

LORA

NEWSLETTER

RAMBLERITE

Bad weather and the holiday period have meant only two rambles taking place between 12th December 1976-16th Jan. 1977. After such a lengthy 'enforced' rest it is to be hoped that you will give your enthusiastic support to rambling activities in the next couple of months, during which period there are several 'special' events.

30th January - John 'Jaws' Clarke, aided by the Lovely Lesley will show us all the delights of Heptonstall and introduce novices not only to the rigours of rambling but also, so rumour has it (in the shape of Dave 'the Soak' News) to the delicate delights of Real Ale.

6th February - Judge John Gibb takes us to Sunny Slaidburn where visitors may procure the excellent home-made jam and the equally excellent, but not so home-made, Guinness!

13th - Brian 'the Boot' Keller helps you work up an appetite and a thirst before arriving at the Raven Inn for the Hot Pot Supper - this is always a popular event, so listen for details on Thursday night.

20th - Stiperstones - Lesley Clarke (no its not an unpleasant complaint!)

27th - Sedbergh - Mean & Muddy Mike Lewis takes us on this pleasant jaunt.

4th-6th March - Keswick Weekend. This will be organised by Barry Lyon and Frank Johnson (in the absence of Billy Butlin and Fred Pontin!) Take note - only 30 places are available on Friday night (the 4th) but 48 should be bookable for Saturday night (5th). The cost will be £9.70 for 2 nights and approx. £6.50 for 1. There will not be a coach so if you want a lift either stand on the East Lancs. with your thumb out OR arrange a lift with someone who owns a car and is going on the same day as you. If you don't know any car owners, Barry and Frank will fix you up (they might get you a lift as well!) Details of when names will be taken will be announced on a Thursday night.

13th March - Brudite Eric Kavanagh will be putting us through our paces in the annual orienteering event. Eric will also be giving map reading instruction to those interested - the dates and times will be announced at the Club on a Thursday.

FRANK JOHNSON

RIVINGTON

This was the 21st Rivington event and was supported by a total of 237 adults and children. Two coaches were necessary - most of the Family Section opting to go in their own transport.

On arriving at a very grey and misty Rivington we assembled ourselves at the Barn, which, as a matter of interest, was built in Saxon times. The Family Section decided to have their own walk, taking them up to Rivington Pike - which is 1,190 ft. above sea level. It is believed to have been one of a chain of beacons used at the Amarda and Cromwell is said to have used the site against 'Black Rod'.

The remainder of the ramblers, including myself, decided to try a new route which Frank Johnson and Alan Joynson had previously pioneered. We set off looking more like a medieval pilgrimage than a party of ramblers. Our route took us alongside Upper Rivington Reservoir and then Angleyarbe Reservoir - it was here that some members of the party, despite the cold weather, decided to stop for refreshments of ice cream, etc. After this break we continued around Angleyarbe Reservoir and back to Rivington, arriving at the Barn at about 4.30.p.m. After a wash and change we sat down to a very enjoyable Hot Pot. As soon as the meal was finished the floor was cleared and we were entertained by the children with games very well organised by the Family Section.

Soon the bar opened, much to the delight of the Ramblers who were very thirsty after the long trek. To mark this special event a Country Dance Bank, including a very good 'Caller', were engaged. They were voted a great success even by those people who were sceptical about the children joining in with the dancing. All in all they made it a memorable evening.

Unfortunately (some would say otherwise) one elderly member of the Club was unable to attend this year. Rumour has it he went ski-ing but I find this very hard to believe in his condition.

When the time came to finish everybody seemed reluctant to leave as they were really enjoying themselves. I understand that the 2nd coach had the pleasure of Dan's guitar and Mike's accordion on the way home.

This 21st Rivington event was certainly a memorable occasion and in years to come only happy reflections can be had.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

DINNER DANCE.

SATURDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1977

As most members will know, the above event, which marks the main event of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, takes place at the Liverpool Centre Hotel on Saturday, 29th October next.

Applications for tickets will not be accepted until nearer the date, when an official announcement will be made regarding tickets, which will cost approximately £5.00 each.

In the interim period some members may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of paying for their tickets by instalments, and to cater for this the Treasurer, Michael Lewis, will accept payments not less than 50p per instalment towards the cost of tickets. Please note that payment of such instalments does not automatically entitle the person to a ticket. Applications will need to be made in the manner to be laid down, whether instalments have been paid or not, but in the event of an individual who has paid in instalments against tickets not applying for his or her ticket, the amount of instalments will, of course, be refunded in full.

