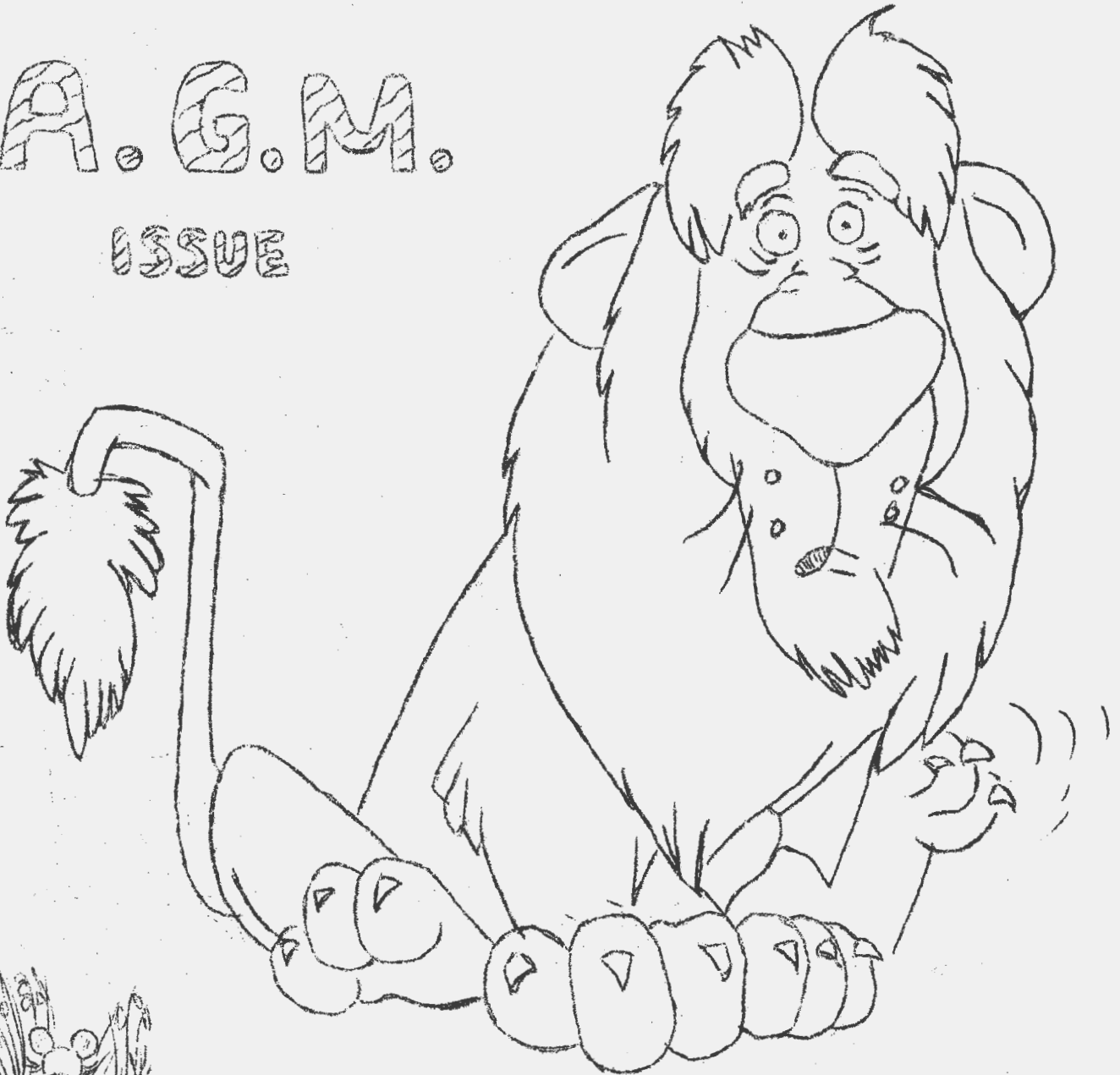


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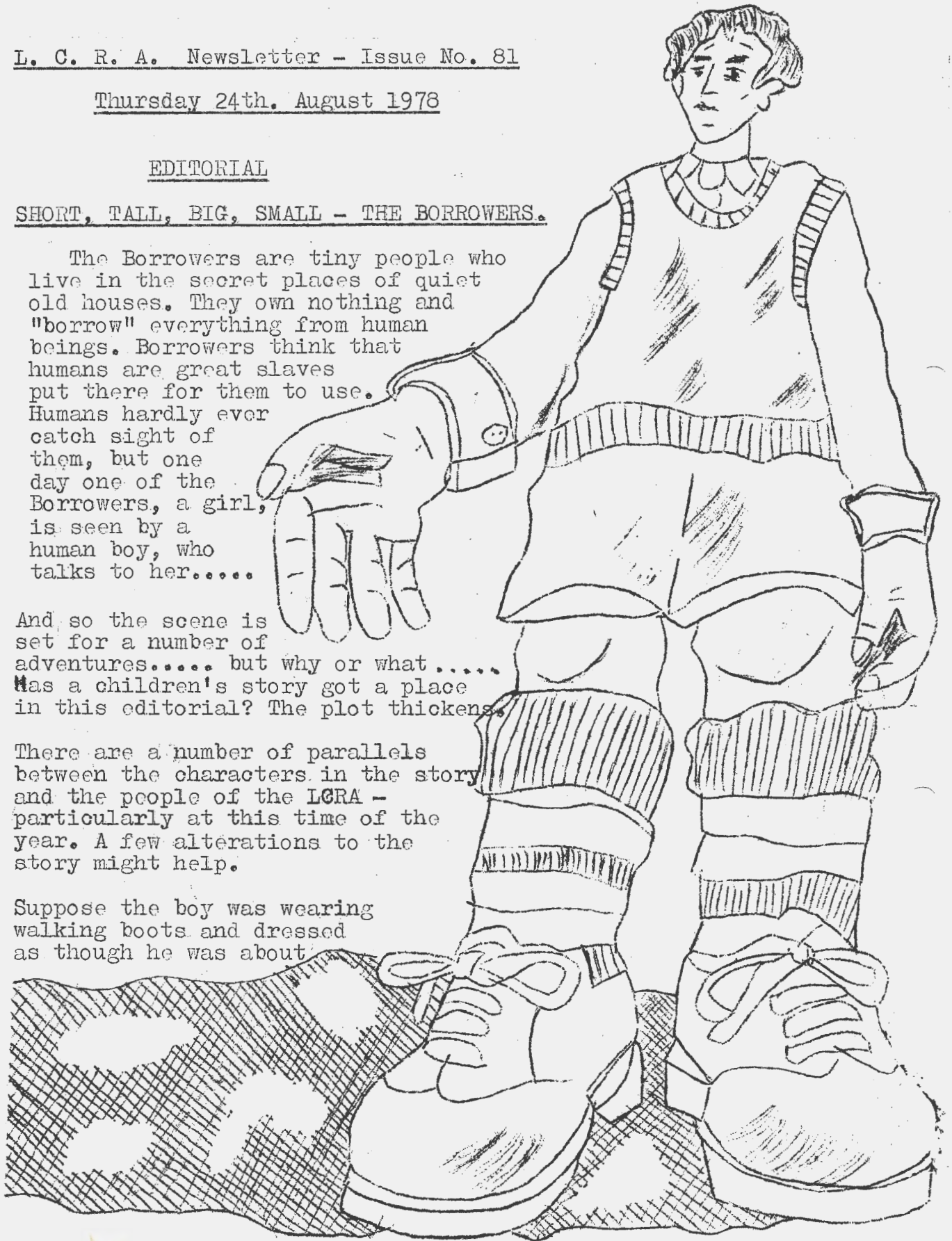
SHORT, TALL, BIG, SMALL - THE BORROWERS.

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of quiet old houses. They own nothing and "borrow" everything from human beings. Borrowers think that humans are great slaves put there for them to use. Humans hardly ever catch sight of them, but one day one of the Borrowers, a girl, is seen by a human boy, who talks to her.....

And so the scene is set for a number of adventures..... but why or what..... Has a children's story got a place in this editorial? The plot thickens.

There are a number of parallels between the characters in the story and the people of the LCRA - particularly at this time of the year. A few alterations to the story might help.

Suppose the boy was wearing walking boots and dressed as though he was about



to go on a ramble. He could be said to represent the L.C.R.A. as a whole - hopefully big and strong - holding out its hands to offer facilities to its members. The little girl could be one of our members. Although seemingly small and insignificant by herself nevertheless vitally important as one of the many people who make up the L.C.R.A.

