

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



THE L.C.R.A.
NEEDS YOU!

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Yes, the LCRA needs YOU! "Why me?" you may ask. "I am quite happy to sit back and let the Committee run the Club.....but I wish the Committee would organise more.....and wouldn't have so many.....and why did they have....? Not that I am complaining, but if I were on the Committee....."

Well, now is your big chance. We need you, because on Thursday, September 19th a new committee will be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting. There is nothing very complicated in running a rambling club like ours. The monthly meetings held at Birch House, Bishop Eaton are fairly informal. We listen to your complaints and suggestions.

But we must not allow the following situation:

There were four people on a committee named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

Anyway, our Club have one more General Committee Meeting on September 9th which is the last before the AGM so I will take this opportunity in thanking all the present Officers and Committee for all they have done for the Club during the past year and hope that many may consider re-election onto the new Committee. I feel here, that special thanks are due to Roy This, who has kept the Social side of the Club organised, but sadly is leaving the area. See Social Spotlight.

DAVE NEWNS
Chairman/Newsletter Editor

A SEPTEMBER DATE

GUITARS, JOYFUL SINGING, GREAT ATMOSPHERE - ADMISSION FREE! (There will be a small collection, but entirely voluntary). Afterwards there will be many of the participants meeting at the Irish Centre for a coffee and a little chin-wag, or even a beer and a natter with old and new friends. Non-Catholics are invited to come along to either one or both places on this annual occasion. Where, when and what?

Place: THE CATHEDRAL CRYPT (entrance is down the steps at side of the RC Cathedral in Hope Street).

When: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 11.30 am

What: THE CLUB'S VERY OWN ANNUAL MASS

Newly-ordained Father John Seddon will officiate. He was in the LCRA for a short spell about 15 years ago. Guitars, etc played by Peter Kennedy, Ritchie Cannon, etc. of the LCRA. - Make a date in your diary. Don't forget. If you are a marathon follower you will be in time to see the runners passing along the Pierhead at approx 12.35 after the Mass, as last year, and the year before. See you there!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fifty-ninth

A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

of the Association will be held at the Liverpool public house (upstairs), James Street, on Thursday, September 19th 1985, at 8.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the last AGM of the Club.
2. To read the Secretary's report.
3. To read the Treasurer's report.
4. To read the Chairman's report.
5. To elect the General Committee for the forthcoming year.
6. To elect Auditors for the forthcoming year.
7. To conduct any other business.

Members wishing to submit resolutions of any kind for the above meeting must ensure that they are in the possession of the General Secretary not later than seven days prior to the meeting.

MARIE DOUGLAS
General Secretary

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RAMBLERITE

Since the last newsletter there have been a couple of really wet walks but everyone who turned out for the Carnedd Horseshoe ramble (the majority going on the B walk above Betws-y-Coed) were well rewarded with ideal conditions, leaving the wet weather at home (see write-up opposite). You will notice that coming up in September that there is something on every Sunday, with an early start at the beginning and end of the month. This is the final fling before they revert back to fortnightly (not counting the Keswick Weekend). Apart from the November 10th ramble, all therest are 10.15 starts right through until February when the present programme runs out. Don't forget the Saturday ramble to Dovedale on November 16th.

Another reminder about the 10% Discount that is available on production of your rambling card when purchasing walking equipment in many stores throughout Britain (some only offer 5 per cent). It sometimes pays to be cheeky by saying "I believe you offer 10% discount with this card" rather than "Do you do a discount?"

How about a few more ramble write-ups from some of you budding writers/comedians? Your newsletter needs YOU!

DAVE NEWS

PS: I believe the Tryfan ramble is worth writing about!

YOUR FORTHCOMING RAMBLES

Sept 1st CONISTON (Lake District) 9.30 start.

Dave Connolly leads the 'A' and Terry Hulme has stepped in to lead the 'B'. Both walks will be in the area of Coniston Old Man but the 'B' will be more of a low-level ramble.

