

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



NEWSLETTER 

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If you are at the Thursday disco on the above date you will get this newsletter, as in the past. Anyone who for one reason or another who can't get down to the Club on Thursdays will get theirs sent to them as soon as possible. For the past few editions there has been a long delay in the distribution but with a new system shortly to be introduced (stick-on address labels) you should get your newsletters much quicker in the future. If you never go to the Club on Thursdays then tell the Registrar to post your newsletters immediately. This can be done if you ask.

Sadly: there have been very few contributions to this edition and this time I have not been able to get any ramble write-ups from the General Section. The rambles have been poorly attended recently and several rambles during the next four months are being cancelled (see Stop Press in Ramblerite page).

SOCIAL EVENTS (Social Chairman on holiday)

AUGUST 18th (Thurs) ROARING TWENTIES NIGHT - Fancy Dress (Roaring 20s style) should be worn by everyone on this night.

Possible outing to the Playhouse to see Adam Faith in "ALFIE" soon, so just keep your ears to the ground for further details.

BOAT TRIP TO LLANDUDNO - Enquiries are being made at present.

FRED HORBURY TROPHY - Full results in next newsletter.

DAVE NEWS, Editor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at Atlantic House, Hardman Street, Liverpool, on Thursday, September 22nd 1983, at 8.30 p.m. 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 the Auditors for the forthcoming year.
7. To conduct any other business.

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

ANGELA PLATT,

General Secretary

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Note: Subscriptions due next month

RAMBLERITE

Hello again,

July was probably the sunniest since the ramblers began in 1927 but unfortunately we didn't have the coach bursting at the seams. Maybe people don't like walking anymore or have they found something else to do on Sundays.

You will be pleased to know that George didn't lose anybody on his first ramble at Sedbergh! I think everybody enjoyed it despite a few aching legs and nearly getting caught in a thunderstorm.

At the end of the month we are off to Wastwater in the Lake District for a camping weekend. This is probably the most unspoilt place in the Lake District. From here it is possible to climb the highest mountains in England, sit in peace and quiet at the side of the lake, swim in the river or have a lively drink and singsong at the Wasdale Head Inn - what more could you want? Hopefully if the weather is good we won't have to experience underwater camping like last year.

Looking ahead to October we have the Keswick weekend. Numbers are limited this year to about 25 so first come first served. Please see me or any committee member for further details.

Don't forget the Sunday rambles.

P WILKINSON
RAMBLING CHAIRMAN

STOP PRESS

PROGRAMME CHANGES - Please note: Due to insufficient numbers we have had to make a few cancellations and alterations to the programme. The following walks have been cancelled:

Sept 18th CASTLETON
Oct 16th DOLWYDELLAN
Nov 12th WINDGATHER ROCKS
Dec 4th *THE LAST DROP

(Although the coach is cancelled, cars may be used if sufficient interest)

Alteration:

Oct 23 to be DOLWYDELLAN and not SETTLE.

FORTHCOMING RAMBLES

Aug 14 CAER CARADOC HILL (Shropshire), 'B' - THE LONG MYND 'A'
Aug 21 AREHIGGS (near Bala, N. Wales) 'A' Paul Stevens, 'B' E. Healy
Sept 11 MOEL SIABOD (Snowdonia) 'A' Terry Tucker, 'B' A.W. Other.

— Please note the above three are NOT cancelled —
so please make an effort to join us!

The following is copied from a printed card which Angela Platt has in her possession. It should be read by all of us, especially the last paragraph.

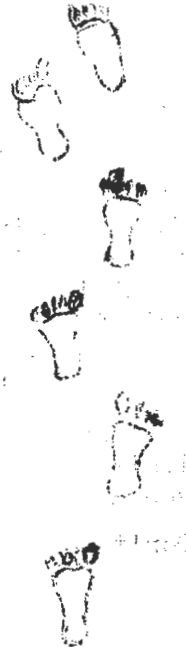
FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



ANNUAL DANCE - CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unavailability of the Band on October 29th the Annual Dance will now be held on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18th. There will also be a disco. Place: Atlantic House as last year. Further details will be given in the next newsletter.

ANNUAL MASS - Sunday, September 25th at the Cathedral Crypt at 11.30 a.m. On this our special day we should remember all the past members of the Club who have gone to rest. R.I.P.

Many of the younger members may not have heard of the air crash in August 1968 when 7 young ladies from the rambles lost their lives. Please remember them in your prayers, especially on this occasion.

FAMILY SECTION. GRASMERE - SILVER HOWE, 3RD JULY, 1983.

An early departure and a trouble free run up the M.6. saw all twenty-seven members safely arrived at the Grasmere Car Park well before the eleven o'clock start time.

