

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS
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NEWS
LETTER



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— EDITORIAL —

IT'S JUST THE ATTITUDE.

Some people are under the impression that Austria is the only place to go for a Winter Sports holiday. I have found that there are so many variables to take into account that this is not true. Things that make a holiday worth remembering could be the people you made friends with. The week you found out that you could ski (no, not on the nursery slopes but like a real Rambler, off the piste in deep powder snow where no man had been before). Or perhaps it was the memory of dancing the night away with that person who was different to the other people you met.

So it could go on. Perhaps you will go to Austria again but, if you feel that high up in the Pyrenees there is a track for you to follow, then why not try FORMIGAL. A village for skiers, all bent on making their holiday one to remember.

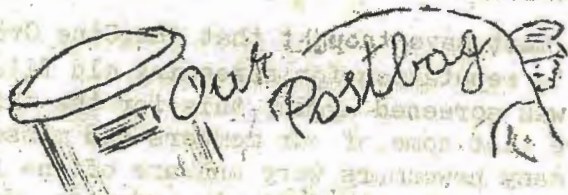
If you would like to join this party - or if you are organising your own please let me know and I will spread the news.

Let us leave skiing and talk of competitive sports such as Orienteering. I believe that to be more successful than the man next to you, gives you that edge on him. And if this edge is only marginal, the interest generated will develop a keen sense of competition-which for man is LIFE. Did I observe this LIFE at the last Orienteering event, when amidst the general atmosphere of enthusiasm all seemed to strive to achieve the ultimate score. The results are published else where in this issue and I must congratulate everyone for a very fine effort.

Take the Tennis team. (on second thoughts you'd better not) Last year was a disaster, and following relegation we find that in the first two matches we have not yet been beaten. True we haven't won either but already one feels the desire to try just that little bit harder. It is truly a great sensation to achieve a goal after striving hard to achieve it.

This atmosphere can be generated not only in sport but in the social aspect of life. It is so easy to stand down and let some one else take the lime light. But why should they- Let us see your light shine!

Eric Kavanagh
EDITOR



P. O. BOX 62

MUFULIRA

ZAMBIA

27-4-72

Dear Eric,

I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to all members of Fred Norbury's family and also to all Club Members. Fred will be sadly missed in the Ramblers for he was a truly great and Christian man.

I don't know his home address, but maybe you could convey my sympathy to his wife and daughters. I have had a Mass said for him here at my parish church, and hope to attend when our priest can say it.

Thank you for sending me the Newsletter every month I love to get it. I shall be home for a months holiday in September, so maybe I could meet everyone at the Club one Wednesday evening. I'm coming back in October until April 1973, I may decide to stay longer I don't know as yet.

Life out here is quiet but nice, the climate of course is fabulous, and ideal for sporting enthusiasts. I manage to travel around inside Zambia quite a bit and enjoy it thoroughly. Did you go ski-ing this year? This I must confess is the holiday I've missed most of all, there's nothing quite like it is there?

I hear quite regularly from quite a number of the Ramblers, the Ancient Order seems to be very active just now, I'm glad, because when I do come back eventually I'll be more than eligible!!

This is all for now. Please pass on my regards to everyone I know. Have a good holiday wherever you decide to to in the Summer.

Bye and God Bless,

Monica (Byrne)

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"THE L.C.R.A. AT PLAY" - Again!

Some of our members must have thought that the Cine Crowd were trying to steal the B.B.C.'s reputation for screening old films, when on May 10th, our own epic was screened again, this for the third time in a year! We were aware that some of our members had missed the previous showings, and that many newcomers were unaware of the film's existence. Initially the idea was to show the film in order to advertise the Clubs' activities to these newcomers, and in fact we were fortunate in as much, a fair number of newcomers made their first appearance at the Club on that night.....It was only as an afterthought that we decided to organise a simple competition based on the film. With the very considerable help of Eric Kavanagh, the questions were printed. (The Cine Commentators arrived at the ten questions from a list of almost thirty and to them they appeared very simple, but to the Competitors not so, because the question papers were not to be distributed until the film was finished).

The problem facing the Competitors was to try and guess the ten questions and then remember the answers! Although at least 50 members watched the film, only 25 submitted the answers for checking. At this point, I should explain that the gentlemen of the Club deliberately submitted incorrect answers in order to allow a young lady to win the first and only prize, that of a FREE COACH RAMBLE of the winner's choice. Alan Joynson excelled in this respect; by submitting 9 incorrect answers he qualified for the booby prize along with KELLER O.B.E. B.O. (Not Brian). For their efforts they shared a pair of spectacles and a false ear! They had obviously seen and heard a different film to therest of us, but they certainly gave the judges a good laugh, and for this - thank them!

