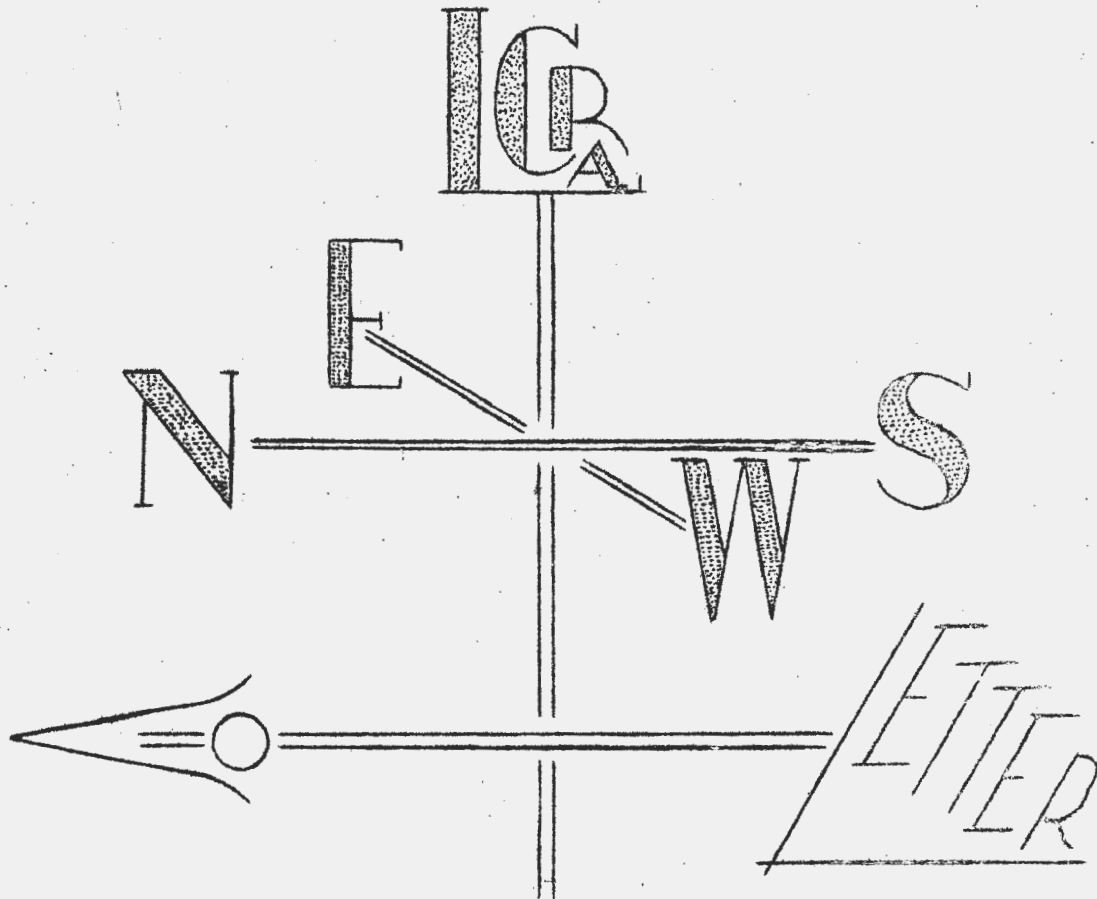


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## EDITORIAL

We rapidly approach the end of another year. Very shortly we will be having our Annual General Meeting during which you will elect your new committee. Has your existing committee served you well? Has your Newsletter served its function of advising you of events to come, of reporting events past? Have you had an opportunity of having your say published?

Looking back over the seven previous issues since the last A.G.M. one factor is most obvious - Lack of advertising, I make no excuses, but when functions are thought of, organised and executed all within a couple of weeks, how can a monthly (or bi monthly) Newsletter advertise them? For interest sake let us break down the main write-ups into sections and see who really contributes to this medium of expression:-

EDITORIAL He is a bit of a chatterbox writing in every issue on topics like "The Cottage", "The A.G.M.", "The Non-Catholic Membership issue".

SOCIALITE Not too regular with only four contributions, but some advertising and reports on "Bowles" and "Dances" made up a reasonable measure.

