

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



NEWSLETTER



Thursday 15th June 1978

E D I T O R I A L

Once again we welcome you to another Newsletter.

Just as the weather seems to have changed for the better (or have I spoken too soon?) so this month heralds the start of the Summer Rambling Programme. Full details of this will be printed in the Summer Programme Membership card. The warmer weather and longer days generally give the club an opportunity to travel a little further afield. Details of the rambles in the immediate future can be found, as usual, on the Ramblerite page of this Newsletter. Gerry Roodcroft, the Rambling Chairman, is, of course, the man to contact if you want further information.

Not only does the better weather aid rambling - it also enables a number of the outside "activities" to be presented.

A great number of events have been discussed by the Social Committee and have been decided upon.

Since the last Newsletter was published a number of actual dates for these events have been finalised.

As new members are being welcomed to the club each month I am sure that these, along with others who have sampled some of these outings before, may be interested in taking part in some of them. Everybody is welcome. Here then is a list of forthcoming events. For the benefit of newer members I have added small pieces of information alongside each (eg. cost, if any; meeting place; time etc.) and also the person to contact if you wish to know more about a particular event. If, for any reason, any alterations are made to these events, they will be announced in the usual "News at 10" broadcasts on a Thursday night.

So here goes -

Events, in chronological occurrence, (by the way - these aren't the only 2 long words I know either, I did go to school you know) are as follows:-

1) Saturday 10th June (Provisionally)- Crown Green Bowling at Secombe. Meet 6.30 p.m. at the Pier Head or meet at 7 p.m. at Bowling Green. Please see Alan Joynson if you require further details.

2) Thursday 15th June - A Coeli at the Clubrooms with caller. Alan Joynson has the details.

3) Saturday 17th June - Pitch and Put Golf at New Brighton. Meet St. John's Lane at 6.30p.m. or 7p.m. at New Brighton. Please see Alan Joynson for further details.

4) Friday 23rd June - Bring your dancing shoes for a coach trip to the Riverside Restaurant in Southport. Meet St. John's Lane. Coach departs at 7.30p.m. Return to Liverpool in the early hours of Saturday morning. Cost about £2.00. (This includes coach fare, entrance cost and food). See Mike Lewis or Lesley Clarke if you require further details.

5) Friday 30th June - A Kebab Meal/Greek Evening. Please see Kathy Driver for further details.

6) Friday 7th July - Ceilidh Dance at Barnton Memorial Hall, Northwich. 8 - 12 p.m. with the Odds Bodikins Band. This is a coach outing. Tickets are 85p - there will be a late Bar. Coach leaves St. John's Lane at 7.15 p.m. Further details and tickets can be obtained from Brian Keller.

7) Saturday 15th July - A Barbeque. Information can be obtained from Frances Lee. Please see her advert included in this Newsletter.

8) Saturday 22nd July -(Provisionally)- Tennis Tournament. Please see Chris Dobbin for further details.

9) Saturday 5th August - Car Rally. Please see Frances Lee for further details.

Please remember that if there are any alterations to these events, they will be announced on a Thursday night.

May I now, finally, make the usual request for material for our Newsletters. Now that this Newsletter has been published we are already collecting material for the next issue. We welcome all kinds of material from any member - especially from someone providing material for the first time. We would also welcome any letters with your thoughts on the Club, Rambling, this Newsletter, Social Events or anything connected with the Club. May I here make one particular request. Our main function as a club is, of course, Rambling. If you do take part in a Ramble, please give thought to writing a report on it, giving your impressions of the Ramble itself and the outing as a whole. I feel sure that new members, in particular, who are thinking of going on a Ramble for the first time will be very interested indeed to read what other people think about the Rambles they have been on.

Any reports (any length to suit yourself) can be handed to me or to John or Lesley Clarke on a Thursday night - as can any material you would like to be included in the next Newsletter. I shall be only too pleased to offer help if you have any questions or ideas about submitting an article.

The closing date by which material should be submitted for inclusion in the next Newsletter is Thursday 6th July.

The next Newsletter will be issued on Thursday 27th July.

Last of all, may I, as usual, thank everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter. May I thank Eric for printing it and thank our regular typists Pauline and Angela. May I also offer one personal thank you to Pat Lambert, who has helped with the typing of the Newsletter for the first time. Indeed, these very words have been typed by her. She assures me that she is known by one member, in particular, of the Ramblers. I believe it to be a person who was connected with the production of the Newsletter in the not so distant past. I wonder if he needs to "tax" his memory to remember her? I wonder....

We do hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter.

Laurence Kelly - Editor.