Listed below is the list of leading contenders for the big Prize. (Please note that Paul had not been informed of the scheme to let the girls have a clean sweep).

9 correct - Anita Pyke, Pat Kenny, Phil O'Neill
Margaret Smith

8 correct - Kathy O'Toole, Paul McDermott,

7 correct - Winnie Shaw

A series of four tie breaking questions were prepared to decide the winner, Margaret Smith coming out on top with 4 out of 4, the other three girls having one error. Congratulations to them all for doing so well, and especially to Anita for coming so close to winning on her first visit to the Club. I hope that she will not mind having to pay for her first Coach Ramble, but she will find it well worth while. And so Margaret won a free coach Ramble of her choice. Few would begrudge her this success, as she undoubtedly has worked extremely hard for the Club. However I fail to understand how she needed a tie breaker to win the prize, for her only error in the first ten questions was in naming the Inn visited by the Ramblers. Maggie, and you a boozer like the rest of us!

Seriously though, very well done Margaret, and many thanks to all those who took part in, and helped to organise and run the competition. It gave us a different type of evening and this in itself is necessary from time to time.

'The L.C.R.A. at Play' Cont'd

Rest assured THAT film will now find its home in cold storage for a long time to come. Who said "Thank God for that"?

The Man from the B.B.C.

THE VARIOUS INCORRECT ANSWERS TO THE COMPETITIONS TRICKIER QUESTIONS

1. According to the competitors, the "INITIAL" music came from the following T.V. programmes:-

- News at Ten, Star Trek, Panorama, Sky at Night, Whats On?,
- World in Action, The Lone Ranger, Look North, Blue Peter, Space Odyssey.

The correct answer - This Week !

2. The name of the Inn visited by the Ramblers was "Ye Olde Castle Inn". The best incorrect answer - "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness".

6. The Weather conditions in Glencoe varied from, reasonable through changeable, snow, and torrential rain.

The answer - Avalanche conditions !

9. The Ramblers on the beach were skipping to the William Tell Overture. The incorrect answers? Grandstand Theme, Post Horn Gallop, Pop Goes the Weasel
Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep !

FUTURE ATTRACTIONS

Wednesday	7th June	-	Margaret Smiths Folk Dance Night -
Monday	12th "	-	Joint Rambling/Social/Tennis Committee Meeting in the Cathedral Buildings. All welcome to attend.
Wednesday	14th "	-	D.J.'s Pete McLindon & Phil O'Neill (every other record a rave from the grave)
"	21st "	-	D.J. John Wilson
"	28th "	-	Folk Dance Night to the Paul McDermott Sound.
"	5th July	-	D.J. John McLindon
"	12th "	-	"Both Sides Now" - Folk Singers

SPORTING FIXTURES TO BE ARRANGED SHORTLY

Mini Golf Competition
Bowls "
Putting "

CATHOLIC HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

The third A.G.M of the Fellowship was held at Lakeside House on Saturday 22nd April. There were 30 Members present including six from Liverpool. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussing the Annual accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1971. These showed a loss of £1000 against £500 for the previous year and this was attributed to the house being filled well below capacity for most of the year.

There is now a new Manager and Manageress, Mr. & Mrs. J. McAndrew and they are co-operating with the Committee to increase the revenue.

Mrs. Chris Scott's appointment as Treasurer of the Fellowship was confirmed and other Liverpoolians voted on to the Committee were Mr. Cyril Kell, Mr. Harold Burns and Miss Michele Devine, Mr. J. McColgan of the Metropolitan Club was re-appointed to serve for a further period of three years.

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R A M B L I N G PREVIEW

4th June	Great Shunner Fell, Leader <u>Phil Walsh</u>
11th "	Llanrwst, Leader <u>Barry Lyon</u>
18th "	Conniston -(Old Man) <u>Keller</u>
24/25th " (Midnight Ramble)	Pendle Hill - Committee
1/2nd July	Camping Weekend - Committee

Programme

- 2nd June Social at Mona Roberts - 7 Elm bank Road.
- 11th June Ramble to Billinge & Crank
Leader George Skillicorn
Meet 12 noon - Billinge Church
- 24th June Social at Tennis Pavilion, Lance Grove 8 p.m.
(All welcome)
- 30th June Social at Cyril Kelly's, 2 Poverty Lane, Maghull
- 9th July Ramble (Details later)
Leader Leo Pearson

14th May - PRESTON BROOK

After the wonderful turnout at the Memorial Mass for Fred Norbury 49 bodies eventually arrived at Preston Brook round about 1 p.m. for the monthly saunter. As the children were starving, it was decided to eat there and then. Soon we were on our way along the Bridgewater Canal at a very fast pace heading generally in the direction of Runcorn. Over a deserted railway (thanks to the railway mens work to rule), down to the other end of the Bridgewater Canal. So far nobody had managed to fall in the canal.

