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EDITORIAL.

Some Months ago, Eric indicated that he intended to take a well earned break from his lonely vigil as Editor of this Newsletter. A sad loss to amateur literary circles, but fortunately a fairly large group of members have been either coerced or voluntarily displayed interest in the continued production of this literary gem.

The Editorship has been accepted jointly by we three more intrepid members:- Pete McLindon, Dave Newns and Steve Price, who will bravely attempt to emulate Eric's enthusiasm and efficiency.

We will endeavour to stimulate more interest in future editions, particularly amongst newer members, by gathering provocative gossip, topical views and complete information about our varied activities.

Remember, to ensure that this Newsletter does not lapse into a mere programme, we must rely a great deal on your written subscriptions about rambles etc., and your expression of opinion either directly to us by letter or indirectly in general conversation.

Finally, the Ramblers join with the young ladies of the Notre Dame, La Sagesse and the Belvedere School, in wishing a fond "Au Revoir" to Martine, Odine and José, those delightful young ladies from France who shortly will be returning home after a year teaching in Liverpool. We will be able to enjoy their company for just three short weeks, during which time, José 's sister Catherine will sample the high life of the L.C.R.A. Be sure to give her a warm welcome.

Steve, Pete, Dave  
Joint Editors.



Nurses' Quarters,  
R.N.H. Mtorfa,  
Malta,  
B.F.P.O. 51.

Dear : Is it you .....

I very much appreciate receiving the monthly newsletter of L.C.R.A. 'goings-on' but since last September they promoted me to the 'outback of the Mediterranean' and still my newsletters are being sent to my original address at Hasler Hospital in Hampshire. They are beginning to give me stick on this (whilst re-directing them). Could you please inform whoever is responsible for the addressing of them of my 'new address', meanwhile, continued success with them, wishing I could join in the odd ramble but if I go too far here I just fall off the edge -- with a splash!

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Whittle S.E.N.

(ex-active member of course)

Dear Mr. Editor,

Letters sent to you recently on the subject of Rambling have tended to include a number of 'digs' at the 'Kellerites'. To balance the books a little I feel you should be aware of the following

On Sunday May 12th, Brian led a walk to Troutbeck. Not only was this the best (and longest) ramble for some time but it was most efficiently organised.

- (a) The coach left at 10.10a.m., which is quite prompt for us.
- (b) The stop on the outward journey was restricted to 20 minutes.
- (c) Our Ramble commenced at 1.0p.m. and finished only minutes earlier than anticipated by B.K. (6.0p.m.)
- (d) The Pub stop in Milnthorpe was carefully timed by the leader to allow sufficient time for us to get home at the correct time, despite the fact that we had to stop for petrol. (In fact we arrived at St. Johns Lane at 10.49p.m.)
- (e) The homeward journey was made most enjoyable thanks to our three excellent musicians, Mike, John and A.N. other.

So to summarise, the next time Mr. Keller is leading a Ramble, then perhaps you should go on it; you can be sure that it will be well organised, and well worth the effort.

Johnny Walker

EASTER  
AT  
BARMOUTH



The weather for the Easter weekend was quite exceptional with clear blue skies and hot sunshine for the full period, and this undoubtedly helped to make the weekend at the Sunny Sands Caravan Park, Tal-y-Bont, near Barmouth, a great success. Certainly the party of nearly 50 Ramblers made the most of their good luck, and spent the time sunbathing, rambling and playing soccer on the beach. Generally speaking, the majority of the crowd did a walk of some kind, a fairly large party doing an easy walk on the Saturday, and about twenty or so conquering Cader Idris on the following day. The highlight for many was the 2½ hour football match on the beach on the Monday, with skilful play being in short supply and foul play plentiful. The girls, rather surprisingly, showed no little skill, and what's more, lasted the pace rather better than their male counterparts. Some of the girls chose to sunbathe alongside the pitch, and from there they must have been impressed by the delicate touches of B.K. and Pete Pele. Fortunately, the outstanding skill of these players will never be forgotten, for our own outside broadcast unit was there to film the event for posterity, (a keen football fan).

The weekend provided yet another example of the fine standard of cooking which the lads have developed over the years, with Eric excelling again with his pancakes. The girls showed less originality and frequently resorted to tinned food.