White Lion Folk Club
Northwich.

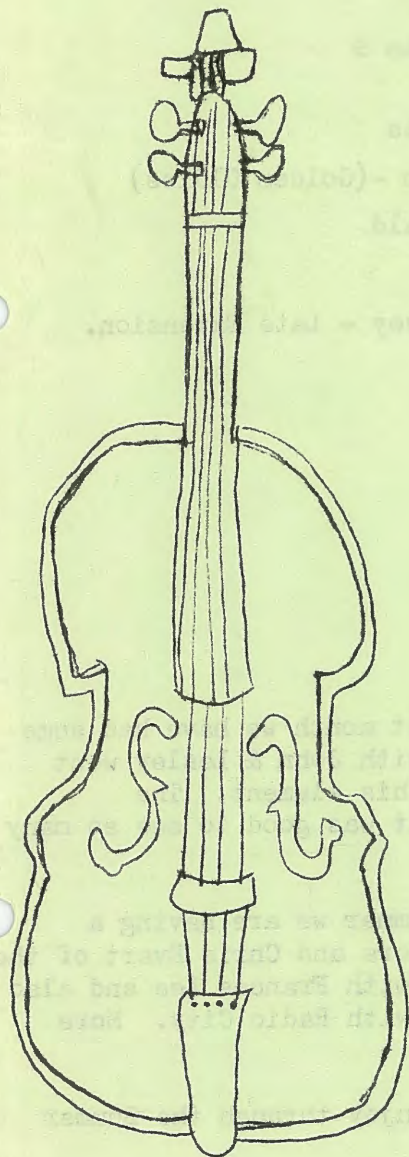
Ceilidh
at

Barnston
Memorial
Hall

Friday July 7th 8-12 p.m.
with

ODDS BODIKINS BAND

tickets 85p - Late Bar
Coach leaves St. John's Lane
at 7.15 p.m.



Tickets and further details —
Please see BRIAN KELLER.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE
CLUBROOMS EACH THURSDAY

1st June, 1978	Disc Jockey	- Paul Healy
8th June, 1978	do.	- John Gibb
15th June, 1978	-	CEILIDH NIGHT -
22nd June, 1978	do.	- Norah Sheehan & Pat Acosta
29th June, 1978	do.	- Claire Morris
6th July, 1978	do.	- Alan Joynson -(Golden Oldies)
13th July, 1978	do.	- John Macdonald
20th July, 1978	do.	- Paul Healy
27th July, 1978	do.	- Space Oddessey - Late Extension.

SOCIALITE

Dear Ramblers,

Looking back on the Social Scene over the past month we have had some very enjoyable Thursday evenings. Our Golden Oldie Night with John & Lesley went down very well, thanks to them both. Brian Keller was in his element. The following week we had Pavement Disco at the clubrooms and it was good to see so many people dancing and enjoying themselves.

Looking ahead to the outside events in the Summer we are having a tennis tournament in June where you will see the Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert of the club in action. In July, we are going to have a Car Rally with Frances Lee and also a barbecue. We also hope to have a Charity Football Match with Radio City. More details will be given about this at a later date.

I'm sure there is something for everyone to enjoy through the Summer months.

Let's hope we get the good weather to go with the events.

John McLindon.
(Social Chairman)

WUTHERING HEIGHTS RAMBLE 'B' PARTY

LEADER: ALAN JOYNSON 23.4.78

'Spring is here at last', I thought as I jumped out of bed on that warm Sunday morning. Glancing at my gloves I put them back in a drawer. This is one ramble where they would not be needed. So in buoyant mood I joined the coach with twenty six ramblers on board bound for the Bronte country at Howarth.

The grey stone village with its cobbled streets was alive with tourists. Every shop seemed to sell Bronte this and Bronte that. From post-cards to paintings and of course their books. We joined in the Bronte game for a few minutes before meeting near the Black Bull Inn for the start of the ramble.

I once stayed at the Black Bull a few years ago. I would not have slept so soundly if I'd known what lay outside my bedroom window, which was on the first floor. Next morning, I pulled back the curtains to find gravestones a few feet away. The inn is built into the hillside that joins the cemetery.

The village was soon left behind. We walked along narrow paths hemmed in on either side by stone walls. The moor lay ahead with the loneliness of the wild moors that had inspired those famous sisters to write.

Did I say loney? It may have been once. The Bronte Falls was like Huyton on a Saturday afternoon. Every rock seemed to have a man, woman or child sitting, walking or running over it. I watched this scene for half an hour as ramblers sunbathed, at what must be one of the smallest water-falls around.

