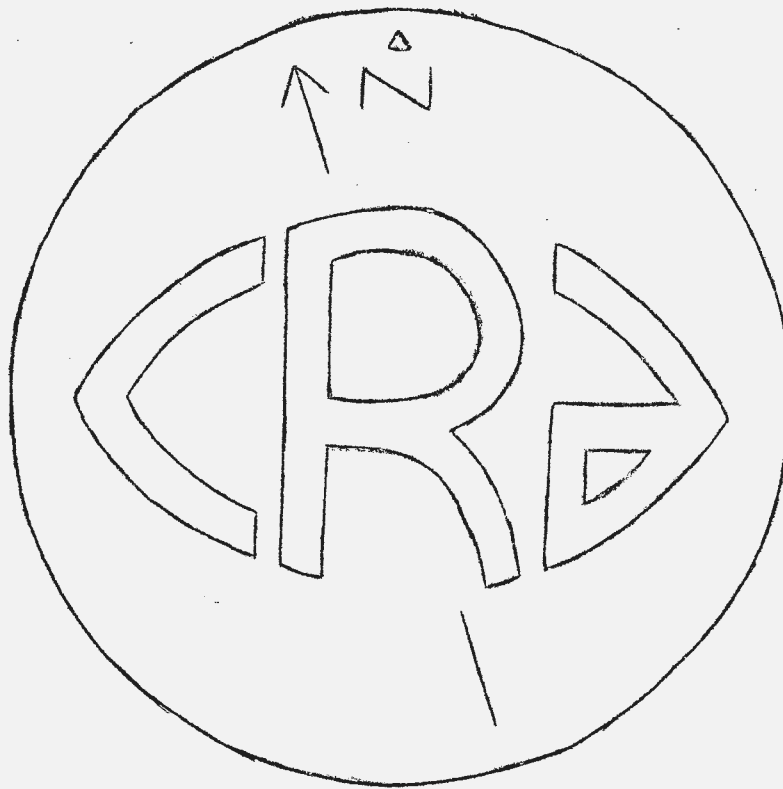


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EDITORIAL

FRONT COVER *****

The C. R. A. sign on this months front cover was designed and drawn by John Potter who has just recently been co-opted as chairman of the Rambling Sub Committee.

John is actually the third chairman the rambling sub has had this year. Bill Clay had to retire due to pressure of work, in his employment and at home. I imagine newly married couples only realise the problems of making a house a home when they actually move in. Ray Anderson took over from Bill on a temporary basis. As his Post Higher National exams are due shortly it was imperative that he concentrate on his own future rather than on the rambling present.

I know John Potter has an excellent history of rambling to his credit and without doubt he will prove to be an accomplished leader.

THE FELLSMAN *****

Our congratulations go to Bob O'Niell, who has just completed the first "Fellsman-Walk" attempted by a Club member.

Originally a number of ramblers were going to attempt the walk but for various reasons they had to withdraw. This of course makes Bob's effort all the more worthwhile as his attempt was a purely individual one. It is efforts like this which generate a tradition in the club, a tradition of which we can all be proud, however traditions must be developed and so I ask "Will the Rambling Sub be entering a team in next year's Fellsman?".

TIE 14 PEAKS *****

In the last year or so the Club's more serious attempts at rambling have been over the "14 PEAKS" in the Snowdon area and I believe a further venture may be made over the same ground at the end of this year.

FELLSMAN HIKE

MAY 17th - 18th

Club Competitor	Bob O'Neill
Others	319
Distance	50 miles
Total Height Climbed	10,000 ft.
Location	West Riding Fells
Bob's time	22 hrs. 51 mins.
Effort	Incalculable
Result	Satisfactory
Organisers	Keighley Scouters

Congrats Bob on your fine achievement - the bare facts above could be woven into a tremendous adventure story - but all we can do is to give a glimpse of what it entailed.

