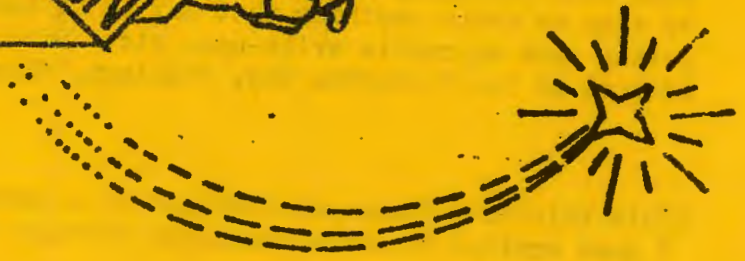
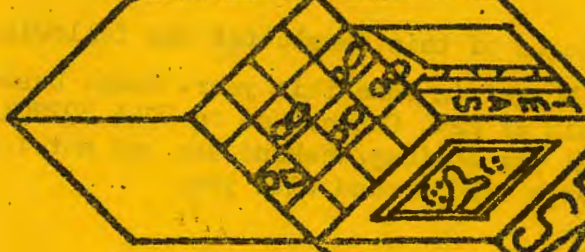
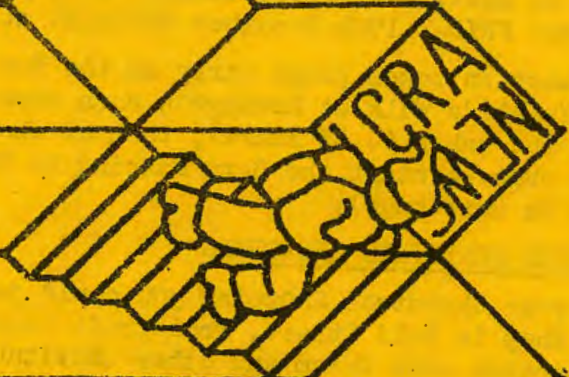




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With the festive season just beginning, we are looking forward to two rambling/ social functions which are both, in a way, reunion occasions. The first being the Christmas Dance when many people we have not seen for many moons turn out to partake in this extra special clubnight at the Liverpool with prizes to win, old friends to meet, new faces, dancing to a professional disco and all for £1. Note the date: FRIDAY 19th December UPSTAIRS at the Liverpool (See Socialite).

The other function takes place early in the New Year and that is, of course, the Annual Yuletide Walk at Rivington Barn when we fill the Barn in the evening for hot-pot and cakes (4.45 start), then at about 6.45 after a few games for the younger ones we start the Barn Dancing to The Houghton Folk Band. (See notice on next page).

HELP THE THIRD WORD THIS CHRISTMAS

When doing your Christmas Shopping you could just spare a few minutes in the Traidcraft Shop in Bold Street. Traidcraft (correct spelling) is a company set up in conjunction with Oxfam and other charitable organisations to sell brand new goods direct from their factory to the customer via their Traidcraft shops with all profit that the middle man would normally get, etc, going to Third World Countries. They sell a variety of goods, many suitable as Christmas presents plus several grocery items such as tea, coffee, various nuts and dried fruit, etc. They are open all the year round. So give them a visit!

NOT SO GOOD TIP

The committee have been informed last month that found among the coach driver's tip returning on one of our rambles was various foreign coinage, along with several old pennies. Fortunately this was detected before the driver received his tip and the offensive coinage removed. Not very funny really!

RUCKSACK FOR SALE

I have been asked to sell, through the pages of this Newsletter the following: 55-Litre RUCKSACK, excellent condition, bought in June this year. Make: Base-camp, colour: green. Cost £45 new, bargain at £20. Contact me on 0744 892791. Note this is a large type rucksack, ideal for holiday/weekend use but not for our normal rambles unless you carry a large load around with you.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

This will hopefully appear around the middle of February, giving people plenty of time to write anything that may be of interest to the readers of this newsletter such as ramble write-ups, etc. Give any such material to me personally or post it to: 7 Abbotts Way, Billinge, Wigan, Lancs WN5 7SB.

DAVE NEWNS, Editor

(This Edition's Cover was designed by a professional artist several years ago. I just spotted it after rummaging through old newsletter stencils in my bottom draw!)

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY

R A M B L E R I T E

You find me presently putting the final touches to the rambling programme for the first half of 1987. Unfortunately you may not receive them with this newsletter as they now have to be printed. This time has been no different from past occasions, i.e. very difficult to find people willing to have a go at leading walks. If you do not know how to, but would like to try, then we are quite willing to give you training and help you whilst leading. Anyone interested please see me. Also any new ideas for walks would be gladly appreciated.