Alan lead us above the small valley onto the open moors to Wuthering Heights, a farmhouse on the sky line. After our 'buttie' break we rushed back to the falls because of the cold wind for some more sunbathing.

Five miles in the open air is just right for an easy ramble, and this one was just right for such a nice day. A pub stop on the way back made the day complete.

John Macdonald

NEW MEMBERS

Seamus BYRNE	Cathy BIRCH	Claire DOWNES
Claire GERAGHTY	Patricia ACOSTA	William BYRNE
Frank LANG	Nora SHEEHAN	Anne DICKINSON
Geraldine GOODWIN	Glen FRIEL	Marie DICKINSON
		Bernadette PICTOR

LLANGOLLEN RAMBLE, APRIL 16TH, 1978.

A grey day, but it didn't stop 54 variegated ramblers getting to Llangollen by the grander route of Llandegla Moors and the Horseshoe Pass or the more mundane but quicker way through the Wrexham bypass. With Cath Peloe leading and Johnny whipping in, a quiet, seemingly perpendicular, road took us out of the town, with Mary Smith 'snapping' like fury to finish the roll of film in her camera. I was on the continuation of this road that, for a change, the children led the adults astray by choosing, understandably, a nice grassy path straight ahead instead of the road, which turned sharply right. It shouldn't have happened with Leader and last man in position, but I think the lesson is that at the slightest bend or alteration in the route someone must wait for the next little group to ensure that they keep to the right path, be they adults or children. Ideally, of course, we shouldn't form into little groups, but with a party like ours with all the ages involved this would indeed be 'ideal'.

When the lost ones had been gathered together we crossed the Dee by the Chain Bridge, which always seems to be more chain than bridge to me. Then we curled round the back of the Hotel, giving the workman painting there a welcome rest as we all filed past. This brought us to the Horseshoe Fall, a bit of a misnomer as it is more like a weir in appearance, and is an artificial feeder from the River Dee to the Llangollen Canal - just one of the snippets of information picked up when the leaders are canal enthusiasts. We had a nice long wait here by the river until all the stragglers had caught the main party up (Grammar!). As usual when our leader stands still for more than 30 seconds, out came the nose bags and drinks - the Mums must spend hours preparing them. Then most of the energy provided by the food was expended by the children in rolling down the steep hillside to the river bank.

Our path now ran along the canal bank with the River running parallel but out of sight. The grey day brought out the lovely colours of the stone of Vale Crucis, and we've a couple of good snaps of it for a house meeting sometime. The National Trusters among us fumed at not having our membership cards with us for a free visit. Dinas Bran was the next highlight, in all senses of the word. Angela Peeney was a bit under the weather so some of the Mums decided to take the valley path back to Llangollen. Most of us went up the hard way, but Bill Potter took some an easier way round the shoulder and all reached the summit together. Kim's attempts at Hara kiri were frustrated by her parents. They all insist in taking the same number of children back that they brought out from home!

By road and path we came to the canal bridge and thence to the car park. Some were left to sample the delights of the fish and chip saloons rather than cook a meal on arriving home, and the rest of us left by our various routes, after a thoroughly enjoyable ramble.

Thank you, Cath (and Johnny).

H.M.S.O.

Do read the notice about the Tennis Tournament in the newsletter. Its a handicap event, so you don't need to be good players. No strawberries this time, its in July, but we'll promise not to forget the teabags.



Change those
climbing boots
for
some
dancing
shoes.....

Coach
Trip
TO
RIVERSIDE
RESTAURANT

Friday 23rd June
Leave St. John's Lane 7.30 p.m.
See Alan Joynson for details.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Following last year's successful American Tennis Tournament at Christ's College, it has been decided to hold another one this year. The Tournament will be played at the Electric Supply Ground, Thingwall Road, (by kind permission of the Electric Supply Sports Committee) on Saturday 22nd July, 1978.

The Tournament will be a handicap event, as last year, and play will commence at about 2.30.p.m. and continue (with a break for tea) until approximately 7.30.p.m. - depending on the number of entrants. It will be helpful if entrants who are able to do so arrive at 2.00.p.m. and in which case play will commence earlier. There will be a nominal entrance fee of 35p which includes tea, and it will be most helpful from the catering point of view if all those participating can let me know by Thursday, 20th July. Please telephone either 722 0621 (evening) or 236 0421 (day).

There was an excellent response to last year's event, 32 competitors taking part, and I am sure there is another enjoyable day in prospect, with prizes to be won. You don't have to be a potential Wimbledon star to get one of these prizes either - even Brian Keller won one last year!