RAMBLERITE Contributed to six issues with "Rambling Preview" giving last minute alterations to programme. There were a total of seven 'Ramble Write Ups', out of 50 events. Orienteering however was reported on three occasions for three events. Even the new section of the "Ancient Order" managed three write-ups and they only meet once a month.

FOOTBALL Was consistent in that it reported at the start of the season and its obituary was read at the end of the season.

TENNIS Although relatively difficult to talk about there were five reports and numerous adverts. During the season tennis was reported in each issue.

POST BAG Four letters printed under this section were to do with the "Non Catholic Membership" whilst the fifth was a social type from Australia.

ARTICLES 'John O'Greates' was a journey worth reading and 'Take a Bearing' was an attempt at a technical report, but the 'Story for the under Fives' was really a load of old rubbish, though it was punny.

A.G.M. & S.G.M. These were reported in full. We also took a couple of pages to introduce your last committee and the Secretarial Report condensed last years activities into two pages.

This copy is the eight and last issue before the A.G.M. and its contents should be added to the above. Following the A.G.M. we will have a new committee - new ideas - and perhaps even a better Newsletter.

Eric Kavanagh  
EDITOR

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#### BOWLS AND PUTTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

To many of our members, Thursday July 8th 1971 means absolutely nothing. To those of us who journeyed to Sefton Park, it signified the day that the lady members of the club conceded to the inevitable superiority of the men, especially in the world of sport. This event, which had been well advertised for some three weeks in advance at the club, was notable for the failure of the girls to meet the challenge of the lads. Although a number of the fair sex had indicated they would attend, for reasons best known to themselves, they did not turn up. On the face of it, they "chickened out", and very sensibly too, as they were bound to be defeated. Still I feel that they missed a very enjoyable evening of sport, as well as a couple of long, cool drinks in the local.

Congratulations are due to Joe Nolan who was completely unbeatable at bowles scoring a perfect 11 in each of three games. In the putting Peter McLindon just scraped home the winner with a 52.

Finally a word to the girls. If you have enough confidence in your own ability to compete with the lads at any sport - WE ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE. Arrange any event which appeals to you, at any venue. After all you must do something to restore your shattered image. Put your ideas to the Social Committee - we will help you organise the event (if necessary) Who knows, by some miracle you may actually win.

Francis Drake

#### PAKISTANI RELIEF

Following the recent Typhoon disaster in East Pakistan a collection was made amongst club members in the R.A.F.A. rooms. A sum of £6.00 was collected and forwarded by G. Penlinton, who has since received grateful acknowledgement.

# Ramblerite

## FOOTPATH

Have you been in the L.C.R.A. a long time? Maybe you are relatively new to the many, few who don boots and windcheater at an unearthly hour on a Sunday morning. Maybe you haven't even had the courage to venture further than to the Club room on a Wednesday evening. If you are an old hand (like me!) forgive me, just keep it up and encourage those who are willing to suffer the experience of aching limbs and that air of achievement on the Monday after for the first time. It is well worth the effort. I assure you. However if you have the right equipment (besides a good beer drinking hand or even your own rambling type pewter mug!) you will enjoy the walking all the more. A good pair of waterproof boots with commando type rubber soles are essential and will cost you at least £3.50 and should cost you £6 - £7 if you are certain of being keen or at least of a persevering character. A pair of norwegian wool socks on top of a thin pair of light wool socks (not nylon as they cause blisters) stolen from your Dad if you are female! are a sure guarantee for foot comfort. Further an anorak preferably with waist draw cord and preferably one you poke your head thro (i.e. without zip) will keep you warm on a cold day. The one or even two chunky sweaters in your small rucksack or army sack strapped on your back could be a boon, not to mention those welcome spare slacks shirt (or blouse) and socks when you are marching along that spectacular ridge in the pouring rain. Also a nylon waterproof over-anorak and trousers are worthwhile.

The Autumn and Winter programme will soon be published, so now is the time to stock up on some good equipment in order to best enjoy the rustic glades and along the misty ridges of the hill country as the beautiful Winter-bound countryside takes your sniff.

