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NEWSLETTER

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NO 573

\* IDIOTIC COMMENT

\* Well wouldn't you feel stupid if, due to machine breakdown all last issues newsletters had no editorials and NOBODY NOTICED!!! Which begs the question - Is there any body there?

The most obvious end result is that this issue is bulkier than most as we had a few items in the pipeline when things went wrong. Enough of my troubles. This issue gives details of our special "cover" competition. Why not have a try- we promise not to tell anyone - unless you win and then you'll be so famous you won't have to care what people think. The Committee haven't decided what the prize is to be, but current suggestions centre round a book/record token.

We also have an account of the Easter weekend at Trearder Bay which seems to have been rather good. My apologies for the lack of detail but the rest simply wasn't fit to print!

I'd like to finish on a serious note and repeat my appeal for contributions. Ideally the Newsletter should reflect YOUR opinions/suggestions about the Club but it can't unless you write to it.

THE VILLAGE IDIOT.

## LETTER FROM THE 'CHAIRMAN'

Once again it is time for me to comment on the present situation in the Club.

Whilst our activities seem to be going fairly well, we can never sit back and be content - and this is where you come in; Please do make use of the channels available to you for making known your feelings, opinions, ideas, suggestions for improvement, criticism (I hope there aren't too many), questions, in fact anything which you think will interest other members, or will help us in running the club more efficiently. (Only with this feedback from you can we hope to function at our best, providing the opportunities and activities that you want.

In case you are not sure of how you can express your thoughts;-

- 1) Write a letter to our Newsletter Editor - Jim Adamson - and he will print it (although please remember that the Editor has the right to 'edit' as he things fit). Whenever possible we will reply to, or comment on, your letter through the Newsletter.
- 2) Inform the Committee of your points of view at the Rambling/Social Committee Meetings. You may not be aware that these are held at Birch House (Bishop Eton Parish Centre) Green Lane, off Woolton Road/Menlove Avenue, the last Monday of each month, starting at 8.00 p.m. Even if you have nothing special to say, or have only a small point to make, feel free to come along and see what goes on 'behind the scenes'. You'd be very welcome, and I promise that I won't 'rope you in' for anything.
- 3) If you do not feel able to put your thoughts into writing, or cannot attend a Rambling/Social Meeting, just convey your opinions to any Committee Member who will then bring them to the attention of the General Committee. We will let you personally know of the outcome.

On one particular matter the Jubilee Sub-Committee have already anticipated your thoughts and have taken certain measure to help the situation. I am referring to the cost of the tickets for the Jubilee Dinner Dance to be held in October at the Centre Hotel. In your last Newsletter you will have read about the 'payment by instalment' scheme which is to help you cover the cost of the ticket (about £5) in the easiest way we can arrange. Please do make use of the scheme, which has already started. Don't leave it so late that the scheme is of little use to you. The sooner you start saving the less your instalments need be.

As I don't want my Chairman's letter to be quite as long as my 'News at Ten' reports, I'll now let you enjoy the rest of your Newsletter. Please read it carefully and make a note of the future events mentioned.

PAT UNSWORTH  
(M. CHAIRMAN).

RAMBLING SURVEY - LATEST.

Over the last couple of Thursdays we've been conducting a poll into people's attitudes to Rambling and why they don't come on the walks as often as we'd like them to. Needless to say, some people can't take anything seriously .....

- 1) About how long have you been a member?
  - Not a member : NOT as long as Keller: 11 Years (Too long)
- 3) How often do you go on a Ramble?
  - Too often :When I'm let out.
- 4) How regulary should the Club provide a Ramble?
  - Twice a fortnight.
- 8) Would you prefer to come straight home? Or happy with the pub stop?
  - Ecstatic :Very,very happy.
- 9) What is your most frequent reason for not Rambling?
  - Inebriation : Avinimosis? : I am lazy.
- 10) Other reasons?
  - As 9-only worse: Housework:
- 11) Any other comments?
  - Dennis Healey is not worth a carrot.

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IRISH/SCOTTISH/WALSH/ENGLISH CROSSWORD(Delete as personal predujice)

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ACROSS

- 1) Boxer's fist.
- 2) Fruit drink.
- 3) Satirical mag.
- 4) Drills leather.
- 5) Famous puppe~~r~~ .

DOWN

- 1) Fresh garden..
- 2) Female sheep.
- 3) Lay Eggs.
- 4) Seven ....
- 5) Not used by Cockneys.

