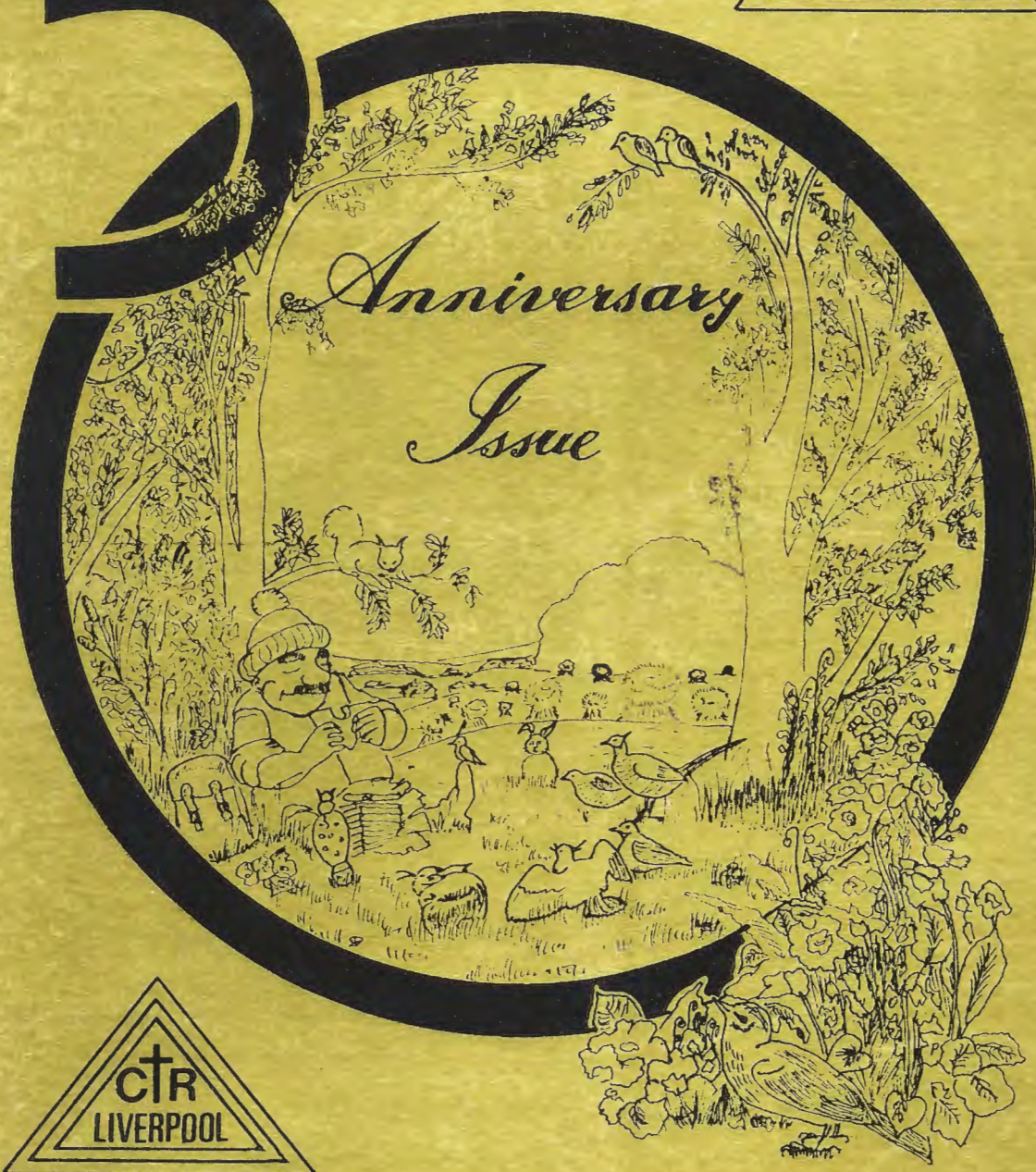


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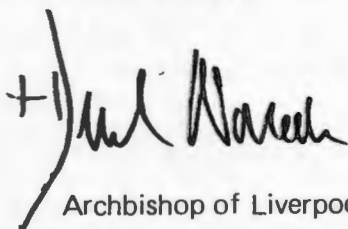


Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association 1927-1977

Foreword

Warm congratulations and good wishes to the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association on its Golden Jubilee celebrations. I am sorry that absence in Rome for the Synod of Bishops makes it impossible for me to be present and am glad to have this opportunity of sending my greetings to all those who will be taking part in the Association's celebrations. May God bless the work in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,


+ Basil Hume

Archbishop of Liverpool



*by courtesy of the
Catholic Pictorial*

September 1977.

