

# GOOD TIDINGS

★CHRISTMAS



★FEELKTON

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----- S O C I A L I T E -----

As the nights draw in and yet another Festive Season approaches, we have a few events planned to brighten up the long winter evenings and celebrate in the usual spirit.

On Friday, 9th December, we had another night out to the Everyman Theatre. This to see 'Fireside Tales' a production in much the same vein as last year's very successful 'Infirmary Tales', written by, amongst others, local writers Brian Jacques and Alan Bleasdale

Thursday, 22nd December, is the date of the Christmas Disco. This year the music will be provided by the 'Solid Gold' Disco and all for the very reasonable, in fact, remarkably cheap, all inclusive price of £1 - so don't miss it.

Once again, we are starting the New Year with a New Year's Eve party in association with Atlantic House. We will be having our own Disco - and other amusements. Tickets are just £1 each, so with prices being charged by Night Clubs and even Pubs on this evening it makes sense to give us your support and we expect that there will be a big demand.

Congratulations to John Platt and Kevin Bell's cousin (The Schoolie), the winners of the best Fancy Dress competition at the Halloween Dance - and a big "Well Done" to all who entered into the spirit and came dressed up.

Anyone who, unlike me, was able to waltz gracefully around the floor at the Annual Dance after the ballroom dancing lessons at the Club organised by Marie Douglas a few weeks ago, will probably like to join me in thanking Marie, her friend, and all the girls who showed us how its done.

In the coming months the following members of the Social Committee will be organising special events as follows:-

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| Kevin Bell   | Quiz Night              |
| Tony Bond    | Day Trip to London      |
| Bernie Lewis | Pub Crawl Around Town   |
| Joan Finegan | Ice Skating             |
| Angela Platt | Coach House, Bolton     |
| Pat Rothwell | Barge Trip - with wine! |

Anyone interested in any of these events see the person concerned for further details.

Thats all the news for now except, of course, to say congratulations to Christina & Peter Kennedy on the birth of their second son Joseph on the 2nd December. (81b 70z).

GEORGE RILEY, Social Chairman

R A M B L E R I T E

Merry Christmas to all you ramblers and let's have a Happy New Year with plenty of walks. The new programme (enclosed) has been formed around our next attempt on the Fourteen Peaks, anybody who wishes to have a go, see me.

The joint walk held at Arnside proved to be a success with members of both family and general section joining together to enjoy the day. Please note that the joint rambles will be held every three months as on the 1983/84 programme.

The Trough of Bowland seems to have been enjoyed by all. The B party attempted to walk on water when a bridge failed to be provided and both parties necessitated the use of torches, a full moon and the odd witch to complete the walk.

We have also spent a short weekend at the Ramblers Association Chalet where it unfortunately rained most of the time. Still, I think we all enjoyed it. Sorry about the lack of notice but it was booked at the last minute.

The next ramble on the programme is the Yuletide. This has been the Annual Meeting Place of past and present ramblers for well over a decade. For those who do not know, Rivington is located north of Horwich in Lancashire, the park is made up of rhododendrons, terraced gardens, a waterfall and ponds, plus many steps. The park called Lever Park was conceived by William Hesketh Lever and is now cared for by the British Trust for conservation volunteers. Also within the park is a castle, pikes, (towers), barns, TV mast i.e. Winter Hill, and a combination of five reservoirs, which feed somebody's water supply. A FREE COACH RAMBLE OR £2-50 WILL BE GIVEN FOR A CORRECT ANSWER OR THE MOST ORIGINAL REPLY. Please send replies to me. Anyone can win, from a baby who can write to our oldest member. Closing date 31st January.

Jan. 22nd is the real Ale walk in the Hebden Bridge area of Yorkshire. Three rambling committee members plus a few others will miss this popular walk as they will be paralleling, stemming, piste-bashing and après skiing so please contact Paul Healy (426 0162) or Paul Stevens (928 5436) for bookings.

Feb. 5th is hot-pot time again, at the Raven Inn in Llanarmon, cost: £5.50 incl. coach. A good walk with hot-pot to follow. Bookings to Paul Stevens.

Feb. 19th sees us in Moira's country. The Gritstone Trail almost passes through Moira Hamilton's back garden in Port Shrigley, nr Macclesfield where she moved earlier this year. So here's your chance to see Moira and her estate!

