

Ramble List and News

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June-August 1999

Greetings Ramblers

Once again we are planning our summer events, chief of which is our **SUMMER PARTY** which we are holding on **Saturday July 17th from 7pm-11pm. in St Mary's Church Hall in Clapham Common.** Live Music by Pat Fitzgerald Duo. Country, Irish, Middle of the road. The hall is in St Alphonsus Road, Off Clapham Park Road just round the corner from the Belle Vue Pub. The Northern line to Clapham Common is the nearest tube. Busses: 35, 37, 88, 137, 155, 345, 355. Please bring food to share but since there will be a cash bar on the night you are asked not to bring your own drink. Donations for raffle would be appreciated. The booking conditions do not allow us to charge for admission but £3 per person will be collected in the course of the evening to help meet expenses.

There is Mass at St. Mary's Church, Clapham Park road at 5.30. There is also a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour from 6.30-7pm. There is parking near the Church and Hall but it is also used by restaurant goers.

Walking Pilgrimage:

Some members are planning to go on the Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage in August. "St Dunstan's Pilgrimage" from Chichester To Bath via the Isle of Wight starts Sat 14th Ends 29th August. This is a great experience living in a community, exploring our Christian faith and growing together as you walk to your pilgrimage destination. See enclosed leaflet and application form for more details. Day walkers are welcome free of charge.

Engagement: Congratulations and best wishes to Caroline Nolan on her recent engagement to Conchur.

Best wishes also to Olivia and John Delargy who have moved to Co Antrim. Olivia is a former secretary of the club.

Apologies: to members who received the last programme late due to a dispatch error.

70th Anniversary Celebrations: In response to my request for ideas in the last programme Barbara Bridle has volunteered to organise a weekend away at Aylesford Priory in Kent, probably in June 2000. Prices as follows, £30 per night, full board. £60 for weekend. B&B & supper £22.60p. Or £18 B&B. Barbara is willing to book a weekend as long as someone else is available to lead a few rambles.

Other suggestions so far to celebrate this occasion are, a dinner dance, Holiday/Pilgrimage to Assisi, a new club badge. We would welcome any other ideas plus feedback on ideas so far and some action from club members. If anyone knows of a suitable hall to hold a function which is not too expensive please let me know.

Welcome To New Members:

Barbara Blake, Tabard Street, London. Anne Brooks London, Tom Collis, St Johns Hill, SW11. Eileen Cullen, Walthamstow, Elena Curotto,

Victoria Park Square. Pauline Woodhouse, Purley, Surrey. Re-joined: Anne Convery, London. Frank Crowley, Wandsworth Road, London.

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

Worth Abbey Ramble On Good Friday:

A great turnout on this ramble with 54 members led by Catherine Scott. Catherine must hold the record to date for the largest group. Well done Catherine. I was unable to join this one as I was working.

August Bank Holiday Break:

Frank Bigg is organising a weekend at Walsingham. Frank will lead a walk on one or two of the days taking in the lovely Norfolk countryside. One possible walk is Wells-Next-The-Sea 8 3/4 miles. Terrain, good underfoot, mainly level. Accommodation can be booked at the Pilgrims Bureau or the Blacklion Pub. Details and enquiries to Mr Frank Bigg, 20 Claypits Avenue, Bures St Mary, Suffolk CO8 5DA. TEL: 01787 227 977. Frank has sent me on some information about Walsingham and I will be pleased to send it on to anyone who is interested in any of the Pilgrimages.

Highlights of this programme

- 1 Summer Party Saturday 17 July
- 2 Publication of Club History (£4+ p&p if you move quickly).
- 3 Sailing Weekends
- 4 70th Anniversary Celebration Suggestions

Sailing Weekend: Paul Connolly is organising a few sailing weekends on Barge Centaur during the summer between June and August. Weekend starts on Friday evening and ends on Sunday evening. Cost including food £60-£65. Bring sleeping bag and bedding. For more details contact Paul on Tel 01708 478 745.

Day of Recollection 1999: This was held at Tyburn Convent and was attended by 36 members. This was the biggest turnout for a long time. Our thanks to Fr. Peter Grant who led us through a very spiritual day starting with the Stations Of The Cross. In the afternoon we were given a talk on the Martyrs in the Martyrs Chapel by one of the community. The day ended at 3.30pm with Mass celebrated by Fr. Peter. Fr. David Barnes visited the group in the afternoon.

