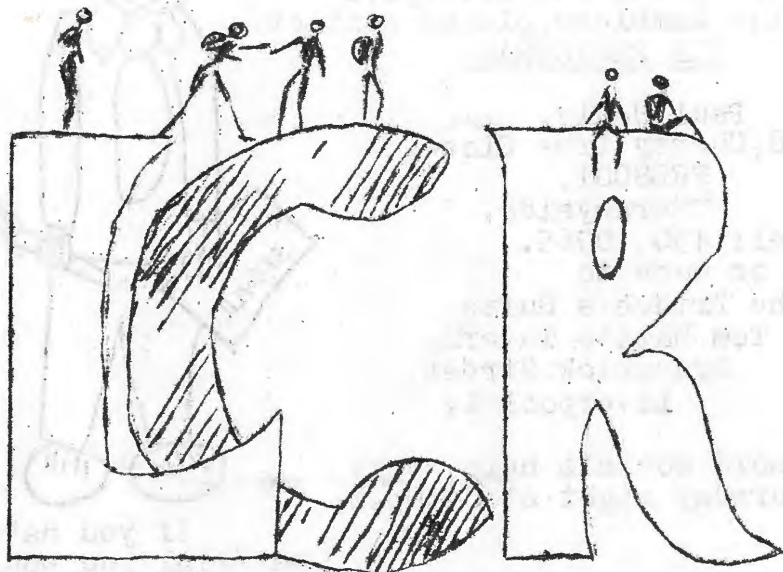


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Thursday April 9th. 1981.

EDITORIAL.

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Welcome again to another Newsletter.

Just a few points to mention this month, as this issue is being rushed together due to some last minute additions to the articles. One important one is that if anyone wishes to send any material for the next issue to me could they please note the new address given above. As with last month I would like to add our thanks to all the members and others for their efforts now that the latest total money collected for the H.C.P.T. appeal has been announced. (Please see article elsewhere in this issue.)

Finally, many thanks to Arthur Molyneux for providing this months cover, cartoons and other material. Also to all this months contributors, our typists Ann Egan and Louise Kelly, and finally Eric Ravanagh for printing this issue.

We do hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. The next issue will be published on 31st. May and any material you wish to submit must reach me by Thursday 7th. May.

Now for something on the social side. Congratulations to Pat and Mike Lewis on the birth of a son Andrew Michael and also to Gery and Gwen Finnigan on the birth of their son Christopher.

Anthony Brockway celebrated his 21st. birthday at the recent Koswick weekend, and he wishes to record his thanks to those who provided a buffet supper for the evening celebrations

Now on an engaging note, congratulations to Anne McGregor and Bernard Foley on their engagement. We wish them every happiness.

I must draw your attention to the following:- Please can we have all the draw tickets returned as soon as possible and in any case by the 20th. April. The address for any monies, counterfoils and unsold tickets is:-
CHRIS DOBBIN, 207, CHILDWALL ROAD, LIVERPOOL L15 6UT or hand in to Chris or GERRY PENLINGTON any Thursday night at the clubrooms.

The club is still greeting new members and it gives me great pleasure to welcome
Mr. & Mrs. McGuirk. Thomas Major Reggie Lang
Christine Brockway Arthur Molyneux Janis Lunn
Deidre Bentley Marie O'Loughlin Collette O'Loughlin
Pauline Buckles Julie Buckles Moira Hamilton
Ian Dominicion

Finally some news of the Tennis Section. Not only does the the season start shortly the social side is set for big things this year starting with

A TENNIS CLUB DANCE..... at Thingwall Lane , Liverpool 16

on Saturday 2nd. May.....to the Barry Mac Disco

Watch out for the tickets. These dances are always well supported and very enjoyable.

Well my editorial is more like a socialite but never the less it's all good stuff , is'nt it?. Remember, you can help me to expand the newsletter by giving me little tit bits of information which when collated so make interesting read for those of our members who like to keep in touch with things.

Regards Laurence Kelly.

H.C.P.T. Children in Need Appeal

You will see elsewhere in this issue letters from Kathleen O'Gorman of the HCPT thanking all concerned for their efforts in raising so much money for the HCPT. However, on behalf of the General Committee I would like to add my thanks to those of Kathleen. I think everyone is completely amazed that so much could be raised so quickly by our members and their friends. It speaks volumes for their generosity and while it is impossible to thank everyone for all the hard work put into this fund-raising campaign, I'm sure that no-one would object to my thanking the members of the "Boots" group for the excellent evenings entertainment at the Club on 12th February.