Bob started the event in company with 319 other keen hikers, from Ingleton at 12 noon on the Saturday. Up and over Ingleborough, Great Cumb, Whernside, and others. The field was soon strung out until dusk when they formed into groups of six for the trek thro' the dark. Between 2 - 4 in the morning was particularly trying when they were enveloped in a snow-storm at 2,500 ft. on Fleet Moss. What a relief it must have been to arrive at Grassington at 11 a.m. Sunday, 23 hours without a rest. Once again Bob - we must hand it to you - lets hope your experience can encourage a team from the club to enter next years event.

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14 PEAKS 14 PEAKS 14 PEAKS

At Cathedral Buildings 10th June, there will be a meeting to discuss the feasibility of attempting the 14 peaks in early September.

This meeting will be open to all Club members - come along and hear everything at 8 p.m.

Tom Chambers at present holds the record - how about us beating it - 28 miles - 8 HRS 20 MINS.

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GENERAL MEETING

Recently a general meeting of the Association was held at the design centre - its' purpose - to establish contact and commence a dialogue between committee and members. It was felt that owing to the large numbers of new members joining the Club since last September's A.G.M. the meeting would serve a useful and essential need by introducing the key committee members and outlining the work of the respective sub-committees and their place in the structure of the Association. It was stressed, that committee members, who are all volunteers not professional organisers, needed the assistance of all members if the Club was to move forward. This continual progress and drive is necessary if the club is not to stagnate, and we must continually strive to enlarge the spheres of activity - this is possible - but only with the support of the membership.

Summarised, the overriding theme of the meeting was the need for members to actively encourage the Association and get involved in its' affairs, by help behind the scenes and support of Club functions. Remember the more effort put in, the greater the results and enjoyment.

The respective committee members responsible for the following activities would welcome your help, please don't hesitate to contact them if you would like to assist in any way.

Rambling..	John Potter
Social....	Hilda O'Keefe
Finance...	Gerry Penlington
Tennis....	Eric Kavanagh
Newsletter	" "
Cottage Fund	Mike Marsden
Football..	" "

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HANDICAP.

'Oh Yeah, Oh Yeah' as the Towncrier said, I suppose you've all heard the blues version of the 'Wild West Show' and all those G-Rofs and Rong-u-tangs, and Christian birds, at some time or other - on Rambles or such like. Well here's your chance to see all these funny (queer not ha! ha!) anatomical structures, or even see yer arctual laffin' hyena.

Seriously, though, folks, (deadpan face!) the Rambling Section has substituted a visit to Chester Zoo for a walk in the programme (Eccleston Ferry July 6th) so that we, as a club can take out a group of handicapped children. It is a great idea and I'm sure if you take part you will enjoy it. Last year both the kids and the Ramblers had a real freak out. Zap in type outing whatsthematterwithuanyway?? Ask Mon or Dave or.... It is a really practical charity which can give a great deal of happiness to the children.

The Club will be taking the children round, so if you want to help contact Mike Parr, or see one of the Committee members. If you can't physically come out, disembody yourself and accompany us in spirit by sponsoring a child and help brighten the financial burden for those others who are there. Forget about your cricket or tennis or weddings for a day - have a rest and come out.

Hoping to see you there.

Paul Anderson.

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

25TH MAY

No Ramble - R.A. organized walk - see press for details.

1ST JUNE

A very worthwhile trip to the Lancashire Moors above Berry, led by Sheila Mulvaney.

8TH JUNE

If you wish to explore and discover the source of the Mersey, go on this ramble to Goyt Valley, Derbyshire, led by Dave News.

15TH JUNE

INVITATION WALK. We shall invite as many Catholic young people as possible to join us on this Sunday ramble hoping that they may come to enjoy rambling with a club such as ours. Most people seem to shy away from walking without having given it a fair try. We hope to appeal to such people who have formed misconceptions about our energetic ventures.

