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LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1982 - No.106

SUNDAY RAMBLES

With the advent of the summer weather, so increases the popularity of the Sunday Rambles. The more people that sponsor the rambles then, of course, the healthier the Club is. Problems can arise, however, for the leader and organiser of the walk, especially when numbers are such that the walk is "saturated". A few problems have arisen lately whereby the coach has been "full" and people have been turned away yet when Sunday arrives, several people have not turned up. The opposite also applies, whereby people who have not booked a seat on the coach have turned up.

Only if your co-operation is guaranteed can we run the coaches efficiently and fairly. I must ask you, therefore, to book the coach in advance of the walk. Preferably each individual should book for himself/herself only. No deposits will be returned and people who book by 'phone and fail to turn up will be invoiced the deposit. I hope this will make things easier for walkers and leaders alike.

Thanks,

PAUL STEVENS

CHAIRMAN

ACROSS

PRIZE CROSSWORD NO. 3 SOLUTION

1. ANEMOMETER 6. UFO 8. NONAGENARIAN 12. STEW 13. SA 14. HARVEST  
16. OBLIGATION 17. EL 18. BULL 20. AR 21. KINGDOM 23. ONLY  
24. GIN 26. OBE 27. NUGGETT 29. RAM 30. NO 31. THETHA (or OMEGA)  
32. BLASE

DOWN

1. ARNSIDE KNOT 2. MOEL HEBOG 3. TEA 4. RUINED 5. MONETARY 7. FA  
9. OT 10. NEST 11. AWAY 15. ALUMINA 19. LO 20. ALIENS 22. GABLE  
25. NUMB 28. TOE 29. RA

Of the correct copies received Brian Keller's was the first to be drawn.  
Keep the solutions coming - now try No. 4.

Quiz answers to "A STRANGE TALE"  
in last month's Newsletter in order of appearance were:-

SKIDDAW, YR KILLEN, MALHAM, FAIRFIELD, KINDER SCOUT, ARNSIDE, TRYFAN,  
ULLSWATER, DERWENT, GABLE.

Anthony Brockway submitted the first correct entry to Terry Hulme and was duly rewarded with a free drink and a magic key ring from him.

# SOCIALITE

Hello, all you swinging Socialites,

The original draft for this edition by Maria is possibly nestling behind one of the drink-soaked tables of the Gingerbread pub where I had a rendezvous with some of the typists last week! So I apologise for having to rush this substitute report. - DAVE.

The highlighting of the Fred Norbury Trophy in the last edition prompted 21 determined ten-pin bowlers recently to try for that elusive 'strike' in a fierce fight for high scores in the first round of this 4-stage competition this year. Highest scorers were Moira Hamilton for the ladies and Brian Keller for the Gents with many others close behind them. Full results are displayed on the Club's noticeboard at the Thursday socials.

Now for future events, read on:

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - PITCH & PUTT (New Brighton) 2nd Round PE Trophy.  
If you are among the majority who can successfully perfect the delicate technique of swinging a golf club so that it limits the ball's flight to a few yards, even feet, then you will surely qualify for this event, followed by a visit to a drinking establishment for the minority who may be interested afterwards. Meet at St John's Lane at 5 pm unless otherwise stated.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 - JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

There are a few places left for this night out. See any committee member or contact Paul Healy on 426 0162. Cost £2.50.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - Fred Norbury Quiz (3rd Round) at Atlantic House.  
Late Licence - Gerry and Graham doing their DJ thingy.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 - BARBECUE (after a ramble in the Peckforton Hills)  
See notice at foot of Family Section page. Bookings to Maria McDonnell

DISCO ROTA - Volunteers see Maria McDonnell

June 24 Peter Wilkinson      July 1 Gerry & Marie Bouche  
July 8 Terry Hulme          July 15 Mike and Mark - Yahoo!

MATCHES - Barry & Marian Dooley, a girl, Jennifer, on 9th June, 515120z. Marian blames the suspension on Barry's car for prematurity

MATCHES - Congratulations to Geraldine Goodwin and Dominic Ion on their recent engagement. Also to Richie Canon and Colette who were married on April 12th. The good news: Colette is now expecting!

