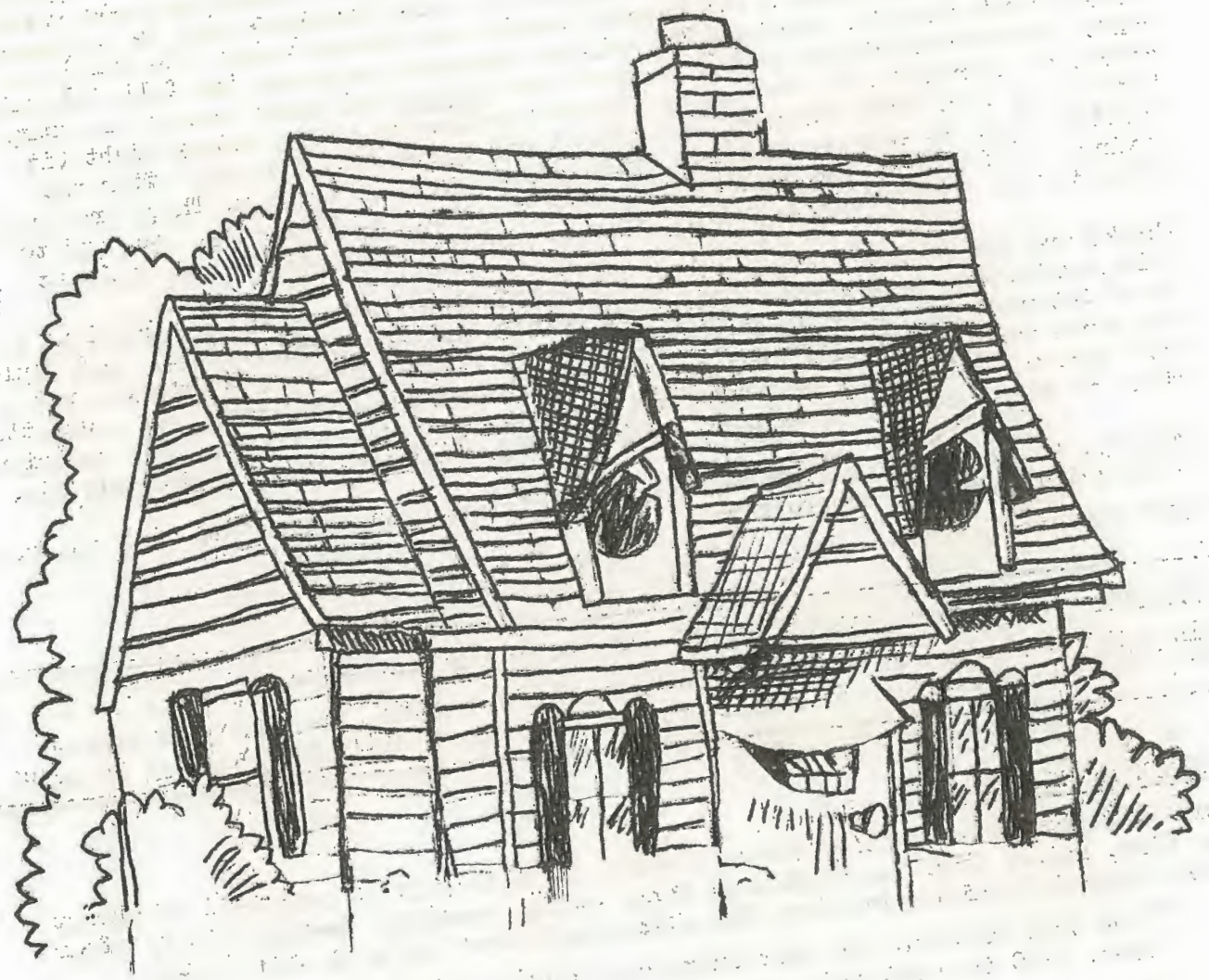


# LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

KESWICK WEEKEND  
11-13 MARCH



RAMBLINGS FROM DAVE



Hi folks, and a special welcome to the following new members who joined our ranks recently: Iain Moore, Martin Murray, John Little and Michael Mullett. More members make a healthy club even more healthier and several more applications are being made as I am typing this. The Merseymart is the main reason for telling the world about our existence - Free advertising pays! To any prospective members reading this, you are allowed three visits to the club and three rambles before you need commit yourselves to joining us. Membership is a mere £4 annually for singles and £5 for joint membership (married couples). Cheques payable to: LCRA. Bernadette Doyle is the person to contact. Her address is 84 Whittier Street, Liverpool L8 0RF. You won't regret joining us!

