

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club

May 1993



Hi Ramblers,

Please read the events on the last two pages and, where booking is necessary, make your's without delay. Highlights are the Day of Recollection on Sunday 20 June and the Summer Party on Saturday 24 July. Both of these involve a bit of expense up front and we have to make a forecast of how many will attend well in advance. If numbers are less than forecast then club funds have to make up the balance but if we get more than expected then there can be a small surplus for the club. The Christmas Party had to be subsidised and the Day of Recollection usually has to be subsidised too. We can afford this luxury just now but it would be nice if there was sufficient support to ensure that each event paid for itself.

Peace Prayer of St Francis

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace

Where there is hatred .. let me sow love

Where there is injury ... pardon;

Where there is doubt...faith;

Where there is despair ... hope;

Where there is darkness .. light;

Where there is sadness .. joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so I much seek To be consoled

... as to console

To be understood .. as to understand

To be loved ... as to love

For It is in giving ... that we receive.

It is in pardoning .. that we are pardoned

It is in dying ... that we are born to eternal life.



ENCOURAGING NEW RAMBLE LEADERS

The committee was charged at the AGM in 1992 with reporting to the 1993 AGM on ways of ensuring that the Ramble List compiler would have a sufficient supply of rambles to draw on. This is a mid-year update on our deliberations and an invitation all members to express views on this recurring subject.

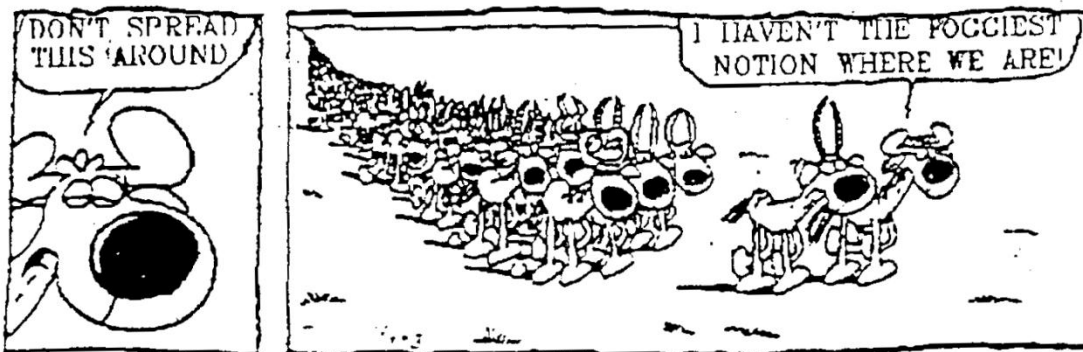
The topic has featured in the last 2 AGMs in the form of a proposal, twice put and twice defeated, that leaders be reimbursed for the cost of walking out rambles. This is seen by those who favour the idea as a way of making a gesture of appreciation from the club to the leaders. Arguments against are that it would be contrary to the spirit of giving voluntary service, it would require a large increase in subscriptions and could lead to pressure for other payments such as cost of footwear. A more modest suggestion was to allow free membership for ramble leaders.

Another idea is the provision of training of a relatively formal nature for prospective new leaders. One training session has already been held and attracted a very good turnout of 18 members, with 8 attending the practical part of the course on Saturday 15 May.

Another proposal was to have a whip round on rambles for the leader. This was not popular as it would threaten the record of the St Francis Ramblers as probably the only Catholic activity where we are not bombarded for money! More seriously, most of the leaders present at the AGM felt that they would be embarrassed by such a move. A variation of buying the leader drinks was unpopular for similar reasons and also for the threat it carried to the process of finding our way in the afternoon!

A proposal made since the AGM is that established leaders invite new members of the club to accompany them on walkouts and/or share the leadership of new leaders' first rambles. How would we ensure that contact was made between established leaders and new members? Would it be acceptable to include leaders' telephone numbers on the programme?

