

## Arundel & Brighton Walking Pilgrimages

Friday 31 March - Sunday 2 April 1995

### Why?

31st March is the 20th Anniversary of the start of the very first A&B Walking Pilgrimage, organised by Fr Bill back in 1975



### Where?

Ropley in Hampshire, the home of Aid & Meld Simons, who met on that very first pilgrimage

### What?

The 'usual thing': sleeping in the village hall, a walk and pub lunch on Saturday, with late-afternoon celebration Mass and a barn dance in the evening. Mass and an optional steam-train ride on Sunday. But most of all, an opportunity to meet old friends and pilgrims from other years, and to give thanks in true pilgrim style for all the blessings we have enjoyed over "20 blistering years".

### Who? - YOU!!!

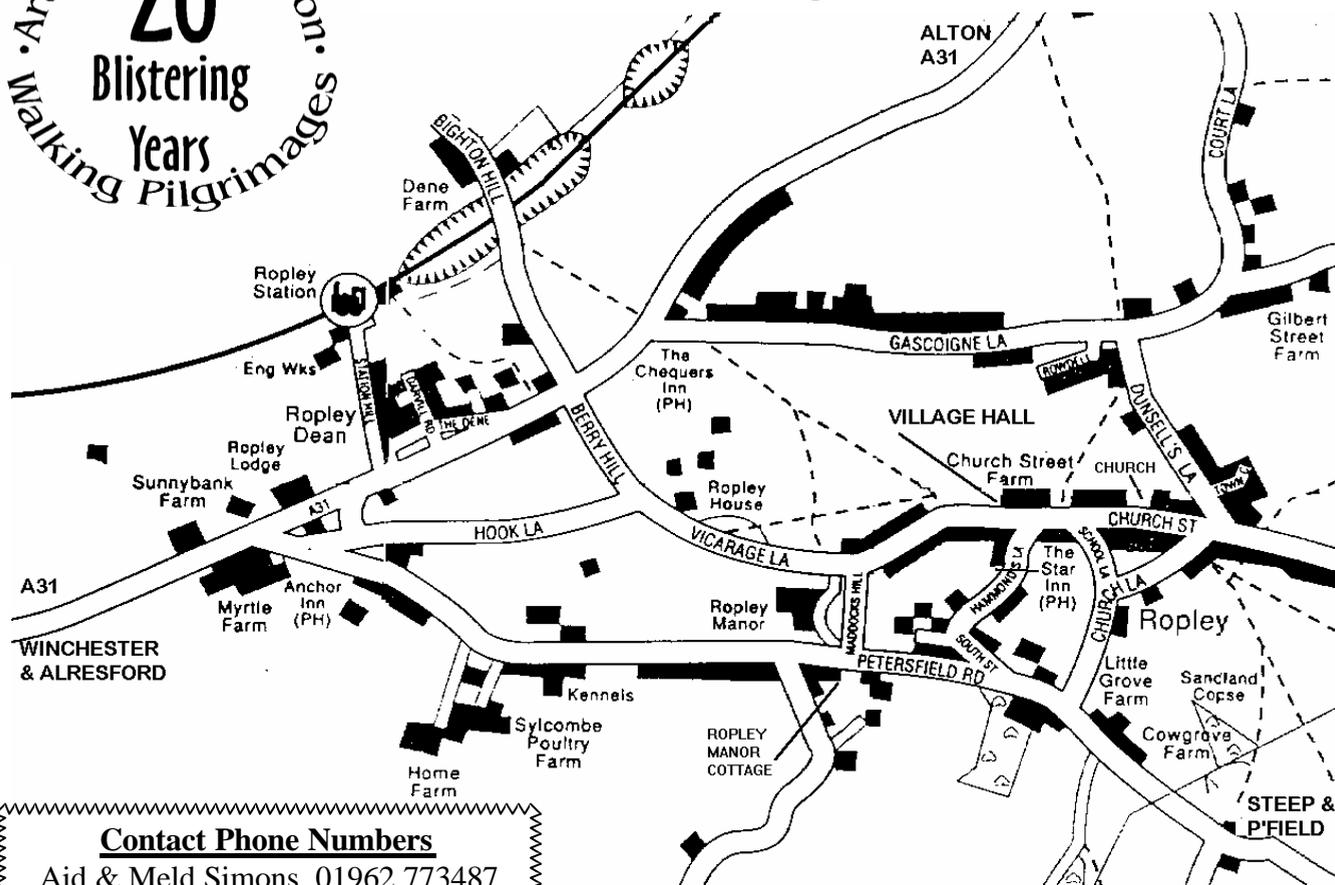
Everyone and anyone who has taken part in a pilgrimage is invited, however little, however long ago. But neither do you have to be an old stager: even if 1994 was your first year, you are as much a part of our pilgrim family as those hoping for long-service awards! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, come when you can. If, because of age or young children or whatever, you can't sleep on the hall floor, get in touch - we have some offers of accommodation.