Sept 8th WHERNSIDE (Yorkshire) 10.15 start.

Peter Kennedy and Paul Healy take us on a trek across the Yorkshire Moors.

Sept 15th CARNEDDS (Snowdonia) 10.15 start.

Mike Hendrick and Mick Norgate lead. Both walks start from the Nant Ffrancon Valley. Where will we end up? Who knows! Ask one of the Micks.

Sept 22nd ANNUAL MASS at the Cathedral Crypt, 11.30 am. (See foot of page one)

Sept.29th FAIRFIELD (Lake District) 9.30 start.

Jim Hughes and Brian Keller lead the walks. Fairfield is at the head of Windermere, sitting above the village of Ambleside.

Oct 13th NANT PERIS (Snowdonia) 10.15 start.

Roy Thisis and Anthony Brockway will both probably be taking you over the Glyders finishing off at the Cafe in the Nant Ffrancon Valley.

Oct 27th HAYFIELD (Peak District) 10.15 start (JOINT WALK). George, Brian and Dave lead A, B and C walks in this region of Derbyshire near Kinder Scout. Route for Family Section is M62/M6/M56 to Stockport, then A6 to Hazel Grove, Disley, then left on A6105 to New Mills and Hayfield. Turn left into Hayfield then after a short distance turn right onto the Kinder Reservoir road where after about half a mile there is a car park. Meet there at 1.0 pm.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

ONE FINE DAY - July 14 (Betws-y-Coed 'B' Walk)

Talk of the fabulous Live Aid Concert was on everybody's lips as the coach started off from St John's Lane and went on its way to beautiful Betws-y-Coed. I was really looking forward to this walk because it was a chance to find out a little more about the place that we had passed by so many times on our way to Snowdonia but had never explored. So on arrival at Betws-y-Coed's main car park it was such a lovely day that some of the party were happy not to ramble at all but spent the day, and no doubt, their money, on the many attractions Betws-y-Coed had to offer.

The intrepid 'A' party - 3 in all - leader, whipper-in and John Maddocks, went haring off like the clappers leaving the rest of us eager to get started. So, having found two 'lost' walkers and Tommy Keenan having been told off by an irate Alsatian owner, we set off. Paul Amundsen looked like the Pied Piper of Hamlyn as we trooped after him, passing through Betws-y-Coed without incident and taking a very scenic route along the river to the Miners Bridge. Things were looking good; the views were beautiful, the walk not too strenuous and the company was good. The path took us into a pine forest where, luckily, on the pioneer, Paul had made huge picnic benches and tables, placing them in just the spot where we would have our butty break. Paul even provided a Scenes from Tarzan cabaret during lunch - Paul Amundsen playing Tarzan with Mick Norgate acting as understudy; sound effects and lighting by the Quiz Team; Camera: Roy Thisis.

After the performance we wended our way uphill through the 'jungle' to a forest road in search of Llyn Elsi, a reservoir high up in the hills. Every stop was called a butty break as Paul, hindered by Dave, consulted map and compass. I had run out of butties by then but still no sign of Llyn Elsi, but after seeing a sign pointing to the Lake and Paul now on his pioneered route, after a pleasant diversion, we soon came to the Lake. There was a huge dam built at one end and I looked over the side to see the most beautiful dragonflies darting about, their petrol-blue bodies glistening in the sun. Then on to join the rest of the party who were sitting admiring the wonderful view of the lake and distant mountains. Soon it was brought to our notice that we were surrounded by hundreds of tiny frogs all making their way down to their watering hole. Eventually it was time to make our way back to base down a steep path with the village of Betws-y-Coed peeping out below us at each turn. Finally we were all safely back on the coach heading to our watering hole (The Leprechaun) after a lovely walk thanks to the weather and Paul Amundsen.