Additionally, I would like to thank especially the following for their hard work at the Dance at Atlantic House on 28th February :-

- to Paul Stephens for somehow keeping track of 270 tickets (and also to Bary Lyon for so kindly printing them free of charge);
- to Paul Healy for providing the very welcome disco interludes;
- to the girls who worked so hard selling so many raffle tickets;
- to those who took turns in manning (or womanning!) the door;
- and finally to anyone else I may have forgotten, thank you so much..

At the time of writing (11th March) we have not quite finalised the grand total of cash received but it is likely to be in the region of £580, a truly magnificent effort. The sums raised are as follows:-

(i) "White House" Ramble on 4th Dec. 80	10.80
(ii) Christmas Disco on 18th Dec. 80	64.63
(iii) Yuletide Barn Dance on 4th Jan. 81	93.84
(iv) "Boots" evening on 12th Feb. (excl raff)	31.00
(v) Ceileidh at Atlantic House on 28th Feb.	289.00
(vi) Raffles of 12th and 28th Feb.	49.23
(vii) Donations	35.69
(viii) Interest	1.84

Total to date £ 576.03

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that Kathleen O'Gorman has informed us that in receiving the cheque at the Ceileidh for the initial £500, it represented the largest amount ever received by the HCPT in one sum. Perhaps more satisfying than anything else is the fact that thanks to YOUR kindness the HCPT will be sending THREE Handicapped children to Lourdes this Easter and also there will be an additional £100 to boost their funds besides. This represents an appropriately magnificent effort in this Year of the Disabled. Well Done Everyone.

Peter McLindon.

H.C.F.T.

71 Rimmer Avenue,
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14th February, 1981.

Dear Peter,

I would be very grateful if you could convey my thanks on behalf of the H.C.F.T. to the Committee of the Ramblers for the wonderful support which they are giving to our appeal for help. I would especially like to thank the group "Boots" for presenting such a marvellous evening on Thursday and giving their time and services so willingly. I hesitated about thanking them on Thursday but in fact everybody was enjoying the music so much that on reflection I decided it would be a shame to interrupt the proceedings, which is why I am writing instead.

Thank you all once again for all you are doing, we really do appreciate it. The children have now all been told that they are coming with us to Lourdes and if you could see the excitement even now before we go I know you would feel that your efforts are all worthwhile.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen O'Gorman - Regional Secretary.

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1st March, 1981

Dear Secretary,

Please would you convey our most sincere thanks to the committee and all the Ramblers for the wonderful work they have done in the last few months culminating in the marvellous cheque which you gave us on Saturday for £500. We were really astounded at the amount you raised which will more than pay for three children to go to Lourdes, and also deeply impressed by the wonderful spirit with which the Ramblers accepted the challenge and so willingly supported us in our work.

Thank you all so much for all you have done and of course we will remember you all in our prayers at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen O'Gorman - Regional Secretary