So I have altered the scene somewhat to make it more fitting to the L.C.R.A. - but the comparisons don't end there. The title of the story is the most important comparison of all, with one important difference.

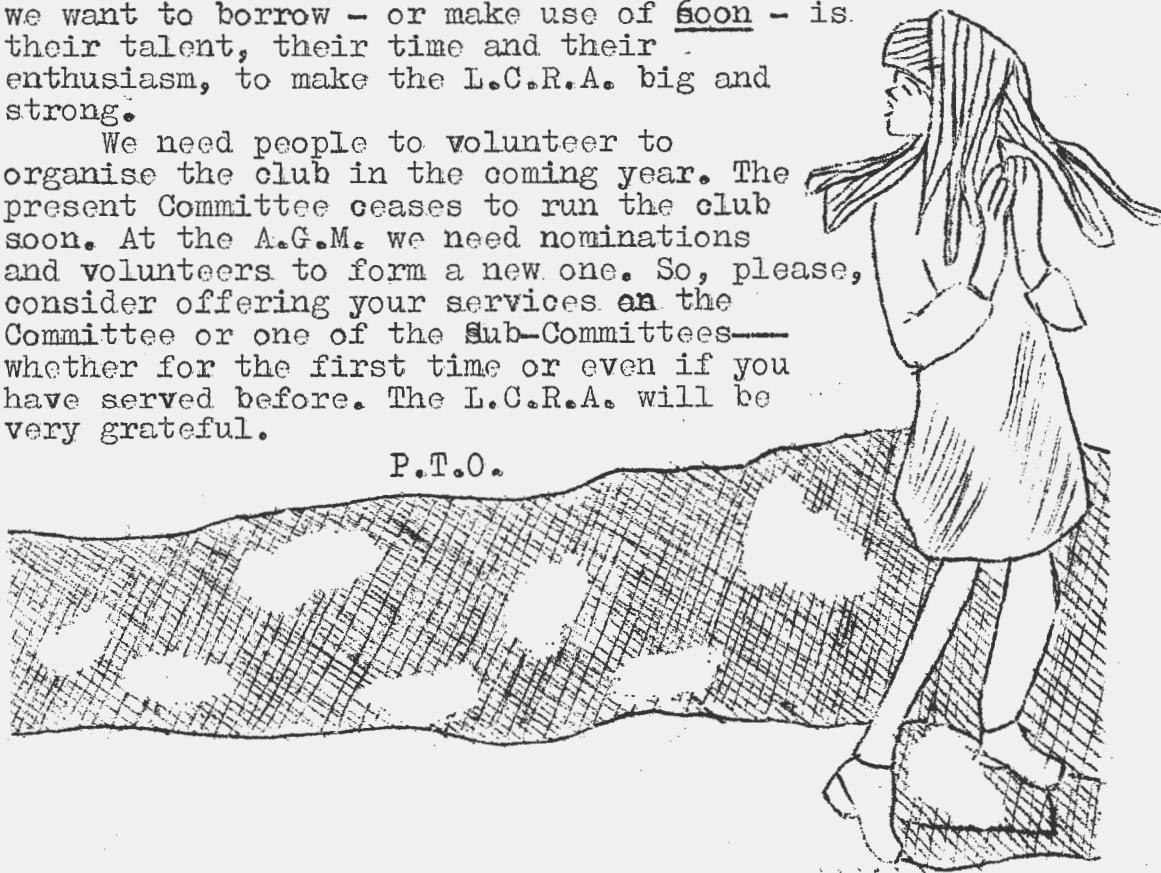
¶ The roles of the boy and the girl must first be reversed. The "big" wants to borrow from the "small". On September 21st. the L.C.R.A. needs to do its own borrowing.

In order to be big and strong we need our share of supplies. The running of the club involves a lot of behind the scenes work. To do it we need to borrow a number of items. On September 21st. our present supplies run out. We need to replace them.

The "items" we need, of course, are people - and what we want to borrow - or make use of soon - is their talent, their time and their enthusiasm, to make the L.C.R.A. big and strong.

We need people to volunteer to organise the club in the coming year. The present Committee ceases to run the club soon. At the A.G.M. we need nominations and volunteers to form a new one. So, please, consider offering your services on the Committee or one of the Sub-Committees— whether for the first time or even if you have served before. The L.C.R.A. will be very grateful.

