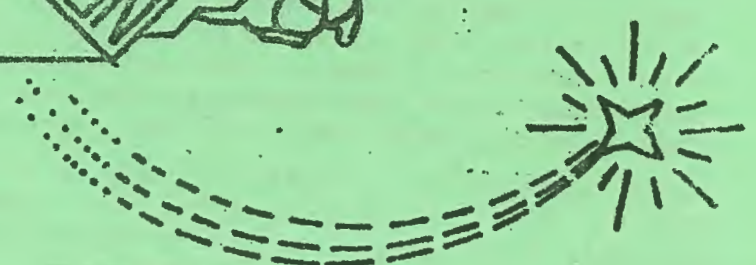
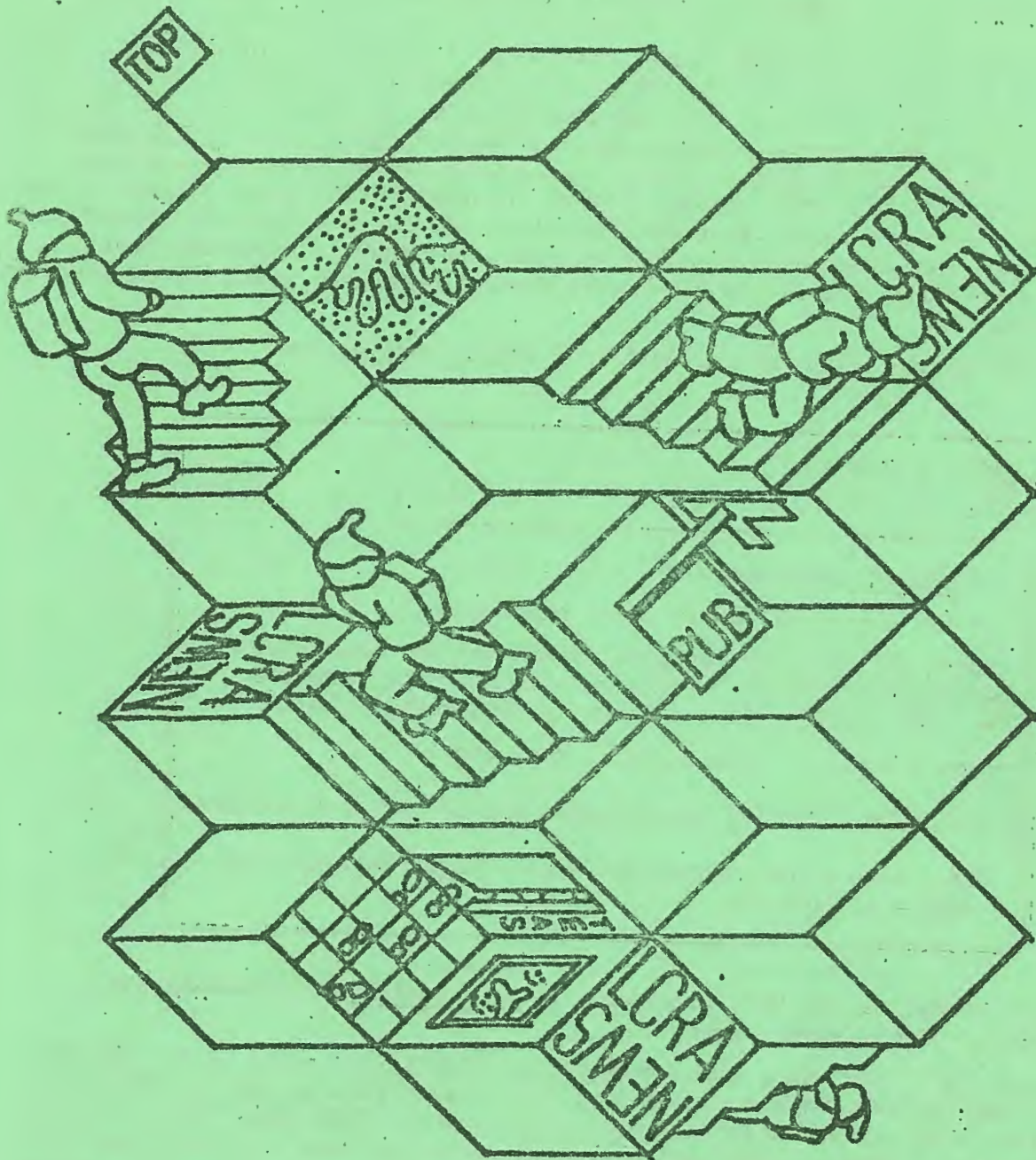