**Fill in the application form NOW!**

Reply to: Aidan & Imelda Simons, Ropley Manor Cottage, Petersfield Road, Ropley, Alresford, Hants, SO24 0DX or phone 01962-773487

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# How to get here...



### Contact Phone Numbers

Aid & Meld Simons 01962 773487

### Can you give / do you need A LIFT

As we are rather out in the sticks, this would be an effective way of getting people here! If you fall into either category, please let us know and we will endeavour to match people up!

### To reach us by Public Transport

Trains to Alton leave Waterloo, and stops include Clapham Junction and Woking. From Alton, the Winchester/Southampton buses run through Ropley on the A31. Timetable excerpts are given below: if you let us know when you expect to arrive we will try to meet the most popular trains. *Please make sure you return the booking form a.s.a.p. so that we can keep you informed of arrangements that we are able to make at this end.*

### To Reach Us By Road

**Bring your map!** (any decent road map should show Ropley; it's on OS Landranger 185)

Ropley is on the A31 between Alton and Winchester. From the east, pass the Chequers pub then, after 300m, take the road on left signed "Church" and "School" on the left. From the west, pass the Shell garage and Anchor pub, after 1/2 mile take the above road (on your right). The village hall is on the left, about 1/2 mile up (phone box outside). From the north or south, come via Alton or Winchester as above, or from the south via Petersfield: take the road towards Steep from the Winchester road, cross A32, after nearly 3 miles turn right on road signed "recreation ground", right at the top, hall is 200 m on the left.

Selected Trains only	Friday Evening								Saturday				
London Waterloo	1718	1748	1818	1832	1856	1925	2000	2100	0658	0725	0758	same	2058
Clapham Junction	-	-	-	-	1902	-	2006	2107	0704	-	0804	mins	2104
Woking	1744	1814	1845	1905	1924	2000	2028	2128	0727	0800	0827	each	2127
Alton	1824	1854	1923	1945	2005	2037	2104	2203	0803	0833	0903	hour	2203
Alton Station (Bus)	1835		1935			2047		2219		0835	0935	>>>	As Fri
Ropley, Chequers	1858		1958			2103		2235		0858	0958	>>>	evening

*Return trains on Saturday 11 mins past every hour to 2211, on Sunday 20 mins past every hour to 2220;*

*Ropley-Alton buses hourly on Saturday, 2-hourly on Sunday*

*We will have full timetable details available for inspection!*



# Proposed Programme

Friday 7pm Arrivals, Ropley Village Hall, Vicarage GR SU 643 319  
 31st March onwards Lane, Ropley.

later... Star Inn, Hammonds Lane, Ropley. GR SU 643 318

Saturday 9.30 am Start walk GR SU 643 319

**N.B. It may be necessary to modify some of the arrangements: if you send us the booking form, we can keep you informed!**

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## REPLY NOW!

We have little idea how many pilgrims will take up our invitation, let alone how many will want T-shirts or the train ride. So PLEASE, reply as soon as you can, even if you are not 100% certain. In any case, please reply by **17 March 1995**. If cash flow is a problem, cheques post-dated to 17/3/95 will be accepted. Please put your cheque card number on the reverse.

## Booking Form - Please complete both sides

Name(s)	
Address	
Post Code	Phone No

Reply to:  
**Aidan & Imelda  
 Simons,**  
 Ropley Manor Cottage,  
 Petersfield Road,  
 Ropley, Alresford,  
 Hants, SO24 0DX.

Any questions?  
**Ring 01962-773487**

Your Travel Plans	
I am / we are coming by car	
I / we can give a lift (how many?)	
I am coming by train (what time will you reach Alton?)	
I / we would like a lift if one is available	

Can You Come?	
<b>YES - I am / we are coming</b> Please complete and return this form (both sides) as soon as possible!	
<b>NO - I / we can't come</b> Please return the form anyway - to make our lives easier! Why not enclose a message for the pilgrims?	

7.30pm Barn Dance with live band "Springheel Jack" - motto "Barn Dances for Fun" GR SU 643 319