Please give your serious consideration to this important topic and be ready to contribute to the discussion at the AGM. Even better, help to get the whole topic off the agenda by offering to lead rambles. The present committee is generally opposed to direct payment in cash or kind but any future committee will obviously be guided by the wishes of the members as expressed at the AGM.



Rambles

June - August 1993

Sunday 6 June OSLRM 177

Leader: Richard Chill

Meet: Charing Cross at 9 40 for 10 02 train to Dartford where leader will meet the group (Arr. 10 47)
Lunch: Fighting Cocks, Horton Kirby (563 684)
Tea: The Pantry, Hawley Garden Centre
Distance: 9 miles returning from Dartford
Fare: £3 80 CDR Dartford.

Sunday 13 June OSLRM 175

Leader: Diana Fox

Meet: Waterloo at 9 15 for 9 36 train to Sunningdale where leader will meet the group (Arr. 10 19).
Lunch: Sun, Chobham - serves good food.
Tea: Not likely.
Distance: 13 miles returning from Sunningdale
Fare: £5 70 CDR, Sunningdale

Saturday 19 June OSLRM 177

Leader: Paul Brunning

Meet: Charing Cross at 9 50 for 10 07 train to Chislehurst where leader will meet group (Arr. 10 27)
Lunch: The Partridge, st Paul's Cray (GR 463 694)
Tea: Chislehurst Caves with optional visit to the Caves.
Distance: 7 miles returning from Chislehurst.
Fare: £2 00 CDR Chislehurst.

Sunday 20 June OSLRM 177 Day of Recollection

Meet: 8 45 at Charing Cross British Rail Station for 8 53 train to West Wickham. (Arr. at 9 23). Then walk to the retreat centre (GR390 648). Alternatively take the 9 53 train and take the 119 Bus from West Wickham High st to bottom of Layhams Rd. Any problems ring Paul Brunning or Tony Finnegan.
Fare: £2 90 CDR West Wickham + bus fare for the lazy!

Saturday 26 June NB Saturday ramble Leaders: Frances Kershaw and Tony Finnegan. OSLRM 176

Meet: Colliers Wood Northern Line station (Zone 4) at 2 pm for a stroll by the Wandle to Mitcham.
Lunch or afternoon tea: Morden Hall Park followed by a stroll on to and around Mitcham Common, taking in Watermeads if we can gain access. Either walk or get bus 264 back to the underground at Tooting Broadway.

Sunday 27 June OSLRM 187

Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet: Victoria at 10 10 for 10 32 train to Redhill where leader will meet the group (Arr. 11 09).
Lunch: Mint Arms, Lower Kingswood (GR 250 539).
Tea: Fanny's Farm Shop, Markedqe Lane.
Distance: 14 Miles (5 after tea). Returning from Redhill.
Fare: £4.50 CDR Redhill

Sunday 4 July OSLRM 176 Leader: Mary Hennessy
Meet: Baker Street Metropolitan Line at 10 20 for 10 34
train to Watford. (Arr. 11 16)
Lunch: Clarendon Arms, Chandlers Cross (GR) - serves ploughmans lunch
only.
Tea or coffee (cup of only): Rickmansworth Golf Course.
Distance: 9 miles returning from Moor Park.
Fare: £3 80 all zone travel card extending to Watford.

Sunday 11 July OSLRM 175 Leader: Diana Fox.
Meet: Waterloo at 9 30 for 9 50 train to Windsor and Eton Riverside where
leader will meet the group. (Arr. 10 42)
Lunch: Wheatsheaf, Virginia Water.
Tea: Windsor.
Distance: 15 miles returning from Windsor and Eton Riverside.
Fare: £4 80 CDR Windsor and Eton Riverside.

Saturday 17 July NB Saturday ramble/event Leader: Maurice Hickman
Meet: at Underground entrance inside Euston Station at 11 00 for 11 30 start.
Morning walk round Regents Park.
Lunch: 1 - 2 pm. Crocker's Pub, Aberdeen Place, (near Regents Canal and off
Edgeware Road).
Afternoon: Visit to London Zoo (Admission £6 adults; £4 children over 4 years;
£1 per ticket discount for 20 or more).