# Ramblerite

Just to introduce myself - Well, I am supposed to be one of the Joint Rambling Chairmen? Up to date, I have only been a back-room boy, but the time has come to put pen to paper and hopefully save Dave some ink.

Recent rambles have shown coaches almost full to capacity. This is good news, but BEWARE, if you have not paid the £1.50 deposit to secure your seat on the coach, you may find yourself rambling around Liverpool - waving goodbye to a full coach.

On a happier note, the new programme is full to the brim. Here are one or two we hope will tempt you:-

JUNE 27 ORIENTEERING, PENMACHNO (plus a ramble in the forest) 10.15  
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Those who have been Orienteering so far, have enjoyed themselves - it's not a competition, just some fun. Don't worry though, you will not be expected to go off on your own, plenty of instruction will be provided. This is the first training event for the Fred Norbury Cup, so let's have a big turn-out.

JULY 4 STRIDING EDGE (note 9.30 start) Lake District  
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The Helvelyn Horseshoe via Striding Edge and Swirral Edge is Paul Stevens' plan of action. Starting from the picturesque village of Glenridding, on the banks of Ullswater. Mike Fishwick will lead a low level B walk.

JULY 11 CARNEDDS (N.Wales) 10.00 start  
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Bernard Foley leads this mammoth walk across the Carnedds to Aber. There will also be a moderate B walk from Bethesda to Aber including a visit to the impressive Aber Falls.

JULY 18 KENTMERE (Cars)  
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Terry Hulme seems to have wrapped this walk up as top secret - he will only commit himself to say that it's a good walk. Coming from Terry, that must be good. By the way, Kentmere is in the Lake District.

JULY 24 THE BICKERTON POACHER (see separate notice)  
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I will be leading a walk around the local hills, which, though quite easy, they are interesting and allow magnificent views of the surrounding countryside. Maria will be taking care of the Barbecue. Please make life easy and book early for this event.

AUGUST 1 ORIENTEERING

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Further practice for the Fred Norbury Cup. See Dave or myself for details.

Past rambles have included Yr Elen, Crinkle Crag and Grib Goch. The weather on these walks has not been too good, the A walkers have found themselves using map and compass after disappearing into low-level cloud.

The weather now seems to have taken a turn for the better. We have just had a scorching few weeks, so why not come out for a walk. There's no excuse at the moment with a ramble each week - you will even be able to see views that you may have missed. And don't tell me that you are sunbathing - you can sunbathe on the walk.

PLEASE NOTE - There is a printing error on the new membership card. The deposit for the coach is £1.50 not as stated.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

THE ASCENT OF SNOWDON, May 23 ('A' Party)

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The coach stopped at Pen Y Pass, a comforting 1100 feet above sea level. The ramble started up the Pyg Track and split into three parties:- A led by Dave, B led by Maria and C led by Paul. The Pyg Track was much improved since my last time, rocks have been strategically placed so as to ease walking and to reduce erosion. The path, however, was just as long and uneventful as ever, except for a sudden downpour of rain which had everyone searching for kagoules. Only to remove them ten minutes later.

The A party arrived at the base of Grib Goch; looking up, the normally over-powering peak was washed away in cloud. We began to climb. It took us less than fifteen minutes to find the start of a new route up, even if it was more of a climb than a scramble. Finding the proper path we reached the top of what seemed to be a bigger than normal Grib Goch.

