

NEWSLETTER

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



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Editor's Ramblings

DRY RAMBLES have been on the cards recently. On March 2nd scenic reservoirs and part of the Kirklees Way near Holmfirth were enjoyed by a combined 'A'/'B' walk. The 'C' party, however, got saddled with some boggy bits of Saddleworth Moor. At Holmfirth we spotted the cafe used in 'Last of the Summer Wine' but three of our chaps just couldn't be tempted to call inside.

The following week we ambled over a vast limestone area near Kirkby Stephen in fine weather. A fortnight later it was bare feet with trouser legs rolled up. This was the best way to do a section of the Millers Dale 'B' walk over unseen submerged stepping stones. Wellies would have been ideal as it was a good ten inches deep in parts, not to mention the ice-cold water.

A few members enjoyed a train ramble around the Chester area on Easter Sunday. Question: Will we get the write-up promised for the next edition?

Last week, the heavily-wooded river valleys around Hebden Bridge attracted many 'C' walkers, but the Stoodley Pike Monument was highlight of the 'A' and 'B' walks that day.

Now then, did you know that two of our members have been Down Under for the past few weeks? Margaret Scotland and our Chairlady, Bernadette Doyle both took rucksacks with them, but on different flights. Margaret is doing a spot of coastal backpacking with her sister who lives

there, while Bernie is with her Brother's Aussie family near the Blue Mountains (postcard just received), so there should be a few stories to be told on their return and, hopefully, as promised, in our newsletter.

Finally, thanks to everyone who contributed anything to this edition including Jack with the Jacobs girls photograph.

It should be noted that photos don't photocopy very well on this type of paper unless they're screened (fine dots) as was the Jacobs girls newspaper picture in this edition. Material for the next newsletter should be given or sent to me at

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Dave Newns

NEW MEMBERS

Only two on my list. So it's welcome to the club for Brenda Moore and Brenda Smith. Others not mentioned should appear in the next newsletter.

NEW BABY



Congratulations to Annette and Brian Keller on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Lauren (8lb 3oz) on March 23rd.

JOE ROURKE REMEMBERED

On April 13th, before enjoying the ramble at Kettlewell, we will have (or have had) a few minutes of prayers and a brief eulogy for Joe Rourke. For the information of those who didn't know Joe, he was a popular walk leader of our club. Joe collapsed and died whilst out walking with friends in Yorkshire two years ago.

SKIN CANCER WARNING

At this time of the year the noonday and early afternoon sun is already strong enough to cause serious damage to unprotected skin when out on a walk. The number of skin cancer cases in this country are increasing rapidly. Sun block cream or lotion with a high factor should be used on the face and other unprotected areas of the skin plus a sun hat for extra protection.

A BRIEF RAMBLING PREVIEW

DOVEDALE, April 11th - Very popular South Derbyshire beauty spot and a chance to see the annual well-dressings at Tissington.

MALHAM, April 18th - Limestone country. The famous Limestone Pavement and Malham Cove are just two of the highlights of this walk.

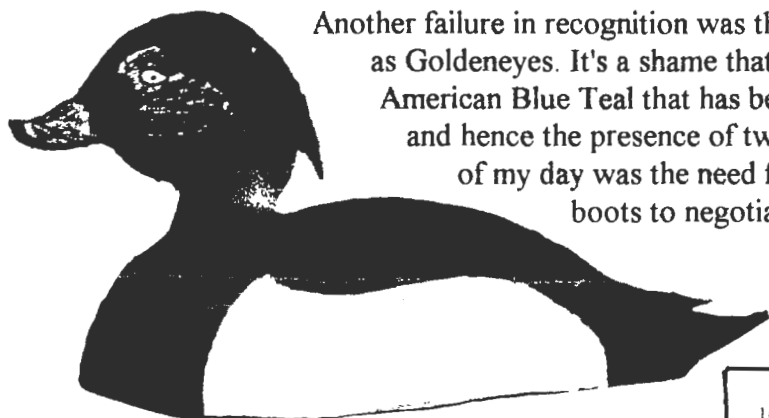
Ramblerite

We are currently going through our most successful year in terms of numbers for a long time. I've worked out that we have averaged 47 people per coach so far this year. Our policy of improved coaches and a full programme of social evening entertainment appear to be working. This reflects the large number (49) booked for the Longthwaite Y/H Weekend. We will be hiring a minibus which will be subsidised, for this event, and a meeting to finalise arrangements will be held at the Cornmarket on Thursday April 17th. at 8.00 p.m. prompt for all those involved.

For those like me who were unable to identify the large, pink/purple spikes of flowers alongside the river at Millersdale, these were Butterbur. During the summer they will be replaced by the large rhubarb-like leaves which dominate areas beside rivers. These leaves were once used to wrap butter.

