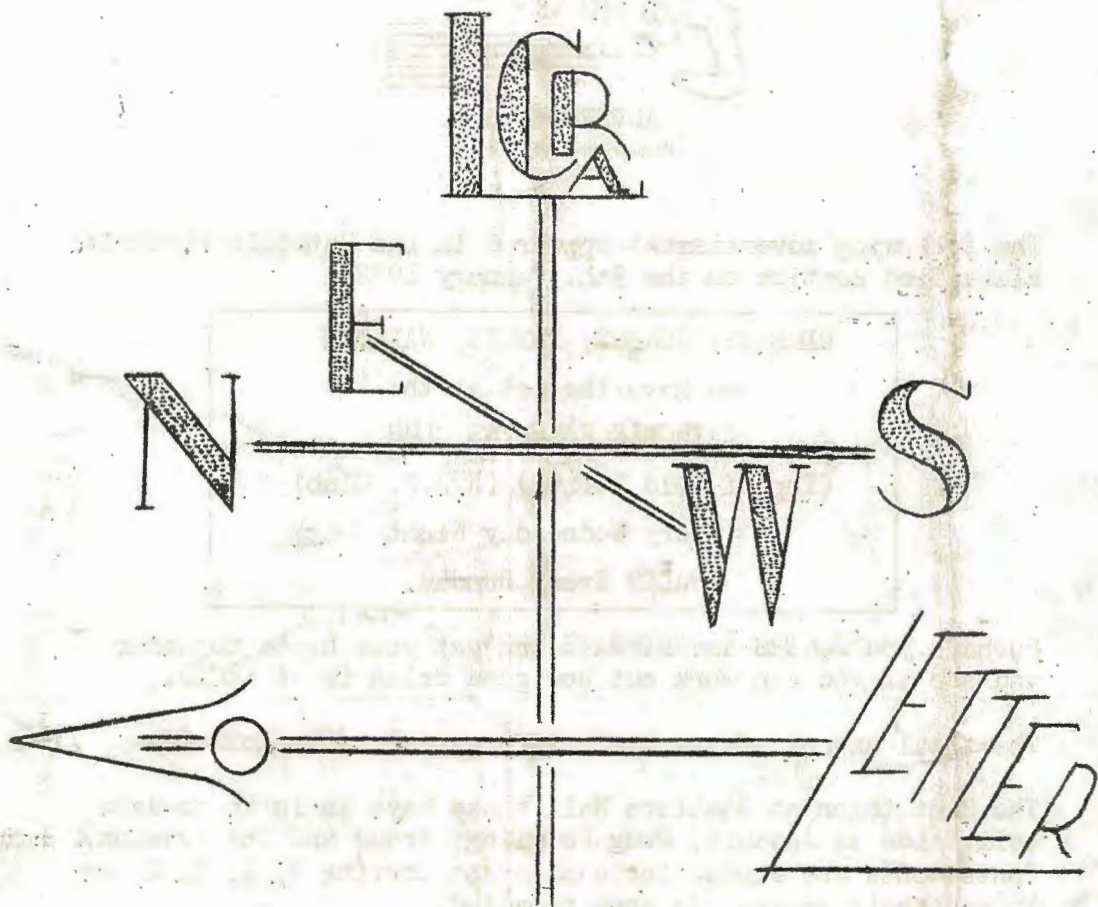


# Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association



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# Editorial

ADVERTISING

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The following advertisement appeared in the Catholic Pictorial classified section on the 9th. January 1972:

DIMBATS; JOKERS; IDIOTS; WALKERS

we have the lot at the

CATHOLIC RAMBLERS CLUB

(Top of Bold Street) (R.A.F. Club)

Every Wednesday Night

WALKS Every Sunday.

Perhaps you JOKERS and DIMBATS can get your heads together and see if you can work out how good Brian is at FRAUD.