MONTHLY DINNERS:

Club members meet on the first Saturday of each month for a meal at a Central London Restaurant (not too expensive). Meeting place is outside Westminster Cathedral after 6 pm Mass. Dates as follows, Saturday 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August. Contact any committee member for details.

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.

Sponsorship: Maria Darroch who is a committee member, would like to thank all who sponsored her in the London Marathon in aid of the Y.W.C.A's Maze Marigold Project which works with young women abused through prostitution. Her time was 5 hours 36 minutes. Maria raised £280. Those sponsors whose payment is still outstanding are asked to send Maria a cheque payable to the Y.W.C.A. of Great Britain

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Maria's Address is on the programme. Tel. 0171 561 1154.

Ramble List Compiler on the Internet: Ramble leaders can now E Mail their details to Paul at connpa@kilmartuk.com. Paul will be delighted to hear from new ramble leaders (or old ones)!

CLUB HISTORY: The Club History is now ready for publication. The price will depend on the number of orders received but thanks to the generosity of those who contributed to startup costs we hope to keep it down to £4 per copy. If you cannot arrange to pick up your copy an additional £1.70p will be required for postage and packing. **To obtain a copy at the guaranteed price of £4 (plus £1.70p postage and packing if relevant) please send a cheque payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to: Tony Finnegan, 30 Avarn Road, Tooting, London SW17 9HA.**

OBITUARIES

Sincere sympathy to Margaret Moran on the loss of her husband Denis on March 9th following a long illness bravely borne. Mass will be offered for Denis on June 26th in St. Magdeline's Church, Brockley at 6.30. Nearest Stations Brockley or Crofton Park. Margaret extends an invitation to members to her home for a cup of tea afterwards.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to Betty Morrison on the sad loss of her brother William in Scotland after a long illness. Mass will be offered for William in St. Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street on Saturday 19th June at 5.30.

Sincere sympathy to Witold Sokolowski on the sudden death of his father. The 5.30 Mass will be offered in St. Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street on Saturday July 10th. Hanna and Witold would like

members to join them after mass for a drink

I received notice of Joan Ashbourne's death which occurred on April 14th. Joan was predeceased by her husband John. They were both life members.

Announcements: Members who would be willing to organise weekends away, ramble breaks or social events can send me details for inclusion in our newsletter.

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by the 17th of July.

Happy Rambling



Club Committee 1998-99

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COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : FRIDAY 23RD JULY

Thanks once again to all those members who in this and the last programme have given their time and energies to lead walks, we are still on the look out for new talent and also maybe the return of some prodigal sons and daughters who will be very gratefully welcomed back into the fold; any takers out there, please?

This programme coincides with the new summer times on the railways, and as a result there might be some variations to the times given in the ramble details. Unfortunately at the time this list was being finally completed the new summer times were not available to correct any possible discrepancies, so please be gentle with the leaders and the ramble list compiler if you happen to experience any delays in the start of a walk.

By the way - don't forget to read the blue pages!!

Any other notes are on page six.

Saturday 5th June (os maps 186 & 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 1010 for 1033 train to Boxhill (arr 1118)
LUNCH : Ranmore Arms, Ranmore Common (os 112501)
TEA : Newlands Corner
DISTANCE : 15 miles via North Downs Way returning from Guildford
FARE : £8.10 cdr Guildford plus £1.05 single Leatherhead to Boxhill
Maurice will meet the ramblers at Boxhill

Sunday 6th June (os map 188) Leader : Hilary McNabb

MEET : Victoria 0955 for 1022 train to Otford (arr 1102)
LUNCH : Fox & Hounds, Romney Street
TEA : Lullingstone
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Otford
FARE : £6.10 cdr Otford

Saturday 12th June (os map 166) Leader : Phil Carolan

MEET : Liverpool Street 1010 for 1032 train to Waltham Cross (arr 1059)
LUNCH : Waltham Abbey - variety of pubs and cafes
TEA : Waltham Abbey
DISTANCE : 5 miles returning from Waltham Cross
FARE : £5.00 cdr Waltham Cross
An opportunity to visit many places of historical interest
Phil will meet the ramblers at Waltham Cross

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Sunday 13th June (os map 174) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Paddington 0855 for 0918 train to Goring & Streatley (arr 1026)
LUNCH : The Four Points, Aldworth
TEA : Maybe in Goring
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Goring - Some steep hills
FARE : £10.50 cdr Goring & Streatley

Sunday 20th June (os map 166) Leader: Tony Finnegan (Birthday Boy Mark 1)