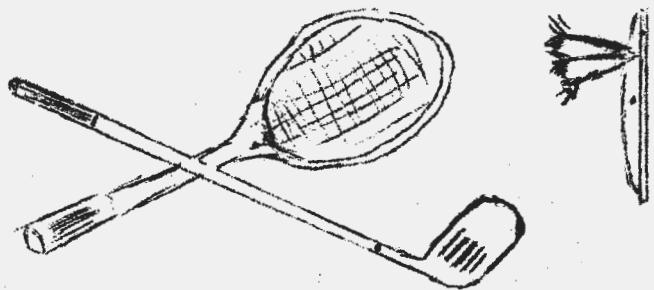
Bernie

A BIT OF A PROBLEM

If you were to buy a peacock and it layed an egg in a neighbour's garden would you or the neighbour be the legal owner of the egg? Answer's at the end of the Social Spotlight pages.

BOOTS WANTED, size 7. Phone Linda Matheson on 924 5356 immediately.

Social Spotlight



Hi everybody, and as always, a special welcome to all our new members. I hope over the last year or so you have enjoyed the social events and, of course, the superb rambles (OK, be they rather wet ones!).

Although it can be difficult sometimes, the various committees have tried to cater for all tastes - anything from lollipops to whisky and lemonade!

So, why am I telling you all this? (Answers on a postcard please). Well, coming up in September is a chance for YOU to put your name forward for the General Committee. Whether you feel you have been bursting with ideas all year or simply want to become more active within the club then offer your services to this, YOUR club. A new committee will be elected at the AGM on September 20th. Put YOUR name down! (By the way, I also sell double-glazing, used cars ...).

And now, for a quick snigger! Why? (Answers on the same postcard please). Well, this is the part where I tell you about some of the events you may have missed.

Apart from the excellent Thursday club nights for a mere 60p (or 30p for unemployed members) there has been pitch and putt at New Brighton, tennis at Wavertree, Crown Green bowls at Seacombe (details follow in this article) ... Captain Dave Connolly sold tickets for a night out on the Royal Iris ... and back at the 'Liverpool' we had a rock 'n' roll disco ... a 'Singalong' upstairs in aid of 'How soon can we get Christine Biggs to India' fighting fund ... special mention here for Mastermind Tony Kirwin who won £5.00 in the quiz during our Sixties Night ... and finally, a Cheese and Wine Evening was held at the club on August 15th.

Yes, a marvellous time had by all! (No, I have not been on the wine gums again!).

I feel at this stage that it's unfair to keep you all in suspense any longer; it's, yes, you've guessed it ... time for the Fred Norbury Cup results so far, and then, after that, future Social events, olé!

(For the unenlightened, The Fred Norbury Cup was inaugurated in 1973 in memory of one of our founder members who died in April 1972 at 62 years of age after 45 years with the club, serving continuously on the committee and was a Trustee of the club from the mid-thirties right through until he died).

The first event of this year's Fred Norbury Cup was the pitch and putt at New Brighton on July 6th, the second was the tennis tournament at the Electric Supply Club, Wavertree on July 20th, and third the crown green bowls at Seacombe on August 10th. The results were as follows:

PITCH AND PUTT

MENS	Score	Pts	LADIES	Score	Pts
Mike Norgate	73	10	Christine Welsby	76	10
Paul Healy	75	7	Bernie Callaghan	83	7
Tony Kirwin	76	5	Moira Sumner	91	5
Paul Sellick	79	4	Linda Bakewell	103	3½
Gerard Bouch	80	2½	Fiona Hawken	103	3½
Dave Newns	80	2½			
Norman Johnson	82	1			
Sean Campbell	83				
John Lanyon	86				
Anthony Brockway	87				
Phil Kirwin	87				
Tony Bond	92				
Roy Thiis	103				

TENNIS

Sean Campbell	27	10	Christine Welsby	24	10
Paul Healy	22	6	Bernie Callaghan	23	7
Paul McGrory	22	6	Linda Bakewell	17	5
Tony Kirwin	17	4	Shirley McFarlane	15	4
Dave Newns	13	3			
Bob Banks	5	2			

CROWN GREEN BOWLS

Dave Newns	31	10	Kate Fallon	44	10
Gerard Bouch	30	7	Bernie Callaghan	38	7
Paul Sellick	29	5	Christine Welsby	37	5
Paul Healy	28	4	Linda Gilroy	25	4
Phil Kirwin	22	3	Linda Bakewell	22	3
Mike Norgate	20	2	Norma Ridings	18	2
Tony Kirwin	18	1			
Mike Newby	13				
George Kenny	4				

Well done to all the competitors so far.

