

# LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



# NEWSLETTER



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(upto 8pm Wed/Thurs)EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

At last, a successful launch with jubilation, your newsletter has come out of hibernation! The last edition was followed by a Chinese meal, organised by Tony Bond and was very successful I hear but that was in February. Some of us more fortunate members were away in Austria at the time enjoying superb skiing conditions and the local Austrian cuisine (hang on, I have just half cremated my toast under the grill!)...you can't beat a good meal out! Or can you? - Well Mavis entertained us with a meat-pie-or-crisps weekend at Keswick with the 'A' parties scarping up Blencathra and Skiddaw to bury the pies in the deep snow on the peaks. Before then Mike Hendrick and Dave Connolly took the club to the North Pole, sorry, North Berwyns (or was I right first time?). Arctic conditions were experienced at Malham, Moel Siabod and more recently on High Street. We needn't have bothered going to Austria in search of snow! Even Snowdon had to be abandoned at Easter because of snow and ice, but that didn't spoil the weekend in caravans. Highlight of that weekend was another Chinese meal out followed by Linda and Fiona singing at Snowdon (the Snowdon pub!) near Llanrug.

So, if you haven't been out for a while you can see what fun you have missed. The General Committee are meeting again this week and the two main Sub-committees (Rambling and Social) will be getting the General Committee to approve (or disapprove) their plans for the next few weeks/months ahead. Roy, who unfortunately caught chicken pox over the Easter break, has now recovered and got his social team together to organise many varied activities over the next few months. Full details inside this newsletter. Not only plagued by chicken pox, Roy also had the GPO against him, as it took five days for his Social Spotlight copy to reach me in Billinge. Yes, it did have a 17p stamp on the envelope but maybe the Billinge, Wigan, Merseyside instead of Wigan, Lancs, threw the GPO computer haywire. Correct address above, and don't forget to use the postcode next time, the GPO computer loves it!

Thanks anyway for submitting your full reports, both Anthony and Roy and also thanks due to Tom for submitting the Money Problem (on the last Social Spotlight page). If it wasn't for you three the newsletter wouldn't be worth printing. Many write-ups on rambles, weekends etc, were promised but didn't materialise, so how about a big effort for the next newsletter everyone? After all, it is your club and your newsletter

You will be pleased to hear that the coach - we abandoned at Milnthorpe - is now back in service again, apparently gearbox trouble was the problem.

Thanks to Mona for your three pages of Family Section. Now if there are any observant members among us they will have noticed there is only ONE page of Family Section-type write-up here - The Malham Joint Walk - the rest was printed last week in the form of mini-newsletters as I had given up hope of ever seeing Roy's Social Spotlight. By the way, the pub-stop at Farington on the Malham walk was a little confusing as they had recently built a new bypass road past the usual pub which makes it now inaccessible for coaches. A pity, because it was a handy pub for some of the M6 rambles (Rambles on the M6? What next!).

DAVE NEWS

## R A M B L E R I T E

The rambles are going very well, in fact we had two coaches on the ramble today! But all is not quite as it seems. I am at present travelling down the M6 from the Lakes in a really luxurious Silver Fern coach (reclining seats, etc). Thanks to John their driver for a pleasant journey, etc. Our original coach developed a knocking noise somewhere in the Kirkstone Pass region, so by the time we reached Milnthorpe our original coach was abandoned, Mike the driver deciding to contact the Coach Rescue Service or something like that! Thanks to Paul Amundsen and John Maddocks for two very good walks.

Now for your future enjoyment....

APRIL 20 MOEL HEBOG (Snowdonia) 9.30 start. Mike Hendrick and Dave Connolly may take in Gelert's grave (ask if you do not know the history). Both walks will finish in the village of Beddgelert where there are one or two cafes.

APRIL 27 GREAT DUMMOCKS (Lakes/Yorkshire) 10.15 start. Dave Newns and George Riley take us to the Howgill Fells close to Sedbergh, located on the southern edge of the Lake District. This area is a grassy rolling upland. The walks will probably both finish at a small Temperance hotel where tea/coffee, etc may be purchased (admission free or bring a bottle!).

