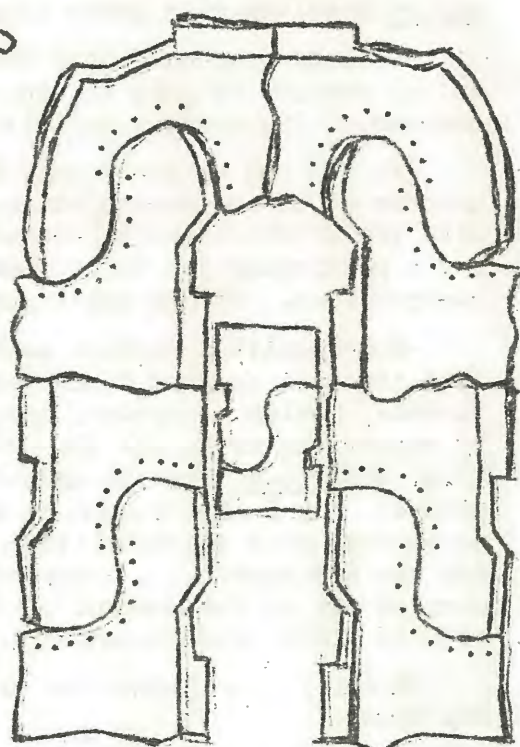
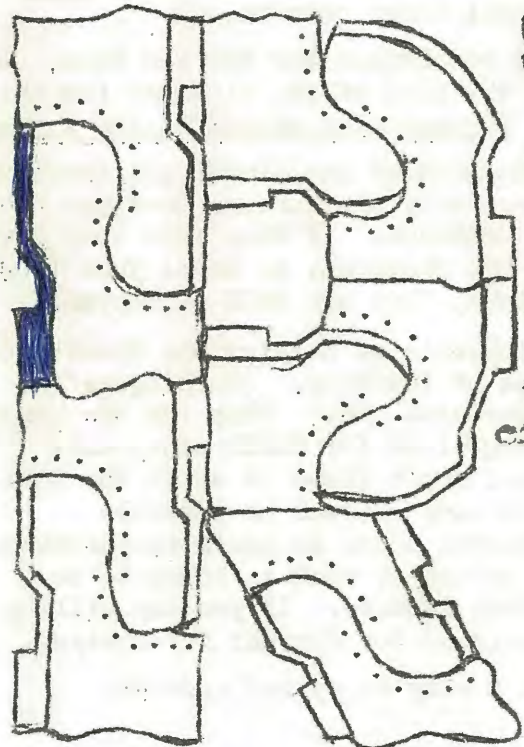
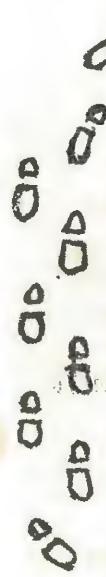


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EDITORIAL

Although Nationally we must view 1975 with some trepidation, on the Club Barometer all would appear to be set fair. The Rambling and Social sides are discussed fully elsewhere but generally it would seem that the Club can look forward to the New Year with some optimism. Certainly we made an extremely lively start with over 250 members enjoying a hot pot at Rivington Barn on 5th January.

Obviously with such large numbers a great deal of organisation was required, and therefore it is appropriate that Bill Naylor and Mike Bradley should be congratulated on a job well done. So many others could also be mentioned but suffice to say that a real team effort resulted in a great time for all those present.

Perhaps we should make this our resolution for the New Year. Let us all resolve to pull together for the good of the Club and for the success of its various activities. Co-operation should be the key word.

So how can we co-operate for the good of the Club? All Committee members could co-operate by attending not only the General Meetings but also their designated sub-committee meetings. If they find they haven't got a particular job to do then ask the Chairman, he needs your 100% co-operation. Things don't just happen, they are MADE to happen.

