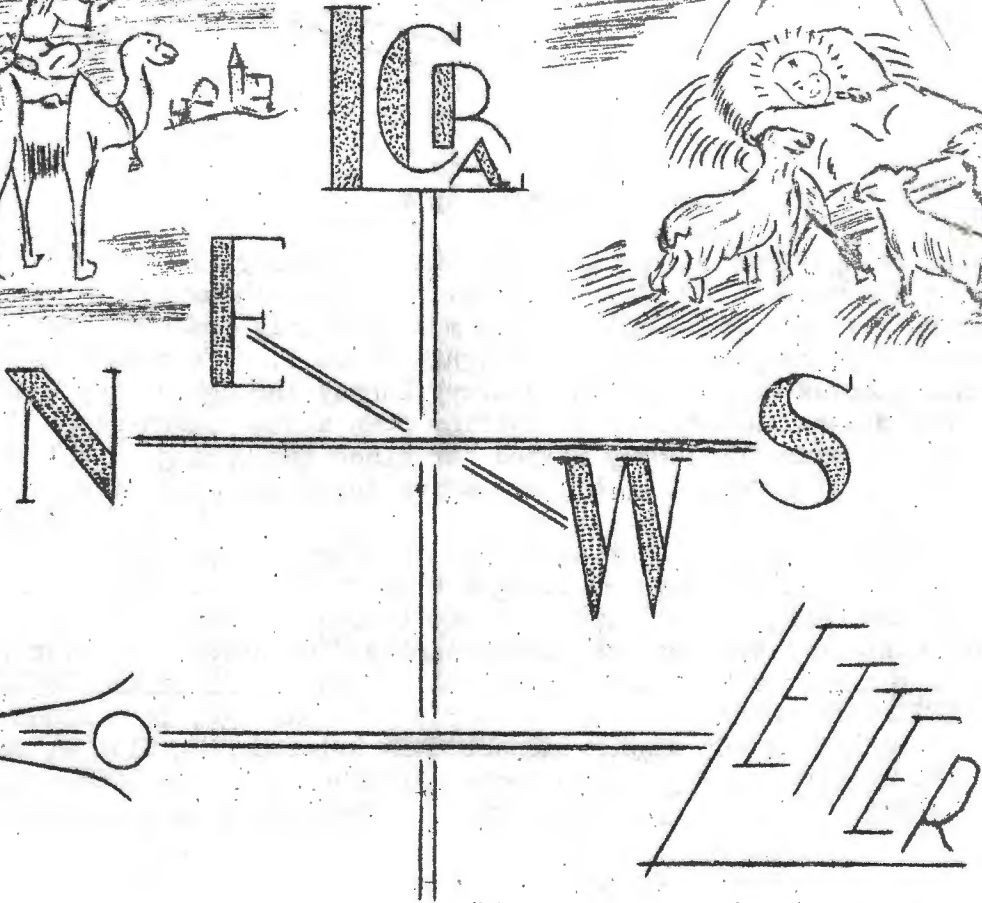
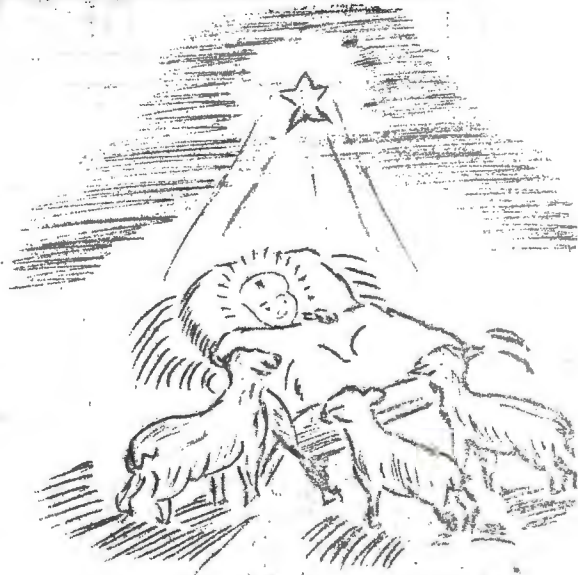


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Editorial

Winter Sport

Winter brings it's own particular brand of beauty, like watching the rising sun through the morning frost on one's window pane. If you venture out into the woodlands you most probably observe a host of natural happenings which will delight the soul. To observe such events Rambles will be arranged every Sunday throughout the Winter.

For others the thrills of rushing down a snow laden slope on skis is a venture patiently waited for since the Spring. But there is plenty of room on our hillsides for these and many more.

