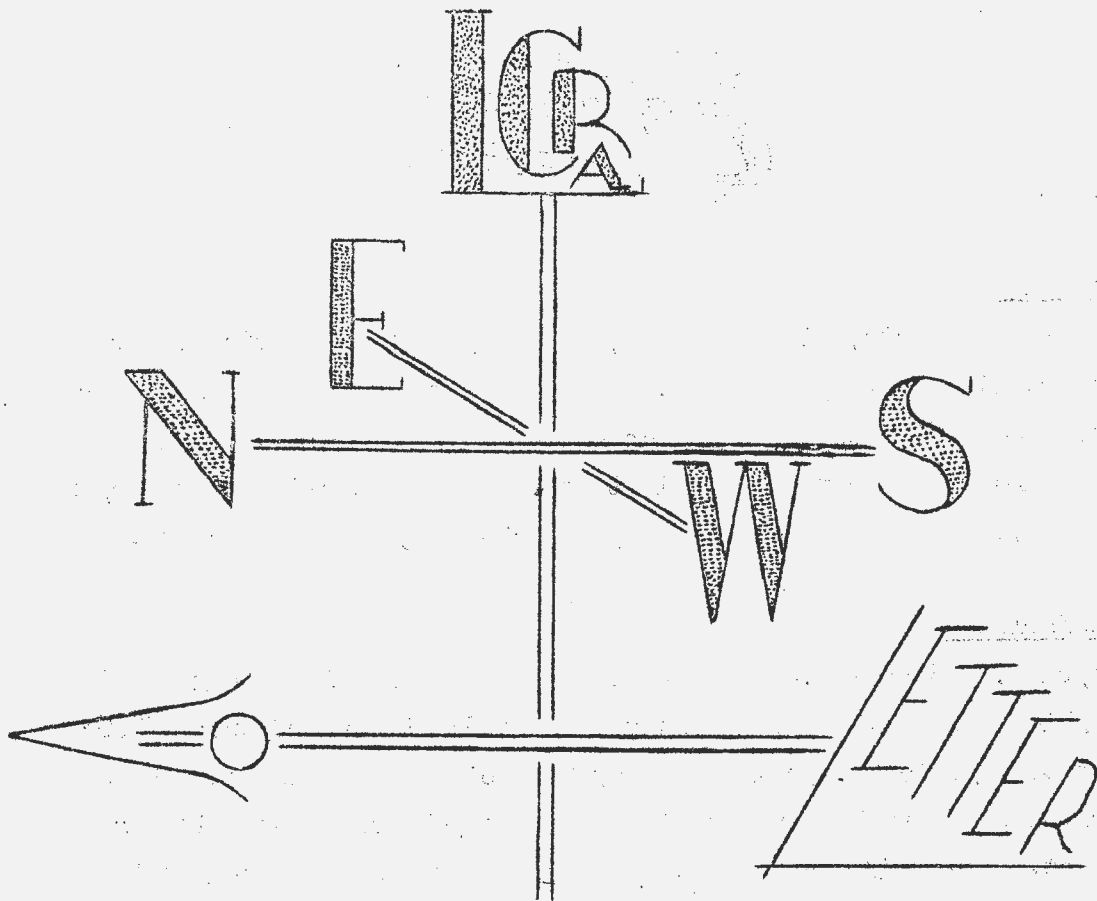


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Editorial

TENNIS

Roll those courts, fix that wire, clear up all those bricks, burn that rubbish, put up the nets. Orders like these and many others like them have been issued by John Lovelady over the past couple of weeks and the nett result is that the TENNIS Section is now open for play. Well done John. May the club enjoy every success.

SWINGING

Surprise. Surprise. Four guitars and a choir of teenage ladies supplied the music for a sung Mass at Saint Joan of Arc's Church last Sunday. (19 th. April) I may be a bit of a square but these girls from Seafield sang their "hot gospel" type Mass with great effect. Have you ever attended such a Mass and what do you think of it?