Perhaps the most common topic of conversation for the lads centred around the football results, with the Everton supporters being somewhat subdued, and the Liverpoolians by now more interested in their expected success at Wembley; however their hopes were soon to be dashed!

The only other noteworthy item was the accidental dropping of a certain young lady in the sea, but that apart, it was a most enjoyable weekend, and a great credit to the organisers. Many thanks to all concerned.

Leslie Belsh.

NOTE If some of the above does not seem quite accurate,  
please turn to the next page.

So alright, Friday was cool, and only 40 attended, and only 8 went up Cader Idris, and Liverpool won the CUP FINAL, but the events detailed on the previous page were not from this year, but from Easter 1971, and Liverpool lost that Cup Final! That apart, the two weekends ran on virtually parallel lines, the weather this time being slightly cooler than three years ago. A thought occurs to me, if the Liverpoolian element within the club were to have their way, we would be going to Barmouth each Easter, for this appears to be the one sure way of getting their team to Wembley. The followers of the Boys-in-Blue had better start looking now for a new location for next year!

Football apart, congratulations to Eric on his stuffed hearts, to Big John on his delicious roast lamb and to Petal and B.K. on the "dripping".

Finally, a special word of thanks to our vivacious \*, charming \*, and highly organised \* leader, Lesley, for ensuring that all was ready for our invasion of the Caravan Park. Your many weeks of protracted negotiations with the management at Tal-y-Bont were well rewarded, thanks.

Leslie Belsh.

NOTE: - The adjectives "starred" above, were inserted by Miss Roberts.

Balade a Malham. Dimanche 24 mars - Translation

A Saunter at Malham. Sunday 24th March

It is said that Yorkshire is a region full of charm and mystery. It was perhaps a mystic appeal which led 30 or so of our courageous ramblers along the road to Malham that day. They were not going to be disappointed. However glorious weather was not to await them, but instead, a sky as grey as the water of Malham Tarn and as grey as the stones, which harmonized with this land of mists.

It seemed this dreamy landscape was the inspiration for artistic outbursts from our ramblers, for never were so many photographs taken - whether at some stopping place or other, or of someone making a heroic crossing of a stream. (Norman and his hat were both a terrific success)

No tiresome incident marred the order of events. Some of our intrepid ones were very surprised to find themselves at the edge of a precipice, but Tony, our brilliant leader, quickly put them back on the right path.

Returning home we stopped at a charming pub, the Hodestar, but it was a little cold for us, so we headed for another pub to Preston to listen to our friend the resident pianist, who was endowed with great talent and no less great ears. And this was again "Our Liverpool Home".

Richie Cannon

# Social.

The "Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Committee" (otherwise the L.C.R.A. Committee) is proud to present "for your very own enjoyment", the following programme for July and August:-

1. A Friday night barbecue at a beach in the Caldy area on 12th July. Organiser, from whom details can be obtained is Alan Joynson, telephone number 638-2489. The event is not only intended to comprise an evening of gastronomic delights, but also a beach party to follow. Music will be provided by our volunteer musicians and cassettes. Bring your own booze and bucket and spade.
2. A Club night out in the Manchester area on Friday 2nd August. Details from the Club later. Suggested venues we are looking into are "Fagans", "Tiffany's" and "Talk of the North" Eccles. We are also seeking to arrange an evening on the "Royal Iris". The Club night out in Manchester is dependant upon there being enough people to make it feasible to book a coach, so your support is requested.
3. Our previous Saturday night sport events have been well supported and future outings will include 'pitch and put' or Mini Golf and Crown Green Bowling at Seacombe. If you have not played 'pitch and put' before, you should not find it too difficult and it is good fun. Teams are organised in pairs (guys and gals) The boy has to pitch the ball off the 'rough' onto the green where his lady partner has the less strenuous but no less difficult task of putting the ball home in as few shots as possible. Liability cannot be accepted for broken windows! This event will take place on Saturday, 20th July.

## SOCIAL

July 11th	Disco	Dave the Rave
July 18th	Disco	John Coyle
July 25th	Disco	Johnny Mac (Lindon)
August 1st	Disco	Ladies Night
August 8th	Professional Disco	Late licence
August 15th	Disco	Terry and Peggy
August 22nd	Disco	Nastase Norman
August 29th	Disco	Anne and Richie

"Blasted  
high tide!"