MAY 2-5 CARAVAN WEEKEND, Caravans in Snowdonia again, with the added bonus of an overnight camp on Snowdon, weather permitting. See Anthony Brockway.

MAY 11 LINGMOOR FELL (Lakes) 10.15 start. Jim Hughes and Paul Healy take us to this small mountain in the Langdale area which forms a good viewpoint of the famous Langdale Pikes.

18 MAP READING. Interested? Then see Dave, Brian or myself.

MAY 23-26 SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CHALLENGE WALK. No details yet. Update on Thursdays.

JUNE 1 BRYN GWYNANT (Snowdonia) 10.15 start. Roy Thisis and Mick Norgate lead us up the highest peak in Wales, hopefully the summit cafe will be open.

JUNE 8 MYSTERY RAMBLE (10.15 start). Peter Kennedy and Paul Healy are staying tight-lipped over this one. No bribes accepted and even I don't know where this one is going to. Paul's only supplied one clue: It's on 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " O.S. map 90, so it must be north of Liverpool.

JUNE 21 WHITE HOUSE (North Wales) 11.00 start.

Note: This is a Saturday event and will consist of a Ramble, Meal and Disco. Past outings to this place have been extremely memorable. Socialites also catered for. Approx cost £7.

JUNE 29 ST SUNDAY CRAG (Lakes) 9.30 start. Terry Tucker and Paul Healy take us to this beautiful part of the Lake District. Plenty to do if you just want to wander around.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

Rambling Chairsmn

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REMINDER - Don't forget the CEILIDH on Friday, April 18th - See Socialite.

## S O C I A L   S P O T L I G H T

Hi everybody, and as always, a very special welcome to our new members.

Well, it's great to see Summer's on the way, in fact the sooner the better considering the wintry Easter we all experienced! Thinking back to last Summer, it was good to see how many of you turned out for the various Fred Norbury/Cyril Kelly Trophy events, turning into good social get-togethers on most occasions — also great to see many new, as well as old faces, taking part, no matter what their own sporting activities were like because at the end of the day it did not matter who won or lost. The main objective was always achieved, that is, we always got a good laugh! This year we have already planned many sociable events, many of them being part of the annual Fred Norbury/Cyril Kelly Trophy event starting with Grown Green Bowls on May 10th (Saturday) at Seacombe as in previous years. In June there will be Pitch and Putt at Harrison Drive, New Brighton, then...well just read the programme of future social events on the next pages so that you can all take full advantage of the long Summer nights ahead.

The Manx Suite upstairs at the Liverpool, has proven to be a popular success with many members since the move there during January. The atmosphere is excellent and sometimes puts in mind the good old Atlantic House. The big plus about the Manx Suite at the Mona is that it's got a bigger dance floor with the bar being tucked away in the corner (being an improvement from the 'island' bar downstairs). The larger room also lends itself better to the club's own superb sound system and with the addition of some sophisticated light controllers, gives unlimited potential to what the club can offer on Thursday nights. Obviously members do want the same loud disco week in, week out, but like variations on a theme. With this in mind, different members have been doing DJ, using the club's own sound system to play their own particular choice of records. This may be a choice of Country & Western, Irish Music, Beatles, Motown, etc, and have been very popular over the past few weeks. If you fancy playing your own selection of records, even organising some Irish or Scottish Dancing, Barn Dancing or a good old sing-a-long, then please do not hesitate to contact the Social Committee or myself, Of course the club will still be playing selections from the Top 40, especially after the News at Ten, which will make sure that upstairs is bouncing!

So you can see the Social Committee is trying very hard to appeal to all tastes (whisky, gin, etc!) but at the end of the day it's up to YOU, the member, to support the club in full. If you have not been to our new upstairs venue yet then I would like to extend the invitation for you to come along next Thursday. Look forward to seeing you!

Just imagine you've seen Halley's Comet, Rocky IV, Madonna, Mick Norgate buying a round. Can you remember the tremendous excitement you went through! Yes, you have guessed it! It's going to happen again, because it's FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS!!

