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News Letter

SPECIAL NOTICE

AS AND FROM
THURSDAY 20TH. JULY

THE SOCIALS OF THE LCRA WILL BE HELD IN THE

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MONA HOTEL

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JULY

1972

VIEWPOINTA "GREAT" future in prospect as the Newcomers provide a stimulus

Anyone who has been a member of this Club for more than two years may have heard (or perhaps even used) the expression, "This USED to be a great club". Not having been a member in those "great" days, I wonder how we would compare today. Certainly one year ago we were in the doldrums both as a Rambling Club and also Socially. By the turn of the year, an all-round improvement had become obvious, with the occasional coach ramble cropping up to illuminate the brighten-picture. But gradually the situation has become very much better with Coach Rambles the rule, rather than the exception. Indeed, if progress in this direction is maintained, the days of full coaches cannot be far removed. Why has this happened? Simply because we have been fortunate to have amongst the Spring Newcomers, a group of very enthusiastic young ladies who, without exception, have jumped in at the deep end and become involved with everything we try to organise. This enthusiasm has rubbed off onto other members, with the resultant upsurge in the Club's fortunes. I think it would be fair to say that now we are members of a pretty good Club, but how do we make it "great"? Perhaps we could be better organised; we can certainly make better progress in the Social field, but we need help - we are running short of ideas; we need fresh brains to come up with new ideas. How do we attract members down to the Club earlier on the Social night? We want your ideas whether for Dances, Competitions, Club Nights out, Pop Groups, Folk Singers, Disco's, Rambles and the Tennis, and what is more we want these ideas from you at the joint meeting of the Rambling/Social/Tennis/Committees on the SECOND Monday of the month in the Cathedral Buildings, Brownlow hill, commencing at 8 p.m. (Having lost 50% of my readers by now, I continue!) I throw out a challenge to all the Newcomers. I know that many of you are, by your professions, dedicated people, and it would appear you have enjoyed your first couple of months as members of this Club. You will not have realised it but by your active support, you have helped to put the Club back on its feet. Now we would like your help to make this a "GREAT" Club once again. I challenge you, I dare you, to get inside the Club, by coming along to the next RST Meeting on Monday 10th July. Don't be put off by the word "Meeting" for it can be best described as a Social get-together lasting for 2 hours, followed by $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in the local. The Committee comprises the people you ramble with each week, so don't be shy, let us see a show of force from all you enthusiastic Newcomers. The Committee promise not to lumber you with any work you would not like to do. We just want you to come along to see what happens. So, if you are really interested in the Club or just curious, please contact either John Lovelady, George Maguire, or Pete McLindon. - They will tell you where to go!

P. J. McLindon



' Newstead '
14 Oldmill Lane,
Wavertree,
LIVERPOOL 15

Dear Friends,

This is just a note to thank you all most sincerely for taking our children out for the day last Sunday. They so enjoyed it, and really appreciated your efforts to make their day such a happy and memorable one. They are still recalling the events of the day, and no doubt, will continue to do so for quite some time.

On behalf of us all, a heartfelt thank you for everything you have done.

Be assured of a very special remembrance in our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Sister Fiona

ED. NOTE The following is one of a number of letters received from the children of 'Newstead' after their visit to Pontins Holiday Camp.

' Newstead '
LIVERPOOL 15

Dear Monica and Margaret,

Thankyou for the day out at pontins. It was smashing going on the bikes and on the boats and on the swings and thankyou for the Dinner too and for the things what you got us all and for taking us to the games room, well have to say goodbye now,

God Bless you both,

Lots of Love,

From

Debbia

29 Fawley Road,
Allerton
LIVERPOOL
L18 9TE

21st May, 1972

Dear Sir,

May I use the pages of your monthly letter to express the sincere gratitude felt by Joseph, Maureen, Helen and myself, for the great love and respect shown by the Committee and Members of the C.R.A., old and young for my husband, Fred.

The numerous Mass Cards, flowers and letters, and the wonderful attendance at the funeral and Special Mass at St. Nicholas' Church, were a consolation to the family and show that you also believe you have suffered a great loss.

