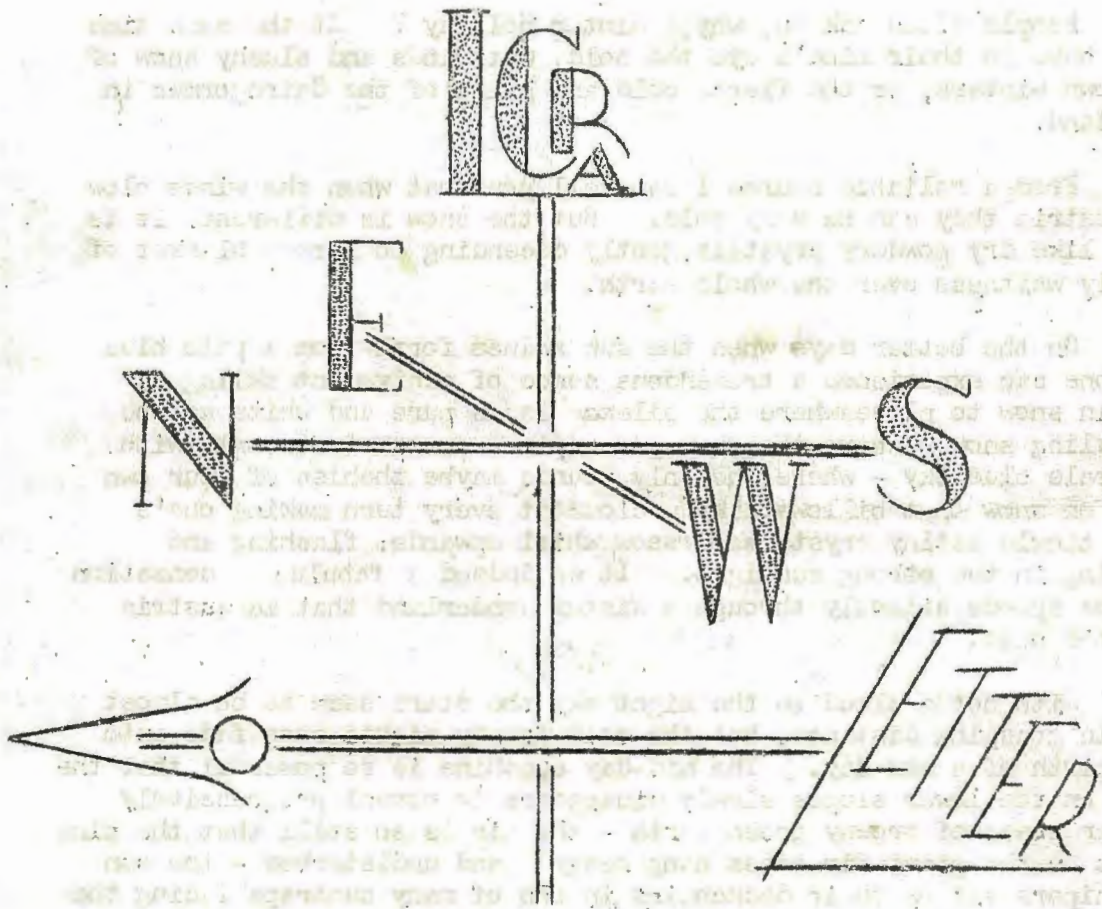


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EDITORIAL.

HOLIDAYS '72 STYLE

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People often ask me, why a Winter Holiday? At the same time they have in their mind's eye the cold, wet winds and slushy snow of our own winters, or the fierce cold and gales of the Cairngormes in Scotland.

From a reliable source I can tell you that when the winds blow in Austria they can be very cold. But the snow is different, it is more like dry powdery crystals, gently descending to form a blanket of pearly whiteness over the whole earth.

On the better days when the sun shines forth from a pale blue sky one can experience a tremendous sense of achievement skiing on virgin snow to places where the silence is as pure and white as the sparkling snow - where the dark green pines contrast strongly with the pale blue sky - where the only sounds maybe the hiss of your own skis on snow that billows like a cloud at every turn making one's face tingle as tiny crystals of snow whirl upwards, flashing and winking in the strong sunlight. It is indeed a fabulous sensation as one speeds silently through a winter Wonderland that is Austria at it's best.