## NIGHTS OUT

Saturday, 20th July

Mixed Doubles 'pitch and put'  
competition at New Brighton.  
Names to Pete McLindon.  
Cars leave St. Johns Lane at  
6.45p.m. prompt  
Celebration drinks after the event.

Friday, August 2nd -

Manchester Night Out.

Details from the Club.

Richie Cannon

Social Chairman

### NEW MEMBERS

Joan Westbrook  
Marian C. Greene  
Kathryn Whelan  
Ann Hannaway  
Teresa Morris  
John Gribben  
Frank Mullen

Francis Beswick  
Rosemarie Kunz  
Christopher McHugh  
Shelagh Wright  
John Wheeler  
Margaret Hanaway

# The Fred Norbury Trophy

As arranged by the Rambling Sub - Committee.

The decision to ask the Rambling section to organise this years trophy event was simple, but then the difficulty, 'how does one organise a rambling competition?'. The 'Fourteen Peaks' would eliminate all but a few of the club members as would other well known walks like the Fennine way or the Fellsmen Hike. A quick run up and down Snowdon or a quick dash along Striding Edge wouldn't prove very much and it could turn very dangerous if the weather turned nasty.

The best solution seemed to require a blend of rambling skills coupled to the spice of competition but, contained within a relatively safe area of a square mile or so. It was <sup>therefor</sup> proposed that we arrange an Orienteering competition. A number of club members had already taken part in a few such events and so knew the basic principles. However, to cater for the other people who had not tried this sport a series of training sessions were organised. These followed the lines of a discussion on map reading, practise in the use of a compass, and later in Formby Pinewoods, practical work on estimating distances and walking a bearing.

About twenty people availed themselves of this service on the five sessions arranged and although in practise the majority of ramblers knew the principles of navigating, the results of the event were to show that Orienteering, like other sports, does require it's own special skill.

## APPRECIATIONS.

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The event was held in Clocaenog Forest, near Ruthin in North Wales, by the Kind permission of the Forestry Commission.

In order that all the club members could take part in the event, the course was planned by Mike Richardson who is a member of the Deeside Orienteering Club. Early on Sunday morning he arrived at the forest and set up the twelve controls we were to use and after the event he went around once again to collect them.

The start and finish officials were Betty Burns, Gerry Penlington, and Steeve Frice who were supported by Monica Moran and Josie O'Keefe.

Although most of the party travelled by coach, Ray O'Connor and a few of his friends went in his van, which mode of transport was to be the search / ambulance vehicle in an emergency.

The special maps used were drawn and supplied by the Deeside Orienteering Club.



## THE EVENT

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The start was set up in one of the picnic sites in the forest. To avoid a mass exodus a staggered start was adopted in which competitors started at one minute intervals. Armed with map and compass they were quickly lost to sight as they weaved their way amongst the pinetrees.

Clocaenog Forest is particularly dense and it was almost impossible to navigate a straight line. I say almost because some people did. Fortunately there were plenty of forest roads tracks, rides, and streams and so plenty of scope for chosing what one considered the best route.

In the forest it was hot and still and it didn't take much effort to break into a sweat (or glow) The men's course was 5 miles in length ( as the crow flies) and contained 12 controls. The ladies course was only 3 miles long ( using the same crow) and contained 7 controls. I must say I found the going difficult, particularly along the rides where the conditions underfoot were made difficult by a combination of uneven ground and clumps of heather which tended to conceal the uneven surface.

The evening was concluded with a visit to a large mansion just outside Ruthin called Llambeder Hall. Harold Burns acted as official photographer and flashed his light source numerous times whilst the joint winners posed with the cup. We haven't seen any of the pictures yet - perhaps he forgot to put a film in ?

## THE RESULTS

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Congratulations to Phil Walsh for winning her first attempt at an orienteering event and also to Leslie Roberts who was only 10 minutes behind her.

In the mens event which was won by Eric Kavanagh the real excitement lay in the runner up position where Dennis Murphey, John Wheeler and Dave Newns were only separated by 2 and 3 minutes respectively.

One way to get a mention in the results is to be last by a more than substantial margin and so we congratulate Dave Holden on completing the course.

Orienteering is fun weather one wins or looses. I hope you enjoyed it, and more important I hope you want another event soon.



