

## LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS NEWSLETTER

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One of the several fund-raising efforts that have been prominent in the Club lately is the sponsored cycle ride from Lands End to John d'Groats with three of our members just about finishing their two weeks in the saddle as this newsletter is typed. Tony Byrne, John Lanyon and Kevin Bell are the super-fit riders who are hoping to raise lots of pennies for the diabetics. Kevin, I hear, was involved with the problem of trying to bulldoze his way through a parked car at one stage, so I am sure there will be plenty of tales to tell.

On the rambling side, the recent walk to Snowdon was an event not to be mist! - A dark cloud still lingers over the 'B' party who must all qualify for the Club's future 'A' walks if they ever come out again. I think Roy is trying to convert them all to the social side of the club! Marie would give her right arm to be with Roy right now (she has a gun in her left!).

A few extracts from the General Committee Meetings held recently:

Our annual affiliation fee (£25) has been sent to the Ramblers' Association. A Mass Card was sent for Dave Crowley (a member of a few years past) who died earlier this year. The Youth Service acknowledged our donation of £20 towards the cost of sending someone to the Holy Land. A donation of £25 will be given to the British Diabetics from the Club (Sponsored Cycle Ride).

Congratulations to Terry Hulme and Olivia who got engaged recently. On a sad note, please remember Moira Jones' father in your prayers who died recently.

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter and to Ann Nicholson for assisting me in the typing.

DAVE NEWNS

NOT A RAMBLING WRITE-UP BUT....

In February this year several of the LCRA went on a skiing holiday to Austria and I would just like to say how romantic and exciting it was. Kate and Pam made excellent room mates. I must say though, if you aren't prepared to make a few mistakes you should not go, as it is a dangerous sport. I was getting up speed at one stage when I went over the edge and landed in a tree. I thought I had broken a bone somewhere but not so, I had only a few bruises and was finally rescued by three men who pulled me back onto the piste. It was quite a dangerous position caught by the side of a tree on the edge of a mountain with only the sun to look at! Anyway, that's all from little old me, the long-distance skier.

DENISE FORREST

## RAMBLERITE

Recent events have included a train ramble to the Wirral, thirteen enthusiastic ramblers found that the Wirral had a lot more to offer than they expected. The walk started from West Kirby Railway Station and passed along the Wirral Way, leaving it at Caldy to wander through Stapleton woods and across fields to Frankby. Here a water hole in the form of the Farmers Arms proved popular. After a s.h.o.r.t. rest we strolled into Royden Park and passed below 'Hill Bark'. A fine example of a tudor house. On reaching Thor's Rock, most of us took to using hands and scrambled to the top to take snaps. Thurstaston Hill next, with views of the North Wales Coast and Liverpool, then down to the 'Dungeon' (a local term for a dell). Thurstaston Visitor's Centre provided another break, then down to and along the foreshore to the West Kirby Marina. This brought about an unexpected lesson in safe river crossing when we reached a breach in the Marina wall. (I believe that the lesson proved useful to Teresa and Colette on a recent ramble). The walk finished at the Station and we retired to Liverpool for some liquid refreshment.

The caravan weekend (May 2nd - 5th) was actually in chalets (luxury,) various walks were done, Tryfan, Nantlle Ridge, but the weather was against an overnight camp on Snowdon, (too windy).

We eventually sent one car off to do some map reading. If you are interested in map reading, please let us know so that suitable training can be organised.

Spring Bank holiday, cancelled through lack of support.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

The cost of the coach has again gone up and by £10 to £120, this now means that we need 37 people to break even, so I urge you to support the rambles. If not the price will go up or the number of walks will be reduced. Hopefully the following walks will tempt you.

### RAMBLING EQUIPMENT, TORCHES, ETC - PLEASE RETURN

Any First-aid equipment, maps or compasses belonging to the Club should be given to Brian Keller immediately. Leaders please check your rucksacks, etc to see if you have still got anything. .

FUTURE RAMBLES

June 21st - White House (North Wales) 11.00 start  
This event is particularly suitable for Socialites  
so no excuses. A ramble or day out in one of the  
North Wales towns followed by a meal and disco.  
Approx cost all included £7.00  
NOTE. This event is on a Saturday.

