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GOOD TIDINGS

★CHRISTMAS

★FEEDITION



GHOUL TIME AT THE RAMBLERS

You should have been at the Ramblers on Hallowe'en
 Some people in the strangest guises you have ever seen
 The bar-maids were laughing all night long
 Wondering is this where I really belong.
 Bernice as a ghoul dressed from head to toe in black,
 You know I could have sworn she stretched a little on the
 rack.

Pauline as an old woman cute as could be,
 I had no doubt she won first prize easily.
 Next came Paul as Dracula of the night,
 He can't stay late if he's to catch his Transylvania
 flight.

Ann was a school girl complete with hockey stick,
 No drink for her she wanted a lollipop to lick.
 Oh! Angela dressed as a skeleton shaking those bones,
 You'll never be recognized even if we had Sherlock Holmes.
 Brother John I'm not sure what he was supposed to be,
 But when he took off his mask he scared the wits out of me.
 Tony arrived as Captain Birds Eye, wellies on his feet.
 What's that smell, Ah! Fish fingers ready to eat.
 Dave and Brian female nurses dressed up to the nine,
 As a pair in suspenders they will do just fine.
 Moira as a clown you could almost see through,
 She gave us quite a laugh and we've had a few.
 Don't forget Graham, his coconuts in the right place
 And the lipstick shining from his face.
 At the bar I met school girl Gerry and said to him
 "Ladies first",
 He glanced across at me, I covered and feared the worst.
 Finally, don't forget D.J. Mike who spun many a good tune,
 And everybody else dancing around please come back soon!

PHILIP KIRWIN

Main typist for this edition was Angela Platt, assisted by myself,
 Ann Nicholson and Paul Stevens to whom thanks is given. Paul
 took a great deal of time in compiling the Christmas Crossword
 and Santa Puzzle. I hope you manage to attempt them both over
 the next few weeks. May I take this opportunity to wish you all
 a Happy Christmas and Prosperous (?) New Year.

DAVE MEWNS, Editor

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Next edition will not appear until well into the New Year.

R A M B L E R I T E

by Peter Wilkinson

Merry Christmas everybody,

This greeting may sound a little early but better early than not at all. We had our first taste of Christmas weather recently on the Christmas Brew ramble at Heptonstall in Yorkshire with sufficient snow on the ground for the 'A' party to have several snowball fights on the hilltops.

The experimental extra ramble to Chirk was poorly attended with only 15 members turning out on the coach. In spite of the persistent rain (except for the 500-yard long canal tunnel) I think everyone enjoyed the day out and there was at least plenty of room to get changed on the coach afterwards.

The new programme is at the printers and should be ready for distribution fairly soon. Amongst the rambles there are a few favourites, as well as some new places yet to be visited by us.

Next May we will be attempting the 14 peaks of Snowdonia - yes all fourteen of them over 3,000 feet - in a one-day marathon walk. This walk has not been done by our club for several years. It was done as the 40th anniversary event in 1967 (Dave Newns was there) in 8 hours! This was a great achievement as the previous time for the club was, I think, 11 hours 40 minutes. Three members, including Billy Clay, broke the record. (Dave wasn't one of them).

FORTHCOMING RAMBLES

Dec. 5th LLANGOLLEN - Names to Kathy Diver. Two rambles in the Llangollen hills in the Horseshoe Pass area - 'A' and 'B' leaders yet to be found.

Dec. 12th MYSTERY CAR RAMBLE. - This is still a mystery to me as only Anthony Brockway knows where he is going, I think. Don't be put off if you haven't got a car as many cars are expected and there will be empty seats for anyone willing to share the cost of petrol.

Jan. 9th ANNUAL YULETIDE WALK - This is the occasion when we combine forces with the Family Section for a ramble around the Rivington Pike area, followed by a Hot-Pot Supper and Barn Dance in the ancient barn at Rivington. A day not to be missed. Tickets from Brian Keller £2.25, Children £1.10

Jan. 23rd BERWYNS (N.Wales). Paul Stevens leading 'A'

SANTA'S SACK HELD 30 TOYS

This poetic puzzler involves five elves, dressed in five different colours, who made five different types of toys. Can you work out who made what?