50th ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

Letter from the (Ex) - Chairperson



'Woman invades a man's world'—that is how it was announced in the *Catholic Pictorial*, that I had become the first lady Chairperson of the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association.

Why this had not occurred previous to 1976 I really don't know. In my opinion women have played a very important part in the life of the club since its very beginning, in spite of the Association being traditionally regarded by outsiders as a 'Man's World'. Would the Ramblers have been so popular, I wonder, without the company of women, whether adorned in long skirts, trousers or shorts? Who would have made such entertaining or intelligent conversation whilst walking along; and who further enhance the beauty of our native countryside? What would the men have done at the socials and dances without the ladies to partner them? In fact could the club have really survived without them?

Joking aside, I consider women to have contributed a good deal to the running of the club, whether it has been publicly recognised or not. Many functions of the Association have required a lot of background work involving catering and

organising, and the lady members have never failed to help out when they could. There is no reason why our lady members should not be allowed, or be willing, to undertake more 'responsible' duties associated with the more formal organisation of the club. Women have always been free to take up any of the positions of office on the Committee and they should not be afraid to do so.

I cannot wish for the future that women take a more active part in the Association for I believe that they already do make a considerable contribution—not that the men don't, of course. What I do wish is that each individual member, whether man or woman, value his or her membership of the Association which they have joined; that they try their best to make their own individual contribution, whether big or small, whether as a Committee or 'merely' (but essential to the success of—and this cannot be stressed enough—the club) as an active supporter of the ventures and activities which are organised and provided for them.

May I take this opportunity to thank on behalf of our Association all the many members, who, during the 50 years of our club's existence, have given of their services in one way or another, to the enjoyment and benefit of others. Without the efforts and selflessness of such people, our club could not have survived so long.

Let us hope that with the continued help and enthusiasm of our members, the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association will, in 50 years time, be celebrating, with good reason, a century of enjoyment and great achievement.

Pat Unsworth

RAMBLING AND ALL THAT . . . 1967—1977

Generally speaking, Rambling, the life-blood of the Association, has enjoyed a very satisfactory last decade, overcoming as it has the various problems which have beset the Club since its inception. As usual the membership turnover has been considerable with hundreds (?) of hardened Ramblers departing from our meandering paths through the countryside to follow the straighter one down the aisle! Three changes of Social venue have also been a disruptive influence and this and the subsequent problem of the soaring cost of Coach hire would certainly have been enough to force the extinction of lesser organisations. However, the lure of the countryside, combined with the undoubted companionship of the Sunday Ramble has provided an effective buffer against such problems. Of course, there have been peaks and depressions. In the late sixties it wasn't unusual for two or three car loads of Ramblers to accompany a fully-filled coach. The strength of this section at that time was emphasised in 1967 when 11 of our stronger walkers attempted the 14 peaks of Snowdonia and a party of 40 or so supporters were located en route to help them on their way.

Whilst never really reaching these heady heights since, 1974/5 was particularly noteworthy, with almost 30 members rambling each week. In sharp contrast, early 1971 was a difficult period with, at times, less than 10 members a week rambling, but the strenuous efforts of Dave Newns and his Committee succeeded in arresting that sharp decline with the result that by the end of that Club year we could report that the average Rambling attendance was twenty, with only one fixture being cancelled. Although less severe, similar problems have been encountered more recently, but whilst we possess a reasonable number of diehards, then the lifeblood of the Club will continue to flow strongly.

