

June - August 2001

Ramble List and News

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Dear Ramblers,

Many thanks to those members who contributed walks to the programmes that were produced at short notice because of the FMD crisis, and to all those who came to both the emergency meetings.

It's been a sad beginning of Spring for farmers and ramblers alike with the outbreak of FMD. It makes us realise how fragile our environment can be . . .

The following websites have so far been the best (apart from our own website which is the very best) for current information and walks: www.walkingworld.com; www.openbritain.gov.uk; www.britishwaterways.co.uk; www.open.visitbritain.com; and www.english-heritage.org.uk. Would be grateful to receive any other addresses that you think might be useful to the SFACRC members.

Highlights of this issue:



Monster Summer BBQ



Morris dancing



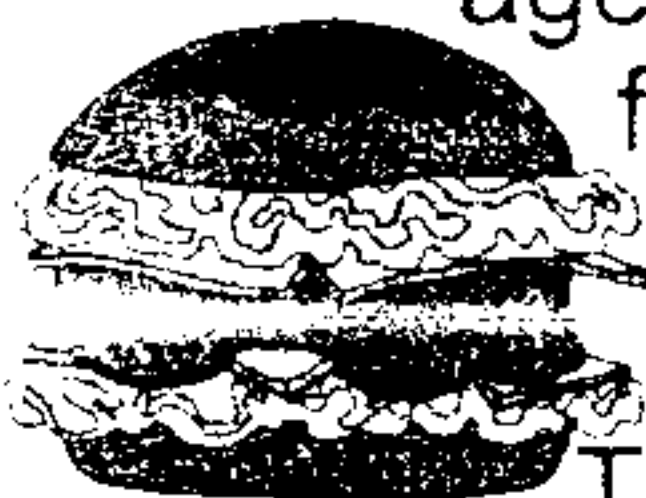
Special Announcements



Mass for the deceased

Monster Summer Barbeque - 14th July 2001

This year John Burbage has organised a barbeque for us and it is an ideal opportunity for members of all ages to get together. Please bring your own food to barbeque and drink - salads and strawberries + cream provided. BBQ's, plates, cutlery etc will also be provided. There will be a BBQ solely for the use of vegetarians. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details of this event. There will be a raffle - any donations welcome.



The school can be reached (not by car) via Battersea High Street / Westbridge Road / Granville Street (from Clapham Junction) or Westbridge Road / Granville Street from Battersea Bridge

Buses: To Battersea Bridge: 19 from Highgate - To Latchmere Road: 44 Tooting / Vauxhall, 344 Liverpool St. / Clapham. Junc.

To Surrey Lane: 49 Shepherds Bush / Clapham Junc. 319 Streatham/ Clapham Junc./ Sloane Sq. 345 South Kensington / Clapham Junc./ Peckham.

To Granville Street (Westbridge Road) 239 Victoria / Clapham Junc.

Clapham Junction is served by Connex (to Victoria) Silverlink (to North London Line) & Southwest Trains (to Waterloo).

Welcome to new members:

Paul Rowntree, Streatham; Keith Evans, Camberwell Green; Julie Mastenko, Surbiton; and Gavin Fowells, London E1.

Advice to new members: Please read your introductory leaflet carefully, especially about wearing suitable footwear with ankle support for your own safety, and maintaining good relations with pub owners by not eating our own food on their premises.

