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EDITORIAL

Our last full newsletter appeared way back in the Spring of this year. We have been debating and awaiting new computerised equipment for the club. We finally have it, and we are now back on course with your regular edition. Apologies for the long delay. Much water has passed under the bridge since then, with many new members joining our ranks on our Club walks. I have been otherwise engaged and not seen as often recently. You will understand the reason when you read the special announcement section below.

Cheese and Wine Nights have proved popular at our recent socials, and, as many of you will know, we moved to the Cornmarket on November 2nd in Halloween party style including Duck Apple and a raffle with numerous prizes.

Once again, an appeal for YOU to help contribute something of interest to this, the Club's very own newsletter. Simply give or send your article to me or Ray McIntosh for future publication. My address is 7 Abbots Way, Billinge, Wigan, Lancs WN5 7SB.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



ENGAGEMENT - An announcement at the Club on November 2nd is now repeated here - I became engaged recently to MARJORIE. Yes, I popped the question in the little Catholic Chapel at Glenridding by Ullswater on a recent Autumn evening. Thank you for all your good wishes for our future happiness. My mum thinks I am too young to get wed!

Dave Newns



A LETTER - From a very special member.

I'd been hoping to sneak into my eighties, but it wasn't to be. On the birthday itself there was a very happy family dinner party given by Pauline at Childwall. Here, among other presents, the General Committee's bouquet caught up with me, thanks to Chris Dobbin. I'm still suffering from heat exhaustion incurred whilst blowing out the eighty candles on the cake.

Then on the 20th. Aug. the Seniors' Section held a party at Tony and Mollie Roches, in the garden mostly. Here I was overwhelmed when receiving the General Committee's lovely rose bowl, and was formally given the original Lakeland painting which Bill and Rosemary had driven me up to Grasmere to choose.

Altogether they were two very joyous occasions. Please accept my thanks to the many who were involved and for my lovely cards and good wishes.

As I said on the 20th. I've been blessed with far more from the L. C. R. A. than I've ever put into it.

*Thank you all again, God Bless,
Mona Roberts*

Though I disagree with the last statement Mona, I can't help but admire your handwriting. Ed.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Recent Social Events, including Quiz Nights, have proved successful, and with your new committee in full swing we hope that your support will increase at our future Thursday Socials, however in view of the close proximity to the Christmas Buffet Dance there would not be much point in a social on Thursday, 7th December



CHRISTMAS BUFFET DANCE
at Churchill's Club, Church Road, Wavertree.
Friday, 8th December, 1995

The Music will be by "**FINN McCOOL**". There will be a raffle with lots of prizes and the usual excellent buffet. Tickets are available from any committee member and cost just £5. There will be a few tickets available on the night at the door but latecomers may be disappointed.

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

On this Social Evening we will be having a **HOT-POT** at the minimal price of £1 per head.

Mike Riley is assembling a **CHRISTMAS HAMPER** from items previously donated by the members. Each donor will receive a raffle ticket. Further tickets will be sold prior to the draw. Proceeds to the Social Fund to help finance future Thursday events.

No club-night on **THURSDAY 21st. DECEMBER**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER

To brighten up those dark evenings between Christmas and the New Year there will be a Festive Evening. Dave will be Master of Ceremonies and Margaret will be organising a Mini Sports Night with plenty of surprises.

RAMBLERJTE

After a lean patch in the summer I'm glad to report that the coach bookings are very healthy and with the recurrence of waiting lists early bookings are again advisable. Dave has already mentioned the new members and I'm specially pleased to see the return of so many old faces.

Recently we visited a new area for us, (at least in my time) the Rivals. Set as they are so close to the N. Wales coast, beyond Caernarvon, I've long been impressed by these three peaks rising majestically almost out of the sea. Others were too, and consequently we have included this venue for a summer visit in the new programme.

Starting as per usual at the beginning of February the new programme will cover the nine months to the end of October, this to bring it in line with the Committee changes after the A.G.M.. If you would like to lead a walk see me and peruse the draft copy. It's worth mentioning that several of the ladies, namely :- Mary Unwin, Carol Kellett, Margaret Starkey, Irene Segerberg, Marj Perry and Helen Riley, have all volunteered to lead walks.