We thank you all sincerely, and ask you to continue praying for Fred and for us.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Norbury

11 Sefton Park Road,
Liverpool L8 3SL

19th June, 1972

Dear Mr. Editor,

As a regular leader, I would like to draw attention to a recent, and potentially very dangerous, trend in the Club - the practice of leaving the party without the leader's permission. In the last few weeks, this has happened on the "B" walks to Snowdon, Wensleydale and Llanrwst.

The club "Constitution" (page 15) reads: "The leader is in control of the ramble until the return to Liverpool and no member may leave the party without his express permission or that of his appointed deputy. No responsibility for members leaving the party without the leader's sanction will be taken".

Those people who were in the Ramblers a few years ago will not need reminding of the results that can follow the splitting up of a party, and those who are not deterred by this would do well to remember that neither the Club nor the leader has any further responsibility towards them, and, should they arrive back after the main party, they could well find themselves having to make their own way back to Liverpool.

Continued...

In this letter, I am not referring to those who fall to the back through no fault of their own - the leader will ensure that the rest of the party stop periodically to enable them to catch up - but to the small minority who deliberately go off on another route or who go a long way ahead, in defiance of the leader.

Yours sincerely,

J. Wilson.

John Wilson

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COMPETITION

The RST Meeting held on 12th June attracted 15 members in all, the score being,

LADIES5 GENTS10

This would appear to prove that the Gents are more dedicated to the Ramblers than the Ladies. In view of the earlier challenge to the Newcomers, I wonder will the result be reversed at the next meeting on Monday 10th July.

I invite Written entries in the following Competition. Please try and forecast the actual attendance at the next RST Meeting on 10th July.

Your letters will be taken in strict rotation, the first correct answer opened giving the actual number of Ladies and Gents present at the meeting, will win for the writer, two weeks free admission to the Social. The letters will be opened at the Club on Wednesday 12th July. Remember, two free Socials at the cost of a stamp.

Send your entries to this address:-

R. S. T. Competition,
L.C.R.A.
21 Shanklin Road,
LIVERPOOL L15 4JE

Your entry should read:-

LADIES GENTS

with your name and address included.

No entries will be accepted after 10th July. All members are invited to enter. Issued for and on behalf of the RST Committee.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND AT RHUDDLAN

The week-end trip to Wales was fraught with excitement and adventure, with rambles to places such as "The Marsh" and "Rock Inn". Most of the people who went on these rambles enjoyed a feeling of elation and tired contentment by the end of the day, in fact, a couple felt so tired that they "dropped" asleep before they arrived back at their caravan. Others of course felt invigorated by all the fresh air and went back to Sun Valley Holiday Camp to enjoy a midnight feast of pancakes, prepared by the only person on the camp who could cook!! Not everyone went on the Marsh ramble. A left-wing splinter group organized their own ramble to Dixieland, Rhyl. Few details are known about this ramble but rumour has it that the ramble was a strenuous one which lasted into the early hours of the following day.

Some form of relaxation was needed by Saturday afternoon - A number of ramblers by this time were in a state of exhaustion. Some had played putting that morning, others were very tired after cooking their breakfast at mid-day! and another group were feeling rather rough after the strain of the previous day and enjoyed a relaxing morning playing cards with bets rising as high as two and a half pence!

The break called for was the England - v - Scotland match. Not being a football supporter I took myself off on a visit to Rhuddlan castle. However, all the males and one female member of the group went to watch the football match. These people settled themselves down in the camp club with a few beers ready for the start of the match, only to find that the T.V. was just ornamental - it didn't work! In a state of anxiety, despair and panic they rushed off to the nearest British Legion Club, in a convoy of cars.

On arrival at the Club the only female member of the band, who had become reckless with all the preceding excitement, dashed headlong into the bar marked "MEN ONLY". Having dashed headlong in, she should have been thrown, head first, out, - but she ..wasn't... I wonder is this habit forming. The truth of this incident can be verified by another person in the merry band who, without naming the unfortunate girl, declared her to be a 'ravishing redhead'

The weekend came to a close in the same way it had begun - in a pub. Certain people claimed this final visit was needed so as to avoid the holiday traffic, but I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions!