Even Orienteering continues - in the dark. Now theres a challenge for you - It amounts to doing a Pioneer in completely new surrounds in the dark, at full speed! Any takers? Whilst on this subject I must tell you that the Orienteering Club which has given us so much assistance in organising our events is called the DEESIDE ORIENTEERING CLUB. Well a couple of weeks ago, in a BADGE EVENT organised by the BANGOR BACKWOODSMEN Orienteering Club at Beddgelert the Deeside Club had nine members finishing in the GOLD classification. I'm sure you will agree, it was quite an achievement.

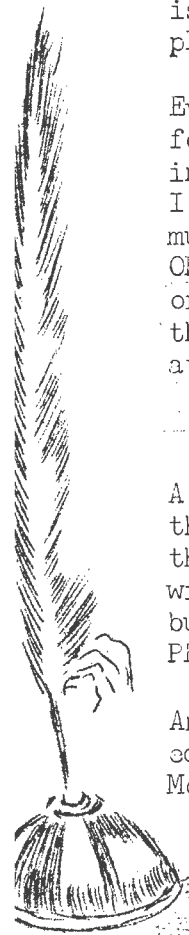
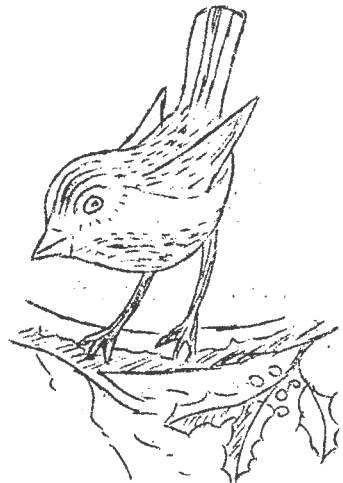
One penny

A penny for your thoughts, a penny for the guy, and now revived - a penny for the Cathedral Fund. Remember the box will come around the club every week, but do remember we ask only for ONE PENNY.

Ans so from the Newsletter sub. who edit this Newsletter, from Monica Moran who types it and from Margaret Smith who distributes it we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Eric Kavanagh

Editor.



YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 1971/1972

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	Brenda Hughes	✓			
	Mike Gilmartin		✓		
	John Clarke	✓			
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C represents CHAIRMAN.

Social

In our previous issue I stated that 'the future of the Club would appear to be quite rosy'. I think that the events of the last few weeks have given rise for even greater optimism. My reason for saying this is illustrated by the events of Monday 18th October. The first meeting of the new Social Committee was held on this evening, and my fears, that the atrocious weather would reduce the turn out to a handful, were soon proved to be groundless. Fourteen very enthusiastic members attended this meeting and in fact but for a confusion over dates our numbers might have been further swelled.

As a result of that meeting, we had the Goldie Oldie Night on November 3rd, we booked the 'Tarragon Pop Group for November 24th (thanks to the efforts of Ray O'Connor) and also we finalised the arrangements for the Big Night out to Quaintways on November 6th. Special thanks for this very successful event should be extended to Dave, who did all the arranging, and especially to John Clarke who took on the rather onerous task of collecting the names and deposits. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this night such a great success by supporting the Club on this venture. Obviously there appears to be quite a demand for this sort of function. The question of a Barley Mow Dance was raised once again at the Social Meeting. It appeared that at long last we had solved this problem when through the perserverance of Monica we succeeded in booking the magnificent St. Patricks Hall for December 10th only to have our hopes dashed when the Barley Mow indicated that they were not available for that night.

Please make a special effort to attend the big Christmas Party on December 22nd as the Committee have plans for turning this into quite an event. Apart from a Disco, we have a number of schemes in mind for making this a night to remember.

As many of you will already be aware, the club is now a lot more sophisticated than it has been with the advent of a microphone, speaker and amplifier. This equipment has been provided in order that the Socials may take a more professional form.

So let's make the best possible use of these new facilities. I am thinking in terms of D.J.'s record requests, messages etc.. There must be some budding D.J.'s within the Club. Please come forward. Don't forget you will only get out of the Club whatever you put into it. It's YOUR Club, help make it better. Put forward your ideas to the Committee you can be sure that your support will be really appreciated, and your ideas acted upon.

I wish to close with a special word for the newer members, I know it can be difficult for you trying to "break in" to the club. I know this from my own experience. Can I emphasize that the best way of getting to know people within the club is to go on a Ramble. Not only will you thoroughly enjoy yourself on the Ramble, but also you will then find the Socials much more fun. Don't put off your first Ramble any longer. It is something not to be missed. - Finally to all members of the Social Committee - a big thank you - keep up the good work!