With not a cloud in the night sky the stars seem to be almost within grasping distance, but the cold frosty nights soon fade into the birth of a new day. The mid-day sunshine is so powerful that the snow on the lower slopes slowly disappears to reveal progressively larger areas of brown green earth - the air is so still that the pine cones on the giant fir trees hang heavy and undisturbed - the sun worshipers sit on their deckchairs in one of many suntraps facing the glowing orb with eyes gently closed, sensing the warmth of it's penetrating rays.

To ski or to sunbathe - the choice is yours. But either way a holiday like this is a superb exchange for two weeks of our normal February weather. Of course the going can get rough but that is another story.

I believe some people are already talking of next years Winter holidays. Unfortunately this years party was split in two because bookings were made too late. So if you are interested in a party holiday why not book early as a group? Let me know your preference on Country and village and I will let your desires be known to all concerned.

Editor. Eric Kavanagh.

The Social sub-committee present for your enjoyment
A NIGHT OUT AT

RIVERSIDE SOUTHPORT.

on Saturday April 22nd. 1972

Cost including cold chicken buffet and coach £1.00

Depart from Liverpool 7.30 pm

Return to Liverpool 12.30 am. (approx)

Further details may be obtained from Ann Vincent.

or any committee member.

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE

Join the L.C.R.A. at

St. Gregory's Social Centre,

LYDIATE

on Friday 17th. March 1972

8 pm to 11.45 pm

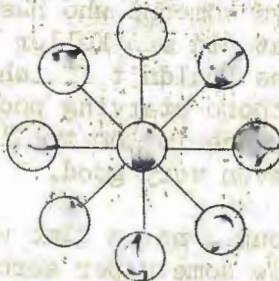
Dancing to THE JAY - BEES

TICKETS 25p.

Editors note:- The dance is being organised by St. Gregories and we have obtained a limited number of tickets for those wishing to join in the festivities. To purchase your ticket please contact Monica Moran or any committee member.

DO IT YOURSELF PROBLEM.

Can you fit the given numbers into the correct circles so that each straight line of three numbers adds up to 24?



12; 6; 4; 8; 7; 11; 5; 10; 8.

LLARNARMON - 13th February, 1972

Approximately thirty people assembled at St. John's Lane for the above coach ramble, and our leader on this occasion was Margaret Smith.

We arrived at our destination around 12.30 p.m.. We had no sooner walked a couple of yards when Brian Keller decided that he would like his butty break. However, our leader disagreed as the majority of the rambles had not worked up an appetite; she also pointed out that it was not an appropriate spot, we needed somewhere more sheltered as it was now drizzling. We discovered later that she meant in the woods! Rebellious Keller roped four other sheep to join him with his sarnies, while the rest of the group proceeded down a muddy footpath which enabled one to really appreciate the beautiful scenery all around.

Then we stopped for the official butty break, where John Wilson started to crack some pretty fir jokes. At this stage the rebellious five caught up with us, the only person grateful to see them was poor Monica who was dying for a fag! We continued up and down a few hills - one would have thought they were mountains the way Peter McLindon was slipping and lagging behind (I think I will ask Brian Keller if it was Peter's age - himself being around the 50 mark - or if new boots are needed?).

It was 3.00 p.m. when we reached the top and I am sure everyone was glad to see that there were more than a few rocks one could use for shelter, as the weather had deteriorated and was getting on the chilly side. We then started our way down, rather gingerly as there were a few steep hills. Everybody was in a jolly mood as we all knew that there was a hot pot and drinks to follow.

We finished the ramble around 5.15 p.m. thinking that there would be plenty of time to get washed and changed. However, one soon discovered that there was only one toilet and one wash basin for twelve females all wanting to spend a penny. Rather inconvenient to say the least, but we managed, us girls always do or have to!

We then congregated in the dining room waiting patiently for the hot pot. We were not disappointed as the hot pot was a very enjoyable one. However there is always someone who has to make a pig of themselves; needless to say it was that old man Keller again, who had asked for a second helping and then decided he couldn't finish it all; you should be ashamed of yourself, think of all those starving people in Biafra etc., but I did notice he managed to squeeze in the trifle. I do not blame him as the trifle was delicious or even very good.

This was obviously not a time when everyone was on their best behaviour, as I am sure I saw some paper aeroplanes flying about, including a plant pot which somehow fell off Brian Keller's head and landed on a tray on which was a glass full of water. I needn't go any further as to say who felt wet and looked it! Dave Newns was keeping himself busy, taking photographs of all these incidents, but I feel sure that the photo's will come out as blanks, just think of the people he has on the film:- Barry Lyons, Brian Keller, Peter McLindon, need I continue?