We are planning a **Y/H WEEKEND at ESKDALE** for Easter and another at **MAESHAFN** for the Spring B/H weekend. The details for these to follow, but those interested should contact Margaret Starkey or myself A.S.A.P. or we may be too late to book.

Ray McIntosh

YULETIDE AT CHIPPING ~ 7th. JAN. (not Whitehouse).

A FULL DAY OF WALKS, FOLLOWED BY A HOT-POT, GAMES AND COUNTRY DANCING TO "THE MILLSTONES" CEILIDH BAND, WITH CALLER.

"B" Walk ~ Dave Newns "C" Walk ~ Mary Unwin "Family Walk" ~ Anthony Brockway

Adults ~ £5

For those booking on coach, add normal fee.

Children ~ £2

and for those wishing to travel by car :-

CHIPPING, near Longridge and the Trough of Bowland.

Best route is up the M6 to the Blackpool M55 Motorway, following Blackpool signs but coming off at junction 1 on the M55, following A6 North for short distance, then right turn at traffic lights following through Longridge to Chipping. Head for free car park adjacent Chipping Village Hall and toilets. You should arrive before the coach if you get there for 11 a.m..

FAMILY SECTION

The next Family Walk will be at the Yuletide Event (see above). Anyone requiring information about this or about the Family Section in general should write to me:-

ANTHONY BROCKWAY, 99 HOLMVILLE ROAD, BEBINGTON, WIRRAL, L63 2PX.

 ~ 608 0425.

I am preparing a programme for the New Year. If you can contribute or lead, please let me know.

My apologies, for arriving ten minutes late, to the family I believe to be new club members, who missed me at Thornton Hough recently. Perhaps I will see you at Chipping.

Anthony

REGISTRAR'S MESSAGE

Firstly I'd like to welcome all our new members:-

Joyce Appleton, Margaret Beattie, Carol Carlin, David Farmer, Mike Turner, Janet Quigley, Catherine McCormack, Linda Perrow, Paul and Paula Roberts, Nina and Tom Madden, and Joe Madden (*no relation*).

There are still some who have not yet paid their subscriptions, some I believe because they have not known to whom. If you wish to pay by post then please pop a cheque, made out to L.C.R.A., in an envelope and send to me:-

MARJ PERRY, 22 WILLS AVE., MAGHULL, L31 0AX

At £4 and £5 for a married couple, you'll not get better value elsewhere.

Marj

PRIZE COMPETITION



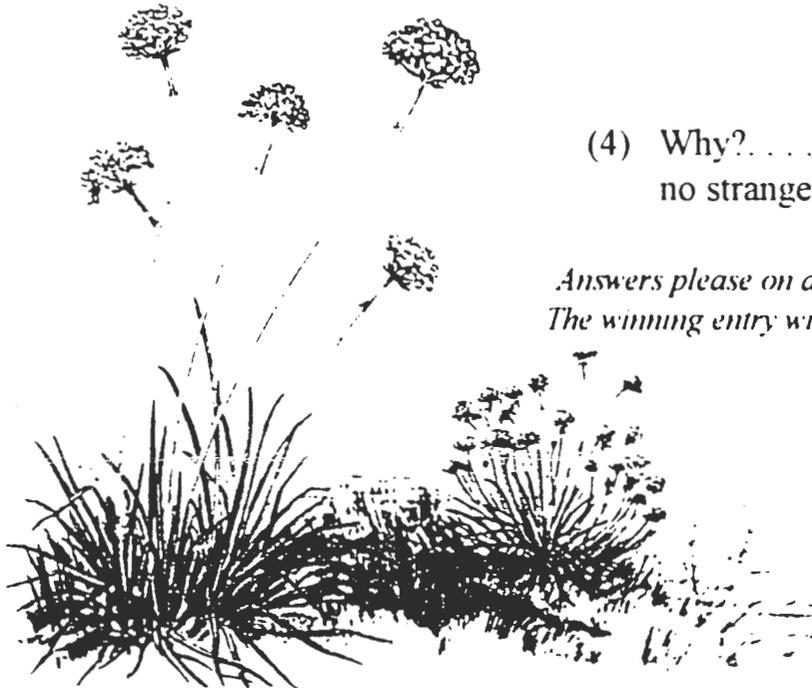
*Some Personal notes
in conclusion*



(1) What?

