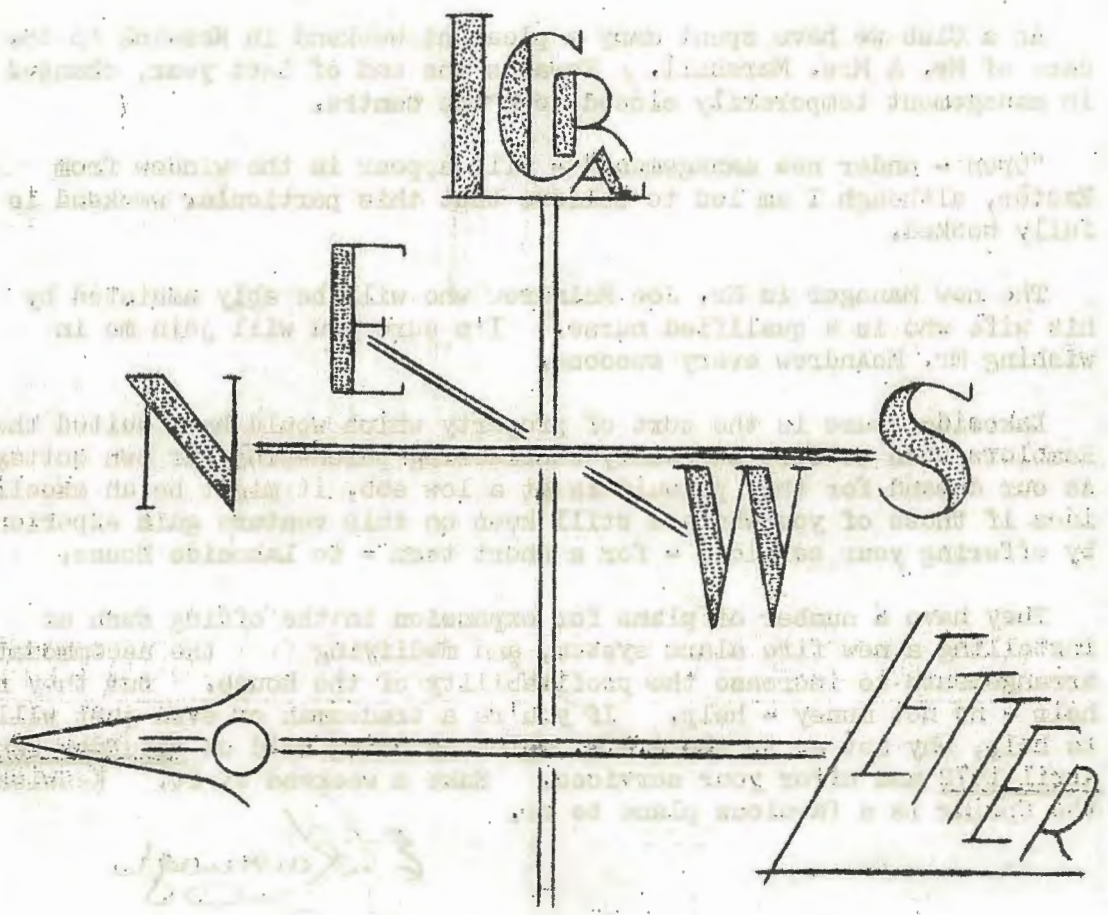


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### LAKESIDE HOUSE

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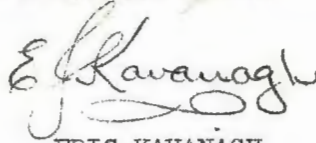
As a Club we have spent many a pleasant weekend in Keswick in the care of Mr. & Mrs. Marshall. Towards the end of last year, changes in management temporarily closed down the centre.

"Open - under new management" - will appear in the window from Easter, although I am led to believe that this particular weekend is fully booked.

The new Manager is Mr. Joe McAndrew who will be ably assisted by his wife who is a qualified nurse. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mr. McAndrew every success.

