

90th Anniversary Newsletter

1927 - 2017



Liverpool Catholic Ramblers 90 years old and still going strong!

LCRA – A LOOK BACK

THE SEEDS were sown when a small group of young Liverpool Catholic men, including Tom Marquess, our first Chairman, and the Norbury brothers, (all no longer with us), along with friends in St. Oswald's and the Catholic Social Guild, discussed the idea of starting a Catholic Holiday Guild.



Tom Marquess our first Chairman in dark jacket taken in 1930's

After several meetings at the Norbury home, the first general meeting was held on 8th July 1927, at the Father Berry Homes in Shaw Street. A clubroom was later rented in Wood Street.

Archbishop Keating was then approached and he readily gave his consent and blessing for the Club.

Twelve months later, over 110 members had joined. A small group spent a week's holiday at Hope in Derbyshire, but the main activity was the rambles with 12 being held that summer. So, the title was then altered to the Catholic Holiday Guild and Ramblers' Association, but finally changed to the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association.

By 1930 rambles were held on the first Saturday and the third Sunday of each month, but only 18 months later we started weekly rambles but still on alternate Saturdays and Sundays. Then just a few Wednesday rambles were tried but were unsuccessful. Finally, in the summer of 1934, weekly Sunday rambles were launched, some half-day and others full day rambles.

The years between 1930-35 also evidenced an expansion of other activities, main ones being a Tennis Section and a Football Section, also choirs, piano concert parties, theatre visits and a library, etc.

In 1935 expanding membership forced the move to St. Sebastian's Hall

where we had previously held dances. Monthly Benediction was introduced at these new clubrooms and included at the end of selected walks which prevailed until 1966.



St Sebastian's in full swing in the 1950's

With the outbreak of World War II, most club activities had ceased by 1940. However, a small

nucleus of members met quarterly, organised the occasional dance, and the ladies kept up a continuous correspondence with the men who were stationed on active service. Rambles were finally resumed shortly after the war.

In the Club's earlier years, we had many joint walks with other Catholic rambling clubs from St. Helens, Preston, Chester, Bolton, Manchester and other areas. Most of these clubs seem to have folded.

Our 21st Anniversary saw a dinner dance at Reece's Café with Archbishop Halsall presiding.

Another photo from the Gerry Penlington collection taken on 20 July 1947 as part of the 20th anniversary activities.

Gerry is on far left



In 1949 'A' and 'B' walks were instituted but this was met with some opposition at first. Some coach trips were also introduced. About that time, holidays and weekends at the Ramblers' Association chalet at Maeshafn became popular.



The Chalet in 1963 - we were there winter and summer.

The Cathedral Buildings in Brownlow Hill became our regular clubrooms between 1952-1967. Our Tennis and Football Sections were quite strong at that time, but sadly folded up in the early 70s.

After moving from Brownlow Hill, our organised dancing and games were gradually phased out in preference to the (then) younger generation of members favouring discos, lasting until the late 80's. We kept our country dance sessions alive at the annual Yuletide Walk and Hot Pot at Rivington Barn, where in 1977, we had a record crowd of almost 250, (including children of members). Sadly, our barn dances lost popularity in recent years.



Rivington Barn gathering at Yuletide in our 40th Year 1967

Small groups started continental walking holidays. We also started annual trips to Snowdon, but it wasn't until the 60s that we tried other peaks in Snowdonia and with road improvements the Lake District could also be reached for a day's ramble. We had already commenced biannual guest house weekends at Keswick.



LCRA Ski Holiday Saalbach-Hinterglemm 1966

Moving from Cathedral Buildings in 1967, the General Section of the club have had a nomadic clubroom existence, occupying different premises roughly every three years, with the Building & Design Centre being the most memorable venue. Gradually our Thursday discos were dropped in favour of the Thursday social scene of quizzes, cheese and wine nights, bring and buy nights, etc.



The first of these moves took us to this splendid building at the top of Bold Street where once a month we met in the R.A.F. Association rooms.

130 Bold Street is where the inventor Dr Sebastian Ferranti was born in 1864 when part of the premises was his father's photographic studio.

