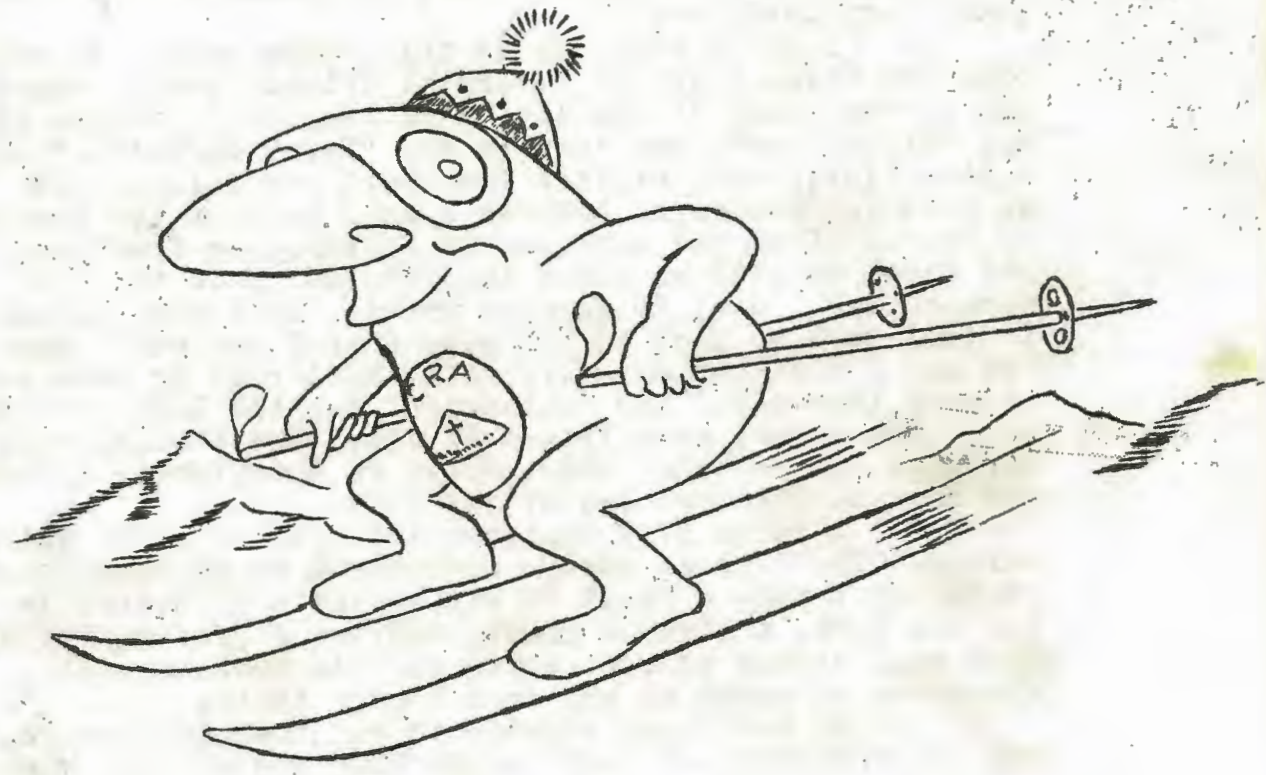


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NEWSLETTER

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218, 74 Street,  
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Dear Mr. Editor,

What a nice surprise to hear from my grand old hiking club. Yes, I was a member for about ten years before coming to the States and I loved the Club and all its members. They were the grandest people one could ever wish to meet - Fred Norbury, Cyril and May Kelly, Benny McGowan, Frank King, Gerry and Wyn Penlington, the "Collin's gang" as we affectionately called them. I know Eileen Collins married Mark Walsh and I hear from them every Christmas.