ORIENTEERING

This is a relatively new sport which is quickly increasing in popularity. If you are one of these people who cannot resist a challenge then this is the sport for you. Details of your first challenge can be obtained elsewhere in this issue.

Eric Kavanagh



TO THE EDITOR

Maybe you, and possibly some of our members will recall Albert Downing, who has "rambled" more than any of us will ever dream of. Since he joined the Club several years ago, he has literally walked thousands of miles across the World. He "walked" to Australia eventually, and after a few years there, doing practically everything, including a job as a cowboy, he came home a year or two ago, and rejoined the Club. A few short months, and the wander bug bit again, and I have just had a letter from him - you've guessed it - from Australia! He is now a member of the Melbourne Catholic Rambler's Club, and has written asking for some of our Club badges. I will send these to him. He has also asked for anyone who knows him, to drop him a few lines, for old times sake. For this reason, I am appending his address, and I know he will be delighted to receive letters from any old pals.

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Easter has gone - roll on Whit. Where you one of the happy Caravaners at Easter, or perhaps you were more adventurous and hardy like one or two Club members, who went camping or should I say igloo-ing !!! Talking about holidays, if you have any interesting or amusing comments on your own holiday why not put pen to paper and let us all share the enjoyment.

'The Hooters' went down very well recently at the Club - Let's hope it's not too long before we have another similar folk night - how say you? By the way, if you have any views on functions you would like to see take place, just drop a line to the Editor, or mention it to one of the Committee members. Your views are important so make sure you air them. Also, if you would like to take a more active part in Club life, don't be afraid to come forward, your help will be much appreciated.

At this point I feel I should mention the fact that Terry O'Connor recently underwent an operation for the removal of an ulcer. It's reported that the hospital had him in stitches - or was it the other way round !!! Sorry about that Terry, but I hope by now you can laugh without it hurting.

Before I sign off I would just like to remind you not to forget the Dance to be held at the Mecca on Friday 12th June, '70. Make sure you get your ticket well in advance - don't be disappointed because it's going to be a sell-out.

BIRTHDAYS *****

Congratulations to.....

Monica Moran who was 21 on 14th April - soon be drawing your pension Mon - heh! heh!

Chris Laycock who celebrated another birthday on 13th April, '70.



GRASMERE

5th April, 1970

After the night had been divided from the day and all had worshipped the Lord, a multitude gathered at the Lane of St. John. It was at the tenth hour that all who were gathered entered vehicles and sat down. They were taken from this place to the Lake whence they came about the second hour after noon. The one who was called John the Leader, then cast the multitude into two, saying, "Those of you who would come with me, come ye here, and those who would go with John the Wider, go ye there" And so they went, each according to his fitness.

Those who followed John the Wider went into the town and gazed upon the houses and shops seeing also the place of burial of one of their greater men of words. Those who followed John the Leader, I know not of. Then they departed going up into the hills and after they had come a little way, John bade them sit down and they rested and munched. Then he said "Let us go" and they went stopping only for breath and Maureen the Tall. At this time the sky opened up and poured forth in abundance.

It came to pass that they reached the bottom of a Mountain and Margaret the Fit went forth and climbed to the top while the crowd stared in wonder and whispered among themselves, "How could this bright girl do such a foolish thing?" It was at this time also that Margaret the Flower Girl saw that Margaret the Fit was immodest and bade her reform, but Margaret the Fit walked forth. Two maidens Monica and Ann who laboured with Mothers spoke witty sayings to amuse the crowd and pretended that they were unfit.

And it came to pass that after Eddie the Pure had made the path of John true, the crowd came upon a road which they followed until they journied no more.

They sat until the ninth hour after noon when darkness had taken away the light waiting for the other B..... Group and then they went out and hung the one called Mike who wrote this mess.