The Cabin Club in the same building was a popular club venue in the 1960's and where, it is said, George Harrison was inspired to write his first song for The Beatles, Don't Bother Me, in 1963.

In the late 60s, coach use became more frequent and we travelled greater distances. Then in 1970, many members with young children elected to form their own section of the club, using cars for their walks and holding monthly house meetings. They called themselves the Family Section for many years, but in 1992, after a younger Family Section was born, (lasting 7 years), they changed to their present title of the Senior's Section.

During the 70s and 80s most General Section members were under 40 years old, enjoying caravan and camping weekends, plus many Lakeside House weekends, (including dancing in the cellar). Small groups within the club were organising skiing holidays to Austria and Italy and summer holidays.

Then around 1990 the average age of new members rose and 'C' walks were planned on a more regular basis, soon to become the largest group for many walks. Hostel weekends quickly replaced caravan and camping weekends, but the occasional guest house weekend still proved to be popular.

Ensuring the LCRA's continuity was mainly due to three dedicated stalwarts, namely Fred Norbury, the last of the founder-members, serving for 45 years on the committee until his death in 1972 when he was a Vice-President, also Cyril Kelly, (42 years' service, including 11 years as Chairman, died 1976) and the late Gerard Penlington, (over 50 years' service, including 36 years as Treasurer), who sadly died in May 1997.

Archives research by Dave Newns



THE SENIORS' SECTION

Newcomers often ask: "What is the Seniors' Section?"

Well Leo Pearson, chairman of that section, now explains:

This section, initially known as the Family Section, was formed in the summer of 1970 to unite old rambling friends and offer walks for their young families and has inevitably changed over the intervening years.

The 'children' now adults in their 40's and 50's have gone their separate ways. In its 'heyday' the numbers on walks were in the 80's.

As the children got older, a younger generation of the club wished to form their own parents and children's group so in 1992 the title was passed on to this newly formed section, and we were therefore renamed as the Seniors Section.

We, the parents are older but definitely no wiser, and continue to enjoy cherished friendships. About twenty five members are still involved. Monthly meetings, till this year held at various members homes, are now held in a city hotel, with an average attendance of fourteen. A committee still guides the activities. For some time now rambles have been reduced to one a month for a variety of reasons - old age, infirmities etc, but attracting an average of six per walk

Leo Pearson



Each year in September an annual mass is held, normally at the Cathedral Crypt, for all members. This photo was taken in September 2014 and has the President Dave Newns with the two Vice-Chairmen—Chris Dobbins and Bill Potter.

A TRIBUTE TO THREE RAMBLERS

A Ninetieth Anniversary is always a very special achievement in the history of any Association, such as the LCRA. 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 90 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 counsel 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.

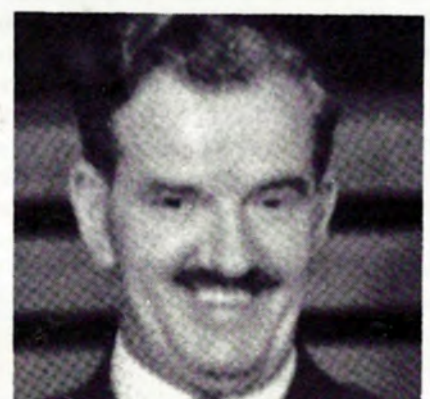
The late **CYRIL KELLY** was of similar mould to Fred, being a member for 42 years, until his death in 1976. Cyril also had an impressive record of active membership and service to the Association, which included a period as the Chairman, lasting eleven years, followed by service as a Trustee and ultimately 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.



Fred Norbury



Cyril Kelly



Gerry Penlington

Celebrating 90 years of Liverpool Catholic Ramblers



For my third nomination 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 had 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 produced facts and figures, almost at the 'drop of a hat', but could 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 became a member of the Committee of the Catholic Holiday Fellowship and obviously retained strong affection for 'The Lakes'.

These then are three people who, in my view, looking back over the past years have made major contributions in fashioning and consolidating the stepping stones along the road to our 90th Anniversary milestone. Sadly, they cannot celebrate this great occasion with us and this, therefore, is a time when we should especially remember them in our prayers. 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 our ninetieth anniversary possible.

