



SUPER  
RAMBLER

VOTE "YES"  
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EDITORIAL.

You will see the official notice elsewhere in this issue announcing a special general meeting to be held on 11th September. This will be an exceptionally important meeting and could radically affect the future of the Association.

The motion proposed is that non-catholics should be admitted as associate members of the club. The committee strongly recommends that you vote in favour of the motion.

The motion has been raised by the committee as nowadays there is a developing atmosphere of friendship and a lowering of the barriers between the various churches which allows a new freedom to all to participate in the activities of the churches and church organisations.

We feel that the club should now be more responsive to the evolving climate of co-existence by allowing non-catholics into our Association. This all sounds very theoretical but let us bring it down to a personal level - to a situation which could affect you!

How many of you have non-catholic friends whom you know would enjoy the facilities of the club but whom you have not been able to invite because of this out-dated rule.

Would you consider it right that a person with a genuine interest in the club can be turned away at the door because of his religion? Of course you would be shocked - but this is a club rule!

Please follow your committee's advice and help us to change this unfair rule by voting in favour of allowing non-catholics to become associate members of this Association.

Let me allay the fears that the control of the club may pass into the hands of non-catholics. This cannot be so as associate membership will not carry voting rights.

The committee is certain that this motion is a fair and equitable amendment to the constitution of the Association and we recommend strongly that all members attend the meeting and vote in favour.

J.V. Clarke  
Chairman

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1975.

Notice is hereby given that an Extra-Ordinary-General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday 11th. September in the Manx Suite of the Mona Hotel commencing at 9p.m. prompt to consider the following proposed amendments to the 1964 Constitution.

THE PROPOSAL

" Proposed " Amendments to Part 2 of the 1964 Constitution.  
MEMBERSHIP.

Eligibility for Membership:- Delete existing paragraph 1 and

Insert the following:-

1(a). Full Membership of the Association shall be open to all Catholics of either sex who have attained the age of eighteen years.

1(b). Associate Membership of the Association shall be open to Non-Catholics of either sex who have attained the age of eighteen years.

Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings or serve or vote on the General Committee but shall be eligible to serve and vote on any Sub-Committee to which they may be co-opted.

1(c). All references to Members in these Rules shall apply equally to Full and Associate Members except where they are inconsistent with rule 1(b) above.

TRUSTEES

Qualification:-

Delete existing paragraph 10 and Insert the following:-

10. A trustee must be a Full member of the Association and he shall have attained the age of 25 years. No Officer or Committee member may hold the office of Trustee.

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The day dawned hot and stayed hot. The 'A' Walk set off energetically towards Mynydd Mawr, the 'B' Walk, when organised, set off at an enthusiastic stroll, John Clarke leading. After a little hesitation we found a path along the west side of the Snowdon Range. This seemingly easy path proved a test of true rambler grit. Our first major obstacle was an iron girder bridge; this would have been all right if someone had remembered to finish it - and not just thrown the odd beam here and there leaving a clear view of the drop below! But everyone got across safely.

The sign saying "Bombs keep out" brought the comment "We're not bombs so it doesn't apply" but we skirted that field.

Caution also got the better of us when we met a barred gate holding the threat "Beware of the Dangerous Cow". We did not discover what breed of cow a 'dangerous' one was and as no-one volunteered to find out, we descended to Lake Cwellyn for a cool paddle before returning by the same route.

M. Smith (Mk II)

#### FAMILY SECTION DIARY

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| August 3rd    | <u>ROOLEY MOORE</u> Harry & Ronnie O'Neill's Walk. Meet at St. Vincent's School, Edenfield Road, Norden, Rochdale. 12.30 for a 1 p.m. start. |
| August 22nd   | The Slack's House. 91 Stairhaven Road, Brodie Avenue, Liverpool 19, on the left just past Booker Avenue.                                     |
| September 7th | George & Freda Skillcorn's Walk. Meet at the Chorley Market Car Park at 12.30 for a 1 p.m. start.  |

MORE NEW MEMBERS:- At the General Committee Meeting on the 14th. July, the following applications for membership were approved:- Brian Fleet, Bernadette McCaffrey, Susan Chambers, Francis Michael O'Shea, Denis Robinson, Leslie Eyton, Philip Goodall, John Goulding, Jim Harkins, Richard Johnston, (all of whom applied on 12/6/75), Patricia Downs, Margaret E. Smith, (19/6/75), Judith Clarke (26/6/75), Marian Walsh, Marian McNerney, Stephen Fergus, Clare Morris, and Mark Roberts ( 3/7/75.)