Non-Committee members could co-operate by helping the Committee with the various jobs done every week of the year. (Selling raffle tickets, moving equipment, drawing curtains etc.) They can co-operate by supporting us in all the events organised for THEIR enjoyment. (e.g. book today for the Annual Dance; don't leave it until the last minute) May I also recommend that as many members as possible co-operate with the Committee at Lakeside House in their preparations for the New Season. A considerable amount of work is hoped to be carried out on the weekend of 24th-26th January. If you are willing to help please see elsewhere in this issue for further information.

Finally, may I wish one and all a very happy and sociable New Year.

Pete McLindon.

GRAND BUFFET DANCE

DOVEDALE TOWERS - PENNY LANE.

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY '75

8 PM TO 1 AM.

DANCING TO DON FOSTER'S BAND.

BUFFET SUPPER @ 9-30 P.M.

£ 1-60.

NOVELTIES.

SPOT PRIZES.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:-

URSULA NORTON. (228-5842)

PAT UNSWORTH. (220-4578)

DAPHNE KENNA. (722-5478)

BILL NAYLOR. (526-3179)



DON'T MISS THIS HIGHLIGHT OF
THE L.C.R.A. YEAR.

The Affluence of Incohol.



NL/64/DK.

I had 18 bottles of whisky and was told by my wife to empty the contents down the sink, or else.....

I said I would, and proceeded with this unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured it down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank.

I then extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise with it, with the exception of one glass which I drank.

I withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured the glass down the sink, which I drank I pulled the cork from the fourth bottle down the sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank.

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and threw the rest down the glass which I drank. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied I steadied the house with one hand, counted the glasses, corks, bottles and sinks with the other, which was 29, and as the houses came by I counted them again.

Finally I had all the houses in one bottle which I drank.

I am not half as thick as you might think I am. I feel so foolish I don't know who is me, and the drunker I stand here the longer I get..... I am not under the affluence of incohol, as some tinkle peep I am!

(Reproduced, without apology, from the Newsletter of July 1964)

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I'm not saying that the General Committee were under the influence, but at their last General Meeting they approved the following applications for membership:-

Shelagh Bradley, Mr.&Mrs.Francis Brennan, Leonard Carter, Joseph Fitzgerald, Colin Gillbanks, Josephine Johnson, Bob Knapman, Catherine Lythgoe, Marie Anne Mulholland, Mr.& Mrs. Royston D. Jones, Sheila O'Reilly, Albert Rose, Pauline Strype, Peter Tooney, Veronica Walsh, John A. WALSH, Joseph Williams, Barbara Winstanley, Gerard Stubbs.

Welcome to one and all. (I hope they find that the Ramblers add a great deal to their social enjoyment, and may I suggest that they mark off in their diaries the dates of the various activities (eg Annual Dance) which are advertised elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

LAKESIDE HOUSE, KESWICK

Most of you have heard of Lakeside House in Keswick, and a number of you have no doubt spent one or more weekends there since you have been in the Club. I wonder how many of you know what Lakeside House means to the Club. Without going into too many details, here is a very brief outline of the House. Our Club was once known as "Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association and Holiday Guild". Lakeside House came into existence as part of the "Holiday Guild" section of the Club. Twelve members of the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers were the Founder members of the Guild, and Lakeside House became our guest house. Over the years, in conjunction mainly with the Newcastle Catholic Ramblers, we have kept the house going, and have provided our share of the members on the Management Committee. Unfortunately in recent years, for reasons known best to our members, the Newcastle Club has had to provide the bulk of the Management Committee. Knowing what Lakeside House means to the Club, I am asking you now to see if you can find the time to take an active part in the House, which we can quite accurately describe as "our house."

What do you have to do? Meetings are held at Lakeside House about every 6 weeks or so. You would be expected to attend. Obviously, to be on the committee you must be a member. Your membership fee is 50p per year, or you can become a Life Member for £5.00p.

A lot of the decorations at the house are done by the committee, and you would be asked if you could help.