P. J. McLindon
Social Chairman

THE CATHEDRAL PENNY

On Wednesday November 3rd, those who were at the Clubrooms will have noticed that there was a collection for the Cathedral Fund. This is not a new venture. Ever since the Club was formed in 1927, it has been our custom to make this collection, but in the past year or so, it seems to have been neglected, and we are now re-instating something that has been traditional since our formation. I am not quite sure of the total we have subscribed to the Cathedral, but it is well over £300, and this has been done solely by "The Cathedral Penny", except for one effort of the Sponsored Walk. Nobody will be asked to dig deeply into their pockets, as all we expect in the collection from each person is one penny! If this was given each week, an average attendance of 50 at the Club would bring us £25 every year, and a host of blessings on the Club and its members. I am sure you will respond, as you have always done in the past.

Cyril

A. O. C. R.

A Christmas Party is being held at the Cenacle for the Children of the A.O.C.R.

We hope all concerned will have a very enjoyable day.

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COMPETITION NUMBER TWO

Following the light relief provided by the 'Joke of the Month' Competition on November 3rd, we now intend to have a Limerick* Competition.

Now this really is the chance for everyone to join in. We intend to have this competition on Wednesday 29th December. You are asked that your Limerick is in some way concerned with the Club, whether it be a general description of its activities or perhaps more specifically about one of the members. (I give a rather poor example below). In order that we can ensure a really good response to this particular competition, the Committee have decided that a really magnificent prize be presented. Accordingly we have decided that the writer of the best limerick will be presented with a free ticket to the Annual Buffet Dance to be held at Dovedale Towers on January 14th 1972. As this dance is obviously the highlight of the year for the Club, you will appreciate that this is a prize well worth winning. So reach for the pen and paper and get writing!

Please send your work of art to me at the address below, or if you prefer hand it to me in the Club rooms. Thank you.

EXAMPLE There once was a young man called Newms,
Who, when on a ramble sucks tunes,
It isn't a gamble,
To go on his ramble,
'Cos he always sticks to the rules!

*A Limerick is a self-contained humorous stanza of 5 lines.

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RAMBLERS NEWS AT TEN

Please remember that we still require snippets of information for the above regular feature. These items may be either matters of fact, such as birthdays etc., or they may take the form of questions, such as "Does anyone know if Brian Keller is 65 this week or next?!" Mind you this could also be a matter of fact! Seriously though, if you have any ideas for this feature, please see any Committee member. Also, if you fancy being the News Reader for a night, don't hesitate to come forward. We provide the script, all you have to do is read, so lets have a different reader each week.

I wonder is there any truth in the rumour that the girls cannot read?

The group of ramblers who chose the B-walk on Sunday 31st October 1971, stood anxiously by the side of the main Bangor road, behind them towered the bleak peaks of Pen Yr Olwen and in front of them lay a mountainous track leading to uninhabited and hazardous waste land which is notoriously known as 'the Devil's Kitchen'.

The supplies for the journey were checked and because of the danger of encountering bandits (so I was told) everyone expeditiously secreted their watches, purses and wallets in their boots.

The sweet tones of John Wilson pierced the silence and lifted the spirits (alcoholic I wonder?) of the group to prepare them for the struggle that was ahead.

The beginning of the walk was easy enough, the group followed the public footpath signs, sometimes confused for public house signs, for about twenty minutes until they reached lake Idwal. Lake Idwal has a legend which says that many centuries ago there was a Welsh prince. The prince drowned his elder brother, Idwal, in the lake to prevent Idwal from becoming king. From the day of the murder no bird has ever flown over Lake Idwal. During the ramble only one bird was noticed, but it stayed well clear of the lake flying over the surrounding cliffs.

The way now became steep and after a ten minute climb, the group encountered large numbers of rock climbers, which are a natural hazard on such rambles, however, after a quick exchange of insults they were soon passed. The group took a five minute breather before they tackled the Devil's Kitchen (T-Bone 'stake' a speciality). The cliffs that were ahead were difficult to climb being half buried in scree and the ascent route was not immediately obvious. At the point Peter McLindon who was sent to cover the expedition for the B.B.C., applied his mountaineering expertise and a route up the cliffs was decided upon. The ascent started slowly and cautiously when suddenly Phil O'Neil asked for a Butty Break. At this Peter Aspinall (or was it McLindon) insisted that the Butty Break could only be taken at the summit of the cliffs and immediately everyone dashed for the top. Phil climbed a mile in 170 secs, (beating the three minute mile record set by myself in 1962 - no witnesses).