CHRIS DOBBIN

The photo below possibly shows the last time all three stalwarts of the LCRA attended an AGM



Celebrating 90 years of Liverpool Catholic Ramblers

Rambling on....

Back in 1927
some folk got together,
deciding they'd go rambling
no matter what the weather.

They formed a small group,
now the LCRA
and kept right on walking
to this very day.

The 30s and 40s
their numbers expanded.
Despite dreadful war years
they never disbanded.

The 50s and 60s
brought many a new face.
Soon lots of young people
were setting the pace.

The Beatles replaced
old Victor Sylvester.
Not quite to the taste
of the staid, older sector.

Rambling in Derbyshire,
Cheshire and Wales.
With lots of fun
and comical tales....

Like old Mr. Jolly
of reservoir fame,
who ranted and raved -
not at all like his name!

Retreats often taken
for saving the soul,
but trips to Church Stretton
meant saving a goal!

Lakeside, 'The Gales',
with spirits so high.
Apple pie beds
and 'Desperate Dan' pie

At Rivington Barn -
oh what a din!
The Circassian Circle
with hot-pot thrown in!!

Badminton at night school,
tennis in Lance Lane
Camping in Harlech
in sunshine and rain.

Scrambling up Tryfan,
holidays on skis.
Sailing on the Norfolk Broads -
mooring - what a wheeze!

40th Anniversary -
scaling 14 peaks.
A wonderful achievement
after practising for weeks.

August, 1968 -
brought sorrow and such pain.
Dear friends dying tragically,
crashing in a plane.

But life carried on,
just as it should.
The bad times were few,
outweighed by the good.

Now 90 years on
and still going strong.
The Liverpool Catholic Ramblers
are ambling along.

To founders now gone
our gratitude is owed
for a legacy of friendship
so lovingly bestowed.

Hilda Laycock

Mona Roberts who was 100 in 2015



Dave Newns and Bill Potter with Mona at the Chalet in 2005 when she was 90.

Who was this person? Not on the membership records of the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association

You may search in vain.

Following membership after her brother, Bill, who was in the post of Chairman, the records reveal her name, Frances Roberts, who took up many tasks within the Club.

Who remembers her striding pace on our rambles here in the U.K. and abroad?

Or her 'back-hand' on the tennis court?

As the Registrar, she was always ready to welcome new faces at the Club functions.

Some pleasant recollections –

Our stay at the R.A. chalet near Mold where we men were not allowed to remain in idleness, especially on the day of departure, leaving no room for complaint from the R.A.

The cleaning of the long, yellow dining table by Frances (known as Mona) was a fascination to watch. Cleaning cloth in hand, forward and backward strokes across the width.

On a group walking holiday to the Dolomites, male chauvinism dictated that the ladies in the group were not invited to climb the Marmolada, 3342m. So, in umbrage or revenge, MONA and the ladies booked the same holiday the next year and achieved the summit!

Her employment as secretary to a local building merchant proved a 'God-send'. He had a large detached house near the village of Carrog in North Wales and it was made available for her use on more than one occasion.

One such occasion, it was overcrowded, to say the least. Men on the floor carpet, ladies in the bedrooms. One step from the front door one could gaze at the Clwydian Moor, affording a full day treading the footpaths old and new.

Another memorable occasion was when our visit coincided with the Festival of Llangollen. Music had a great influence in her life – Philharmonic, Empire concerts, church hymns participation, (in or out of harmony), no matter to her infectious spirit.

It can be said in this moment of time, she was the only member of our Club to receive a birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

God bless her.

Bill Potter

THE STORY OF THE L.C.R.A. 1927 – 1967

Today the Catholic Ramblers' Association is very much in being and taken for granted by its members. Ninety years ago, such an organisation was regarded as *avant-garde* and transitory, until the late Tom Marquess, our first Chairman and the Norbury brothers thought the Catholic Community of Liverpool should do something about it. To this end they discussed the matter with their friends in St. Oswald's parish and in the Catholic Social Guild and the support they received for it, although not strong, was encouraging. Preliminary meetings were held in the Norbury home, until the point was reached when, with a draft constitution, the first General Meeting in 1927 was held in the Father Berry Homes in Shaw Street. The attendance was small, but sufficient for a working committee to be formed and so the club called the Catholic Holiday Guild was launched.

