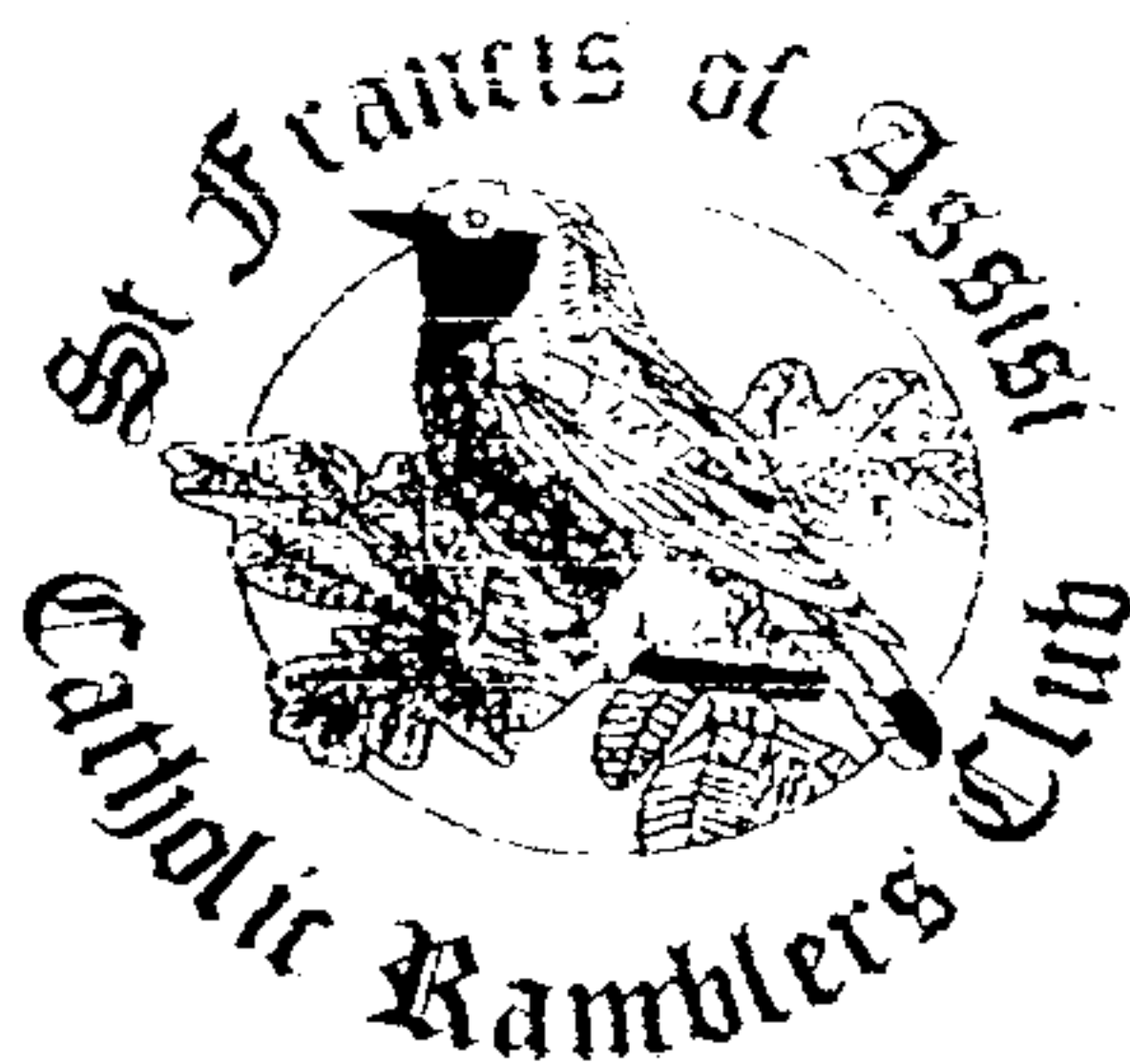


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Ramble List and News

December 1999-February 2000

Greetings Ramblers

In this programme we are making a start responding to requests that dated events be publicised in the ramble programme. You will find in date order on the ramble list various items that take place on particular dates.