I got a kick out of this years card - it said "Did you think your old Liverpool friends would forget you at Christmas?" and inside in big, bold letters it had "Ridiculous", and then it had "Merry Christmas" and a nice little note written from Mark and Eileen. To me this was wonderful because I have been in the States 27 years. I've had some lovely letters too from Cyril and May. He told me about the Yuletide Walk the old members had. Gee, it sounded great. As I was reading it, it just took me back to the days when I was with them. Wyn and I were out on every hike, hail rain or snow and enjoyed them all. Wyn Penlington, may the Lord rest her soul, was a very dear friend of mine, and I still miss her very much as she always wrote me such lovely letters, and gave me all the news of the Club.

I am so glad that the L.C.R.A. is still going strong. The Club is always remembered in my prayers and when ever I make a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Old New York, I light a candle and say a prayer that the Club will always be kept going and its members will always be as great as the ones I knew there.

My very best regards to all the old members, and the very best of luck to the Club and all its members.

God bless you all,

Sincerely,

Violet E. Duffy.

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Editor's Note:-

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Many thanks Violet for your letter. I'm sure that the "regulars" of all those years ago will be pleased to read your memories of your great times in what is still "a Grand Old Club!"  
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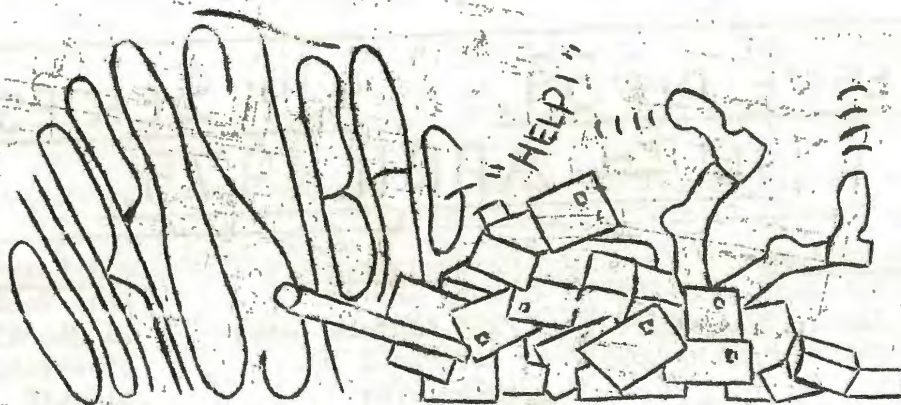
About every 6 weeks or so we like to issue a Newsletter for your information and enjoyment. Normally it is the product of about 4 weeks work by a large number of members. However, of all the stages that the Newsletter passes through before distribution, by far the most important is the printing, for a badly printed issue is a disappointment to all concerned, especially the printers. With this in mind I hope that Frank Johnson and Frank Fitzmaurice have won this month's battle with our temperamental duplicating machine but regardless, I would like to thank them for taking on this job and I know that they would welcome assistance in the future. If you are interested in helping, please see them as soon as possible.

In our last issue we asked for help in typing the Newsletter and Cath O'Neill was quick to offer her help, an offer which was gladly accepted. Thanks Cath. However in order to make the work-load lighter for all concerned, I appeal for even more help in this respect. So if you have the use of a typewriter and are willing to help please contact me as soon as possible.

Ideally, by the end of April we will have our teams of typists and printers ready for action. But what are they going to work on? Perhaps it has been forgotten that the Newsletter is produced for the benefit of all members. This is the place for you to express your opinion of all that goes on (or doesn't go on) in the Club. The "This and That" page is there for all those snippets of information which arise through the 6 week period (Perhaps one of our informed members would like to accept responsibility for this page.) We like occasionally to receive reports on interesting Rambles, Weekends, Dances etc but, "Ramblerite" and "Social" apart, we are getting nothing at all from the membership. So come on, do your bit to provide a varied and lively Newsletter. If you don't then very soon I'll be out of a job!

Pete McLindon.

Typists this month: Daphne Kenna,  
Catherine O'Neill.