Mike Noonan

Ramblerite

In recent weeks we, the Rambling Sub-Committee, have been experiencing a great deal of difficulty in organising transport for Rambles. The main reason for this is the new Transport Law which limits the amount of time a driver can be in charge of a coach to 11 hours, i.e. limiting our time out of Liverpool to 10½ hrs. As we spend an average 5-6 hrs. on a ramble, this may leave us with 4 hrs travelling time only. During these 4 hrs we would want at least half-an-hour refreshment break in the morning, leaving us only 3½ hrs travelling time! This means, of course, that we are severely restricted in the areas in which we intend to ramble if we use a coach. In future, coaches may only be used for walks which fall within a 60 mile radius of Liverpool, e.g. Derbyshire, N. Wales etc.

There are three alternative modes of transport available to us :- (1) hiring minibuses, (2) using cars and (3) public transport and during the next few weeks we are going to experiment with these and hope to arrive at a satisfactory solution for transport for the Summer Programme. This may mean that departure times will be altered from those printed in the Handbook, so I must ask all prospective walkers to consult their Newsletter for these revised times.

In the past few weeks we have had quite a contrast in our walks. First we had a Lake District Walk; this was to have been over Striding Edge but, due to adverse weather conditions, the 'A' Party had rather a gruelling arctic walk over FAIRFIELD while the 'B' Party spent a nice lazy day walking around Grasmere. The following week we went to Corwen instead of Cader Idris because of the revised coach hours and this was a walk very well led by Des Titherington, despite being limited so much by time. On the 19th April, we had a further change in the programme, going to Castleton instead of partaking in an orienteering exercise which has been postponed until 10th May. This Castleton Ramble was very poorly attended and yet proved to be the best day out we have had for many months, both as regards weather and variety of walks.

The Rambling Sub-Committee is, at the moment, very weak and I would like anyone who is interested in being co-opted on to the Committee to contact me at the Social any Thursday; we are especially in urgent need of a secretary.

John Lovelady

THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO RAMBLERS

On Sunday May 10th the North Western Orienteering Association are organising a one day introduction course for those interested in ORIENTEERING. It will take place in Delamere Forest. Details of meeting times and transport arrangements will be given to those who apply for the course.

Each applicant must have the following equipment:-

Compass
Whistle
Map Case
Pencil & Paper

Orienteering is a refined form of Rambling which emphasises the individuals skill at map reading & compass work. Distances covered in an event is of the order of five miles though it could be less in score events which are limited to 90 minutes duration.

However everything will be explained on the course so if you enjoy a little competitive element in your rambling do join us.

Details from:-

Eric Kavanagh
13 Shakespeare Street
Bootle 20
Lancs.

or book direct with

T.L. Banfield,
6, Greyfriars,
Chester. CH1 2NW

including with your request a 5/= course fee.

Course places are limited to 40 so do book early.

Rambling Preview

May brings us to the beginning of Summer - the country is at its most beautiful and the weather its most promising. So if you have been the inadventurous type, now is the time to venture forth. You will be assured of a hearty welcome and a day of fun. Just make sure of a pair of stout boots waterproof clothing, and a change in case you happen to get wet - people do fall in streams even on Summer days!

Our programme is as follows. We have tried to make it as entertaining as possible and hope you find it to your satisfaction.

MAY 3rd. EGLYS BACH - Above the Conway Valley, a combined ramble in pleasantly wooded highlands with an abundance of impressive views over to the Snowdonia peaks.

MAY 10th WORLDS END - A walk not too far from home. Moderate "A" and "B" walks are promised, though beginning from the top of the Horse Shoe Pass there should not be too much climbing. A variety of scenery changes make this a walk for all tastes

MAY 17th WHERNSIDE - To the North East of Kirkby Lonsdale an area noted for its fine collection of spaghetti trees. A visit to the "Gearstones" at close quarters to "Foulness" is highly recommended, though do remember a change of clothes as the safari might be a wet one.

MAY 31st MALHAM COVE - Our annual Invitation walk led this year by Des Titherington, takes us to one of the beauty spots of the West Riding. A combined ramble, we welcome all-comers whether you have never walked before or simply not ventured out this year, we hope to see you and any of your friends.