After a short rest, we started to traverse the ridge, walking on the very top of the crag. Looking down we were allowed an occasional view of the valleys depths below. The going was slow, but gradually we walked, scrambled, tripped and fell along the ridge up to Grib Y Dysgol. Down we went to the tall stone (monolith) which marks the start of the miners path. On to the railway lines and the easy navigational exercise of following them to the Cafe (which incidentally was closed as usual). The descent via the Pyg and Miners Tracks, leaving the swirling mist behind us, was completed in time for a hot cup of tea in the cafe below. - A. M. Brockway

## STORM CLOUDS OVER THE WYRNOSE PASS

9th May 1982 - Leader 'B' Phil Steele

I woke up to a bright and sunny morning; even the most grumpiest person would feel happy on a day like this. The Blackbirds and Chaffinches welcomed me to this new day, as a Robin hopped from branch to branch at the bottom of the garden in the Sycamore tree. A yellow-green frog watched her off-springs in the pool near the tree. They swam excitedly from the shadows into the sunlight, then down into the depths to explore their world. I was ready to explore my world with the help of the forty-five rambblers waiting on the coach to go to Lakeland.

A few miles north of Kendal the driver decided to turn back. There was no alternative but to agree with his decision. No; he had not gone on strike but the road was blocked with miles of cars because of an accident. Soon the driver found another way through Kendal and we were on our way again.

The bright skies of the morning had changed to an overcast sky as we reached Langdale Valley at around 2.00.p.m. The 'A' party disappeared faster than a shot from a gun into the mountains and the 'B' party split into two groups.

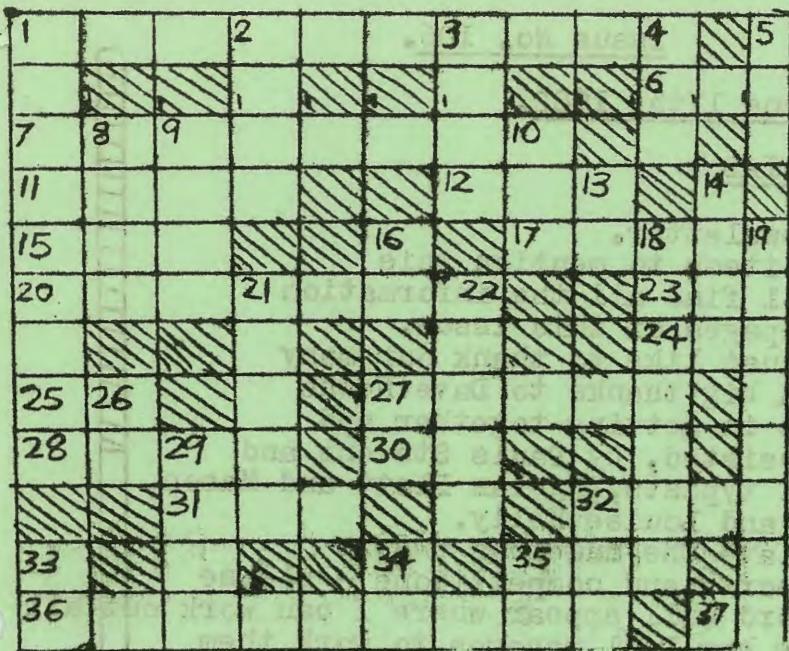
I joined the smallest group led by Phil Steele with Anne, Pete and Dave, then Eddie and Anne - seven in all. We walked along the road towards the end of the valley and then down a lane on the left to a very pleasant camp site. A few campers watched us from their tents as we walked past.

We made our way through a small wood then over four stiles to the mountain side above the camp (this was to be the hardest part of the climb). Soon we stood breathless above this land locked valley encircled by hills. We crossed a road with a cattle gate then followed a path across the moors with Rakerigg on our right and we entered a tunnel of dark green trees. On the far side of the wood we found Blea Tarn with its slate grey waters moving slowly in the wind. I thought this would be a calm tranquil lonely place to get away from it all but no; it may be like that sometimes but not today. Forty children were running, jumping and shouting, taking photographs of the lake or of each other.

Phil led us to a quiet spot above the lake for our lunch and Eddie whipped out the biggest flask I've seen from his rucksack. It could explain why sometime later the strap fell off his rucksack! We passed the castle-like rock of Tarnclose Crag in the valley between the hills of Birk Knott and Miller Stands. Dark storm clouds gathered over head as we neared a small bridge on the road to the Wrynose Pass. Phil suggested that we could shelter under the bridge if the storm broke. We waited whilst the storm clouds passed before making our way back to the coach in the evening sunshine.