Dear Mr. Editor,

Forty years is a long time! A youth becomes a young man, marries, becomes a family man, follows his occupation, looks after his family, grows a "little" older. He also makes friends, develops their friendship and retains it. Cyril Kelly has chosen to do this within the confines of the L.C.R.A., AD MULTOS ANNOS.

M. Walsh

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of May and myself I would like to thank you and your staff for dedicating the February issue of the Newsletter to us.

I would also like to thank all those members, old and new, at home and abroad, who sent their own contributions to make this Newsletter one which I will always cherish.

I know you won't mind too much if I say a special thank you to my grandson, Damian, for his little letter. He is 10 years old now, a regular Rambler with the Family Section, and in no time at all he will be old enough to join the Club proper.

I hope I am still around when that day comes, because the future of the Club depends on our children, and in turn their children, so thanks once again to one and all, and thanks to the Catholic Ramblers Association for giving me a lot more than I have been able to give back.

Sincerely Yours,

Cyril

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THIS AND THAT.

FOR THE RECORD:-

The Rambling fixtures of the last 5 weeks produced the following facts and figures:

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Venue</u>               | <u>No.</u> | <u>Weather</u>                           |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| 23rd. February | Fendle Hill.               | 30.        | Misty at first,<br>Sunny and warm later. |
| 2nd. March.    | Car Ramble to<br>Nannerch. | 13.        | Wet- all round !                         |
| 9th. March.    | Millersdale.               | 27.        | Changeable.                              |
| 16th. March.   | Sychnant Pass.             | 34.        | Sunny.                                   |
| 23rd. March.   | Thirlmere.                 | 33.        | Sunny and cold.                          |

Note:- The flat rate for all Coach Rambles is £1-30.

WELCOME TO our latest newcomers, Paul Douglas from Wavertree and  
Marin Bernard from France.

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JOKES OF THE MONTH:-

Pat and Mick were at a rather dull party one night in Penny Lane and as midnight was approaching they decided that they would nip off and get the last 99 bus home to Gillmoss. After standing at the bus stop for almost 20 minutes they realised that they had, in fact, missed the last bus home, and thus were left with no option other than walking home. As they were walking passed the bus garage in Church Road Pat decided that he could not face the long walk home, and that he would steal a bus. With that he broke into the garage, leaving Mick outside on-guard. For the next half hour there followed a series of crashes and bangs before eventually Pat re-appeared driving a bus.

"You've been long enough," snapped Mick, "and why all that noise?"

"Sure," said Pat, "and don't they keep the 99's at the back of the garage!"

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES for the future to:-

..... Mary Cassidy and Malcolm Bridge who were engaged  
on the 1st. March,

..... to Billy Carruthers and Anne Cahill who were  
married on the 31st. March,

..... and to Ricky Warrington and Jackie Bewley who were  
married on the 5th. April.

# Ramblerite.

## FOOTPATH

With an average in the high twenties over the last few weeks, rambling is going from strength to strength in 1975, and with a good and varied programme in the coming period let's hope we can keep up the interest, and boost the average to the thirty mark. The committee has decided (on a majority vote) to take names for special rambling events (i.e. hot pot walks) on the two Sundays and the last Thursday before the particular event. Let us hope now that we have laid down a system which is as fair as can be for every rambler. This system does not apply to events such as the Keswick Weekend which are Social or Rambling and Social.

Please note that bookings for the May Keswick Weekend will be taken at the Club Rooms on Thursday 17th April from 8.0p.m. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis (to Members only) on the payment of a £3.00 deposit.