### RAMBLERITE

The L.C.R.A. once more seems to be in the grip of socialites rather than ramblers. Insufficient names taken for walks means the coach has had to be cancelled on a number of occasions to be replaced by car rambles. With a clientele of over 70 members attending the socials each week this is a very poor effort on the part of a lot of people.

The Easter Caravan Weekend was another event which was given the cold shoulder by a large proportion of Club members. This was a great pity as it was one of the best caravan weekends it has been my pleasure to participate in.

The rambling programme at this time of year expands to take in such wonderful walking areas as the Lake District and Snodonia, so if you haven't so far been on a ramble make your mind up to go on at least one a month. It is also the best way of making contact with the active Club members.

#### RAMBLING PROGRAMME:-

- |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 1st - SNODONIA         | - Alan Joynson is in charge for our first trip of the year to this magnificent scenic area of N. Wales.                                                                                   |
| May 8th - CONISTON OLD MAN | - Jim Adamson leads the charge to the top of this famous Lakeland walk. (There is no truth in the rumour that Peter McLindon remembers when this mountain was called Coniston Young Man.) |
| May 15th - 4 of 4          | - Frank Fitzmaurice, one of the few who has done all 14 peaks in one day, is a fitting choice to lead this one.                                                                           |
| May 22nd - CRINKLE CRAGS   | - Mike Lewis guides us out of the Langdale Valley on another scenic Lakeland walk.                                                                                                        |
| May 29th - PENYR-OLEWEN    | - Led by Mike O'Shea from Lake Ogwen - another panoramic view of North Wales peaks is to be had on this walk.                                                                             |

BRIAN KELLER  
RAMBLING CHAIRMAN

A WEEKEND IN? TREARDER BAY.

or--- Rich Rambler/ Poor Rambler ( Book III)

The following is a completely factual account of the above as told by two of the survivors to our raving reporter.

".....we arrived at the site at about 1a.m. and spent about another hour trying to actually find the Ramblers. WE'RE HERE ! Absolutely no response. We eventually managed to waken one J. Macalinden Esq. who directed us to caravan 15 where we were welcomed by Anne Hartley....."

On Friday morning their intrepid leader, Mr. B. Keller, organised an arduous walk to the Stack Cafe and those who were in any fit state proceeded to demolish everything edible. In the evening.....

"..... for a few ales . After that we all trooped off to Ann Hartlet's caravan for areally great party. The ale flowed like water, there was plenty of food and music was provided by Hexagon( Available for bookings, very cheap.) Some of the girls started to dance and Brian Keller....."

Saturday seems to have been spent in much the same way but the highlight of the weekend was Sunday night at the local Catholic Club. Everybody got into the spirit of the evening and joined in a good old sing-song. Especially Denis Keenan who, for his cheek, was given 1st prize in that evenings contest.

All in all, the majority of the weekend appears to have been given over to wild enjoyment etc. and I think it's absolutely disgusting..... that I couldn't go !!!

REUTER

JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS

1) SPECIAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

We have decided to hold a contest to design a cover for the special 50th Anniversary issue of the newsletter. The rules are quite straightforward and are as follows.....

- a) Entry is open to any fully paid-up member of the L.C.R.A.
- b) Each entry must be at least 10"x8" and be drawn (outline) in black ink or similar.
- c) Each entry must contain the Club emblem (see cover of Rambling programme) and the phrase "50th Anniversary issue"
- d) Entry is limited to one design per entrant and the Committee's decision will be final.

All entries must be submitted by the second Thursday in June. Entries will not be returned unless you enclose a stamped-addressed envelope.

2) CHALLENGE MATCHES - YOUNG? SECTION V FAMILY SECTION.

| <u>Event</u>               | <u>Date</u>    |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| One-day Tennis Tournament  | 16/7/77        |
| Bowling (green) Tournament | 28/5/77        |
| All-star Cricket Match     | To be notified |

All the above to commence at 2pm unless otherwise notified.

Anyone interested in the above should contact  
Family Section X - Bill Naylor ( 526 -3179)  
Young? Section - Any Committee member.

S O C I A L I T E.

IN THE CLUBROOMS.

April 28th Pavement Disco, 40p. Late extension.  
May 19th Country Dance (Mrs. Smith) 30p. No extension.  
June 9th Pavement Disco, 40p, late extension.  
July 7th Seoda Ceoil, 40p. Late Extension.

This promises to be an excellent night's entertainment. Seoda Ceoil are first class Trad Musicians and singers.