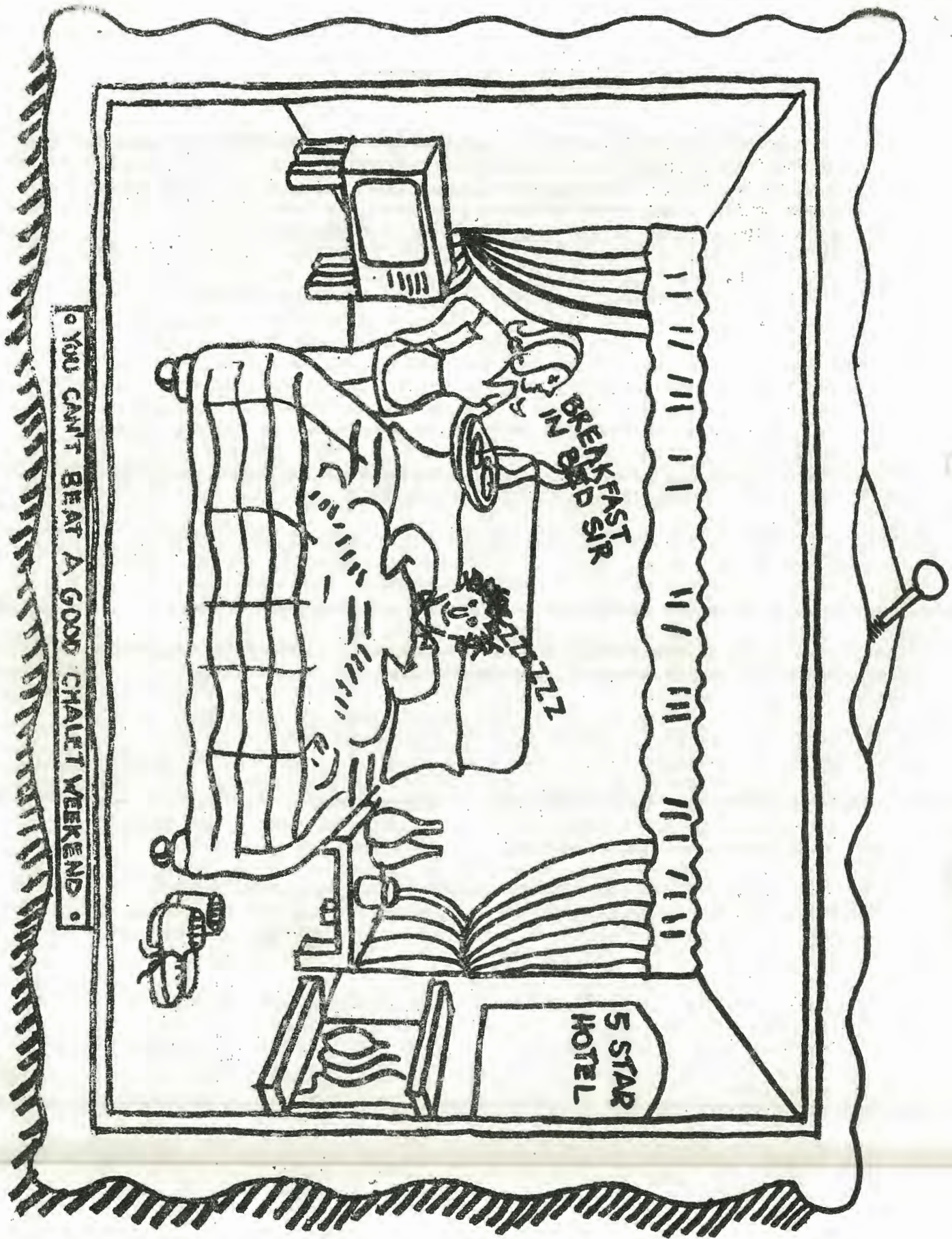
Even if you do not feel that you can join the committee, or at least go forward for election, then perhaps you could volunteer to go up one weekend, with an organised party, to help with the repairs and decorations which have to be done before next season. The weekend in question will be the last one in January, and if you feel you can do anything at all to help, please contact John Clarke, Dave Holden, or any member of the committee.

