

Christmas Newsletter



Liverpool Catholic Ramblers

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EDITORIAL.

Since the publication of the last Newsletter the 1977 A.G.M. has come and gone and with it have emerged new officers, a new committee and sub-committees. A full list of the officers and committees appears in this issue.

The new Newsletter sub-committee has been formed and it is their task to produce such publications as the one you are reading at present - this one being our first.

The Newsletter has and serves a number of purposes. Whilst a group of people may be responsible for putting it together, it is made up entirely of material submitted by you - the members of the L.C.R.A. - and the more people who submit material the better.

One of the aims of the Newsletter is to give details of forthcoming events, both Rambling and Social and to give reports on past recent events. To this end we shall have those usual stalwarts "Ramblerite" and "Socialite" in every issue and endeavour to coax people into writing reports on rambles and social events.

The Newsletter also hopes to provide other information which may be of use to its readers.

It also contains a Letters section, where you can have your say about anything connected with the Ramblers Club.

T This leaves one section of the Newsletter - ARTICLES FROM YOU. There is no reason why, as well as being an informative and helpful Newsletter, it should not also become an interesting and entertaining magazine - reflecting the atmosphere of the club and the talents of its members. If you have any ideas please let us know. After all, there is more to a Rambler than two good feet, a wooly hat and a £1 deposit.

Now a number of suggestions have already been made to me - but I intend to keep them to myself. However, ideas have also been expressed as to what could be included in future newsletters.

So come on, if you have any ideas, please contact us - or better still use your talent and ideas and submit an article or piece of work yourself.

It is hoped that the Newsletter will be published on a regular basis - every six weeks. The next one is due to be published at the end of January. I hope by then many of you will have decided to submit material for it.

Finally may I look back at the past, look at the present and then to the future.

May I first thank my predecessor Jim Adamson for his hard work over the past year. (Although I haven't taken the advice he wished to give to his successor, which was quite simply - DON'T).

May I also thank all of the people who have submitted material for this issue and to those responsible for its publication especially Frances Lee for her artwork and to our typists Clare Morris and Angela Platt.

Finally, to the future. May I, on behalf of the Newsletter Committee and staff, wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Laurence Kelly - EDITOR.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Best wishes to Bernie McMullen and Paul Stafford who were married on 4th November. They were off to the Persian Gulf after 4 days honeymoon. (To open a branch of the Ramblers overseas perhaps?).

Best Wishes to Frank Fitzmaurice and Barbara who were married on Saturday, November 12th.

Finally, our best wishes to Pat Unsworth and Mike Lewis who were married on 1st November.

New Members for October and November

Adrienne Holland, John Macdonald, Cathal O'Farrell, Kieron Mc'Gon
Laurence Kelly, Benjamin Ward, Patricia Rothwell, Susan Jones,
Michael Milne, Anne Martin,

RAMBLERITE

Scheduled Rambles

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
11 December	SEDBERGH (Yorks)	Jim Adamson
18 December	KINDER SCOUT (Derbyshire)	Maria McDonnell
25 December	NO RAMBLE	
1 January	NO RAMBLE	
8 January	YULETIDE WALK (Rivington)	Alan Joynson
15 January	LLANWRST (N. Wales)	Mike Mawdesley
22 January	MILLERSDALE (Derbyshire)	-----

During the last few months the frequency of rambles has decreased owing to lack of support. To increase the frequency of rambles it has been decided to make certain rambles definite. I have two rambles which fall into this category. They are SEDBERGH and the YULETIDE WALK.

Remember we are a rambling club so let's see you all on a Sunday.

Gerry Roocroft

RAMBLING CHAIRMAN

For information about rambles please contact:-

Gerry Roocroft - 220 1689

Brian Keller - 733 5921

LLANGOLLEN RAMBLE

13th November 1977 - 'B' Party

We left St. John's Lane at ten thirty, with a record number of ramblers on board. On the top of the Horse Shoe Pass flurries of snow fell on us as we waited to move off.

We walked over the slopes of Brynyrodyn 1581. Our party spread out into a long line; soon the leaders had disappeared from view. Those left behind were lost. Lesley Clarke, our leader, found us again quickly.

Then on to World's End to climb the slopes of Eglwyseg Mountain. We climbed up through the woods then along a path under the white cliffs with magnificent views of the valley.

We then made our way to a small church in the valley - a path lead to a cottage. According to the map there was a crossing behind the cottage. We all walked into the garden to find it, but this turned out to be a rope hanging over a swollen river.