The Club Membership now stands at--- 273..... being.....

195 single Members.

78 Joint Members.

The field of battle was Clocaenog Forest, the weapons were map and compass and the rules were as for Orienteering.

Appreciations

It is fortunate that we have friends in the Deeside Orienteering Club for it was their expertise which enabled us to organise our event with relatively little effort. Our thanks to Mike Richardson who advised us on the correct procedures, planned the course and also supplied the maps from the Deeside Orienteering Club's stocks; to the Forestry Commission who gave us permission to use the area in question; to Chris Dobbin and Gerry Penlington who did a fine job acting as registration officials, starters, and timing officials; and to the Social Committee for booking the Clwyd Gate Inn for the evening. However I feel Monica Moran was the most popular official as she dispensed lemon juice to the thirsty competitors as they finished. Last but not least to Hugh Molloy who helped to collect the markers in after the event. It is perhaps unfortunate that some of the inexperienced ramblers did not take up Hugh's offer of an introductory event; for the sport is only easy to those who can read a map, estimate distances and use a compass.

The Event

Twelve men and three women took part in the competition proper, whilst another sixteen people attempted the course in the company of a friend. Of this latter group it is pleasing to note that seven actually completed their particular course. Perhaps if we have another event these seven will try the event proper and go solo.

The Handicap

This was a difficult one. Some handicap times were based on last year's results, whilst others were given because the particular people were young and fit. It is interesting to note that all the handicapped people but one finished in the premier positions. This odd one out was Peter Kennedy who was off scratch and came third on the uncorrected times. This was a remarkably good effort for it was his first orienteering event.

It is interesting to compare the performance of our competitors over the two years for it shows some remarkable changes in times.

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Average attendance at the Socials for the period 5/9/74--10/7/75 is 88; this compares with an overall average of 79.3 for the previous year.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Comparison</u>	
	<u>Time in Minutes</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Frank Fitzmaurice	176	149
Dennis Murphy	148	167
Mike Bradley	Unfinished	186
Dave News	153	180
Peter McLindon	236	249
John Clarke	Unfinished	256
Harold Burns	233	Unfinished
Phil Walsh	92	122
Lesley Roberts	102	149
Margaret Smith	132	189

The Results

Without doubt Frank Fitzmaurice is to be congratulated on a fine win with a much superior performance to last year. However with his handicap penalty he only beat Peter Kennedy by three minutes.

On the ladies side Phil Walsh consolidated her position and is the first person to have her name engraved twice on the trophy. Her principal competitors, Lesley Roberts and Margaret Smith were for the second year running, second and third respectively despite the handicaps of Phil and Lesley.

The day was superb for this type of event, perhaps a little hot for the competitors but ideal for those who had finished, for they just basked in the sunshine awaiting their departure to the Clwyd Gate for the evenings supper/disco.

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Statistics show that women usually outlive men. It's no surprise, look how much better they are treated !

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Results of Mens Event - 8 Km

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Actual time (Minutes)</u>	<u>Handicap (Minutes)</u>	<u>Handicap time (Minutes)</u>
1st	Frank Fitzmaurice	149	20	169
2nd	Peter Kennedy	172	-	172
3rd	Dennis Murphy	167	25	192
4th	Mike Bradley	186	15	201
5th	Dave Newns	180	25	205
6th	Peter McLindon	249	-	249
JC 7th	John Clarke	256	-	256
8th	Dave Cartledge	257	-	257
9th	John Gibb	258	-	258
10th	Dominic Burns	Course unfinished		
11th	Harold Burns	- do -		
12th	Bernard Marin	- do -		

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Results of Women's Event - 5 Km

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Actual time (Minutes)</u>	<u>Handicap (Minutes)</u>	<u>Handicap Time (Minutes)</u>
1st	Phil Walsh	122	25	147
2nd	Lesley Roberts	149	16	165
3rd	Margaret Smith	189	-	189

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What happens on Thursday September 11th ? You don't know !  
Then please read the Editorial again. The date is important.