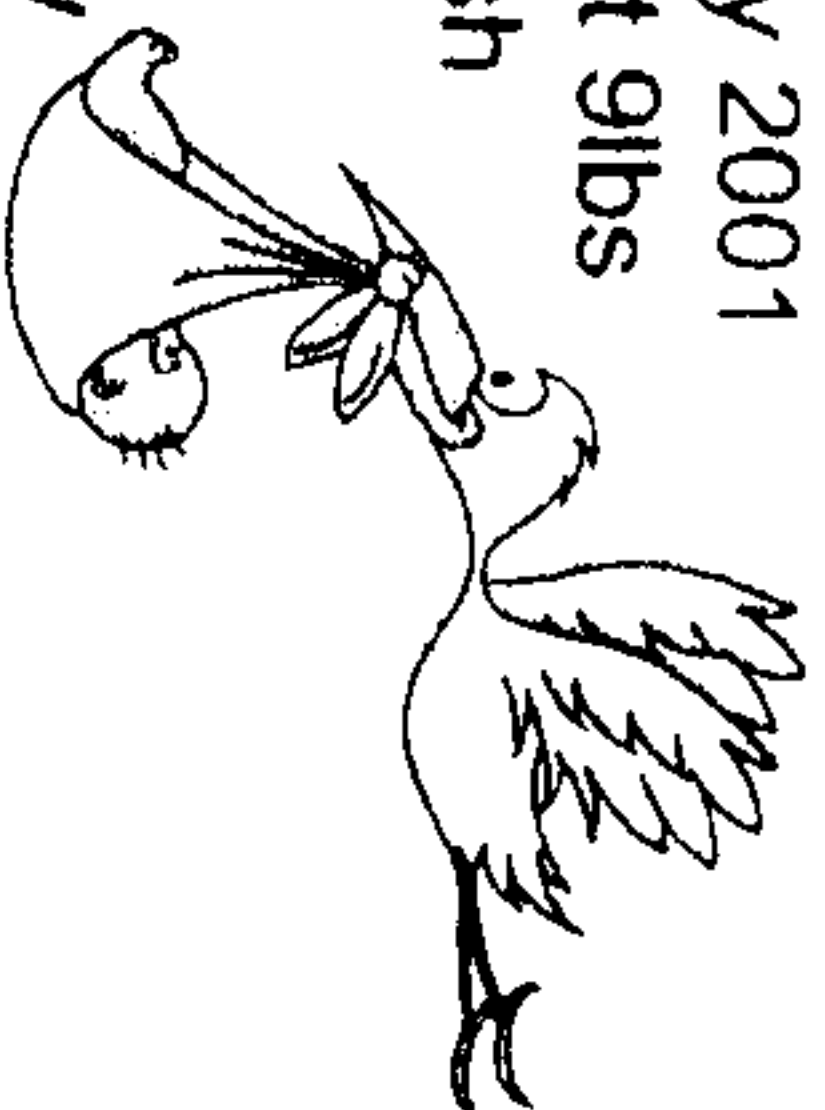
Massed show of Morris dancing in Reigate Priory Park on Saturday 18th August: This year the *East Surrey Morris Men* celebrate their 75th anniversary. Dancing will also take place at other sites. Please ring Dorothy

Hickman (01737 765231) nearer the time for details of a Tortoise walk taking in this event.

Fr. Barnes silver jubilee: Many thanks for your generosity for his collection - we were able to buy a beautiful framed image of Christ in solid silver and a plaque with his name and the name of our club engraved on it, which we presented to him on Saturday 28th April. It was a concelebrated mass with Fr. David and Monsignor Peter Grant, and was a spiritual and enjoyable evening. Thanks also to the many people who attended and brought along food to share. It was lovely to see you all and your efforts were appreciated very much.

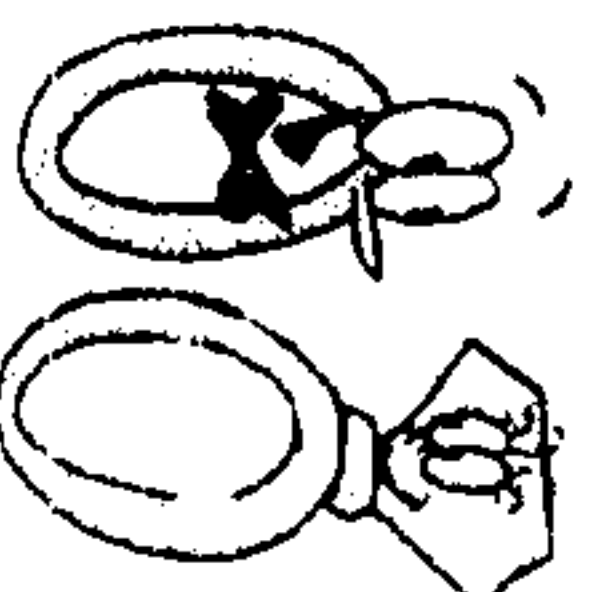
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our congratulations to John and Claire Lee on the birth of their baby daughter, Johanna, on 28th February 2001 weighing in at 9lbs 1oz. We wish them lots of happy times with their new bundle of joy.