P.T.O.



Included in this Newsletter is an article by our present Chairman, Lesley Clarke, outlining some of the duties involved in being on the Committee. Also listed are the various posts to be filled. Please don't hesitate to ask Lesley or any other Committee member if you want any information. A complete list of the retiring members who have served this year appears in your membership booklet. If a particular post appeals to you, I would suggest you have a talk to the person who has done that job in the past year. If anyone can tell you what work is involved in it, then he or she should know.... we hope.

A notice will be displayed on the wall in the clubroom should you wish to fill in your name.

Remember, we need these positions filled

OFFICERS. Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Treasurer
General Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Registrar
Assistant Registrar

COMMITTEE MEMBERS. A number of people to help run the club.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS. A number of people to help organise events.
Either 1. Rambling Arrange the rambles in the coming year.
or 2. Social Arrange the social events in the coming year.
or 3. Newsletter Arrange the publication of Newsletters in the coming year.

At the A.G.M. a lot of things will also be discussed as well as forming new committees. It is important that as many people as possible attend. Some matters are vitally important - so please come.

And finally a few words about the Newsletter.

Our own Newsletter Committee, namely Frances Lee, Eric Kavanagh, Gerry Penlington, Chris Dobbin, John McDonald and myself has now reached the end of its year of office and this is our last issue. They have been wonderful to work with. I thank them all. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed any material to any of the Newsletters this year. In addition I offer my thanks to Marie for designing some of the Newsletter covers and other art-work, and to our two regular typists Pauline and Angela. I have certainly done a lot of "borrowing" of their time and talent as far as the Newsletter is concerned. I seem to have returned to the theme I started with.....

We hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter.

Laurence Kelly - Editor.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

21st. September 1978.

Notice is hereby given, that the 52nd. Annual
General Meeting of the Liverpool Catholic
Ramblers Association will take place at

8.30 p.m. on Thursday 21st. September
in the Princess Suite of Tom Hall's Tavern,
Brunswick Street, Liverpool.

Members wishing to submit resolutions of any
kind for the Annual General Meeting should
ensure that they are in the possession of the
General Secretary not later than SEVEN DAYS
prior to the Meeting.

General Secretary - Ann Sanders,
4, Felstead Drive,
Liverpool 10.

ANNUAL MASS.

The Annual Mass will be held in the Crypt of the Metropolitan
Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday 24th. September.

On this occasion we ask that you remember in your
prayers all our members, relatives and friends, especially
the sick and deceased.

We feel it appropriate at this tenth anniversary of
the Munich Air Crash to remember the girls from the Club,
ten in number, who lost their lives. We ask for a special
prayer for them from you.

KESWICK JUBILEE.

The Church of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Charles, Keswick, celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 1st July and I was privileged to attend the special concelebrated Mass and the dinner that followed.

The Church had been most beautifully decorated with flowers to an extent that I had not previously found in any Church. In addition to a fully adorned altar, the full length of the main aisle had on either side at the end of each pew a posy of yellow (golden) flowers. The altar to Our Lady was done most impressively in grotto fashion with foremost a large eye-catching bunch of lilies. At the back of the Church, tribute was paid to St. Charles Borromeo in flower and relic, while the Baptistry displayed an appropriate representation of each of the seven sacraments. Many thousands of flowers and plants were used and arranged most artistically, a fitting tribute to the occasion and a credit to the Keswick Flower Club and the parishioners.

The new pipe organ installed for the occasion, and being paid for by subscriptions and parochial effort, was played for some time before the Mass, and was blessed by Bishop Pearson at the outset. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Pearson and many local priests, with Bishop Foley of Lancaster in attendance, an eye affliction preventing him being the Principal Celebrant as officially planned. It will be most memorable to those present, which included local clergy of other denominations and local civic dignitaries, by reason of the Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei being sung in Plain-song and by the congregation receiving Holy Communion in both bread and wine. Bishop Pearson's address compared the overawing solemnity of the High Mass of fifty years ago with the comparative simplicity of today's Mass, gave a brief history of the Keswick church and mentioned that the Bookbearer of fifty years ago (a Mr. Tom Hartley) was performing the same office today. The Mass closed with the Bishop's blessing.