The Fred Norbury Trophy..... RESULTS..... yhporT yrubroN derF eht  
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1	Eric Kavanagh	1.56	1	Phil Walsh	1.32
2	Dennis Murphey	2.28	2	Leslie Roberts	1.42
3	John Wheeler	2.30	3	Margaret Smith	2.12
4	Dave Newns	2.33	4	Carol Larwood	2.21
5	Frank Fitzmaurice	2.56	5	Martine Pons ) Tony Frith )	2.23
6	Philip Wright	3.24	6	Clare Conlon	2.45
7	Brian Keller	3.34	7	Josie Touya	2.52
8	Brother Tim	3.47	8	Anna Kupiec	2.59
9	A.J. Brockway	3.50			
10	Hugh Molloy	3.51			
11	Harold Burns	3.53			
12	Arthur Brockway	3.54			
13	Peter McLindon	3.56			
14	Dave Holden	5.25			

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 1 control missing.....Mike Rowland
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- 2 " " .....Sheila Wright  
 Bernie McMullen  
 Una McManus
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- 4 " " .....Bill Carruthers  
 Mike Bradley  
 Barry Dooley
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- Control cards not handed in...Richie Cannon  
 John Clarke  
 John Watkins
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- Retired Gracefully.....Frank Johnston  
 Mike Faulds  
 Alan Joynson.

Note:- The times given above are in Hours and minutes.

*Eric Kavanagh*

# FAMILY SECTION.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is just a timely reminder that the A.G.M. of the Family Section will take place at the home of Bill and Norah Naylor, 114 Moss Lane, Maghull. The date is September 6th, and it gives all members a chance to have their say regarding the running of the Section, and to offer themselves for election to the committee for the next 12 months.

On May 4th a very enjoyable evening was held at the 'Riverside' at Southport. 24 members attended, and helped by the festival atmosphere created by Liverpool's Cup win, a good time was had by all.

June 20th was the night of our Social Evening held at the Unionist Hall in Maghull. We had dancing to records, and tea and biscuits were provided. Unfortunately the attendance was disappointing, but the enthusiasm of those who turned up, gave enough encouragement to try the same again later on.

On June 7th the normal monthly get together was held at the home of John and Kath Peloe.

June 16th was the day of the ramble to Foxhill, led by Joe Whitfield. About 70 parents and children turned out for a very satisfying walk.

On July 12th Mona Roberts will be playing hostess at the monthly get together, this time at 7 Elmsbank Road, Greenbank Road, off Smithdown Road, Liverpool 18.

The next ramble, on July 21st, is to Freshfield, and will be led by Maureen Howard and Geoff Slack. Meet at the station car park at the usual time, and be ready to leave at 1 o'clock. Bring your swim suits - just in case!

The get together for August will be on the 9th, and will be at the home of Cyril and May Kelly at 2 Poverty Lane, Maghull.

# Ramblerite.

Now you will have all received a copy of the summer programme, and by looking through it, you will find it a wide and varied programme. Consisting of Rambles, Camping Weekends, Chalet Weekends and also a weekend at Lakeside House in Keswick.

The Rambles will go to Wales, Lake District, Yorkshire and Derbyshire. There will be A and B walks on nearly all Rambles and C Walks on some.

We hope to have a Caravan Weekend in August. If you have any suggestions on where to go, please see Barry Dooley or Ray O'Connor as soon as possible, and please can we have more response to this appeal than we got at Whit.

We are also going to Keswick at the end of October and you are strongly advised to book early for this weekend, as it is likely to be fully booked.

In your programme the chalet is down for November 17th and Mike Turner's walk to the Clwyds down for the 24th. These dates have now been swapped round. Your programme should now read:-

Chalet Weekend	November 24th
The Clwyds	November 17th

## Programme for July

July 7th - Trough of Bowland - Phil Wright

The Trough of Bowland is in the Slaidburn area of the West Riding of Yorkshire. It is an easy walk across open Moorland.

July 14th - Childrens Outing

July 21st - Langdales - Mike Bradley

The Langdales are in the Coniston area of the Lake District. There will be a hard A walk and a fairly easy B walk that day.

July 28th - The Twelve Apostles - John Clarke  
A pleasant walk through Dovedale. It is presumed that the Twelve Apostles are a group of twelve boulders (none of which we climb)

August 4th - Striding Edge - Brian Keller  
(Helvellyn, Lake District)

August 11th - Pen-yr-Olwen - Barry Dooley  
(Ogwen Valley, Snowden area)

INVITATION WALK TO INGLEBOROUGH - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 1974.