Non Competitive - 8 Km

Michael O'Shea )  
Paul Warner ) 267 minutes

Jin Hawkins )  
Phil Goodall ) Course not finished

Non Competitive - 5 Km

Robert Banks 189 minutes

Madelaine Boyd )  
Marie KEARNEY ) 246 minutes

Daphne Kenna )  
Pauline Cunningham ) 246 minutes  
Clare Conlon )

Tim Chrimes 255 minutes

Leslie Eyton )  
Richard Johnston ) Course not finished

Allan Joynson - do -

Ursula Norton )  
Pat Unsworth ) - do -

The Evening

Chicken or Scampi in a basket with chips, a cooling pint of ale and the perspiring efforts of the earlier part of the day became a distant, hazy memory. The view from the restaurant windows was terrific for we were high up in the Clwydian Range and we were able to overlook Ruthin and Clocaenog Forest towards the setting sun. The music was pleasant and after supper with the curtains drawn and the lights dimmed the dancers took to the floor.

The Presentation

During a short interval in the dancing Gerry Penlington presented the Fred Norbury Trophy to Phil Walsh and Frank Fitzmaurice. Congratulations to them both.

However, it was immediately taken back off them in order to be engraved and will be officially presented to them in the club rooms at a later date.



Comments

It was harder than last year!

The map was superb!

It was a good day!

I must learn more about map reading!

Is that a stream!

We should have read the legend!

Did you see any flies?

Can we have another event after the Annual Mass?

D.O.C.

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A GRAVE SITUATION.

The Zoo keepers at Blackpool were delighted a couple of years ago when two, extremely rare , grey Cranes were given to the Zoo. However, at that time, little was known about these rare birds, and as a result , over a period of time they lost weight as nothing would persuade them to take food. Eventually, and inevitably, they died.

Devastated with their great loss the keepers buried the two GREY CRANES in a small plot of land within the Zoo grounds, and a small plaque was erected to mark the spot.

Incredibly, within two days of the burial, a most magnificent bed of flowers grew up and bloomed on the spot where the two Grey Cranes had been buried. In an effort to seek an explanation for this amazing occurrence, the Zoo keepers hired the services of a Scientist.

After a week of thorough and searching tests he arrived at the conclusion that this unusual happening had something to do with the fact that

" GREY, DEAD CRANES MAKE FINER FLOWER."

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TEACHERS --- You have been hard at it recently marking Exam papers  
Send us some examples of those "howlers"  
e.g. " Julius Caesar came to Britain to convert it to  
Christianity in 55B.C."

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In response to Frank Mullin's comments in the previous two issues, the following letter was received from John McGuirk of:-

25, Sycamore Road,  
Waterloo,  
Liverpool, L22 4QJ  
16th July 1975.

Dear Frank,

In the last two editions of the newsletter you have pleaded for someone, "Anyone" to advise you why the "Family Section" does not attend the club rooms. Although not a member of the Family Section, I am a contemporary of some of them, so I feel I am in a position to answer your question.

Your present meeting place at the "Mona" is less comfortable compared with the premises at the Cathedral Buildings, Brownlow Hill and the Design Centre, Hope Street. The room is small in comparison and becomes very warm (even with the windows open). Add to this the large attendances you have been getting recently, it is not a very pleasant place for comfort. Furthermore, seating is obviously at a premium in relation to recent attendances, even though a large crowd gathers around the bar.

Apart from comfort there have been many occasions when the "dance" floor has been sparsely populated whilst the bar does a roaring trade. (In fairness a few weeks ago when I last attended I was pleasantly surprised at the number of people who were on the floor.) I know that the "Jungle Music" is the "in-thing" for the majority of the active membership, but it is certainly not the type of music for dancing appreciated by my contemporaries. (We don't mind a bit of it, but not a non-stop noise.) Only once in my experience has the disc jockey played a reasonable selection of records. These included jive, but no waltzes, slow foxes or quicksteps which would be appreciated by the Family Section. If the family section attends, it should receive some consideration in the form of records played.

I am aware that times change, but the noise, heat records and smallness of the room, do nothing to encourage me to attend the club regularly. In other words, maybe bigger, cooler rooms, with dancing (ancient & modern) - Ballroom, Jive and Beat would attract back to the fold, the "Older Members" of the Ramblers, together with the Family Section. I am in favour of a bar, but feel that the bar distracts people from the dance floor. In the past, at the Rambler's other premises, where there was no bar, more dancing was done, and at the same time people were still able to converse (sitting or standing).

Having said all of that the Ramblers have progressed with the various activities they now organise. If only they could apply themselves with the same initiative re club nights on the points mentioned above - If they want to, that is.

Yours sincerely,  
John D. McGuirk.

## SOCIAL

First off thanks to Mr. McGurk for taking the trouble to write - his comments are noted.

