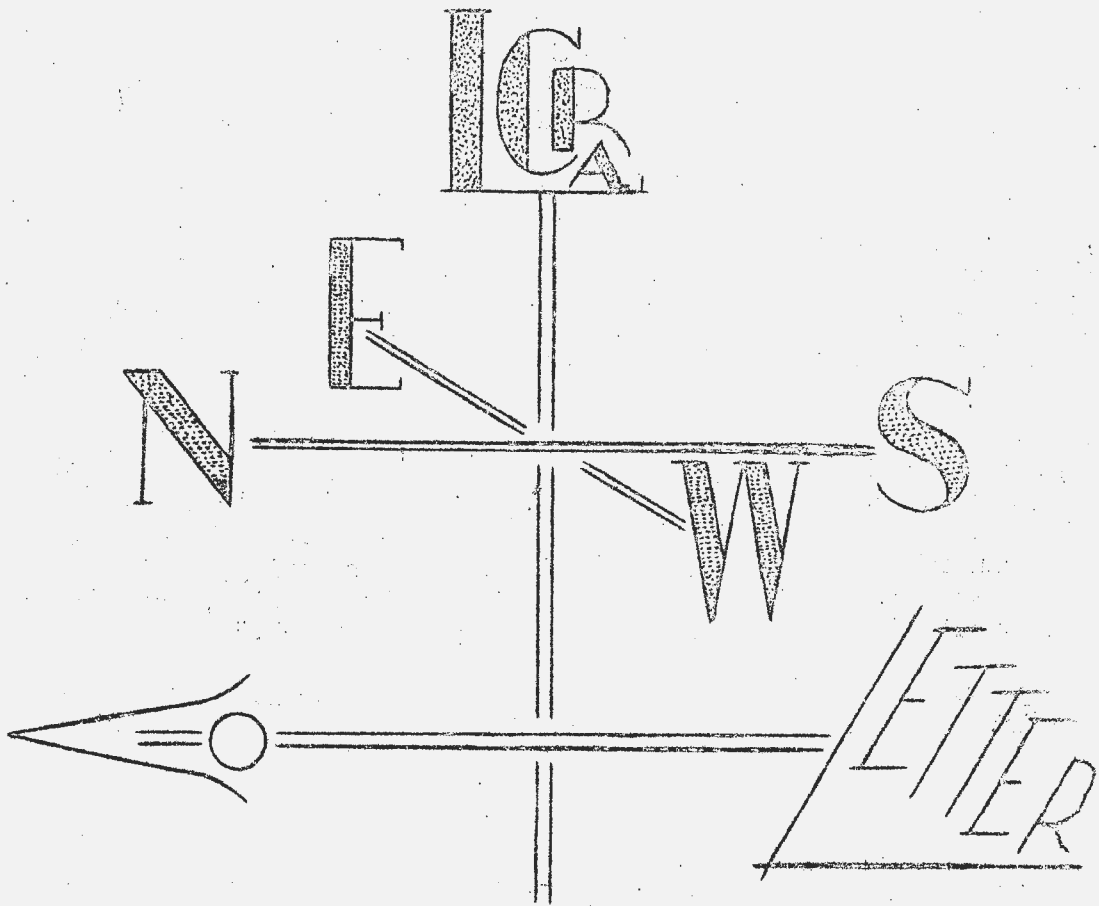


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EDITORIAL

THAT COTTAGE

On the hillside overlooking the village of Tal-y-Sarn there is a group of eight houses, one of which is vacant. Several club members went to inspect it with a view to purchasing it. They report :-

Sure there was a slate tip at the back but the view down the valley was most impressive. And the house, well it was only two up and two down; water came from a lake on the hillside under no great pressure; and there was an electricity supply already connected up but no cooker. The biggest disappointment was that it did not boast a toilet which made it most unsuitable especially as a septic tank would have cost several hundred pounds.

One point which has evolved from the wealth of discussions which have taken place over the last couple of weeks is the range of ideas people have on what the cottage should be like. From "just four walls and a roof and we will make of it what we want" to some place where "mums and dads can take their family and friends for a relaxing, do it your self type weekend." Of course the location also varies, from "deep in the mountains" to some where near "a long sandy beach."

I could go on but perhaps you should tell me what your idea of a dream cottage is? But please make them practical.

HAVE A BREAK

Did you read Gerry Kerbys report in our last issue on how he left a 'B' ramble and how on his lonesome way back, he fell and broke his leg?

Have you read our Trough of Bowland report else where in this issue?

Did you read last Thursdays Liverpool Echo (June 3 rd.) which reported a 14 year old Manchester boys disappearance on an organised ramble?

Our appeal to you to keep together on rambles is not without foundation.

THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

Eric Kainwright
Editor.

THE TROUGH OF BOWLAND

(with Bo Peep and Boy Blue Little)

TROUGH REPORT

Because of the considerable amount of travel members had undertaken over the Bank Holiday weekend, a shorter journey seemed more desirable. Thus the ramble which would have been to Rydal Fell in the Lake District was rearranged to the Trough of Bowland.