The next step was to advise the Archbishop of its existence and to seek permission to pursue its objectives. Archbishop Keating readily gave his consent and blessing and his successor, Dr. Downey, became our first Patron. From this time onwards the reigning Archbishop has always been our Patron until Archbishop, (later Cardinal), Heenan agreed to become our first President.

It soon became apparent that the name 'Catholic Holiday Guild' did not accurately reflect the growing activities of the Club and its name was changed to Catholic Ramblers' Association and Holiday Guild. A clubroom was rented weekly in 22 Wood Street and the social side of the club life took root. These activities were many and varied – choirs, concert parties, debating teams, minstrels, organised visits to the operas, pantomimes, Philharmonic Hall and Blackpool lights. The weekly socials were a mixture of old-time and modern dancing and games. Even a small lending library was built up. A football team was formed and a playing field rented on Queen's Drive. A tennis section emerged with two grass courts rented from a garage in Cherry Lane.

The period 1930 – 1939 were golden years for the C.R.A & H.G. They were formative years when membership, enthusiasm and ideas reached a high peak. The clubroom was moved in 1935 from Wood Street to St. Sebastian's Hall with the generous co-operation of Canon Waring. Here we were able to include monthly Benediction, providing our own altar boys and organist as well as congregation. Finally, the period was crowned by a visit from Archbishop Downey, who addressed a clubroom filled to capacity with present and past members.

Dark clouds, however, were appearing on the horizon – Munich 1938, the phoney war of 1939, the blackout and the blitz of 1940. Our young men were quickly called to the colours, the clubroom was bombed and those that were left on the home front had more urgent work to perform. Club activities were, therefore, suspended for the duration. The ladies, however, kept up a continuous correspondence with club members who were by now stationed on active service in all parts of the world.

With the cessation of hostilities in 1945, Canon Cogan generously placed St. Oswald's Hall temporarily at our disposal to help reform the association. We were able to use the Hall until we were safely re-established. Then we moved to Iona House, the house of the Bootle K.S.C. and from there to the Cathedral Buildings in 1952. We celebrated our twenty-first birthday with a dinner dance at Reece's Café, when the late Bishop Halsall presided at the dinner.

The post-war years were inevitably years of reconstruction and re-thinking, as rambles round the Wirral or Lancashire were declining. Special ramble trains were discontinued, but we adjusted ourselves. The walks were now further afield – Snowdonia, the Peak District, the Lakes and similar and were reached by specially chartered buses.



Week-ends in chalets or guest houses were introduced and groups within the club organised camping or caravanning trips, boating on the Norfolk Broads and continental holidays, such as skiing, touring the Dolomites, climbing and walking.

The weekly socials took a new look. Games could not survive and the modern dancing took over. Essentially, however, the clubroom became a focal point for meeting members and discussing coming events. We moved to the Design Centre in May 1967 - a new and more luxurious setting. Whilst we started the article by writing that we are very much in being and taken for granted, there can be no relaxation in the need for a first-rate committee year by year.

Whatever progress has been made is largely due to their generous and unstinted efforts of committees down the years, to all of whom we say 'thank you' sincerely, and may your example help to encourage committee members of the future.