(Answers on back page)

1. Old Santa's sack held 30 toys
2. Made by his elfin crew;
3. And though none made the same amount,
4. Each elf made more than two,
5. The elf named Bess made one more toy
6. Than the elf who dressed in reds,
7. But Bess made one less Christmas toy
8. Than the elf who made the sleds.
9. Spry Johnny Elf made racing cars;
10. Five toys were made by Jane;
11. The elf who dressed in yellow suits
12. Made each and every train
13. The elf who always dressed in green
14. Made one third as many as Sue
15. Sweet Mary Elf was dressed in orange,
16. And one elf dressed in blue.
17. The elf who made the spinning tops
18. Made the most toys of them all
19. Another perky, smiling elf
20. Made each and every ball.
21. Old Santa's sack held 30 gifts
22. All tagged for girls and boys.
23. From the clues that you've been given,
24. Now guess who made what toys.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri. 10th Dec.
CHARITY CEILIDH
at the Irish Centre
7.30 pm Tickets £1.50
from Dave Newns or pay
at door.

Sat. 11th Dec.
TENNIS CLUB DANCE
Tickets limited from
Brian Keller, £1.00.

Thurs. Dec. 30
NO CLUB NIGHT ... but:

Fri. 31st Dec.
NEW YEAR'S PARTY NIGHT
at Atlantic House
Tickets now on sale.
Everyone welcome, not
just Ramblers. Should
be a good night.

TO THE COMMITTEE & MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC RAMBLERS:-

Dear Friends - Mo. and I wish to thank you for your kind thoughts and all the generous gifts you have given us through the years. It was quite a sad occasion when I finally stopped driving for the Ramblers after about eight years together. I remember many funny happenings. On one occasion the ramble was done the wrong way round (map upside down - no names!)...ramblers lost in fog - Funny how you still managed to find a pub with a cosy open fire! Lesley Roberts (now Clarke) seemed to find the smallest country lanes by car then expect me to go down with the coach... "Farmer's gates, no trouble, you can do it" she used to say. I would close my eyes and hope for the best. "What time will we be home, driver?" How would I know... we were still at St John's Lane! I really miss the trips.

We would also like to apologise for not being able to attend the Annual Dance due to Mo. being ill. We regret missing your surprise presentation of the crystal vase and bouquet to us and thanks to Kathy for accepting on our behalf. They were very much appreciated.

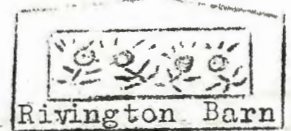
Nice to know you. To know you is nice.

Thanks,

MICK & MO. MAPLE

Socialite

Dear Sociable Ramblers,



Since our last newsletter quite a lot has happened. October 28th saw Dracula with fangs and brylcream, Hawaiian girl complete with cotton padding, a very young great grandmother and quite a few witches flying around the Clubroom for good measure. It was a very hurriedly arranged Halloween fancy dress party. Apologies to those who didn't know as it was impossible to publicise the event in the last Socialite. Nice to see so many people in fancy dress, resulting in a great evening.

The Annual Dance on 12th November was fantastic - maybe I could be a bit biased in my thinking, being Social Chairman, but the entertainment was varied and appealing to all tastes. The buffet was the first of its kind and doggie bags were supplied to take the remnants of a huge and tastie buffet home.

December 23rd is our Christmas Party night with Steve Mercury Road Show supplying the music and Atlantic House supplying the late extension until 11.30.p.m. With the cost of posting Christmas cards now being a luxury this is also the night when greeting cards seem to swop around the Clubroom at an alarming rate!

Atlantic House have asked me to mention that they have a Party Night, together with Christmas Carols, on Christmas Eve, followed by Midnight Mass in their adjoining Chapel - which sounds quite a nice way to welcome Christmas.