As we approach the millennium we leave behind 69 years of rambling and look forward to celebrating the 70th anniversary in 2000. There is a great history to the club, as members who recently purchased a copy of the history of the club will know. We thank all members who were involved down through the years and who worked so hard to keep the club going. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last five years during my term as secretary. Wishing all members a Happy Christmas and New Year.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held on October 9th in the Holy Apostles Hall, Cumberland Street, Pimlico at 3pm. A copy of the minutes is enclosed. Paul Brunning resigned as Vice-President at the meeting. Paul

nominated me to stand as Vice President seconded by Bridie Barry. I accepted the Vice President's post which was agreed by members at the A.G.M. The Secretary's post remains vacant until the first committee meeting. Our thanks to Paul Brunning for all his support and advice during his term in office. We also thank Maurice Hickman for his help on the committee. We welcome new members onto the committee: Jo Lewis-Evans and John Burbage.

Subscriptions are now due. Gillian has received over 80 subscriptions so far. She asks members to please pay up promptly by sending a cheque for £4 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to Gillian McLauchlan address overleaf. Subscriptions can be given to any committee member on rambles who will pass it on to Gillian.

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.

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 6pm Mass. Dates are Saturday Dec 4th, January 1st and February 5th. Contact any committee member for details.

Christmas Celebrations: December 18th and 19th will be a weekend of celebration of Christmas this year: the Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday 18th December at 7 pm and the Christmas Ramble followed by a Social Function (without music) will be the following day on Sunday 19th December. Full details at the bottom of Page 3 and the top of Page 4. **Bookings for both events required in advance.**

Announcements:

Details of the 70th Anniversary Celebrations at Aylesford Priory are on the last page of the programme. Other suggestions so far to celebrate this occasion are a dinner dance, Holiday/Pilgrimage to Assisi, a new club badge. We

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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.

Change of Paul Connolly's E Mail address: Paul's new E Mail address is PConnolly@tmmlines.com.

Welcome To New Members: Peter Collins, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1JP, Pierre Cotteret, London NW3 5PS. Anthony Norton, London E3 4TG. Mary McHugh, London, W4 IHE. Sue Prudo, London N6 5QJ. Patrick Raven, London, SW15 4EB. We welcome Welcome back Mary Maxwell.

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.

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.

Club History: All the copies of the first print of the book have been sold. Further individual copies will cost more to produce but as long as the money collected for the book production holds out we will continue to make them available for the subsidised 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 Avam Road, Tooting, London SW17 9HA.

We sent a copy of the history to our Australian friends in the Sydney Catholic Bushwalkers and were delighted to hear from Dot Clayton who started the Bushwalkers on her return to Australia after a spell in

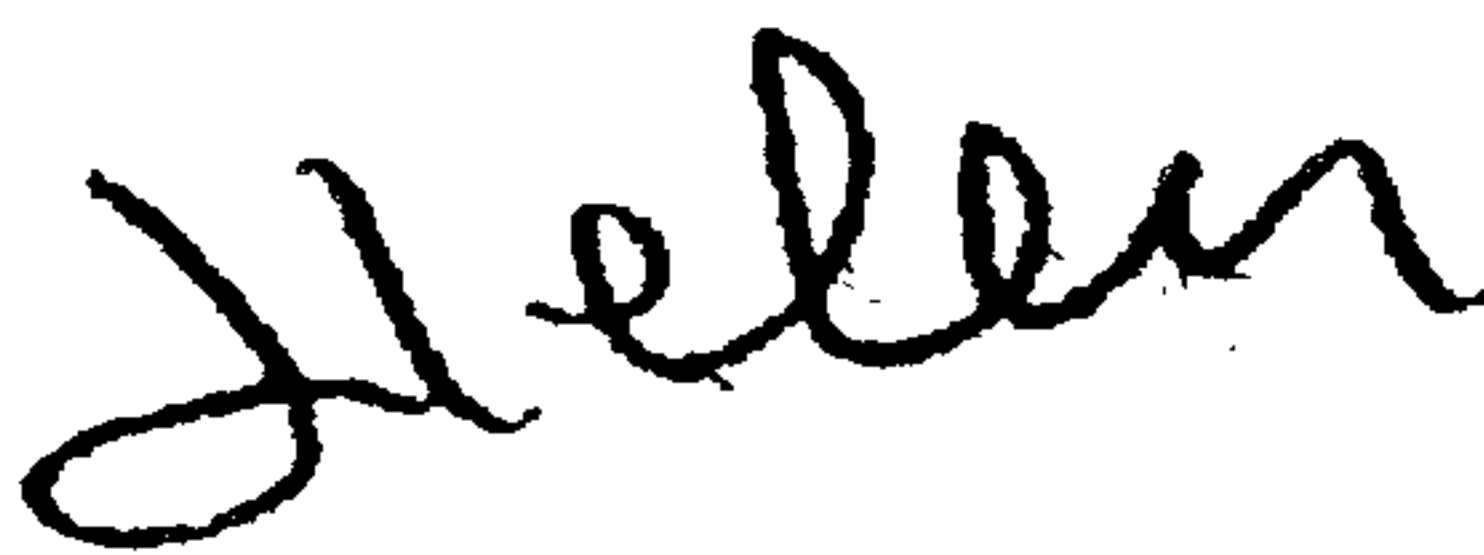
London where she became an active member of this Club.