There is still time to enter the above Fred Norbury event by partaking in the forthcoming darts, ten-pin bowls and swimming competitions. Details overleaf. Just a quick reminder of the rules: Winner 10 pts, 2nd 7 pts, then 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Your best FOUR events points will be added up and the highest totals in both ladies and mens will decide on the two winners.

LADIES AND MEN'S DANCE, Friday, 6th September (Fourth Fred Norbury Cup event)

This event will be held at the pub opposite the Goodison Road entrance to the Everton Football Club. See Tony Bond for details. 8.00 pm start. Names to Tony.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Thursday, September 19th. This will be held at the 'Liverpool' UPSTAIRS at 8.30 pm. Admission is FREE: See notice in his newsletter.

TEN-PIN BOWLING, Saturday, September 21st (Fifth Fred Norbury Cup event)

All meet at 4.30 pm in St John's Lane or at the New Brighton Bowling Alley at 4.50. Names to Paul Sellick and Shirley McFarlane.

SEVENTIES NIGHT (Late Bar), Thursday, September 23rd, 8.00 pm.

This was very successful last year at Atlantic House and so has been brought back this year by popular demand. Admission £1.00 (50p unemployed members).

HALLOWEEN NIGHT (Fancy Dress), Thursday, October 31st at 8.00 pm (Late Bar):

I would really like to appeal to everyone this year to come along in fancy dress. It is much more fun when people turn up in fancy dress. If no-one makes the effort you can feel really silly on your own, having your red underpants outside your tights and pretending to be Superman!!! This year EVERYONE should come in fancy dress and make the ones who don't feel silly for not making an effort. It is anticipated that prizes will be given for best dressed, etc.

ANNUAL BUFFET Dance, Friday, November 8th.

The Royal Blue Suite at the Everton Football Club has been booked for this year's dance.

Tickets at 4.50 per head are now on sale from any General or Social Committee member. Dancing will be a mixture of Disco/Balroom to their own Specialist DJ.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

Up to now it seems very likely that the FRIDAY before Christmas (Dec. 20th) will be the night UPSTAIRS at the Liverpool. The Thursday night (19th) will be Canceled.

ANNUAL YULETIDE, Rivington Barn. Sunday, January 5th, 1986

Names should be given to Brian Keller for this event, no later than at the Christmas Dance on December 20th.

Finally, on a rather sad note, I am afraid this will be my last Social Spotlight for quite a while. This is because my future plans may mean me leaving Merseyside in order that I may gain further qualifications to enhance my job prospects. As some of you know, I was recently made redundant, due to the complete closure of the Bidston Steel mill in Birkenhead. Although this episode has been depressing for me what has really helped me through this bad patch has been the consideration and advice given by many good friends within and outside the club.

Well, that only leaves me to say a sincere thank you to all my friends, and special thanks to the Social and General Committees for their help and support during the past year. Hope to see you all soon.

ROY THUIS, Social Chairman

ANSWER TO A BIT OF A PROBLEM (from 'One Fine Day' page):
If you had a peacock that laid an egg you have a problem. The pecker does that!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following two new members: John Lanyon and Ruth Chapman. There were also two renewals of membership: Brenda Hughes and Mary Whearty.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE on the 1st September. See the Registrar or Assistant Registrar.

£3 for Single Membership £4 for Married Couples

Postal renewals to be sent to A. Brockway, 38 Acres Road, Bebington, Merseyside L36 7QQ. Cheques made payable to LCRA.

