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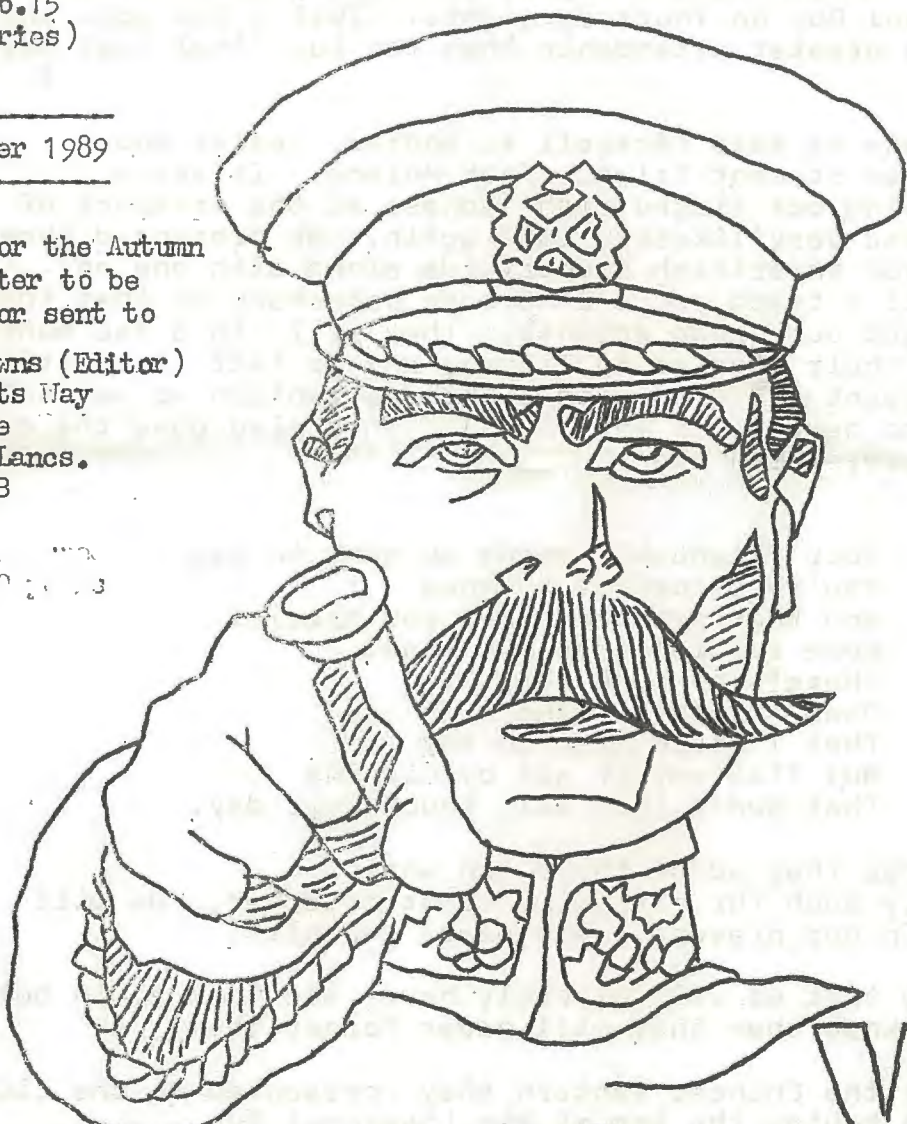
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THIS SATURDAY
(August 5th):

PITCH & PUTT at
New Brighton.
Meet at St John's
Lane at 1pm.
Train or cars will
be used. See Paul
Healy. (More details
are in the Socialite
at foot of page 2).

THIS SUNDAY
(August 6th):

HELVELLYN RAMBLE.
Bookings so far
seem to point to a
second coach being
necessary. Please
phone IMMEDIATELY
if you wish to take
part on this popular
Lake District trip.
Phone numbers are
given in programme.

THE L.C.R.A.
NEEDS

YOU!

... TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER WRITE-UPS

It is always desirable to have a personal account of a ramble (A, B, C or just a hell-of-a-ramble!) or a social event (i.e. Pitch & Putt). Thanks to Bryan Day for his solo write-up in this edition. Thanks also to Ian Freeman for describing some of the recent rambles in the Ramblerite. Hopefully YOU will now all get pen to paper. Thanks.

December 24 and 31 ... are NOT party nights. There has been a little confusion about these two dates appearing in the new programme. They are both non-events for our club but I can give you the date of our Christmas Party night. Friday, Dec. 15, O.K.

Finally a big thank you to Ann Connolly and Angela Fishwick for assisting with the typing of this newsletter. Next one appears in the Autumn.

(Cover designed over 26 years ago on wax stencil)

SOCIALITE

A warm welcome once again to all!

At the present moment we are enjoying a really good attendance at the Liverpool Pub on Thursday nights. Just a few more and we will have a greater attendance than the Cup Final last May at Wembley.

On the 22nd June we said farewell to Andrew, Leszar and Darek, our three student friends from Poland. It was a wonderful evening but tinged with sadness at the prospect of not seeing those very likeable lads again. We presented them each with a book on British Countryside along with one on Liverpool, plus a teach yourself Scouse paperback so that they would not forget our proud accents. They will in a few months time continue their studies in Taiwan, and so felt it a fitting gesture to present the club with a Chinese lantern so we won't forget them (no need to do that lads). They also gave the club a Thank you card, which read:

Your friendship means so much to us,
You're a comfort to know
And that someone makes you special
More special than you know.
There's so much more
Dear friend of mine
That I could wish to say
But I'll say it all by wishing
That God's love will touch your day.

Below that verse they added their own words.

"Thank you very much for a time we spent together. We will remember you in our prayers. God Bless you all".

May I just add that we will probably never see them again but for those who knew them they will never forget them.

As a footnote, the Chinese lantern they presented to the club is now hanging behind the bar at the Liverpool Pub.

In recent weeks we have been to see two plays, Beyond Zero by Agatha Christie at the Empire and Be Bop a Lula at the Playhouse, my apologies for not mentioning them in the Socialite as it is difficult to organise these events giving long notice of them. The only way to find out about functions like this is to come along to the club room and hear about them on the News at Ten spot.

On the 8th July we headed for Maghull to be wined and dined on the Floating Bistro, even though the planned entertainment was cancelled at the last moment, it did not deter us from having a very enjoyable evening. ~~I won't mention the man overboard bit!~~

Every Summer sees us playing in different events to win one of two trophies which are dedicated to two founder members of this club, namely the Fred Norbury Trophy and the Cyril Kelly Cup. This year we will be having three competitions to find the winners. First we will be playing pitch and putt at New Brighton. Those interested should meet at St John's Lane at 1.00 pm on Saturday afternoon 5th August for the train a few minutes later to New Brighton. Then on Saturday 2nd September

in the evening we will be battling it out at Ten Pin Bowling once again at New Brighton. Later on we'll be having a Quiz for the third event at the club room one Thursday evening. Points will be awarded for all events and the winning lady and gent will be presented with the trophies at our Annual Dance at the Everton Club on Saturday November 18th. On the last Thursday of the month we will have, of course our usual quiz to stretch your brains, with the winner receiving a free ramble.

Since the Hillsborough Disaster last April, we have been having a raffle for a bottle of wine each week. I'm pleased to announce that a total of £150 approx. was made on the raffles and that the club sent a cheque to the disaster fund for £200. Many thanks to everyone in raising that amount, and especially to all the girls who sold raffle tickets on Thursday nights. Thank you for helping.

Finally the Socialite article finishes on two very happy events; recently Teresa Kennedy and Richard Williams were married at St George's Church in Maghull. Also "tying the knot" are Kevin Foot and Alison Stevens. Congratulations to both couples. Here's wishing them everything they wish for themselves in their married lives.

Signing off, 'till next time.

Paul Healy.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

In recent months on many 'B' rambles a certain member has been having cake at the buttie stops, we have all sampled this wonderful cake and it is about time we all had the opportunity to make it ourselves seeing how it is so nourishing and easy to make so here goes.