CHRIS DOBBIN

JUNE / JULY RAMBLING PROGRAMME.

June 25th.	INGLETON. (Yorks.)A.	Pete Kennedy.
		B.	Frank Lang.
July 2nd.	CONISTON OLD MAN.(Lakes.)	Mike Mawdsley.
July 9th.	DRUM. (N.Wales.)	Dave Newns.
July 16th.	JOINT RAMBLE WITH FAMILY SECTION.		Committee.
July 23rd.	LANGDALE PIKES.(Lakes.)	Paul Healey.
July 30th.	4of the 14.....(N.Wales.).....	A.	Gerry Rookcroft.
		B.	Lesley Clarke.

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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

First Year Examination - English Paper II (Comprehension)

TIME ALLOWED - 15 MINUTES

What is meant by the following words and phrases?

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| 1. Initot | 10. It dunt ma rer. |
| 2. Summatsup oereer | 11. Ast goratanner? |
| 3. Gerofit | 12. Eenose nowt abartit |
| 4. Wotsmarer weein? | 13. Let er gerontbuz. |
| 5. Asta gorrit reet? | 14. The wantsa wesh thi earole eht. |
| 6. Abberritinterz. | 15. Weevegoracar. |
| 7. Cumforuz afpasteyt intmorn. | 16. Eez nowt bura babi. |
| 8. Methen waratodin? | 17. Tantad nowt dunatitas I knows on. |
| 9. Ast seenim on telly? | |

NOTE: Pronounce 'G' as in 'got'.

Turn over for answers.

ANSWERS TO OPEN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION

1. Isn't it hot.
2. Something's up over here.
3. Get off it.
4. What is the matter with him?
5. Have you got it right?
6. I bet it isn't hers.
7. Come for us at half past eight in the morning.
8. Now then, what are you doing.
9. Have you seen him on the television?
10. It does not matter.
11. Have you got a sixpence?
12. He knows nothing about it.
13. Will you please let her get on the Public Service Vehicle.
14. You want to wash your ears out.
15. We have got a car.
16. He is nothing but a baby.
17. It hasn't had anything done to it as I know of.

GRAND WIRRAL BARBECUE

SATURDAY 15th JULY 7-11 pm

75^p PER PERSON (FOR ALL THE FOOD
YOU CAN EAT)

LOCATION : WIRRAL COUNTRY PARK
MAIN CENTRE - THURSTASTON SHORE

TICKETS MUST BE OBTAINED ROUTE DIRECTIONS CAN
BY THURSDAY 13th JULY BE SUPPLIED ON REQUEST

TICKET HOLDERS TO MEET AT
St JOHNS LANE 7-00 pm WHERE
TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED.

GRAND FEAST COMMENCES AT 8-30 pm PROMPT

GAWSWORTH - MAY 14TH, 1978. Leader Maureen Howard.

One day I was very excited. "We are going on a ramble today" my Mum said. The weather was sunny and not at all windy. When we got there we all made daisy chains. Some children climbed on a climbing frame. The ramble began. Kim and I held a baby's hand and looked after him. We went past cows fields and sheeps fields. We stopped on the edge of a sheep field where my Dad fell asleep with all my family's coats on top of him. (We hope to have photographic evidence of this).

When my Dad woke up we carried on. We came to the end of a sheep field and came to steps and a ladder. When we got across the road there was a horse in a field and some of the children called it names trying to get it near them. On the way we found a beech tree. My Mum got a leaf from it and held it a funny way and blew on it. It made a funny whistling noise. We went past Gawsorth Church. It was very old and very beautiful. There were lots of big statues on the altar and lots of flowers on the pulpit where the priest stands.

Then we carried on until we came to a canal, where we had a photograph taken. A boat stopped to have a photograph taken, as well. We came to a lock where some big doors were closed to stop the water going through. One side was filling with water and the other side wasn't. Then a boat came and went into the side which was filling up with water. When it was nearly overflowing some man opened the big doors. The man in the boat waited for the water to be its right height and carried on. Then we came to a bridge and looked over the side onto the same canal and the same boat was heading straight for another lock. We carried on and picked flowers. I picked lots of blue-bells. Then we went into more cow and sheep fields but this time we did not stop at all. "We are nearly there" a man said to me. Then we got to the car park. While the Mums and dads were packing the left-overs away the children made daisy chains and climbed on the climbing frame. When I got home I had stew and went straight to bed and had a good nights sleep.

Elizabeth Feeney (age 7).

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FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1978.