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and hope that on December 28th you will join the Rambler's coach to lose some of the Christmas weight you will have gained. The walk is to Ness Cliffe in Shropshire, 10.15 start, in the company of Roy This.

January 4 RIVINGTON BARN, details in this newsletter. Bookings essential, no later than December 19th. Coach is likely to be fully booked.

January 18 MYSTERY RAMBLE, 9.30. Paul Healy leading but he's keeping quiet.

February 1 THE ANNUAL TRIP TO LLANARMON: Joe Rourke takes us on a stroll through the Clwyd Hills. The evening is rounded off with a hot-pot supper, then into the bar for liquid refreshment. Any good pianist? You may be needed. 10.15 start.

February 15 JOE ROURKE leads us again, ably assisted by Dave Connolly. Meet at St John's Lane, departing 9.30, via the East Lancs Road for the Trough of Bowland.

March 1 BRIAN KELLER and Dave Newns aim for the Goyt Valley, lying between Buxton and Macclesfield. The valley now holds two reservoirs with surrounding hills gently sloping to the water's edge, 10.15 start.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

A N N U A L Y U L E T I D E

Hot-Pot Supper, Barn Dance (preceded by ramble)
at RIVINGTON BARN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1987

Tickets: Adults £3.50 (cost of hot-pot and dance)

Children £1.00 (child's portion of hot-pot). Cheques to: LCRA

BOOKINGS TO:

BRIAN KELLER

and

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

(before Dec. 20th)

COACH must be booked in advance as seats will be limited. Coach fare will be extra to the tickets - £4.00 - departing from St John's Lane at 10.15 am. Returning back in Liverpool approx 11.00 pm.

Car drivers note: the rambles start at 12.30 from the barn.

Hot-pot starts at 4.45 pm.

Brian 734 2918

Anthony 645 6140

S O C I A L I T E

Hello everyone,

What a wonderful night we all enjoyed at our recent dance at the Everton Football Club on November 15th. Thanks must go to Brian Keller for looking after the sale of the tickets and everyone who supported the night, because without you there would simply be no club. During this annual dance the Fred Norbury Cup was presented to Mick Norgate, winning it for the second year running - no doubt next year he will be wanting a hat-trick! Maria Byrne will also have this in mind as she was presented with the Cyril Kelly Trophy, also the second time she had won the event.

Well, with Gerry Penlington standing down as treasurer after 35 consecutive years we just had to mark the occasion with something suitable. So Chris Dobbin made a fitting speech - and then much to Gerry's surprise - presented an engraved tankard to him on behalf of the club. Next morning Gerry's g/dtr saw the tankard on the sideboard and with open eyes and wonderment said: "Grandad, where did that come from?" "I got that at the dance last night," replied Gerry. With that the young girl worked it out that he had won it for dancing! Thanks again, Gerry for looking after the pennies for 35 years. Now Brian has taken over the running of the club's finances, so keep looking over his shoulder, Gerry!

THE CHRISTMAS DANCE is on FRIDAY, 19th December at the Liverpool, James Street and will be UPSTAIRS with dancing to "Solid Gold" Disco. The bar will be on till midnight, so let's see everyone down there in the festive spirit. Admission £1.

There will, of course, be no clubnight the night before this Friday date.

Well, with the way that Christmas and New Year's Day falls this time the next clubnight will not be until the 2nd January - another FRIDAY - and there will be no door charge (YIPEE!). To encourage people to come along Brian Keller is doing a 60's NIGHT! This will be DOWNSTAIRS once more as per usual, then the following weeks we revert back to our normal Thursday nights.

So, with this being the last Socialite in 1986, let me take the early opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy and Enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and to whet our appetites in the New Year we will be having a Chinese Night out in Chinatown, a visit to the Neptune Theatre to see the comedy "Abegale's Party" and a visit to the ice rink. For full details of these and more, come down to the club on Thursday nights.

Signing off till the New Year,
PAUL HEALY

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who joined recently: Margaret Murphy, John Cavanagh, Marie-Francoise Santerre, Margaret Jennings.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

These were renewable in September. If you have not done so yet, then this is your last chance. Christine Welsby is the Registrar to whom they should be payable at £4 for single members and £5 for married couples. Cheques to: LCRA.

4TH. THORNTON HOUGH. Meet in the Village Green Carpark at Thornton Hough for a 12.30 start. Maureen Howard Leads.