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INVITES

OLD AND NEW

MEMBERS

TO REJOIN FOR THE CURRENT SEASON

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JUNIOR(18-21 YEARS OLD)	£ 1-11-0
SENIOR(OVER 21 YEARS)	£ 2-11-0
VISITORS FEE 2/6 PER VISIT(MAXIMUM OF 6 VISITS)	

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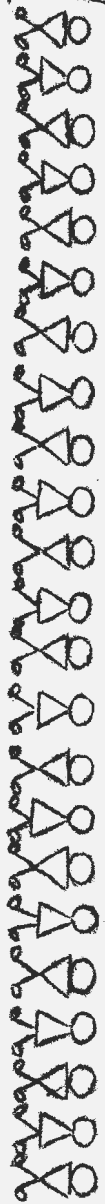
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Social



Don't the months fly by, it seems only a moment ago when I was writing last month's Socialite. Since then we've had our first Tennis Social of the season which was well attended and the refreshments did a wonderful disappearing act within a matter of minutes. It was the first of many such Socials and if you missed this one, don't make the same mistake again.

Are you going on the Childrens' Outing to "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" on 31st May? Don't worry if you can't make it, you'll have another chance in July when we take a party of children from Huyton Gate School for mentally handicapped children to Chester Zoo. Names will be taken later, so keep your ears open.

The Folk Night at St. Oswalds, Old Swan, on 6th June, promises to be a swinging affair so be sure to get your ticket well in advance. With Pete McGovern and The Hooters on the bill the evening can't be anything but a success.

Are you going to be one of sixty or so Ramblers in the Whit exodus to Anglesey? Warning notices have been sent to all the locals and it is rumoured that Anglesey has been declared the disaster area for that week-end. Just one thing - Tommy, will you please organise yourself food-wise, I just couldn't bear to spend another week-end listening to your tales of starvation.

Enjoy yourselves at Whit.

SOCIALITE.



TENNIS

The 1969 tennis A.G.M. got under way at 8p.m. on Saturday May 10th in the pavilion at Lance Grove. The Chairman, Eric Kavanagh was re-elected for his second year of office. In his speech he paid tribute to those tennis committee members who died last year in that ill fated British Eagle Air Crash near Munich airport.

The Treasurer, Chris Laycock, was also re-elected. His account of last years finances was very satisfactory as he had a balance of some £20,0.0d. when all the seasons debts had been settled.

A program of improvements to the pavilion and courts was implemented at the begining of the season with a view to attracting more visitors and members. The floor of the pavilion was coated with a concrete sealer to keep down the dust. The electric wiring was re-newed as it was not suitable for the new 3 KW high speed kettle which was purchased to replace the old one. Subject to funds being available a small electric grill may be purchased to enable members to prepare hot snacks. Outside the pavilion, crazy paving was laid to prevent the wild growth of weeds whilst on the courts a new surface drain was laid to assist in the speedy draining of the courts after heavy rainfall.

There are still some vacancies for both new and experienced club members. Coaching for beginners is being given by the team members on Wednesday evenings and also on Saturday afternoons by Cyril Kelly.

The team, which was promoted to division 'D' last year have plans for a concentrated course of training for the next month to try and maintain their success of last season.

The new team captain who replaces Brian Kelly is Mike Marsden. Brian who has been in hospital for several months now may well miss all of this seasons games. The meeting as a whole endorsed the chairmans wishes that he speedily return to the best of health.

Once again club members may bring their friends to play tennis. The standing fee for visitors remaining as it was last year at 2/6d. per visit for up to six visits.

Enquiries regarding tennis may be made to any of the under-mentioned committee members:-

Chairman	Eric Kavanagh	-----
Secretary	Maureen Howard	427-4537
Treasurer	Chris Laycock	727-1353
Match Secretary	Mike Marsden	SEF-4595
Team Captain	Mike Marsden	SEF-4595
Vice Captain	Hugh Malloy	525-1051

R.E.PORTER.

'A' PARTY

Sunday morning dawned and true to English fashion it was damp and dreary. However a cheerfull band of ramblers were not to be thwarted. Eagerly they departed from St. Johns Lane at 10.30. to reach Mold shortly before noon.

At Mold having been grouped and numbered ready for the long trek, we awaited our leader. He was disguised in rambling weeds highlighted by fluorescent red knee socks suitable for Welsh mists. Hands rammed into pockets he eyed each one of the 12 mentally approving or dis-approving of their stamina for the physical endurance test in front. From this description you may have guessed that our leader was none other than the rambling vagabond Paul Anderson.