Anita

EDITORS NOTE

Is it true that "Old man K....." upheld the proud traditions of the ramblers by going for an Orienteering event in Beddgelert forrest on the Sunday?

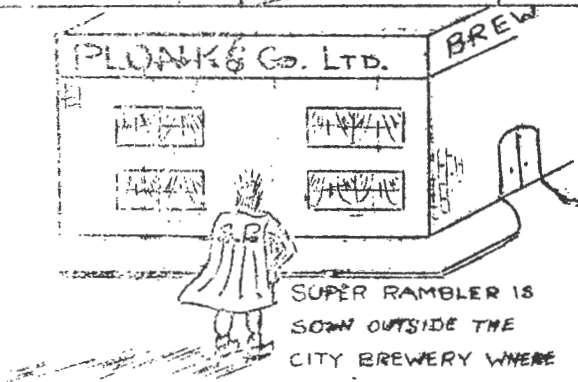
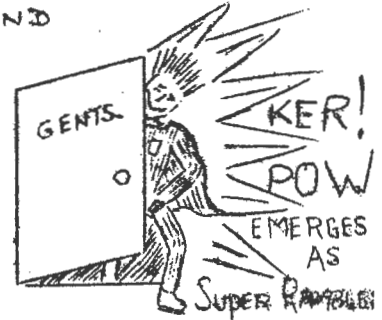
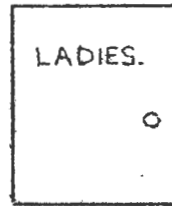
SUPER RAMBLER IN 'SOMETHING BREWING'

by
John Price of
Unit Construction

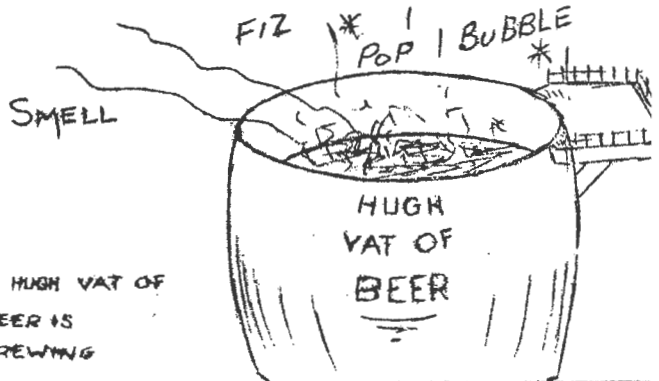


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THE RAMBLERS
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OUT
OF
BEER!

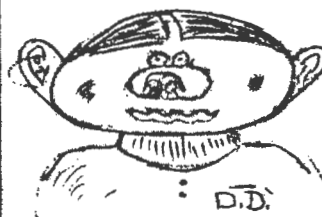
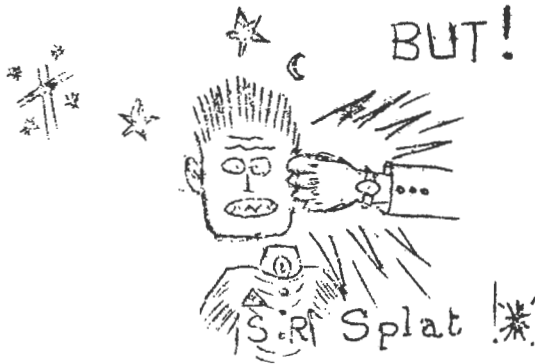
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THE GENTS AND



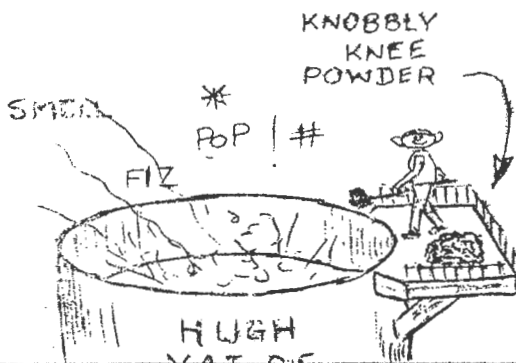
A HUGH VAT OF
BEER IS
BREWING



COULD IT BE! YES! IT'S
DASTARDLY DIMBAT.



