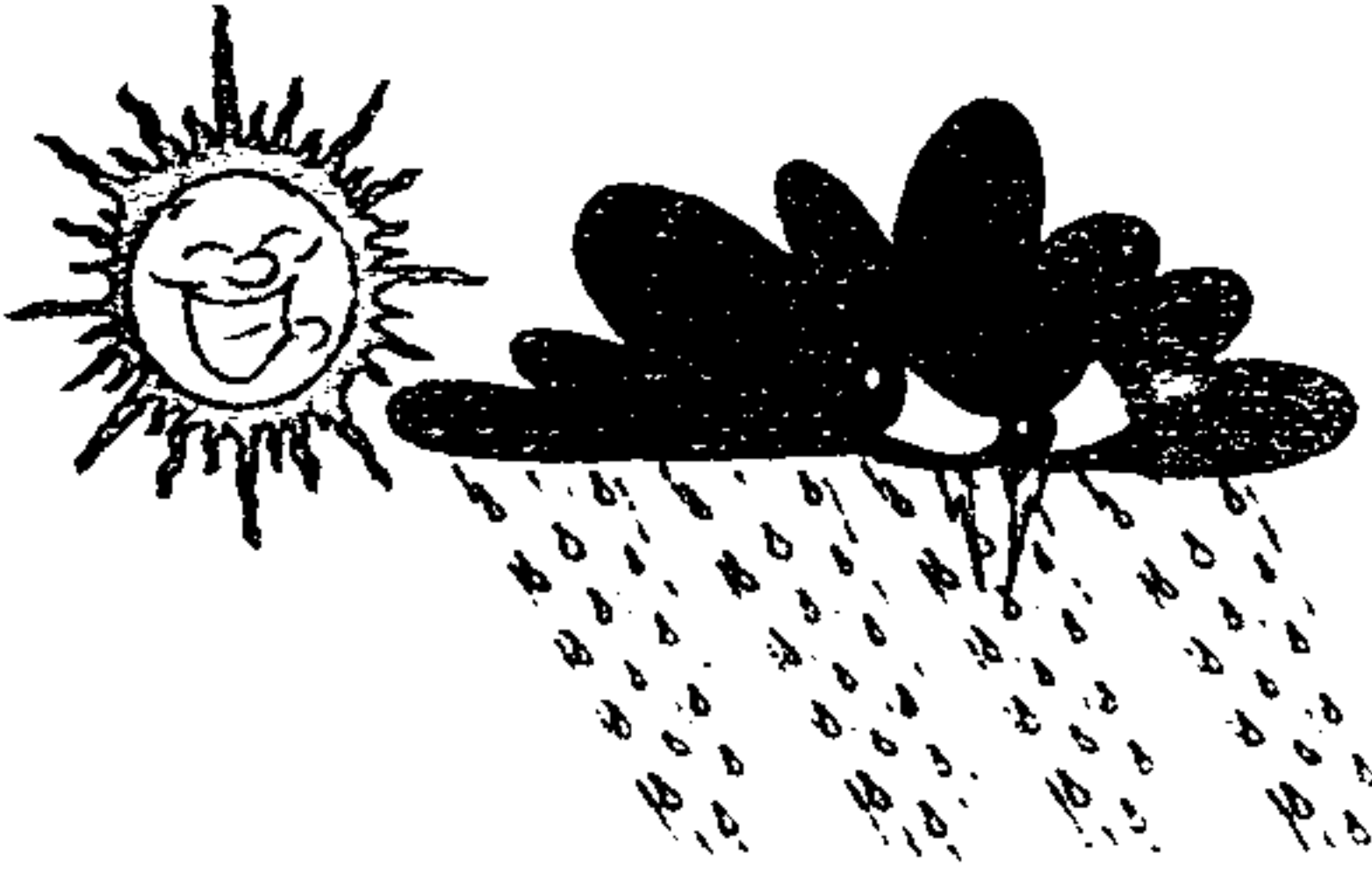
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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : 20 JULY 2002



Just to say enjoy the walks, there is something for everyone in this programme from the quite gentle to the very challenging, as well as a very varied range of locations. Thanks very much to all the leaders for coming up with rambles that reflect the summer season.

