

# Liverpool Catholic Ramblers

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EDITORIAL.

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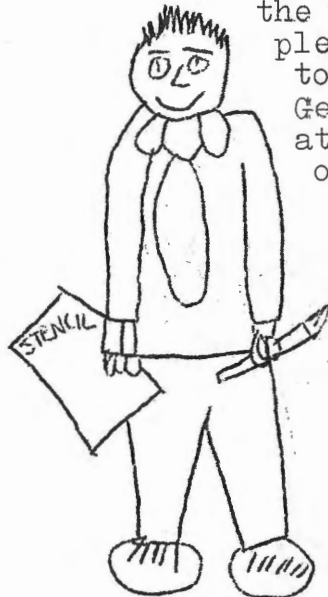
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We hold Socials here  
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If you have any material you would like included in the next Newsletter, please hand it to me or to Gerry Penlington at the Clubrooms or post to:  
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Liverpool  
L30LRW.



Welcome again to another Newsletter. After much delay this, the first edition of 1981 has finally arrived. This edition has been held up for a number of reasons including absence on holiday of staff and helpers and even one of our typists is on crutches! We hope this issue is worth waiting for. One piece of news, so I have been told is that we have managed to purchase a newer duplicator than the one we have at present. All being well, if Eric manages to find enough elastic bands to make it go, then this edition will be printed using it.

I feel I must add our thanks for the magnificent generosity and help of our members in the collection being collected for The Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. Details of our efforts so far can be found in an article by Peter McLindon in this issue.

I would also like to mention a new edition to those on our Newsletter "staff". Arthur Molyneux will be providing some of the art work in our Newsletters. He has produced the Ceildhi advert and the cartoon "Rambling with Reuben" opposite. Thanks for your help.

Finally, as usual, I would like to thank all of this month's contributors. Thanks also to our typists, Ann Egan and Louise Kelly, and to Eric Kavanagh for printing this issue.

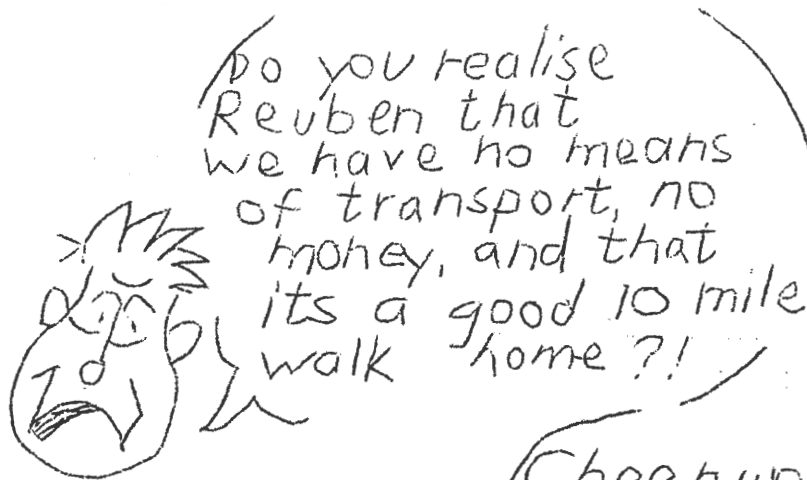
We do hope you enjoy reading this issue.

The closing date for material for the next issue is

Thursday March 19th.

The next issue will be published on Thursday April 2nd.

Laurence Kelly - Editor.



Cheer up Arthur - it could be worse! after all thats only 5 miles each!!

RAMBLING with REUBEN  
by AT

H.C.P.T. CHILDREN-IN-NEED APPEAL

As you know over the Christmas and New Year period we started a fund-raising campaign on behalf of the Handicapped Childrens' Pilgrimage Trust. Our aim initially was to raise the £160 necessary to enable the HCPT to send a local handicapped child to Lourdes at Easter. I suggested in our last Newsletter that if members gave generously at both the Christmas Disco and the Barn dance at Rivington, then by the time this issue was published we would be well on our way to our target. Any doubts any of us may have had about reaching this target before Easter, never mind now, were soon dispelled as members and their friends excelled themselves with their generosity. At the time of writing (28.1.81) the following amounts have been raised :-

	£	p	
<u>1. Christmas Disco</u> - Collection boxes	33.52	½	
Rolling Top's at whisky bottle	£1.80		
Raffle profit, sale of cakes etc.	15.30	½	60.63
<u>2. Rivington</u> - Collection boxes	59.03	½	
Raffle	34.80		93.83
<u>3. Profit from White House Raffle</u> -			10.80
<u>4. Donations to date</u> -			7.62
			£ 172.88
			½

The fact that so much has been raised so soon reflects great credit on all members and on behalf of the Committee many, many thanks to you all. It is impossible to thank everybody individually but I think it is appropriate to acknowledge the following for their own particular generous assistance and I apologise for anyone not mentioned.