Continued.....

Llamarmon - Continued

After clearing the tables we all went into the bar to have a nice quiet drink - that's the spirit - but that obviously was a ridiculous thing to expect when you are with the ramblers, especially after a ramble. We more or less took over the joint, moving the furniture around, monopolising the piano, generally having a good laugh and trying to sing.

I would like to say a special 'thank you' to Richie Cannon, you did a grand job on the piano, and you deserved every penny you got, to make up for the drinks you didn't get that night.

I am sure everyone felt quite shattered the next morning, but if you enjoyed yourself, it has ALL been worth while, au revior, and I love you all! (My apologies to Eric and Ernie).

A foreigner in the Camp

T E N N I S : ADVANCE NOTICE

The 1972 A.G.M. will be held on 8th April 1972, in the Tennis pavilion at Lance Grove. All interested parties are welcome.

Fees for the current year will remain as last year at:-

Under 21's £1.50

Over 21's £2.50

Husband & Wife £3.00

Working parties are being organised to prepare the courts and pavilion for the coming season. George McGuire is co-ordinating the available effort and will be more than grateful for your services.

EASTER WEEKEND

Ann Vincent is organising a weekend away from 31st March - 3rd April. As yet the venue is not known. Anyone interested in joining in this venture should contact her directly.

Telephone No. 928-3404



L. G. R. A.

Postbag

Dear Editor,

When are you going to give us a nice chatty Editorial? Last Month's load of rubbish was just a nasty mud-slinging attempt at our Publicity Secretary.

If there is to be any criticism about the club, it should be left in the hands of the Committee and not, please NOT, splashed all over the Newsletter in the form of a so-called 'Editorial'.

Personally I think Peter is doing a grand job and I thought his ad. in the 'Pic' rather good.

A. DIMBAT

Dear Editor,

In reply to your Editorial in January's Newsletter concerning advertising.

I find nothing to object about in being called a Dimbat, Joker, Idiot or Walker, in fact I take it as a compliment to be called a Dimbat etc..

The only fault I did find in the Editorial, was the way in which the Editor worded his last paragraph, surely it would have been worded better if it said, "I can only assume we have a club full of Dimbats etc., if I do not get any replies, and will thus have to ask our Publicity man Peter to keep up the good work he is doing, in finding fresh ideas in how to attract new Dimbat etc., to the Club, instead of the old parrot style advert that used to appear in the Catholic Pictorial every week.

W. C.

EDITORS NOTE

I offer no apology to our Publicity Secretary for the contents of my January Editorial as it contained no "nasty mud-slinging" written or implied. However I must confess, I had no idea that my light-hearted banter at Peter's unique advertising campaign would reveal that we had not only one, but two anonymous dimbats in the club. So it would appear that Peter's advertising is being successful.

Letters to the Editor Continued

Although I did not receive any correspondence relative to the associated problem, I am including a solution for those who may be interested:-

Make a chart as shown below:-

	Assault	drug peddling.	Fraud.	Tax Evasion	Battery.	Points
Young John	4	5	5	5	5	24
Big Brian	1	2	4	4	4	15
Dave	3	3	3	3	1	13
Peter	2	4	2	2	2	12
Chris	5	1	1	1	3	11

- 1). Enter known values in.
- 2). John has 24 points: $4+5+5+5+5$ - Enter in chart.
- 3). Minimum possible points for Chris is $5+1+1+1+3 = 11$
The total points for Brian, Dave, Peter and Chris = 51
which can only be made up as 11, 12, 13 & 15 as there are no tied places - Enter in chart.
- 4). Dave has the same in 4 subjects plus a maximum of 4 in Battery to equal 13 = $3+3+3+3+1$ - Enter in chart.
- 5). Fill in Brian's score to equal 15.
- 6). Fill in Peter's score to equal 12.

Thus the answer to the question "How good is Brian at Fraud?" is that he is second to Young John. Did you get it right?

U R G E N T N O T I C E

On Wednesday 8th March 1972 the
Club rooms will be closed to the
L.C.R.A.

as the R.A.F. club will be holding
their A.G.M.



Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

The recent tragedy on Snowdon, when three boys were killed, emphasises the potential danger which exists on British mountains. The incident took place a short distance from the summit cafe, where the Pyg track joins the railway, in a position which would not normally be considered dangerous. (For those unfamiliar with Snowdon, the place concerned was shown in the film which we made last year). The lesson for all of us is clear; everyone venturing onto the mountains must wear suitable footwear and have warm clothing. Leaders should be prepared to turn back should conditions warrant it.