The celebration dinner that followed immediately afterwards at the Derwentwater Hotel, Portinscale, was equal to the occasion from the initial reception with sherry, through the many varied cold dishes and savouries to the sweet and coffee. A special cake was cut and distributed during the dinner when, traditionally, all partakers should have wished the Church and parish to continue to progress and flourish. This I am sure they all did as indeed do we.

Gerry Penlington

JOINT RAMBLE WITH THE FAMILY SECTION

16th July 1978

This year's joint ramble was once again to Meol Famau in North Wales. As usual the coach party met at St. John's Lane and at 10.15.a.m. we all set off. I was quite surprised at the small number of ramblers on the coach but nevertheless our spirits were high and we were all determined to enjoy this walk, on which we were to mix with many of those to whom we owe the foundation of steady upkeep of our Club.

After some refreshments at Loggerheads we began our walk. The first part of the walk was on a road and care was needed as cars passed us, apparently ignoring our presence. But as we climbed the cars decreased and the beauty of our surroundings increased. It was obvious that great care was being taken of the countryside which was showing us the signs of developing forests of carefully nurtured trees, all of which were labelled.

At 1.50.p.m. we reached the picnic area where we met the members of the family section, most of whom had brought their families in cars. After a short break for sandwiches we resumed our walk and were soon on to the footpath which led to the summit. Despite the fact that our group included some small children, and even a baby, a fairly quick pace was kept up the whole time and we reached the summit at 3.10.p.m. Once at the top cameras seemed to appear from everywhere as people either posed or hid.

The ascent was tough but the descent was worse. It was quite steep and I for one was quite scared at times of losing my footing and tumbling down to the bottom.

As a meal had already been booked at the Clwyd Gate Hotel for 7.p.m. we were still rather ahead of time and we continued to walk. As we pressed on we were attacked by a swarm of flies and rather than the L.C.R.A. you would think we were inhabitants of the Middle East as we swatted those flies with the giant ferns which were picked from the ground.

We reached the picnic area at 5.15.p.m. where the Family Section left us and we continued our journey back to the coach. We all met up in the Clwyd Gate where a meal of chicken or scampi served with chips was partaken of. Thanks to Barry Dooley, who lent us his stereo equipment we were able to dance to the Club's own records which were brought in the coach.

AN INVITATION TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

On Thursday, 21st September, we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting at which our new committee will be elected (and before anyone begins to panic, we have applied for a late licence that night, so we can still have our "social" afterwards). For those of you who are considering becoming committee members next year, or for those who would like to know what the committee actually does, the list below should help.

CHAIRMAN - as the name suggests he/she chairs the committee meetings and is responsible for co-ordinating the day-to-day running of the Association.

To be eligible for Chairman you must have had at least one year's experience of committee work.

VICE-CHAIRMAN - takes charge in the Chairman's absence and generally assists the Chairman in administration matters.

GENERAL SECRETARY - deals with correspondence and takes the minutes of the general committee meetings.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - assists the General Secretary - typist preferred!

TREASURER - responsible for the accounts and financial running of the Association.

REGISTRAR - holds the membership records and is responsible for meeting new members on social nights and distributing the newsletter.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR - helps with the duties of the Registrar.

The rest of the committee serve on one or more of the sub-committees, of which there are three - rambling, social and newsletter. A Chairman and Vice-Chairman are selected from the general committee for each of the rambling and social sub-committees and the Editor of the Newsletter is Chairman of the Newsletter sub-committee.

Each committee member normally attends two meetings each month, a general committee meeting on the second Monday of the month and a sub-committee meeting on the last Monday of the month. All meetings are held at Birch House (Bishop Eaton Social Club) Childwall, at 8.00.p.m.

The general committee meetings are the main policy-making meetings while the sub-committee meetings organise the day-to-day running of the Association such as rambles, coaches, discos, etc.

So now you know all about it why not give it a try? You will find it is very rewarding.

Finally, I'm sure you would all like to join me in thanking this year's committee members who have put in so much hard work organising the many and varied social and rambling events we have had. Why not join them next year?

LESLEY CLARKE
CHAIRMAN

SOCIALITE.

