

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Rambler's Club
(affiliated to H.F. Holidays)**

The Club is approved by the Archbishop of Westminster; affiliated to the Ramblers Association

**Programme of Rambles / Events for June to August 2011
*Items for the next programme by the 25th of July PLEASE***

New Leaders

The Club desperately needs new leaders to take the place of those members who are no longer able to lead walks and give relief to those leaders who have to lead two or more walks on a programme. Please contact John or Maurice.

Please Note: Considerable savings can be made by the use of railcards. Most members have different types of card - Network Card, Senior Railcard and Freedom passes. Southern Railways sell cheap tickets on line; see the 'Loco' adverts starring a big fat Mexican hombre. Visit www.southernrailway.com

SUNDAY 5th June (Landranger Map 166) Leader: Robert Slater

Meet: King's Cross 09.30 for 09.53 train to Baldock (arr. 10.29)

Lunch: The Red Lion, Weston

Tea: Baldock

Distance: 9 Miles returning from Baldock

Fare: £10.55 with Network Railcard.

Note: Robert will meet walkers at Baldock.

SUNDAY 12th June (Landranger Map 166) Leader: Martin Harrison

Meet: Liverpool Street Station 10.05 for 10.22 train to Turkey Street (arr. 10.45)

(Alternative route: 9.40 latest at Oakwood Station, Piccadily Line for 121 Bus to Turkey Street.)

Lunch: The Fallow Buck, Enfield. There are a number of good places to eat sandwiches.

Tea: Trent Country Park, Cockfosters

Distance: 10 Miles returning from Cockfosters/Oakwood

Fare: All zone Travelcard

Note: Martin will meet walkers at Turkey Street

SUNDAY 19th June (Landranger Map 199) Leader: Philip Groves

Meet: Victoria Station 08:30 for 08:47 train to Polegate (arr. 10:00)

Lunch: The Plough and Harrow, Litlington

Tea: Eastbourne

Distance: 16 hilly miles returning from Eastbourne (optional swim at the end of walk)

Fare: £17.53 CDR Eastbourne with Network Card (or £13 each with 4 for 2 offer)

Note: If he is not at the station, leader will meet group at Polegate

SUNDAY June 26th (OS Landranger Map 153) Leader: Paul Connolly

Meet : Kings Cross 08.50 for 09.15 train to Sandy (arr 10.06)

Lunch : The Cock - Broom. Chance to try your hand at Northants Skittles

Tea : Henlow

Distance : 12 level miles returning from Arlesey

Fare : £11.30 CDR Sandy with network card discount

SUNDAY 3rd July (Landranger Map 165) Leader : Robert Slater

Meet : Euston 09.00 for 09.23 train to Bletchley(arr. 10.17)

Lunch: The Old Red Lion,Great Brickhill

Tea: The Globe Inn(by canal),Linslade.

Distance: 14 miles returning from Leighton Buzzard

Fare: £9.25 Bletchley from Euston with Network Railcard.

Note: Robert will meet ramblers at Bletchley. Walk includes Grand Union Canal,Rammamere Heath(watch out for adders) and Stockgrove Country Park.

SUNDAY 10th July (Landranger Map 199) Leader: Maurice Hickman

Meet: Victoria 09.20 for 09.47 train to Eastbourne (arr.. 11.08)

Lunch: Tiger Inn, East Dean

Tea: Birling Gap

Distance: 12 mostly hilly miles, returning from Eastbourne

Fare: £17.35 with Network Card (also 4 for 2 offer or visit southernrailway.com)

Note: Chance of a swim at Birling Gap if weather is fine.

SUNDAY 17th July (Landranger Map 187) Leader: Joe O'Reilly

Meet: Victoria Station 09.05 for 09.27 train to Balcombe (arr. 10.16)

Lunch: Royal Oak, Handcross. Sunday roasts from £10.90 or bring sandwiches

Tea: Balcombe.

Distance: 12 miles returning from Balcombe. Some hills in the morning.

Fare: From £6.85 with network card. Southern offer advance and group deals.

SUNDAY 24th July (OS Landranger Map 174) Leader: Paul Connolly

Meet : Paddington 09.15 for 09.43 train to Goring & Streatley (arr. 11.01)

Lunch : The Bell - Aldworth. no hot food but good value filled rolls and puddings

Tea : ??