Now that the screaming and clapping have finally died down I can tell you straight away that the following events will be:



## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - 1986

Three very important guidelines: 1 Make sure you have got a camera!  
2 Lens cap is off! 3 There's no bull in the field!

Bob Banks and Mick Norgate have come with the following ideas for this year's LCRA Photographic Competition:

1. All pictures to be taken between 1-1-86 and 30-9-86 inclusive
2. Three formats: (a) 35mm (b) 110mm (c) Disc
3. Categories: (a) Best Ramble photograph  
(b) Best Social photograph  
(c) Best Comic photograph  
(d) Best Portrait photograph
4. Number of pictures for each category restricted to no more than three for each category.

Details of prizes, models, etc will be in the next newsletter. I must apologise for this being rather slow in getting off the ground, it's just that my water camera has been leaking lately and....

BENEFIT DISCO. Norma Riddings has requested if it would be possible to hold a benefit disco to raise money for handicapped (physically and mentally) kids to go on a short holiday to Holland. The Merseyside Youth Association are being helpful towards the children, but like most local charities, are desperately in need of funds. The Social Committee have agreed to help but the General Committee will be informed at our monthly meeting so that a definite decision can be made. Probable date will be early June.

## THE FRED NORBURY/CYRIL KELLY TROPHIES

This annual Club event in memory of two of our prominent stalwart members who both died in the 1970's will take the form of several competitions as usual and prints will be allocated for each with the total at the end of all the competitions added up to reveal the male and female winner for each trophy. Mick Norgate and Christine Welsby were last year's winners. Events organised so far are:

CROWN GREEN BOWLS, Saturday May 10th at Seacombe. Meet at 4pm at the Pierhead for the Seacombe Ferry.

PITCH & PUTT, Saturday June 14th at Harrison Drive, New Brighton. Meet at 4.30pm at St John's Lane (Cars) or 4.50 at the Pitch & Putt Course (if you live on that side of the water).

TEN-PIN BOWLING, Saturday July 12th at New Brighton. Meet at St John's Lane 4.30 prompt or at the Bowling alley if you live across the water.

DARTS, August 1st. Details later. There may be further events. Keep your ears to the ground and eyes on the next newsletter.

BEFORE I GO... Great to have Cathy, our best barmaid back. Also both Chris Dobbin and John Platt are making fast recovery after being hospitalised. John, better known to the masses as 'An officer and a gentleman' is back home now and Chris is out and about. Nice to have you back!

MINI QUIZ NIGHTS - 8.15 to 8.50 EVERY THURSDAY - Entry Fee £1

Tony Kirwin informs me that he hopes to have enough names to get the ball rolling immediately. Basically the structure will be:

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
3 Teams (1 to 3)	3 Teams (4 to 6)	3 Teams (7 to 9)	3 Teams (10 to 12)

Each team has three members

Over a period of weeks the teams in each group will play until the third team has been eliminated from each group, the remaining two teams from each group will then enter the next stage, which is the knockout competition

Winners of Group A will play Second of Group B (1)  
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Winners of 1 will play 3, winners of 2 will play 4

Details of prizes will be given later. Probably winning team share £30.

CEILIDH NIGHT (RAMBLE-AID) THIS FRIDAY, 18th April at the IRISH CENTRE

As stated in February's newsletter, this Charity Night is for the starving and homeless in Ethiopia. Members who have been to the Irish Centre (where there is a direct pipeline from Dublin for Guinness!) will tell you what a fantastic evening it is. There will be plenty of dancing with the popular SKIBBEREENS Ceilidh Band and a disco provided during the interludes. Tickets are just £2 from the general committee or if you are undecided until the last minute, pay at the door. Let's hope everybody can support this very important fund-raising night for Bob Geldöff's appeal. We need a very large number of people to fill the Irish Centre so please don't hesitate to bring along all your friends, family, etc. Light refreshments may be purchased but not recommended unless you enjoy queueing for long periods. Purchase of any refreshments are not part of the Charity but normal Friday night Irish Centre service. There will be a RAFFLE run by us in aid of the Ramble-Aid Charity. Please be generous!