Happy Golden Anniversary to John and Monica Dingle who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday 21st July. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you from the club. John joined the club in 1947 and is therefore one of our long-standing members.

I say, keeping it in the club, what? It's no secret but to those who don't know, the ramble list compiler and the secretary are engaged. A wedding date has yet to be set, but we envisage it to be sometime after Easter next year.



Congratulations to Catherine Chainey, eldest daughter of Tony and Maria on her recent marriage. Tony and Maria themselves met through the club.

New enquiries: It is wonderful to see so many members introducing their friends to the club but please remember when you let a new contact have a copy of the current programme to pass their name and address to one of the membership secretaries. They will then get the normal introductory letter and leaflet containing essential information about rambling.

Y.H.A. Group Membership Card: The club is in possession of a group membership Y.H.A. card. Please contact Helen in advance,

if you would like to borrow it for hostel weekends in case she is away at the time you need it.

Obituaries:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to John Lawrence on the death of his wife, Madeleine, on Friday 6th April. Maddie had been a member since October 1951, and had led many rambles for the club, served on the committee occasionally and been a member of the choir when the club had one in the 1950s. Her requiem mass was held on 24th April at St. Boniface Church, Tooting.

Another member, Gennet Berthe, died on Saturday 14th April. Gennet had been a member for 15 years, and worked in the Westminster Cathedral gift shop. She will be very sadly missed by her friends in the club. Her funeral mass was held on Wednesday 25th April.

Both the funeral masses were represented by various SFACRC members.

The 5.30pm mass on Saturday 11th August at St. Mary Moorfields Church in Eldon Street will be offered for the repose of the souls of Maddie Lawrence, Gennet Berthe, Bernadette Cahill's Mother, Catherine Martin's Mother and Daphne Fisk's uncle, Dennis Griffiths, who passed away last December. He was a member who joined in 1952/53 (the first year the membership list was typed).

Nearest tube/rail stations are Moorgate and Liverpool Street. Members can gather afterwards for a drink and a meal, probably at the Wetherspoon pub, *Masque Haunt*, in Old Street.

Items for next programme should reach the secretary or ramble list compiler by 20th July 2001.

God Bless and happy rambling...

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Antoinette

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME : 20 July 2001



Thank you to everyone who under the current difficult circumstances has helped to make this programme possible. Until there is a clear and unequivocal confirmation from government, that access to footpaths in the countryside is allowed once more, we will have to work on the premise that the next programme needs to be produced in the same fashion as this one. It is frustrating but we must strive to ensure that there is something happening every weekend.

Don't forget that the summer train times will be in effect throughout this programme. Please bear with the leaders if there is any variation to what is shown as the new times were not available during the preparation of this programme.

Paul

Sunday 3rd June (os maps 198) Leaders : Gillian McLaughlan & Peter Storrow

- MEET : Victoria 0805 for 0832 train to Brighton (arr 0949) or
London Bridge 0815 for 0840 train to Brighton (arr 0951)
LUNCH : The Winner, Brighton Racecourse
TEA : Brighton
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Brighton. Time also for swimming and sightseeing
FARE : £9.75 cdr Brighton with network card discount

Sunday 10th June (os maps 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

- MEET : Victoria 0935 for 1002 train to Redhill (arr 1037)
LUNCH : The Sportsman, Mogador
TEA : Redhill
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Redhill
FARE : £6.10 cdr Redhill – Maurice will meet the ramblers at Redhill



Sunday 17th June (os maps 176) Leader : Phil Evans

- MEET : Paddington 0945 for 1013 train to Hayes and Harlington (arr 1029)
LUNCH : Magpie & Crown, Brentford
TEA : Steam Museum, Kew Bridge. £4.00 admission if you want to visit the museum (possible discount if the party is 8 or more)
DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Kew Bridge
FARE : One day travelcard up to £4.90

Saturday 23rd June (os map 178) Leader : Barbara Bridle

- MEET : Victoria 0840 for 0905 train to Faversham (arr 1010)
LUNCH : Variety of pubs and cafes in Faversham
TEA : Faversham
DISTANCE : Approx 6 miles including a guided tour round historic Faversham (cost £1.00), and maybe a visit to St Judes shrine, as well as many other points of interest.
FARE : £8.80 Faversham with network southeast discount
Barbara will meet the ramblers at Faversham