(2) Who?

(3) Where?



(4) Why? . . . is "Tom Thumb"
no stranger to " Parsimony"?

*Answers please on an envelope or post card.
The winning entry will be drawn at Chipping.*



LETTER

Dear Editor,

Am I to assume, by the appearance of this missive in print, that you have acquired a computer? Congratulations, though not before time. Six months of Committee debate must have been rather repetitive, perhaps the Committee could be replaced by a computer. All in favour-- bleep - bleep. I remain your obedient servant,

Gerome Fisher.....

Then of course there is the down side! Ed. &

Mistletoe:- When disposing of mistletoe after Christmas try putting the berries out for the birds. The seeds stick to the birds' beaks and are often deposited when they clean them on a tree. Who knows, you may even get mistletoe growing on your's or a neighbour's apple tree.
(It will do no harm.)

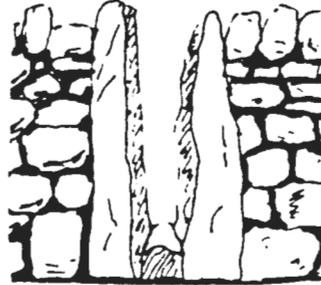
HAWES "B" WALK

Aug. 95.

After such a hot blistering week, would today's ramble be a steam bath or a walk in the park? Thankfully a light breeze from the East was to make things a bit more bearable, and anyway it might have been raining!

Hawes' ole railway station was to be our starting point, so at least we were on the right track (sorry about that, the heat is sending me off the rails.) So with a blow of the whistle and the wave of the red flag, it was time to move out to our first goal.....Wether Hill.

Leaving the Aysgarth road a gradual ascent begins with an " interesting " array of rambler crushers i.e. 3 inch gaps in drystone walls. Reaching the small hamlet of Burtersett brought mixed fortunes, it was the end of the wobbly wall contest, but instead, the daunting prospect of a 1 in 5 climb up to Wether Fell. However, unlike the unfit bunch, (inc. me), who did a slow motion fit to drop impersonation, many blue moons ago, today's gallant crew were up there in no time.



Well Done !

Crossing a Roman road on our way to our first butty break, brought the usual questions as to why the road was built here. The answer that it was " part of the Romans' well-documented route from the Lakes to York via fortified outposts " was flatty rejected by the crew. The most likely answer was, that it was indeed phase I of the long awaited Hawes by-pass after continual letters in the Legionnaires' Echo complaining of chariot congestion in the peak hour.

With the main hill climb and butty break behind us it was time to savour our hard-earned height and follow the grassy ridge, to our left, the magnificent view of the dale we had just come from, and to our right, after pushing a few sweaty ramblers out of the way, an oasis came into view, or was it a mirage? I, for once, actually envied the water-skier on cool Semer Water.

Suffering from the heat, what better place to rest up than Bainbridge with it's typical Yorkshire Dale houses complete with hanging baskets and " secret gardens ". Giant oak trees gave excellent shade on the rolling green.



Yes this is the life !



Afternoon cream teas complete, and B walkers replete, it was time to make our way back to Hawes. A few hot miles of ole rail track and an unavoidable tarmac road, meant we were the late-comers back at the coach. However the empty seats and some of the fastest-moving ramblers I'd seen all day, confirmed that "pubs open all day on Sunday" had finally arrived.....OLE!!!

Cheers Roy Thiis. 

My apologies to Roy for having to edit his work owing to lack of space. Ed.

SENIORS' SECTION

The notable event of recent months has been Mona's birthday. Her letter, featured on the Editorial page, speaks for itself.