THURSDAY NIGHT RE-UNION DANCE - May 1st, 8pm, Manx Suite (upstairs) 'Liverpool'

Originally this date was booked for our Hawaiian Night, however, due to knocking knees and low temperatures, the Social Committee decided in their wisdom to rearrange this for July/August (very sensible!). So the Social Committee thought it would be great to have a reunion dance and give our old members a great opportunity to see our friendly venue. In particular we like to see members we have not seen since Atlantic House days or from downstairs in the Liverpool (maybe there still!). Music will be provided by the Club's own music show and there will be a LATE BAR.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Christina Kennedy on the birth of their son, Oliver recently, also congratulations to...Dave Connolly and Ann Nicholson, Steve Fergus and Irene, Tony and Linda...who are the happy couples recently engaged. Well done!

Well that's about all for now. I do hope to see you all on Thursdays at the Socials/Discos. Don't forget to come early if you are in the quiz or would like to give them your encouragement as spectators.

Cheers,

ROY THUIS, Social Chairman (677 8631)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Anyone interested in a cheap cycling holiday during the first week or two in August - see Martin Green or phone 220 2960.

CARAVANS ON THE ISLE OF SKYE

A member of the Catholic Climbing club has two 6-beth caravans to let on the Isle of Skye on a croft near Sligachan. Central for both the Cuillins and all parts of Skye. The ferry to Raasay is close by. Contact J. T. Foster, 13 Coilemore, Sconser, Isle of Skye. Tel. 047 852 302 or see Dave Newns for further details.

A MONEY PROBLEM - Can you solve the following problem? Don't forget, some of the money used in the answers was long before decimalisation. If you are really good you will probably get all the answers bar one/two but don't despair, simply add up your answers, subtract from the total and this will give you the clue (s) to the missing figures. If you were on Mastermind you would probably get all the answers without much trouble. Have a go! Answers given next month. (It took me about ten minutes to solve it -

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Form of Transport.....			13/4	
Worker in Leather.....			6 3/4	
Mars, Venus, Saturn.....			0 3/4	
Kind of Pig.....			0 1/4	
Singer.....			0	
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MALHAM JOINT WALK, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

On leaving Liverpool on a dry, overcast morning, we were transported to the arctic wastes of North Yorkshire and Malham in particular. That we ever arrived at all was due entirely to the skills of our driver, who had to negotiate many miles of twisting country roads and one very narrow bridge.

The hills surrounding Malham were entirely covered in snow and it was so cold that every available article of clothing had to be worn.

After passing through the village we proceeded in the direction of Malham Cove, which is a site well worth seeing. It was the intention to climb up alongside the former waterfall but conditions were so bad that our leaders decided to climb the path to the side of the Cove. This was quite hazardous in itself due to snow and ice, and many of the party experienced their first falls of the day. On attaining the top, we were able to view and cross the Limestone Pavement. This can be difficult to cross in normal circumstances, but with snow filling the gaps between the limestone, one had to step very warily.

Having passed through two more snowfilled valleys, we eventually arrived at Malham Tarn. We would not have known it was there, had it not been pointed out to us. It was frozen over and covered with snow, which blended in with the surrounding countryside.

Once again, the planned walk had to be altered as conditions on the exposed plateau were atrocious. The wind was whipping up the snow so reducing visibility, and the ground conditions rapidly fluctuated between soft deep snow, hard snow and very slippery ice, the last being the worst of the lot. It was at this point that we passed the 'A' team. After much effort, we eventually gained the luxury of a single track road, which had been ploughed and salted, and for the first time enjoyed the feel of terra firma beneath our feet.

Our coach journey back took us on a grand tour of North Yorkshire and Lancashire, eventually stopping at Farrington for usual refuelling. That this ever occurred is amazing, as our navigator, Dave, took us through the town twice and twice round two roundabouts. A sight to behold. As sherpa McDonald said afterwards, he would not have missed that walk for all the world. With that sentiment we all agree.

Our grateful thanks to Moira and Norman for leading us and to all the others who helped to make it an unforgettable day.

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