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The "Ramblers" need you!

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EDITORIAL

Holidays over, and many of us are reminiscing, or maybe having a quiet chuckle when thinking back to some amusing incident on holiday. Bearing this in mind, the L.C.R.A. Newsletter Staff are just itching to get their eager paws on your frank and exclusive story. How about it?

News of a BIG night out which is a MUST for every member, the date: Thursday 26 September. Have you guessed? Free admission and the bar open - it is our Annual General Meeting. Before you stop reading this, remember this is YOUR club, and how you vote at the meeting, assuming you come along, may effect your future.

Should we continue with the Discos? Should we abandon coaches and use cars on rambles? Do you want more organised club nights out? These are just a few of the questions that could be asked at the meeting and we want a hundred per cent attendance of members present to voice their opinions and to cast their votes.

Dozens of new members joined the club this year. We need many of you on the new committee which will be elected at the A.G.M. If you really care about the future of the L.C.R.A. then you must consider yourself available for election onto the New Committee, especially if you are a New Member. The club is constantly on the look-out for new ideas and suggestions.

Our Chairman, John Clarke, has given a brief outline of the various functions of the Officers and Committee on the opposite page. Committee meetings are held just once a month with another night spent on planning forthcoming events, Rambles, Socials, etc. There are all types of people needed on the Committee - EVEN YOU!

So we'll see you at the A.G.M. then?

Dave, Steve, Pete.
Joint Editors.

WELL, HOW'S ABOUT IT ?

On Thursday, 26th September we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting at which, our new committee will be elected.

For those who would like to be on the committee for 1974/75 and for those who have never even thought of it, I have listed below the various duties of the committee.

Chairman — He is responsible for the day to day running of the Association, the co-ordinating and chairing of the committees. There is one restriction - a member must have had at least one year's experience of committee work before being eligible for election as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman— He is 'second-in-command'. He will chair meetings in the Chairman's absence and assists the Chairman in administration matters.

General Secretary— Deals with correspondence and takes the minutes of the general committee.

Assistant Secretary— Normally a typist. She assists the General Secretary.

Treasurer— Responsible for the Association's accounts and is responsible for its financial running.

Registrar— Holds the Association's membership records and is responsible for meeting new members on social nights. Also distributes 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. There are three sub-committees - rambling, social and tennis and sub-Chairmen are elected from the ordinary committee.

Each committee member normally attends two meetings a month - one a general meeting of the full committee and the other a sub-meeting.

I can assure you that there is much satisfaction in the helping of the running of the Club.

Don't be one of those members who sit back and expect everything to be done for them. Be a member who is an asset to the Association. Be a committee member! Thank you.

John Clarke
Chairman

Ramblerite

The efforts of the Rambling Sub-Committee to provide a varied and interesting Summer Programme has undoubtedly paid off, with large numbers rambling weekly, the highlight being the 46 who took part in the very successful Langdales walk on 21 July. The average number, for some months is now comfortably over the 30 mark, and the advent of Summer Holidays has done nothing to reduce this progress. Particularly pleasing has been the large number of Newcomers, who have decided to put their best foot forward and join the "in-crowd," no doubt having been influenced by those colourful posters displayed at the Mona to advertise the individual Rambles. The leaders of these particular walks deserve a special mention for their extra efforts, as do the ever increasing band of musicians who are doing so much to make the homeward journeys so enjoyable. Well done to one and all.

Finally, note especially the arrangements below for the October Keswick weekend.

The Programme for the next few weeks includes:-

- Sept. 1 TRYFFAN - The leader, Barry Lyon. There will be, of course both 'A' & 'B' walks in this rugged part of Snowdonia.
- Sept. 8 MOEL HEBOG (North Wales) An enjoyable day guaranteed with the popular Lesley Roberts in charge.
- Sept 15 FAIRFIELD A full coach is always a certainty for this picturesque walk in the Lakes. Richie Cannon is the "Big Gun" on this occasion.
- Sept 22 CARNEDDS
(SNOWDONIA) This walk is in the safe hands of probably our best leader, and certainly our best joke teller - FRANK FITZMAURICE. Don't miss it.
- Sept 29 Is set aside for our Annual Mass.
- Oct. 6 CRINKLE CRAGS John Clarke steps out of the wardrobe to lead this walk in the Langdales. Don't miss this opportunity for seeing the Lake District in the Autumn.
- Oct. 13 LLANRWST Conway Valley area - leader Paul Stafford.
- Oct. 20 HEBDEN
BRIDGE A pleasant moorland walk on the Lancashire/ Yorkshire border - leader Alan Cunningham.