Our intended destination was to be the summit of Silver Howe, but our intrepid leader thought that that was too easy. We wended our way through the village of Grasmere and began the gradual ascent alongside the Easedale Beck, past the waterfalls and eventually to the Tarn itself. After a short stop, we then commenced the more severe ascent to the crest of Blea Rigg. The view from the top was magnificent, with perfect visibility. We could look down into the Greater Langdale Valley and had a very close view of Pavey Ark, Stickle Tarn and Harrison Stickle.

A left turn and off we set once more in the direction of our destination via Great Castle Howe and Lang Howe, gradually ascending to the top of Silver Howe. The ultimate descent in glorious afternoon sunshine through a patch of untypical Lakeland vegetation brought us back into the village of Grasmere.

Our thanks to Peter and Marie for a truly memorable day.

Happy Wanderer.

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HOSANNA HOUSE.

On the journey home from the Ramblers' Lenten Retreat in the back of Chris Dobbin's car, I got chatting to the young lady next to me (Angela Platt) and the talk turned to Lourdes. That was our first introduction to Hosanna House.

Angela's enthusiasm was very infectious. I couldn't wait to get home to tell Tony all about it. After contacting Angela for more information, she introduced us to Pat Rothwell. Unfortunately, Pat's Group for the Pilgrimage was full. She in turn introduced us to Maureen from Chorley, who welcomed us with open arms.

We arrived at Hosanna House, Bartres, with our group on Friday 10th June, and we began a week which was to make a very deep impression on our lives. Bartres is peaceful rural village which breathes St. Bernadette's tranquility. It was in the village Church of St. John the Baptist that drama was to enter our Pilgrimage. Minutes after entering the Chur Stan had a heart attack. Ten minutes later he was rushed to Lourdes Hospital. Somehow this event was to draw our group closer together. Stan remained in hospital until we left Lourdes the following Friday. Thank God he is now on the road to recovery.

The processions and vigils at the Grotto were a great inspiration to everyone. Much to our delight our group was invited to sing in the choir on the Basilica steps during the Blessed Sacrament Procession. It was a great honour. Our real closeness came during our Masses outside Hosanna House in glorious sunshine. Father Chris McEvoy led us in a wonderful spiritual way. The peace we felt during

these times would be very hard to describe.

We were lucky enough to celebrate Mass in the little Sheepfold Chapel in the City of the Poor. Here we were joined by a group of Irish Pilgrims, who said our Mass had been the highlight of their Pilgrimage. The fun and laughter we shared that week will always bring happy memories to mind, as will the picnics at the Lake of Lourdes and also in the meadow alongside the Grotto, with Our Lady looking on. The Fancy Dress ball turned out to be hilarious. We don't think anyone slept that night.

Most touching of all was the happiness of the handicapped pilgrims, who entrusted themselves to us. We started out as complete strangers to them, yet they allowed us to share in their lives. Indeed, they helped us more than they will ever know. Finally, we remember Ruth (R.I.P.). She was ill all week and only made a few appearances - one of them as a first communicant for the fancy dress ball. It seems ironic now. She died on the Sunday after she arrived home.

Our thanks to Pat and Angela for introducing us to Hosanna House.

Tony and Mary Birkett.

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14TH AUG. John and Sue Longworth's Ramble in the Chorley area. Directions as given at the July House Meeting or on the orange slips with your last Newsletter.

8TH SEPT. Our Annual General Meeting. Another appeal to come along and have your say. It's at Bill and Nora Naylor's, 114 Moss Lane Maghull. Try and be there between 8 and 8,30 p.m.

10TH SEPT. ROCHDALE AREA. Harry and Ronnie O'Neill are leading. Come off the M.62 at Junction 19; Harry will meet us there at 12.30. and escort us to the parking place, where we eat. It's important that you be there at 12.30 prompt.

25TH SEPT. ANNUAL MASS. This will be in the Cathedral Crypt at 11.30 a.m. This is a good opportunity for both section of the Club to get together.

6TH OCT. The House Meeting this month is at Frank and Monica's, The address is 56 Bullbridge Lane, Aintree.

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There hasn't been a write-up for the Ingleton Ramble, but there simply had to be a mention. Ingleton itself was worth a visit, and the early cuppa in the Mill Bobbin cafe was a good start. As we climbed up the river bank there were happy crowds bathing in the many pools. Very tempting, but as a compensation for not being allowed a dip, Leo and Pat (or maybe Steve) arranged for a steady supply of Ice Cream and Lolly purveyors to be at strategic intervals - much appreciated! As with the Grasmere walk, this one, by general consent, was also enlarged, and the whole party made it, even the oldie at the back (mostly). There were more icecreams in Ingleton, and after a serenade by a local church group in the car park we parted for the homeward journey. Dear Pearsons, this was a truly enjoyable, satisfying, rewarding --- I've run out of superlatives!

The Oldie.