The next **House Meeting** will now take place at Marie and Peter's on the **14th. Dec.** and not the 7th. as in the programme.

I have several excellent write ups which will unfortunately have to wait for future publication, my apologise for this, but not for the choice of this beautifully written description :-

HILBRE ISLAND

11-6-95

Nine of us started from Thurston walking along the Wirral Way and over Galdy Hill where from its rocky red sandstone summit are wide views over the Dee and Mersey. We joined another party of five, somewhat later than expected, at West Kirby. Tony explained about being lost in the mist, or were we waylaid by natives en route?

We set off across the damp sand to arrive first at the island of Little Eye where we stopped for lunch. The earlier leaving group were ready for this break but the others had already eaten. However we sat and relaxed enjoying the healthy atmosphere. It remained cloudy but the rain which we'd had earlier in the day, kept off.

From Little Eye to Hilbre we carefully crossed over the algalichen covered rocks, arriving to notice the variety of wild flowers including Clover, Bird's Foot Trefoil and an abundance of Thrift. Over a wall we saw an unusual display of colour, where a paint manufacturer apparently tested the effect of the atmosphere on the various paints.

We passed the look-out station, beacon and several white-washed brick buildings before coming to the old ruined life-boat station.

Looking out we could see oil-rigs in Liverpool Bay, the wreck of a ship and yes, nearer the island, some grey seals popping their heads out of the water. A large colony of these seals inhabit West Hoyle Bank and, overhearing a Ranger speaking to another party, we learned that their young are born

in Pembroke. Many sea-birds were sighted including a flock of oyster-catchers assembled on the sand.

From our own leader we learned a little about the wild-life on the rocks and in the pools, barnacles, crabs, etc. One unfortunate crab found the stone moved every time it tried to retreat under it. How could George P. be so cruel! We watched a kestrel hovering and wondered what was below when it swooped down. On leaving Hilbre we looked across at Red Rocks and other places on the mainland.

Another refreshment stop was made on Little Eye before leaving for West Kirby and parting from the group who started there. We then walked round the lake and made our way back to the Wirral Way. A polite young boy set us right as we headed down a road before the one which led to the path. There was a choice at another point of going via the beach but we chose to return through the Wirral Country Park arriving back at the cars at about 6.30 p.m.

Thank you Tony and Molly for a very enjoyable ramble.

Maureen.



CONDER GREEN

D'you remember the ramble to Conder Green,
When the leader was Gerry and the whipper-in Jean,
And the pathos of starting at 12.15
With nobody in between !

Well, they did it again did Gerry and Jean,
Like they promised in Newsletter 4-16(?)
And folks came along, and they seemed quite keen (!)
To fill up the space in between.

Even Tony was out - Tony Thompson, I mean,
And we asked him to speak of the things he had seen-
With a pack on his back, an American dream,
With no thoughts of us in between.

Bill was there, fresh from his Euro scene,
Bucharest, Budapest, Vienna, Reims,
For all of six weeks on his own- what a scheme,
To travel on trains in between.



We looked at a caff selling scones, jam and cream,
And big mugs of coffee - but we couldn't go een,
Our leader said "No-though you started quite clean,
You've been tramping in dust in between".

We wandered along o'er field and o'er stream,
We were chased by some bullocks - did I hear a scream ?
" 'Twasn't me", they all said "but we'd feel more serene
With a bloomin' great fence in between".

'Twas a beautiful day, shades of blue and of green,
And the chapel still there, since 1316,
And I hope they approved of that dream of a scene,
As they wandered along in between.

Anon.

DON'T FORGET - THURSDAY NIGHT
IS SOCIAL NIGHT AT THE
CORNMARKET

Gorse:- Did you know that although primarily a Spring flower gorse does in fact flower all the year round. On heathlands, it is known that it tends to grow where the soil has been disturbed. The disturbance may not be a new one - it could have happened a long time ago, perhaps even in prehistoric times. Gorse bushes may therefore mark the sites of ancient features.

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