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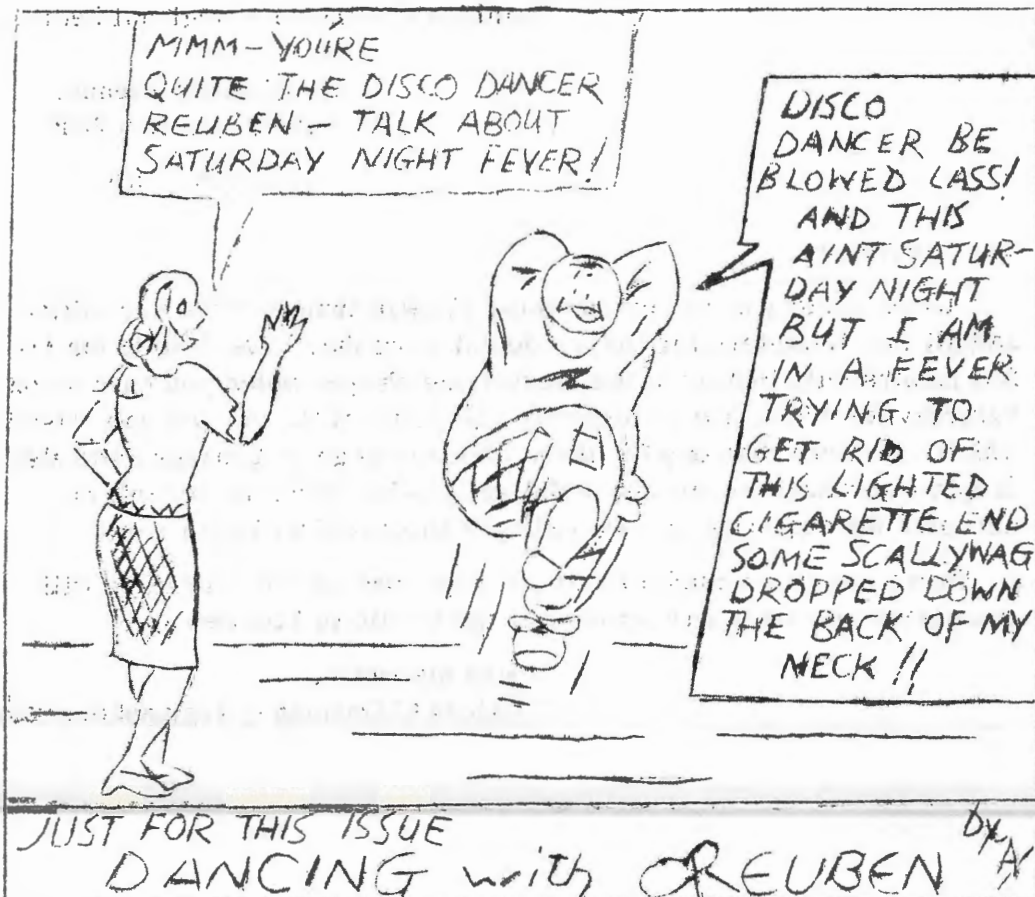
The main topic for this write up, Fred Norbury Cup, has already been covered in a separate article. Once again I would like everybody to take part in the games.

Coming Events:

In May we hope to organise a night out to the "Spinning Wheel on to some similar venue.

Ramblers' Dance:

At the moment a ramblers dance has been organised for Saturday, June 5th at the Bradford Hotel. It will be a disco and tickets will cost £1.25. The profits will go to club funds which are required to run the club. The dance will be on the scale as the tennis dances so members should get their friends from outside the ramblers to go.



THE FRED NORBURY CUP 1981

Spring is here again and it is time for all you rambles to venture out on our lengthening evenings by entering the Fred Norbury Cup.

This cup is in honour of one of our late greatest members, Fred Norbury who has made great contributions to the Club. He was regarded as one of the pillars of the association.

The competition consists of 5 games:-

1. Pitch+Put.
2. Crown Green Bowling.
3. Ten pin Bowling.
4. Darts.
5. American Pool.

'Play' should begin in May starting with Darts and Pool and finishing, hopefully in early July with Ten Pin Bowling.

In order to win the cup a person who wins or gets a place in a game will gain points and the person with the most points from all the five games, takes the cup for a year.

But there are two sections, mens' and a ladies. A winner will be taken from each section and they will share the cup. This will be presented at our annual dance (Not to be forgotten - next October).

Dates and venues have already been fixed for the games:-

Darts at Tom Halls on Friday May, 15th and Thursday May, 21st.
Pool at Tom Halls on " " " " " "
Pitch & Put at New Brighton on Saturday June, 13th.
Crown Green Bowling at Secombe on Saturday June, 20th
Ten Pin Bowling at New Brighton on Saturday July, 4th.

Names will be collected soon those who want to enter but at the same time everybody is welcome to turn up on the day even if not on the list.

Even though this is a competition it is not the Olympics. These will be occasions for rambles, especially new members to get together and have a good laugh! Nobody is really good so I do not want people saying I'm not good enough for a particular game. Enter even if "green" to a sport. People have provided some great laughs on our various Ten Pin Bowling nights.. (Usually after an event, we go for a meal or a drink in order to put back what is lost during the games - if not slimming).

Good luck to all those who will be entering the competition and have some fun.