Sallying forth from Mold at 12 o'clock sharp we soon caught up and passed the 'B' party and continuing at a brisk pace we reached Check point (1) at 12.50 prompt. Having been checked in we immediately bounded across to the 'Miners Arms' where the beer flowed fast but not 'free'.

Feeling much refreshed we resumed our journey and once again we passed the 'B' party 'en route'. Zooming through check-points (2) &(3) we finally reached the halfway mark and the final route was across the hills. Having a much needed rest at Bwelch Pen Barras we set out towards Moel Famau. Thick mist was falling and our feet were squelching through boggy ground. Soon we reached the crumbling walls on Moel Famau and we had a reviving 'butty' break spent mostly in friendly silence.

Lunch break over we set out for check-point (4) and towards Moel Arthur. This 'high' mountain which straddled the flat muddy fields was shrouded in mist. However, its height did not deter Bob O'Neill who bounded up it like a roe!! c. sley followed by the others. It was hard going because of the loose stones. In ascending we received occasional words of advice from the leaders such as - "It's no good rushing at it" or "never hurry up-hill" and "you'll go twice as far is my motto" ! (Not quoted verbatim!)

Descending Moel Arthur at a quick run we soon reached the road. The remainder of the journey was finished by a slow trot and soon we reached the pub at Nannerch where we were glad of a cool drink.

Thanks all round to Gerry & Fred, Cyril, Tommy, Dave, Mr. & Mrs. Marsden, those members of the Laycock clan who supervised so kindly: thanks too, to John and Ray and the Rambling Sub for organising the walk and to all the Ramblers (sore feet or not, Kevin!) for coming out.

"Emer"

SPONSORED WALK - (Cont'd) -

'C' PARTY

The morning of Sunday the 11th May was bleak and miserable and was to be the start of a day which every Rambler detests - very, very wet. Most of us gathered outside the Cathedral to await the arrival of the coaches which, when everybody was on board, set off down to St. John's Lane to collect the others who could not make the Cathedral.

We left Liverpool and were soon going along the familiar roads to North Wales and to Mold. The journey itself was uneventful and we were soon in Mold. The 'A' and 'B' parties set off. The sun was shining as we left Mold and started on the road towards a couple of familiar landmarks, the Sun and the Rainbow, before we turned off towards Moeshofn. It was here that we first encountered rain, although very slight. So far, everybody seemed to be enjoying the 'stroll' for that was all we were doing. Three young ladies seemed to know the route extremely well because they were well in front (or was it an exciting scent in the air which was drawing them along so keenly).

The first check-point was reached without any serious difficulty where Fred and Gerry stood guard manfully, or were they sitting - I can't remember. After everybody in the party had been checked in it was a smart walk for some refreshment at a well-known beauty spot. After a short rest we were on our way again, this time in rain, but it soon went off. Down Pot-Hole Valley and a fairly short walk to Four Crosses - our next check-point. When we set off again, it was along the most boring part of our long trek towards Ruthin, where we turned off towards the Bwelch. As we approached the Bwelch we could see, in the distance, a party setting off towards Moel Famau. When we were ready, seven out of the original 20 set off towards Moel Famau which proved to be the wettest part of the walk, and by the time we eventually finished, we were a bedraggled looking seven Catholic Ramblers. The rain and mist which had settled over the mountain prevented us from seeing more than a couple of yards ahead and we seemed to be walking on and on and so when we heard the sound of Mr. Marsden's car-horn we were very pleased, and a quick sprint down to the road brought to me, what was the best part of the walk. So, to a quick break and then on to the the last part of the walk over Moel Arthur; there were only five of us now - two brave young ladies having decided to terminate the walk at the end of Moel Famau. Not fit to go now as the valiant five climbed Moel Arthur and on to the dreary road to Nannerch.

So ended a 20 mile walk - the proceeds of which to be donated to our Cottage Fund and the end, apart from the recuperating of spirits in the Cross Foxes, of a very enjoyable walk.