Eventually we arrived at the bottom of Windmill Hill where the children were delayed by the horses and the "sweetie trail" up the hill. Loud shrieks broke the silence as the children galloped up the hill looking for Johnny Peloe - the treasure, much to the surprise of the local Sunday afternoon "walkers". Comments were passed about the new Shopping City clearly visible as we wandered up the hill, because someone had spread a rumour it was a "Shopping" ramble. On through quiet Norton village, back down to the canal and on to our 'car park under the motorway', after a pleasant wam Sunday ramble. "Just enough", I heard somebody say, as we got back to our cars and the motorcade headed for home.

R.I.P.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kevin O'Keefe on the recent death of his mother.

FRED NORBURY - MEMORIAL MASS

This Mass was celebrated on Sunday 14th May, 1972, at St. Nicholas' Church, Hawke Street, Liverpool. After the Mass, Canon Doyle spoke to the members assembled, and he then recited the De Profundis.

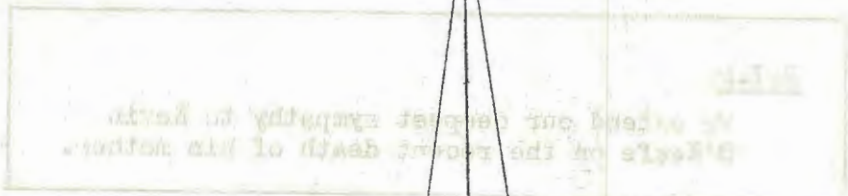
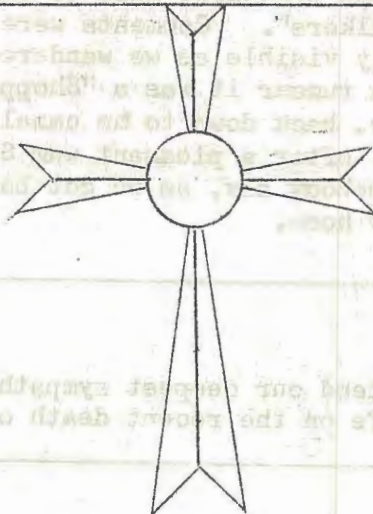
The turn out for this sad occasion was really good, and I am sure that Fred would have looked down with justifiable pride on the members gathered in the Church, and the members attending were a lasting tribute to Freds achievement in helping to found the Association, and then guiding it through 45 years of its existence. I would like to thank all those who made the effort to attend, and to make this one of the most memorable occasions in the long history of the Club. There were Members, children of the Members, and grandchildren of those early members, and I am sure that Eileen and the rest of her family present would be very impressed to see such a remarkable show of affection to the memory of Fred

I would like finally to thank all those who worked so hard in arranging this Mass, by typing letters, writing envelopes, and assisting as Readers and Ushers. Thank-you all most sincerely, as well as those who attended.

Cyril

NOTE:

The Committee have entered Fred's name in the Golden Book in the Church of Our Lady & St. Charles in Keswick.



THE ANONYMOUS DIMBAT SAGA

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I was interested recently at the amount of controversy about the advertisement featured in the Catholic Pictorial which became the subject of an anonymous literary battle. I asked myself, what exactly is a Dimbat? The reply was to look in the dictionary to which there is no such word. The only assumption I can make that it is made up of two words, Dim and Bat. Dim seems to be defined as dark, not bright or distinct, obscure, mysterious, not seeing clearly. Possibly the word anonymous is a synonym of this and the two writers who sent the letter claiming to be Dimbats have fulfilled the first part of that conotation.

The other part has two definitions, one being a heavy stick which is usually flat and used for striking a ball as in cricket, the other definition is an animal having a body like a mouse but with wing membranes for flitting, attached to it's four feet. I would'nt know whether the two anonymous writers would fit this category, possibly one might look like a cricket bat and the other like a mouse with wings flitting around, it would really be hard to tell (possibly that is why they want to remain ononymous as I do)

Yours sincerely,

LEXICON.