### Your Rambling Diary

|                    |                                                                                                                                |                                               |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <u>13th April</u>  | Offa's Dyke                                                                                                                    | John Coyle<br>(Don't miss this special Offa!) |
| <u>20th April</u>  | Invitation Walk *<br>to Bolton Abbey                                                                                           | Richie Cannon                                 |
|                    | * You are invited to bring along all your non-member friends on this annual event which is suitable for all grades of walkers. |                                               |
| <u>27th April</u>  | Snowdon<br>(or Rained on!)                                                                                                     | Frank Johnson/John Weeler.                    |
| <u>2nd-4th May</u> | Keswick Weekend                                                                                                                | (as above)                                    |
| <u>11th May</u>    | Ilkley Moor<br>(or less)                                                                                                       | Alan Joynson                                  |
| <u>18th May</u>    | Aran Fawddwy                                                                                                                   | Frank Fitzmaurice<br>(could it be Wales?)     |
| <u>24-26th May</u> | Bank Holiday Weekend                                                                                                           | Caravans, probably on Anglesey.               |

Please contact Pete McLindon. Latest details on "News at Ten."

F. Johnson



- I think it's his first job  
as Whipper-in



# Social

## Notes for your Diary:-

- 18th April - Spring Ten Pin Bowling competition at New Brighton. It is intended to book several lanes for the evening. This has to be done in advance, so if you are interested contact Alan Joynson as soon as possible.
- 26th April - Car Treasure Hunt. An O.S. Map of the Wirral and a minimum of driver and navigator per car is all that's required. See me if you are interested.

Many thanks to Alan Joynson for his Polish Club Dance and Una MacManus for the Dolphin Lounge Social - Both highly enjoyable evenings.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

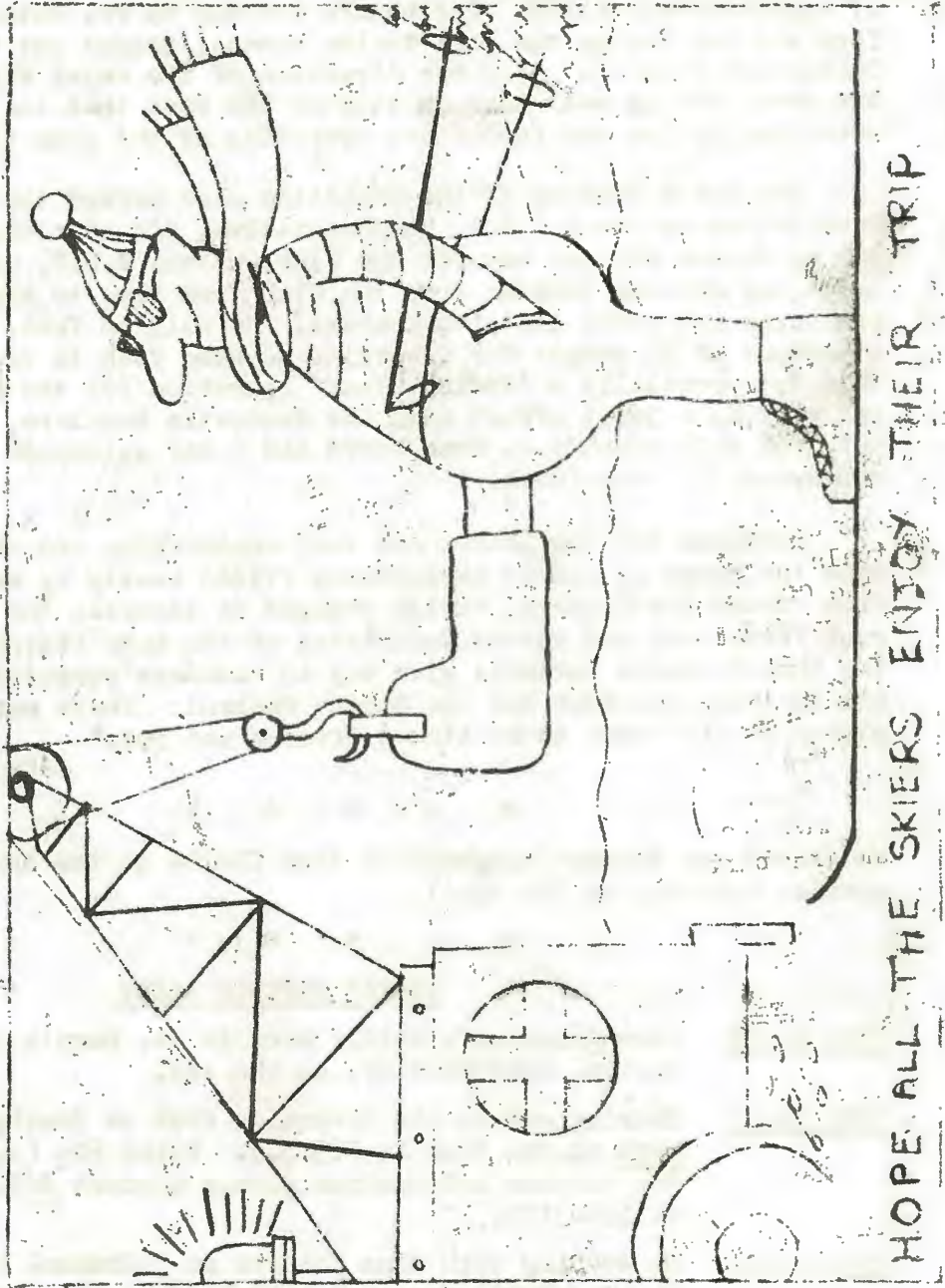
- 3rd April - The John Mack Sound
- 10th April - Raving Ray Dukes does his own thing  
(Standing in for Furkey Phil)
- 17th April - Bernie and Cath (The Spinning Twins)
- 18th April - Ten Pin Bowling
- 24th April - Pete Mac
- 26th April - Treasure Hunt
- 1st May - Dooley's Hooley
- 8th May - Jim Adamson's leg show
- 15th May - Una's Tunes
- 22nd May - Pat Unsworth v Ursula Norton