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OCTOBER 25 - 27 - KESWICK WEEKEND

- (1) Approximate cost for full board - £6
- (11) Sleeping accommodation for a maximum of 40.
- (111) Bookings will commence at 8.0 p.m. on Thursday 26 September at Mona.

Members may reserve their place only by paying a £2 cash deposit to Peter McLindon - strictly first come first served - personal application only.

- (1v) It is quite likely that a coach will be hired for the full week-end at an approximate cost of £1.50 per head.
- (v) Cars may be used if preferred.

Peter McLindon

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BRAIN DRAIN :- England's loss, America's gain, is Brian Keller's description of his move to the U.S.A. at the end of September. We all wish him well and hope to hear regularly from him in the next year or so. (Alistair Cook has decided to suspend his letter from America until further notice!)

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WELCOME BACK To Thereisa Griechisch, our member from Germany - we hope you will enjoy yourself or ce again with the Ramblers.

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CONGRATULATIONS To Clare Conlon who celebrated her 21st Birthday on August 8 '74.

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HELPERS WANTED To print this Newsletter, please see Anna Kupiec or Barry Dooley.

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ARTISTIC? Then send us your illustrations, cartoons etc. (humorous or otherwise)

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YOUTH PASTORAL WORK

I have received a letter from the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Service asking me to nominate members of the Association for election to the Pastoral Council of the Liverpool Archdiocese. It has been decided by the Pastoral Council that six young people should be elected from the Archdiocese in order, presumably, to give the young people's point of view.

The guidelines I have been asked to follow are:-

1. Age - The persons should be between 18 and 25 years.
2. They should have the ability to contribute positively either at large group or small group level.
3. They should be known as reliable people who will attend the meetings and be willing to serve on a sub-committee of the Council. (The Pastoral Council meets twice a year for a residential two day meeting and sub-committees meet once a month.)

If you think you fit the role, please let me know as soon as possible. My phone number is 427-5135.

Remember, we are a Catholic Club and it is our duty to serve the Catholic Community on Merseyside.

J. CLARKE

~ Socialite ~

Our Manchester night out will take place within the next month - John Pugh is contacting the Golden Garter club in that area to arrange the final details at the moment - for the latest information - LISTEN to News at Ten.

A Folk Dance Band with it's own M.C. will provide a pleasant change at the Mona on 12 September. There will be a late licence on that date.

PROGRAMME

29 August	Disco	Anne & Richie	10 Oct.	Disco	Albert
5 Sept.	Disco	John Coyle	17 Oct.	Late Licence -	
12 Sept. Late licence	- Folk Dance Evening			Professional	
19 Sept.	Disco	Anna & Clare		Disco	
26 Sept.	Annual General Meeting		24 Oct.	Disco your D. J.	
3 Oct.	Disco	Terry & Peggy		P.J.!	

R. Cannon Social Chairman

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26 SEPTEMBER 1974

Notice is hereby given, that the 48 Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday 26 September 1974 in the MANX SUITE of the MONA HOTEL, James Street, Liverpool.

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

Clare Conlon,
General Secretary,
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Liverpool L13 4AF.

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THE

ANNUAL MASS

will be held in the
BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE,
Clayton Square Liverpool,
at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday
29 SEPTEMBER 1974

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

LOOKING BACK ON THE RAMBLERS

The Mid-Summer issues of the Newsletters of previous years showed that:-

IN AUGUST 1966 The Social side was "quieter" and, to quote Gerry Penlington, the Editor, "an increase in membership was needed" - he emphasised a fact which is true today as it was then - "you can attend socials for years and not know anyone, attend one Ramble and you know everybody," he concluded with an appeal - "bring or send along one new member - not as a favour to us but as a favour to the Newcomer."

IN JULY 1967, 6 Ramblers conquered the 14 peaks of Snowdonia to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the L.C.R.A. ALSO the club moved its base from the Cathedral Buildings to the Design Centre, Hope Street.

ON 9TH AUGUST 1968 Nine girls from the club were killed when the plane taking them on holiday to Seefeld in Austria crashed on a German Autobahn. (May they rest in peace)

IN 1969, 60 members and friends attended the Invitation walk to the Trough of Bowland, with 40 out the following week. Also, the July Newsletter invited applications from members for the position of Manager of the L.C.R.A. football team, now disbanded.

IN AUGUST 1971 Father P. Atherton was appointed as the first Chaplain of the L.C.R.A.

IN 1972 We moved from the R.A.F. Club, Bold Street to our present home at the Mona.