In contrast to the first 40 years of our existence when the Rambling format changed considerably, the last ten years has seen a regular pattern of Sunday fixtures interspersed with Club weekends, emerge. The constantly improving Motorway system has enabled us to ramble progressively further afield with the result that the local trips which were a feature of our programme in the late sixties have now become extinct. Gone are the delights of our five shillings trips of 1969 to Ecclestone, Wirral Wander and Hilbre Island, for now we are looking deeper into the Lake District, Yorkshire, etc. Over the entire decade, two events have, however, been consistently successful—namely the Llanarmon Hot Pot Ramble and the Annual Yuletide Walk at Rivington. The former has always attracted a 'full house' with many enjoyable days being followed by highly sociable evenings in the Raven Inn, where the efforts of our various musicians over the years merely served to put the icing on a delicious cake. The Yuletide Walk has always been regarded as being that bit 'special' with the regular members of the day joining with many former members for a day of festivities at the 11th century Saxon Barn at Rivington. The formation of the Ancient Order of Ramblers in 1970 (subsequently to be renamed the Family Section) meant that Married members were able to maintain regular contact with the Club, and as a result, they, and their offspring, have been amongst the ever-increasing numbers making the Annual 'Pilgrimage' up on to Winter Hill. The latest event, our 21st in succession, was probably the most successful, with a Country Dance Band providing a great evening's entertainment for almost 250 members and children. This formula will no doubt be repeated.

Other fixtures which enjoyed short periods of popularity included Midnight Rambles, Camping, Orienteering and Chalet Weekends. The popularity of the latter with the regulars was tremendous, until 1974, when newcomers, with differing ideas, found this not quite the 'scene', but such weekends are still immensely successful with the Family Section. Orienteering was introduced to the Club in 1970 by Eric Kavanagh, with the aim of producing more competent leaders, and to a certain degree, it was a success, but this now seems to be lacking in popularity with the regulars.

Many of the newer members are surprised to learn that we do in fact Ramble all year round, but they soon hear from the hardened Rambler that some of our best days are those with clear blue skies and a good layer of snow under-foot. The views on such crisp clear days are unrivalled, although the antics of the fellow Ramblers cannot be guaranteed! Few will forget that battle in the snow in the early seventies when General Pete Mulhall and his troops did their utmost to stop the opposing 'army' from surmounting that particular hill in North Wales en-route to Llanarmon for the Annual Hotpot.

No doubt there have been many similar 'battles' throughout the decade but they have all added to the enjoyment of the Rambles and at all times there have been competent leaders with a watchful eye for the advent of unexpected bad weather. Although we have not claimed a 'clean sheet' where accidents are concerned, we have suffered little over the years, and when they have occurred, the high standard of equipment insisted upon, has helped to ease the plight of the injured party. However, the importance of vigilance on mountains cannot be understated, for dangers abound for the careless and ill-equipped.

Keswick Weekend—just two words may be, but probably this is the Ramblers version of getting to Wembley, for booking a place is almost as difficult, such is the popularity of these weekends. The late sixties, were visits to the Gale's Guest House, the seventies to date, Lakeside House. Spring, Autumn and more recently New Year, the Ramblers have flocked there in great numbers. How many members for the first time have appreciated the beauty of Autumn whilst at Keswick? How many lasting friendships have such highly sociable weekends produced? Countless I'm sure, without a doubt such weekends are a definite asset to the L.C.R.A.

Similarly, Caravan Weekends have been highly successful with excellent times being enjoyed particularly at Plas Coch, Tal-y-bont (near Barmouth) Trearddur Bay and Caernarvon. A direct off-shoot of these Rambling weekend activities have been the many varied holidays which have been arranged by groups of friends within the Club. The venues have been far-reaching, extending even as far as the U.S.A. These Isles have been well covered, with Scotland proving perhaps most popular. No doubt many amusing incidents have occurred on such holidays but few who were on that Outer Hebrides Ferry in August 1975 will forget the sight of three of their group strolling down to the Quay at Tarbert on the Isle of Lewis only to see the Ferry and their friends already on the way back to the Isle of Skye. At least they waved goodbye (I think!).

Holidays have taken various forms being Rambling (in the Dolomites etc), Ski-ing (in Scotland, Italy and Austria) or just plain down right lazy (as in Seefeld, Newquay, Belgium, etc.). But all have the common factor, the Ramblers. Whilst the spirit of 'Rambling and all that' prevails, this Club will surely prosper. Long may it continue.