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Our annual dance, held on November 19th, was a success according to most people whom I have spoken to. The buffet (in spite of being one of the cheapest that we chose) was good value for money and there seemed to be a good atmosphere all evening. Maybe the absence of all those speeches at last year's special anniversary dance helped to make it more enjoyable. There was just one presentation, the Cyril Kelly and Fred Norbury Trophies to this year's winners, namely Mike Norgate for the fourth year in succession and Bernadette Callaghan sharing the ladies trophy with Marian Green. The committee now have to decide whether to have the next buffet dance at the same venue or to try somewhere different. After many enquiries the Everton Club has always come out much cheaper than other places in recent years, but there are rumours that possibly Atlantic House (where the club spent several memorable years not so long ago) could be considered.

The club's next special night is our Christmas Dance, details are:

LCRA's very own

C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y N I G H T

on FRIDAY, 16th December

at the Liverpool public house (upstairs).

There will be a professional disco and the usual carnival atmosphere with no expense spared on crisps, peanuts, etc.
- all nestling in the luxury of disposable dishes!

Spot prizes - Late licence, etc, etc.

ADMISSION £1.50 (£1 unemployed). Pay at the door upstairs

(PS - Have a meal before you come - light refreshments only - no buffet).

It should go without saying that there will be no clubnight on THURSDAY, 15th December because of the above night out.

This brings us on to the other main event of the club's year - the Annual Yuletide event at Rivington Barn. This is on Sunday, 8th January when we have a barn dance in the evening with professional caller and the Houghton Folk Band. This full day event starts with a ramble around the Rivington area, followed by hot-pot and mince pies around 4.45pm, then probably a few games for the younger members, followed by Country Dancing until about 9.30. The coach should be back in Liverpool by 11pm.

Please state whether you will be going by coach or car and you **MUST BOOK** for this event as soon as possible to Allan Caple (general section), Pat Pearson (family section). Unfortunately the cost of the event has not been finalised as yet, so keep your ears to the ground. In the past a very small minority prefer not to have hot-pot. In the event of this occurrence a special charge has to be made for attendance at the barn dance to these individuals. Coach departs from St John's Lane at 10.15am for this Yuletide event. Don't forget to bring a change of clothes (casual) for the evening. Muddy boots are not allowed during the dancing session! Toilets and changing facilities including hot water are available at the barn.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs were due in September. Anyone who has not yet renewed them (£4 single, £5 married) contact Bernadette Doyle, 84 Whittier Street, Liverpool L8 0RF with cheque made out to LCRA or contact her assistant registrar: Allan Caple. Dave Newns, Editor

THE KESWICK WEEKEND - Oct 21_23

Great and lucky to be in Keswick once again, but what's happened to the Woolpack pub? That very watering hole that Angela, John 'Magnum' Platt, Christine and Mike and a casual observer would be seen leaning over a number of Southern Comforts! Important issues of the day would be discussed...the Stock Market, the fish market and would the bar still be open back at Lakeside House! The gleaming new boots in the shop window where only last year the 'Woolpack' sign was displayed but now a mountain gear shop ensured that the 'Woolpack' stays in the old memory bank!

Walking and enjoying a good time is of course what the Lakes is all about, and this year there was the added bonus of sunshine. I decided to join Mike and Christine, Paul and Annette for a walk that started in Buttermere. The 'B' party had decided on Haystacks, but I could not resist the challenge of High Stile. I am sure we have all experienced the feeling of 'one of those days I am going to get right up there...hopefully!' Looking up from Buttermere those mountain tops look quite daunting, but the determination was very much there.

The route we were to follow was in fact one of Wainwright's classic walks, which at the first part gives a gentle ascent, each step giving a better viewpoint. In true A.W. style the steepness soon has the sweat beads breaking out, and a pace is soon required (or in my case nearly a pacemaker!).

High Crag proved to be a hard nut to crack, mainly due to steepness, and the extreme wetness of the rocks due to this side of the mountain getting no sun. In fact, one of my infamous shortcuts soon came to an end, as unintentionally I did a poor 'Eddie the Eagle' impression, resulting in a sore arm and a Mars bar broken in three places!