Distance : 12 miles returning from Cholsey. One steep climb in the morning then undulating and downhill.

Fare : £12.60 CDRCholsey with network card discount

SUNDAY 31st July (Landranger Map 166) Leader: Carol Anley

Meet: Kings Cross 10.00 for 10.23 train to Hitchin (arr.10.52)

Lunch: Broadway Hotel & Carvery,Letchworth Garden City town centre.

Tea: Radwell Village Hall for home-made cakes.

Distance: 10 miles returning from Letchworth Garden City.

Fare: £10.55 Letchworth Garden City return with Network Card.

Note: Carol will meet ramblers at Hitchin.

SUNDAY 7th August (Explorer Maps 174, 175 and 183). Leaders Virginia & Roger Yelland.

Meet: Epping Station at 10.00 (Central Line: Zone 6: Epping is approximately 55mins. from Oxford Circus).

Lunch: The Moletrap, Tawney Common (near Beachet Wood). The Moletrap has won three times the CAMRA award for best pub in the Essex and Hertfordshire Borders Region. It was so named by Samuel Threader, inventor of a Moletrap, who had the house built, and who also ran a "Beer Shop" on the premises. Call Roger on 07910 358646 for details if you are joining us for lunch.

Tea: we will take a picnic tea (please bring food and drink) by the church of St Andrews at Greensted-juxta-Ongar. This church (dated between 1063 and 1108), is the oldest wooden church in the UK, possibly in the world. The nave is mostly original and is made of large split oak tree trunks.

Distance: 12 miles from Epping to Greensted-juxta-Ongar, though ancient woodland and farmland. Undulating.

Fare: Zones 1-6 Travelcard £8 (max)

SUNDAY 14th August (Landranger Map 179) Leader: Paul Brunning

Meet: Charing Cross 08.45 for the 09.04 train to Chilham, Kent (arr.10.45) (Alternative route take the 09.37 HS1 train from St. Pancras International to Ashford Intl. and join the main group on the 10.33 to Chilham)

Lunch: The White Horse, Chilham. (Excellent home made grub but expensive.)

Tea: Optional - a large choice in Canterbury.

Distance: 12 easy miles, returning from Canterbury.

Fare: Anytime return to Canterbury £14.00 with Railcard (supplement on HS1)

SUNDAY 21st August (Landranger Map 187) Leader: John Burbage

Meet: Victoria Station 08.50 for the 09.08 train to Leatherhead (arr. 09.58*)

Lunch: A choice of pubs and cafes in Dorking (west side)

Tea: Bocketts Farm Teashop

Distance: 12 miles returning from Leatherhead. Hilly in the morning; more level in the afternoon with one hill.

Fare: £5.10 Anytime return with Railcard. Book via internet from £3.75 return.

*Earlier start to allow for a short bus journey from Epsom in morning only.

Note: It will be possible to join the group for the 6 mile return leg. Meet at the Junction of High Street and West Street (near the Museum) at 2pm. Leader may join the group en route.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29th August

Leader: Tony Norton

OS Map Landranger No 165

Meet: Marylebone 09.10 for 09.27 train to Great Missenden

Lunch: Selection of venues in Wendover.

Tea: Possibly

Distance: 13 miles returning from Great Missenden

Fare: £9.55 with Network Card

Club Committee 2010-2011

Please note that the contact details of the committee members below should only be used for the sole purpose of members being able to contact them on legitimate club business.

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October AGM

Details of the date of the next AGM will go out in the next newsletter. Unless otherwise stated this will be held on Saturday 8th of October this being the nearest Saturday after the

feast of St Francis of Assisi which is 4th of October. At this meeting a new committee will hopefully be elected. Members should all consider, if they have not done so already, standing on the committee which is not an onerous job and can be a lot of fun. The committee meets just 4 times a year. Nomination forms will go out with the next Club newsletter.

Receiving the Newsletter by Email

A number of members already receive the newsletter by email. If you would prefer to receive it in this way please let the secretary know so that you can be included on his email list. If you are willing to receive it in this way you will be helping the Club by saving it money on paper, ink and postage. You should also receive the newsletter sooner than by 'snail mail'.