I think his basic idea is fair comment, but, to be honest I also think he has missed the point. I have been trying to find out why the Family Section do not support outside activities (i.e. outside the Mona) A recent example is the Tennis Club Dance when a group was hired. Also the Fred Norbury Event, the Mini Golf competition, Car Rally etc etc.

I am most anxious to avoid two very distinct classes within the Ramblers which it seems (to me at least) is happening now.

In view of our attendances on Thursdays (100+) out of a non family section membership of 180 I do not think a change would be for the good, but support for other activities would create a better all round atmosphere.

### Social Diary

31st July	Ray Duke
7th August	Frank Mullin
14th August	Pat Unsworth
21st August	John Mac
28th August	Dennis Keenan
4th September	Phil Markieuke

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Further comments on the subject raised in John McGurk's letter:-

Regrettably, I cannot agree with John.

As a 'brain-washed' oldie who regularly attends the Socials I cannot see a change in records bringing out family section members from their pressing duties, mainly with young families. In any case, when I was young the 'oldies' of those days wanted the 'Lancers!', the Polka etc etc instead of Fox Trots, Quicksteps, Zambas etc etc.

Accommodation as central as the Mona, and as cheap, is just not available. Besides, when we were at Cathedral Buildings the very location at the top of Brownlow Hill dissuaded many, particularly the young girls, from attending except in numbers or with escort.

Both the Design Centre and the R.A.F. Club were considerably away from the town centre thus deterring our Wirral brethren.

Overall, our years at the Mona have seen a steady increase in attendance at Socials, on Rambles and at Annual Meetings.

It was always harder for the older generation to understand the younger. I don't pretend to understand them - I'm just jealous of their zest, enthusiasm and joi de vivre.

Gerry Pennington

News from Near and Afar

CONGRATULATIONS:- All engagements are something special, but when the Chairman and Vice "Chairman" of the Ramblers are engaged, then this is more than special, it is probably unique. So John and Lesley, on behalf of the Newsletter Committee, all the typists, the printers, and all members home and abroad, many congratulations and Best Wishes for your future happiness. And talking of engagements, I have no intention of overlooking the recent engagement of Alec Dunn and Una McManus. Congratulations and Best Wishes to them also.

Editor

Blessed Sacrament Fathers,  
Gooding Avenue,  
Leicester LE3 1JS 30.5.75.

Dear Mr. Dobbin,

I am truly overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown towards me by the cheque and accompanying letter which you sent on behalf of the ramblers. It was so unexpected, and really, undeserved; how grateful I am.

I found my membership of the club a truly enriching experience. The example of the members; of good christian fellowship, kindness and consideration for others, would put many clergy and religious to shame! I am grateful too, for the opportunity it provided me for seeing some of the beauty of England and Wales. And have many happy memories of well spent Sundays, seeing the flora and fauna during the daylight hours and seeing other skills demonstrated at the stops at the local hostelryes!

Last September, it seems years ago; I thought I would only be in Leicester for a year but it looks as though this will be extended to a couple more. So I will have to treasure those memories a little longer before I will be able to resume my membership of the L.C.R.A. Until that time, however, I will always be interested to hear of, and from, members of the club and their activities.

To conclude, I reiterate how grateful I am for your generosity towards me. I can only reciprocate by offering the service of my prayers for the success of the association and the spiritual and material wellbeing of its members.

Yours gratefully in Christ Eucharistic  
Bro Timothy McLoughlin S.S.S.

For our many new members, I should explain that Brother Tin was an active member of the Ramblers until last September when he was moved from the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Clayton Square, to his present post in Leicester. He was a keen Rambler and could always be relied upon to inject a few of his humorous tales into the conversations at the afore-mentioned hostelries. We look forward to seeing him again in the not-too-distant future.

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2, Whitwell Drive,  
Upton.

4th July 1975.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I through your columns offer a sincere Thank You to Eric Kavanagh for all his hard work in organizing the Orienteering Event for the Fred Norbury Trophy competition. I am sure all those who took part that day would join with me in saying how much we appreciated the quiet, but as usual, efficient organization he did backstage which gave us all such an enjoyable and smooth running day - we won't mention the puffing panting up those rides, but next time Eric you might just remember to remove a few of those fallen trees as well.

Many thanks again - we look forward to your next event in September.

Yours Sincerely

Phil Walsh.