There will be no Club Night on 30th December....arr.....The next night being New Year's Eve we are combinging with Atlantic House and we will be raising the roof with a New Year's Eve Party to well and truly welcome 1983. This sounds a fantastic way of letting the New Year in, at only £1.

Anyone for the Theatre? - on Saturday, 15th January, we are off to the Everyman Theatre, Hope Street, to see a play written by Brian Jacques and Alan Bleasdale - to name just two. Set in the Casualty Dept. of the Royal Infirmary 2 hours before New Year's Eve. With a long wait in store for the unfortunate gathering, they tell their sorrowful and funny stories of how they came to be together. Tickets for this event are £3.50 - see any committee member for tickets.

Sunday, January 9th, being our 1st walk of the year is held as usual around the district of Rivington. Wonderful opportunity to walk off all those Christmas and New Year goodies and get back to basics, with a hot-pot supper and Barn Dance in the evening. (Bookings/Tickets from Brian Keller).

January 20th, a late extension, sees John McLindon spinning the records till late. JOHN WHO? John McLindon before getting married and going to live in deepest woolly-back country (St.Helens) was a regular Club D.J. and you could be pleasantly surprised and delighted with his choice of records on this night.

Signing off, with myself and the Social Committee, wishing you health, wealth and prosperity in 1983.

PAUL HEALY,
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

From the Archives

No. 2 - Compiled
by Peter McLindon

ONE YEAR AGO

In Issue No. 101 of the Newsletter we were announcing that "as from 19th November 1981 all subsequent social evenings will be held at Atlantic House, with the last social being held at Tom Halls Tavern on 12th November."

NINE YEARS AGO

In Issue No. 48 (dated November 1973) it is interesting to note the following:-

"ATLANTIC HOUSE FRIDAY FOLK CLUB"

8.30.p.m. (weekly)...Hardman Street

"Lovers of Folk Music might be interested in joining some of their fellow Ramblers who regularly spend enjoyable evenings in the pleasant atmosphere of this excellent establishment. In addition to enjoying themselves they are also helping a very good cause. Why not join them? Admission 30p. Doors open at 8.15.p.m.

Special Attraction November 2nd

The Oldham Tinkers

Be early or you won't get in"

As one of the 'regulars' I can vouch for the quality of entertainment provided at that time at Atlantic House by groups and artists such as the Oldham Tinkers. Many enjoyable, sober, (?) evenings were spent there by the Ramblers and it is true to say that the Social Committees of the seventies frequently cast their eyes longingly at the facilities at Atlantic House and muttered "if only we could hold our weekly socials there", for the possibilities seemed considerable. As you now know it took 8 years for "if only" to become a reality, and I am sure that today's regulars must be well pleased with their weekly venue.

Additionally, those who have regularly attended the Annual Dance over the years will surely consider this year's as being the best for a very long time, with the catering provided by the staff at Atlantic House being really superb. All concerned with the organisation and running of the dance should be warmly congratulated.

In the October edition of 1971 entries were being invited for the "CORNY JOKE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION", but more of that to come out in the next issue. In addition the following appeared:-

"RAMBLERS NEWS AT TEN - Each Wednesday night at 10.p.m.

we intend to present our 5 minute news. This will take the form of the announcement of forthcoming events, i.e. Rambles, Dances, etc. and also we require other news such as members birthdays, engagements, marriages, etc. or any items which might be thought amusing."

These amusing items in fact became a tradition in that each 'News at Ten' ended with such an item. They weren't particularly funny but nonetheless it seemed to ensure that all present listened to all the News, if only to hiss and boo at the end! The following item included in the 1974 Christmas Newsletter is fairly typical:-

"A week ago, a SPY broke into the ROYAL MINT, but unknown to him, his every movement within the building was monitored by closed circuit T.V. Police surrounded the building almost immediately, and as the SPY climbed out of a rear window they poured CUSTARD on top of him. The SPY was so shocked that he gave himself up. Questioned later on T.V. the Inspector in charge of the operation stated that it wasn't really necessary to cover the intruder with CUSTARD, it was just that he liked CUSTARD ON HIS MINT SPIES!"