John Macdonald

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 4



From all correct entries received ONE will be drawn.

The prize will be either £2.50 or a free ramble.

All entries to be given or sent to any committee member by 8th. July 1982.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ACROSS

1. The largest of the lakes. (10)
6. Tree now close to extinction in this country (3)
7. The day after today (8)
11. At all times (4)
12. Rodent (3)
15. Type of sleep. abbreviation (3)
17. Make of recent camera of the year (5)
20. Highest Welsh peak. (7)
23. Australian marsupial. abbreviation (3)
24. Independant television news (3)
25. The thing spoken of (2)
27. To faint in awe (5)
28. Welsh Bridge (4)
30. Existing back to front (2)
31. Slippery aquatic (3)
32. A spot of ink (4)
35. Yes indeed (3)
36. It passes from Windermere to Ullswater (9)
37. Alternative (2).

DOWN

1. Down where the rabbits are (9)
2. Entrance (4)
3. Grassland usually featureless (4)
4. Yet again we meet 31 across
5. Australian running bird (3)
8. One cooks in this (4)
9. Note (4)
10. State of hostility between two nations (3)
13. As 25 across back to front
14. Footwear, singular (4)
16. Larger than a duck but similar (5)
18. A craggy feature of the Langdale valley (7)
19. This pass leads to Buttermere (8)
21. Refuse (5)
22. Lakeland bridge (5)
26. In the direction of (2)
29. Close (4)
32. To pass into next round of competition without competing (3)
33. Affirmative. abbreviation (2)
34. As 25 across
35. The indefinite article, before the sound of a vowel (2)

Thursday June 17th. 1982.

EDITORIAL

Welcome again to another Newsletter. There being no outstanding items to mention this edition I hope everyone will find all the information they need contained in the pages of this issue.

I would, as usual just like to thank our many contributors and helpers. A big thanks to Dave Newns who has done the major part in getting together and printing this issue, ably assisted, by Pauls Stevens and Healy. Thanks to the band of typists, Angelas Platt and Mason, Pat Rothwell and Ann Nicholson and Louise Kelly.

We greatly appreciate the numerous people providing us with ramble reports and competitions - please keep it up - maybe a crossword will appear where I can work out all of the answers! I don't know how Paul manages to work them all out!

The next Newsletter will be published on Thursday July 29th.

Material should be handed to Dave Newns or any Committee member at the clubrooms or can be sent by post. Closing date for material is

Thursday July 8th.

We do hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

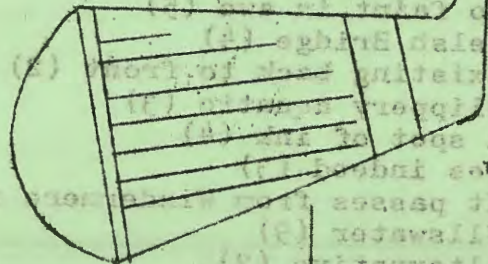
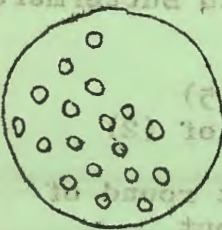
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Newton,  
West Kirby,  
WIRRAL.

Second round of the Fred Norbury Trophy.

PITCH AND PUTT

on Saturday Night, June 26th.  
at New Brighton.

See Maria Mc Donnell  
for details.





## CONISTON - JUNE 6th

(from our Billinge correspondent)

With the long, hot spell of fine weather, a record number of 22 keen 'A' walkers followed Paul Stevens up the first part of the well-defined route up the tarmac road, getting sticky and hotter (the mad 'A' walkers, not the road!) until we came to the foothills of Coniston Old Man. Here we had a magnificent panorama of the famous mountain hiding behind the shroud of mist, and just to cool us down a little, it began to rain a fine drizzle for a short while. Onward and upward, now into the gloom we climbed, with the half dozen lady members and the men pushing their sun-tan lotion to the bottom of their rucksacks and proceeding to pull out warm sweaters, etc. as it was now getting cold and windy, with mist dripping off shorts onto hairy legs.