Sunday 18 July OSLRM 186 Leader: Philip Evans
Meet: Waterloo at 9 10 for 9 32 train to Bentley
(Arr. 10 44)
Lunch: Castle, Crondall (795 495).
Tea: Unlucky before but you never know we might be
unlucky again.
Distance: 9 miles returning from Farnham.
Fare: £8 20 CDR Bentley.

Sunday 25 July OSLRM 166 Leader: Tony Finnegan
Meet: King's Cross Thameslink at 9.40 for 10.00
train to St Albans (Arr. 10 23). We will be joined for
part of the day by the Mid Herts Catholic Rambling
Club, led by John Dean.
Lunch: Rose and Crown Sandridge (GR 104 170)
Tea: Marian and Geoff Miller's, St Albans
Distance: 12 miles returning from St Albans
Fare: £4.50 CDR St Albans.

Sunday 1 August OSLRM 179 Leader: Paul Brunning
Meet: Charing Cross at 9 10 for 9 25 train to Chilham.
Leader will join train en route (Arr. 11 03)
Lunch: Chapter Arms Inn, Chartham Hatch (103 567).
Tea: Canterbury (visit Canterbury Cathedral etc.)
Distance: 8.5 miles returning from Canterbury.
Fare: £11 80 CDR Canterbury (Approx £7 90 with network
card reduction).

Sunday 8 August OSLRM 165 Leader: Joe O'Reilly
Meet: Baker St Metropolitan Line at 10 05 for 10 20
train to Chesham (Arr 11 12 - change at Chalfont and
Latimer).
Lunch: Blue Ball, Asheridge.
Tea: Chesham (choice of 2 venues).
Distance: 11 miles returning from Chesham.
Fare: £3 50 all zone travel card (specify Chesham).

Sunday 15 August OSLRM 186 Leader: Tony Finnegan

Meet: Victoria at 9 10 for 9 25 train to Haslemere
(Arr. 10 25)

Lunch: Dog & Pheasant, Brook (GR 925 381)

Tea: Maybe Haslemere.

Distance: 11 miles returning from Haslemere

Fare: £9 CDR Haslemere.

Saturday 21 August Join the Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical
Walking pilgrimage for a day led by Maurice Hickman - 21 miles!

Ring Tony Finnegan nearer the time for final details. Take 7 15

train from Kings Cross to Royston (buy return ticket to
Cambridge). OSLRM 154. Meet the pilgrims at Coombes Community

Centre to begin walking at 9 30 (route will be clearly marked

with arrows). Lunch 1 15 - 2 15 Chequers, Orwell. Prayers and

tea - Grantchester Church 4 30 approx. Stay at Cambridge Youth

Hostel if booked well in advance @ £11 50 per night. - Phone 0223

353 386. NB Route passes the hostel on Saturday evening about 6

30. Contact Maurice for more details.

Sunday 22 August OSLRM 166 Leader: John Dean

Joint ramble with Mid Herts Catholic Ramblers.

Meet: King'S Cross at 9 30 for 9 53 train to Welwyn Garden City
where leader will meet group (Arr. at 10 40).

Lunch: Red Lion, Woolmer Green (254 183) - serves food.

Tea: Welwyn Garden City

Distance: 11 miles returning from Welwyn Garden City.

Fare: -£ 5 60 CDR Welwyn Garden City.

Monday 30 August NB August Bank Holiday

OSLRM 197

Leader:

Phil Evans

Meet: Waterloo at 9 35 for 9 55 train to Rowlands Castle
(Arr.11 22)

Lunch: Hare and Hounds Stoughton (803 116).

Tea: You'll be lucky.

Distance: 14 miles returning from Rowlands Castle

Fare: £13 20 CDR (about £9 with network card reduction).