Well, I'm very proud to say that after what seemed an endless scramble, we eventually conquered High Crag and were duly awarded with blazing sunshine and the grand opening of the sandwich box! After a good rest and full tum-tums it was time to follow the ridge towards High Stile (2,500ft-ish!). Arriving at what was our highest point that day gave some outstanding views; looking deep into the Ennerdale Valley one could see Black Sail youth hostel. In fact, Ennerdale was my very first walk with the Club. I clearly remember the route we took and looking up for the first time at the full might of Great Gable. Now I looked down, following the whole stretch of Ennerdale Forest, like it was seeing an old friend again.

So on to Red Pike and the question we always ask ourselves: "Why can't we stay up here all day?" But like all good things, it has to...However we were still in for a final surprise, Scale Force Waterfall was good compensation for having to leave those tops. A tasteful pint amongst satisfied and grateful friends back in Buttermere, sitting on a dry stone wall, made sure that this walk would always be remembered as 'What a Great Day That Was'.

Thank you Mike and Christine for leading, and best regards to all my sincere friends back in Liverpool.

ROY THUIS

Leicester (0533 552844)

RETREAT

All members who have yellow programmes should have noted that on November 20th was: Retreat; Sandymount, Blundellsands, 2pm-6pm. (£2.50). This unfortunately only appeared in the General Section of the programme and was not included in the Family Section page and also got missed out of the Newsletter. Consequently a poor attendance on the day was the result. However, in the past a member of the committee went round taking names for this event. The Annual Dance the day before could have been another factor resulting in poor attendance at our annual half-day Retreat.

NEW MEMBERS

During the past few weeks there have been many new faces at the club or on the rambles. We hope that you will enjoy our walks and company as the winter months ramble on. Some may even be interested in joining our committee or leading walks. Don't be left in the background - get involved if you think you are capable. Meanwhile, welcome to the Club!

R A M B L E R I T E

The recently held ballot on coach starting times was very well supported with 38 papers being returned, of these the vast majority voted for a 9.30 start. So, as from the start of the next programme in February 1989 the coaches will leave at 9.30. Thanks to all for their support.

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that the first six rows of seats on the coach be for NON-SMOKERS. It would therefore be appreciated if those who wish to smoke to keep to the rear of the coach.

Thanks to Bob Gregson and Brian Keller for taking bookings and organising the Keswick Weekend. It was well attended with excellent food and the staff of Lakeside House gave us their friendly attention. A brief report was given in the last newsletter and Roy This has his report in this newsletter. Thanks Roy. In March there will be a coach taking us for the next Keswick Weekend, March 10-12 - Bookings to Bob Gregson.

Looking back over the past few months the walk on August 4th to Blencathra was done in super sunny weather. The ascent of Blencathra (A party) via Scales Tarn and Sharp Edge was completed without mishap and in good time, indeed we were so early down we decided to go further than planned and met the B party heading in the other direction, returning to Keswick. Undeterred we continued, therefore doing an A and at least half of the B. This was followed by a pub stop at the Bank Tavern in Keswick.

Dolwyddelan on 9th October was a very boggy walk for the A party led by Phil Wells. A good walk but very muddy after proceeding through the forest and moorland, then an exhilarating scramble to the summit of Moel Siabod. He must be awarded the prize for the 'Wettest Walk of the Year'. The B walk was much drier covering part of the Lledr Valley and visiting Dolwyddelan Castle.

Ingleton on 16th October was a good day compared with the rain that persisted back home. Both the A (led by Dave Newns) and the B (myself leading) ascended Ingleborough by different routes, the parties meeting at Little Ingleborough to proceed together to the final summit of Ingleborough with the sun trying to shine through but the mist dominated the summit until we descended the west side and down to Ingleton. A very good day's walk for both parties although only 20 turned out.

Kilnsey on November 13 was better attended even though it was to a lesser known part of Yorkshire. The A walk (led by me) started from just outside Grassington and after picking our way across a very wet and boggy stretch which Allan Caple will never forget (after sinking up to his knees in one part) we found higher and drier ground and proceeded northwards to Kilnsey. After resisting the temptation to visit either the local hostelry or the trout farm at Kilnsey we crossed the River Wharfe and ascended the opposite side of the dale and had a pleasant medium height walk back to Grassington and the coach. Bob Gregson led an interesting B walk.