Miss F. Giblin - St. Lawrence's Jun. School, Kirkby - Bottle of whisky and Black Forest Gateau.  
 Ritchie Cannon - Bottle of whisky for Christmas Disco  
 Contributions of food for Christmas Disco :-  
 Cédilia Crowley, Ann Egan, Anne McGregor, Geraldine Goodwin, Frank Corish, Lesley Clarke, Phil McLindon, Angela Platt, Colette Roberts, Monica Byrne, Marion Dooley, Mary Hynes (also for paper plates); and Maria McDonnell for help in purchasing and preparing the food; Mary Kerr for transporting the food to the clubrooms; Mr. J. Cosgrove of St. Lawrences School for providing the transport to Makro to purchase the food.  
 Special thanks to Ritchie Woods for kindly donating the raffle prizes for Rivington.



Also looking ahead thanks also to all members of the "Boots" group for giving their services free of charge at the Club on 12th February and also to Barry Lyon for printing the tickets for the Ceildhi at Atlantic House on 28th February also free of charge.

It is now clear that given such generosity and good support at these two functions then the Club will raise sufficient funds to enable the HCPT to send TWO children to Lourdes at Easter and this will be a fantastic effort by all concerned. Many Thanks.

PETER McLINDON

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS

GRAND CHARITY CEILDHI

at Atlantic House, Hardman Street

on SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 1981

8p.m. - 11.45 p.m.

Dancing to ~~THE~~ SKIBEREENS

Bar extension till 11.30p.m.

Admission BY TICKET ONLY £1.50 each

available from Paul Stephens or

any Committee Member at the Club.

(Proceeds in aid of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.)

Found outside RIVINGTON BARN.....

One pair of kiddies Mothercare brown trousers 90cm-  
at present in the safe keeping of Phil McLindon 489 0536.

One pair of ladies black shoes, size 7. Contact Dave News  
at 0744 892791.

## SOCIALITE

Hi, Ramblers,

First of all I would like to wish everybody a belated Happy and prosperous New Year. This is a time of promise for us to attempt to improve ourselves. We all make New Year Resolutions.

For us in the Ramblers our Resolution should be to enjoy ourselves more socially as well as going on walks.

On Thursdays I find now that things do not (until nearly 10 o'clock) liven up, which leaves only 40 minutes to enjoy oneself. I suggest that it might be better for those who can make it, to come down at 9 o'clock so as to create something of an atmosphere. Don't worry about being alone. If a few arrive earlier one week, more will be encouraged to arrive the following week and so on. For prospective new members, the sight of a full room will be more encouraging. Enough of this serious talk!

### Social Events

By the time this newsletter reaches you some of the social events will have taken place. A visit to the Neptune Theatre to see "The Importance of Being Ernest" has been arranged. Twelve names have been collected.

On Thursday the 12th February "The Boots" our own Ramblers' Rock/Pop Group will be playing for the HCPT Appeal. Their past performance received 'rave' reviews.

### Future Events

28th February: HCPT Charity Ceilidh at Atlantic House. Don't forget to support our Grand Charity Dance for the HCPT. Remember this is the International Year of the Handicapped. Tickets for the Dance can be bought from any Committee member at £1.50 each..

Saturday the 21st March: 10 pin bowling at New Brighton followed by a visit to the Mexicano Restaurant. Meet at St. John's Lane at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday the 4th April: Visit to the Kebab House. Pat Hearne will be collecting deposits of £1.50.

Late extensions nights:-

12th February - The Boots Concert

26th March 'Cahers' Disco.

Finally anybody with ideas or suggestions about nights-out with the Club - I would like to hear from you.

Pat Hearne  
Social Chairman.