June 29th ST. SUNDAY CRAG (Lakes) 9.30 start.  
Terry Tucker and Paul Healy take us to the South end  
of Ullswater. Plenty to do if you just want a day  
out, boat trips, shops, pub etc.

July 13th LLYN CASEG-FRAITH 10.15 start  
Paul Amundsen leads the A, unfortunately I will not  
be able to lead the B (who's that I hear cheering).  
Both walks are in the Ogwen valley with some  
impressive views to be seen.

July 20th LAKE DISTRICT 10.15 start  
Brian Keller and Dave Newns will be going into the  
Lake District 'somewhere', as yet it is still a  
mystery, but knowing the two of them they will  
come up with the goods.

August 3rd YR ELEN 10.15 start  
Both walks will be in the Bethesda, Aber area.  
Views of Anglesey, and the Coast, plus Aber falls,  
a waterfall plunging some 200 feet down a cliff.

The new programme will appear with the next news-  
letter, if you are interested in leading a walk or  
have any ideas for walks then please contact Brian,  
Dave or myself as soon as possible.

ANTHONY CROCKWAY  
Rambling Chairman.

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YOUR LAST CHANCE TO TRY THE MONEY  
PROBLEM

Answers given elsewhere in this  
Newsletter. See if you can solve  
it before looking at the answers  
(Some answers are very much  
pre-decimalisation figures)

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| Girl's Name.....    |        |
| Ailing Sea Creature |        |
| Form of Transport.. |        |
| Worker in Leather.. |        |
| Mars, Venus, Saturn |        |
| Kind of Pig. ....   |        |
| Singer.....         |        |
| Weight.....         |        |

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Hello everybody,

Absolutely tremendous! That's probably the best way to describe the super night out we all had in raising funds for 'Ramble-Aid', more about that in a minute. First of all though I would like to extend a special welcome to our new members and hope it's not too long before you become involved in the Club's many activities. If you come on your own, then well done for having the bottle! I can appreciate it's rather hard at first, but please do not give up on your first visit. Hopefully, after a few Thursdays and at least a couple of rambles you will start to make some real solid friends. See you soon!

Now back to the Irish Centre where on April 18th the Club held its most successful night so far this year. The main aim of course was to raise as much money as possible for Bob Geldoff's appeal for the homeless and starving in Ethiopia and neighbouring countries. Therefore I am very pleased to announce that the event raised just on \$425 which is already on its way to Bob Geldoff's charity. There really is an endless list of people to thank, but I'd like to give special mention to the 'Raffle Girls', the Club's own 'professional DJs', the 'Roadies,' who used their own transport to move the disco equipment to and from the Irish Centre. The Ceilidh group 'Country Folk' (re-named from the Skibbereens) gave an excellent contrast to the Club's super disco light and sound show. The only question at the end of the night was, 'When can we have another night like this?' Well, hopefully not too long into the future (I haven't got over the hangover from this yet!).

In the meantime if you want to catch the same friendly atmosphere then come along to the 'Manxroom' upstairs at the 'Liverpool' any Thursday night.

The special 'Reunion Dance' on Thursday, May 1st proved to be another great night out for all. It was certainly good to have all our 'long time, no see' members turn up. Special thanks must go to John McLinden our DJ who played a wide variety of music ranging from Mozart to the Chicken Dance!

Coinciding with the reunion dance was the first of a series of quiz nights which were intended to be completed before the disco really got under way. Apart from giving variation and therefore variety on Thursday nights it was hoped that these quiz nights would encourage members to come down a bit earlier. Unfortunately over the past few weeks this has not happened and as a consequence it is felt that the quiz night can not go on in these circumstances. This, I feel, is rather sad considering the tremendous effort Tony Kirwin personally put into this venture. However, Tony is very open-minded and feels there is a stronger interest in quiz nights than members give themselves credit for. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact Tony. In the meantime there will be a special one-off Quiz Night in the near future with cash prizes of up to £30.

Before I move on to future social events (I know you are all very excited, but please be patient!) I must say it's great to have John Platt back in

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME.

1986.