While Super Rambler
is snoozing i'll put
some knobbley knee
powder into the beer
then all ramblers will
have knock knees. HAH



WILL DASTARDLY DIMBAT SUCCEED IN THIS
DIABOLICAL PLOT ?

WILL SUPER RAMBLER GET KNOBBLEYED ? ?

DO'NT MISS NEXT MONTHS EXCITING EPISODE

THE ANCIENT ORDER

BILLINGE AND CRANK

On a drizzling wet morning in June, cars started to arrive at the appointed place from noon onwards, except for a few who had not met at Billinge before, and arriving extra early at the wrong car park, decided to have a sort of car rally between various churches and car parks, to get the feel of the place. After passing several Ancient Order members going in opposite directions they stayed stationary long enough to get picked up by a rescue party, and were directed to the correct car park, just 15 minutes late. One late comer was presented with a home-made loaf and told "Next time use your loaf!" - point taken - a quick snack was eaten and then we all dived back into the cars, ready for the drive to the start, as Cyril and May waved us off and "RETREATED". Forward to the clay works.

By now it had stopped raining and we started off, some 44 walkers and 3 hitching lifts, through the piled up bricks and drain pipes and into the corn and wheat fields. It was good to see some new faces and some who hadn't been able to get out for the past few months and we caught up on all the latest news and talked over future plans - the main topics being the coming dance on 24th June in the Tennis Pavilion and the proposed tennis match against "The TENNIS TEAM".

George Skillicorn our leader was very considerate, and let us have several stops, not only to take in the scenery, but also to let late comers and the ones out with babes in arms catch up with their eating and drinking.

The height of the walk was at the top of Billinge Hill, where, on a very clear day you can see for miles, even as far as Anglesey - but although the sun was out by now, visibility was not too good. After our youngest hitcher - on her 3rd consecutive ramble - quite a record as she isn't 4 months old yet - in true C.R.A. spirit kindly had her bottle handed over to a reticent hitcher on her first ramble we started the descent.

At this time it was pleasant to walk through woods as it was quite hot, and we were all a little over dressed for June, to say the least of it. Then back to pavements and Billinge and to Georges' friends - Ye Olde Wayside Stores for ice creams and drinks on sticks; (it must have been a commission job, as it was closed some minutes later). On past the swings and the hospital, and back to the brickworks, the cars and finally home.

Thanks George and Freda for a most enjoyable day, and apologies from the late comers for the delayed start. We promise it won't happen next time.

PROGRAMME

"The Other Crowd"

- Saturday 8th July Tennis Match - Gentlemen v Players
Lance Grove 2.30 p.m.
- Sunday 9th July Details to be confirmed. Meet 12 noon
Leader Leo Pearson
- Friday 28th July House Meeting - Leo & Pat's
81 Twigg Lane, Huyton. 8 p.m.
- Sunday 20th August Delamere. Meet Station Car Park 12 noon.
Leader Bill Naylor
- Friday 8th Sept. House Meeting - Bill & Norah Naylor's
114 Moss Lane, Maghull. 8 p.m.
- Sunday 17th Sept. Mystery Ramble. Meet 12 noon.
Leader John Peloe
- Friday 29th Sept. House Meeting - George & Freda Skillicorn's
12 Avon Road, Billinge. 8 p.m.
- Fri/Sat/Sun
6/7/8th October YHA Weekend - Details from Harold Burns.
Bookings close Friday 8th September.

SOCIAL

By the time this is printed, the dust will have settled again at the Tennis Pavilion after the 'hop'. I hope all those who struggled up there, despite the 'Midnight Ramble', enjoyed themselves, as I did at the previous one. I hope they found the cakes fairy light and just as enlightening, while the scones were butter than ever. I don't know how the the mince pies crept in - I suppose it must be a reflection on the weather recently. Tea that weak, matched the M.C.'s jokes, but supported those present for the ordeal which came after 'supper'.