Two Drunks in a Bar:-

One said to the other - "HHHave lemons got legs?"
 The other exclaimed "No, why?."
 "Well in that case, I've just squeezed a CANARY into my drink!"

More"from the Archives" in the New Year

PETER McLINDON

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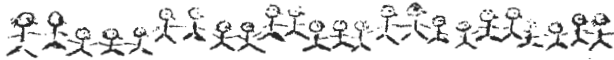
Disco attendances for October and November were as follows:-

	1982	1981	7 YEAR	7 YEAR
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>BEST</u>	<u>WORST</u>
October 7th.....50)				
" 14th.....45)	52.5	42.8	74.25	42.8
" 21st.....50)		(Tom Halls	(1976)	(1981)
" 28th (fancy dress)65)		Tavern)		
November (to date)		Corresponding night last year		
4th.....44		41		
" 11th.....31*		38		

*The Annual Dance took place the following night.
 The overall average for the first ten Discos of this Club Year is 52 compared with 42.8 at the same time last year.

REMINDER - Subs now due. If you have not renewed them, please do so immediately. See Peter Wilkinson or Martin Doolay,

FAMILY



SECTION.

Chronologically were a bit up the wall this next couple of months. Here goes, anyway.

Yuletide, 9th January. Peter Atherton is leading, and he wants us to be ready to start walking at 12.00 noon. What is more, he MEANS 12.00 noon! Its the big Barn, for any newcomers. Its worth looking up your route as even the old timers slip up sometimes.

FEBRUARY 13TH. Noel and Angela Fishwick are leading a walk. The meeting place is Scarth Hill Water Tower, 1½ miles South East of Ormskirk on A570. Park way down Poppy Lane, which runs South from A570, almost opposite the Water Tower. We've even got a grid reference - 429075. If you meet at the wrong place on those instructions you deserve to miss the ramble. Again, its an early start - 12.30, and this doesn't mean the starting time for eating lunch! Now for two House Meetings together.

FEB. 3RD. Come and Christen John and Frances Ellison's first house meeting at 30 Sudell Avenue, Maghull. Just to confuse the issue here is the one which should have come first:-

14TH JAN. The House Meeting is at Magda McKenna's, 3 Mullion Walk, Croxteth. If you're in any difficulty about finding it give her a ring on 546 8531.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. The young club's Christmas party is on a lovely date - December 23rd. Nice if some of us could go to it.

I've lost the scrap of paper with the charge for the Yuletide on it, but I think it was £2.25 for adults and a reduction for children. Ring Monica Rowe on 520 1919 to give names.

Just been a phone call from Noel and they really mean Feb. 13 to be a 12.30 start. In the book from which he is taking his walk there is no mention of the Motorway which now bestrides one of his paths. He asks us to stand by for a bridge building party if there isn't one there for us.

Saw John Burns recently and he's 'sitting up' and taking fairly substantial nourishment since his nasty hand operation. We hear Eddy Feeney is hoping to be home around Yuletide walk time and if so we hope to see him on the Rivington Ramble.

I've kept the worst till the last. Need I mention SUBS. £3.00 for doubles and £2.50 for singles, in cheques, money orders, Postal Orders or whatever. Don't send notes, they sometimes go astray. Don't be shy about asking me if you've paid. My little blue book is forever with me. 7, Elmbank Road, Liverpool L18 1 HR by post.

Have a lovely Christmas and a good year in every way to follow, just in case we don't meet up before then.

Yours,

Mona Roberts.

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Editor's Note: Yuletide cost is £2.25 (includes cost of Band/Hot-Pot), Children £1.00. Children FREE on coach if booked in advance. Coach bookings for the Yuletide event to Brian Koller on 734 2918.