Another failure in recognition was the pair of Tufted Ducks erroneously labelled as Goldeneyes. It's a shame that we were unable to spare the time to spot the American Blue Teal that has been at the Monsal area for the last few weeks and hence the presence of twitchers. Though without doubt the highlight of my day was the need for all on the "B" walk to remove their boots to negotiate the notorious stepping stones.

Ray McIntosh 🦆



Notices

A **First Aid Kit** is currently missing, doubtless, it will be festering at the bottom of someone's bag.

The Hawkshead ramble on April 20th will be a meal inclusive event costing £9. Chicken, chips and peas with a sweet and tea/coffee will be provided by Christine at the Carnforth Hotel.

On Sunday May 25th (Bank Holiday W/E) the 37-seater coach will be going to Flamborough Head. This destination is further than usual and to facilitate this we will be leaving at **8.30 a.m.** If this experiment is successful we will be able to visit the North Yorkshire Moors sometime in the near future.

Llanbedr Y/H has been provisionally booked for the August Bank Holiday W/E (22/23/24). This is a small hostel and the numbers will be limited. Book now with the usual £10 non-returnable deposit.

70th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Adepfi Friday Oct 24th. See any committee member to book. Non-returnable deposit of £5/person. Ray will take payment by instalments of £5 if required.



Thursday Socials



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| 17th April | Pie Night & Face Quiz
(Jack Henderson) | |
| 24th April | George's Quiz
(Ken & Carol) | |
| 1st May | Card Night ???
(Mike Riley) | ♣️♦️
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| 8th May | Cheese & Wine Night | |

The winner of the last Newsletter's
PRIZE COMPETITION was Carol Kellett
and the runner up Monica O'Beirne.
Each receives a copy of
"On Foot in the Pennines."
The twelve letter word was:



ANTICIPATORY.

CASCADING WATERFALLS UNDER WINTER SUNSHINE

What a great contrast in the weather—rain in Liverpool at the start of the day, but glorious blue skies on our arrival in the Lake District on February 23rd.

For a change the 'A' walk got off the coach last, having made emotional farewells to the 'B' and 'C' walks at Ambleside. Our grid position was a very tempting pub called the Swan Hotel just outside Grasmere. Any wicked thoughts of a swift half were quickly dashed as Tom, our leader, accelerated off into those hills. However, liquid refreshment can come in many forms, the most vivid being a fast-running stream to our right, rushing past us in torrents of white foam and looking every bit how a river should look.

Suitably impressed the walk continued on at a fairly steep angle with the effort being rewarded with improving viewpoints. To the east Heron Pike and Lord's Crag were the proud owners of at least three cascading waterfalls, seen at their best on this clear winter's day.

First booty break was at an interesting arrangement of small crags known as Stone Arthur. From a distance and a misty imagination this could have well been King Arthur's lost

castle, but for the moment it was a good place to drink and rest.

Moving on in a north-westerly direction was bringing us ever closer to our first goal - Great Rigg. Arrival at the ridge was soon rewarded as we looked down at the spectacular valley containing Rydal Beck and admiring the sheer mountain sides which easily led the eye gently to Ambleside.

At this height odd patches of snow were still lingering in the mountain shade and proving an instant hit with a wide variety of boots.

On to Fairfield summit and a sudden downward swing in temperature as the wind made its presence felt with an unexpected cloud drop. Just a few minutes here to hide behind some rocks and put on some extra layers before setting off to Dove Crag, our last peak and booty break.

We now enjoyed a gradual and warmer descent towards Ambleside, passing Sweden Bridge which no doubt is Ambleside's answer to Ashness Bridge near Keswick.

Thanks to Tom for an excellent walk.

Cheers, *Roy This*



THE JACOBS GIRLS

This old photograph has just been unearthed featuring the Jacobs girls as they were in 1940. We now have five Jacobs girls as club members and have taken great pains to identify them in the photograph. We hope that we have got their names right as they don't seem to have aged much since the picture was taken. It must be all that healthy rambling lifestyle that they have been experiencing with us! Our club's answer to the Spice Girls are: Lil Martin, Anita Curry, Josie Flaherty, Dawn Case and Pat Webster.

The X Walks

Drawn by Tricia Bentley
Words by the Editor

Continuing from our last cartoon after Terrestrial Bird Arcticus unwittingly shortened his name to TBA.

I noticed that there are still several TBA's wanted for our current rambles so I have brought some more with me. Now then, Ray, should I clone some more TBA's for those summer vacancies, or can you supply them?

Dad, I think chocolate penguins would be more useful to those Catholic Ramblers!