Obituaries: We were sorry to hear of the death of Bridie Pilgrim (nee Fennel). Bridie was Club Secretary in the 1930's and an aunt of Angela Shardlow. R.I.P.

Ordnance Survey Maps Available: Whilst I was Secretary I accumulated quite a collection of OS maps which members of the club are more than welcome to borrow or have permanently. They include the following: Landranger Maps 70 Ayr/Kilmarnock, 71 (Lanark and Upper Nithsdale), 73 (Peebles, Galashiels), 74 (Kelso), 78 (Nithsdale and Annandale Area), 79 (Hawick and Eskdale), 80 (Cheviot Hills and Keelder Forest), 124 (Dolgellau), 125 (Bala and Lake Vymwy), 135 (Aberystwyth), 187 (Dorking/Reigate/Crawley - 2 copies), 197 (Chichester and the Downs; Tourist Maps of the Border country and Scotland; Pathfinder No 485 (Hawick and Area). If anybody want these maps please send me a large SAE with stamps to the value 45p per map.

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by the 21st of January 2000.

Happy rambling into the Millennium.



Ramble List and News

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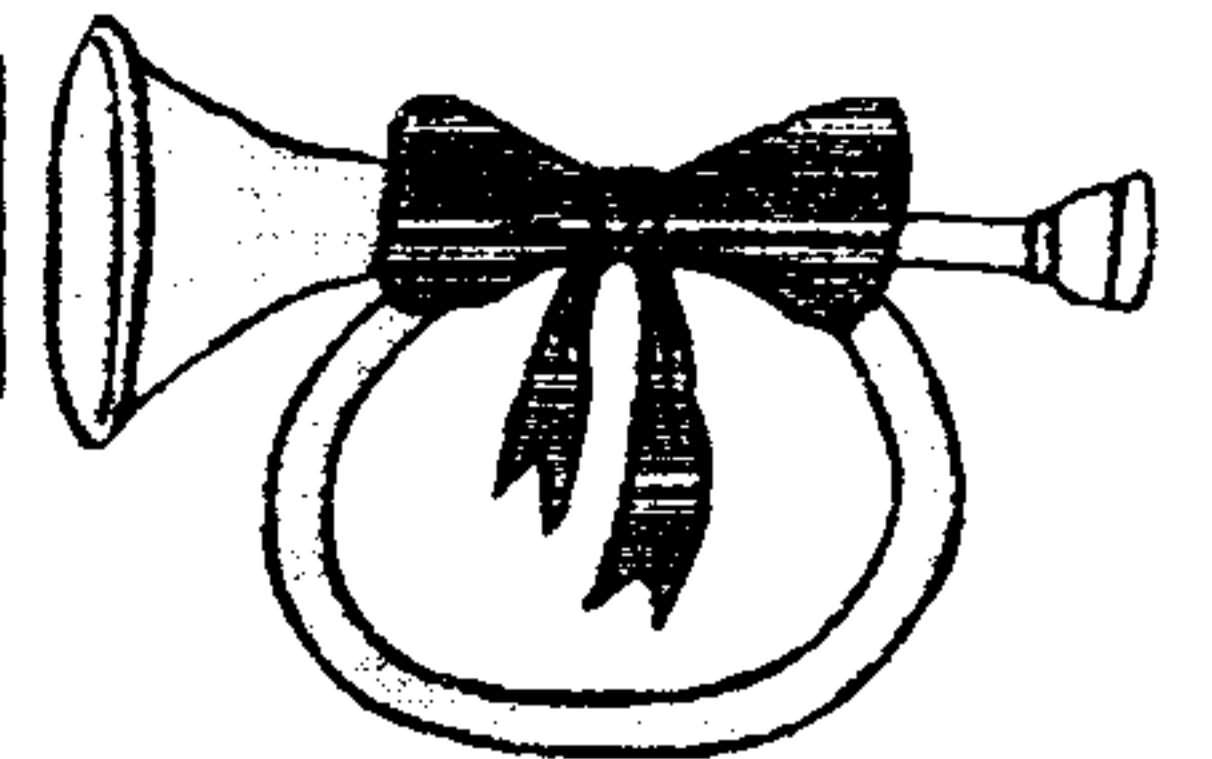