Club's Chairmen and Chairwomen over 90 years

1927	Tom Marquess	1961	Cyril Kelly	1989	Bernadette Doyle
1928	Tom Marquess	1962	Cyril Kelly	1990	Bernadette Doyle
1929	W.G. Smith	1963	Cyril Kelly	1991	Bernadette Doyle
1930	Tom Marquess	1964	Cyril Kelly	1992	Bernadette Doyle
1931	Tom Marquess	1965	Chris Dobbin	1993	Bernadette Doyle
1932	J.F. Harvey	1966	Chris Dobbin	1994	Bernadette Doyle
1933	T. Joyce	1967	Bernard J. Manley	1995	Bernadette Doyle
1934	J.F. Harvey	1968	Bernard J. Manley	1996	Bernadette Doyle
1935	T. Joyce	1969	Des Titherington	1997	Bernadette Doyle
1936	J.F. Harvey	1970	Des Titherington	1998	Bernadette Doyle
1937	J.F. Harvey	1971	Dave Newns	1999	Tom Reilly
1938	J.F. Harvey	1972	Dave Newns	2000	Tom Reilly
1939-45	J.F. Harvey	1973	Dave Newns	2001	Tom Reilly
1946	T. Inight	1974	John Clarke	2002	Tom Reilly
1947	F.C. Nobury	1975	John Clarke	2003	Tom Reilly
1948	F.C. Nobury	1976	Frank Mullin	2004	Vacant
1949	F.C. Nobury	1977	Pat Unsworth	2005	Mike Riley
1950	Gerry Penlington	1978	Lesley Clarke	2006	Mike Riley
1951	M. Walsh	1979	Maria McDonnell	2007	Mike Riley
1952	W.J. Roberts	1980	Vacant	2008	Mike Riley
1953	W.J. Roberts	1981	Vacant	2009	Gordon Hodson
1954	Cyril Kelly	1982	Paul Stevens	2010	Gordon Hodson
1955	Cyril Kelly	1983	Paul Stevens	2011	Chris Dobbin
1956	Cyril Kelly	1984	Dave Newns	2012	Chris Dobbin
1957	Cyril Kelly	1985	Dave Newns	2013	Chris Dobbin
1958	Cyril Kelly	1986	Angela Platt	2014	Chris Dobbin
1959	Cyril Kelly	1987	Paul Healy	2015	Chris Dobbin
1960	Cyril Kelly	1988	Paul Healy	2016-17	Chris Dobbin

SNOWDON WALK FOR LIFE 2013 and 2014

June 23rd 2013 will be forever etched in the minds of the 74 brave souls that braved Snowdon, to raise valuable funds for the Liverpool McCartney Centre. After one of our members was treated for Breast Cancer, our amazing intrepid ramblers were more than ready to help raise money for the centre. Lord Mayor Gary Millar gave us some very welcome support, and kindly came to wave us off on our adventure. 74 of us braved vicious winds, golf ball sized driving rain, and hail to get to the summit, and over half of them got there including some that had never been out walking before which was tremendous!! Others almost made it to the top, but had to turn back because of the terrifying conditions. Everyone agreed though, that although the weather was atrocious, there was a fantastic bulldog spirit amongst everyone on the day, and there were plenty of stories to tell afterwards and in the years to come! Best of all, we raised an amazing £5001!!!!!! Well done everyone, what a club!

Presenting the cheque to the
Linda McCartney Centre



A number of the group went along to the Linda McCartney Centre where the cheque for £5,001 was handed over.

Cathy Clements, main organiser is to right holding the cheque

The Lord Mayor, Gary Miller came along to the event to show his support.

The group, were given a tour around the new therapy suite which will be used by cancer patients and their families.

The contribution of £5001 will go a long way in supporting the amazing work and treatments that are provided to patients at the centre.

WEB SITES

Liverpool Catholic Ramblers via our WEB Site <http://liverpoolcatholicramblers.com/>

Nostalgia links on LCRA Remembered over 90years <http://www.lcra-remembered.co.uk/>

Member information via Will Harris on 0151 486 6541 and willharris33@btinternet.com

Trip and Coach bookings also via Sally Parry on 07866 405545.



**George Riley, Marty Sinnott, Chris Dobbin (Chairman), Dave Parry,
Garry D'Arcy, Helen Heuston, Tracy Higham, Will Harris (Treasurer)**
In front: Sally Parry (Secretary), Pete Dumbrill
absent: Chris Harris (Registrar)



A happy group taken in the late 1990s and in the centre is Ray McIntosh who leads rambles to the present day.