It was 4.0p.m. when the top was reached and shelter was found where everyone could partake of food. Peter had such a large quantity of groceries with him that it was suggested he set up shop. From the shelter one could see Pen Yr Olwen shrouded in mist and we all laughed as we thought of the group on the A-walk. Then someone noticed that the mist was closing in around the cliffs. The temperature began to fall rapidly and with only an hour before darkness fell it was unanimously decided to descend to the lake. The mist was cold and clammy, it made its way through the air in ripples that visibly followed and overspread one another. Eventually the lake was reached, the group being guided by the light of a full moon, which was appropriate as it was halloween, and the ramble was at an end, but the drinking was just beginning.

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

On the weekend December 11th 12th, we will be holding the Christmas Chalet weekend. Names will be taken in the Clubrooms over the next few weeks, but the numbers will have to be limited. Those who have been before will need no recommendation from me, but for the benefit of new members, the Challet is situated near the Welsh village of Maeshafn, about four miles from Mold. We have it completely to ourselves for the weekend. The cost is very low, usually below £1 per head for the entire weekend, including food. On the Christmas weekend, we have a Christmas dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. Walks are arranged on the Saturday and Sunday. Members can arrive on the Friday night if they wish (journey time by car from Liverpool is about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour)

There will be no ramble on 5th. December, as we are holding our retreat at Bishop Eton on this day. Kevin O'Keefe is taking names, and I believe that a large number of members intend to go.



The Yuletide ramble and dance at Rivington will be on 9th. Jan. This is always extremely popular. Brian Keller is leading the walk, so YULE be giving your names to him. We are making enquiries about having a live group instead of records for the dance, but at present we do not know wheather we will be able to find suitable sharpians, or wheather the whole idea will fall flat (Those were very notable jokes.)

Rambling Preview

by courtesy of the Ministry of Silly Walks.

December 11th. 12th. Chalet Weekend.	
19th. Troutbeck	Leader Ann Vincent.
26th. B.H.O. Ramble.	"
January 2nd. Chirk Tunnels	" Dave Holden.
9th. Rivington Yuletide.	" Brian Keller.
16th. Pickmere Lake	" Margaret Ellison.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL RE-UNION

£1.10

BUFFET DANCE

£1.10

WILL BE HELD AT

DOVEDALE TOWERS

ON

FRIDAY JANUARY 14TH 1972

928 3404
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8 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

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Please contact Ann Vincent, 18, Keswick Drive, Litherland.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PARTY

CLUB ROOMS - BOLD STREET

WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER

BAR

DISCO

SPOT PRIZES

REFRESHMENTS

25 P.

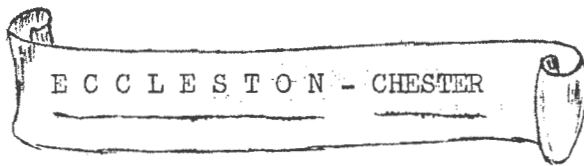


THE EDITOR AND HIS STAFF

WISH ALL OUR READERS

 a merry 
Christmas

 &
a happy
New Year



10th October, 1971

On a lovely Autumn morning, 54 'members', old, middling, and very young assembled at Chester for the walk, which on this occasion was being led by Bill Roberts. The cavalcade started off along the banks of the Dee, and it was soon very evident that the many fishermen along the way, were going to be a big attraction to the youngsters. As we had 54 members out, including the young ones, it was very strange that not even one of them found their way into the water!. It was also strange, that whilst most of the trees were shedding their leaves in the breeze, others seemed to be shedding sweets. This only seemed strange to the grown-ups, as the youngsters have now realized that this is all part of the A.O.C.R. outings. Further along the bank it was the turn of the grownups, particularly the female element, to get excited, but not over sweets. A field of cows and young bulls was encountered, and it did not need any notices to make sure that everyone kept to the path.

Eventually the inevitable happened, and a 'conker' tree was spotted. This was 'raided' in the time honoured fashion, and the falling 'conkers' were wrestled for by anyone who happened to be near. Our way now led along a beautiful wooded bridle path through the Duke of Westminster's estate, and it was a real picture, with many of the trees turning golden brown. The breeze had increased by now and was quite strong, with the result that the multi coloured leaves were falling all around us, and forming a carpet. With 54 pairs of feet brushing through, it was very much a rustle of Autumn rather than Spring.

Like all good things, an end had to come, and very shortly after leaving the Estate, we were back at our cars, thanking the leader for a very enjoyable ramble, and arranging all our next meetings. It is at times like this that I realize, that the A.O. is one of the best things that has ever happened to the Club.