Thanks once again to all those members who in this and the last programme have given their time and energies to lead walks. We are still on the look out for new talent and also hopefully the return of some prodigal sons and daughters who will be very gratefully welcomed back into the fold; any takers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

Please note that from January train fares will be increased, but at the time this programme was being prepared the new prices were not available to pass on. Please be understanding if you are asked to pay a little more than what is shown against the individual rambles.

Any other notes are on last page

19TH DECEMBER 1999 – CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTER THE RAMBLE



Sunday 5th December (os map 188) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 0910 for 0930 train to Sevenoaks (arr 1014)
 LUNCH : Bricklayers Arms, near Chipstead Lake
 TEA : ?
 DISTANCE : 8.5 miles returning from Sevenoaks
 FARE : £5.50 CDR Sevenoaks

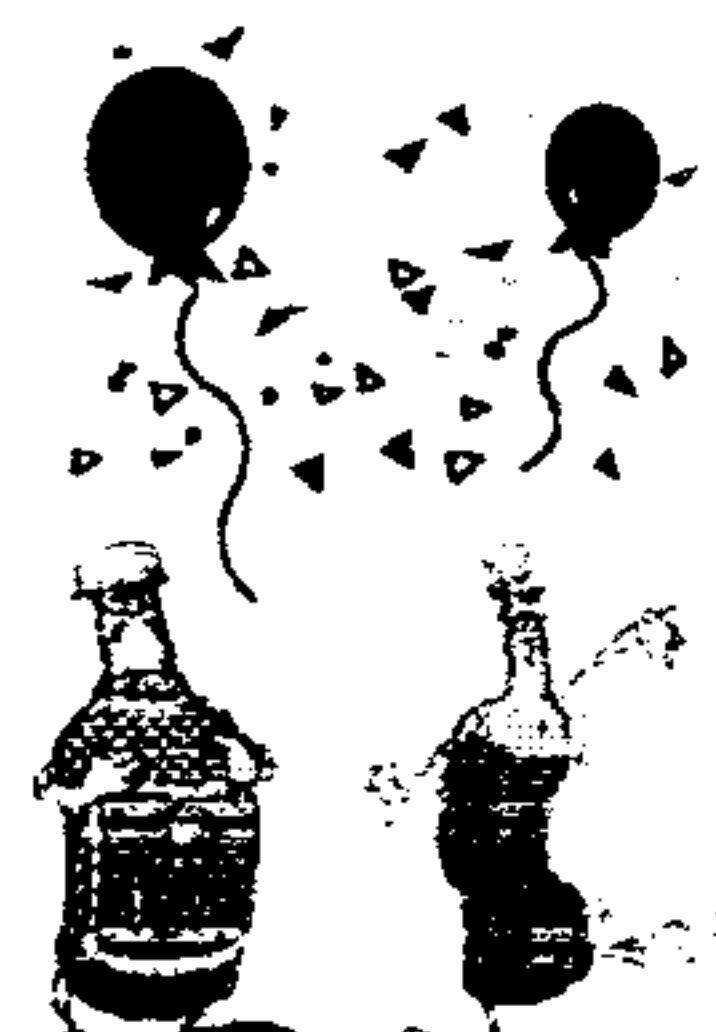
Sunday 12th December (os map 187) Leader : Ranald Watson

MEET : Victoria 0940 for 1006 train to Leatherhead (arr 1049)
 LUNCH : William IV, Mickleham
 TEA : ??
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Leatherhead. May be muddy in the afternoon.
 FARE : £5.30 cdr Leatherhead

Christmas Dinner: December 18th at 7pm. This year we return to Brahms Restaurant in Lupus Street in Pimlico. Three-course meal costs £10 to be paid in full by 1st December. (Drinks and coffee extra paid for on the night). Please send £10 payable to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club to Maria Darroch or Gillian before 1st December. Address on committee list overleaf. Vegetarian food served. As this is a popular venue it is advisable to get your name down soon. **Please do not turn up at the restaurant if you have not booked.** Members can attend 6pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral or Holy Apostles Church, Winchester Street, Pimlico. Nearest tube, Pimlico or Victoria. No 24 bus from top of Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria.