Pete McLindon

SPECIAL EVENTS 1977

The Jubilee Year events opened with the Annual Yuletide walk at Rivington on January 9th. The attendance on the walk, led by Frank Johnson, was very high and 237 enjoyed the hot-pot which followed.

As ever, the evening entertainment began with the childrens' games and then it was the turn of the older ones to dance to the music of Houghton Folk Dance Band.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of a Radiocassette by our Lady Chairman, Pat Unsworth, on behalf of the Club Members, to Gerry Penlington, our Treasurer, as a token of our appreciation for his loyal 25 years service to the Club.

On the 17th February we held a 'Nostalgia Night' in the Club Rooms. It was very encouraging to see 92 people of both sections, enjoying a social evening together. The Family Section had charge of the evening, and they treated us to old films of the rambles. Arthur Brockway distinguished himself as a very able D.J.

The third event, which took place on May 28th, was a Crown Green Bowling Match between the Family Section and the Junior Section. The majority of the players all claimed that they had never played before, but judging by the high standard, I think they'd been practising. The match ended in an honourable draw. The children occupied themselves playing Croquet, while the mothers supplied much needed food and drinks on an extremely warm day.

On July 10th we held the Jubilee Ramble, which took place around the Hawarden area. The walk was led by Kath and John Peloe with Brian Keller and Mike Lewis being 'whippers in'. Once again the turn

out was very high, 84 in all, and after, we had Chicken in the Basket at the Clwyd Gate.

The final event was a Tennis Tournament held on the 23rd July 1977 at Christ College, by kind permission of the Principal. Although the sky was overcast the rain kept away and play commenced at 2.15 pm. with 28 competitors. By the middle of the afternoon 20 players were in action on the five courts and L.C.R.A. tennis could hardly have been more active, even in the halcyon days of Lance Grove.

Tea was taken at 4.30 with three rounds completed and the fare included Strawberries, in true Wimbledon fashion. Play resumed at 5.30 and after two hours the finals were reached. Peter Atherton won the mens' prize, with Brian Keller runner-up, and Mike Lewis finishing third. In the Ladies competition Mona Roberts was the winner after a play-off against Maureen Johnson with Pauline Cunningham third.

All the winners received what we hope were useful prizes worthy of their efforts, presented by Vice-President Gerry Penlington at the end of the day, which was a most pleasant occasion and a timely reminder of the L.C.R.A. tennis section, which was a main feature of the Club activities for over 30 of the 50 years of the Association's existence.

Michael Lewis

THE SOCIALS OF THE SEVENTIES

SCENE. In the front room of his home in downtown Billinge, a rambler is scribbling furiously, sweat (sorry, perspiration!) pouring from his forehead, when suddenly he looks up and there, in front of him, stands the ghostly apparition of Ben Nevis, the patron Saint of rambler.

B.N. All right der la, What yer doin' (A local lad despite his name.)

ME. I'm trying to write an account of the socials at the L.C.R.A. over the last few years and now I wish I hadn't been conned into doing it.

B.N. Socials, la? But yer said yer was a ramblin club!

ME. True, but we've always considered the social activities as an integral part of the club.

B.N. Do Yer 'ave a weekly meetin' somewhere, like?

ME. Every Thursday at Tom Hall's Tavern starting at 8.30 pm. We normally have a Disco, but occasionally we have a Ceilidh or Folk Dance.

B.N. 'ave yer always been at Tom Hall's Tavern?

ME. Believe it or not, this is our fourth venue in seven years. We were originally in the Design Centre in Hope Street but had to leave when they decided to stage a permanent display in 'our room', thence to the R.A.F.A. Club in Bold Street. After a short stay we moved on to the Manx Suite at the Mona Hotel, but that was converted into a Steakhouse and so to Tom Hall's Tavern.

B.N. Discos sound okay for the younger set, but wharrabout the people who are married and have got kids?

ME. Well, they're catered for by the Family Section of the Club and they have their socials in various members houses.

B.N. Do yer 'ave any other social events?

ME. But of course. Over the years we've developed a number of extra curricula activities (I'm not quite sure whether that adjective fits, but however!) We have extended the scope of socials to include visits to the Theatre, to nightclubs and numerous sporting events.