Lakeside House is the sort of property which would have suited the Ramblers when we were seriously considering purchasing our own cottage. As our demand for this pursuit is at a low ebb, it might be an excellent idea if those of you who are still keen on this venture gain experience by offering your services - for a short term - to Lakeside House.

They have a number of plans for expansion in the offing such as installing a new fire alarm system, and modifying the accommodation arrangements to increase the profitability of the house. But they need help - not money - help. If you're a tradesman or even just willing to help, why not go to the A.G.M. which is being held on Saturday 22nd April 1972 and offer your services. Make a weekend of it. Keswick in the Spring is a fabulous place to be.



ERIC KAVANAGH  
EDITOR

### ADVANCE NOTICE

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A Childrens outing is being organised for 14th May. This is one of our "Catholic Action" ventures in which Club Members not only look after a child for the day, but pay for their entertainment as well. Details of this event can be obtained from Brenda Hughes.



FOR YOUR 1973 SKIING HOLIDAY COME TO  
THE CLUB ROOMS MARCH 29TH. 1972



## MERSEY TUNNEL



(Kingsway)

On Wednesday March 8th, the Catholic Ramblers held its weekly social in a rather unusual venue. For having been unable to use the R.A.F. Club, they decided to organise a visit to the Mersey Tunnel. So at 7 p.m. that night George Dock Building was the scene of a strange gathering.

Miss Vincent with 19 accomplices entered the building and was swiftly apprehended by a guide who was waiting to meet them. Having introduced himself the guide led them upstairs to the Control Room where they were given a short introductory talk, and shown how the Tunnel, by means of various Controls, was kept under complete surveillance. The party were then given overalls and taken downstairs into what seemed the very bowels of the earth. They were shown Generators and the air filters which remove stale air from the tunnel and draws in fresh air. One of the highlights of the evening was being taken on to the sidewalk of the Tunnel itself. The guide pointed out the fire stations which are placed in the sides of the Tunnel and explained how vehicles were counted and how high vehicles were measured by means of a beam across the Tunnel.

The Guide then took the Party upstairs where they were given a few more interesting facts about the working of the tunnel. Then having removed our overalls and thanked the Guide, we were shown out into a dark cold evening. Anybody knowing Ramblers will I know completely understand that, having spent the last two hours in an alternatively hot and cold atmosphere of the Tunnel and Tunnel Building, the party was now in need of liquid refreshment of a special kind; so with a speed most people would not think possible, they made for the 'Mona' Pub. On entering we found more ramblers who, because they had not been fit enough to make that final trek to the Pier Head had met in the 'Mona' to console each other.

I am sure that all who went on the trip would wish me to thank Ann for arranging a very enjoyable, if slightly different Club night.

Written by Maggies One and Two, who when questioned denied all knowledge of this article stating that at the time of the above mentioned visit they were in the Philomonic Hall (not Pub) and have ticket stubbs to prove it.

We have not finished yet...

Could you please follow with the enclosed poem, with apologies to William Shakespeare...

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RAMBLERS

MERSEY TUNNEL

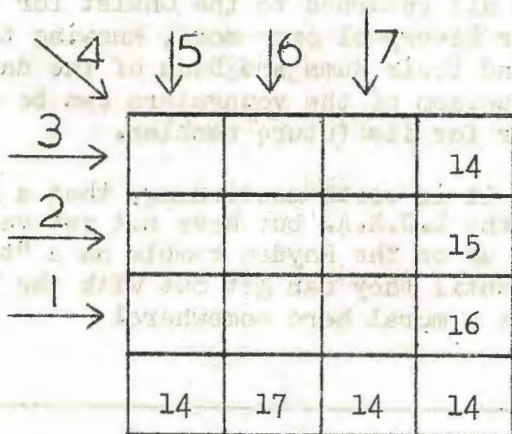
The nineteen met  
They were Mersey Tunnel bound,  
But by half past nine,  
They were nowhere to be found.

They'd had enough of Cameras,  
Air vents and cars,  
So they ran down the road,  
And into the nearest Bents bar.