CDR = Cheap Day Return;
OSLRM = Ordnance Survey
Landranger Map

NB All fares, including all-area
Travel Cards purchased at
Underground Ticket Offices, can b
reduced by presenting a Network
Southeast Card at the time of
ordering the ticket. Each
cardholder can take 3 guests
with the same reduction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS EVENTS

Welcome to new members: Joe Coyle, Patrick Crehan, Lorna Gallagher, Philip Groves and Anne Kennedy. Congratulations to Janet Somerville on becoming a life member.

Short walks: On this programme are a few shorter walks arranged at times to avoid a clash with the weekly ramble, which the committee feels should take precedence. The idea of walks on Saturday or midweek in summer time comes up from time to time. I am told they have not enjoyed great support when tried in the past. That is no reason for not trying them again so this an opportunity for those who want them to support them. And don't be afraid to volunteer to lead one yourself. There are unlimited possibilities along the various water courses and public parks in London and the suburbs, so it's our own fault if we don't use them.

Monthly dinner: Saturday 5 June, Saturday 4 July and Saturday 7 August. Meet outside Westminster Cathedral after 6 PM Mass.

Day of Recollection - Sunday 20 June 10 30 am - 4.30 pm: Emmaus House, Layhams Road, West Wickham, Kent. Fr Austin OFM will lead the day. Cost £5 plus £7 if you wish to have lunch. Lunch must be booked through Paul by 1 June but you are welcome to bring your own food and we shall all eat lunch together in the dining room.
Pay in advance by sending cheques payable to Paul Brunning or pay on the day.

Self sufficiency show: Saturday 10 July: An enjoyable event at Ardingly (train to Haywards Heath and a free bus service from there to the show ground. Contact Mary Hickman for further details.

Summer Party: Saturday 24 July 1993: 7 - 11 pm: We have booked our regular venue - Holy Apostles Hall; and live professional music - Chris and Don Kelly who play music that's easy to listen to and to dance to. Bring some food to share and whatever you want to drink. Modest £2.00 to pay for hall and music payable on entry. Do please come and make this a successful party in a new style - and bring your friends. All are welcome.

Boot repair and rucksack care: There is a firm which specialises in boot care (resoling and heeling, repairing, stitching etc) and ruck sack repairs. Send 8 SAE 10 Tony Finnegan(address on back page) for details.

Announcements and Events (continued)

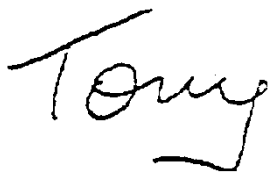
Holidays in Hungary: Some members have already been to Hungary and I can send the information to anyone interested. I believe accommodation is basic but costs only £5 - £7 a night.

Obituaries: Please pray for David Bridle who died last year (apologies for incorrect reference to David Gible in the last programme), for Frank Crowley who died since the last programme, for Kate Raven and Freddie Wood, former members who also died, and for Nellie Goreham, mother of Leslie whom many of the long standing members will remember. R.I.P. "

Missing Programmes: We have now started putting a return address on the envelopes containing the programmes and it has reduced the number of undelivered programmes escaping our attention. The next programme will be dispatched on 21 August so if you have not received it by 27 August please ring Tony Finnegan on 081 767 5293 or any member of the committee.

Forward dates for your diary: Saturday 2 October 4 pm. Annual General Meeting. Please note date and time. Saturday 6 November- we will have the 6 PM Mass at Holy Apostles for our deceased members. On each of these two dates the monthly dinner will be in Pimlico following the Mass.

Happy Rambling



* Items for the next programme welcome up *

* to 1 August. Ramble details to Philip *

* much earlier please!! *

Club Committee 1992 - 93

- Honorary Vice President and Committee Member:
- Paul Brunning,
- Hon Secretary: Tony Finnegan,
- Hon Treasurer: Peter Lobo.
- Ramble List Compiler: Philip Evans,
- Membership Secretaries: Ann Richardson, and Helen O'Brien:
- Events List Compiler: Maureen Mulryan,
- Map Library: Mary Hennessy