B.N. Being a Merseyside club, you must 'ave yer own football team!

ME. We did at one time but, unfortunately, it folded, due to lack of support.

B.N. Like Liverpool F.C. will next season!

ME. Too true! However, during the summer we have such sporting events as Pitch and Putt, Crown Green and Ten Pin Bowling, Cricket and Tennis.

B.N. Did yer 'ave your own tennis courts?

ME. Yes, and a pavilion (!!*?) too. Ah. Those were the days. The parties we used to have in the pavilion! The girls would come down in the afternoon to tidy up and prepare the food (Pre-womens lib days). The party would begin about nine after a quick visit to the Coffee House. No, not for a coffee. Then we'd dance the night away, well until midnight! Unfortunately, we had to vacate the courts and pavilion as the owners wished to develop the land. To this very day the courts are there, but now badly overgrown. A great pity that.

B.N. Where d'you go now?

ME. All members of the L.C.R.A. are entitled to join the Electric Supply Tennis Club and enjoy their excellent facilities. In fact, we often have joint dances at their club house in Childwall.

B.N. Does the Family Section and yerselves ever get together?

ME. Every year in early January we have a Yuletide walk at Rivington followed by a hot-pot supper and social at Rivington Barn. They've always been a great success. This year we had a Country Dance band which made a great night even better. We also have an Annual Reunion Dance held at Dovedale Towers, but this year, being our Golden Jubilee Anniversary, a grand celebration Dinner Dance has been arranged for later this year at the Centre Hotel. We're hoping for a large turnout.

B.N. Well yerseem to 'ave a full social programme.

ME. But I've not told you the whole story. On Thursday nights we have had a variety of entertainments. As I have said, we normally have a Disco ceilidh or folk dance, but we have also had quizzes, groups, film shows and displays of rambling gear.

B.N. Must go now. See yer lad.

ME. But hold on. Don't go. Don't you want to hear about our barbecue, the car rally, the childrens outings, the barge trip . . .

Too late, the apparition had vanished and the writer was left to write his script alone. It was a pity that he did not have time to tell old Ben of the many more varied events which have taken place over the last few years thanks to the hardworking Committee.

John Clarke

A FLEDGLING REPORTS FOR JUBILEE YEAR

The new section of the Club, for want of a better name called the Family Section, first saw the light of day in 1969. How, on reflection, is a mystery, why, is more easily explained.

During the period of the Association's existence spanning the years 1945 to 1969, many friendships and acquaintances grew out of the social atmosphere so readily available when participating in Club activities. This raised the question 'Why should matrimony and/or advancing years terminate these friendships'? However, the focal points of Club activity rambles and Wednesday nights no longer appeared to be a social magnet, due mainly to a combination of babies' bottles, nappies etc. Thus the need was fostered, and in due time, on a well trodden path, under clear blue skies and in the warmth of midsummer sunshine, there met upon the mountain top friends of yester-year.

They were on holiday, and the conversation soon turned to strenuous walks with the Club when younger, and the whereabouts of fellow walkers of those days. Still, it was good to be out and about, even if it was a 'C' walk and she carried the rucksack while he managed a papoose. More ex-ramblers met accidentally that year on local walks and in the Lakes, and ultimately at a Tennis Match and Barbecue held at Lance Grove. On this last occasion a meeting was arranged to consider ways of renewing lapsed friendships.

The meeting took place at the RAF Club, the then headquarters of the LCRA, and, after a discussion, a formula emerged for renewing active contact with former Ramblers not a separate movement but one designed to maintain friendships, and the continuity of the Liverpool Catholic

Ramblers. After all, an Association of people which has given to and received from each of its members so much pleasure and enjoyment in accordance with the Founders' idealism, deserves the fruits of longevity.

In due course, the fledgling became a robust member of the Association's Sub-sections, providing a ramble each month geared to all age groups, and a get-together at the home of a different member each month, to chat, and discuss the Section's affairs over tea and biscuits.