The evening had been a pleasant change  
But to me something seems very strange;  
The girls who are writing the write-up  
with cheer,  
Didn't even go to the Tunnel,  
They were only there for the Beer!

Anon.

TEASER OR TEASIM



Write the numbers from 1 - 9 in the boxes to make each of the SEVEN rows add up to the given totals.

If you didn't solve last month's problem try putting number 8 in the centre circle and you will find the other numbers fit in very easily.

ROYDEN HALL RAMBLE

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What a glorious Spring morning it turned out to be, when 50 of the Ancient Order arrived at the meeting place at the Farmer's Arms, Frankby. A short drive from there and we were all safely parked in the grounds of Royden Hall, and ready to start on our walk. Joe Whitfield was the leader, and it was decided to ramble for a while before having a lunch break, instead of having lunch in the cars as we usually do. I think the walking first is a better idea, providing of course that the weather is settled. And it couldn't have been more settled than for this ramble. Not a cloud in sight, and very warm too. A nice easy ramble of about 7 miles, saw us wandering through the woodlands round Caldy, and climbing over the rocks on Thurstaston Common. The children enjoyed the usual 'sweet' breaks, and when we got back to the parked cars, everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the day. But the day wasn't really over yet, because in Royden Park on a Sunday afternoon, another "ancient order" - this time of model railways - holds its meetings, and 'rides' can be had on these models, which are complete replicas of the real things. Needless to say, most of the youngsters out were soon wanting to join the queue for the trips. A very pleasant day all round I think, so thanks Mr. Leader, for another enjoyable ramble to add to our list.

This ramble followed our first attempt at a Chalet Weekend. I know the Club has done this for many years, but this was the first time by the Ancient Order. I only went out on the Sunday walk, but I have heard glowing reports about the weekend, and the next one in April, is already booked up. The Sunday ramble attracted 52, and the countryside around Maeshafn is of course ideal for the children. After a nice Sunday stroll through the hills, we all returned to the Chalet for tea, and then the car convoy set off for Liverpool once more, knowing that the children would be sure to remind their Mums and Dads of the date of the next ramble. If the enthusiasm of the youngsters can be maintained, the Club need have no fear for its future rambles.

Incidentally, I think it is worth mentioning, that a young couple who have recently joined the L.C.R.A. but have not yet ventured out on a ramble, came out with us on the Royden ramble as a "trial run", and are now counting the days until they can get out with the "real" club on a ramble! There must be a moral here somewhere!

NEWS OF INTEREST

Instant Gluwein - Fans of Winter holidays in Austria will be pleased to know that one can now buy ingredients to brew this famous Austrian hot spiced wine. Made by Glufix the sachets cost 20 pence for a packet of 10 and are available from:-

R. Richie  
116, Falkirk Drive,  
East Kilbride, GLASGOW

# Social

Anybody who is in the least bit interested in Folk Dancing, particularly at the Clubrooms on Wednesday evenings will be interested to hear that we are about to expand our knowledge of the dances and also buy some new records. Margaret Smith is in charge of this venture and is hoping to organise a special Folk Night for Wednesday 12th April and if this is a success another one will be held on 10th May.

As mentioned in last months Socialite, we have now drawn up a short list of D.J.'s for our Socials and they are to appear (we hope!) on the following dates:-

- 22nd March - Margaret Smith & Ray O'Connor
- 29th March - Slide Show given by Dave News  
Later - Records by John Lovelady & George Maguire
- 5th April - John McLindon & Partner
- 12th April - Margaret Smith - Folk Night

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<p>The Tennis A.G.M. has been re-arranged from Saturday 8th April, to 15th April. Please make a note of this change in your diary.</p>			
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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY :  
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To Vera Davis on the recent death of her father

CONGRATULATIONS TO :  
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Kevin O'KEEFE & Ann VINCENT on their engagement.