P.S. My definition of a Dimbat is possibly a cricketer who goes into bat and goes out for a duck, in other words a DIMBATSMAN. (or bad light stopped play)

Perhaps we could have a survey of the club and find out who are and form them into a new section as the Football has folded up.

I would like to congratulate the Publicity Secretary for this advertisement as it conveys exactly the type of people one meets at the club!!!!

* Dimbats.

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THE "THOUGHT" SPORT



ORIENTEERING - SUNDAY 14TH MAY, 1972

The weather was warm and dry as a dozen club members assembled in Delamere Forest for an L.C.R.A. event.

An introduction to the sport was given by Chris Scott and Eric Kavanagh who spent approximately an hour reminding and/or explaining the simple points involved in this relatively new sport.

This was a "score" event. There was a time limit of 120 minutes in which one has to locate as many of the 11 controls as possible. For each one found, the competitor was awarded a number of points according to the distance the control was from the start. The average distance covered by each competitor would be in the order of 3 miles.

The course was laid out as a permanent feature in Delamere Forest by the Deeside Orienteering Club who also supplied the maps. Unfortunately the permanent aspect of the course is somewhat in doubt as three of the markers had been removed by some thoughtless people. This created some confusion, but when John Lovelady found one of the missing markers in a stream he created further confusion by replacing the marker in its correct location. Thus some people who visited that location could not find the marker, but those who visited it later did!

So to be fair to everyone locations, 4; 6; 7; & 13 are being discounted leaving 11 controls valued at 31 points.

RESULTS

Bill Carruthers	27 points	118 minutes	
John Lovelady) Kath O'Toole)	26 "	123 "	(3 penalty points)
Bernard Duffey	24 "	110 "	
John Wilson) Ann Schofield)	22 "	104 "	
Michele Divine	22 "	116 "	
Brian Keller	22 "	119 "	
Frank Tartt	19 "	119 "	
Peter Mulhall	3 "	111 "	

It was a great event - well worth organising because of the spirit and enthusiasm shown by all. If you want another one, do let me know.

Eric Kavanagh

T E N N I S - OR THE BIGGEST "RACKET" IN THE CLUB

For the uninitiated (i.e. a word meaning not yet initiated) let me firstly advise that the Tennis Section has now well and truly commenced started, and even begun. At the time of writing (11.50p.m.), the team has played two matches, one away and one home, both of which have been drawn. This momentous achievement has rewarded us with 3 points - as good a total as notched - up or down during the whole of last season. Settle down! Autographs of the team can be bought, if you play your cards right!

Talking of money, I would like to thank Pete McLindon for his organising of the Cup Final Draw (or was it 1-0 to Leeds?) and thereby bolstering the Tennis Club funds to the tune of £3.50. I would also like to extend congratulations from the Tennis committee to the three winners, but seeing as one of these winners was the aforesaid Mr. McLindon (did anyone say "fix" - bravo!) perhaps I'll settle in just congratulating two. Seriously though folks, a big thankyou to all of those who were "enlisted"- I'm sorry I'll write that again - to all of those who "enlisted"

Rumour has it that there are still the odd ten hundred who haven't yet been to the Tennis Club - "Can this be true" I ask myself? (or yourself, depending on whose side you're on). Please don't think (it may hurt and create further brain damage) that you have to be a Rod Laver or Margaret Smith - no comment, to play at the Club, because even if you can't hit a ball, you're still very welcome. If you can't hit a ball, you can't lose it can you? It's not that the Club loses a lot of balls, but we have had a letter from the president of Dunlops, thanking the Tennis Club for keeping his firm in business. To continue - the Tennis Club is situated in Lance Grove, off Lance Lane, near the Abbey Cinema, in Wavertree, which is in Liverpool 15, by Lancashire, near to England, in the United Kingdom, near to the Moon, of course via the Sun, etc. etc. etc.!

Looking forward to seeing you in court, sorry on court.

George Maguire
Tennis Chairman,
Captain, etc. etc. etc

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Michele Devine and Chris Scott
on their recent engagement.

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Equipment	Two week ski hire and snowjet pass	£10.00
	<p>Two week ski hire</p> <p>Snowjet pass</p> <p>Ski school Two hrs. in morning one hr. in afternoon</p>	£16.50
Route.	<p>Liverpool to Gatwick</p> <p>Airport tax at Gatwick</p> <p>Gatwick to Zaragoza</p> <p>Zaragoza to Formigal</p> <p>Airport tax at Zaragoza</p>	<p>£7.50 (Special rate)</p> <p>.50p</p> <p>.50p</p>