Sunday 19th December (os map 176) Leader : Tony Finnegan

- MEET : Victoria 11 00 for 11 19 train to Norbury (arr 11 37)
- LUNCH : The Goat, Hackbridge. Pub serves food but don't forget to save your appetite for the Christmas Function at the end of the Ramble
- TEA : Christmas Function at The King's Head, Colliers Wood, SW19. From 4.30pm.
- This year we have a spacious function room all to ourselves.**
- Cost £5.00 per person. Vegetarian options available. **Please make a cheque or postal order payable to Paul Connolly, and send to him at 23, Latimer Drive, Hornchurch, RM12 6TN to reach him by 13 December.** Alternatively you can pay by cash to Paul or any other committee members when you see them. **Please enclose an sae when applying by post.** Please bring a pair of light shoes or holeless socks to wear at the party. You don't need to come on the ramble, but it will help to build up your appetite!! If you want further details you can call Paul on 01708 478 745.
- DISTANCE : 6 very easy miles but with two moderate hills affording good views of the Southeast on a clear day. Returning from Colliers Wood.
- FARE : Travel Card up to £4.50 (All Zone Card £4.50p. The ramble begins in Zone 4 and finishes in Zone 3)



Tuesday 28th December (os map 165) Leader : Paul Connolly

- MEET : Marylebone 0915 for 0940 train to Princes Risborough (arr 1020)
- LUNCH : Bledlow Lion, Bledlow
- TEA : Who knows
- DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Princes Risborough
The ideal way to start burning off those acquired calories from Christmas.
- FARE : £6.50 CDR with Network Card discount Princes Risborough

Monday 3rd January (os map 167) Leader : Paul Connolly

- MEET : Liverpool Street 0905 for 0930 train to Bishops Stortford (arr 1004)
- LUNCH : Prince of Wales, Green Tye. Landlord not sure if hot food will be available, but he is quite happy for you to bring your own food.
- TEA : Maybe at Sawbridgworth
- DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Sawbridgworth. Gently undulating terrain.
- FARE : £5.80 cdr with Network Card discount Bishops Stortford

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

- MEET : Victoria 0855 for 0922 train to Otford (arr 1002)
- LUNCH : Fox & Hounds, Romney Street
- TEA : Otford
- DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Otford
- FARE : £6.10 cdr Otford.



Hilary will meet the ramblers at Otford

Sunday 16th January (os map 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

- MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Redhill (arr 1038) to connect with 1110 train to Godstone (arr 1119)
- LUNCH : Barley Mow, Tandridge.
- TEA : Big Mac, Redhill
- DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Redhill or 9 miles returning from Nutfield
- FARE : £6.80 cdr Godstone - Maurice will meet the ramblers at Redhill.

Sunday 23rd January (os map 177) Leader : John Burbage

MEET : East Croydon 1000 for 1015 tram to Addington Park
 LUNCH : Bull Inn, Chelsham Common
 TEA : Café on platform 1, East Croydon Station
 DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Oxted
 FARE : All zones travelcard £4.50 plus Oxted to Zone 6 £1.20

Sunday 30th January (os map 187) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 9 10 for 9 26 train to East Grinstead (arr 10 28)
 LUNCH : The Cat Inn, West Hoathly
 TEA : Various possibilities in East Grinstead
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from East Grinstead
 FARE : £8.30 cdr East Grinstead