R A M B L E R I T E

Hello fellow Ramblers,

We have left Winter behind us but the memories still remain of the snowy Christmas-card landscape of that Windermere South ramble or that foggy day when Tegg's Nose was wiped out and switched to the Wirral at the last minute. Talking of the past, many of the rambles and holidays of yesteryear were shown on the big screen at the club a few weeks ago, first by the movie camera and perfectly synchronized sound track, then by Brian Keller's slides - both really good nights. Brian, as many of you know, is off to Canada for a few months but should be back for our next Keswick weekend in October. We have heard that he is pioneering a few new walks in the Rockies!

Meanwhile, our walks continue to be subsidised by our coach fund, but at a recent meeting we decided the fare should be increased to £2.50 from May 1st. Even this increase is hardly enough to pay our way as 36 people is the break-even figure, so subsidies will continue for 35 or less on the coach. The full £2.50 will be payable on the Thursday prior to the ramble, deposits not acceptable.

There is one alteration in the near future and the date is May 3rd which should read April 26th for Coniston Old Man. Caravans have been booked for the Easter weekend at Plas Coch, Anglesey. There are now no vacancies for these luxury caravans. The site is close to Menai Bridge and therefore handy for Snowdonia, etc. These weekends are very popular and early bookings were essential.

Looking ahead to our Summer programme we have graded the walks so as to make it easier to decide which is the right one for you on the day. They will be as follows :-

A+	Difficult
A	Strenuous
B+	Moderate to strenuous
B	Moderate
C	Easy

So here's looking forward to a bright new Summer Programme.

Happy Rambling
Dave News.

RAMBLING PREVIEW

The grading of each ramble is as described in the Ramblerite. If bad weather conditions prevail, obviously modifications will be made.

April 19th - Easter Weekend - Luxury caravans at Plas Coch in Anglesey. Now fully booked but there is a reserve list.

April 26th - Coniston - A+ Pual Stevens will be leading the strenuous party in one of his favourite stamping grounds.

B+ The ascent of Coniston Old Man will be the climax of this moderately strenuous ramble with some roadwalking but well worth the view from the top. B. Possible additional ramble to Tarn Hows, a well-known beauty spot $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east of Coniston village. C. Probably over-ambitious but if the coach is full and a leader can be found there will be an easy stroll through Grizedale Forest. Finally don't forget change of date.

May 17th-Snowdon - At the moment the route up has not been decided but both A+ and B+ parties hope to conquer this 3,560 ft. mountain as bad weather prevented us last September. There are at least five ways to the summit, the sixth is by train from Llanberis. There will be a C walk if there is any demand for it but obviously not to the top. Note that although this B $\frac{1}{2}$ is relatively easy for the average B walker, don't attempt to do the walk if you are not feeling fit on the day, but go on the C walk. One person walking very slow could stop the rest of the party from reaching the summit. Ask the leader for advice if you are uncertain of your capabilities. This of course applies to all walks.

May 24th - Spring Bank Holiday W/E - Possibly a joint walk with the Ramblers Association on the Monday by Train. Enquire at British Rail for their excursions on the Bank Holiday or listen for announcements at the Thursday socials.

May 31st - Arenig - A new area for us between Bala Lake and Ffestiniog. Paul Stevens and Anthony Brockway know the area so I assume an A+ and B will be planned but more information nearer the date.

June 14th - Ramble probably to the Lake District.

June 28th - Ramble and fortnightly onwards

Note Summer Programme should be ready sometime in May.

DAVE NEWS

Keswick weekend March 1981

I thought I was going away for a nice quiet weekend. How wrong can you be? It seemed a lot of surprises lay in store.

On Mick Maples's luxury coach on Friday evening it was nice to see Mrs Maple with us and 2 new girls boarding the coach to "Fantasy Island".

Many of us congregated in the Games Room of Lakeside House after our arrival at 10.10 p.m. to play table tennis, dominoes or just drink and chat. Once again I was sharing a top room with 3 others - Patrick, Paul Healey and Tommy Mc, who warned me that Paul retires late and switches on blinding electric lights just as you are getting off to sleep. So forewarned we foiled his devilish plot. We removed the light bulb and hit it! So far so good.

On Saturday morning I was awakened by the intermingled din of Christine Shutt's hairdryer from the hallway, Patrick's tunes on the tin whistle and groans from the others. Not surprisingly Paul surreptitiously hid both Patrick's whistles by suspending them on a string from outside the window sash of our top floor window and left them there all night undiscovered.