After striding over several boulders and rocks, passing Boo Tarn on the way up, we finally got to the summit of the Old Man at about 3.10 pm. This was only the start of the memorable scramble as we now proceeded along a ridge to Levers Haus and Great How Crag where we met about eight men from St Helens and all proceeded in the mist to descend "The Prison." The walkers who were on this descent will understand why this bit of a cliff-hanger is so named. Needless to say we all got down with the aid of verbal instructions from Paul and Anthony who nearly got down a lot faster with the assistance of a slippery St Helens lad who thought Anthony was waiting for a push down. The mist had cleared now and we passed Levers Water and onwards down to Coniston without further incident at 5.30 pm.

The 19 'B' walkers had a slightly easier time under the expert guidance of Terry Hulme, seemingly managing to keep with the warm, sunny weather to get back to the coach just before a shower of rain at 4.30 pm. The weather really brightened up a few minutes later and a pleasant journey back on the coach to Liverpool, via the Bull's Head at Milnethorpe finished off an enjoyable day out for 41 mad members.

IVOR ROPE

### A FISHY STORY

Bailiff: "I suppose you'll say that you're not fishing?"  
Poacher: "No -- just drowning worms, sir!"

(Article on Fishing on back page of this edition)

FAMILY SECTION. WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

On a fine sunny day we set off on a ramble picturesquely called "Hills, Hollows and Hamlets of Whittle-le-Woods", which was apparently a spa in the last century following the discovery of waters beneficial to health - so you see our leader was not being at all unkind when he suggested you go jump in the lake!

We passed through the hamlet and along the track beside the Leeds Liverpool Canal, which has seven locks at this point raising it 65ft 6ins., past a house dated 1697, which date was only recently discovered by a curious tenant who removed the mortar covering it, and later Denham Hall where the barn is dated 1666 and the shippon 1669 - all of which interesting facts were probably completely missed by our merry walkers because they all talk too much!

It is a lovely time of the year for walking with all the spring flowers in the fields and hedgerows, and a good long stylish walk (I had to say that to avoid disappointing everybody who absolutely ~~knew~~ I was going to say it in view of the fact that we clambered over what seemed to be at least 199 of the things, with never two alike).

The day was finished off going through le woods and passing the house where our CO-Leader was born (the placqua was away being polished at the time), and the children found a park with roundabouts, etc., and so far as I know, they're still there!

Many thanks, Jack and Sue, for a splendid ramble. You do realise that having done so well the first time, you won't ever be let off again, don't you?

A Non-Chatterbox or  
Anon Chatyerbox.

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PROGRAMME.

The July House Meeting is at John and Cath Peloe's, 5, Crawford Avenue, Maghull. July 1st about 8 p.m. I'm wondering what the latest home-brewed wine will be. The cabbage was delicious!

Noel and Angela Fishwick are leading the Walk on July 11th to Hoghton Gorge. Leave the M6 at Junction 28. Turn right onto B5256 and follow this for about 6 miles. At the junction with A675 turn left in the direction of Preston. Hoghton Village Hall Car Park is half a mile further on on the left hand side, adjacent to Recreation Ground. Please use TOILETS at the Charnock Richard Service Area, between Junctions 27/28. Its a 1 p.m. start.

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We'd a lovely night at the Leylands - talking almost non-stop about our Papal visit experiences. This, of course, was after admiring young Mike's huge collection of football trophies. The Leylands were in our coral at Speke, May very tastefully dressed in Papal colours. The McDonalds and Athertons were at the

Cathedral, and Marie is still feeling put out that she didn't get a ride on a police horse as well as Ann-Marie. Bill Potter was to the manner born as traffic cop for the disabled peoples' buses, and Dave Newns and a party of our young Club members also helped the disabled. Mary Birkett was ecstatic over her ticket to attend the Cathedral Mass, while Tony had to be content with stewarding. Maureen entertained family and friends on the Brodie Avenue Papal route.