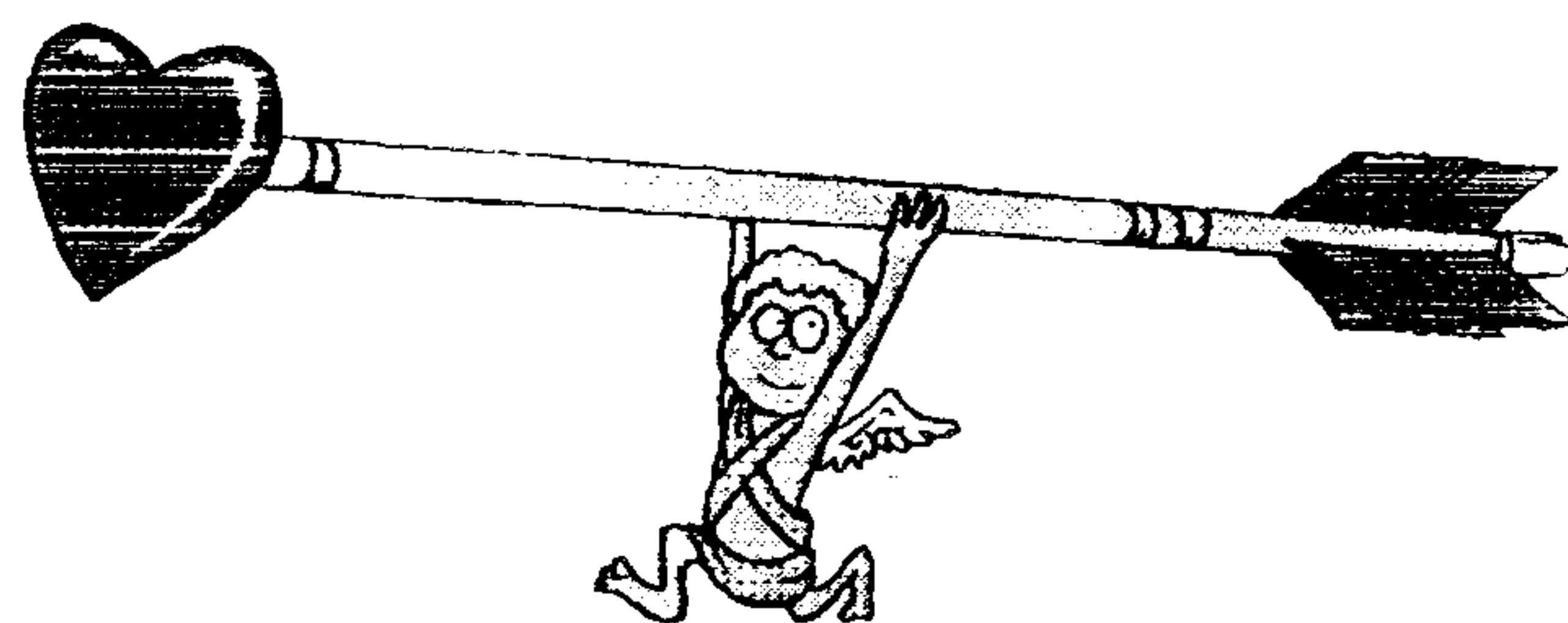
Sunday 6th February (os map 176) Leader : Micheal Donnelly

MEET : Baker Street 0940 for 1001 train to Northwood (arr 1031)
 LUNCH : Horse and Barge, South Harefield
 TEA : Ruislip Lido
 DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Northwood
 FARE : All zone travel card £4.50

Micheal will meet the ramblers at Northwood.

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

MEET : Charing Cross 0950 for 1010 train to Chelsfield (arr 1047)
 LUNCH : Three Horseshoes, Knockholt Pound
 TEA : Sevenoaks
 DISTANCE : 9.5 miles returning from Sevenoaks
 FARE : £5.50 cdr Sevenoaks



Visit to The Old Operating Theatre and to the Florence Nightingale Museum: Saturday February 19th. Dorothy Hickman is organising a trip to the above venues. Meet at London Bridge Rail station by W H Smith's from 11.20 to 11.30. Visit the Old Operating Theatre, 9a St Thomas Street, The only surviving 19th Century surgical Theatre. Admission £2.90 (Concession £2.00). Then walk along the Thames Path to the Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas's Hospital, 2 Lambeth Palace Road. Admission £3.50 (concessions £2.50) Lunch Possibly Southwark Cathedral (C of E) Restaurant or Founders Arms Pub. Contact Dorothy Hickman Tel. 01737 765 231.

Sunday 20th February (os map 175) Leader : Maria Darroch

MEET : Paddington 0820 for 0846 train to Henley-on-Thames (arr 0952) – Change at Twyford
 LUNCH : Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove
 TEA : Unlikely (How far from Henley is it?)
 DISTANCE : 15 miles returning from Henley-on-Thames
 FARE : £9.00 cdr Henley-on-Thames

Sunday 27th February (os map 197) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 0850 for 0917 train to Emsworth (arr 1110)

LUNCH : Old House at Home, Cot Lane, Chidham. (os 787040)