You will notice the highlights of the SEPT. programme below of the 'daring' exploits that the ramblers will be undertaking - so why not invest in good apparel to better enjoy them

### R A M B L I N G

### P R E V I E W

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	5TH	FAIRFIELD	JOHN LOVELADY
"	12TH	SNOWDONIA * * * * *	DAVE NEWNS
"	19TH	ANNUAL MASS	
		(This will be followed	
		by an Orienteering event	
		held in Delamere Forest)	ERIC KAVANAGH
"	26TH	WENSLEYDALE	KEITH SCOTT

# TENNIS 1971 SEASON

The end of another seasons league fixtures brought no great joy to the Ramblers. The season started on an equal footing when Mike Marsden and Eric O'Brien (our number one couple) found it impossible to continue playing for the club for personal reasons. However, we managed to complete the season fielding a complete team on every occasion.

George McGuire our Vice Captain played an important part particularly in team recruitment for on a couple of occasions he had to ask people to play after receiving last minute cancellations. One such occurrence was on the last match of the season when Paul Brereton cancelled because he had to go to Birmingham and Eddy Feeney for private reasons. Two possible reserves Hugh Malloy and John Lovelady were on holiday, Brian Keller was still on the injured list, Mike Rowlands was not obtainable at a couple of hours notice but we still fielded a full team, when Dave Newnes made his second appearance and Ken Smith gallantly made up the number 3 couple. Of the newer blood in the team one must compliment George McGuire who showed the greatest promise, closely followed by John Lovelady.

Next season we look forward to more even competition in Division "E" where we hope to achieve a more dignified position in the league.

Although league matches are now complete, club play will still continue until it gets too dark to see the ball. So keep coming you regulars till the frost cracks the shale.

## TEAM SELECTION LIST

Eric Kavanagh  
CAPTAIN

JOHN BURNS  
GEORGE MCGUIRE  
HUGH MALLOY  
JOHN LOVELADY

EDDY FEENEY  
PAUL BRERETON  
CHRIS DOBBIN  
ERIC KAVANAGH

DAVE NEWNS  
BRIAN KELLER  
MIKE ROWLANDS  
KEN SMITH

### RAMBLING TYPES PLEASE NOTE:-

New leaders are always welcomed to the ranks. Our programme for the six months from December will need the services of some 24 leaders. Will you try? Please contact any Committee members.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Wednesday June 30th saw the world premiere of the much publicised epic, "The L.C.R.A. At Play", a film in two parts depicting the various aspects of the Rambling Club.

Apart from a short delay, the film ran pretty well to timetable and I think it was generally well received. I feel it will be of interest to one and all to catalogue below the sequence of operations involved in producing this masterpiece, which will illustrate the moments of desperation encountered by the production team, and will serve to remind the members how close the film came to cancellation.

The decision to produce the film was made at a Committee Meeting at the end of February. The cameras then began to roll as follows:

- March 7th - On location at Nant-y-Ffrith, with our leader, Mulhall the Magnificent. (At this time there was a definite camera shyness by the members).
  
- April 11th - Easter Weekend at Barmouth. The relaxed attitude shown by one and all made for very easy filming.
  
- April 18th - Tennis Club Dance - filming by photo flood lights. The camera now being taken much for granted although the glare from the lights was a problem.
  
- April 28th - Filming at R.A.F. club. Preparation of titles and filming of same during the following week. (The results of the filming at the R.A.F. and titling proved to be very bad with the resultant disposal of 90% of that particular film - this proved to be the beginning of our problems).
  
- May 2nd - Snowdon filming - coach ramble.
  
- May 12th - Re-Filming at R.A.F. cancelled - failure of photo-flood lights (problem No 2)  
Gala opening and world premiere advertised for June 30th  
Plenty of time to finish film, or so we thought.
  
- May 14th - Projector faulty - repaired.
  
- May 20th - Splicing and editing of film commenced.
  
- May 31st/  
June 6th - Filming on location in Scotland, Skye and the Outer Hebrides.  
  
Time now beginning to run out rather quickly.
  
- June 8th/  
June 15th - A new and more successful method of titling undertaken. This involved picking out each individual letter to formulate each title, filming the title and then forming the next title and so on.

This laborious process however proved successful and was thus worthwhile.