Since the last newsletter which appeared in January several of us have been on an enjoyable Wintersports holiday to Austria. None of us can quite match Eddie the Eagle but we were certainly flying through the air (unintentionally) on several occasions! The nearest the club can get to follow this break is...you've guessed - THE KESWICK WEEKEND (March 11th-13th). No skiing but there may be snow, according to the weathermen. Still a few places left. The cost is £30 including meals (breakfast and dinner) Sat and Sun plus packed lunch Sat only. Transport will be by members' cars (petrol money extra). For further details ask Brian Keller (734 2913) or myself (0744-892791). Bookings can only be accepted by paying the full £30 beforehand. Anyone requiring a packed lunch on the Sunday can order same at an extra charge of approx £1.20. Most people leave for Keswick on the Friday night (it takes less than three hours to get there) and depart on the Sunday after the evening meal. We stay in Lakeside House every March and October. There are superb drying facilities in the boiler room, with coathangers, boot rack, etc. and to complete the info. there is a bar and dance/table-tennis area in the basement.

Thanks are due to Paul, Ian and Mona for submitting their usual contributions to this newsletter. More ramble write-ups, readers letters or any article that could be of interest to the membership would be most welcome from anyone who can put a few words together. I will even give full assistance if necessary. Next newsletter will appear after Easter so you've got a few weeks to start writing: All contributions to me personally or by post: 7 Abbots Way, Billinge, Wigan, Lancs WN5 7SB.

Finally, thanks due to Bernadette and her assistant Maureen who both have the task of distributing these newsletters.

DAVE NEWNS

OBITUARY - Sadly we have to report that one of our members has died:

Win Watkin who came out occasionally on our rambles during the last year passed away recently. We offer our condolences to her husband Bill. May she rest in peace

CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND

Our club, from time to time, donate towards the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, mainly from the 'Cathedral Penny' which committee members donate after every General Committee Meeting. The following letter has been sent to us:

"I am very grateful for your unexpected contribution to the Cathedral Building Fund. £150 is a splendid sum.

You will know that we are engaged at present in trying to build up an endowment fund, which will make provision for the foreseeable future for the substantial repairs we need to carry out on the Cathedral. I hope your members will be pleased to think their contributions will be part of that endowment and to enjoy a long and fruitful life!

Please convey my thanks on behalf of the Cathedral's management.

The Rt Rev Mgr Canon V. Malone (Administrator)"

## S O C I A L I T E

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Hello once more,

It doesn't seem two minutes since I last put pen to paper for the last Socialite to you all, so let's start by saying how nice it is that the attendances at the clubroom have started to rise slightly on Thursdays. It's also time I praised a few members. Which ones? The ones who undertake every Thursday night at the Liverpool pub to play a few records on the turntable. It's a very small gang indeed and they do a wonderful job with sometimes only a couple of hours' notice, so thanks for what is a very big help in making the Thursday nights run smoothly.

Now for something completely different from praising a few members: Anyone interested in spending £2.50 for a Saturday night out at the theatre? That's all it will cost you to see the "Ragged Trousered Philanthropists" at the Playhouse on Saturday, March 19th. This is a magnificent blend of humour, music and sheer theatrical magic (so says the free pamphlet from the Playhouse). It is taken from one of the greatest books ever written on working class folk. Contact me on 426 0162.

Looking forward to May we have another Theatre trip, this time to see the blockbusting musical "Evita" on Saturday, May 14th. Anyone interested please see me.

Looking further to the future, our club every year, undertake to organise an event solely to raise money for charity. This year is no exception as we will be organising a dance at the Hollywood night club in Duke Street to raise cash for the Broadgreen Heart Foundation Appeal. Dancing till 2am, and all for just £2. Sounds good - all this will be happening on Friday, June 3rd.

Finally let me take this opportunity in congratulating Anthony Brockway and Maria Byrne who got engaged recently - another perfect match. Best wishes for your future happiness.