MEET : Kings Cross Thameslink station 0910 for 0931 train to St Albans (arr 1003)
LUNCH : The Wicked Lady, Nomansland
TEA : Possibly at St Albans
DISTANCE : 17 miles returning from St Albans
FARE : £7.10 cdr St Albans

Sunday 27th June (os map 168) Leader : Paul Connolly (Birthday Boy Mark 2)

MEET : Liverpool Street 0835 for 0900 train to Kelvedon (arr 0952)
LUNCH : The Swan, Little Totham (Landlord quite happy if you want to bring your own food)
TEA : Maldon
DISTANCE : 14 miles returning from Maldon - mostly flat terrain (Yes this is Essex!!!)
FARE : £7.60 cdr with network card Kelvedon plus bus fare £2.90 Maldon to Chelmsford
(approximately 25 minutes journey)

Paul will meet the ramblers at Kelvedon

There may be a chance to see some classic sailing craft at Maldon as well as other points of interest

Sunday 4th July (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0950 for 1010 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1044)
LUNCH : The White Rock Inn, Underriver
TEA : Sevenoaks
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Sevenoaks
FARE : £5.50 cdr Sevenoaks

Sunday 11th July (os map 168) Leader : Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0835 for 0900 train to Marks Tey (arr 0958)
LUNCH : Earls Colne - Reasonable selection of pubs and cafes
TEA : Bures
DISTANCE : 14 miles returning from Bures
FARE : £10.00 cdr Bures with network card discount

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Sunday 18th July (os map 176) Leader : Witold Sokolowski

MEET : Waterloo 0955 for 1017 train to Kingston (arr 1049)
LUNCH : The Rose of York, Petersham road, Richmond
TEA : The Windmill, Wimbledon Common
DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Wimbledon
FARE : One day travelcard - up to £4.50

Sunday 25th July (os map 186) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Waterloo 0920 for 0945 train to Haslemere (arr 1051)
LUNCH : The Dog & Pheasant, Brooke
TEA : Unlikely
DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Haslemere. Lovely scenery but very hilly.
FARE : £11.00 cdr Haslemere

Sunday 1st August (os map 199) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0920 for 0947 train to Eastbourne (arr 1124)
LUNCH : Tiger Inn, East Dean
TEA : Birling Gap (possibility of a swim)
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Eastbourne. Fairly hilly in the afternoon
FARE : £11.05 cdr with network card Eastbourne
Maurice will meet the ramblers at Eastbourne

Sunday 8th August (os map 179) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Charing Cross 0910 for 0930 train to Wye (arr 1103)
LUNCH : Five Bells, Brabourne
TEA : Why ask - bring a flask
DISTANCE : 16 hilly miles returning from Wye
FARE : £9.50 cdr with network card Wye

Sunday 15th August (os map 197 & 198) Leaders : Chris McNicholas and Catherine Scott

MEET : Victoria 0835 for 0902 train to Worthing (arr 1040)
LUNCH : Tudor Tavern, Angmering. No food - Café nearby or bring your own sandwiches
TEA : Littlehampton - Fish & Chips etc.
DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Littlehampton
FARE : £10.50 cdr with network card Littlehampton
Bring a towel and swimming costume as there will be a chance for a dip during the walk.

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Sunday 22nd August (os map 166) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : Kings Cross **Thameslink** station 0905 for 0931 train to Harlington (arr 1026)

LUNCH : The Raven, Hexton

TEA : ??

DISTANCE : 13 miles returning from Harlington. Hilly in the afternoon

FARE : £12.10 cdr Harlington

This train calls at East Croydon 0901, London Bridge 0916, Blackfriars 0922, West Hampstead 0939

Monday 30th August (os map 197) Leader : Paul Connolly

MEET : Waterloo 0920 for 0945 train to Liss (arr 1102)

LUNCH : Hawkley Inn, Hawkley

TEA : Possibly in Petersfield

DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Petersfield. Very scenic but hilly in the afternoon