FORTHCOMING WALKS

Dec 4 HAWES, 9.30 start. Yorkshire and another new walk for our club with Dave Connolly leading the A and Paul Healy the B.

Dec. 18th LLANGOLLEN. 10.15 start. A short coach journey for a pleasant walk in the hills around the Horseshoe Pass. This is the last walk of the year and Allan Caple leads the A with Paul Healy once again leading the B.

Jan. 8 YULETIDE WALK - Hot-pot and Barndance. 10.15 departure. Bookings to Allan Caple. The walks will be in the Rivington area. Further details are on the first page of this newsletter.

Jan. 15 SLAIDBURN. 10.15 start. Around the Trough of Bowland area of Lancashire with Joe Rourke leading the A and Paul Sellick the B.

Jan. 29 NEWBY BRIDGE. 9.30 start to the South Lake District with possible sightings of the South of Windermere Lake as you come out of the many Christmas Trees that grow around the Newby ^Bridge area. Allan Caple leading the A and Maureen McCoy the B.

Happy Christmas everyone

IAN FREEMAN, Rambling Chairman

The three trainee priests seen on the last few walks send their Christmas Greetings as they will not see us until the New Year now. May I take this opportunity to send my Season's Greetings and those of the LCRA Committee to all of you.

DAVE NEWNS, Editor.

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME - 1988.

JAN. 11. FOXHILL. Bill Potter and our revered Chairperson are leading this. Meet in the Shopping Precinct Car Park, Frodsham, for a 12.30 p.m. walking start. Don't be late - this is our shortest walking day.

JAN. 18. The Great Barn at Rivington is the venue for our Hot Pot Supper and then the barn dance, with one of the best Groups and Callers in the business. Meet at the Barn for a 12.30 walking start. Names and cheques to put Pearson at 81 Twig Lane, Huyton at least a week before the event. (General committee still working out the cost).

FEB. 2. The House Meeting is at Noel and Angela's, 74 Moss Lane, Maghull.

FEB. 12. PARBOLD. Noel and Angela are on duty again leading this walk. Meet and park in Lancaster Lane at "Our Lady's and All Saints Church. We start walking at 12.30 p.m.

SUBS. Growing more overdue every moment!!!

WIRRAL WALK, NOVEMBER 13TH, 1988.

Where were all those indispensable "ANONS" who were mentioned in despatches in the last Newsletter? Not a one to be seen or heard so I'm tackling the write-up myself.

I got as far as "Royden Park was our meeting place and 26 of us took part" when I realised that apart from seeing The Cottage Loaf (therefore Thurstaston was somewhere near and that we started and finished near the Farmers' Arms in Greaseby (having had a sight of Thurstaston Parish Church) that was the sum total of my knowledge of the topography of this really delightful Wirral walk. Blame Steve Pearson partly. I know a little more about photographic equipment and uses for same than I did. There was only one thing to do approach the figurehead. Arthur took pity on me and phoned back with the bare bones of their ramble for me to put some meat on. I've always hankered after vegetarianism, never more than now.

The 'bare bones' were Royden Park, Thurstaston Common to Heswall, along footpath to Heswall Dales - butty stop - then along beach, back up across the Wirral Way to the Dungeons, Thurstaston Common (I think) again and along footpath to Hillbark, passing the House on the Hill, and thence to the cars.

The meat? We had great fun at the butty stop at Heswall Dabs. Glen found a fallen tree trunk (looked like a 500 year oak in its death agony to me) and tossed it round as though it was a twig. Trixie Peloe tried to join in the fun but one fell blow from Glen's tree and she realised that discretion was the better part of valour and three in the sponge. Heswall beach was lovely, the wintry sky lit by the gentle sun making up its mind to sink over the grey water. Most of the boats were laid up and we spent a moment or two deciding which of those up for sale to purchase for next season - dingy, yacht, what-have-you!

Leaving the beach behind us and walking up across the Wirral Way to the Dungeons, there were some stunning views of the sun setting across the Dee, framed by the wintry branches of the trees. Peter seemed to have been walking backwards for yards to catch shots of it.

It was good to see the Peloes out on their annual walk, and Tony and Mollie Roache, too. Thank you, Arthur, Vera and Christine for a lovely Autumn/Winter walk.

F.M.R.

George and Audrey Parkinson and Mollie and Mona Roberts want to thank you very much for your expressions of sympathy on the deaths of George's Father and Mona's Auntie.