This time, after Mavis dispensed her packed lunches, a lot of us accepted the option of swapping her meat pies for crisps. In spite of rain on Saturday some of us went on local walks in and around Keswick if only to see the delightful craft shops or the lake. The keen ones braved the weather and went on Dave News and Paul Healey's rambles near Grasmere. I understood that these walks went off without a hitch or did they? Why had Paul returned with a broomstick? Was he bewitched? Had he stumbled across a Witches' Coven and entered some secret pact with them so as to pass unhindered through their territory? Did they in fact "Give him the broomstick" - the ancient rite of the witches symbolizing expulsion from the coven? Was he merely assuring himself of an alternative mode of transport, should Mick's coach fall on the M6? I cannot say. I can say, however, that the broomstick possessed some infernal magic power. How then was it that whilst Paul was occupied playing records during the Saturday night disco in the hotel, the broomstick mysteriously leapt off the wardrobe top and flew into the warmth of Paul's apple-pie bed? A very surprised Paul arrived, yes you guessed, the last one back to find the room in darkness and a broomstick in his bed!

Another more pleasant surprise was Barry and Marion turning up on Saturday afternoon by car with their dog.

On Saturday night a crowd of us had a game of darts in "The George". A terrifying experience! "The Bond" threw his darts like boomerangs with all the aggression of Stone Age Man seeking to club to death an animal for food. There was much fear and trembling by onlookers for no-one could predict where the deadly arrows would fall.

Back at Lakeside House the disco dance was interrupted by another surprise - the official presentation of our inscribed cards and gifts to Anthony Brockway on the occasion of his 21st birthday. Then we tucked into a delicious buffet kindly laid on by him.

Later Patrick's stereo was giving up so we rounded off the night with some guitar music until ten past two.

"You'll never believe it", said Patrick. "Believe what?" said I. "It's snowing". "Rubbish", I said coming slowly out of my sleep on Sunday morning. I looked out and couldn't believe it. All the hills were covered in snow, reminiscent of the Alps and looked really beautiful. The hills seemed closer. The snow stopped falling by mid-morning.

After Mass 30 of us descended on our usual cafe and met Mrs. Maple standing outside the door for it was closed. After a short wait the cafe opened. A woman with a Southern, haughty accent appeared and started to harangue us. "I suppose you are all one party?" "Its all right for you on that side of the door. Have you any feeling for us inside" - (She sounded like John Cleese!) "You might have phoned up". Poor Mrs. Maple got the brunt of it. I think she nearly entered a state of cardiac arrest! "Oh well come in then". No-one had the 'heart' to enter, after her outburst so we all took our custom elsewhere. Happily seated in another cafe, Barry and Tony were in their element impersonating Cumbria's answer to John Cleese. "You might have 'phoned" became the catch phrase of the day.

On our Sunday walks at the far side of the lake, numerous robins were happily hopping about in the snow, which together with the sunny, if crisp day, boosted our spirits enormously.

Thus it was a happy coach (and broomstick) that set off for our Milnethorpe stop to rejoin Barry and Marion. We were half-expecting the publican to say, "You might have phoned up!"

With all the rumours flying around Keswick, I am aware this narrative leaves many questions unanswered:-

Was Paul really sighted flying across a full moon at midnight astride a broomstick? Is he really convinced his broomstick represents a major contribution to road safety? Can Mavis's pies really last through the Summer? Will she ever go over to Cumberland sausages? Does the Tourist Information Centre in Keswick ever open? Will Christine really get a quieter hairdryer next time? Will Patrick ever get his tin whistles back from Uri Geller? Will Anthony Brockway really throw another 21st buffet next year? Has the gift to Tony Bond of a belly button warmer really gone electric? Does Paul McGrory really cheat on personality tests? Has he really been in the club 12 years and never been on a ramble? Did Brian Keller really write "The Oldest Swinger in Town"? All these and many more questions will be answered in the next episode of "Soap".? er sorry, the Newsletter.

The Keswickian.

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME, 1981.

APRIL 12. The walk is around EILSMERE, Shropshire. Meet at the Mere on the A495 at 12.30 for a 1 p.m. start. First time leaders are Tony and Mary Birkett.

MAY 7. Bill and Peggy Potter are at home to us at 91 Woodlands Road, Halewood at 8 p.m. Their road runs between Wood Road and Leather's Lane - first on left from Liverpool and last on right from Maghull.

MAY 17. Pat and Vera Jeffers are leading a walk in the Ribble Valley, but details are not finalised as yet. Ring them on 546 2490 nearer the date.