There was a tremendous support for walks in the early stages, with numbers of eighty and a never to be forgotten ninety-one on one Wirral walk. However, although these exceptional numbers have dwindled, there is a steady nucleus of half a dozen or so families and an everchanging fringe group as family needs keep some people away from a walk. Rambles are generally about an hours drive out of Liverpool, timed for late starts to accommodate families, and are approached with a sympathetic ear for the needs of the children. Although the membership mainly consists of members of the L.C.R.A., we have been glad to welcome a number of families not previously members of our Association, and our doors are naturally always open to lovers of the countryside.

One is always reading of the youth policies of the big football clubs, and I suppose the Family Section is providing this service for the L.C.R.A., by encouraging children at a very early age to appreciate the beauties of our countryside. As all ramblers know, there is no healthier activity for the body, and soul too, as the Rambler has many reminders of God's gifts to man as he strides along the paths, observing the picturesque patterns which are unfolded for his enjoyment. If the Family Section can continue to bring children into this environment and carry on the traditions of the Catholic Ramblers, there is no reason why our Association should not flourish for another fifty years.

Bill Potter.

L.C.R.A. 1927—1977

The Club's first A.G.M. was convened by Tom Marquess in the summer of 1927, at which it was decided to approach Archbishop Keating to obtain his permission to operate such an organisation within the Archdiocese. The Archbishop readily gave his consent and so the Catholic Holiday Guild as it was then known was born.

By September 1928 it was evident that the original title was no longer adequately descriptive of the Club's activities and so was altered to the 'Catholic Holiday Guild and Rambling Association'.

The years 1930-35 evidenced an expansion of the scope of activities to include choirs, concert parties, and organised visits to the theatre. The Rambling side of things was not neglected, with regular rambles attracting an average attendance of about 30 and at least one ramble per month to include Benediction.

In November 1932 the Club felt sufficiently confident to approach Archbishop Downey with a view to his becoming the Club's first Patron. Their success was such that a similar Patronage has been extended right up to the present.

In 1937, its Tenth Anniversary Year, another stage of the Club's growth, in the organisation of its first Holiday, at Ambleside, 1939—and Britain is firmly in the grip of the 'Phoney War'.

The November Newsletter was convinced of this, but subsequent events proved otherwise. The membership figures had, by 1941, been so badly depleted by Forces recruitment and essential war work, that it was decided to suspend all Club activities for the duration. A small nucleus of members met quarterly, organised the occasional dance and corresponded with those members in the Forces abroad.

With the inevitable post-war urbanisation of Greater Merseyside the majority of the popular pre-war local walks were no longer feasible. The emphasis shifted towards today's venues: Snowdonia, Derbyshire, and the Lakes. Transport was by Ramblers special excursions. Later, by privately hired coaches when train services were axed. The familiar system of 'A' and 'B' walks was instituted in 1953 to some considerable opposition and comment.

The corresponding evolution of the Social has been additionally affected by the numerous changes in venue, licensed or otherwise. The entertainment provided has also radically altered over the years and it is difficult to visualise the possible reaction of a pre-war socialite to our present disco set-up, far less, to

the 'music' it produces. The range of activities provided by the Social side has sadly dwindled over the years. At one time the Club boasted a drama section, choir, Netball team, Football team, and Tennis section.

A detailed examination of the Club's early history brings the conclusion that we now have the opportunity to celebrate this Golden Jubilee because certain pioneer members were willing to give freely of their time and considerable expertise for the Club's benefit: Tom Marquess, J.F. Harvey, Mr and Mrs. F. Norbury, Mr and Mrs. C. Kelly, Mr and Mrs. G. Penlington . . . To them, and to all those who have served on the Committee over the years, we owe our thanks.

Jim Adamson



Fred Norbury



Cyril Kelly



Gerry Penlington

A TRIBUTE TO THREE RAMBLERS

A Golden Jubilee is always a very special achievement in the history of any Association, such as the L.C.R.A. It is a milestone generally only attainable by characteristics of stability born of continuity. In the case of our Association, there are three people, to my mind, whose contribution under these headings has been most significant in enabling the Catholic Ramblers to complete 50 years in existence.