The Thoughts of Chairman (Madame)

Dear Ramblers,

I was very pleased to see so many of you, - 237 - attend the first main event of our Golden Jubilee year, the Rivington Yuletide Walk and hot-pot supper, not to mention those who arrived in the evening to enjoy the country dance in the ideal setting of the centuries old Saxon barn. I think that I can safely say that the event was most successful and I would like to thank all those who helped to organise the day.

Although a full account of the event is to be found elsewhere in this Newsletter, I will say that it was a great pleasure to be able to present, a radio/cassette to Gerry Penlington on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as a much valued member of the Club. Over the years he has not only been Treasurer but also Secretary, Chairman and currently Vice-President. For his dedication and service to the Club we are deeply grateful.

The Rivington event was an example of how members from both sections of the club can enjoy themselves when they get together and I hope that during this Celebration Year you will take advantage of the joint ventures which are being planned. One such occasion in the near future is a 'Nostalgia Night' on Thursday February 17th which will take place at the Club room (Princess Suite, Tom Hall's Tavern, Brunswick Street). This is being organised by the Family Section, with some help from the General Committee. The evening promises to be an entertaining one for both Family and Young? (I hesitate to use this description of the "other" section, but it might raise a few smiles,) Sections of the club, so do please support it - cost is only 20p!

The 'Orienteering Event' on Sunday March 13th will be organised by Eric Kavanagh.. Please don't be put off by thinking that this event is for the more experienced walkers, and map readers - even the less experienced can join in the fun. However, for those of you who would like to learn the basic skills involved, Eric has kindly offered to provide two sessions of map reading, compass work etc, on Saturday February 19th, and Saturday February 26th. Anyone interested should ring for details or make enquiries on a Club night.

I hope that the Yuletide event has set the pattern for the year, and I look forward to 1977 as a year of closer liason between both sections of the Club.

A Happy and Successful New Year to you all!

Pat Unsworth.
(Cl. Chairman).

Heptonstall Invitation Walk

The coach left St. Johns Lane at the usual time and after picking up several people on the way, 35 ramblers headed towards Hebden Bridge, the starting place for the walk. The weather was bright but cold as the enthusiastic party set off with Lesley and John Clarke as leaders. After climbing a steep paved path and following a track we came to rock steps which led to the village of Heptonstall, situated on a ridge above the town. The pace quickened as the Cross Inn came into view and the prospect of 'real ale'.

After a two pint stay the party fell out for a quick photograph before dividing up into two groups. The 'B' group, led by John, proceeded down the road to Slack while the energetic members went on Lesley's 'A' party along a narrow precipitous path and farm road to join up with the 'B' group at the above place.

From Slack we ambled on down a rapidly descending path into the pleasantly wooded, steep sided valley of Hebden Water and the stepping stones over the river. Jim forged ahead, slipped on the ice covered stones in the centre and majestically fell into the river. However, he managed to reach the opposite bank. One gallant rambler, armed with his 'Swiss' knife, began scraping the ice away. Eric provided a handful of mud to spread on top of the stones. In single file we slowly crossed the river while official photographer Allan stood poised ready to take action shots should any more disasters happen, but he was disappointed. In true army style, Allan waded across to join the rest of the party, rather than risk the stepping stones. The leader then declared a 'buttey' break.

The walk continued through tree lined banks to more stepping stones. The river was re-crossed without mishap and the party arrived at a mill and stone bridge. For the next three quarters of a mile the path went past the mill pond and followed close to the river bank below Hardcastle Craggs to a timber bridge. Proceeding over the bridge we joined the forest valley road and headed towards exotic sounding Midgehole at a brisk pace. From Midgehole one last effort was needed to scramble up the steep track to the Hebden Bridge Road. We arrived back at the coach about 5.00.p.m. just as the light was fading.

After a motorway service station stop for 'eats', the party proceeded to the 'Greyhound' on the East Lancs. and an alcoholic evening with musical entertainment provided by Dan on the piano. The Coach arrived in Liverpool at 9.35.p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

MIKE O'SHEA

DISC JOCKEYS.

17 February Mike Jump / Bennie Ward.
24 February Anne Hartley
3 March John Gibb
10 March Alan Joynson
17 March St. Patrick
24 March Country Dance
31 March Peter Kennedy / Dan Hyland

New Recruits.

GERRARD BRADLEY	BARBARA MOSS
MARY CROUGHAN	ANN McCRORY
MARIEANNE HANNA	PAUL McGRORY
JENNIFER HUBBARD	SALLYANNE SMERDON
RITA JONES	JOE TAPPER
JOHN MOONEY	JOHN TAYLOR.

If you are in any doubt about a Ramble you should
phone any of the following numbers between five
and seven o'clock on the Saturday ...

Alan Joynson	3	638 - 2489
Angela Flatt	-	227 - 4024
Mark Roberts	-	226 - 8544
Pat Unsworth	6	220 - 4573