August 18th Pavement Disco, 40p. Late extension.

OUTSIDE EVENTS.

On Friday, 6th May 1977, we are holding a dance at Chaucers, Hardman Street. Dancing from 8p.m. to 1 a.m. Price 50p.

CHESHIRE WORKSHOP & BEESTON CASTLE.

A visit to these places of interest will take place on Saturday, May 14th. For further details see Pat Unsworth. Total cost 80p + petrol.

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1977

A night out will take place at the Riverside, Southport. We have been here a couple of times before and once again a coach will be provided. For further details see M. Lewis. Total cost about £2.

ALLAN JOYNSON.



## OLIVER TWIST NIGHT.

We left St. John's Lane at 7.30 p.m. and stopped at Allinsons for a rambler who, having got tired of waiting for the coach, had made for the nearest pub. When all were aboard off we went to the WIGGIN TREE ORPHANAGE.

However, we were not the only people to visit the Orphanage that particular night. When we arrived we were joined by three other parties, namely, the STOCKPORT HATTERS ASSOCIATION, an Engineering Firm from Kirkby, and another lot whose name I can't remember. As you might expect, some of us had trouble finding a coathanger.

Then we all drifted into the dining room where each group sat at its own table. When we were all sitting comfortably in case the Beadle and Mrs. Bumble.

The Orphanage had two rules they told us and these were; If one wished to attract the attention of a waitress one finger was to be raised. Rule number two was, if anyone needed to leave the room the signal was two fingers. The Beadle emphasized that this latter gesture was to be used only as a signal and not to express an opinion. A short rendering of "FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD" followed whereupon the Waitresses entered and we were introduced.

Well one usually expects a good menu on these occasions, but this was a banquet. Soup came first, then spare ribs, which had to be eaten with the fingers (the spare ribs that is, not the soup). Third course was chicken, onions and potatoes. After that there was jam roll and custard. It was all a bit too much for Gwen, who pulled a face when she saw the jam roll, but Lesley enjoyed every bit of it. Tables were cleared then it was time for more singing, for those who could manage it. Four men stood up, among them Alan Joynson, and each one was to sing one line of "IN THE STORES", but when it came to Alan's turn he couldn't remember the words and duly received the dunces cap. But it was left to the girls to provide the highlight of the evening with a "KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN". The line-up included Pat, Cathy, Lesley and Anna, the idea being to show that they do wear something underneath. They went off to a tremendous round of applause, mainly from the men.

Frank Fitzmaurice kept a low profile throughout the evening.

A good time was had by all and we look forward to a return visit sometime in the future.

WATCHDOG.

Orienteering

Sunday 13th - unlucky for some, as they say. Although nine people put their names down only four turned up despite an 11 o'clock start.

Gery Hoscroft was already there when I arrived at ten to eleven. Kath Diver arrived next, despite the handicap of an all-night party - and she only came to help me organise the event! Paul Parry roared up in his MGB GT followed by Bob Banks who completed the compliment - despite this being 11.20a.m.

Our destination was Primrose Hill, some two or three miles south of Delamere Forest, where the Deeside Orienteering club has set up a permanent course. As Bob was the only one with any orienteering experience we forgot about the event proper and held a little introductory event of our own. After the first five stages it was obvious that they had mastered the basics and so with complete confidence(?) I set them loose on a short course which would take them back to the start and went off to practise myself. At the appointed time of 3.30 we all met, having successfully (Cheers) completed our courses.

To the four who turned up X - Thank you very much!

ERIC KAVANAGH.

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Family Section Macclesfield Forest Ramble - 3 April

Our party of 33 commenced walking at Walker Barn near the "Setter Dog" Inn, over the Peak National Park towards Lamabad Reservoir climbing a number of wall stiles in the process. Eventually we arrived at Ballgreave Farm which was abandoned when the valley was flooded. Moving on we encountered our first mud and it also began to snow, much to the delight of the children in the party.

Crossing the A537 we proceeded via Greenways Farm to the Forest Chapel where we received a kind invitation from the Vicar to look around (Despite our muddy boots). Our last stretch took us through Macclesfield Forest where the "mudlarks" really began. The path wound through pine trees which had to be used as handholds if you wanted to stay upright, but many of the party decided the easiest way down was on their backsides, much to the amusement of the rest of us.

From there, onto a path which led round the side of a hill and eventually back to the road near our starting point.

Thank you for supporting our Ramble !