Events for June, July and August

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Saturday 25th June

This Pilgrimage is in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace and will be held at the Carmelite Shrine of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Simon Stock in Aylesford on Saturday 25th of June starting at 11am. The programme for the day is as follows:

11.00 am CONFESSIONS
11.15 am HYMNS & PRAISE with rosary, litany, Salve Regina
12.00 pm MASS
1.15 am LUNCH BREAK (bring a picnic lunch or use the tea room)
2.45 pm TALK by Guest Speaker
3.30 pm TEA BREAK
4.00 pm ADORATION & PRAYER, EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament
4.45 pm BENEDICTION & FAREWELL
5.00 pm THANKSGIVING, SONG & DEPARTURE

Further information can be sought from Anne Pass, Shrine Secretary, The Friars on 01622 717272 (email:shrine@friars.org.uk) For the cheapest fare (avoiding underground) catch the 0907 train from Victoria to Maidstone East, walk for 15 minutes to Maidstone Barracks and then catch the 1034 train from there, arriving at Aylesford Station at 1039. Turn left out of the station and walk 3/4 mile to Aylesford village. After crossing River Medway turn left and follow for 1/2 mile (to avoid walking on road take high level path on your right) to the Friars on your left. For your return journey use the reverse procedure, catching the 1720 or 1750 trains. The cheapest fare, using Network Card, is £11.70. The alternative route via Stroud is dearer at over £19 as it uses the underground but it could be an option if you are one of the lucky Freedom Pass holders.

Tuesday 28th June 7pm at St Mary Moorfields, Eldon Street

The eve of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Mass followed by reception in the hall. Eldon Street is situated midway between Liverpool Street and Moorgate Stations.

Promming at the Royal Albert Hall

How about a touch of culture and music appreciation this summer? the following concerts have been chosen from the large selection of Prom concerts by those who wish to prom in the Arena for the princely sum of £5.

Monday 25 July at 7.30 pm. Mahler Symphony no 9. Conductor: Sir Roger Norrington. Introductory talk 5.45 pm at Royal College of Music across the road from concert hall. To hold your place in the queue place tickets are provided.

Monday 8 August at 7.30pm. Sibelius Symphony no.6. Grieg Piano Concerto(originally played beautifully by Eric Morcombe).Nielsen Symphony no.4.

Wednesday 24 August at 7pm. Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements. Ravel Sheherazade. Tchaikovsky Symphony no.4.

Just turn up at 5pm and join the Arena queue. The tickets can be purchased at door 11

when it opens about 45 minutes before the start of the concert. For any clarification, contact Robert Slater on 01462 435229 who aims to attend all three concerts.

Saturday 13th August - Sunday 28th August A&B Newman Pilgrimage

A number of our members already go on the annual A&B Walking Pilgrimage which is usually held during the last two weeks in August. Pilgrims will be walking from London to Birmingham in honour of Blessed John Henry Newman. If you wish to go on it details and an application form are on the website: www.thepilgrims.org.uk Maurice will be leading the walk on Day 3 on Monday 15th of August which is from Ealing to Farnham Common in the Chilterns. Francis O'Sullivan will also be leading a day. More details available at the end of July and perhaps in the next newsletter.

Future Events

Annual Reunion -Saturday 24th of September

The Annual Club Reunion will take place in St. Mary Moorfields, Eldon Street EC2M 7LS (near Liverpool Street Station) on Saturday 24th September at 12.30 pm. More details in the next programme. In the meantime please put the date in your diary.

Annual General Meeting-Saturday 8th of October?

More details in the next newsletter but please think about standing on the committee if you are still a committed member of the Club. The meeting will be followed by Mass at 6pm. in the St. Mary Moorfields church (above the hall),

Annual Mass for Deceased Members-Saturday 5th or 12th of November

There will be a Mass for the deceased members of the Club at 6pm in St Mary Moorfields Church, Eldon Street. Members usually go for a meal after this Mass.

Westminster Record

Jo-Anne Rowney, a journalist with the Westminster Record has been in touch again with a view to doing a feature on the Club in either July or August. This is a good thing for the Club as it will help to make the Club better known, especially in the London area.