The late **Fred Norbury** was a Founder Member of the Association in 1927 and was an active member right up to his death in 1972. His initial enthusiasm for taking part in the formation of the Club was sustained throughout the ensuing 45 years, with Fred playing a leading role, in turn as Committee Member, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman, Trustee and finally Vice President. His wise council and steady influence did much to steer the Association through troubled waters and his experience and guidance was invaluable to new Committee Members having their first taste of administering Club affairs. His interest in the Tennis Section was particularly marked and his contribution substantial in helping maintain and improve the amenities, particularly at Lance Grove. Fred was truly a Catholic Rambler through and through.

The late **Cyril Kelly** was of similar mould to Fred, being a member for 42 years, until his death in 1976. Cyril also had an impressive record of active membership and service to the Association, which included a period as the Chairman, lasting eleven years, followed by service as a Trustee and ultimately as a Vice President. Here again, one must acknowledge the invaluable assistance given to the Association by one who fostered and retained an active interest in its affairs right up to his death. Cyril was always ready to play his part in enabling the Club to broaden its activities, being a Vice Chairman of the former Catholic Holiday Guild. He was also a Committee Member of the Catholic Holiday Fellowship, being Chairman for a time—helping the Club to establish a link with 'The Lakes' through Lakeside House.

For my third monination in this tribute I choose **Gerry Penlington**, another member of long standing, being associated with the Club for over 30 years. His service to the organisation is particularly note-worthy in that he has been its Treasurer for over 25 years, a truly remarkable contribution of

loyalty and consistency. Undoubtedly successive Committees over that period will have been comforted by the fact that whatever problems may have beset them at least the finances were in good hands. Gerry not only produces facts and figures, almost at the 'drop of a hat' but can draw on a mine of experience of handling the Association's affairs. Like Cyril, he was also involved with the Catholic Holiday Guild, being a leader for the Guild and its Treasurer until domestic circumstances forced him to resign. He has recently become a member of the Committee of the Catholic Holiday Fellowship and obviously retains a strong affection for 'The Lakes'.

These then are three people who, in my view, looking back over the past eighteen years, have made major contributions in fashioning and consolidating the stepping stones along the road to our 50th Anniversary milestone. Sadly Fred and Cyril can not celebrate the great occasion with us and this, therefore, is a time when we should especially remember them in our prayers. To Gerry we extend our sincere thanks—long may he continue to be associated with the L.C.R.A. and retain the kind of interest which has been a corner stone of our Association's foundations. To all three—thank you gentlemen for your generosity in time and effort, freely given to the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers. Your names will always be associated with 'The Ramblers' Many will feel that you have made this Golden Jubilee possible.

Chris Dobbin

TRIBUTE TO PAT

In September 1976 I, being a typical male character, was very apprehensive, and felt the Founders of the club would be much taken aback, for never in their wildest dreams had they contemplated a Madam Chairwoman. Now 12 months later I look upon this as a turning point and an apt ending to the first 50 years.

May I offer my congratulations to Pat Unsworth and the sincere gratitude of all members past and present for her loyalty and sterling efforts in this our Golden Year. She has opened new portals and led us into the next fifty years. Take heart Pat! All your efforts have not been in vain. My only regret, now, is that due to her decision to start a new enterprise she will not be able to continue the good work she has done.

Congratulations and every happiness to you and Mike in your future life. Don't leave us completely, but continue to do what you can on the Committee.

Harold Burns

L.C.R.A. STATISTICS

IN FIFTY YEARS

The combined mileage of all our Ramblers on all our Rambles would take us to the moon and back.

The combined attendance at all our Socials would more than fill Wembley Stadium.

FRED NORBURY MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Committee decided to hold an annual event in honour of the late Fred Norbury, one of the Club's founder members. It was agreed that the cup should be held for six months each by the Lady and Gentleman who won the event.

On the 17th June 1973 an American Tennis Tournament was held at the Club Courts. At the dance in the evening Phil O'Niel and Hugh Molley were presented with the cup as the first winners. In 1974 the Rambling Sub-Committee organised an orienteering day in Clocaenog Forest. The mens' event was 5 miles long with 12 controls, and the ladies 3 miles long with 7 controls. The successful entrants were Eric Kavanagh and Phil Walsh. They received the Cup at a social held that evening at Llambeder Hall.