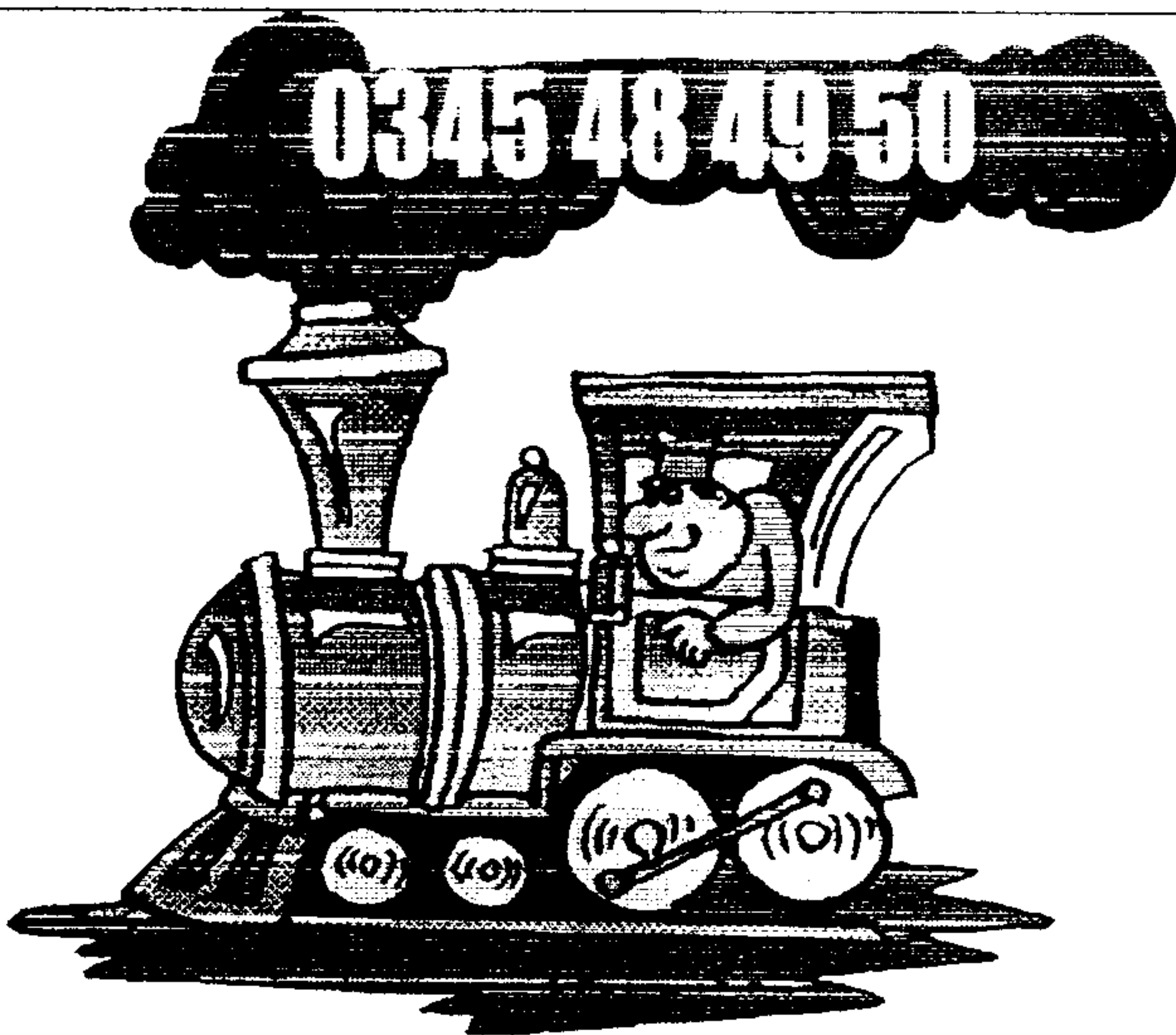
TEA : Bosham or Chichester

DISTANCE : 11 miles returning from Chichester. No hills but a very scenic coastal walk.

FARE : £10.55 cdr Emsworth with Network card discount.

Maurice will meet the ramblers at Emsworth

70th Anniversary Celebrations, 17 to 19 June 2000: As announced in the last programme Barbara Bridle is organising a special weekend at Aylesford Priory in Kent to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Club. The weekend begins on Friday evening 17th June and ends on Sunday evening 19th June. On both the Saturday and Sunday there will be a choice of short (5 or 6 mile) and longer (10 or 15 mile) walks. The longer option on Sunday will meet up with the day walkers for the normal Sunday Club Ramble. Or those who prefer to relax around the Priory can do that. Those who are staying for the week end have already sent in their deposits but everyone will be welcome to join the rambles on the Saturday and/or Sunday.