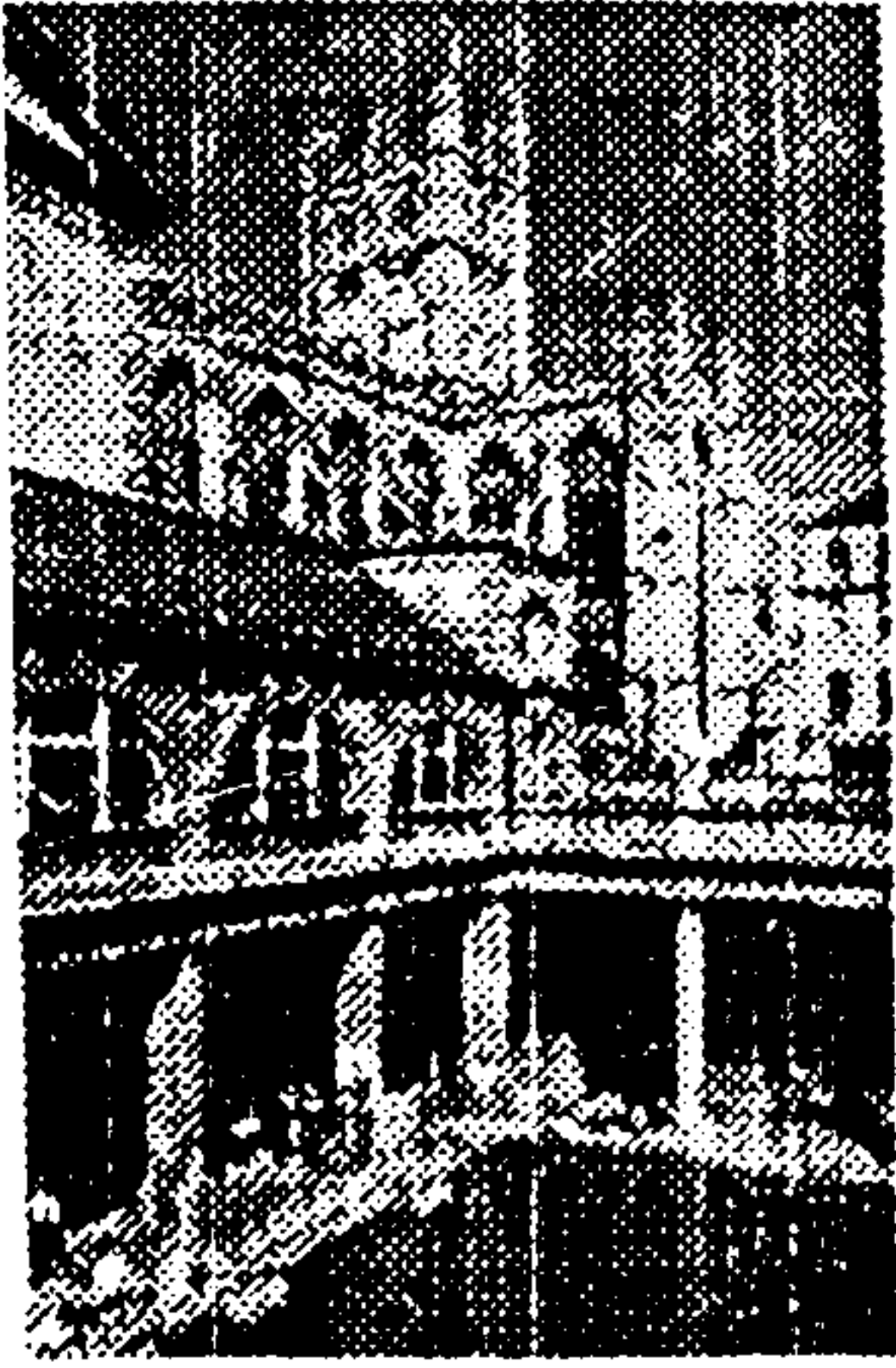
FARE : £9.00 cdr with network card Petersfield

And finally....

Don't forget Sunday train services can be affected by engineering works. Information on these can be obtained by calling 0345 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 of the full fares.

Unless otherwise indicated the fares shown are the full fare from the London terminus.



"ST DUNSTAN'S PILGRIMAGE"

TO

BATH

Saturday 14th - Sunday 29th August 1999
Chichester - Isle of Wight - Bath

Each year since 1975 the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton has arranged a Walking Pilgrimage, where for two weeks we explore the English countryside, experience living in community, explore our Christian faith and grow together as we walk to our pilgrimage destination. This year we are walking from Chichester to Bath via the Isle of Wight in honour of St Dunstan. A distance of some 160 miles along footpaths and tracks, stopping at churches along the route just as medieval pilgrims did in St Dunstan's lifetime.