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GRAND CHARITY

CEILDHI

Atlantic House,  
Saturday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
8 to 11-45. Adm. £1-50.  
Dancing to the  
SKIBEREENS

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME.

1981.

FEB. 28. We're holding a Ceilidhe (complete with caller for the uninitiated) at Atlantic House at 8 p.m. The proceeds are, as at the Yuletide, for taking another handicapped child on the Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage. Friends will be welcome at the newly decorated Atlantic House, so fix up your gang and come along. Tickets £1.50 from Maureen Howard. 427 4537.

MARCH 5. The House Meeting is at Mona Roberts's, 7 Embank Road, off Greenbank Road, off Smithdown Road, near the Brook House.

MAR 15. The Walk is Caergwrie. Leaders are Maureen Howard and Mona Roberts (without Chris's help(?) this time). Meet in the Public Car Park right in Caergwrie for a one o'clock start. Ring Maureen if in any difficulty. Her car knows its own way there!

APRIL 2. Gerry and Jean MacDonald's house meeting at 28 Ormonde Drive, Maghull. This is one where we're certain Jean won't get lost en route. Phone them on 526 6775 if you do!

APRIL 12. Tony and Mary Birlett are leading their first walk around Ellesmere. Meet in the Car Park beside the Mere on the A495 for a one o'clock start.

Once again we are joining in the Orrel Rugby Club Draw. Alright, the odds are a bit long, but the prizes are even more magnificent, and the income is very welcome to our Club. Maureen Howard is again the distributor of books of tickets.

We don't ask for shakespearean prose; nor do we expect a laugh a line. We'll even correct your spelling of outlandish Welsh place names, but we do need the raw meet of your ramble write-ups to keep some record of our doings. There won't be any trouble in this direction on the Caerwgle walk because Maureen and myself will not move off until the write-up is appointed. It would be a help if other leaders would be as brutal. If your ramble is going to be ruined for you by the thought of having to do the write-up, it's much easier if it's ruined before you start off. I do wish we'd had one for Peter's Yuletide walk. It was a lovely one, all the more enjoyable for the sunshine which blessed us until we reached the Barn.

Yours,

Mona.



R A M B L E R I T E

Hello Ramblers,

At the time of writing (January 17th) there has only been the Annual Yuletide Walk held so far this year, and my thoughts are far from rambling at the present as Brian and myself are exchanging our hiking boots for ski boots tomorrow for two weeks. However, Brian will be back in time to lead the Llanarmon Hot-Pot ramble on Feb. 8th, that is if he hasn't broken anything !

With the usual cautionary note about wearing the right kind of gear on winter rambles and having a change of clothes on the coach, the following walks have been planned :-

February 22nd - Windermere South -

An early visit to the nearest part of the Lake District. A new area for most of us and should be popular for both A and B walkers.

March 8th - Caer Caradoc Hill -

Easy walking for both parties. Mike O'Shea takes us to one of his popular areas in the heart of Shropshire.

March 13th - 15th - Keswick Weekend -

Two or even three walks will be held on the Saturday with at least one on the Sunday. Usual place for accommodation - Lakeside House. Always a sell-out, Please book early, Further details later. £10 deposit and names are being taken by Kathy Diver and Maria McDonnell.

March 29th - Simons Seat, Yorkshire -

A picturesque part of Yorkshire with Pete Kennedy leading the A walk.

Dave News  
Rambling Chairman

THURSDAY 5th. MARCH 1981.....

on the not-too-wide screen  
with (almost) synchronised sound commentary,  
the film which asks the vital questions:  
"Can Dave News really read a map?"  
"Is tennis really a racket?"  
and most important of all,  
"How far can a Rambler walk on a pint of beer?"  
Don't miss

"THE L.C.R.A. at PLAY"

at the Clubrooms on

Thursday 5th. March 1981 at 9.30 p.m.

(Brian Keller appears by kind permission  
of the Institute of Superior Skiers.)

# Letters to the editor...

91 Woodland Road,  
Liverpool, L26 IXE.

12th January, 1981

Mr. L. Kelly,  
The Editor - L.C.R.A.

Dear Sir,

May I, through the courtesy of the Newsletter on behalf of the Family Section, thank very sincerely our younger generation of members who attended the very successful Yuletide event.

Their tolerance and willingness to join hands with us and the children in the various barn dances was most appreciated.

To all who were involved in the arrangements; Thank you for a wonderful day.