Sunday 24th June (os maps 176) Leaders : Maureen Cahalane & Bridie Barry

- MEET : Baker Street 1015 for 1030 start
LUNCH : Prince Albert, Princess Road NW1
TEA : Park Café, or bring your own to eat on the grass
DISTANCE : 8 Miles finishing at Baker Street
FARE : One day travelcard, up to £4.90

Sunday 1st July (os maps 177) Leader : Tony Norton

- MEET : Mile End (zone 2 – Central and District lines) 1015 for 1030 start
LUNCH : Prince of Wales, Lea Bridge Road, Clapton, E5
TEA : ???
DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Enfield Lock
FARE : One day travelcard, up to £4.90

Sunday 8th July (os maps 176/London A-Z) Leader : Tony Finnegan

- MEET : Wandsworth Town Station for 1030 am start (frequent trains from Waterloo; last train to arrive by 1030 leaves Waterloo at 1017.
LUNCH : Merton Abbey Mills, William Morris Pub. A longer than usual lunch stop will allow time to browse around the famous Merton Abbey craft market, where there are many alternative sources of food and places to eat your own. You may also join or leave the ramble at this point (3½ miles into the walk).
TEA : For those who last the distance MacDonalds at Waddon station.
DISTANCE : 11½ miles returning from Waddon.
FARE : One day travel card up to £4.90p. Tony will meet the ramblers at Wandsworth

Saturday 14th July – Monster Summer BBQ. Please see enclosed newsletter (blue pages) and enclosed flyer for details of this.

Sunday 15th July (os maps 187) Leader : Maurice Hickman

MEET : Victoria 1010 for 1034 train to Merstham (arr 1105)
 LUNCH : St Josephs Church fete, Ladbroke Road, Redhill
 TEA : Redhill
 DISTANCE : 12.5 miles returning from Redhill
 FARE : £6.10 cdr Redhill, Maurice will meet the ramblers at Merstham

Sunday 22nd July (os maps 197) Leaders : Angela Shardlow & Maxine O'Reilly

MEET : Victoria 0750 for 0817 train to Chichester (arr 1001)
 LUNCH : Earl of March, Lavant
 TEA : Chichester
 DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Chichester
 FARE : £12.50 cdr Chichester with network card discount
 Angela and Maxine will meet the ramblers at Chichester

Sunday 29th July (os maps 176/London A-Z) Leader : Tony Finnegan

MEET : Victoria 0955 for 1019 train to Streatham Common (arr 1034)
 LUNCH : Goose and Granite, Clapham Common. Seats on the common to eat your own.
 You may also join or leave the ramble at this point (about half way through the walk).
 TEA : MacDonalds Balham.
 DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Balham Northern Line or Main Line Suburban station.
 FARE : One day travel card up to £4.90p.
 Tony will meet the ramblers at Streatham Common

Sunday 5th August (os map 186) Leaders : Jackie Twining & Witold Sokolowski

MEET : Waterloo 0950 for 1015 train to Guildford (arr 1049)
 LUNCH : The Parrott Inn, Shalford
 TEA : Mais oui!!
 DISTANCE : 10 miles returning from Godalming
 FARE : £6.60 cdr Godalming with network card discount



Saturday 11th August – Mass for the deceased: 5.30 pm mass at St. Mary Moorfields for deceased members and members' family. Please see newsletter for more information.

Sunday 12th August (os map 176) Leader : Michael Donnelly

MEET : Kings Cross 0930 for 0956 train to Enfield (arr 1019)
 LUNCH : King and Tinker, Whitewebbs Lane
 TEA : Forty Hall
 DISTANCE : 8 miles returning from Enfield
 FARE : One day travelcard – up to £4.90. Michael will meet the Ramblers at Enfield