The total extent of available information is as follows:-

The Pentathlon at Ramblers Hall these days is in up to-date activities as Assault, Drug Peddling, Fraud and Tax Evasion & Battery. Contestants are ranked for each event scoring 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1, and their scores are then totalled.

With five entrants this year, everybody scored at least one for each event. There were no ties anywhere and the Victor Ludorum was, of course, young John with 24 points. Big Brian was second and his brothers Dave, Peter and Chris followed in that order. Dave took the same place in four subjects, Peter was the second best Drug Peddler, Chris was top in Assault and third in Battery.

If I do not get any replys I can only assume we have no DIMBATS or JOKERS in the club and will thus have to ask our Publicity man, Peter, to modify the above advert.

In any case, A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

EDITOR.

*Eric Kavanagh*

LIMERICK COMPETITION

The above competition was held on 29th December, at the Club rooms and was quite a success. Over 20 entries were received and the standard generally was good. So much so, that the organisers found it impossible to pick an outright winner. It was decided that the only fair way of establishing the winner, was to cut the cards for the prize. It must be emphasized, that the fact that George McGuire won, had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that he cut the cards for each contestant. George's Ace just pipped John Wilson's and Ritchie Cannons Kings, and accordingly he was awarded the prize of a free ticket to the Re-Union Dance, at Dovedale Towers.

A word of thanks to all who took part, and perhaps a consolation to some will be to see their work in print. Here then is a selection of the Limericks submitted:-

P. J. McLindon

A Rambling chappie called Fred  
Had a mania for getting ahead,  
He'd race off with great speed  
Just to get in the lead,  
So we filled up his rucksack  
with lead.

(Marg. Smith)

John Wilson, your Rambling Chariman,  
A man of undoubted great charm,  
Can knock back his beer  
With a great deal of cheer,  
Without ever coming to harm.

(ED.)

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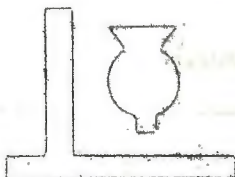
A rambler named Kevin went out  
for a walk,  
Snowdonia to explore,  
There he met Ann,  
and said "If I can"  
"I'll walk you right home to  
your door"

(Cyril)

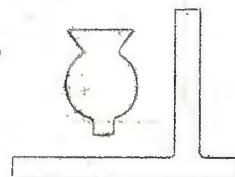
There was a barmaid called Della  
Who loved to serve Brian Keller,  
But when she called "time",  
He said "What a crime"  
As he chased her down to the cellar.

(S. Floyd)

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There was an old rambler named Peter,  
Who tried to do the Valeta,  
The girls he did meet,  
Said "but for your feet"  
You'd be the Ramblers Star feature.



(J.MCL)

# Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

Due to the jollifications and festivities, no ramble was held on 26th December, and on 2nd January was cancelled due to lack of support. Having said that, however, it is pleasant to be able to report on two of the most successful Rambling functions for some time. The Troutbeck walk was well attended, and was a coach ramble, while the Rivington (Yuletide) walk and dance was attended by almost 200 people, including about 70 who travelled by coach.

The noteworthy thing about the Rivington ramble and dance was that everyone - children, the Ancient Order, and the present active membership - appeared to enjoy themselves. For the first time in my experience, everyone worked together, and the friction and resentment that has been evident at certain times between the younger members and the Ancient Order was completely absent. I hope that this has now vanished for good. By the time this appears, the Re-Union dance will have been held, thus affording a further opportunity for contact between the two groups.

The Rambling programme for the next few weeks is as follows. Please note the changes on February 27th and March 4th-5th, which had to be made because the Chalet was not available on February 27th. Please note also that the weekend 29th-30th April will not be a Chalet Weekend.