Dear Ramblers,

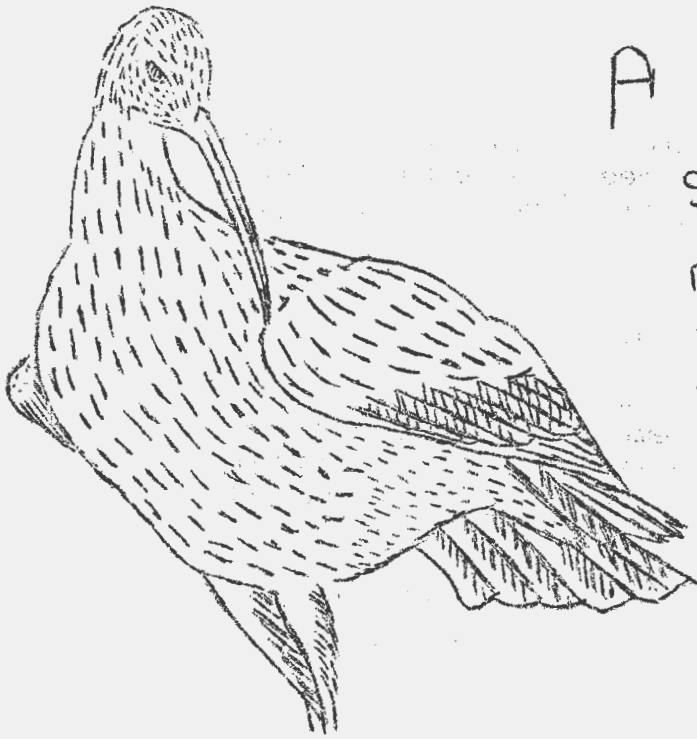
The past year for the social side of the committee has gone very quickly. We have all enjoyed our term of office.

We have had such events as golf, crown bowls, and a barbecue not to mention some great social evenings at the club, with a Ceilidh and some great professional disco s. One event that stood out for me was the Fancy Dress Dance in November of last year. Great fun was had by all.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody for their help and co-operation. Thanks also to the members of the club for their enthusiasm in dancing and making the club feel alive with atmosphere.

Thank you all again for your help.

John McLindon.....Social Chairman.



A unique opportunity to see the other side of the river. (Better side!)

We will meet in the car park at the far end of Parkgate promenade, for a 3.00pm start. (regardless of weather) (The Old Quay)

(There will be no racing involved.)

WIRRAL CAR RALLY

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 1978

25p
PER PERSON



YOU DO NOT NEED TO OWN OR DRIVE A CAR TO STILL ENJOY THE FUN!

THE SWALLOW FALLS RAMBLE 'B' PARTY

LEADER, TONY BOND - 9TH JULY, 1978

The ramble seemed as it would be a damp one, because the last week had been cold and wet. "Perhaps it will brighten up later", I thought. Outside my bedroom window the clouds hung low in the sky. I made sure that my waterproof gear was packed in my rucksack, before joining the twenty-one ramblers on board the coach.

At the village of Capel Curig we took a path East into the mountains. On a small hill we stopped to take our jackets and jerseys off in the hot sunlight. The peaks around us were covered in white fluffy clouds as we walked along a soggy path.

The path went along the side of a natural arena, it had a flat floor surrounded by low hills. All that was missing were a few gladiators and a large Roman crowd cheering them on, to make the scene complete.

After a rest of the far side of the valley, the more energetic members of the group joined the 'A' party. They were soon out of sight as they climbed a mountain on our left. Nine of us stayed for the easier walk. This was along a grassy path then around a corner into another valley.

There below us lay a farm house with some cars parked outside. Farther down the valley a lake gleamed in the sunlight. Llyn Crafnant seemed to have two giant pop socks with black and white bands. They stuck out of the water near the shore.

At the farm a girl lay on an old camp bed sunbathing. This bronzed beauty was admired by the male members of the party. We walked slowly past. Near the lake I could see the pop socks more clearly. These turned out to be the sails of two boats at anchor.

After our 'Buttie' break near a telephone box by the lake, we climbed a steep path up hill. A sign said, 'To the Cafe' it pointed up the hill. Twenty minutes later I found myself on top after a hot and thirsty climb minus one Cafe. Some joker must have placed the sign there for a laugh!

The 'A' Party joined us at the top. They had climbed an extra mountain and still caught us up. Phew; We stayed to get our breath back, then made our way down to Llyn Geirionydd (If you can pronounce that name, I can't,) From the lake to the Swallow Falls was four miles of road walking. We sat outside a cafe (a real one this time), sipping iced drinks in the warm sunlight, waiting for our Coach to pick us up. Then back home after a great day out.