# Ramblerite

## FOOTPATH

The recent display of rambling gear, by Ellis Brigham's of Bold Street at the Club has, we hope, inspired a great urge (in Members) to get out and about on Sundays and weekends. A bit of good news regarding coaches, due to a new development, is that we could possibly have one at a reasonable price every week. However, it must be stressed that to get the full benefit of a ramble we must start early on the day. This means we should LEAVE at 10 a.m. no later.

All rambles meet at St. John's Lane and should depart at 10 a.m. If we leave any later we will get stuck in traffic jams at Queensferry, etc., resulting in a shorter walk or a late return at night. Please arrive before 10.00..

Leaders are needed for the Summer programme - See John Wilson immediately if interested. Help will be given if you have never led a ramble and would like to have a go at it. Now, in more detail, our programme:-

### RAMBLING PREVIEW

Easter Weekend - Caravans at Harlech - Still a few vacancies.

April 9th - Langdales (Lake District) - The "A" party will be taken up the Langdale Valley to Bow Fell by Terry Bretherton. It is a rocky peak and scrambling necessary in places. There will be an "easier" walk for the "B" party who may do the Langdale Pikes. Approx fare 80p.

April 16th - Glyders (Snowdonia) - Range of rocky mountains between Llanberis and Nant Ffrancon passes. Pete Mulhall will be doing his 'thing' with the "A" party, scrambling on the summit, etc. The "B" party will conquer summit else in the area. Approx fare 80p.

April 23 - Millersdale (Peak District) - Popular spot between Buxton and Bakerwell where limestone cliffs, trees, lush green valleys and streams are in abundance. A good rambling area with a new leader, Sheila Floyd. Approx fare 70p.

April 30th - Helvellyn (Lake District) N.B. Programme change. John Lovelady is bound to find some craggy faces to trample on in this area. There will be some good-looking "B" walkers too! Uphill for both parties but well worth the effort at the top. Approx. fare 80p.



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L.C.R.A.

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WAVERTREE

INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

FEEES

UNDER 21's £1-50

OVER 21's £2-50

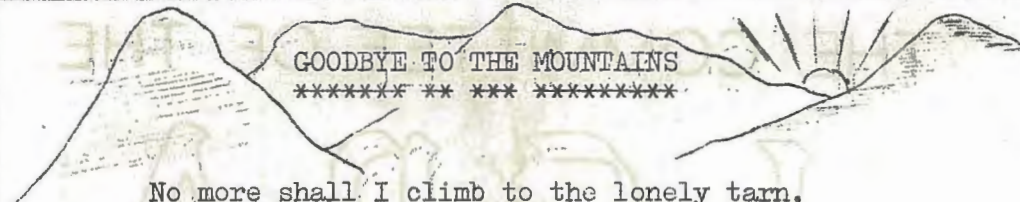
HUSBAND & WIFE £3-00

VISITORS

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A charge of 15p is made per visit for a maximum  
of six visits after which the balance of the  
subscription becomes payable.

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GOODBYE TO THE MOUNTAINS

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No more shall I climb to the lonely tarn,  
That nestles up there in the mountains arm,  
Or walk on the rocky path so steep,  
With feet as nimble as those of sheep,  
The time has come to say goodbye  
To the majestic tops of the mountains high.

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No more gaze down on lesser heights,  
Watch the raven in his wheeling flights,  
As see the tumbling beck at birth,  
As away it rushes with a sound of mirth,  
With the springy turf beneath my feet,  
Cropped short by countless wandering sheep.

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No more shall I feel the fresh wind blow,  
Cold on my face, and laced with snow,  
Or the slanting rain from clouds of grey,  
As I clamber and climb on my upward way,  
The scent of the fells when rain has passed by  
And blueness once more returns to the sky.

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All these joys are not for me now,  
My heart is heavy, and yet, somehow,  
The valleys they call me with whispering trees,  
Birds sing in branches that sway in the breeze,  
Though my love is the mountains, new delights, I  
shall find,  
When I follow the river, wherever it winds.



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Descriptive poems of the English Lake District  
by Margaret Lee Noble.  
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