JUNE 4. You can't deny that these Jeffers come out fighting! Their House Meeting follows their walk. It is at 77 Moss Way, Croxteth Liverpool, 11. Come down Altcross Road with shops facing you at a T junction. Turn left into Moss Way.

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FRODSHAM WALK, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1981.

Twentyfive of us, plus one dog, met in the Carpark at Frodsham on a very wet day. Peggy potter led the walk as Husband Bill was unable to do so.

Peggy assures us that we climbed Frodsham Hill and Fox Hill and then walked down by the reservoir. The views of the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal are usually very good on this ramble but unfortunately, due to the rain and mist, visibility was poor. However, we had an excellent walk and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves, especially our youngest member, Francis Potter aged 4 years, who kept going all the day.

Our butty stops took on an unusual flavour, thanks to John and Cath Peloe, who brought some Home Made Wine for us to try.

As we arrived back at the Carpark we were delighted to find shelter in a couple of shop doorways so that we could take our boots and Wellies off in comfort.

Many thanks, Peggy, for a very good and friendly ramble.

Little Rambler.

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CAERGWRLE, MARCH 15TH, 1981.

Oh, what a beautiful day - before we started off. When we did start so did the heavy rain, so we kitted up in gags etc. and set off via the local loo.

Making our way up a pleasant wooded track, we reached open country, when the rain ceased and the day brightened up. We then made our way squelching through mud to a little pool where one of our leaders (a teacher) collected frog spawn - next week's nature lesson.

S. RAMBLE.

Then the uphill slog started - two up and one back through the mud. Once at the top a well earned butty stop was made and the view justifiably admired.

The last part of the ramble was made in pleasant fading sunlight over what seemed an endless succession of stiles, including one double one. Never has a stile been attacked by so many people in so many ways. The last few just collapsed over it. On one of the pioneers the leaders were attacked by bullocks, on another by geese. Now it was the turn of the sheep, and very insistent they were.

Many thanks, Maureen and Mona, for a well organised and pleasant day.

A squelcher.

The leaders wish to thank Helen and Ben Roberts, who had done trojan work on the pioneers with us.

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There we were sitting at the Rowe's House Meeting in the usual din when our Chairman in a quiet aside to the Sec asked her if there were any questions to bring up for discussion. 'No', she replied in a shocked voice, but before we knew what had hit us the house meeting had developed into a second, and rather more active, A.G.M., with Bill throwing suggestions around like confetti. The upshot of it all was that we decided that what little cash we have should be reserved for Mass offerings (please God it will last for years); that we would not collect on the rambles, and that the kids would have to do without their sweets - they're hardly deprived, are they? If any special occasions come up we will have a little whip round for a greetings card or whatever.

No collections on rambles meant that there wouldn't be any petrol money for pioneers, but it was thought generally that we would take walks in rotation and regard this as our contribution to funds. We realise there are anomalies, but it would be impossible to settle them all. With the increased cost of petrol the day will probably come when we'll all be fighting to lead walks round Croxteth or Wirral. Please put me down for Sefton and Princea Parks. We just couldn't keep Bill Potter down, and at Mona Roberts's House Meeting a goodly part of the evening was taken up very enjoyably on a map reading exercise. Duplicated copies of a map of a small area of DeLamere Forest (I think it was) were distributed, and on Sunday 26th April an extra walk is scheduled, when Bill will carry on with the good work. Meet in the Main street in Helsby in parking space provided near the shops at 12.30 for a 1 p.m. start, complete with compass (if possessed) magnifying glasses (if necessary) and the affluent among us can bring along their binoculars. Bird watchers welcomed. Its about time we took a more enquiring interest in the countryside we love.

Letters to the editor---

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The Liverpool Catholic Ramblers.

To the Committee and Members of the Ramblers. We would like to thank you for your generous gift at Christmas, it was greatly appreciated.

I am pleased that the Ramblers have now started building up again with quite a few new members and hope that it continues for you. Once again thank you for your business and thanks to all the past and present Committee Members for the help they have given me through the years.

I would also like to send my apologies to any member who did not enjoy the recent ramble to West Kirkby. This is the first time I have had to cancel a ramble (due to fog) but it is only done in the interest of safety to my passengers and myself.

Yours faithfully,

Maureen and Mick Maple