Ted's Tiffin Cake

Ingredients.

8 oz Rich Digestive Biscuits
3 Tablespoons of Drinking Chocolate
2 Dessertspoons of Golden Syrup
3½ oz Margerine
4oz Mixed Fruit
6oz Cake Chocolate.

Method.

1. Crush biscuits till fine.
2. Add drinking chocolate and mixed fruit and mix together.
3. Melt margerine and mix in.
4. Add golden syrup and mix in.
5. Melt cake chocolate and mix in.
6. Spread on a flat baking tray lined with greaseproof paper.
7. Put in fridge until set.

(Cont'd overleaf

This seems very easy to make, with no possibility of going wrong for even the worst cook. I've been told the only possible danger of it going wrong is if the cake chocolate is burnt when added to the mixture. There, the ingredients and method let's see more Tiffin cake on the walks.

RAMBLERITE (Recent Rambles)

Pike o' Blisco, Sunday 11th June (or Pike of Blisco on Sundays - See Wainwright).

Another "two coach" excursion. There were five walks of varying standard. Paul led a low level walk from Skelwirth through the Langdale Valley to Dungeon Ghyll. Colin led another easy walk starting from Elterwater also finishing at Dungeon Ghyll. Daphne and her party left the coach at Ambleside and successfully tackled Wansfell Pike to Troutbeck village returning to Ambleside via Jenkin Crag which in the bright sunlight must have given good clear views of Windermere and the woods around Saurey and Hawkshead. (Beatrix Potter Country). Mike's A walk went over Pike of Blisco (note Sunday title!) to Red Tarn and then up to the foot of Bowfell via Crinkle Crag including the infamous "Bad Step". The final walk which I led was to the summit of Rossett Pike via Rossett Gill and thence to the Langdale Pike returning via Stickle Ghyll.

Haystacks - July 2nd

A new area for Sunday coaches although we have been before when staying at Lakeside House. The A walk proceeded to Haystacks via Honister House and then on to Green Gable via Brandreth. The return was via Gillercomb and Sourmilk Gill to Seathwaite in glorious sunshine, its hard to believe this is the wettest village in Britain when you see it as it was this day.

(For B, see Bryan Day's write up).

Llanberis - 16th July

Four walks were held. The A and B walks both started from Pen-y-Pass and ascended Snowdon by different routes meeting at the summit. The A route was via Crib Goch and Crib-y-ddysgl whilst the B used the more direct and less taxing Pyg Track although in the hot conditions of the day this was enough for many. The A+ walk intended to tackle Snowdon via the "Snowdon Ranger" path but in the conditions found the route too long for the available time.

FIRST-AID FOR EVERYONE

Useful for life, once learnt, and indeed many people wish they had some first-aid knowledge when confronted with an emergency with that helpless feeling. Well the Club have come to the rescue with a first-aid course - just three hours, one-off for all interested. See Ian Freeman for further details of this worthwhile asset.

NEW PROGRAMMES - Yours should be enclosed if you haven't already got it.

Forthcoming Walks

August 6th - Helvellyn

One of the 3,000+ ft peaks of the lakes. Mike Norgate is leading the A and Brian Keller the B. Extra walks are also planned.

August 13th - Carnedds

Another visit to Snowdonia, the Carnedds overlook Llyn Ogwen. Phil Wells the Club's Welsh expert is leading the A and will probably know every pebble along the route, he usually does. Roy This is in charge of the B.

August 20th - Malham/Settle

A trip to the Yorkshire Dales. Dave Newns is leading the A and Roy This the B.

COACH BOOKINGS

Please book as early as possible if you wish to go on a walk as it is becoming difficult to book a second coach at short notice. Remember coaches should be back in Liverpool before 11pm.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sixty-third ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held at the 'Liverpool' public house, James Street, on Thursday, September 21st, 1989, at 8.30pm.