- 22) Free to enter (4)
 23) Knowing exclamation (2)
 25) Relating to, regarding, (2) abbr
 27) A fish to grace a table but not pink, sometimes rainbow? (5)
 30) 45 won't play it 33 will (2) abbr
 30) Like, comparing (2)
 32) Trees such as these we may never see again - but are the tulip growers really to blame? (4)
 34) Little Jack Horner stuck his thumb out for this (4)
 35) Brainwave or thought (4)
 37) Stuck for a clue - British Leyland might do! (2) abbr
 38) Automobile Association or the? (2)
 39) Same as 30 down (2)
 40) In this or that way (2)
 41) Indefinite article (2)

ACROSS

- 1) Between different nations - often a contest? (13)
 7) Early days in 1983 - but synonymous with Rivington is the month of?(7)
 9) To keep at a distance. Stand off (5)
 10) Would Sweep be unclean without him? (5)
 11) Solid material whose atoms are arranged in a uniform pattern (7)
 13) To take on labour (6)
 15) Turkey? Chicken? Duck? are all (5)
 18) A polite request (6)
 21) After a hard days night you might find me sleeping on a Yuletide cake(3)
 23) Electric geometry (3)
 24) The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea, but Edward? stayed at home (4)
 26) Not a spring tide, but less high and less low (4)
 27) In Lakeland it may be but it MERELY belongs to Manchester (9)
 29) To rip in a melancholy fashion (4)
 31) start slumber (3)
 32) Our interest at heart in them we TRUST? (2)
 33) To sing in adoration as the night drawn in (8)
 35) Butlins it isn't but it is --de-- (2)
 37) Lyn Tegid or so the Welsh say? (4)
 40) If you wrote him a letter and left him mince pies, would he appear before your eyes? or would he get stuck up the chimney? (5,5)
 42) Shortly.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1983 there will be a
 GRAND CHARITY CEILIDH Dancing to (Skibbereans)
 at Atlantic House, in aid of Cystic Fibrosis (Late Licence)
 Tickets from any committee member:

ANSWERS TO "SANTA'S SACK HELD 30 TOYS

Each elf made at least three toys (line 4) One elf made three times as many as another (13-14) and three elves made consecutive amounts (5-8) If you eliminate duplicate amounts (3), two possible number combinations total 30: 12/6/5/4/3 or 9/7/6/5/3.

With either solution, Sue made the most (13-14) And we know that she made tops (17-18). She was not dressed in green (13-14) red (5-6), orange (15) or yellow (11-12), so she must be the elf in blue.

The two elves who made the least must be dressed in green (13-14) and red (5-6). Therefore the elf who made the least cannot be Mary (15). It also cannot be Bess (5-8) or Jane (10), so Johnny must have made the least. And he made cars (9).

The elf who made the second most was not Jane (10) or Bess (5-8), so it must have been Mary. And Mary dressed in orange (15).

Since the two elves who made the least were in green and red, the elf in yellow must have made the third smallest amount of toys. And that elf made trains (11-12).

Since the elf making sleds could not have made the second smallest amount of toys (7-8), Mary must have made the sleds. Bess is, therefore, the elf in yellow, and the person who made the second smallest amount of toys is in red (5-8).

By elimination, Johnny is in green, and Jane is in red and made the balls. Since the elf in green made three toys, Sue must have made nine toys (13-14) and our amounts of toys must be 9/7/6/5/3. Sue (blue) made nine tops. Mary (orange) made seven sleds. Bess (yellow) made six trains. Jane (red) made five balls. Johnny (green) made three cars.

* FINAL REMINDER

AT THE IRISH CENTRE, 7.30pm
Thurs. 9th Dec. Charity Variety Show with Brian Jacques
Friday 10th Dec. Charity Ceilidh - Dancing to the Skibbereens

Tickets from Dave Newns £1.50 per night or £2.50 both nights
Children and OAPs 50p. Side stalls - Refreshments, etc.
Tickets also available at door on night. (Focolare Charity)

ALSO ... IN FEBRUARY

* A BAVARIAN EVENING at Atlantic House. Listen out for more details at the clubrooms on Thursday nights.