You'll all have your chosen memories, but I think my loviest was at Archbishop's House in the grey chill of Monday morning, when our still smiling John Paul passed slowly along in the smaller Popemobile on his way to the Airport.

Back to basics! Tatton Park was a great success. The Duke of Edinburgh was sorry not to be joining the Athertons, McDonalds and Steve Pearson by the lakeside, but he had some competitive horse driving to do in another part of the Park. Even the £2 and £1 entrance fee seemed worth it, though the dinghies and li-los of our party appeared a little infra-dig to the County Set.

The Chalet weekend was also delightful. Saturday's walk was glorious in the wonderful sunshine, and even Sundays in the rain was good, highlighted by a scramble down a one in about four on the way back to the Chalet, and the composition of new lyrics to "In our Liverpool Home" by Anne, Helen and Christine. The Chalet is really lovely now, with picture windows and carpetting. As more or less an onlooker at the catering, I stood back and admired Pegg's roast ham on the Saturday, and chickens galore on Sunday's menu. Chips, of course, with everything. Thanks for the walks Bill. We must either take tracing paper to trace the intended route from the wall map or take with us on the walk the Chalet Wall which has that spot-on ordnance survey map on it. Could we even buy one!!

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\* GENUINE BOOT BARGAINS - For sale from General Members: \*  
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Size 4 Good condition, only worn twice, a bargain at £5. \*  
See Marie O'Loughlin (or Paul Stevens). \*  
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Size 5 Almost new, good quality. See Kathy Diver (259 4171). \*  
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Size 6 Hawkins Boots, hardly worn, a bargain at £20. \*  
Contact M. O'Beirne - 677 1335. \*  
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\* BARBECUE AT THE BICKERTON POACHER, Cheshire \*  
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A ramble around the Peckforton Hills followed by a barbecue in the evening with the menu of your choice (and price) To finish off the evening you can join in the crowds at the Disco. Coach costs only £1 to fully paid-up members. \*  
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SATURDAY, JULY 24 - See Maria McDonnell for bookings. \*  
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## FISHING IN THE LAKE DISTRICT (Number Two)

There are so many lakes and rivers in the Lake District that it is impossible to mention them all. The difficulty then arises in selecting those that perhaps are in some ways easier to fish, more picturesque, more accessible than others. At the risk of excluding those areas that are perhaps more popular with others than myself, I intend to limit them to my favourites. I will continue in this edition to examine Bassenthwaite Lake and Brothers Water.

### BASSENTHWAITE LAKE

Bassenthwaite is the most Northerly of all the Lakes, situated between Lords seat on the West and Skiddaw on the East. Not only is it one of the most beautiful of the lakes, but it also offers a wealth of sport to anglers. The Western shore is easily accessible and parking facilities are good. The Eastern side of the Lake is harder to reach and much of it is privately owned. It can be reached from either Scarness or Broadness and the trip is well worthwhile for the excellent Pike that are to be caught in Scarness and Broadness Bays.

From the A594 the Western shore can be reached by descending the steep slope, crossing the disused railway track and then continuing down towards the lake. After heavy, prolonged rain it may be difficult to reach some of the places along this side. One of the better bays can still be reached by setting off from the Swan Hotel, following the path through the woods and fields to the North. After about 10 minutes of steady walking one reaches an excellent spot for Pike fishing in a wide sweeping bay fringed by weeds. The bed of the lake is reasonably free from snags. The Northern end of the Lake, near the Ouse bridge is a good position for trout and salmon during the season. Boats may be hired from the Piel Wyke landing. PERMITS available from Temples - main street in Keswick.

### BROTHERS WATER

South via the A592 from Glenridding for approximately 4 miles.

This is a small remote lake situated in a U-shaped valley which joins Ullswater to the North. The spectacular Kirkstone Pass lies to the South of the valley along the main road connecting Ullswater and Brothers Water.

The Eastern shore can easily be reached from the road but the wooded Western shore has to be journeyed on foot. Trout tend to be small in size although they are plentiful.

Paul Stevens

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Heard about the Irish tea-bag?

It's waterproof!

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