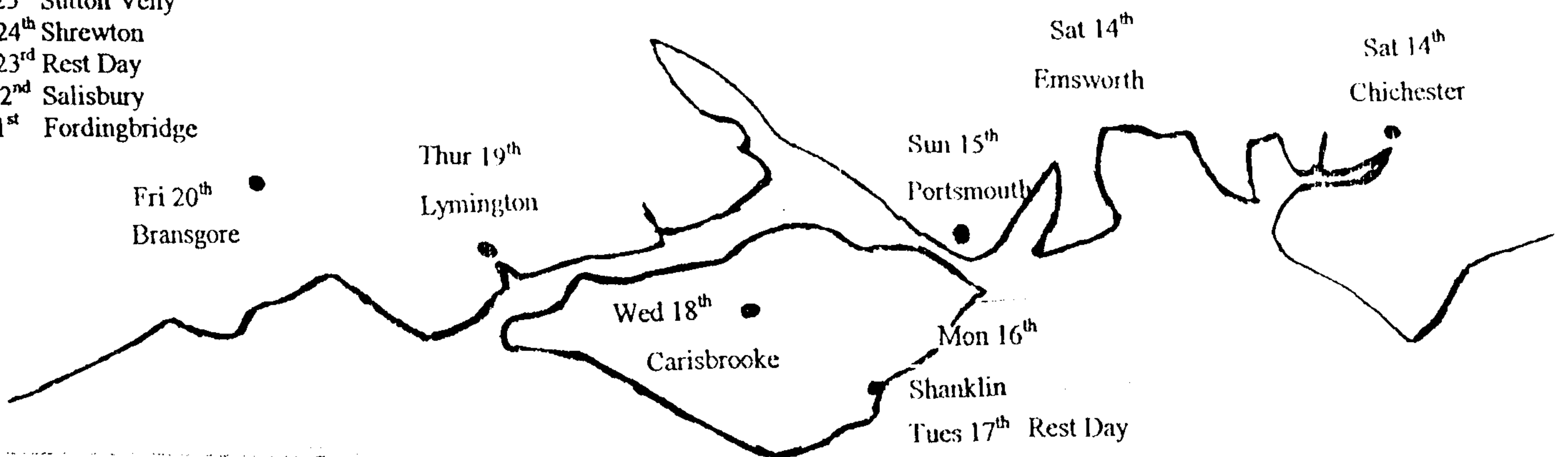
St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the 10th Century crowned Edgar, the first king of all England, in the Abbey at Bath and was paramount in a revival of Benedictine monastic life in England. Our pilgrimage is ecumenical, we worship together, sleep on floors in a variety of halls, a van transports our luggage, we walk between 15-20 miles per day with two rest days and stop each day for lunch, usually at a pub.

A pilgrimage is a difficult journey undertaken as an act of prayer, yet it is also a physical and spiritual challenge and above all great fun. Anyone who is reasonably fit should be able to manage the daily walking and you should be over 15 years of age if unaccompanied. The cost for the whole two weeks is £150 or join us for a shorter period at £12 per night. There is a special rate of £99 for the whole two weeks for those under 21 years. There may also be assistance with the cost for those who are unable to afford the full cost. To book please complete the slip below and return it with a £20 non-refundable deposit to the address stated. Places are limited due to hall sizes so do not delay. Bookings will close when all places are taken and in any event on the 12th of July. All those requiring overnight accommodation should book and pay in advance. Day pilgrims are welcome without prior notice.

The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

- Sun 29th Journey home
- Sat 28th Celebration Day
- Fri 27th BATH
- Thur 26th Trowbridge
- Wed 25th Sutton Veny
- Tues 24th Shrewton
- Mon 23rd Rest Day
- Sun 22nd Salisbury
- Sat 21st Fordingbridge

For further information contact: The Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator, Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, W Sussex, RH10 6RP



APPLICATION FORM: Please return this slip with your booking details as soon as possible to the:
 Pilgrimage Booking Secretary, Louise Chenery, 12 Beare Green Cottages, Beare Green, Dorking, RH15 4 PE.
 Cheques should be made payable to: Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimages.

Place a ✓ in the appropriate boxes:

Name.....
 Address.....

 Post Code..... Age.....
 Telephone No.....
 Denomination.....

I would like to join the pilgrimage for the whole 15 days
 Or I would like to join for part of the way:
 From Place:..... On: Date:.....
 To: Place:..... On: Date:.....
 Please reserve a place on: The return coach
 I enclose a £ 20 Deposit
 Signature.....