JULY 6TH. HOUSE MEETING at Rosemary Rollerson's, 33 Eskdale Drive, Maghull.

JULY 16TH. RAMBLE - MOEL FANMEAU. This is a joint ramble with the main Club. Do try to come out and meet the rest of our ClubMembers. Details of meet etc. are given elsewhere in this issue.

AUGUST 3RD. HOUSE MEETING at Bill and Peggy Potters, 91 Woodland Road, Halewood, Liverpool 26.

AUGUST 13TH. RAMBLE - WILLINGTON CORNER. Leader Chris Dobbin. Meet 12.30.
Route - Frodsham via Runcorn (A557) then to Delamere Forest via B5152. Continue to junction with A556, turn right along A556 (merges with A54). Continue to Farmer's Arms, turn left alongside Farmer's Arms down Waste Lane. Follow lane straight then bend round to left. Car Park is on left $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on at King's Gate, and if you get lost on that you're not trying! No toilets available here so please use those at Delamere Station Car Park on your way in.

The new programmes will be out soon. The house meetings seem to be more evenly spread over the Liverpool and Maghull areas this time, so the hardy annuals are looking forward to seeing a few more of the not exactly exotic blooms around but one or two more of the rare variety.

On Sunday everybody did their own thing. Some went for a drive, others a walk and most went to church. I wandered down to the lake to see some of the more talented ramblers draw pictures of the mountains and lake. After an early dinner we left for home, meeting in a pub on the way, after a wonderful weekend in the Lakes.

JOHN MACDONALD

DOLWYDDELAN

SUNDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1978

After a coach journey slightly longer than usual, although interrupted by 'breakfast' in Ruthin, we arrived at Dolwyddelan at about 1.30p.m. After (eventually) finding somewhere to park we poured out of the coach and into the rain.

Being somewhat courageous that day I decided to walk with the 'A' party led by Barry LYON. We set off at a rapid pace and I was quite glad when we had to slow down to cross a fast-flowing stream just below a waterfall. By now the rain had stopped and the sky was clear.

Above the waterfall we came to some flatter land into which deep drainage ditches were dug and Christmas trees planted. Then came the steep climb to the top of Criban (591 metres). Once on the top of Snowdon - the surrounding valleys and mountains were clearly visible, so too were Brian KELLER and the 'B' party some way below us.

From the top we descended across some ground so soggy that you could easily get your boots full of water. We saw what appeared to be part of the fuselage and wing of a crashed airplane. The impact of the crash had made a crater, which was now a pond, full of frogspawn.

Not long after this I scratched my hand while climbing over a fence. With great eagerness the first aid kit was produced and a plaster applied.

Soon we arrived back at the coach. After an anxious moment - we could not find Mick, we got changed, to the great amusement of the occupants of a caravan parked alongside.

Then, after the return of the 'B' party, we set off to Ruthin to find a suitable pub. Our thirsts were quenched, and news and views exchanged before our return to Liverpool. Once again a rambling Sunday had been all too short.

Gerry Birmingham

Smile with Snoopy!



DRAUGHT BEER
AT NEXT PUB

Drivers
Information...



SELF SERVICE
ONLY

B.K wishes
to repudiate
all references
made about
him in previous
newsletters!!



--- WHATS THE BEST THING YOU CAN
DO WHEN YOUR BRAKES FAIL ---
HIT SOMETHING CHEAP!!

David wishes
to apologise
to Cynthia.

WANTED
DANCERS TO
ATTEND DISCO'S
ON A THURSDAY
NIGHT.

WALKERS TO
FILL COACHES
ON A SUNDAY

ACROSS

1-3-17 WHAT YOU-ARE!

- 6 GIRLS NAME
- 9 CASH
- 11 YOU AND ME
- 15 SCOTTISH LAKE

- 7 ROUND
- 10 KELLAR
- 14 TO STRIKE

- 16 FEELING AFTER RAMBLE
- 17 SAME AS 1 ACROSS
- 20 ✓ HIS DYKE
- 23 SMALL HUMAN OR CAR
- 24 CONSUMED ON A THURSDAY NIGHT
- 25 ANOTHER NAME FOR 23

DOWN

- 2 BODY
- 3 ✓ AS 1 ACROSS
- 4 ✓ BETWEEN FOOT AND BOOT
- 5 KESWICK HOUSE
- 8 DOGS REIN
- 12 BETTER SIDE OF THE RIVER
- 13 RAINCOAT AND JOHN
- 18 LETTER POST
- 19 ✓ NATIONAL FLOWER
- 21 TYPE OF EVERGREEN
- 22 ✓ KNIGHT'S TITLE

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