## RAMBLING PREVIEW

January 16th	Wuthering Heights (leader, Dave Newns)
23rd	Llantysilio (leader, Eddie Webb)
30th	Pickmere (leader, Margaret Ellison)
February 6th	Penyghont (leader, Eddie Webb)
13th	Llanarmon (Hotpot - leader, Margaret Smith).
20th	Malham (leader, John Wilson)
March 4th/5th	Chalet Weekend.
February 27th	Arnside (leader, Chris Scott)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO: Kay McManus and Paul Anderson, on their recent engagement.

DELAMERE WALK - Sunday 7th November, 1971

This walk was something of a milestone in the Ancient Order's short life, as it was its first since becoming integrated into the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association.

Fifty-five adults and children assembled for the start at Hatchmere Lake including Gerry McDonald, Jean and family who were making their debut. The only four footed member of the section - Chief 'Whipper In' Sandy Peloe - had been troubled with sore eyes during the week, but passed a late fitness test to take his place in the line up. The start was delayed somewhat due to the fact that the Public Conveniences had been descreetly sited away from the meeting place - about two miles away to be precise - and car loads of people were seen to be driving up and driving off just as quickly down the road. Our leader Bill Naylor was quite unruffled at all this however and eventually got us on the way.

A short distance down the road saw us entering the forest and passing through an extremely dense part of it - the very tall fir trees almost blocking out the light, their fallen leaves providing a soft brown carpet on which to walk. Altogether a somewhat eerie but tranquil experience. The Ancient Order are noted for not walking far before lunch and we soon squatted in a clearing for that purpose. Young O'Neil all of 2½, who was earlier heard boasting of his new brown shoes, decided to prolong the lunch break by concealing one brown shoe in the thick brown carpet of leaves around us, and it was necessary to mount a full scale search to recover it. Like father, like son, I suppose.

The walk continued through the woods and the Autumn tints were to be seen in their full glory. The trees thinned as we approached a road passing through the forest and there barring our way - much to the distress of the parents - was an Ice Cream Man. He earned a substantial bonus as a result of being so strategically placed. The adults having been correspondingly unhindered were able to walk quickly and the children having received their usual hand out of rock and toffee apples were having a field day - such are the forceful properties of Ice Cream.

Our walk continued - passing by clearings, tree felling was in progress, displaying the results of the harvest in the form of healthily stacked logs, just too large to carry way. Someone somewhere must be living in a smokeless zone! Unfortunately the weather deteriorated and for the last half hour or so we walked in a drizzle which became a down-pour. As we returned to the Cars, the walk was further marred by the sight of a young rambler carrying an umbrella. In accordance with the new 'get tough' policy of the Ramblers Association she was duly cautioned by the Hon. Treasurer. This was the only booking of the day!

Many thanks Bill for a pleasant walk in spite of the elements.

# Social

As we move into yet another New Year, it is obvious that the festive season has been kind to our members, providing a really full social diary. The Christmas Party was a great success with over a hundred members attending and with a number of the regulars of previous years, making a welcome re-appearance. We hope that their visits will be less infrequent in the year ahead. By the way, did you enjoy the refreshments provided at the Party? I'm sure you did, as it was all devoured. Grateful thanks is due to Joe Nolans father for the hard work preparing these tasty snacks. To all who helped make the party such a success, I extend a big thank you. Your efforts were well worth while.

The previous evening, the Ramblers invaded the 'Wooky Hollow Club' in force, with 40 members attending the Tom O'Connor Christmas Show. This was a most enjoyable evening, climaxed by a superb 75 minute stint of non-stop laughter from this first rate comedian. He certainly put us all in the right mood for Christmas. It is obvious that this sort of outing is very popular with our members and therefore we will continue to organise similar events throughout the year. Suggestions to this end will be gratefully accepted by the Social Committee.

Looking ahead, we intend to continue with our practice of booking pop groups and folk singers for our club nights, but also we still require a number of people to come forward and assist in being D.J.'s for a night or part of a night. Without a doubt the two Johns and George have been, and no doubt will continue doing 'a grand job' in this respect, but they deserve a break. So let's be having some volunteers.