So it was back to the road to walk in the dark to Llangollen. We arrived at the coach after a very enjoyable day. On the way home we stopped at a country pub. Our leader had done well because she had taken over the walk at the last moment.

John McDonald

SOCIALITE

"Christmas Greetings Ramble's Lovers"

First of all I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Holy Christmas. I would also like to extend my wishes to the Family Section of the Club. I hope that 1978 will be a great year for you all. I am proud to have been made Social Chairman along with Alan Joynson after a 5 year gap from the Committee. When I look back on the Social Scene of 1977 it was great the way Alan and the rest of the Social Committee went about their jobs in such a professional way. Looking ahead to 1978 I hope to have quite a few events that will catch the eye. Anyway, have a great Christmas and don't forget our Christmas Dance on the 15th of December - not to be missed.

Keep on truckin,

John McLindon

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN.

Dear Ramblers,

The Social Scene is starting in earnest. There are a lot of ideas that come from the Ramblers and anybody who has a good dancing or banquet type event - see John McLindon or Alan Joynson (or any Committee member). There have been a lot of requests for a night out at Chaucers as we had one last year and everybody enjoyed themselves. There is also a night out at the 'Riverside' Ainsdale. For a meal-type event a 'Lancashire Night' or 'Oliver Twist' night. If you're interested in a Chinese meal there is one at Lao's Restaurant soon. More towards the summer, we could organise a barge trip and putting golf. If wet - ten-pin bowling at New Brighton. If we get a heat wave a visit to the baths would be nice. The event on Thursday will not be forgotten.

Alan Joynson

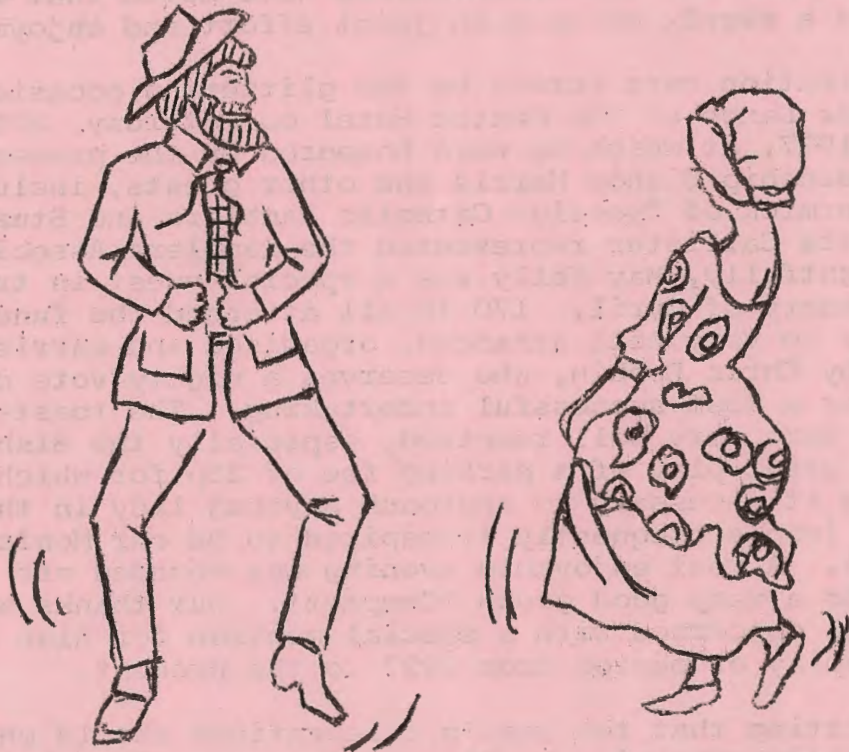
SOCIAL VICE-CHAIRMAN.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

8th JANUARY 1978

YULETIDE WALK
AND
HOEDOWN

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WITH THE HOUGHTON FOLD DANCE BAND

DRESS WESTERN STYLE

£1-20 ADULTS

CHILDREN 60p

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR.

Our Golden Jubilee Year can truly be said to have been celebrated in right royal fashion - a reminder that it was also our Queen's Silver Jubilee Year.

The year commenced with January's Yuletide Walk at which some 250 members and their families enjoyed the traditional walk and Hot-Pot at Rivington Hall Barn, followed by games and dancing to a folk dance band.