BOOTS FOR SALE

BARGAINS:

Size 5, Montana, good condition, hardly used, £6 - Ring 525 1027, also:

Size 5, good as new, excellent quality..... - Ring 259 4171.

BOOTS WANTED (Earlier in this newsletter)

The boots wanted (size 7) appeal can now be ignored as Linda has obtained same.

CAFOD DONATION TO THIRD WORLD

The Club sent a donation of £25 to CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development). They have acknowledged receipt of same and say that they have used the money for the Ethiopia Famine Relief.

K E S W I C K W E E K E N D - B O O K N O W !

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 to SUNDAY, OCT. 20. Cost: About £27 which includes a packed lunch on the Saturday, breakfast and evening meals Sat. and Sun. finishing with evening meal on the Sunday. Transport by privat. cars not included in price. To date not enough names to fill the house, so we will now have to share with outside bodies. We use Lakeside House every March and October. There are organised walks by our Club. The house is ideally situated in Keswick, close enough to the lake (Derwentwater) for a pleasant stroll to see the famous Friars Crag or a short walk to the various shops, cafes andpubs. There is a bar in the basement which opens if enough people are down there early enough (before 10 pm on Saturday night). There is a large drying room, complete with coathangers, boot racks, etc. in the boiler room. Give your £5 deposit to Brian Keller NOW! Phone 734 2918.

A N N U A L D A N C E

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th at the Everton FC (Royal Blue Suite) Buffet/Dancing across the board by their DJ costs £4.50 per head. Tickets are now on sale from any Committee Member or Dave Newns. (Note: No admittance after 9.30 pm). Late Bar.

FAMILY SECTION.

HELM CRAG - 14TH JULY, 1985.

Everyone was certainly keen - all arrived early at Grasmere car park, and enjoyed a leisurely lunch - 31 souls in all, including a pleasant surprise appearance of Tony and Marcia Thompson. Booted up, off we went for all of a few hundred yards when we realized we had already lost some. Why do they need two loos in Grasmere at opposite ends of town.

Having regrouped we set off into Far Easedale in beautiful sunshine and, thankfully, a cooling breeze. As we proceeded up the valley the cameras came out in force, attempting to record the feel of the day. Our first stop was well up the valley after we had gained quite a height during the gentle climb. Very pleasant, too - sitting beside a small waterfall reviewing the route we had taken and enjoying our butties.

Off again and up much steeper and boggy gradients to the head of the valley and Calf Crag. We then meandered along the top of the ridge still in glorious sunshine, passing Moment Crag and Gillison's Knott on route to Helm Crag. The path down from Helm Crag was winding and steep but afforded good views of Easedale. At the beginning of civilisation we came across a small farm selling drinks and icecream. That was well planned!

An excellent day in every way.

Many thanks, Peter and Family.

Us Crowd.

PROGRAMME.

SEP. 5. Annual General Meeting - another reminder. This is not, as some might think, an opportunity to offer constructive ideas for our Section's well being during the coming year, to swap holiday films, etc. etc., but is held mainly to enable you to pay your Subs. Do come, with or without your subs!! Its to be at Bill and Nora Naylor's (as if you hadn't guessed) at around 8 p.m.

OCT. 3. House Meeting at Maureen Howard's, 236 Brodie Avenue, Liverpool, 19.

OCT. 13. Ingleton, with Leo and Pat Pearson leading. Its a 12.30 start.

OCT. 13. Joint Walk, HAYFIELD. See General Sections Programme.

NOV. 8. Annual Dance. Pat Pearson has tickets. Come and sample the new venue.

NOV. 10. Cheshire Ramble. Pat and Vera Jeffers are leading. Another 12.30 start.

Instructions for the meeting places for both the Oct. and Nov. rambles will be available at the Annual General Meeting, or by phoning Pearsons on 489 0746 and Jeffers on 546 2490 nearer the time.

Hope you have all had, are having or will have a lovely holiday.

YOURS, MONA