The A.G.M. of the Lakeside House members will take place on Saturday, 8th February 1975. Only members are allowed to attend, and I would like to see as many of you as possible becoming members on or before that date, and attending the meeting in Keswick.

Meanwhile lets have plenty of volunteers to help out with painting and decoration at the end of January. Your board and accommodation at Lakeside House are free for the "working weekend", and an allowance of £2 will be made to the person providing the transport.

Many hands make light work.

Cyril.



• YOU CAN'T BEAT A GOOD CHALET WEEKEND •

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Ramblerite.

FOOTPATH

The festive season now over, the Rambling programme, which has been hyphernated by various activities in the last few weeks, resumes in earnest. The highlight of the next six weeks is the Llanarmon Hot Pot Ramble on 16th February. This event is always extremely popular and places are usually limited to around 40. Frank Fitzmaurice is making the arrangements and details will soon be circulated about deposits and total cost.

It seems only a matter of time before the £1 maximum coach fare is increased, the cost of subsidising coach trips is an ever increasing drain on the finances of the club, and even with increased support for Sunday rambles a rise would seem inevitable. Let's hope that the New Year brings fresh enthusiasm for rambling to members old and new. Remember you can make (or lose) more friends on one Sunday ramble than you do on a dozen Thursday evenings, and the cost of notoring being what it is, Sunday coach rambles would be cheap at twice the price!

Rambling Programme to 2nd March

26th January	Berwyns	L. Roberts and J. Clarke
2nd February	Trough of Bowland	D. News
9th February	Drum	F. Johnson
16th February	Llanarmon Hot Pot	F. Fitzmaurice
23rd February	Pendle Hill	F. Mullin
2nd March	High Street	J. Wheeler

F. Johnson.

Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but rather playing a poor hand well.

SOCIETY

Looking back over the christmas period the Ceildh Band Extravaganza has produced such glowing reports that enquiries are being made to hold another function there around Easter - full details later.

Many thanks and congratulations are due to the organisers of the Yuletide Ramble - a highly successful and enjoyable day for the 250 Ramblers and children present.

Now is the time to buy your tickets for the Annual Buffet Dance at Dovedale Towers on 7th February. Tickets are £1.60p (which is only 10p more than last year). Full details are given elsewhere in the newsletter. Tickets can be purchased from Ursula Norton, Daphne Kenna, Pat Unsworth and Bill Naylor.

The Car 'Treasure Hunt' scheduled for 11th January has been postponed until March/April to take advantage of longer daylight hours.

Arrangements are also being made for another Disco Dance at the Polish Club at the end of February. Full details available from Alan Joynson.

The permanent arrival of the long awaited new Disco equipment will mean a far more 'professional' output from our hard working disc jockeys on Thursday Evenings, so pass the word round and bring your friends - it must be the cheapest night out in town.

CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	
23rd January	Disco and Folk	Ritchie Cannon
30th January	Disco	Frank Mullin
6th February	Disco	Bob Banks
13th February	Disco	Paul Stafford
20th February	Disco	John McLindon
27th February	Disco	Peter McLindon
6th March	Disco	Una MacManus

Frank Mullin

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

- FEB. 7th ANNUAL BUFFET DANCE at Dovedale Towers Penny Lane. Tickets £1-60 each available at the Club Rooms or from Bill Naylor.
- FEB. 9th The Pelocs and Mona Robert's walk. Meet at 12 Noon at Royden Park, Frankby, which is just past the Farmer's Arms. The walk will start at 12.30.
- FEB. 21st Join Bill and Pauline Roberts for a "house meeting" at 93, Childwall Road, Liverpool 15.
- MARCH 9th Bill Naylor's Walk. Meet in the Car park behind Delamere Station at 12 noon for a 12.20 start.

Moel Famau.