Hope to see you all in the New Year,

ANTHONY BROCKWAY, Rambling Chairman

And, one year later! (Last article appeared December 1982)



# From the Archives

by Peter  
McLindon

The December 1971 issue of the Newsletter listed the newly elected Committee for 1971/72 which included the following:-

Trustee: Chris Dobbin; Chairman: Dave Newns;  
Treasurer: Gerry Penlington; General Committee: (including)  
Brian Keller.

All not too different from the present day it would appear, although the first steps towards the Disco equipment of today were just being taken with the Social Chairman declaring that 'Socials will be taking on a more professional form with the record player being supplemented by a microphone, speaker and amplifier'... (And all for about £12 if my memory serves me well!)

Members were being reminded (as they are in this issue) that their Annual Subscriptions were due .... 37½p (7/6)" that admission to the Christmas Party in the RAF Clubrooms would cost 25p, that Brian Keller was to collect the 20p deposits for the Annual Yuletide Walk and that tickets at £1.10 were available for the 5th Annual Re-Union Buffet Dance to be held at Dovedale Towers on January 14th.

The result of the Ghastly Joke Contest was also included with Bernie McMullen winning with her "joke" about Bernadette Devlin's baby being ill, apparently because it wouldn't drink its orange juice!

ONE YEAR LATER We were advertising a Midnight Ramble on 24th December with the leader S. Clause. This was preceded by the Christmas Party Professional Disco on Friday 22nd at the Manx Suite of the Mona Hotel (Admission 30p).

In the same issue the late Cyril Kelly was urging more ex-ramblers to make use of that section of the Ramblers known as the "Ancient Order" which had been formed a couple of years earlier. This section was subsequently renamed, more accurately, the "Family Section".

IN MAY 1973 issue No. 43 included a "Sports Special" Page which posed the controversial questions that, "as Liverpool FC were likely to win their first championship since 1966:-

- a) Are they fortunate or worthy champions?
- b) To what extent have referees' decisions been influenced by the vociferous Anfield crowd?
- c) Have the Liverpool club used the persuasive tongue of their manager (the late Bill Shankly) to unfair advantage to ensure

that those who have been sent off and booked have escaped suspension?"

Needless to say there was a swift response to these questions but more of that in a later issue.

The Goodison Scene at that time was similar to today (as written 8.11.83) with the team managers' job being in jeopardy with Everton 6th from the bottom of the first division. In fact Mr Catterick lost his job before Easter (thus getting the O.B.E. "out before Easter"). How many blues supporters, in retrospect, must wish that this step had not taken place, or that the supporters' favourite Brian Clough had got the job following Mr Catterick's dismissal. As it was the Board only got their man at the 4th attempt following refusals by Bobby Robson, Jimmy Armfield and then Don Revie, of the opportunity to take over the job which, by now, has become the hardest in football.

The downward trend of E.F.C. has continued ever since to the present sorry state. Would anyone care to forecast where they will be this time next year?

The Christmas '74 issue included a "Suite for Two for Christmas and the New Year" i.e.

"I don't care which star you're following, get that Camel off my lawn!"

Foreman to Gang of Labourers: Why are you all wearing feathers in your hair?"

Labourer: "We heard the boss was going to sack a gang of 'cowboys' on Friday".

The humorous theme was carried through well into the New Year with Co-Editor Paul Stafford designing a back cover of Jokes for the JUNE/JULY 1975 issue:-

"Reports are coming in of hurricanes in Sheffield, tidal waves in Leeds, tornadoes in Liverpool, snow in the Sahara and a jolly good party at the Met' Office".

What about the London businessman who wanted to see his wife in something long and flowing - he pushed her into the Thames.

"I'll never work for that swine again, not after what he just said to me".

"Why, what did he say to you?"

"Mick", he says, "You're fired".

Insurance Inspector: You're a lucky man sir, it so happens that being savaged by a hippopotamus while riding a motorcycle under water is the one thing your insurance does cover!"

More from the Archives next year.

PLEASE NOTE: SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASE IMMINENT

Membership fees will be increased to £3 for single members and £4 for married couples. The increase being effective from 31st January 1984. Those renewing before that date pay the current membership fee £2-50 single, £3 married.

Please assist us and renew your membership promptly. Our thanks go to those of you who have already done so.

Please send renewals to:-

Anthony Brockway,  
38 Acres Road,  
Bebington,  
Wirral.

Or see Joan Finegan on a Thursday night or Sunday ramble.