Also two chaps on the left are former chairmen Tom Reilly & Mike Riley

SOME MILESTONES OVER THE YEARS

- 1927 After a few preliminary meetings, our first AGM was held in July. Annual subscription one shilling.
- 1928 Membership soared to over 110. Ramble reminders were sent to members by individual postcards
- 1929 First printed rambling programmes were supplied to members.
- 1933 Joint walks with other Catholic rambling clubs commenced.
- 1935 Club's first Football Team was formed at Queen's Drive, Stoneycroft.
- 1936 YHA holiday in Ireland. Club's Tennis Section formed, but using public courts at Newsham Park.
- 1938 Tennis Section moved to Cherry Lane, Walton, but short-lived with intervention of war.
- 1940 Last pre-war social held in air-raid shelter as clubroom badly damaged by bombs.
- 1940 No rambles during the war but a small nucleus of members held quarterly meetings and to 1945 maintained contact by corresponding to many members called up to serve overseas.
- 1945 First post-war social held in October at St. Oswald's Hall, Old Swan, and rambling resumed.
- 1946 Tennis section revived, first at The White Sisters Convent in Sefton Park, then at Garden View, West Derby. Newsletter resumed publication in June. Membership was 46.
- 1948 Football Section resumed. Twenty-first anniversary dinner dance held at Reece's Café With Archbishop Halsall presiding.
- 1952 Clubroom moved to Cathedral Buildings, Brownlow Hill. Netball Section formed (short lived).
- 1955 Thriving Tennis Club (50 members), moved to Lance Grove, Wavertree, where many successful years were spent with organised dances and American Tournaments for everyone in the LCRA.
- 1957 First of 38 years of Yuletide Walks at Rivington Barn. Many previous Yuletide venues were varied.
- 1959 First of a decade of trips to Church Stretton for football and a social at the De Montfort College.
- 1966 Groups within the club now booking skiing holidays to Austria and Italy almost annually until 1990.
- 1967 Changed clubrooms from Cathedral Buildings to Design Centre, Hope Street, triggering a change of clubrooms every three years on average. Metropolitan Cathedral opened on 14th May.
- 1968 Eight of our young lady members tragically killed in an air crash on way to Austrian walking Holiday.
- 1970 Family Section formed with approval of General Committee. Orienteering introduced in the Club.
- 1972 Fred Norbury, last of our active founder members, and popular vice-president, died suddenly.
- 1973 Sad demise of the Tennis Section as land was sold for building on. Some joined another tennis clubs.
- 1976 Cyril Kelly, another stalwart, and vice-president, died. Joining in 1934, he was Chairman for 11 years.
- 1982 The Club thought we'd found ideal clubrooms at Atlantic House, Hardman Street, holding dances on open-plan floors. With memorable Christmas/New Year buffets there. Sadly, we had to move out in 1985.
- 1990 New influx of 'mature' members and a sudden demand for regular 'C' walks.
- 1992 Family Section renamed, to be called the Seniors' Section and a new young Family Section formed.
- 1995 End of an era of 38 years of Yuletide Walks, Hot-pot and Dancing at Rivington Barn.
- 1997 Gerard Penlington, a vice-president, died after over 50 years' service in many roles, including a record of 36 years as Treasurer of the Club.
- 1998 Chris Dobbin was elected as first lay-President (some of our Archbishops presiding in the past). Some 30 members went to Zakopane in southern Poland, walking in the Tatra Mountains.
- 2000 Millennium weekend celebrated in Ambleside Youth Hostel by about 32 members. A spring holiday in hostels at Loch Lomond, Glen Nevis, Torridon and Edinburgh, attracted 30 Members.
- 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak stopped our normal walks in mid-February for a few months but we organised walks along permitted canal paths, etc and day trips walking around Chester and York.
- 2002 75th Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance at Devonshire House, Edge Lane.
- 2004 Club nights were now held on the first Thursday of the month, with cheese and wine, plus a quiz.
- 2006 LCRA website was created.
- 2007 80th Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance at Christ the King Club, 120 attended.
- 2012 LCRA Facebook Page created
- 2013 Snowdon Walk 4 Life on 23rd June. £5,001 raised for the Linda McCartney Centre.
- 2014 Snowdon Walk 4 Life on 22nd June. £2,016 split between Linda McCartney Centre & Teenage Cancer Trust.
- 2017 Dave Newns, our current President passed away. Long serving member, leader of walks, and editor of many newsletters (which will never be the same).