Paul

Sunday 2nd June (os map 189) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Charing Cross 0945 for 1010 train to Robertsbridge (arr 1128)
 LUNCH : Castle Inn, Bodiam
 TEA : Robertsbridge (if possible)
 DISTANCE : 8.5 miles returning from Robertsbridge
 FARE : £9.25 cdr Robertsbridge with network card discount

In the morning a visit will be made to Springfield Wood, Salehurst, to see the six trees dedicated to Gennet Berhe RIP. In the afternoon there will be time to visit Bodiam Castle (N.T.)

Tuesday 4th June (os map 198) Leader : Catherine Scott and Christopher McNicolas

MEET : Victoria 0920 for 0947 train to Worthing (arr 1127)
 LUNCH : Angmering – Tudor Tavern (Booze, but no food), or Bluebird Café (Food, but no booze)
 TEA : Littlehampton
 DISTANCE : 8 easy and level miles returning from Littlehampton
 FARE : £11.15 cdr Littlehampton with network card discount

Bring your costume and a towel as there should be a chance for a swim.

Wednesday 5th June – London String of Pearls Golden Jubilee Festival. A visit to some of the buildings specially opened for the Festival. Details from Dorothy Hickman (01737 765 231).

MEET : 1145-1200 outside the Temple Underground Station.
 LUNCH : Possibly at The Old Bell Tavern, 95 Fleet St, then walk to St Bride's Church for the 2.00pm guided tour. Afterwards, if time, visit other nearby String of Pearls' events.

Sunday 9th June (os map 186) Leader : Philip Groves

MEET : Waterloo 0845 for 0915 train to Haslemere (arr 1005)
 LUNCH : Duke of Cumberland Arms, Henley
 TEA : Wait and see
 DISTANCE : 22 partly hilly miles
 FARE : £8.00 cdr Haslemere with network card discount

Sunday 16th June (os map 187) Leader : David Robbins

MEET : East Croydon 0845 for 0905 train to Ashurst (arr 0943)

Connecting trains : Victoria dep 0834 arr East Croydon 0853 or
London Bridge dep 0840 arr 0856 East Croydon

LUNCH : Anchor, Hartfield

TEA : Crow and Gate, Middle of Nowhere

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Crowborough

FARE : £10.10 cdr Crowborough. David will meet the ramblers at Ashurst

Sunday 23rd June (os map 154) Leader : Robert SlaterMEET : Kings Cross 0850 for 0915 **non-stop** train to Cambridge (arr 1000)

LUNCH : The Eagle, Benet Street, Cambridge

TEA : The Plough, Fen Ditton

DISTANCE : 9 miles

FARE : £ 10.35 cdr Cambridge with NSE discount Robert will meet the ramblers at Cambridge

Walk includes the Botanical Gardens (£2.50 admission) in the morning. Punting on the River Cam available for the romantics (£12 per punt per hour, £60 deposit). Guided tours of Cambridge also available).

Sunday 30th June (os map 188) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 0900 for 0926 train to Oxted (arr 1012)

LUNCH : The ~~Cricketers~~ ^{GRASSHOPPER ON THE GREEN}, Westerham – reasonably priced good food.

TEA : Oxted

DISTANCE : 13 fairly strenuous miles

FARE : £9.15 cdr Oxted with network card discount

Friday 5th July – London String of Pearls Golden Jubilee Festival. A visit to some of the buildings specially opened for the Festival. Details from Dorothy Hickman (01737 765 231).

MEET : 0945 to 1000 at Victoria Railway Station, near booking office.

LUNCH & VISITS : Walk (about a mile) to visit Marlborough House, (The Commonwealth Secretariat), Pall

Mall. Walk (2 miles) to St Ethelread's for the 1.00pm Mass and lunch at their café or at Ye Olde Mitre. Walk (1 mile) to Goldsmiths' Hall. Possibly walk (about a mile) via Millennium Bridge and Thames path to finish at London Bridge.