THE LEADERS

FRED NORBURY TROPHY 1976/77

This year's Trophy has been competed for over five events. For the people who have competed they have proved to be five very enjoyable evenings. Below is a full list of how the events went;-

GENTLEMEN

LADIES

DARTS.

|                        |        |    |              |        |
|------------------------|--------|----|--------------|--------|
| 1. John Watkins Joker  | 6 pts. | 1. | Ann Hartley  | 3 pts. |
| 2. Roy Row             | 2 "    | 2. | Norma Row    | 2 "    |
| 3. Dennis Keenan Joker | 2 "    | 3. | Pat Unsworth | 1      |

TENPIN BOWLING.

|                |        |    |                |        |
|----------------|--------|----|----------------|--------|
| 1. Mike Lewis  | 3 pts. | 1. | Ann Hartley    | 3 pts. |
| 2. Jim Adamson | 2 "    | 2. | Leslie Roberts | 2 "    |
| 3. Mike O'Shea | 1 "    | 3. | Norma Row      | 1 "    |

CROWN GREEN BOWLS.

|                       |        |    |                      |        |
|-----------------------|--------|----|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Mike Lewis (Joker) | 6 pts. | 1. | Pat Unsworth (Joker) | 6 pts. |
| 2. Roy Row            | 2 "    | 2. | Norma Row (Joker)    | 4 "    |
| 3. John Watkins       | 1 "    | 3. | Ann Hartley          | 1 "    |

PITCH & PUTT.

|                           |        |    |                       |        |
|---------------------------|--------|----|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. Peter McLindon (Joker) | 6 pts. | 1. | Lesley Clarke (Joker) | 6 pts. |
| 2. Dave Holden (Joker)    | 4 "    | 2. | Pat Unsworth          | 2 "    |
| 3. Mike Lewis             | 1 "    | 3. | Norma Row             | 1 "    |

TENPIN BOWLING.

|                      |        |    |                       |        |
|----------------------|--------|----|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. John Pugh (Joker) | 6 pts. | 1. | Marion Greene (Joker) | 6 pts. |
| 2. Mike Lewis        | 2 "    | 2. | Monica O'Briene       | 4 "    |
| 3. Peter McLindon    | 1 "    | 3. | Pat Unsworth          | 1 "    |

THE WINNERS BEING:

|               |         |              |         |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| Michael Lewis | 12 pts. | Pat Unsworth | 10 pts. |
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MICHAEL LEWIS.

RAMBLING REVIEW - III

1976/77

1975/76

1974/75

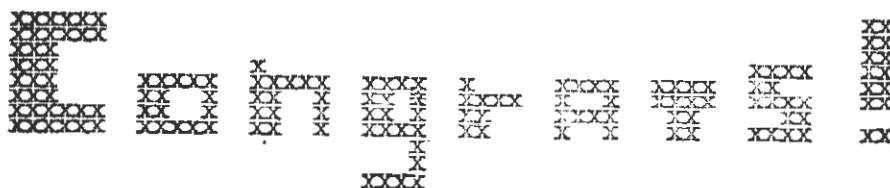
| Month       | No. | Average | No. | Average | No. | Average |
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| Sept.       | 2   | 21.5    | 3   | 24.33   | 4   | 27.25   |
| Oct.        | 3   | 34.33   | 3   | 31.67   | 3   | 31.67   |
| Nov.        | 3   | 27.00   | 4   | 20.25   | 3   | 26.67   |
| Dec.        | 1   | 21.00   | 2   | 21.5    | 2   | 18.00   |
| Jan.        | 2   | 30.50   | 3   | 28.33   | 3   | 24.00   |
| Febr.       | 3   | 22.67   | 3   | 31.67   | 4   | 32.25   |
| Mar.        | 2   | 18.00   | 2   | 29.50   | 4   | 26.75   |
| Totals      | 16  |         | 20  |         | 23  |         |
| Net Average |     | 25.8    |     | 26.6    |     | 27.3    |

There are lies, damned lies and statistics. You could Optimistically claim that this year's average Ramble attendances compare very well with the previous two years. On the debit side the number of Coach rambles has fallen considerably, two out of the last three Rambles being Car Rambles. Although these figures cannot take every factor into account, they do reflect the rather depressing trend of Rambling attendances.

Let's hope that the advent of better weather and the influx of new members will result in an increase in our "batting average". We are, after all, a Rambling Club.

Happy Rambling!

OLD MAN OF CONISTON



to our former Editor, Pete Macalinden ( and Phil too, of course) on the production of their very own First Edition.