- June 16th - Second attempt at filming at the R.A.F. This had to be successful in order to complete the film for the June 30th presentation. Film rushed to G.P.O. at 11.00 p.m.
- June 23rd - Film returned from Kodak, everything O.K. Splicing and editing recommenced June 24th.
- June 17th/  
June 22nd - Ideas for suitable background music and commentary being sought. Valuable assistance being provided by John Wilson, Margaret, Paddy, Peter M. and Billy. Many records by courtesy of the Music lending library.
- June 24th - My car off road, brakes having failed. The production team met at Croxteth. Musical sequence discussed.
- June 25th - Real trouble now. Projector breaks down. Succeeded in 'borrowing' one for evening - Musical sequence adapted to first part of film - Team working from 9.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m. at Croxteth.
- June 26th - 'Borrowed' projector returned. Yellow Pages solves problem of projector. Journey which would normally take 25 minutes by car, takes 90 minutes by bus. However a really good projector hired. My projector put in for repair. Frustration with public transport causes me to drive my car out to Croxteth to begin another session at trying to synchronize the commentary with the film. A marathon session from 3.15 p.m. Saturday until 2.15 a.m. Sunday morning brings the production team within sight of the finish, but causes Pete Mulhall to miss the ramble to Bolton Abbey.
- Sunday  
June 27th - The recording session continued from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. at the Smith residence at Croxteth. The film and commentary at long last finished as also were the production team.
- Monday  
June 28th - Rehearsal (car back on road)
- Tuesday  
June 29th - Lamp in hired projector failed, fortunately we had a spare lamp
- Wednesday  
June 30th - Checked projector - spare lamp fused - real trouble. Dashed to Aigburth Road - provided with two spare lamps for hired projector. My projector repaired but not suitable for the occasion - (commentary synchronised with hired projector).

The Show must go on Cont'd...

9.15p.m.  
Wednesday Switched on hired projector at R.A.F., lamp exploded - projector completely out of action - Forced to use my own projector - commentary could not be used. We had to do the commentary off the cuff, and use only the first tape recording of the music. Pete and Margaret do a great job of commentary under very difficult circumstances.

10.35p.m. The End - I am sure 20th Century Fox never have this amount of trouble.

Finally I would like to thank all those people who helped to make the filming easy by 'acting the goat', to John Lovelady without whose equipment we would have been unable to provide a commentary on the night to the Smith family at Croxteth for putting up with the inconvenience of that hectic weekend, to all members of the production team for their invaluable help, and to the many people who went out of their way to express their appreciation for the efforts of the production team.

It made the hard work of a few months seem well worth while.

Thank you,

Pete McLindon.

F I L M                      S H O W
Look in at the Ramblers (1967)
(40th Anniversary Film )
and a repeat of
The L.C.R.A. at Play (1971)
on 6TH OCTOBER 1971
in the Club rooms

The Ancient Order of Catholic Ramblers will be having their 'Childrens Christmas Party' on 19th December, 1971. For information on this agust body please contact:-

Harold Burns  
21 Templemore Road,  
Oxton, Cheshire.

Phone 051-652-1478



CAMPING IN THE LANGDALES (Week ending Friday 30th July)

Friday was a beautiful day, perfect in fact, especially when contemplating a weekend camping in the Lake District. Seven of us set out on Friday evening hoping to get a good sun tan. Alas this was not to be, - while travelling up the motor way the sun disappeared giving way to huge black clouds.

Soon after arriving at the camp site the rain started and with the aid of one torch we struggled with three tents for over an hour. Though rather cramped we managed to sleep seven of us in two tents on Friday night - the third one appeared to be scared of getting wet (that's our story and we're sticking to it!)

Saturday morning believe it or not some of us were up at about 8 a.m. cooking breakfast while others that shall remain nameless (Kevin & Peter) crawled out of their sleeping bags just in time to smell breakfast. It was not until three o'clock in the afternoon that the rain stopped and we eventually got the third tent up which seemed essential as one of the others looked ready to either blow away or float away. Although Saturday was quite an uneventful day, we all enjoyed it, though Eileen and Lynette were a bit doubtful about whether they would go camping again!