Saturday 6th July (os map 178) Leader : Barbara Bridle

MEET : Victoria Station 0945 for 1011 train to Sole Street (arr 1057)

LUNCH : Golden Lion, Luddesdown

TEA : Wetherspoon pub, Bromley South

DISTANCE : 6 miles returning from Sole Street. Walk includes visit to Cobham College (Alms House) and the Leather Bottle pub (Pickwick Papers)

FARE : £5.15 cdr Sole Street with network card discount.

Barbara will meet the ramblers at Sole Street.

Sunday 7th July (os map 166 & 167) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Liverpool Street 0910 for 0933 train to Broxbourne (arr 1007)
 LUNCH : Travellers Rest, Epping Green
 TEA : By Epping Forest Conservation Centre
 DISTANCE : 16 miles returning from Chingford (zone 5)
 FARE : One day all zones travel card £5.00 plus extension to Broxbourne £2.70

Saturday 13th July: Summer Barbeque. Please see blue page for full details of this.

Sunday 14th 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 or Beachy Head
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Eastbourne
 FARE : £12.00 cdr Eastbourne with NSE discount
 Maurice will meet the ramblers at Eastbourne

Sunday 21st July (os map 177) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Fenchurch Street 0845 for 0910 to Upminster (arr 0934). Train calls at West Ham 0918
 (interchange with Jubilee, District, and Hammersmith & City lines)
 LUNCH : The Old Dog, Herongate Tye
 TEA : Billericay
 DISTANCE : 15 miles returning from Billericay
 FARE : All zones travelcard £4.40 with NSE discount **plus** single from Billericay – zone 6
 £2.10 with NSE discount. Paul will meet the ramblers at Upminster.

Sunday 28th July (os map 187) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 0855 for 0922 train to Barming (arr 1021). NB it may be necessary to change at
 Swanley so listen for announcements.
 LUNCH : Kings Arms, Boxley
 TEA : Malta Inn (on the banks of the River Medway)
 DISTANCE : 11 generally easy miles but steep ascent to the North Downs returning from Maidstone East
 FARE : £7.65 cdr Maidstone East with network card discount

Sunday 4th August (os map 165) Leader : Tony Norton

MEET : Marylebone 0935 for 0959 train to Wendover (arr 1040)
 LUNCH : Cock and Rabbit, Lee (near Great Missenden)
 TEA : Hardly
 DISTANCE : 19 miles returning from Rickmansworth
 FARE : £6.60 cdr Wendover with NSE discount

Sunday 11th August (os map 175 & 176) Leaders : Maureen Calahane and Bridie Barry

MEET : Waterloo 0915 for 0947 to Windsor & Eton Riverside (arr 1045)
 LUNCH : The Stag, Datchet. There is a village green here for those not requiring pub food.
 TEA : Nr Runnymede
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Staines
 FARE : £6.30 cdr to Windsor

Sunday 18th August (os maps 174 & 175) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Paddington 0850 for 0918 train to Goring and Streatley (arr 1025)
 LUNCH : The Bell, Aldworth – no hot meals but good value filled rolls.
 TEA : Maybe
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Goring & Streatley
 FARE : £7.95 cdr Goring and Streatley with NSE discount