Cyril

BOOK CORNER

Each week for a period we intend to discuss the qualities of a number of books. The titles are as follows:-

- "Aircraft Spotting" by Lew Kupp
- "Cigarette Smoking in Turkey" by Mustapha Fagg
- "Watches and Clocks" by Arthur Nower
- "Into the Shark infested Sea" by Hugo Nylefellow
- "Its busy in Gloucester" by Russ D'off Miefeate
- "Fleas in my house" by Ivan Elluvanich
- "Simple Cooking" by Addanegge & Stirre
- "Tragedy on the Cliffs" by Eileen Dover.

Anon

GASTLY JOKE CONTEST

Our Social Sub. organised a Joke Contest in which there were about 20 entries - Judgement (by four judges) was based on audience response and the winning selection was as follows:-

THIRD No. 12 submitted by John Wilson

The Scene - A cinema in the Basque Country of Spain. Half way through the main feature film, a fire broke out cutting off all exits bar one. Everyone then rushed to this one exit, but due to the crush, no one got out. Which all goes to show that you shouldn't put all your "BASQUES IN ONE EXIT"!

SECOND No. 3 submitted by Margaret Ellison

A man went up to Heaven and asked St. Peter if he could go in.
"What good have you done in the last two years?" asked St. Peter.
The man replied, "The first year I gave 6d. to The Salvation Army, and the second year I gave 6d. to the S.V.P. Society".
"Is that correct Gabriel?" asked St. Peter.
"Yes" said Gabriel.
"Well give him his 1/- back and tell him to GO TO HELL"!

FIRST No. 16 submitted by Bernadette McMullen

Bernadette Devlins Baby is ill, apparently it won't drink its orange juice!

Bernadette's prize was that her annual subscription to the L.C.R.A. was paid by the Social Sub.

Next issue we will print some of the non-winners.(Ug!)

J. O'Kill

NEW MEMBERS

MESSRS. GERARD FINNEGAN
DANIEL DEEGAN

MISSES JOAN DEMPSEY
KATHLEEN DEEGAN

ANNUAL YULETIDE WALK

SUNDAY 9TH JAN. '72

FOLLOWED BY HOT-POT AND SOCIAL
AT RIVINGTON HALL BARN, NR. BOLTON

This is the occasion in the year when all Catholic Ramblers both old and new, bring the festive spirit out on the Ramble over Winter Hill or an easier Ramble nearer to Rivington and finish off with a Hot Pot meal, followed by a Social with Spot prizes etc.

COACHES will leave St. John's Lane at 10.30 a.m. Please tell Brian if you intend going by car when paying your deposit.

Light refreshments can be purchased on arrival at the Barn at 12 noon. (or eat your own sandwiches if you like).

Names and 20p deposits will be taken for this popular event at the Christmas Party on Wednesday, 22nd December. Brian Keller will be collecting deposits. No deposit - No hot-pot!

SUBSCRIPTIONS *****

Your annual subscription 37½p is now due - Please submit to Margaret Smith at:-

3 Curtana Crescent,
Liverpool L11 4TN or at

the club or even next time you meet her.

On Friday 29th October Margaret Price set off once more for a spell of service in Peru. As a good number of you know, Margaret is a nurse, and has been a member of the C.R.A. for some years. This will be her second tour of duty in Peru, and I'm sure we all join in wishing her God speed, and a safe and successful trip.

HOLIDAYS 1972

It is not too soon to consider the 1972 Summer holidays. I am returning to Seefeld, Austria next year having spent a glorious fortnight there in August with my brother John and a couple of friends.

Seefeld is firmly established as Austria's most popular year round resort, and rightly so. Surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery and situated beside a lake, the beauty of the area defies description.

If you like the idea of a holiday spent lazing beside the swimming pool, or walking in these magnificent surroundings, travelling on Cable Cars and Chair lifts, and enjoying the exceptionally good night lift, then perhaps you might consider joining me there next August 5th - 19th.

Travel firms can organise holidays of varying duration from 1 week to 15 days, travel being by Rail or Air, so everyone's requirements can be met.

If anyone is at all interested in going to this beautiful area then please contact me at the club as soon as possible as these holidays are booked up exceptionally quickly.

Peter McLindon

ED. NOTE

Margaret Ellison wrote to me on the same lines as Peter. The above represents their ideas. If you are interested please contact Margaret Ellison or Peter McLindon.

CHAPLAIN.

Father Atherton agreed to undertake the position of Chaplain for a limited period. Pressure of work has obliged him to resign. Where this is a loss we cannot easily replace, we would like to say a sincere Thank You to Father for being with us during the past twelve months.

F.N.

Extract from Car Insurance Company claims

I was taking a friend home and keeping two yards from each lamp-post which were in a straight line. Unfortunately there was a bend in the road, bringing the right hand lamp-post in line with the other and I of course landed in a ditch.