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 off the full fares.

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

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC RAMBLERS' CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1999 at 3PM

Refreshments were provided by Helen Hunt and Peter Lobo and were served to members on arrival from 2.30pm.

Paul Brunning thanked everyone for coming. He opened the meeting with the Prayer of St Francis and prayers for the victims of last Tuesday's train crash.

Apologies for absence were received from: Fr David Barnes, Betty Morrison, Mary Hennessey, Mike Hoffman, Randal Watson, Phil Carolan, Frank Crowley, Madeleine Lawrence, John & Genevieve Geary, Antoinette Ratnam, Bridget Brunning, Madeleine Lane, Philip Evans, Angela Shardlow.

Minutes of 1998 AGM: Dorothy Hickman said §10 line 8 should read 'the V.P. ... helps to preserve the spirit of the Club' not 'the V.P. ... helps to preserve the constitution of the Club'. The minutes of the 68th AGM with this amendment were agreed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was given and accepted; a copy is attached. Anyone who wants to go on the Aylesford weekend but has not yet booked should now book directly with Aylesford. Maureen Cahalane said the Club History Book was very amusing and gives a potted history of the Club.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the accounts have been given out. Thirty members lapsed but many came back. Membership increased by 11. Life membership has also increased. No costs were incurred for the Christmas party as the venue was free; the profit was made on the raffle. Low turnout caused the loss on the Summer Party, this loss was not too great because those who came supported the raffle generously.

Matters arising from Treasurer's Report: The low turnout at the Summer Party was discussed. Was it due to location (Clapham)? Some members thought it was easier to get to than some places in Central London. Helen said they were pleased to find such a good venue at a reasonable price. Do we need a Summer Party? Many who attend are less active members, they need a place to meet - perhaps a tea party. Was the music too loud for conversation? A CD unit would have been insufficient as it was a large hall. Helen suggested members should make their views known to the Committee. Bridie Barry said membership enquiries had inexplicably dropped off at the beginning of Summer. John Lawrence had been unable to audit the accounts because Maddie's illness detained them in Italy. Tony Finnegan had filled the breach. The accounts had John's name provisionally on them but the meeting agreed that Tony's name should be on them. Tony complimented Gillian on the way the records had been kept. He said the Club is in a healthy position with £1000 annual income/expenditure and £3000 in the bank; there are 174 subscription paying members and 53 Life Members. Gillian thanked Tony for his help.

Election of new Committee: Paul Brunning resigned as Vice-President at the meeting. Helen was willing to stand as Vice-President, nominated by Bridie Barry. Gillian McLauchlan was willing to continue as Treasurer. Paul Connolly was willing to continue as Ramble List Compiler. Jo Lewis-Evans, John Burbage, Robert Slater, Francis O'Sullivan, Bridie Barry and Maria Darroch were nominated as Committee Members. There being no other candidates they were duly elected. No one was willing to be Secretary. Bridie pointed out it was our own fault we are in this position, we have kept using Helen as she did a very good job. The role of Secretary was discussed. The Secretary holds the reins, brings everything together, is Club contact; others can help with events, any typing and drawing up the Newsletter. It was decided that Helen continue as a 'contact Secretary' for the time being but that her duties should be taken over at the first meeting of the new Committee. Margaret Moran thanked Helen for all her work as Club Secretary.

Any Other Business: It was suggested that the Club arrange a Mass for Daphne Fisk's mother. Paul Brunning said the new Committee should arrange this. Maureen Furlong had been to see Angela Shardlow who had recently had an operation, she had recovered from this and been given the all-clear but would not be able to walk for some time. Phil Carolan's sister has recently died. It was thought useful to have Masses and events listed in the appropriate place on the ramble list as well as being mentioned in the newsletter. It was suggested that there should be a mention of the Club and the intention at a Club Mass, but sometimes the Celebrant could forget this. One member asked if there could be more short rambles. Paul Connolly said people should come up with shorter rambles, he did not have an excess of rambles but had to ring round to fill up the Ramble List. It was suggested that when there were say 3 long rambles in a row there could be a shorter one as an alternative on one of the days. It was suggested that there were people willing to do shorter rambles on stand by if needed but Paul said there had never been any need to turn rambles away.

John Lawrence and Tony Finnegan were appointed as auditors for the coming year.

Gillian asked if anyone had current addresses for Anthony Clarkson, Philip Groves and Kay Armstrong as post addressed to them had been returned.

The meeting finished at 4.20.