Frank Mullin  
(Social Chairman)

Another Date for your Diary - 2nd/4th May - Keswick Weekend

Bookings for this weekend will be taken on Thursday, 17th April at 8.0p.m. at the Mona Clubroom. Dave Holden will be collecting names and £3 deposits on this date from L.C.R.A. members only. The cost of the weekend is £7 plus £2 Coach Fare.





HOPE ALL THE SKIERS ENJOY THEIR TRIP

## The Lakeside Scene

This March at Keswick has marked a small milestone in the life of Lakeside House with the completion of the Fire Precautions work. The certificate, all being well, will be issued in April, marking the culmination of work which has been spread over twelve months at a cost of approximately £2750. Our thanks are due to Mr. Peter Layfield of York who has during the past twelve months, tapped out the Fire Precaution Concerto under the direction of the Chief Fire Officer for the area, not an easy task in view of the fact that the Orchestra occasionally had two Conductors operating at the same time.

The March Meeting of the Committee also marked the co-option of Dave Holden as the L.C.R.A. Representative, his main task being to act as Liaison Officer between the Club and the C.H.F. Committee in arranging working parties from the Club from time to time and supplying brochures and price lists to members. He will in fact, wish to recruit a maximum of 12 people for a working weekend 20th to 22nd June next. This is essentially a 'Spring Clean' operation for the Season proper and will be a joint effort with the Newcastle Ramblers, on the usual terms of employment i.e. free board and a car allowance for motorists conveying the work force.

Bookings for the Season are very encouraging and at the present time the house is almost exclusively filled weekly by school parties from around the Country, busily engaged in studying the natural history, rock formations and varied industries of the Lake District. However, the intellectuals pursuits give way to ramblers pursuits from 2nd - 4th May when the Club has the Spring Weekend. Thats not my particular pigeon so its "over to the Liaison Officer and out."

Lakesider

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We extend our deepest sympathy to John Clarke on the occasion of yet another birthday on 7th April.