I hope the prize winners were satisfied - I'll bet it's the cheapest pint they've ever had - you lucky devils. Congratulations to all those who contributed either in preparing, organising or just supporting it and enjoying themselves.

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH!

The "Summer" Rambling Programme has certainly got off to a fine start. The walk to Gt. Shunner Fell had the best attendance for a very long time with nearly 40 people on the coach and the following week's walk to the Llanwrst area attracted 24 - but this was a good turn out on a day following an excellent Club night out to the St. Josephs Hospice Barbeque. This latter walk however was a little disappointing in as much as we arrived back in Liverpool at 12.30 a.m. - As leader for the day, I must accept responsibility and apologise to all who were inconvenienced by this. My only excuse is that the coach driver seemed to have a craving to try every side road out of Denbigh until he found the right one.

Now that we are getting larger numbers on Sundays I would like to stress to all leaders that the walks must be very well organised and timing is the important factor. If anyone is interested in going on a Sunday Ramble and wishes to put their name forward they can phone, John Lovelady 427-6360 for details.

social scene

Wednesday 5th. July

D.J. John McLindon

Monday 10th. July

R.S.T. Committee Meeting. (See competition)

Wednesday 12th. July

"Both Sides Now" - POP / FOLK Singers.

Admission 20 p.

R.S.T. Competition result.

Thursday 20th. July

AT THE NEW CLUB ROOMS. PLEASE NOTE.

D.J. Joe Nolan and Fred Pendleton.

AUG. Thursday 27th. July

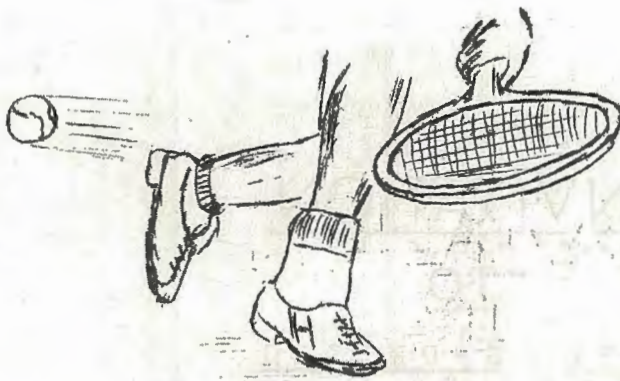
X BARLEY MOW folk dancing X

Monday 31st. July

B.S.T. Committee meeting. This meeting has been brought forward because of holidays.

Thursday 3rd. Aug.

D.J. John Clark and Aila Gabbott.



The team are still maintaining their unbeaten record through the 1972 match agenda, our record stands as follows:-

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
4	-	-	4	6

As you can see the team has been rewarded for its determination with a "pair of draws".

Although we have still not been notified of our official league position - I think it safe to assume that we must be in the top seven - there's only seven teams in our division anyway!

Saturday 17th June saw the Tennis courts crowded with competitors eager to participate in an American Tournament, organised by John Lovelady (I didn't know he was American, which only goes to show you can't be too careful). The tournament was a great success with the eventual winners being the partnership of Brian Keller/Ted Rudd, (the fact that all the other couples were mixed i.e. male and female, had nothing to do with their victory). Seriously though folks, Brian and Ted scored 20 pts out of a possible 25 pts, which can't be bad - and they were closely followed by Anne Donnelly and Barrie Lyon with 17 pts. Congratulations to all competitors, its hoped that we'll have even more interested parties in the next tournament which I believe John is already planning.

Remember the tennis courts are there for all to enjoy, so lets see more people taking advantage of them please - especially girls, of which there is a famine (tennis-wise of course) To continue.....

The next BIG date for the tennis section callendar is to be Saturday 8th July, when the Ancient Order have challenged the present team to a full match. It would be encouraging to see a multitude of rival supporters down at the club to provide the atmosphere this "epic" match will deserve, say no more! Anyway, remember the date.