Bill Potter  
Chairman.

## A N N U A L   D R A W

Once again the Club will be participating in the Annual Orell Rugby Club Draw and this is just a short note to ask you once again for your generous support as in previous years. In the last two years our participation in the Draw has produced almost £250 for Club Funds, and it is essential we endeavour to achieve an annual average income of £125 per year, in order to preserve our financial position. Although we made a rather unusually large surplus last year after a series of annual deficiencies, the current outlook is not nearly so good. As everybody knows, 1981 is going to be an economic 'crunch year', our costs have risen and we look to such as the Draw to enable us to keep down costs to members.

The prizes are as attractive as ever including a Cortina Car plus five-berth caravan and a Round-the-World Trip for TWO by AIR. We have obtained only 100 books this year and tickets are 20p each. If we sell all the tickets the profit is guaranteed at £137. Please do your best, Maureen Howard has the Family Sections allocation and I will be dealing with the rest of the distribution.

Chris Dobbin,

W A R N I N G ! The next article will need a complete clearing of the mind before reading. After all the merriment of Christmas and the New Year "Spirit" a good memory is definitely what you will need to proceed and recall our walk at Heptonstall in Yorkshire, on 7th December, 1980 .

Perhaps it was because I had been cooped up in the city for some weeks with an awful flu virus feeling tired, glum and generally weak; that as soon as I felt good again, I enjoyed the greatest walk of 1980 with the Ramblers and certainly the most enjoyable Sunday for some time.

The quaint and delightful town of Heptonstall welcomed us that December morning with brilliant sunshine and it was from here that we began our walk into the wooded valley around Hebden Water.

The area is in fact very lovely and despite it being early December, scattered autumn-coloured leaves lingered about our feet in sharp contrast to the greyness of the grass and the starkness of the earth and the early morning frost glistened and clung to the reeds and surrounding bush, while Hebden Water, not yet near ready to freeze, flowed and splashed along the valley bed.

The trees were grey and skeleton-like and no leaf remained on their bough - but the day was dry and the air was mild.

I have, for the first time this year, realised that there are times of great beauty in the countryside that are neither one season nor another - but seasons which merge into one another. This day was such a time. The very end of Autumn still visible entering into the darkness of Winter.

None of the pleasant smells or colours of Summer were present on this particular day and I remembered some lines I had read :-

"For loveliness needs not the foreign aide  
or ornament but is when unadorned,  
adorned the most."

Phil led the walk (or he did at times) and the companionship was magic. Thanks to everyone for being there.

NORA

Trefor Rocks North Wales 18/1/81

Arriving at the starting point of the walk, we found very wet and misty weather conditions, but everybody was well kitted out in kaghoul and overtrousers.

Paul Stevens led the walk at a good steady pace and we soon warmed up. On the way to "Worlds End" we passed a cottage with a board over the door saying 'Elizabeth Regina' and a date in Roman Numerals, which we all agreed was something like 1583 ( a bit older than me ).

We arrived at "Worlds End" just as the mist was rising slightly. The sight of that sheer drop was really something. We headed for Trefor Rocks skirting the edge of the cliffs. Every now and then the mist would rise giving us a glimpse of the valleys below and what a sight it was.

We stopped for a buttie break in a hollow in the ground in the middle of nowhere. It reminded me of the films I had seen, of the First World War, of being in the trenches waiting for the guns to start and waiting to go over the top ( what a vivid imagination the lad has ).

After the buttie break we headed again for Trefor Rocks but turned off just before getting there, to head towards Llangollen as the time was passing rather quickly. In the distance we could see the ruins of a castle on a hill. By this time the mist had completely gone. Llangollen nestled in the valley with lights starting to come on as evening drew in. We headed down towards it, skirting the hill with the ruined castle.

We arrived on the road and headed down towards the town, crossing the Shropshire Union Canal and the old bridge over the Dee, which even in the evening was a wonderful sight as it crashed and roared along.

We met members of the 'B' team as they headed for a Cafe. We made our way back to the coach to change.

On the way back to Liverpool we stopped at a pub. My first pint never touched the sides.

What a day it was. The weather may have been inclement — but the joy of being out in the open air after being stuck in an office all week and seeing such lovely countryside with good companions. You just can't beat it "Rambers for ever".

Dave Crowley