So, until the next Socialite, it's Ta-ra from me,  
PAUL HEALY

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

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Since the last newsletter there have been three rambles:

Jan 24: MACCLESFIELD FOREST. A well-filled coach to the Cat & Fiddle from whence both walks commenced. The 'A' walk, led by Mike O'Shea (a late replacement leader, thanks Mike) took the Goyt Valley route over undulating country to the ruins of Errwood Hall, and the newer Errwood Reservoir which covers the original Goyt Valley and then on to the older Reservoir and the lower slopes of Shining Tor. A very select party of six completed this pleasant 12-13 mile walk, returning just before darkness fell. The 'B' party was very large in number, over 40, led by Paul Healy<sup>x</sup>. Everybody who was on this outing enjoyed themselves and the Imperial Hotel at Prescott rounded off a perfect day.

<sup>x</sup>More leaders are required so that parties of large sizes can be split to a more convenient and safer size.

Feb 7: LLANARMON HOT-POT RAMBLE. Both 'A' and 'B' walks started from the Clwyd Gate and finished at Llanarmon. The 'A' walk was exhilarating particularly as at the highest point along a ridge we were confronted by a snow storm. I believe the 'B' party also encountered problems in that the landlord of the Druid Inn wasn't happy about their lunch stop being in his car park even though nobody of normal sanity would have sat outside a pub! Anyway the rest of their walk must have been very wet underfoot as at least half of them seemed to have cleaned their boots on my rucksack in the aisle of the coach on returning! The evening ended with an excellent hot-pot supper, at the Raven Inn. If you already have a 1989 diary please note that the next Llanarmon Hot-Pot is on Feb 12th 1989. It's too early to put your names down yet but don't forget the date!

Feb 14: SKEGGLES WATER. Almost all the people out on this walk had never heard of, and never seen. Skeggles Water, so in swirling mist both 'A' and 'B' walks started from Staveley to explore this lesser-known Lake District spot. After a little difficulty with indistinct footpaths, bogs and poor visibility both parties found, more by luck than anything else, the much sought-after Skeggles Water. The 'B' then took the shorter but loftier route to Kentmere passing patches of snow whilst the 'A' moved downwards to Sadgill with fine views of the Longsleddale Valley (the mist having cleared by then). Rejoining the 'B' just before Kentmere the parties now had to cross a river that was in spate or alternatively make a five-minute detour over the road bridge. Many tried the former, some taking off boots to ford the ice-cold water. Then onwards we were rewarded by a very pleasant walk through the Kentmere Valley to Staveley and the coach. The break en route to Liverpool at Garswood was as usual, popular.

Editor's Note: Yesterday's walk to Haworth was well attended with 39 turning out, first paying a short visit to the famous Bronte village now overdone with souvenir shops, cafes, etc. and scores of tourists, even at this time of year. Mike O'Connor led a good 'B' walk around the South and East of Haworth whilst I led the 'A' along part of the Bronte Way to the famous Bronte Bridge, then onto a short section of the Pennine Way and back to Haworth. Both parties encountered a short 10-minute storm of snow/hailstone which was replaced by sunshine shortly afterwards. Both walks finished at 5.30.

#### FORTHCOMING RAMBLES

March 11-13: KESWICK WEEKEND - Book NOW! See first page.

March 20: CONWAY VALLEY. This will be a 10.15 start. The 'B' will take a route over Conway Mountain led by George Riley. This is not as tough as it sounds and George will certainly pick all the easy paths along this very scenic high-level coastal walk with views of Anglesey, etc. The 'A' led by Brian Keller will probably head for the back end of the Carnedd's to a mountain called Drum. You can't beat that for a good walk!

March 27: THE LONG MYND: A 9.30 start. Bob Gregson leads his first 'A' walk to this hilly part of Shropshire. Phil Wells leads his first 'B' walk. Both, I feel certain, will have everything well in hand. Note: Only a week between the last walk and this.

April 1-4 EASTER WEEKEND. Caravans at Caernarfon will be used if sufficient interest.

April 10: GLYDERS. 9.30 start. The 'A' will be doing at least three 3,000ft peaks led by Brian Keller. Dave will be doing an easier 'B' but there may be an extra 'B' for those who are looking for an alternative. More details from Dave Newns.