In order to avoid the National Eisteddfod (did someone mutter 'Philistines') the June and July rambles have been switched. As George and Freda's Ramble to Llangollen is probably over by now, here is the programme from July onwards:-

JULY 3. House Meeting is at Gerry and Jean McDonald's, 28 Ormonde Drive, Maghull. Our heartiest congratulations go to them on their Silver !!! Wedding Anniversary.

JULY 13. PLACE FELL in the Lake District. Peter and Marie Atherton are leading. Meet in the main car park at Patterdale. Its on the right as you pass through Patterdale. Keep a look-out for one of the Atherton Clan. It is a prompt 12.00 start, with lunch on the walk itself.

AUG. 7. House Meeting at Rosemary Rollerson's, 33 Eskdale Drive, Maghull.

AUG. WALK. There isn't one.

SEPT. 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Yet again Bill and Nora Naylor are very kindly letting us use their house - 114 Moss Lane, Maghull. 8p.m.ish. Come along and have your say. That means you.

ANNUAL MASS. See your printed programme for details.

SEPT. 14. ROCHDALE. Harry and Ronnie O'Neill are leading. Meet at the roundabout at Exit No.19 on the M62 at 12.30 p.m.

SEPT 19/21. CHALET WEEKEND. The walk from the Chalet on the Sunday starts at 1 p.m. The last weekend was heaven-sent - an oasis of sunshine and warmth in a welter of wet, miserable weekends, with two good walks led by Bill from our newly purchased maps of the area.

Here's hoping that everyone's holidays go according to plan, especially for those suffering from post O and A level examinations depression!

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SADDLEWORTH, APRIL 13TH, 1986.

Starting off from Dovestone carpark in the pouring rain, we went up past the Boat Club, where some brave souls were sailing on the Reservoir, and then on to the foot of the steep climb. Here Bill turned left and took us along the lower path around the side of Dovestone Reservoir.

We were left standing here while Bill reconitred the area. Suddenly appearing above us on the side of the hill, he indicated that the best way was to follow him up the steep incline. By this time it had started to snow. On reaching the top it was nice to stop for the butty break, then on again over the moors, the weather becoming kinder and the sun beginning to shine as we crossed large patches of deep snow,

FAMILY SECTION SADDLEWORTH Cont'd.

where the occasional leg (and sometimes Midge) was lost, while the odd twenty or more snowballs whizzed by.

We crossed over the Dovestone River, which, at this level, was a solid sheet of ice, then on past the Fox Stone to the deep descent, with beautiful views of the sun setting over the Reservoir, back to the car park.

Thanks to Bill and Peggy for an exhilarating and beautiful walk, with such a variety of weather.

The P.sss.

P.S. Your crazy typist thanks all the P.sss. for doing a second write-up when I stupidly mislaid the first!, and phoned it within an hour of the request.

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INGLEBOROUGH, MAY 11TH.

The road from the M6 to Ingleton is quite a delightful one, and was remarkably free of cars on the above date. The reason became obvious on reaching the New Inn (17th century). There were only four rambler's cars including my own. Luckily the quality was there. We set out in cloudy, windy weather across Simon Fell, and ascended a very steep slope where, despite our small numbers, we very rapidly began to straggle.

Reaching the ridge at the top, one was amazed at the strength of the wind, which made it impossible to stay upright. The views were delightful, taking in the Ribbleshead Viaduct, the Pennines to the East and, last but not least, the tail-end of our party. We then headed for the summit of Ingleborough amid shrieks and yells, as the wind threatened to carry us away, but as the path curved into the shelter of the mountain, all was suddenly becalmed - at which point our canny leader stopped for butties. So did we.

On setting off, we switched direction, missing the summit ('now I wonder why?') and enjoyed lovely views to the North and East. This was utterly peaceful, unspoilt moorland, boggy underfoot, dry and occasionally sunny above. We came down a steep slope to Park Fell, and eventually reached a farmyard giving access to the road. A short walk took us back to the cars.

Thanks Gerry and Jean, for a delightful afternoon's walking.

G.S.