G. MAGUIRE
CAPTAIN

N.B. A brown umbrella was left at the Tennis Pavilion recently
If anyone has borrowed or taken it by mistake please contact
Pauline Cunningham, or any Committee Member. Tel.No. 226-4452

INVITATION

TO

THE SPORTING

LIFE

Friday 7th July

-American Tournament for all sorts.
Refreshments to suit.

Saturday 8th July

-Allerton Golf Course - 6.30 p.m.
Grand Putting Challenge Match
Challenge issued by the Ladies-(thinks..
"the fools")

Each player will play two rounds of 18 holes. After each round, 12 strokes will be deducted from the Ladies' score (to give them a chance!!!) Full details at the Club.

Friday 14th July

-American Tournament for all sorts.
Refreshments to suit.

Saturday 15th July

-Grand Bowling Competition
Seacombe Promenade Bowling Green.

Friday 21st July

-American Tournament for all sorts.
Refreshments to suit.

Saturday 22nd July

-Mini Golf Competition at the 18 hole mini-course at the Liverpool Golf Club between Fazackerly & Kirkby - Match starts at 6.00 p.m.

Mixed Doubles Championship (with a difference)

Rules:- A draw will be made, pairing each lady with a gent! The gent will hit all shots to the greens, the lady will do all the putting. High scores are anticipated - because the Ladies cannot putt.

The outcome of the above matches will be discussed at the nearest local in each case!

Saturday 29th July

-Tennis Club Social - Details at the Club.



7TH MAY 1972

SNOWDON

An enthusiastic start by several ramblers last Sunday was soon dampened by a showery wait for those more sleepy members of the party. The trip underway the journey proved quite uneventful in comparison to the return which was to be made.

The party was dropped at Pen-y-Pass where two of the more adventurous members took it upon themselves to take a rather more senior rambler up the Grib Goch ascent - no further bulletins can be issued upon these walkers as their progress was unknown to all but it is assumed that they conquered the summit - as little could be seen of it when the later party arrived. The "B" walk ascent - via the Miners Track - must have been equally as energetic as the "A" for three hardy members were forced to return to the coach via the Miners Track upon approaching the finishing lines.

The summit achieved-both parties partook of some light - or brown refreshment before an explanation of the scenery was made - unfortunately slightly blurred in its content.

The descent - by way of the Pyg Track - was again lead by our train - ed leader and except for a slight detour due to an oversight, proved to be relatively easy - save for an encounter with a little snow. The final few steps were along a short stretch of road completed by most in good time - the trail (misprint tail) ender however, is soon to be relegated to the A.O.

Little can be put into words regarding the return trip save that several people appeared to be deprived of one or two articles - which were later to be found a couple of feet away - obviously nothing was afoot.

Despite these several incidents, our thanks to all those concerned for a thoroughly enjoyable ramble.

THANK YOU

To BRIAN KELLER, JOE NOLAN, JOSIE O'KEEFE, JOHN LOVELADY and HAROLD BURNS for supplying the "POP" classics for the RAVE from the GRAVE night.

To MARGARET PRICE, MARGARET KELLY and JOHN CLARK for arranging an enjoyable if somewhat unusual evening at the BARBECUE.

REQUEST TIME

Ask JOHN WILSON to buy your favourite POP RECORD for the record box. It's your club - so why not have a say in it's running.

FIEBERBRUNN

2,700 FT.

KITZBUHEL ALPS

5,500 F.T.

JAN. 14 - 28 TH.

	<u>CLARKSON'S SCHLOSS</u>	<u>HARD'S CHALETS</u>
Cost of hotel and travel from Manchester to hotel	£48.00	£47.00
Notes.....	Snow Sun and Fun Party Get together party with glass of wine Toboggan run on Jaegertee	Meal vouchers for choice of menu at selected hotels or restaurant by the ski runs.
2 weeks ski and boot hire Ski school 4 hrs. per day	£14.00	£15.00
Snowjet pass	£6.75	Beginners 1 week £1.70 1 week £5.00 2nd. year 2 weeks £10.00
Liverpool to Manchester Airport Tax Manchester " " Munchen	£1.00 approx. 50p 65p	

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