IAN FREEMAN, Rambling Chairman

#### RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION (R.A.) PUBLIC RAMBLES

The R.A. have sent a copy of the Public Rambles programme to us. A copy will be in circulation at the clubrooms and on the rambles for those who may be interested in joining them when we have a free Sunday or weekend. It must, however, be pointed out that our club needs YOUR support when dates coincide with our club rambles.

WIN A CAR. Yes, we are having another draw in conjunction with Orrell FC with the first prize being a Ford car, second prize a holiday for two in America, etc. Tickets are 25p each and are sold in books of ten. Anyone requiring a book can contact Brian Keller on 734 2918 or just ask at the clubrooms or on rambles. Our club get a large percentage of the money received from the sale of the tickets by us. The 'draw' is based on the same system as in the past, i.e. a watch is locked away in a drawer and one has to guess the hour, minute and second that it stops at. A full list of winners will be published after the 'draw' in May. Tickets should be returned to our club several weeks before the date of the 'draw' for sorting purposes by Orrell FC.

YOUTH HOSTEL WEEKENDS - Did you see 'Holiday 88' on Tuesday February 22? The producer of this holiday feature had been to Australia, Italy, India and Spain in recent months but the holiday he had most fun on was a long weekend youth hostelling in the Derbyshire Peak District! Well now you too can have the delights and enjoyment of a similar holiday with the Catholic Ramblers shortly with weekends in the Lake District using Youth Hostels (Interested? Then see Ian Freeman or any committee member).



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All material for the next newsletter to be given to Dave Newns

-Thanks folks!

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME. 1988.

- APR. 7. House Meeting is at the Potter's, 91 Woodlands Road, Halewood.
- APR. 10. UP HOLLAND WALK. Hightons are leading. Meet in St. Theresa's Car park on College Road in Up Holland for a 1 p.m. walking start. There are toilets there.
- APR. 24. This is the joint ramble with the main Club members. Arrangements haven't been finalised, but Leo Pearson is leading one of the parties. If you haven't learned from house meeting, walk or grapevine re meeting time and place ring Leo on 489 0746 nearer the date.
- MAY 5. The House Meeting is at George and Freda's, 12 Avon Rd. Billinge.

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FAMILY SECTION, LOGGERHEADS - 14TH FEBRUARY, 1988.

It didn't promise to be much of a day when we left home, but when we arrived at the carpark it was looking distinctly better and we all leapt out with some enthusiasm, which was soon dampened for those unwary souls who didn't look where they were putting their feet!

25 of us set out on a balmy spring-like day and were soon divesting ourselves of un-needed woollies. We made our way through fields and past hedgerows and left all our problems behind - except for poor Bill, our leader, who was having to contend with some evil Genie who preceded him, closing off the paths with lovely new barbed wire. We went past some new buildings being prepared for the opening of the new Country Park, which should be very attractive when it is finished, although I suspect it will be heel-to-toe walking in the Summer months.

On we went through Collomendy Camp, past clumps of lovely delicate snowdrops and even crosuses - and tried to ignore the fact that our boots were rather less pretty, being covered in mud - Tony, out for the first time with the Family Section (welcome Tony) managed to negotiate the mud without too much difficulty and even found time to help the lady members of the group - such niceties being noticeably lacking, except for one or two notable exceptions, the rest of the 'gentlemen' being more inclined to push us in rather than help us over!

Wearried on through sleepy villages with unpronounceable and unspellable names and very firmly past The Sun Inn which was tantalisingly offering 'good food' right on Sunday lunchtime. Even Glenn couldn't outslobber us at that stage! Our new members Mary, Eileen and Hayley did remarkably well (welcome also Mary, Eileen and Hayley) on what was quite a long walk - I'm not going to guess how long as I always think we have walked m-i-l-e-s, only to be told at the end by the men that it was about five miles less - I don't believe it, though, honesty in such matters not being one of their strongpoints!

It was really a most enjoyable day, with the river in full spate (thats two of us, Leo) and especially the high walk along the ridge - the only people I didn't envy at the end of the day were the Athies - Glenn didn't so much resemble a dog as a mobile mud ball - I wouldn't much fancy taking him in our car, but I suppose on Valentine's day, love is all! Talking of Valentine's day - did you all eventually get Gerry's Valentine cards, girls? No? - that Post office has a lot to answer for!

Many thanks Bill, for a lovely day - you never let us down.

Jean.