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### FAMILY SECTION DIARY

- 13th April John Johnston's Walk. Meet in St. Mary's Car park, Euxton, near Chorley, on the A49.
- 19th April Evening out to the Riverside Club at Southport. Please meet at the Club at 7.30p.m. Price 60p (approx)  
For further information please contact Bill Naylor at 526-3179.
- 25th April An evening with Mona Roberts at 7 Elmbank Road, off Greenbank Road, near Smithdown Road (The "Brookhouse junction.) Note: This is a change to the original programme.
- 11th May Bill and Pauline Robert's Walk in the Leet Valley. Meet in the Loggerhead's Car park at 12.30 for a 1.0pm start. (walk about 5 hours duration)
- 16th May "House Meeting" with Tony and Molly Roche at 16 Hillfoot Road, Woolton, L'pool L25. (Note: a week early to avoid the Bank Holiday Weekend)

a QUIZ A LA KELLER.

You have five minutes only to answer the following ten questions - please write your answers in the space provided and on completion check your answers with those on the following sheet.

1. I went to bed at 8.0 in the evening and set the alarm so that I would get up at 9.0 in the morning, how many hours sleep would I have? .....
2. Do they have a 4 July in England .....
3. Some months have 30 days, some 31. How many months have 28? .....
4. If you had only one match and entered a dark room where there was an Oil Lamp, an Oil Heater and some Kindling, which would you light first? .....
5. A man builds a house with four sides to it a rectangular structure, A each having a Southern exposure. A big Bear wanders by. What colour is the Bear? .....
6. A Farmer has 17 Sheep. All but 9 die how many were left? .....
7. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , add 10, what is the answer? .....
8. Take 2 apples from 3. What do you have? .....
9. How many animals of each species did Moses take into the Ark? .....
10. If you drove a bus with 42 people on it from Chicago to Cleveland, then picked up 7 and dropped off 5, then onto Pittsburgh picking up 8 and dropping off 10 and then 20 hours later arrived in New York. What would be the Drivers name? .....

P.T.O. for the answers.....

BOOK CORNER

For your enjoyment, we have pleasure in recommending the following good books by new writers, compiled by A. READER and Mr. Edward Itor (known as "ED" to his friends.)

- "The Sandhills" by C. Shore. "It's busy in Gloucester" by Russ D'off Miefcate.  
"Detecting Broken Bones" by X. Ray. "Green Vegetables" by P. Pod.  
"Simple Cooking" by Addanegge & Stirre. "Obedience" by U. Will.

ANSWERS TO TEST

1. Only 1 hours sleep. 8 to 9 - one hour.
2. Yes.
3. All of them have 28 days.
4. The match.
5. White. It would be a Polar Bear.
6. Nine.
7. 70 (Note  $30 \div \frac{1}{2} = 30 \times \frac{2}{1} = 60$  plus  $10 = 70$ )
8. Two apples.
9. None - Noah is your man NOT Moses.
10. The driver's name is ..... well what is your name?  
"IF YOU drive a bus etc".

How did you rate.

10 Correct - A very alert brain - obviously you can see around corners. Should be a lawyer or Tax Official.

6 - 9 Correct - Above average.

less than 6 Correct - Like the rest of your mates, you answer without really thinking - no doubt you are a very popular character.

NOTE:- If you don't agree with the answers, please direct all arguments to Mr. B. Keller.

107, Clovelly Drive, Richboro,  
P.A., U.S.A.

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED READING:- "Electrical Installation" by  
L. Ement.

"A Warm POLTICE" by K. Oline. "Where we live" by R. HOME.

"Fleas in my house" by Ivan Elluvanich. "Don't be late" by G. UP.

"Into the shark infested sea" by Hugo Nyle Follow.

If you know of any interesting books, please drop me a line.

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A LATE NEWS ITEM:- The Scottish Shipping Magnet, Angus Onassis who has been missing for the last week was found yesterday stuck to the side of one of his ships. (magnet.....ships...."oh well please yourself" )