JAN. 4TH. YULETIDE. This is our Christmas walk, hot-pot supper, games for the young ones and then a square dance for us all. Information as to cost etc. will be given elsewhere in the newsletter. Leo and Pat Pearson are leading and it will be a prompt 12.30 start. If you haven't given your names in to Pat Pearson by the end of December please ring her on 489 0746.

FEB. 5TH. House Meeting. Theo and Rita Wuiseman are at home to us at 31 Chetwood Avenue, Moor Lane, Crosby.

FEB. 8TH. GRIZEDALE BECK. No, not in the Lake District but near Garstang. It's a 12.30 start and Peter and Marie Atherton are leading. Ring them on 526 2153 if you need any information nearer the date.

MAR 5TH. House Meeting. Noel and Angela Fishwick at 74 Moss Lane, Maghull.

BEACON FELL AREA, 12TH OCTOBER, 1986.

The early morning mist experienced whilst driving up the motorway soon gave way to bright sunshine, which thankfully lasted for the remainder of the day.

After shepherding all the cars into various car parking spaces on Beacon Fell according to availability, we started off for the top of the Fell only to descend through a wood to the valley beneath.

After traversing many fields, some dry some wet, and negotiating a barbed wire stile (aided by an old flannelette sheet) we eventually arrived at the runway of the Blackpool and Fylde Gliding Club. At this juncture, lunch was taken to enable us to watch the launchings and landings of the gliders.

On this walk, we appeared to encounter more cattle than usual and on one occasion our path crossed a field of bulls which looked ferocious but, fortunately, kept their distance. Most of the stiles were very ^{old}apidated and did not look as though they would last much longer.

Our final climb on to the Fell brought us back to our cars in good time for the return journey home.

H.W.

RAINFORD RAMBLE, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1986.

If it hadn't been a Rambling Sunday, we'd probably have spent the day sitting in front of the fire reading the papers and avoiding the threatening clouds and strong winds. So double thanks to Vera for leading a good ramble and getting us out of the house on a grey November day.

A lot of Ramblers felt the same for there was a good turn out and a lot of cars parked behind the Golden Lion in Rainford (the land of the Carrot Crunchers). The title became obvious as we started walking - field after field of carrots, some harvested, some still

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Rainford (Cont'd).

growing in what looked like first class agricultural land - rich brown earth. The walk took us through these fields, along country lanes, over the single track line that runs between Kirkby and Rainford, and down the drive of what must once have been a large country house because we went out through some impressive looking gates at the end of it. We spotted distant landmarks - Skelmersdale, Billinge Beacon, the tower blocks of Kirkby and the hills of North Wales. We stopped for "lunch" at a picnic area. With the awful Summer we've had, this is probably the greatest number of visitors it's had all year!

After half an hour we realised Bill Potter wasn't with us, "Unless he's behind with that group there" ... "Or ahead with those in front". His whereabouts were revealed when we returned. The sky had looked ominous all day but rain only started falling as we came in view of the carpark and Bill met us at the entrance. He'd just started the walk when he spotted some lads looking into the cars. He'd gone back - too late to stop them breaking Rita M's window but not too late to inform the Police, who later caught three of them. Many thanks, Bill, for being a good detective and sorry you missed the walk.

Thanks Vera - it was a great way to spend a grey November Sunday.

Marcia.

I've heard that the Annual Dance went very well, with a goodly number of our Section partaking. Harry and Ronnie made it, as did Phil and Mikki. Lovely to see Phil hoofing it round to the strains of the tango. There were two presentations - one to Garry Penlington for his almost centuries as Treasurer and slightly smaller one to Bill Potter, designed by Pat Jeffers, in appreciation of this detective work at the Rainford Carpark.

Mrs. Holland has just informed us that our two Chalet weekends for 1987 are July 11/12 and October 3/4th - both good dates. The last Chalet was great. We found a lake we didn't know existed, with bees, in the glorious sunshine, dashing to and from the lake for water with which to cool down the hives, a beautiful red-creeped house and what seemed like thousand of young grouse(?) being cultivated for the shooting season when it started. I suppose someone somewhere can justify this.

It's difficult to find new ways to express Christmas wishes, but do have a lovely peaceful one and a good New Year. Don't forget the Yuletide.

Now for the acid. Subs are very much overdue and are now £4. for singles and £5. for doubles. There's the usual threat (or Promise!) that this will be your last newsletter unless

M.R.