If membership is not renewed then you will not receive your next newsletter, so please be prompt.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY NIGHT at Atlantic House. Only £1  
In conjunction with Atlantic House using the club's  
disco plus other amusements. Everyone welcome. Tickets £1

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Sunday. 8th January. Coach MUST be booked early (seats are limited) Bookings to Dave Newns (General Sect.) preferably in person, otherwise 0744 892791 after 8pm (Mon-Thurs). Usual Ramble, Hot-pot and Barn Dance. Coach 10.15 am. Specially marked meal tickets will be given out on the day which will be collected by the waitresses when serving your meal at the table. Note: Members only and children of members. Adult friends may be allowed at the discretion of the committee. Members of the general public not allowed.

PRICES: Child (at cost): £1.40, Adult: (inc. Barn Dance) £2.70  
Evening only (no hot-pot) £1.

# FAMILY SECTION

## SILVERDALE 'C' WALK, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1983.

This was a joint walk of the Family Section and the Young Club, the Leader in being Vera Jeffers and Magda McKenna the whipper-in.

We set off from Liverpool in loads of time on a bright and sunny morning, determined to show that we could be depended upon, even though past the first bloom of youth.

We were cruising along enjoying the drive only to find that we were on the road to Barrow. Hightailing back to the end of the Motorway, we did a little more mapreading, then set off again, only to find that we were still on the wrong road. This time we sought professional help - a kindly truck driver - who put us on the right road, and only causing everyone to wait a quarter of an hour for us.

Off we went, light of foot, admiring the changing colours of Autumn in the surrounding trees as we walked. It was very pleasant until we came to the inclines, but with much puffing and blowing we strode on. Noel remarked that this was the last uphill slope and that it was all downhill from then on, but we two had had enough. It was like a Marathon to us two nearly has-beens so we bowed gracefully out. After a short rest on a convenient bench, we strolled back to a little tea shop and refreshed ourselves with cream cakes and lovely hot tea. As the 'C' (or should I say 'T') walk was abandoned, we made our way home after a very enjoyable day.

Vera and Magda.

Not to let the side down, Bill Potter, by courtesy of the Club Bus, the Fishwicks AND JANE, the McDonalds AND HEATHER and the Brockways, all went on the 'B' walk. Martin Dooley gave them a really good walk and was a very considerate leader, and it looks promising for future joint walks.

## FOXHILL WALK - NOVEMBER 13TH, 1983.

On a cold but dry Sunday 32 members of the Family Section met in the car park at Frodsham. But where was Bill? He was in Blackpool. However, we did have Peggy, Helen and Christine.

Walking in the Frodsham area is always enjoyable. Beacon Hill, Simmons Hill, Foxhill! The views were quite clear and the children enjoyed following the arrows of the Sandstone Trail. Peggy showed us her local dance hall 'The Mersey View'. It was quite a way to go for a dance!!

As it was Remembrance Sunday, the local War Memorial was decorated with poppy wreaths.

Thanks once again for a really super walk.

"The Young Ones".

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PROGRAMME - FAMILY SECTION.

1984.

- JAN. 5TH. The house meeting is at Pat and Vera Jeffers, the address being 77 Moss Way, Liverpool, 11.
- JAN. 8TH. The Yuletide Walk and Barndance. Leo and Pat are leading this one, and its a 12.30 start. Nothing so sordid as the cost has been mentioned as yet, but its sure to appear elsewhere in this issue. Please bring your subscriptions with you - £3.00 for doubles and £2.50 for singles. After this edition, if your subs haven't been paid we'll reluctantly presume that you are letting your membership slide. Think of the awful void not getting your newsletter cause!
- FEB. 2ND. Peter and Marie Atherton are at home at 64 Kendal Drive, Maghull.
- FEB. 12TH. Gathhurst (Shevington) Meet in Gathhurst Station Car Park for another 12.30 start. Noel and Angela are leading, with JANE, of course.
- MAR. 1ST. 3, Mullion Way, Liverpool, 11 is the address for this month's House Meeting, and Magda McKenna is providing the tea/coffee and biscuits.
- MAR 2/4. The events are coming thick and fast. This is a Chalet Weekend.
- MAR 11TH. This is the STANDISH Walk. John and Sue are leading, and ask us to meet at Standish Parish Church for a 12.30 start.

Leo and Pat went to collect a Watch and so missed what those present say was a really good night out, dancing, food and company being just right. It would be pleasant if at last we'd hit upon a set-up which is acceptable to all sections of our Club. Maybe some of us will join in with the Christmas Party at the Clubroom?

The lot for now. Hope to see you at the Jeffers H.M. Have a lovely Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yours,

Mona Roberts.

PS: The Pearson's are taking names for the Yuletide Walk (489 0746)