Lest anyone should be deterred from joining our activities, however, the above facts should be kept in perspective. A small handful of people each year die on the mountains, mainly as a result of rock-climbing, and expeditions such as that which resulted in the Cairngorm disaster. Seven thousand people die every year on our roads, and many more in the alleged "safety" of their own homes. Over two hundred people are murdered every year in England, Scotland and Wales. While the dangers of the mountains cannot be ignored, they should not be exaggerated either. Our club, in forty-five years of existence, has had only one serious accident.

In order to ensure maximum safety for our members, we are arranging for an exhibition of rambling equipment to be held at the Clubrooms, organised by Ellis Brigham's.

If you have not been rambling lately, you have missed some very enjoyable walks. On February 6th, Eddie Webb led one of the most pleasant rambles for some time up Penyghent. It was a pity that only eight members attended. The following week, however, Margaret Smith's hotpot ramble to Llanarmon was very successful, and attracted the largest attendance we have had for some time. Perhaps some more ladies will be encouraged by Margaret's success, and will join the Rambling Sub-Committee.

The Rambling Programme for the next few weeks is as follows:-

March: 5th	Chalet Weekend (Warden, Ray O'Connor)
12th	Orienteering (Eric Kavanagh)
19th	Drum/Carnedds (Leader, Dave Newns). A coach will be booked for this walk. You can't beat Drum for a good walk!!
26th	Tryfan (Leader, Edie Porter).
April 2nd	Easter Caravan Weekend (details announced later)

John Wilson
Rambling Chairman.

A THOUGHT IS FOREVER

It is a far superior achievement to believe in a philosophy rather than to accept it, though perhaps it is less ignoble to reject it on some grounds or other rather than just ignore it.

It is not feasible that a leader of men achieves any degree of success without a firm conviction in what he does. This conviction can be expressed by order or example, by not accepting that which is, because it is, but only because it is just.

The qualities of leaders vary in those who accept the situation to those who believe in it, for in this latter group they know that what they hope to achieve is right, and to fight for right is a far superior philosophy than to just accept it.

<p>Your prayers are asked for Margaret Price who recently went to Peru for a second tour of Service as a Nurse. We have been advised that she is returning to England for an operation which was too difficult to perform locally.</p>
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FAREWELL BERNARD

A sad loss as we hear that one of our trustees, Bernard Manley is leaving the district shortly and has to resign from the club.


Bernard has taken an active interest in the club for many years and was Vice-Chairman, then Chairman for two years during 1966-68. It was in this period that he met his wife, also a club member. He is taking up a new post in Birmingham.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the club, in wishing Bernard, his wife Anne and family, every success in their new venture.


David C. Newns
Chairman

<p>Our deepest sympathy's to Fred Fleming whos father passed away recently and also to Joan Dempsey whos mother also passed away recently</p>

Social.




As a lot of you know we held a dance with the aid of the Barley Mow at St. Patricks Parish Hall, Park Place on Friday 11th February. It was a great success - a hundred members attended and I'm pleased to say that the majority of them joined in. We would like to hold more of these dances, but it is difficult to find a hall with as good facilities as St. Patricks, we would welcome any assistance in this matter if any of you know of a suitable hall.

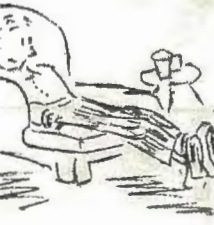


Those of you that have been to the club rooms on a Wednesday evening in recent weeks will have heard the phrases "isn't it dead" or there aren't many here", have you ever asked yourself why, I'm sure you have many a time. The answer is obvious, though there are many of you who don't seem to think so. If you have you still haven't done anything about it - Remember you only get as much out of the club as you put into it.

It has been suggested that we have a rota of D.J.'s each Wednesday evening to play records for half an hour each, all volunteers are welcome.



On 15th March we have arranged for a representative from Brighams to come along and give a short talk about clothing and equipment necessary for hiking. There will also be a display, so if you haven't been on one of our rambles or if you are needing new boots etc., it should prove to be an interesting evening. There will also be plenty of time for dancing later.



We are arranging to take a party on an informative trip round the Mersey Tunnel on one evening in March followed by a trip to one of the local pubs. This proved quite a successful evening the last time we arranged it and we would like as many of you as possible to join us this time. The date will be announced as soon as it has been arranged.