- Agenda:
1. To approve the minutes of the last AGM of the Association.
 2. To read the Secretary's Report.
 3. To read the Treasurer's Report.
 4. To read the Chairman's Report.
 5. To elect Officers and Committee for the forthcoming year.
 6. To elect Auditors for the coming year.
 7. To conduct any other business.

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

DAPHNE O'SHEA, General Secretary

ANNUAL MASS - This will take place on Sunday, September 24th (Sunday after AGM) at the Cathedral Crypt at 11.30am. All members and Associate Members are invited to attend. On this occasion we remember especially those members who have died during the past year. (See Tom Bibby for details of an event after the Annual Mass).

The following Special Thanks has been received:

" To The Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association -

My Children and I would like to thank all the Members of the L.C.R.A. for the messages of sympathy, prayers and Mass Intentions on the recent sad loss of Arthur.

It was comforting to see so many Rambling Friends at the Funeral. Arthur will be missed by many people.

Thank You, yours sincerely, VERA BROCKWAY & FAMILY. "

BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS

Hi ! Your over-loving registrar calling all ramblers.

First, the bad news :

It's sad to say but we are fast nearing the end of our subscription year. A gentle reminder that as from September 1st your 89/90 subscriptions will be due. If you are unable to hand your fee to either myself or my capable assistant - Allan Caple - you may put pen to paper, make a cheque payable to L.C.R.A. and post it to me at the address below.

Subscription fees are :-

Single - £4.00 Married Couples - £5.00

There, that wasn't too bad, was it ?

Now, the good news :

A very big thank you to you all for making my job as Registrar not too hard. It's been a pleasure speaking to all our new and prospective members. I hope you have all enjoyed your walks and will continue to do so next year.

A special thank you goes to Allan (my assistant) who has worked very hard this year, especially when I've been absent. I'd be lost without Allan. Oop's, forgot the all important address :

Bernadette Doyle, 34 Whittier Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 0RF

Even better news :

Picture yourself on a South Sea Island ... sunny sky, golden sands, palm trees, an azure blue ocean lapping at your feet, dreaming of "My Girl Back Home" or "A Wonderful Guy". We are just "A Cockeyed Optimist" looking for a "Some Enchanted Evening". This all could be yours. Get the picture ? Or should I say SHOW. A "Bali Ha'i" class show. Yes, SOUTH PACIFIC is coming to Liverpool. From November 28th to December 16th. If you are interested, see me, Bernie Doyle, and watch this space for further details.

Happy rambling Younger than "Springtime Am I"

'B' WALKERS IN BORROUDALE (A did Haystacks) July 2nd

Cast your mind back to Sunday, 2nd April, the date of our first Lake District Walk this year. Although it rained steadily for most of the day, the undisputed beauty of Grasmere and the surrounding area could not be masked by the elements.

Today's 'B' and 'C' walkers were dropped at Rosthwaite and after crossing a small bridge split into our respective walks. Paul Healy was leading the 'B' and his flock consisted of sixteen including myself. After a leisurely stroll passing Eagle Crag on our way (memorable for it's complete lack of eagles!) We settled for the first butty stop of the day. Butties keenly devoured, we continued our walk. The weather was overcast with almost no wind, which made the going very warm and sticky.

Following a few miles of reasonably flat walking, we began the slow ascent to Angle Tarn. The reward for our effort was a second butty stop beside the placid waters of the tarn. All too soon it was time to resume our walk.

Paul decided to make a small deviation from his original route, as we were running a little late. We began the rocky descent, eventually passing the farmhouse at Seathwaite, then following the tarmac road to our final destination of Seatoller.

On the homeward journey, we were treated to a video on the coach, none other than "Dirty Dancing". Personally, I prefer the sequel ... Dirty Rambling !

BRYAN DAY

FAMILY SECTION RAMBLE. BOLTON ABBEY. JUNE 11TH, 1989.

What glorious weather we have had and, believe it or not but it wss like that on the day of the ramble. It was the kind of weather for sunbathing and not being mad dogs of Englishpersons and walking in the midday sun. Another unusual feature of the day was having a very large car park - but not to ourselves as Bolton Abbey must be on every coach tour list, though this is not surprising as it is situated in a beautiful part of Wharfedale in Yorkshire.