The success of the previous year's event led the Committee to having the 1975 event again as an Orienteering day. As in 1974 it was held in Clocaenog Forest, but in a more undulating part. This, however, did not prevent Phil Walsh from retaining the trophy for the Ladies Section and Frank Fitzmaurice gaining the award for the men. The evening was spent at the Clwyd Gate Hotel near Loggerheads. Phil and Frank were presented with the Cup at the 1976 Annual Dance at Dovedale Towers.

The competition was held over two years to decide the next winners. After 5 events—Tenpin Bowling, Darts, Crown Green Bowling; Pitch and Putt and another Tenpin Bowling event, Pat Unsworth (Lady Chairman) and Mike Lewis (Vice Chairman) (FIX) emerged as the winners and were presented with the Cup by Gerry Penlington during a Thursday night Social.

Whilst on the subject of trophies, a further cup has been donated to the Association—appropriately enough to be named the Jubilee Cup. It has been donated anonymously, and the donor wishes the cup to be awarded annually to the member of the Association considered to have made the greatest contribution to the continuity and welfare of the Club. The award will be adjudicated by a Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Trustees and Chairperson.

The Association wish to place on record their grateful thanks to the donor for making this generous gesture, to help mark this very special year in the Club's history.

MICHAEL LEWIS

RAMBLERS ABROAD

We send Jubilee greetings to Vi Duffy, New York, Celia and Barbara Molyneux, New York, Albert Downing, our most travelled member, in Melbourne, Australia and Anthony Reynolds in South Africa.

SOME NOTABLE DATES

1927 to 1977

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| 1927 | King George V and Queen Mary opened Gladstone Docks.
Long-distance coach service between Liverpool and Glasgow inaugurated. |
| 1933 | Foundation Stone of original Metropolitan Cathedral laid. |
| 1934 | First Mersey Tunnel opened. |
| 1935 | George V's Silver Jubilee. |
| 1939 | Outbreak of Second World War. |
| 1967 | Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King opened. |
| 1969 | Man walks on the Moon. |
| 1977 | Her Majesty the Queen's Silver Jubilee. |

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS 1968 to 1977

President 1968 to 1976 His Grace Archbishop Beck
1976 – His Grace Archbishop Worlock

Year	Vice Presidents	Trustees	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar	Assistant Secretary	Year
1968		F.C. Norbury C. Kelly	B.J. Manley	J. Keenan	Miss M. Acred	G. Penlington	C. Marsden	Miss M. Moran	1968
1969	F.C. Norbury	C. Kelly B.J. Manley	D. Titherington	W. Clay C. Laycock	Mrs. M. Clay Miss U. McManus	G. Penlington	C. Marsden	Miss M. Moran	1969
1970	F.C. Norbury	C. Kelly B.J. Manley	D. Titherington	C. Laycock	Miss M. Mason	G. Penlington	B. Kelly Miss M. McCormick P. Mulhall	Miss M. Moran	1970
1971	F.C. Norbury	C. Kelly B.J. Manley	D. Newns	K. Scott K. O'Keefe	Miss M. Mason	G. Penlington	Miss M. Smith	Miss M. Moran	1971
1972	F.C. Norbury	C. Kelly C. Dobbin	D. Newns	K. O'Keefe	Miss M. Ellison J. Wilson	G. Penlington	Miss M. Smith	Miss M. Moran	1972
1973	C. Kelly	C. Dobbin H.H. Burns	D. Newns	J. Clarke	J. Wilson	G. Penlington	Miss M. Smith	Miss P. Alcock	1973
1974	C. Kelly G. Penlington	C. Dobbin H.H. Burns	J. Clarke	B. Lyon	Miss C. Conlon	G. Penlington	Miss L. Roberts	Miss P. Quick	1974
1975	C. Kelly G. Penlington	C. Dobbin H.H. Burns	J. Clarke	Miss L. Roberts	Miss D. Kenna	G. Penlington	Miss A. Kupiec	Miss P. Unsworth	1975
1976	C. Kelly G. Penlington	C. Dobbin H.H. Burns	F. Mullin	P. Glen	Miss D. Kenna	G. Penlington	Miss A. Kupiec	Miss P. Unsworth	1976
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