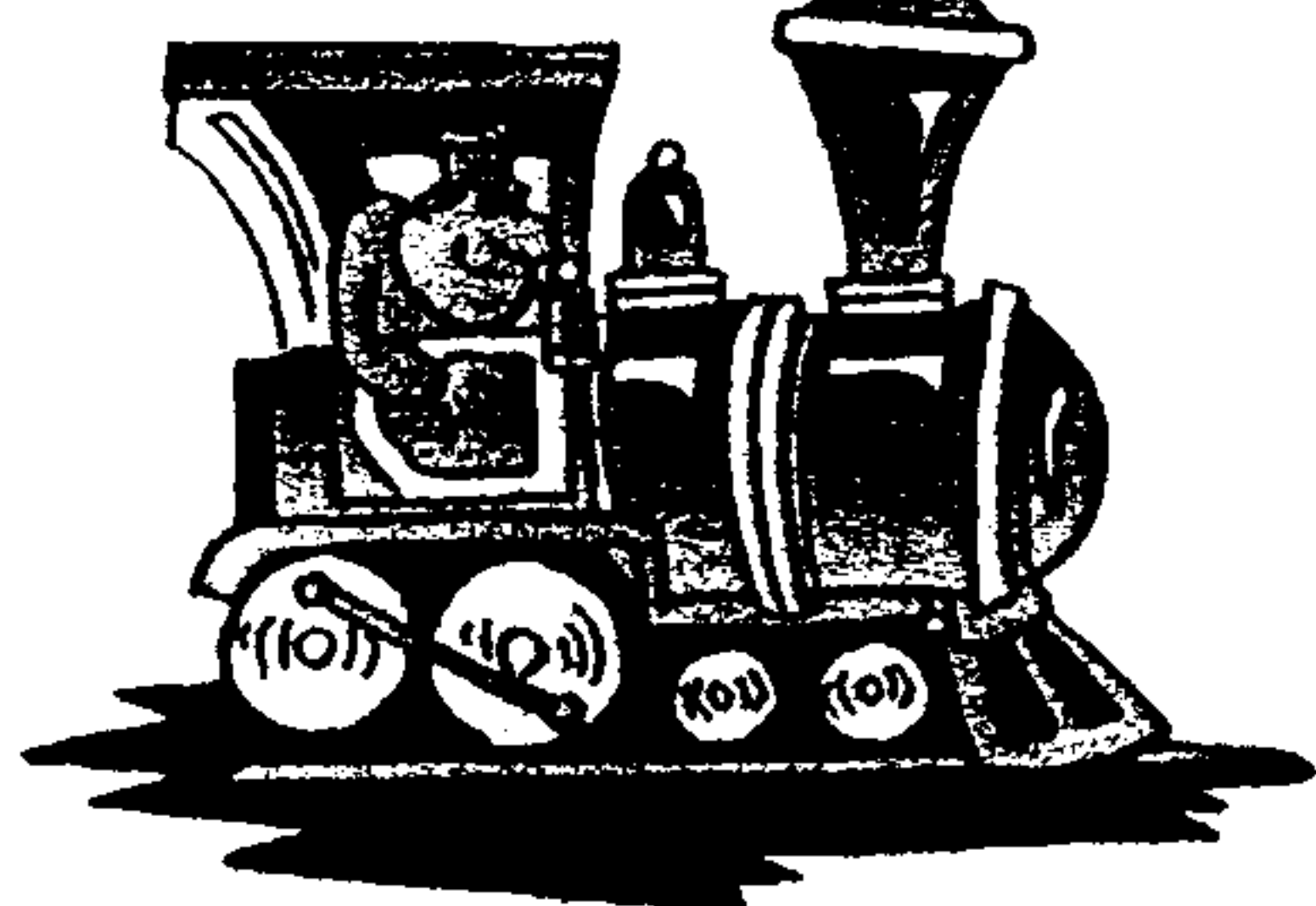
Monday 26th August (os map 179) Leader : Catherine Scott and Christopher McNicolas

MEET : Charing Cross 0840 for 0900 train to Deal (arr 1059)
 LUNCH : Zetland Arms, Kingsdown (by the beach)
 TEA : St Margarets Bay
 DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Dover
 FARE : £12.85 cdr Dover Priory with network card discount
 May be a chance of a swim, so bring a costume and towel

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.

08457 48 49 50



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.

Greater restrictions to the new Network Card are planned this Summer. They will not apply to those cards already in use before the implementation date. Members should check at their local station to see if they are affected and purchase a new card before the cut-off date if this saves money.