Various joint celebrations with the Family Section followed as the year progressed, including a 'Nostalgia Night' a Crown Green Bowling Match, a special Jubilee Ramble and a Tennis American Tournament for which Christ's College so obligingly placed their courts and pavilion at our disposal. All were very well attended - the Nostalgia Night and Jubilee Ramble achieving attendances of 92 and 84 respectively. I feel sure that our two associations have moved that much nearer as a result of so much joint effort and enjoyment.

The culmination must surely be the glittering occasion of our Dinner Dance at the Centre Hotel on Saturday, 29th October 1977, at which we were honoured by the presence of His Lordship Bishop Harris and other guests, including Anne McCormick of Tyneside Catholic Ramblers and Stuart and Annette Callister represented the Ramblers Association. Quite rightfully, May Kelly was a special guest in tribute to the memory of Cyril. 170 in all attended the function, which was so very well arranged, organised and carried through by Chris Dobbin, who deserves a mighty vote of thanks for a most successful undertaking. The toasts and speeches were very well received, especially the Bishop's, who made great play of a parking fee of 25p for which he had found it necessary to approach a young lady in the car park (who subsequently transpired to be our Monica O'Beirne). A most enjoyable evening was rounded off by dancing to a very good group 'Compact'. Our thanks are due to all concerned with a special mention for Alan Joynson for a display of photos from 1927 to the present.

It was fitting that the year's celebrations should end with a Thanksgiving Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cathedral on Sunday, 6th November, attended by some 150 members and families. The Mass was celebrated by Canon O'Connor, who paid many tributes to the Association and its members, past and present. Without the enthusiasm, zeal, constancy and conscientiousness of all those past members there would have been no 50th anniversary to celebrate.

It is here I feel I must mention Cyril Kelly, Fred Norbury, Tom Marquess, Frank Harvey, Albert Coogan, Norah Tasker, Win Penlington, Michael McCallen and so many others. It is in memory of Michael McCallen that a Golden Jubilee Cup has been presented to the Club, to be awarded each year for outstanding contribution to the Association. Michael was Secretary in the middle 1930's, had a dynamic effect on the Club and assuredly contributed much to the pre-war hey-day. He was largely instrumental in the founding of the Catholic Holiday Guild which operated various houses, including Lakeside House, Keswick, opened in the late 1940's and now run by the Catholic Holiday Fellowship. War intervened, for most of which Michael was a P.O.W., earning a mention in at least two books and an M.B.E. in 1948, the year he died. Had the cup been in existence long enough it would bear many names, including all those mentioned above, and I would like to think that in the years to come at each annual presentation they will all be remembered.

GERRY PENLINGTON

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

8.12.77.	Bob Banks	D.J.
15.12.77.	Christmas Party with 'The Invadors' Professional Disco (late extension)	
22.12.77.	Alan Joynson	D.J.
29.12.77.	To be decided	
5.1. 78.	The J. Mc Show with Special Guest Pete Booth from Radio City	

May your Christmas be peaceful.

RUSSIE COLUMN

Ramble - Definition thereof - and Wander at will for pleasure. Do you like - be utiful scenery, crisp clean air, a friendly crowd, snowball fights, howling gales, cooling rains, healthy exercise and congenial liquid revival on the way home again - then get your boots on, pull up your socks and come and join us on our Sunday Rambles.

Rumours roud the Ramblers as reported by a little bird. Is it really true that Brian Keller is retiring from the A Walks. THE CLUB has it that the club's veteran can't do it anymore - on a recent Walk he was overheard trying - in exhausted tones to persuade a younger lady member to relegate to the B Walks - purchase to protect male chauvinist dignity? However you may be granted an extension Brian so meantime - keep on trying!

Anonymous.

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

1977-78

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Lesley Clarke
Vice-chairperson	Maria Mc'Donnell
Treasurer	Gerry Penlington
General Secretary	Sallyanne Saerton
Assistant Secretary	Clare Morris
Registrar	Mike Howdesley
Assistant Registrar	John White

COMMITTEE

Mary Clare, John Clarke, Kathy Diver, Brian Keller, John Mc'Donald, John Mc'Lindon, Margaret Murphy (Publicity), Gerry Woodcroft, Ann Saunders, Alan Joyson,* Laurence Kelly,*

*Co-opted Member .