John Macdonald.

The Wirral Barbecue - Saturday 15th. July 1978.
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The barbecue or should I say burr-be-cue, was held at the Wirral County Park. The 36 of us that braved that supposed summer evening, enjoyed ourselves very much. The food was served on paper plates and there was plenty of it to keep out the cold.

The first batch of sausages were placed on the grill above the charcoal. Soon the fat from them dropped down onto the charcoal. Bright yellow flames quickly turned the sausages black. We rushed to get them off the grill before they were done for. After all that, I think they were the best sausages I have ever tasted.

Bottles of home made wine were opened together with canned beer. This put us in the mood for a sing-song as we warmed our hands over the fire. The sun set over our happy group and the cold did not seem to matter any more. The time passed over too quickly, soon we were saying our goodbyes after a great time.

John McDonald.

L.C.R.A. Annual Dance.
Friday Sept. 15th. 1978.
@ The Huyton Suite-Poplar Bank-Huyton
Dancing to "Space Odyssey" Discotheque..
8pm - 12.45 am.
Tickets £2.50.
(Chicken in a basket)

Tickets from:-

John McLindon
21, Shanklin Road,
Wavertree,
Liverpool 15

Allan Joynson,
3, Harlington Rd.,
Wallasey

733 2921

638 2489.

FAMILY SECTION FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7th - House Meeting - B. & N. Naylor,
114, Moss Lane, Maghull.
- 17th - Thornton Hough - meet Village Green
12.30. Leader - E. Feeney.

OCTOBER

- 5th - House Meeting - T. & M. Roche,
16, Hillfoot Road, Liverpool, 25.
- 15th - Halkyn - meet at Inn near Halkyn
Crossroads 12.30.
Leader - T. Gibb.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOUSE MEETING AT BILL NAYLOR'S
ON THE 7TH SEPTEMBER IS THE FAMILY SECTION ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING. I AM SURE YOU WILL MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO ATTEND.

DON'T FORGET:-

The Annual General Meeting of the Club which is to be
held at Tom Hall's Tavern on Thursday, 21st September.

The Annual Mass will be on Sunday, 24th September.

The Annual Retreat will be on Sunday, 19th November.

St. Sunday Crag. 6-8-78.

At the unearthly hour of 10.25a.m. some twenty two hardy souls, (making forty four hardy soles) set out amidst the beginning of the famous Liverpool monsoons.

Our Leader, Mr. M. O'Shea, R.I.B.A., confidently assured us that the weather would improve, conspicuously crossing our fingers which made it difficult for him to collect the money, but unfortunately not impossible.

After a stop for unsuitable refreshment at Milnthorpe (tea !?!), we wended our way through Troutbeck and the Kirkstone Pass, eventually to Patterdale. Unable to contain our enthusiasm any longer we all crawled from the bus. Six of us opted for a quick finish, rather than face the lingering death known as the 'B' party.

The ascent proved to be as traumatic and powerful as usual, but after about two hours, including stops for such non-essential activities as eating and breathing, we reached the top.

Well, at least, we think it was the top. The mist/cloud had descended by then and visibility was debatable. As it was only then 3.40p.m. and we weren't there to enjoy ourselves, we decided to add Fairfield to the walk. What a view from the top! What view from the top??

Picking up a straggling 'B' Party on the way down we proceeded to Clemndding to find the Coach. On to Milnthorpe and suitable refreshment at the Bulls Head. The proprietors have finally realised it's not Christmas and are completely delighted.

And so back to Liverpool. Thanks to Mike and Daphne for a great walk. I wonder if they'd like to be Chairman/Vice Chairman on next year's Committee?

'A' Walker.

Forthcoming Rambles.

Sept.	3rd.	BERWYNS(N.WALES)	Leader.....A) Mike Mawdesley B) John McDonald.
"	10th.	CHILDRENS OUTING.	Committee
"	17th.	RED SCREES (LAKES)	Jim Adamson.
"	24th.	ANNUAL MASS	
Oct.	1st.	COLD HARBOUR MOOR. (DERBYSHIRE)	Brian Keller.
"	8th.	MALHAM (YORKS)	Pete Kennedy.
"	15th-17th.	KESWICK WEEK END.	Committee.