The walk led through a steep and welcoming shady wood, then across fields. Lunch was taken in a pleasant meadow - pleasant that is if you like lots of cows and one enormous bull. I think we were all relieved when we had crossed the field. We climbed to the top of the hill and the view over the countryside was quite spectacular.

After descending the hill we came to a small river which again meandered through a pleasant shady wood and finally joined the River Wharfe. We followed this for several miles through a mixture of countryside, eventually arriving back at Bolton Abbey - 22 hot, tired, very thirsty, but very happy people, having had an extremely enjoyable walk and one for future programmes.

ANON.

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BOWLAND, JULY 9TH, 1989.

Twenty-one intrepid adventurers found the meeting place - a tiny hamlet with an equally tiny church but a large hotel - Whitewell.

We set off up a gentle incline for about three-quarters of a mile, Longridge Fell to our right and then crossed the quaintly named Cew Ark Road, leading upwards towards Crimpton. The task now was to find the firebreak through the forest, a not inconsiderable task but which, once achieved, earned us a break for lunch.

We proceeded through the forest across moorland and eventually through a farmyard and out onto Nart Road. Here the leader assured us he was having pity on our ankles and instead of crossing a very hummocky area for half a mile, we would use the 'road' and the driveway to Knowlmore Manor. Suddenly, in sight of this handsome pile, we were called to a halt and Freda was dispatched to find the footbridge. We appeared to have come a 'bridge too far'! Various explanations were put forward, none very convincing - "It's there but hidden by summer foliage", it's been dismantled"; "it's been swept away by floods". George and Freda then pioneered a diversion, whilst the rest of the party had a tea break in beautiful surroundings, close to the River Hodder.

At the restart the pace quickened, the leader even harangued the party into greater effort, and we passed Gamble Hole Farm, Rough Skye Barn, and Beatrix Farm at breakneck speed. The views into the trough of Bowland were delightful, guarded as we were by the twin sentinels of Totrige and Staple Oak fells. Soon we came into the village of Dunsop Bridge, complete with ice-cream shop, toilets and a resting place.

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FAMILY SECTION, TROUGH OF BOWLAND cont'd.

The last lap was through the drive of the Thorneyholme Hotel and through half a dozen fields, close to the ubiquitous River Hodder. We passed through Burholme Farm (1619 the leader assured us) and then on to the road for the last mile (or was it two, or was it three?) to Whitewell.

It had been a challenging walk, nobody complained, we were all a little tired, having done eleven and a quarter miles, including diversion. Thanks to everyone for a great day out.

Quid(?) videt pontem?

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PROGRAMME. 1989.

AUGUST. A non-event in the walking line!

AUGUST 3RD. Rosemary is having this house meeting again, at 33 Eskdale Drive, Maghull. Do come along if you're not away.

SEPT. 7TH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Nora Naylor, at 114 Moss Lane, Maghull, has offered her house again for this. Last year's was good. Lets have another equally constructive one this time.

SEPT. 10TH. Harry O'Neill is the leader, and is planning on another newish area. In other words, the meeting place is not yet decided upon. House meeting, grape vine or if you're desperate, ring the Roberts's Kennels on 733 2122. With four dogs in residence it's almost a 24 hour answering service!

SEPT. 15/17. CHALET WEEKEND. Always enjoyable. Very happy but a bit shy on numbers last time. Do give it a go. Two walks for the price of one.

SEPT. 24. ANNUAL MASS. In the Cathedral Crypt at 11.30 a.m. for past, present and deceased members of L.C.R.A. Afterwards there is a tour of the Cathedral, and then lunch in the Anglican Cathedral. Should be a very enjoyable addition to the Mass.

OCT. 5TH. The House Meeting is the Parkinsons' at 121 Alt Road, Formby.

OCT. 8TH. Saddleworth, with the Potters leading. The meeting place is the usual one - Dovestone Reservoir. We start walking at 11.00 a.m. Thank the Lord for the evening masses.

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Both Bernadette and Vera have written to us thanking us for Mass cards and condolences.

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