LIST OF SUB-COMMITTEES

RAMBLING

<u>Chairman</u>	--	<u>Gerry Roocroft</u>
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	--	<u>Brian Keller</u>
<u>Members</u>	--	<u>Mike Mawdesley</u> <u>John Clarke</u> <u>Jim Adamson</u>

SOCIAL

<u>Chairman</u>	--	<u>John McLindon</u>
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	--	<u>Alan Johnson</u>
<u>Members</u>	--	<u>Kathy Diver</u> <u>Mary Clare</u> <u>John Waite</u> <u>Ann Saunders</u> <u>John McDonald</u>

NEWSLETTER

<u>Editor</u>	--	<u>Laurence Kelly</u>
<u>Members</u>	--	<u>Gerry Penlington</u>
	--	<u>Chris Dobbin</u>
	--	<u>Frances Lee</u>
	--	<u>John McDonald</u>
	--	<u>Eric Kavanagh</u>

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION - FAMILY SECTION.

PROGRAMME 1978.

- JAN. 5th. MAY KELLY'S House Meeting -- 2 Poverty Lane, Maghull.
- JAN. 6th. YULETIDE AT RIVINGTON OLD BARN. 12.30 meet. Leaders John and Maureen Johnson. Ring Bill Naylor on 526 3179 if staying on for Hotpot and Social.
- FEB. 2nd. MAUREEN HOWARD'S House Meeting -- 236 Brodie Avenue Liverpool, 19 -- just past the Booker Avenue crossing.
- FEB 12th. ECCLESTON FERRY. Meet at the Riverside Car Park at 12.30. Leaders Gerry and Jean McDonald.
- SUBS. £1.20. Very much overdue. Please send them to Mona Roberts, 7, Elmbank Road, Liverpool L18 1HR. as soon as possible.

FOX HILL, 29th October, 1977.

A walk on the day following the Golden Jubilee Dance (didn't it go well) was a real one for sorting out the men from the boys, but, to Bill and Peggy's surprise twenty-eight turned out, fighting fit. After meeting in the shopping precinct, Vale Royal Park was the first highlight, lovely in itself but the added attraction of swings made it an allround success. We then walked among the foothills of Frodsham, which gave way to a good pull up Fox Hill. Here, in lovely sunshine, we had a beautiful panoramic view of the Cheshire Plain. Never realised it was so luscious -- no wonder the cheese is good. Then, following in the footsteps of the Grand Old Duke of York, Bill "marched his men to the top of the hill and marched them down again" just so that a snap could be taken against the fabulous Autumn colours of bracken and bush. There were murderous suggestions for ensuring that Bill didn't do this again, ever, but he's still alive. Chickens!

When our leader pointed us up the precipitous sandstone face of Jacob's Ladder I thought "He's joking". He wasn't. The younger children went up a human ladder where the going became a bit exciting, and many a female was heaved up from below by her bottom. Everest always looks so easy! The technical jargon, if you want to impress the neighbours was that we used only friction holds, requiring delicacy and finesse -- no jug handles or staircases. These climbers! On top, after noting the First World War Monument (while the kids had yet another go on still more swings) we then made an equally precipitous descent in whatever manner appealed most. Swinging from tree to tree seemed the most popular, though some just slid down, grabbing at the bracken in passing. May and Mary remained upright to the bitter end, slower but definitely more dignified.

A lovely day, with the added bonus, for me, of tea at Peggy's family home in Frodsham. Even the rain stayed off until we were in the cars on the way home. Thank you both from us all.

F.R.

SUBS. They're now about three minutes more overdue, but are still £1.20.

If you haven't had a copy of the Golden Jubilee Newsletter, see Mona Roberts.

L.C.R.A. ANNUAL RETREAT, 1977

The annual retreat was held, as last year, at the Cenacle Convent, Wavertree, on Sunday November 20th.

Father N. Wilde from St. Oswald's, Old Swan, led the Retreat for the 14 of us who attended.

The day began at 11.00 a.m. with tea and biscuits, in the usual Ramblers style, after which Father Wilde outlined the day's programme. The theme of the day was to be 'Reconciliation' - an awareness of our own failings in our daily lives, and an attempt to renew our relationships with God and our fellow men.

A 'Gospel Enquiry' involving the reading of a passage from the New Testament and a discussion on its relevance to us and modern day living, was followed by a break for lunch at 1.00 p.m.

After lunch a half hour was set aside for solitude and private prayer, after which we again met for the Stations of the Cross, expressed in a very prayerful and meaningful way.