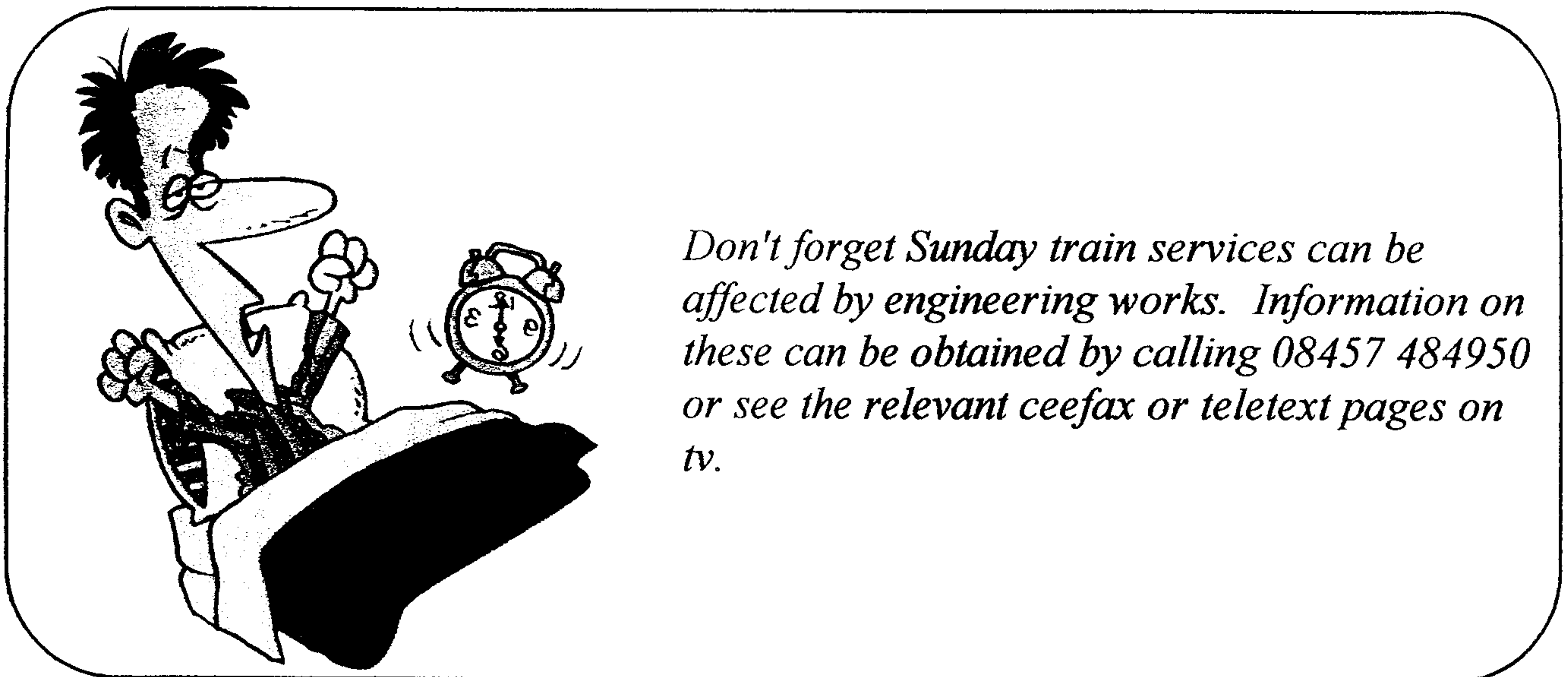
Saturday 18th August – Massed show of Morris dancing: Dorothy Hickman is organising a tortoise walk to take in this event – please see newsletter for details.

Sunday 19th August (os maps 177) Leader : Paul Brunning

MEET : Charing Cross 1000 for 1023 train to Hayes (arr 1101)
 LUNCH : The Fox, or, The Greyhound, Keston Common
 TEA : No 'T' today thank you
 DISTANCE : 9 miles returning from Hayes
 FARE : One day travelcard up to £4.90

Monday 27th August (os maps 169) Leaders : Paul Connolly & Frank Bigg

MEET : Liverpool Street 0805 for 0832 train to Clacton (arr 1002)
 LUNCH : Holland-on-Sea, or bring your own to eat on the beach
 TEA : Walton on the Naze - plenty of cafes, chippies, and pubs
 DISTANCE : 12 miles returning from Walton on the Naze
 FARE : £12.55 cdr Clacton with network card discount, plus £1.60 single
 Walton on the Naze – Thorpe le Soken with network card discount
 Paul and Frank will meet the ramblers at Clacton. Bring a costume and towel



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. You can also get 50p off all zone travel cards even if purchased at underground stations.

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