We were scared to put our heads out of the tent on Sunday morning to look at the weather, but at least the rain had stopped even though it was still cloudy. After returning from 10 o'clock Mass in Ambleside, I cooked breakfast while Lyn and Eileen prepared 200 sandwiches for our climb in the afternoon. True to L.C.R. tradition, we set out late Sunday afternoon for our one and only walk of the weekend, which was well worth saving our energy for. On the top of Crinkle Crag we stopped for a break just as it started to rain. The rain continued for about an hour during which time we sat and ate tins of fruit and sandwiches and Kevin and Dave complained about their little legs being frozen (if they will come out in shorts - what do they expect) By the time we reached the end of the Crag, shorts or no shorts, we were all soaked to the skin.

We finished the walk at seven o'clock just leaving enough time to get changed and pack to come home, allowing of course, time for refreshment on the way home.

Ehid Blyton.

"BLACK PENNY" - POP GROUP

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH 1971

@ CLUB ROOMS 9-15 p.m. to 11-00 p.m.

ADMISSION - 20p

# Social.

Our present membership is 220, 60 of these attended our recent folk dance at St. Oswalds. The evening was a great success mainly due to the efforts of the Barley Mow who arrived at 8 p.m. and for the first hour entertained Peter McLindon who was beginning to wonder whether he had come on the right night.



Did you know we have a social on a Wednesday night. Have you been there lately, if so you would realise that the atmosphere leaves a great deal to be desired. The only way to improve this is by active participation from everybody, in whatever way you like - we would be very interested to know how you would like the socials to be.



## S I T U A T I O N S    V A C A N T

Part time Disc. Jockeys and M.C.'s.

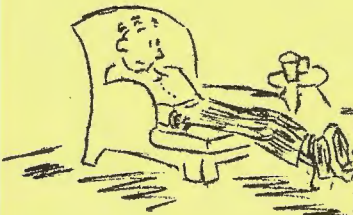
This is light work, with no remuneration.

Apply to members of Social Committee.



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\*\*\* YOU COULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING IN THIS SPACE. \*\*\*  
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## NEW MEMBERS

Misses Francis Clenton	Maureen Larcombe	Membership to date
Pauline Cutler	Theresa McMullen	220
Bernadette McMullen	Cathrine Martin	This time last year
Lynette Robinson	Eileen Cartwright	230
Sheila Floyd	Lorraine Brunant	Average wkly 48

# A - O - C - R

Dear Mr. Ed,

I hear questions have recently been asked in the Club, like "Whatever happened to the oldies?" and "Has the Ancient Order collapsed?"

Well I'm glad to say it hasn't! It's obvious we have been conspicuous by our absence and it's nice to know we're missed. We haven't been down to the Club room lately, that's true, but this is for a number of reasons. Childrens coughs and colds, ageing relatives, lack of baby sitters and other commitments are hazards you tend to collect when you get married, and these do tend to cramp your style. I must admit most of us do miss the old traditional cup of char and biscuit and find the 99 decibel record player a little hard on our ears. However, in the not too distant future, more of us may well be seen hobbling around. Despite the silence, we have been pretty active.

Since the inception of the Section, we have had 8 rambles, only missing February, which is the worst month for us and the best for sitting by the fireside. The enthusiasm with which these efforts have been hailed reflected in the numbers (averaging 50) of Mums, Dads etc., turning out each month, has surpassed our wildest dreams and makes the efforts of the leaders well worthwhile. It's surprising how many lollipop trees there are around here and somehow we always seem to run across a 'toffee' treasure trove. At Heswall, one little mite asked me where the 'money' tree was? This puzzled me. In fact I was lost for words! However with over 30 miles under their belts, our junior members now consider themselves real veterans and look forward eagerly to the next jaunt.

No longer do we hear the cry 'Give us a piggy back, Dad', instead there is the incessant request for sweets, butties and anything else edible. It's nice to see so many enjoying a quiet stroll on one Sunday each month and married or not, with or without you're all welcome to join us and help us to the 'ton'. If we can find a Church that has Benediction on a Sunday afternoon, we shall descend upon it, as we used to do in the old days.

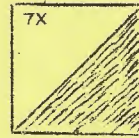
So you see, we have returned to all the joys of the Catholic Rambling Club, we all joined too many years ago and hope our children will be able to do the same in years to come.