ONE YEAR AGO The mixed doubles mini golf competition at New Brighton was won by Phil Walsh/Eric Kavanagh in 72 strokes. Lesley Roberts and Dave Holden came 9th with 103 strokes and, advised to "go back to the drawing board please".

Congratulations to Barry Lyon and Pat Unsworth on their recent engagement.

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R.I.P. You are asked to remember in your prayers Joyce Blain's Father and Uncle, both of whom died recently.

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TROUGH OF BOWLAND.

Twenty-two (or was it twenty-three?) hardy souls tore themselves away from the World Cup Final on July 7th to venture into the lower regions of Lancashire to find Bowland Forest. After one or two slight detours we eventually found the Trough and passed through it. A minute or so later our leader, sighting a convenient ice cream van, called a halt and ordered us all off the coach. While most of us partook of some refreshment, Alan, to be different, tried to feed the local sheep. I say tried as one or two of the sheep obviously preferred him to the sandwiches he had to offer.

Entertainment over, we then started off on our walk. The path we took led us through the water works and into the valley along side Landen Brook. Still following the path, we past Landen and Haldron Castles (well that's what the map called them) and headed towards the end of the valley. It was then that our leader noticed that one or two of the party were beginning to flag and called a much needed butty break to enable them to catch up. During the break Barry entertained us, with his supply of twenty year old jokes especially preserved for such occasions.

Our break over, the leader pointed to various hills within sight and calmly announced we were about to climb them; at this some of the more sane walkers objected and so was born the 'B' Party which took a more gentle route back to the coach. The idiots then followed the leader over Landen Brook and started the climb up Birch Bank, which at the time felt like the highest mountain in England. At the top another break was called and time was spent admiring the view which compensated for the climb. We then continued on across the top of the grouse park where not only were there plenty of grouse to be seen but also lots of holes and streams for the leader and others to fall in. Gradually descending we once again joined up with a path, this time following Hareden Brook, through another water works and back to the road, where just a short mile away (as apposed to a long mile) waited the coach.

Arriving at the pub somewhat early, we were given an opportunity for more walking and most people took a short walk around the garden of the pub.

Leaving the pub quite early we had only one more stop, a convenient one, where we nearly managed to lose Shelagh and Joan, but finally all together we arrived in Liverpool at 10.30 p.m.

Thanks Phil for a good walk obviously pioneered and infinitely more interesting than the World Cup.

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Note from our German Correspondent.

More interesting? - donnet und blitzen.
Ve in Deutchland haf vays of making you walk - but not ven der Farderland vins de Verld Cup!

MIXED DOUBLES - MINI GOLF

RESULTS :-

<u>Placing</u>		<u>Score</u>
1st	Winnie Shaw/Brian Keller	78
2nd	Lesley Roberts/Eric Kavanagh	80
3rd	Clare Conlon/Bob Knapman	91
	Hilary McCann/Frank Fitzmaurice	91
5th	Marie Dickson/Ray Dukes	93
6th	Thereisa Griechisch/Mike Turner	97
	Marian McCann/Paul Cartledge	97
	Monica O'Beirne/John Clarke	97
9th	Sheila O'Reilly/Peter Glenn	102
10th	Joyce Blain/John Roche	106

Although over 30 members arrived at New Brighton at 7.00 p.m on 20 July, only ten pairings could be drawn owing to the temporary shortage of the fair sex. A late arrival was Phil Walsh who was 'placed' with the writer. As we both have played this course on previous occasions we won't tell you that we scored only 70 and should have headed the above list. However, because we fear the lash of B.K.'s tongue we will forgo our rightful placing.

Judging from the excited shouts, shrieks and general laughter on the course, the evening would be judged a success. Some of the gents seemed to specialise in finding difficult situations, whether in boat yards or on the wrong side of fences (especially John Clarke) but I think Frank Fitzmaurice deserves a special mention for some amazing trick shots. How he managed to bend the ball around so many corners is beyond me, but his second shot on the 12th was the most amazing ever seen. From a tricky bank of sand he hacked the ball out at great speed but unfortunately the direction was bad. However, the ball struck a grass bank, changed direction onto the green, where it hit Pete Mc's ball, from which it shot off at 90° only to drop in the hole. Truly a magnificent fluke which was enjoyed greatly by those who saw it.

After the match our reporter drew the following comments from the girls in relation to their male partners.

1. Winnie of 'B.K.' "very good, rather unlucky".
Note Winnie was obviously bribed.
2. Lesley of Eric "The only one to play 19 holes, he found one in the fence.