DONT FORGET JAN 9th RIVINGTON BARN (Hot-Pots MUST be booked in advance). See Brian Keller for tickets - £2.25 each.

FAMILY SECTION'S SECTION. FRODSHAM WALK, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1982.

We arrived at our meeting place in the shopping precinct car park, where there were a number of the family section already parked, some eating their packed lunches, others preparing for their walk. By the time our party, thirty-one in number, were suitably dressed for the pouring rain with our over-trousers, kagouls, hats and gloves on, it had stopped raining!

We passed through the local park, managing not to stop at the swings (which would have been much too wet for the children), but there was an unexpected treat for them for it was here that we espied a squirrel scampering up a tall tree, leaping from branch to branch.

Leaving the park behind us we came out onto a road before turning left through a gate following a footpath running between the gardens of private property, coming out at the foot of Foxhole Hill. Skirting this we carried on along a very wet leafy path, climbing sandstone rock before arriving at a clearing which afforded us magnificent views across the Dee estuary and, in the distance, the Liverpool Cathedral. Here our leader said we could have a break so out came binoculars, and then the cameras to record the surroundings. The children found their amusement in a huge puddle which they insisted on wading through and generally splashing in.

Refreshed, we carried on, passed the terraces of Frodsham Hill, our party chatting happily to each other as we followed on through a wooded area which was carpeted with acorns and Autumn leaves. Here Jerry McDonald held a gate open for us, making some comment concerning the muddy track which was to follow. Carefully making our way through the mud, we passed by a herd of Ayreshire cows, across a road following a sandstone footpath coming out at Crummock Lake. A little further on we passed through a farmyard and if we thought we had waded through mud before we had been sadly mistaken, because it was here that we discovered what Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud was all about! However, not without becoming extremely muddy, we negotiated same, and went through a gate into a wooded area where the yellow gorse flowers gave a touch of colour in contract to the other trees which by now had lost most of their leaves.

We now ducked under a wire fence and retraced our steps to the terraces of Frodsham Hill. Climbing Jacob's Ladder brought us out on the top of the Hill. This was followed by a narrow path which gave us views to our left of the surrounding area. By now it was growing dark, and the twinkling street lights created a peaceful happy feeling to the close of our ramble, in spite of the rain which had just started once more.

Many thanks to Bill Potter for leading and to Peggy for whipping in - a super day.

One of the crowd.

Here's a welcome to any new walkers who were out, including Daave and Edith, the Ellison's friends from Maghull. My spies didn't bring me any more information, but welcome to anybody else just the same.

PRIZE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PRIZE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

FREE RAMBLE AND A BOTTLE OF WINE

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FIRST CORRECT
ENTRY WINS
FREE RAMBLE
(OR £3.00)
AND A BOTTLE
OF WINE

ENTRIES TO BE
RECEIVED BY
DECEMBER 31st

ENTRIES TO BE
HANDLED TO ANY
CTEE MEMBER OR
EDITOR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PRIZE ENTRY WILL BE DRAWN FROM ALL CORRECT ENTRIES
RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31st.

DOWN

- 1) A sharp influx of members is always good medicine - like a tonic or an(9)
- 2) 2240 lbs? or 100 m.p.h.? (3)
- 3) Fowl reprimand, especially at Christmas.
- 4)iron? one might say (3,3)
- 5) New (Greek) (3)
- 6) A book, a T.V. serial, 3 words, 1st word, sounds like "wife" second word sounds like gone, third word sounds like birth (4,2,5).
- 8) A Lion might, but dogs don't and cats meow (4)
- 9) Affirmative, yes, OK, etc (3)
- 12) Margarine or Butter, no its Stork..(2)
- 14) Holy hymn (5)
- 16) Season jump (5)
- 17) Shallow dish holding food
- 19) If you can read this then you must be part of it (4) abbr.
- 20) To have perceived (4)