Thirty-three members of the Family Section met on Sunday 17th November at the Picnic Area Car Park for their walk, led by Jim Flaherty, up Moel Famau. The weather was perfect with the sun shining after the earlier mist had cleared. We set off at 12.45 p.m. encountering a taste of 'A' rambling at the start, but with the helpful hand of the leader, all managed the steep bit successfully. We then continued at a steady plod, and after one short stop, eventually reached the Jubilee Tower soon after 2.30 p.m.

The youngest member of the party was Jenny, aged nine months, who, with her parents was out with us for the first time. She had no difficulty in reaching the top in her push chair! Probably the same can't be said for those pushing, though they managed remarkably well. The rest of the children in the party, however, also seemed to arrive at their goal with no difficulty. The children on this occasion were just outnumbered by adults. Very much among those present were the three members of the Men's Lib. association from Old Swan and District.

On our next ramble we are hoping that the Women's Section will be out in strength as well!!

We had a rest at the Jubilee Tower and a chance to finish off any refreshments not eaten before starting off. Also there were more lollipops for the children. Some of the adults were lucky too.

After a careful count, we started the descent at 3.00 p.m. taking, as time permitted, the longer route. The arrival back at the car park was very well timed, returning just before dark, after a very enjoyable walk.

M. H.

THIS AND THAT

FOR THE RECORD:- The last 6 weekend fixtures produced the following facts and figures

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Cost</u>
22nd-24th November	Chalet Maeshafn	11	Damp and cold	Negligible
1st December	Bishop Eton Retreat	40 (approx)	Dry!	Optional
8th December	Chalet Maeshafn	16	Cloudy and dry	Negligible (at chalet!)
15th December	Macclesfield	19	Fine	£1.00
22nd December	Pen-y-ghent	17	Dry	£1.00
5th January	Rivington	250 plus!	Mild/Cloudy	Coach plus hot- pot £1.30p

CONGRATULATIONS TO:- Enile Rodrigues and Sue (from Bristol)
John Lovelady and Ann Schofield
and Tony Frith and Martine Pons all of
whom were married recently.

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AVERAGE SOCIAL ATTENDANCE for 16 Socials to date is 80.5

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DRIVING LESSONS? all interested parties should contact
Monica Moran. Crash hats provided.

Approximately 41 ramblers, in varying states of consciousness, assembled at St. John's Lane despite the heavy frost of the night before. The bus arrived at 10:15 am, a head-count taken (one to a rambler), and the epic journey commenced.

By the time the coach had reached Llangollen the leader, Anna Kupiec decided that a tea-break was in order and the ramblers proceeded to scandalize the local traders by patronising their somewhat sophisticated tearooms in full rambling gear. By the time everyone had finished and the walk commenced, the temperature had risen to a 'bearable' level and the sun was actually shining.

The first half of the route took us past the British Waterways Board museum and along the canal bank for some distance then down passed the remains of the Valle Crucis abbey and the remains of the 9th century stone cross which gives the abbey its name. As the route also passed a fine example of 20th century licensed premises Anna called a half-hour "butty break" (a popular decision).

The walk continued on up the hill (an unpopular decision) but the view from the top made it all worthwhile? The majority of the party proceeded along the ridge except for a few misguided individuals who went down into the valley, under the impression that they were going the right way. They did however manage to rejoin the majority of the party by the time the main party had reached the Moel slate quarry.

The descent to Llangollen was fairly uneventful apart from a rather vicious patch of gorse and unsuccessful attempt by the ramblers to demolish the Chain Bridge.

The coach was met at the Coed Talyn Inn by our Chairman and Vice-Chairman (complete with new hairstyle). The delicious hotpot supper went off very well, John Clarke relieving his disappointment at not being able to go on the Ramble by eating 3 times as much hotpot as the rest of us. The party then proceeded to amuse themselves with drink, dancing, darts and drink until 9:15, when we boarded the bus for Liverpool.

The coach arrived back at St John's Lane at 10:47 approximately.

Congratulations to Anna Kupiec on a well organised and enjoyable ramble.

"Right Footer."

LOST and FOUND.

LOST:- The L.C.R.A. microphone stand.

FOUND:- (at Keswick) one pair of size 9E suede shoes.