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2. Note Lesley needed 47 putts - Eric 33 shots.
3. Clare of Bob. "Brilliant considering it was his first time"
Note Only 42 strokes needed for the last 11 holes!
4. Hilary of Frank. "How can I putt (yuk!) it. Stupendous with a decided list to the right".
5. Marie of Ray. "Quite good really".
6. Thereisa of Mike. "He played better than me!"
7. Marian of Paul. "O.K. really, slightly erratic".
8. Monica of John. C. "Excellent" (Thinks, what would she say if he did 70!)
9. Sheila of Peter Glenn. "The score card tells all".
10. Joyce of John R. "No comment"

The above comments were obtained at an aftermatch drink in the Lighthouse.

APOLOGY :- To the lads without a partner, I hope you enjoyed your "all male" competition. Well done John McL. on your 79.

Garry Mc Player

RAMBLERS WORST FUNNY STORY

The standard of Ramblers funny stories continues to plummet with three really bad ones listed below. Beat them if you can, please!

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Brian, Peter and John had a bet as to who could tell the biggest lie. They each put a pound in the kitty. Brian went first. "I once knew a Farmer who had a big Oak Tree right in the middle of one of his fields. It was in the way and hundreds of Crows used to nest in it. It was too big for anyone to move, so he got a great load of glue and painted it onto all the branches one night. Next morning he went out with a gun. He found that the branches were all covered with Crows. He fired his gun in the air and all the Crows which were stuck to the branches, tried to fly away together and pulled the Old Oak Tree right off the ground! Now beat that" said Brian.

"O.K" said John, "I was walking past the Liver Buildings the other day, there was a man on the roof, suddenly he fell off, he was half way down when I shouted to him to go back - and he did". "Now it's your turn" said John to Peter, Peter walked over and picked up the kitty "Wait a minute" said Brian and John, "you haven't told your story yet", "I know" said Peter, "but I was the man who went back"!

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Two Irishmen were out fishing in a boat, they rowed round for long time and eventually found a place where there were shoals of fish. They caught a lot and then it was time to go home. "I'd like to come back here tomorrow" said Pat, "there are so many fish". "But we'd never find the same place again" said Mick. "Sure we would" said Pat, "we'll put a chalk mark on the side of the boat". This was decided on until suddenly Mick said "No Pat" I don't think that would do at all, we might'nt get the same boat tomorrow".

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A fellow went into the chemist's and said "I've got a terrible headache, can you give me something for it. "The Chemist said "Nothing acts faster than Anadin", "O.K." said the man, "give me a box of nothing".

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Anonymous of Maghull

NICE ONE FRANCES: Our front cover this month was brilliantly drawn by Frances Lee, another of our many contributors. (We hope the message is heeded!) Thanks Frances.

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LAST MONTH'S DELIBERATE ERROR Concerned the Invitation walk to INGLEBOROUGH. Phil Walsh spotted it. The party of Ramblers returned to Liverpool at 10.45 p.m. and not 11.45p.m. as stated.

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LOVELY GRUB Thanks to Alan Joynson for organising the Barbecue at Caldys Beach and to Big John Pugh for providing and cooking the steaks. - "Well done" it was a "rare" effort.

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A "WRIGHT" GOOD TRIP. Was enjoyed by the party who made the day trip to Edinburgh on 17 August - Shelagh Wright. Well done indeed, take a bow.

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WOOLY BACK'S EYE VIEW

(To be read with heavy Wigan accent)

I went out wit' Ramblers last Sunday
To t'lakes on a coach, it were grand,
A bag full o'butties, and I were on t'way,
With a pair o' pit boots in me 'and.

A lad with red hair seemed the big boss,
He came round collecting the cash,
But it turned out as leader of walk was,
A big lad, called Brian, with 'tash.

All t'lads on the coach they were joking,
Until it were time to get off,
Then one made out he were choking,
And another developed a cough.

But Brian he stood for no fooling
And made it quite plain right away
As it stated quite clearly in t'ruling
That no-one could stop in t'café.

We set off, but leader were crafty
He moved himself right to the back,
By now it were getting quite drafty,
I was glad I'd remembered me mac!

On reaching the top of a mountain,
Leader cried, "Stop for a bit",
And I fell to t'ground with a sharp pain
Like a cowboy, who's just been hit.

For what seemed like no more than a minute,
We struggled to gasp in some air,
Then like hares being chased by a whippet,
We were off and with no time to spare.

Then darkness descended and spread her black veil
And t'lasses began to get scared,
"This would never have happened in Kirkdale"
A young lady's voice had declared.

After stumbling about for what seemed to be weeks,
And getting soaked through to the skin,
Colour returned to t'majority's cheeks
When Brian said "I'll get 'em in".

by Nobbut A. Grandlad.