Nevertheless we'll still have the same old difficulty, finding someone to do a writeup. Anyway here goes!

RUFFWOOD

.....Sorry - lost in the post!?

ORIENTEERING  
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The second L.C.R.A. Championships were held during the Manchester and District Orienteering Clubs 'Badge Event' at Alderley Edge on 13th June.

Our reigning champion, Peter McLindon had as his partner the diminutive but glamorous Eddie Porter. It is sad to relate the only couple who retired were: yes, you've guessed it, Peter and Eddie.

Our new Champions are Mike Rowlands and Bernadette McMullen who completed the Wayfinders course of 3 KM in 110.44 minutes, over 12 minutes faster than the second couple. Congratulations to you both. We hope you will defend your title on our next L.C.R.A. organised event which will be on Sunday 19th September, after the Annual Mass. Our venue will be somewhere in Delamere Forest.

The only thing that spoiled the afternoon was the torrential downpour which soaked everybody to the skin, but despite the discomfort, everybody enjoyed the exercise, even moreso the sunshine which dried us out later in the afternoon.

During this same event the Deeside Orienteering Club ran their club Championships. It is with great pride that I report I came second in the Vetren Men's event, but somewhat ashamedly I must confess - there were only 2 runners!

*Eric Kavanagh*

RESULTS

Mike Rowlands & Bernadette McMullen.....110.44 mins  
Margaret McDonald & Win Freeman.....122.47 mins  
Bill Carruthers & Jean Tyrer..... 210.20 mins  
Kevin O'Keefe & Ann Vincent.....212.20 mins  
Peter McLindon & Eddie Porter.....Retired.

APOLOGIES

Bernie Barr, I have looked high and low for your Ramble write up, but I am sorry - I must have lost it. I do hope this set-back will not deter you from submitting further contributions.

Editor.



COMMENT.....THE FEMININITY BARRIER

I was looking at a programme on the television the other night about the Womens Liberation movement in Tennis, and wondered how far this trend had evolved in everyday life. It rather struck me that it might even have infiltrated into the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers.

Lets go back to the beginning of life: I an given to understand that God created man from clay and later created women from man's spare rib, to be man's companion. In these early days man was the hunter, the aggressor whilst his woman was the cook, house-keeper and mother to his children. I personally feel that this is where they are best suited, emotionally and by the part they must play in life's cycle.

This domestic situation continued with varying degrees of success up to the present century when resulting from a policy of further education women entered universities to qualify in the ranks of teachers, nurses, secretaries etc. etc..

However, women in industry, in competition with man is a different matter. Biologically they are not able to achieve the continuity of effort necessary to attain responsible positions without sacrificing their part in life's cycle as wife of man. One might almost describe this as the 'FEMINITY BARRIER'

Perhaps you women in the Liberation movement want equality without the responsibility? No, then does it mean that you Liberationists in the L.C.R.A. will accept more responsible positions in our next committee, perhaps even Chairlady?.

ANDY MANN

CONGRATULATIONS:-

To Sheila Canning and Kevin O'Connor, Eileen Fat and Bill Morley, Magda McClain and Leo Charters, who were recently married.

To Maureen Highland and Michael Conway on the birth of their baby boy Anthony Steven, and

Shirly and Des Titherington, on the birth of their baby girl Fiona.

Betty and Jack Highton, on birth of their baby girl Clare Elizabeth.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Club Room, R.A.F.A. Building on Wednesday evening 29th September 1971 commencing at 8 p.m. All members are invited to be present.

The object of this meeting is to receive a report of the activities during the past year, statement of income and expenditure account and to elect officers and committee members to the Committee.

Should members require to submit resolutions of any kind for this Annual General Meeting, they must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 22nd September 1971.

The Secretary,  
c/o E. J. Kavanagh,  
13 Shakespeare Street,  
Bootle,  
Liverpool L20 4JP.

THE  
ANNUAL MASS  
WILL BE HELD IN  
ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
HAWKE STREET  
@ 11am - on  
SUNDAY 19TH SEPT. 1971.

On this solemn occasion, we ask you to remember all our members, relatives and friends, especially those deceased.

NOTE: St. Nicholas' Church is located behind the Adelphi Hotel.