News from afar

For the first time in some 37 years, Tony Reynolds returned home from South Africa for a brief visit. Naturally, being still a keen member he tried on numerous occasions to see his old friend Cyril Kelly, but unfortunately Cyril was away on holiday at the time. However, Tony eventually was able to speak to Cyril from London Airport shortly before he departed on his homeward journey. He asked to be remembered to all his old friends and wishes the club continued success in the future.

Thanks Tony.

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Victoria,  
Australia.

June 1975

Dear L.B.R.

I received your newsletter today 3½ months after it was posted, and it was interesting to read all the news. I was very pleased to hear Cyril had a nice time at his anniversary 'do', and I presume there was not much hot pot din din left after you had all finished. I was very interested in one of his answers to the question Miss Smith asked, "Would you join the club today?" Cyril went on to say, today is a different environment, I still love the open air, but whether I would come to the socials! Well Folks times do change which I found out last time home, but I don't think the music would appeal to me either. I bet you when Cyril and I met in the Cathedral Club room years ago, it was a real free for all. I can tell you a few well known members who used to turn up with an old rucksack, baggy trousers and polo neck jumper, a real old night it used to be, and by the time 10.0p.m. came the party was always in full swing, a few barn dances and a couple of good swings were just great. It was a real rambling club, a bone shaker, and it was good fun. These days it all seemed to me to be a la de da sort of night, pressed suits, shirts nicely ironed, bow tie and shiney shoes. I was a rambler, I'm still a rambler, and I reckon I'll stay as such, no, the la de da stuff doesn't appeal to me at all, these days I'm a swaggy, no old Cyril is right Folks, we are all Ramblers, and you know what? Its the greatest life in the world. See you later Folks

Yours Ever

Puss in Boots.

Melbourne

PUSS IN BOOTS

Since writing the above - Albert paid a fleeting visit to the Clubrooms - we hoped he enjoyed himself.

Ed.

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AND GOING ABROAD ? If you fancy trying your hand at Ski-ing then have a word with Eric Kavanagh for he has already booked his holiday this time to CERVINIA, again for 2 weeks - The date? - Jan 31st 1976.

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RAMBLERITE.

Fixtures:-

27th. July.....	Crinkle Crag.
3rd. August.....	Cader Idris.
10th. August.....	Howarth.
17th. August.....	Dovedale.
24th. August.....	Bank Holiday Weekend. (details at the Club)
31st. August.....	Carneods.
7th. September....	Striding Edge.

The Rambles of the next few weeks are some of the best and most interesting on our programme, so if you have not yet ventured out with the Ramblers, then why not take the plunge now?

All Ramblers are reminded of the need to be properly equipped, for the mountains and hills of England and Wales can be dangerous if treated carelessly. Boots with vibram soles should be worn. Windproof anoraks, warm clothing and waterproof gear should always be taken, and if not worn, they should be carried. A complete change of clothing is recommended.

Frank Fitzmaurice.

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FOR THE RECORD:- The fixtures of the last 5 weeks produced the following figures:-

15th. June .....	Thors Cave .....	36 Ramblers.
22nd. June .....	Nantlle Ridge .....	32 "
29th. June .....	Fred Norbury Event ..	38 on the Coach. 5 by Car.
6th. July .....	Weatherlam .....	48. (Coach filled 45- 3 by Car)
13th. July .....	Castle of the Winds ..	29.

The Coach fare in each case was £1-30.

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PARACHUTE FOR SALE - AS NEW  
NEVER OPENED - ONLY ONE OWNER

ONE OF MY RELATIVES  
HAS JUST GONE TO FRAT  
NICE?  
NO, NEPHEW ACTUALLY

Irishman on a driving test  
opened the door to let the  
clutch out.

Definition of Locomotive : a crazy reason  
for doing it.

Two stoned Irishmen were staggering along  
a railroad track, when one tiredly com-  
plained to the other, "I sure wish we'd  
get to the bottom of this flight of stairs."  
"The stairs aren't the worst of it," grum-  
bled the second, "It's the low handrail  
that bugs me."

In 1066 when William the Conqueror came over  
to Britain with his men they fought a pitched  
battle at Hastings. Harold ordered the  
British to kill the Norman King. Therefore to this  
day, any person who mercilessly raids an attack  
is called a Norman Hunter.

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?  
YES PLEASE.  
'EVERTON'

Definition of water : a fine drink if taken  
in the right spirit.

A definition of debate : what lures de fish.  
GERMAN DEFINITION - Learner Driver - DUMKOPFF MITT ELPLATZ.