Incidentally, John Wilson is not only our D.J. but also he keeps us up to date with the charts by periodic purchases of the Pops. If you would like him to buy any particular record, please see John.

ROSARY - One decade of the Rosary will be recited on the first Wednesday of each month. We ask for your support to illustrate our solidarity as Catholics.

## NEW MEMBERS

Barry Lyon  
David Dixon  
Joseph McLoughlin

Vivian Blake  
Philomena O'Neill

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS  
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BARLEY MOW DANCE - 11TH FEBRUARY

At long last, we have succeeded in finalising the arrangements for this dance. It will take place on Friday 11th February, at St. Patricks Parish Hall, Park Place. St. Patricks is about 5 minutes by bus from the City Centre and without a doubt they offer to us the best of facilities. The dance floor is very good, the bar facilities - second to none, and of course, we all know how good the BARLEY MOW perform.

I know many of our members will turn up their noses at the thought of this dance, especially the non dancers amongst us. Can I suggest that these members give it a chance. Don't worry about where you put your feet, for the Barley Mow's M.C. will solve that problem for you. I can promise you a night of great fun, but only if you join in. So please come early, the doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets 35p each, or pay at the door if preferred. I hope that all Country Dance enthusiasts will attend this dance and please bring your friends.

WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

The Black Penny Pop Group will return to the club rooms on the above date. Dancing will commence at 8.45 p.m. Admission is 25p. Come early !

Finally - The News at Ten on November 24th was interrupted by one of our older members. The newsreader made the fatal mistake of referring to this gentleman as a 'deceased member' I think the Ramble of the following Sunday proved the point that this gentleman is far from dead as he and his better half led a most enjoyable walk. Thanks Mike!

Peter Mc Lindon.

NOTE:- Watch the Catholic Pictorial personnel section for L.C.R.A. adverts with a difference.

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RAMBLE TO THE BERWYNS

The 10 members who took part in the above ramble on 21st November, would like to express their appreciation to Tony Dignan, their leader, for a walk extremely well lead. While many of our walks do not require pioneering, Tony had gone to the trouble of pioneering this walk the previous week, and that by public transport. His efforts were most appreciated by his little band, it was a pity he did not have the support he deserved.

The Rambling Ten.

RE - UNION DANCE

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On Friday, January 14th, some 220 members of the Catholic Ramblers' Association gathered once more at Dovedale Towers for their Annual Re-union. Mgr. Gibb was the Guest of Honour. As he is an ardent Rambler himself, having taken part in many of the Club's functions, particularly in the Lake District, he was quite at home swapping stories, tall and otherwise, with the other guests. This re-union has now been established as a very firm favourite in the Club's calendar, and next year's dance has already been booked for Saturday January 20th 1973.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at Dovedale Towers next year. Even if you have left the Club some time, and have not yet been to one of these functions, come along next time. I am sure you will see lots of people you know, and will spend a very pleasant evening talking about old times, and perhaps even arranging some outings with the Ancient Order - the section specially formed to cater for those members, married and otherwise, who now find it difficult to partake in the normal rambling programme.

Thanks to all those who turned up this time. We hope to see you all again next year, and many times in between. A Happy and Holy New Year to All.

Cyril

R. I. P.

Our deepest sympathy to Ann and Bernard Manley, on the recent death of Ann's father. We ask you to pray also for the repose of the soul of Monica Martin who passed away recently.

A. C. C. R.

Preview of Events

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| Friday Jan 28th 1972  | Monthly get-together at Arthur & Vera Brockway's. 38 Acres Rd. Bebington. |
| Sat/Sun Feb 5/6, 1972 | Chalet Weekend at Maeshafn. Details from Arthur Brockway.                 |
| Friday March 3rd 1972 | Monthly get-together at Harold & Betty Burn's. 21 Templemore Road, Oxtou. |



A.O.C.R. Continued

Sunday March 12th 1972 - Burton Ramble. Harold Burns

Friday April 7th 1972 - Monthly get-together at Mary and Terry Smith's. 72 Dealcroft, Cheddar Close, Menlove Ave..