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circulation after his spell in hospital and is back at supersonic speed when you see the amount of dancing he puts in on Thursday nights. Just as I am winning around my lady partners, John, who quickly scans the dance floor, goes straight into his usual routine. Offers of drinks and sweets falls on deaf ears as my lady partners are slowly but surely pinched by John. Not being one for dancing on my own I slowly make a dignified exit from the dance floor. Perhaps my only chance is if I send John on a six-month holiday. I believe the salt mines are rather nice at this time of year . . .

By the time you get this newsletter the night out at the Everyman Theatre to see the play 'Something Wicked Comes This Way' will have occurred. I hope it turns out to be good. Many thanks to Paul Healy for collecting the monies and buying everybody drinks! Also, good luck to Paul Amundsen who after this same night out (June 7th) is leaving the area to work and live in London.

Now, I know the suspense is killing you, the ground starting to shake, because it 's time for . . . Future Social Events!!

PITCH & PUTT, Saturday, June 14th

This is the first of our annual Fred Norbury/Cyril Kelly Trophy events. Competition open to everyone. Simply meet at St John's Lane (Cars) at 4.30pm or at 4.50 at the pitch and putt course at Harrison Drive, New Brighton.

TEN-PIN BOWLING, Saturday, July 12th at New Brighton. Meet at St John's Lane at 4.30pm prompt. This is the second Fred Norbury/Cyril Kelly Trophy event.

CROWN GREEN BOWLS - Date to be arranged.

JUMBULANCE - Probably last Friday in July - Details in News at Ten.

This is in response to a special request from Norma Ridding to the Club for a special fund-raising event in aid of the Jumbulance appeal. We hope that you will ALL support this worthy cause.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER - WINE BARGE (See Angela Platt).

There's no denying that this has been very popular over the last two years and this year the Club's own Angela Platt will be taking bookings and is in charge of all arrangements, i.e. tasting wine samples and painting the hull.

Sometimes nights out to the Theatre, Pubs, etc, can only be arranged a week or so beforehand and it's not always possible to advertise it in the newsletter. However, you can be sure to hear about these activities during 'News at Ten' on Thursday nights at the 'Liverpool'.

Do not forget our PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION is well under way with plenty of time left to buy yourselves some film. Further details can be obtained from Mick Norgate (David Bailey to his friends) or Bob Banks.

Well, that's all for now. Always remember, if things do not change, they stay as they are.

Cheers,

ROY THITS. Social Chairman (677 8631)

## Eighteen Years of Magic

It was April 1968 that I made the bold decision to get on the 76 bus in Wavertree and head for the bright lights of the city centre and the design centre. My first social night with the L.C.R.A. was to be quite an eye opener. Quick steps, slow foxtrots, waltzes and tangoes were the order of the day. We all had tea and biscuits halfway through the evening and I met some of the committee for the first time. People including Mike and Chris Marsden, Fred Norbury, Cyril Kelly, Gerry Penlington, Eric Kavanagh, Dave Newns and many more. I did many a ramble and for me the hardest was Coniston Old Man.

I remember doing my first disco in the R.A.F. club, the dance floor packed with people who were to become great friends including Dave Holden, John and Lesley Clarke, Ritchie Cannon, Pete Kennedy, Nora Sheehan and many more. As many as ninety people attended the Thursday Socials and what an atmosphere we had. In 1971/72 a party of the Ramblers went to Seefeld in Austria. In the mid seventies we went to Jersey and also had some fantastic weekends away in Keswick and Caravan Weekends in Anglesey and Northumberland. John Pugh cooked the best Sunday roast I have ever tasted in a caravan.

"The Boots" pop group did three gigs for the Club. One was for Cambodia, one for a handicap child to go to Lourdes and the third a Christmas do, all were very rewarding.

So we reach 1986 and for me getting on that bus on a wet April evening was the best move I have ever made.

It has been eighteen years of Magic. Thank you all

JOHN McLINDON

Money Problem answers: Boy's name: Bob (1s.), girl's name: Penny (1d.),  
Alling sea creature: Sick squid (2s), Form of transport: Penny Farthing  
(17d.), Worker in leather: Tanner (6d.), Mars, Venus, Saturn: Three  
far things (2d), Kind of pig: Guinepig (21 Is. 0d.), Singer: Tenor (10),  
Weight: One pound (21).