10.0 a.m. 45 - a large number of ramblers - set off for Ingleborough. 2,373 ft. up, i.e. 4,746 ft. up and down - sounds a lot.

12.30 - coffee and then the usual chaos of "where's my boots" and "that's not my sock" "Oh! I've never seen feet like that before"

Ribbleshead - everybody out - even Dave. We were warned about a 30 minute climb but everybody made it all right. When the ramblers had walked for 30 minutes it was obviously time for a "butty-break".

Then we met an obstacle "THUMP" "Will you leave that fence alone, Les". After picking herself up we went on to follow-the-leader through the mist. I couldn't see who was leading, the mist was too misty.

Time for another butty-break - not far to the top now - but where is the top? Calling the leader with her expert knowledge of the compass we were soon there.

Suddenly the sun came out "Gosh, look at that - quick take a photo". Brian readily agreed while in the process of being pushed to the back and having his hat pulled down over his hair, which he never even had time to run a comb through ... pity, the sun just wouldn't wait !

Excellent walk I thought - who would disagree when we were even back by 11.45 though rather hoarse due to choruses rendered during the return journey home.

All new members - well done ! We hope to see you on future walks.

Anna Kupiec

TENNIS SECTION

Tennis Dance The Tennis Dance seemed to be quite successful despite such short notice, although it could have been better attended.

Membership Anyone requiring tennis membership forms should see myself, anyone who has not had their membership cards I'm sorry but they are waiting for the cards to arrive so try to be patient.

Tennis Balls I have a stock of these now, anyone not had any yet could they please let me know.

Tennis Tournament Is now underway with members taking part in both the singles and doubles tournaments, I will keep you informed of their progress throughout the tournament.

Coaching Anyone interested in coaching could they please let me know and I will arrange for it free of charge.

Clothing Once again I must stress that plimsoles must be worn on courts, whites also should try and be worn wherever possible.

Now that the weather is more settled! I hope to see more of you down at the tennis club, I'm sure you will enjoy it whether your a beginner or a profecient tennis player. See you there !

# The ramblers worst funny story

A new member recently described the Ramblers as "a bunch of comedians", the description no doubt stemming from the general tomfoolery of the Sunday Ramblers, and perhaps, more likely from their selection of "funny" stories. The standard of these stories varies greatly, but generally they can be classified as pathetic. The thought occurs to me, that the Newsletter Staff, should search long and hard for the Ramblers Worst Funny Story, and then present the person responsible with an appropriate prize. So please can we have your entry; either give it to Pete McLindon, or post it to him at  
21 Shanklin Road,  
Liverpool L15 4JE

Perhaps an indication of the standard expected is revealed by the following gem recently told by a Committee Member who should remain anonymous, but whose name is Lesley Roberts.

At the Court of King Arthur, 'twas 1259 (or almost one o'clock) when the Damsel-in-Distress warning siren sounded. Arthur looked at his Duty Rota. All his knights, with the exception of Sir Cyril, were out in search of the Holy Grail. Arthur frowned, for the weather was foul that night, and Sir Cyril had been unwell of late. Still, the damsel had to be saved, and Sir Cyril would have to be the man for the job. "Call Sir Cyril" the King yelled. Shortly the knight presented himself before the King, there to be told that he had to rescue the Damsel in Distress (which is just outside Blackburn) "My Lord" he cried "I cannot, for I am without horse." (i.e. his sore throat had cleared up!) Sir Cyril explained that Sir Gerry had borrowed his horse to go in search of the Holy Grail. In desperation, King Arthur spun round and looked at his old and boney Afghan hound cowering under the table. "Sir Cyril, you will mount the hound and ride o'er yonder hill and rescue the Damsel in Distress", said Arthur. Sir Cyril glanced at the hound and cried,

"My Lord, you would n't send a Knight out on a Dog like this."

Beat that if you can !

*Neil*

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Paul and Paddy Roberts (Sheehan) on the birth of their son Mark Kevin  
Paul and Pat Lavery on the birth of their son Mark James.

And also to:

Billy Carruthers and Ann Cahill / Emile Rodrigues and Sue on their recent engagements.