Sat/Sun April 15/16th - Chalet Weekend at Maeshafn. Details from Arthur Brockway.

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RIVINGTON BARN

It was a great success, 200 times over. What happened? There was a walk to Winter Hill, which I believe was fog bound but with a considerable degree of skill the ramblers actually reached the Television 'mast'

The Ancient Order went to Rivington Pike and I must say I was most impressed when I saw the stream of parents and children returning to the barn.

There were 175 sitting down to the proverbial 'Hot Pot' supper which was of the usual high standard. Of these I believe there were some 50 or so children. After supper, additional members arrived until we reached the magic 200. Yes over 200 at the Barn is quite an achievement.

The children started the dancing with musical chairs which was followed by other similar type games. Their obvious enthusiasm was a delight to observe. When the older generation took the floor the music varied from Country Dancing to Modern Ballroom, with a few "pop" sessions thrown in for the more athletic types.

It was a most enjoyable evening and I think due credit should be given to the committee who organised such a successful evening.

So on behalf of all who enjoyed this venture - Thankyou.

Eric Kavanagh

DAY OF RECOLLECTION - 5TH DECEMBER 1971

The first occasion on which a 'mixed' congregation has attended a "Day of Recollection" at Bishop Eton was when 49 members of the LCRA arrived one Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m.

Fr. McCarton & Fr. Goodall endeavoured to keep the talks and activities as interesting as possible. During Mass, the congregation gathered around the altar for the Consecration. Later individual ramblers read the dedications of the Stations of the Cross. Questions were put in 'Open Forum' and Father McCarton attempted to answer them in the rather limited time available. Generally speaking, it was a most informative and interesting day. - Our thanks to Kevin O'Keefe who not only organised the day so successfully, but I believe has already volunteered to organise next years 'Day of Recollection'.

G.K.

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Sunday, December 19th 1971, is a date which should go down in the History of the C.R.A.. Although we have been in existence since 1927, this was the first time we had ever had a Christmas Party for the Ramblers' children, but of course, this was the first full year of the recently formed 'married section', or Ancient Order of Ramblers. So put that date down in the annals of the Club. I am sure it will only be the first of many such occasions. I will not take any chances by name dropping and inadvertently missing somebody out, so I will just say to each and everyone who had anything to do with this historical day, congratulations on your wonderful efforts, and I hope you will all be willing and able to do the same for the Club next year. One name which I can mention without any fear, is that of Father Christmas. Jack Highton did a great job, and I'm sure quite a few of the younger kiddies thought he was the real thing, judging by the looks of rapture and bewilderment on their faces.

Games of all sorts, and for all ages had been organised, some quiet, some rumbustious, but all very enjoyable, if tiring, especially for the grown up helpers. Prizes were offered for team efforts, as well as for individual wins, and the proceedings were interspersed with flashing - lights, from a barrage of photographers. Games over it was time for all to be issued with their Bumper Tuck Boxes, and a right royal 'bun fight' ensued, with plenty of 'pop', cakes, jellies buns, sandwiches, and you name it, they had it!

After this it was deemed adviseable to aid digestion by having them all sit down for a film show, which was presented by Harold Burns. The interval came, and surprise, surprise, usherettes appeared with you know what - Ice Cream! Then on with the show once more.

Just when we thought there couldn't be any more surprises, in came Father Christmas, to the great excitement of the children. He distributed the prizes for all those who had won the games, and then gave a present to each child who was there.

And so it ended, each happy child clutching its present, and making their tired way to Mum's and Dad's car. A quick tidy up of the hall, and the first of what I hope will be many parties, was over.

Congratulations and thanks again to all those who helped, and to the children also, because their behaviour was excellent, even at the height of their excitement. Here's to as good a "do" in 1972.

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