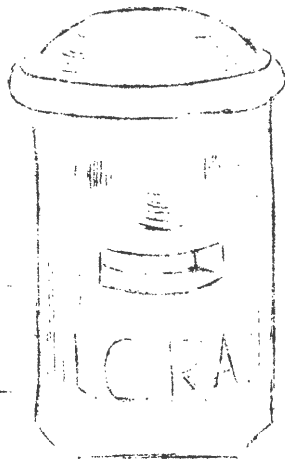
The Sacrament of Penance in the new Rite, better termed the Sacrament of Reconciliation, was part of the afternoon's programme. Father Wilde explained the new Rite, and its benefits to us, and our relationship with others, and we were then given an opportunity for discussing our views on Confession. Father was then available for Confessions.

This preceded Holy Mass which was planned by four of us, all being invited to make up our own bidding, Prayers, Holy Communion was given under 'both kinds'.

Tea and light refreshments at 5.00 p.m. rounded off a very pleasant, peaceful and helpful day.

Our thanks go to Father Wilde for his thoughtful preparation and his easiness of manner which helped us all to take full advantage of the day's opportunities.

PAT LEWIS.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

33, Fowburn Garden,
Fenham,
Newcastle on Tyne.
31st October 1977

Dear Gerry,

Just a note to say Thank You to you and your committee for inviting me to be a guest at your celebrations on Saturday. It was a great honour to be invited to sit at the top table and also a great pleasure to be present at the event.

It was a great pity that the Tyneside Catholic Ramblers couldn't even manage to find two representatives and at first I was rather dubious about going alone. However it all turned out magnificently. Chris had made very good arrangements for me and your members all went out of their way to make me feel very welcome - there wasn't a dull moment all evening. (Tynesiders and Merseysiders are alike in that they are all very friendly and welcoming to strangers in their midst! Perhaps it was symbolic that our two teams had such a good match on Saturday, too!)

I'm looking forward to meeting the Ramblers on Sunday and showing them your Gold Covered Newsletter and telling them all about your Jubilee Celebrations.

Wishing you all every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Ann: Mc' Cormick.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I would like to congratulate the Dance Committee, and Chris Dobbin in particular, for organising such a highly enjoyable evening at the Centre Hotel on October 29th.

Without doubt it was the most successful event I have been to in my eight years with the Club and perhaps most important it appeared to be enjoyed by all age groups present and that is no mean feat!

In the past few years there has been a marked resistance by the younger members to the Annual Dance as they have felt that it was not their "scene". If this was valid previously then the Golden Jubilee Dance has sunk that argument without trace.

So congratulations once more to Chris and Co., - but young and old (including B.K!) we are all asking, "how do you follow that, and when?"

Pete Mc'Lindon.

4 Chilham Close,
Winsford,
Cheshire.

The Rambling Club,
Committee & Members,

Tuesday 18th October 1977

Dear Folks,

We would like to thank you all very much, for letting us join with you, this last weekend on a very pleasant and social weekend in Keswick, everyone was so kind and helpful that we feel we have made some new friends.

Again, Many Thanks

from,

Jean, Tom & Paul Forsey
and Heidi. (she is O.K. now.)

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear members,

Having made a very rash decision at the A.G.M. on the 22nd September (a list of similarly foolhardy people appears elsewhere in this issue) I now find myself in the unenviable position of being harried, co-erced, forced and otherwise gently persuaded by our new editor (ex-SS) to write a few inspiring (!?) words at the beginning of our 51st year.

Let me begin by welcoming all our new members - its nice to see so many of you are ready to plunge in at the deep end and join in both rambles and socials. Over the past few months we seem to have been going through the "doldrums" and several rambles have been cancelled due to lack of support. However, if our present trend of increased numbers continues let's hope we really can provide a ramble every Sunday in the coming year. To those new members who are still debating whether to risk placing their lives in the hands of one of our leaders, all I can say is don't wait until the summer - there's nothing quite like rambling in the hills on a crisp winter's day, as anyone who's ever experienced the exhilarating sensation of getting a snowball down their ear will no doubt agree. Seriously though, it's a great day out, and when the rambles are well supported everything else seems to go well too. So take courage friends!

The new Committee has already been hard at work (so they say) organising the new rambling programme and various nights out and so on have been suggested. However, this is YOUR club and YOU have as much say in how it is run as anybody else, so if you have any suggestions (polite ones only please) to put before the Committee, or any criticisms to make why not come down to one of our Rambling-Social meetings at Birch House (Bishop Eton Parish Club) on the last Monday in the month (3rd Monday in December). Any Committee member will be glad to tell you how to get there.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee and all the members, I would like to thank last year's Committee for all their hard work. A special thanks and congratulations are due to Pat and Mike. We all wish you every happiness for the future.

LESLEY CLARKE

May the New Year Bring you all
Contentment.