The seventeen people who assembled at St. John's Lane were packed like sardines into the few cars available and after the drivers had received instructions re their destination we set off in convoy. Our rendezvous was at a pub and after quite a considerable wait, John Wilson still hadn't turned up (who would have thought that possible?). Fortunately we met him as we drove to the parking place from where the ramble was to start.

From there Eddy piloted us over high moor and trough in a most skilful fashion. The only moment of anxiety was when two young ladies started to sink into a bog (without so much as a lowering of their social standing.) But in the true rambling fashion, they were rescued in a deft and precise manner.

It was at this stage that Boy Blue and Bo Peep Little were most conspicuous by their absence. It was suggested that they had gone back to Liverpool, but never the less we still explored every possible avenue searching for them or we returned to Tarlton, where we reported the incident at the local Cop Shop.

Later it transpired that they had reached home safely BUT?

IF YOU GO RAMBLING AND ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE A WALK, i.e. RETURN BACK, RETURN BY A DIFFERENT ROUTE, OR EVEN COMMIT SUICIDE ON THE SPOT BECAUSE THE WALK IS NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE, YOU MUST INFORM THE LEADER OF THE RAMBLE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY. HE WILL MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AS NECESSARY. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE.

NEW MEMBERS

Wyn Freeman
Jean Tyrer
Maureen Powell
Ruth Leahy
Lilly McCoy
Michael Rowland

Membership now stands
@ 202

Wednesday evening
attendance is now
averaging 68

In 1935 George Kelly (father of Cyril Kelly, one of our present trustees) started our first football team. He supplied the necessary equipment, acquired a pitch in Queens Drive, Stonycroft, built dressing-rooms and managed the affairs of the team up to 1940.

The Team was resurrected in 1948 when they played in the Liverpool Central Amateur League. Our home ground was in Calderstones Park which was relinquished when we moved to Long Lane Recreation Ground near Speke Airport.

During this period one of our most friendly rivals were the students at St. Mary's Scholastic at Church Stretton. We played there twice a year until in 1968 they moved to Heythorp.

The team was always under pressure from various quarters. It was never quite solvent and always short of talent. Under these conditions only enthusiasm and sportsmanship kept them together, though one must admit at times that L.C.R.A. club members who played in the team numbered but half a dozen.

Now the problem no longer exists. At the close of the 1970/71 season the L.C.R.A. Football Team was disbanded. It is sad, but this fair city of ours just can't support three football clubs, and so until our next resurrection - au-revoir.

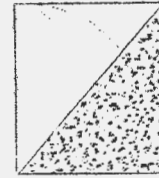
ERRATUM

In our last Newsletter I mis-quoted Chris Dobbin when reporting the Special General Meeting. He went to the trouble of writing to me to clarify the situation, but unfortunately I have lost his letter. I do apologise Chris.

If you would be kind enough to send me a copy of your letter I will ensure it is printed in our next issue.

Editor.

ORIENTEERING



FRODSHAM HILL April 25th. 1971.

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Fifteen members of the L.C.R.A. took part in this event which was organised by the DEESIDE ORIENTEERING CLUB. Three courses had been prepared varying in length from 7 km. for the senior ; 4 km. for the intermediate and 2 km. for the junior event.

The intermediate course was recommended for us as we still lacked experience in this relatively new form (for us anyway) of recreation. Only one member retired (a man) and a brace of ladies failed to complete the course.

Every one thoroughly enjoyed the experience, perhaps all the more as the weather was superb. After the event the discussions on where we went wrong lead nicely into the arrival of the ice cream van.

On June 13th we are going to join in an event organised by the MANCHESTER and DISTRICT ORIENTEERING CLUB. This is a NATIONAL or BADGE event but non orienteering club members or WAYFARERS are allowed to join in. Once again we will try a course of about 5 km.

Perhaps you will be there ?

RESULTS of FRODSHAM HILL

E.J.Kavanagh	7 km.	2.26.27.
P.McLindon/D.Holden **	4km.	2.30.10
B.Keller/M.McDonald	"	2.38.25
A.Vincent/M.Rowland	"	2.43.25
H.Molloy/K.Scott	"	2.47.52
D.Newns/J.Swift	"	3.10.27
K.O'Keefe/W.Carruthers	"	3.41.00
M.Smith/P.Sheehan	"	2 controls missing

**

Dave Holden retired during the event thus Peter is the current club champion. The question is, will we have a new champion next Sunday? This qualification will only be fought for by club members who have taken part in LESS than 5 orienteering events. Good luck.

Social.



Did you go to the dance at the Tennis Club on 17th April ? If so you will not need telling what a good time was had by all. About 50 lucky people were there, each of whom is, I'm sure looking forward to the next dance there. The next date will be June 26th. Put it in your diary now. Don't be left out in the cold.

You dont need 16 hands to enjoy a 16 hand reel, though it might help. This and many other exotic Irish dances are being taught at the club on Wednesday nights at 8-30 p.m. If you prefer tuition by somebody else, one who knows what they are doing, why not come to the Irish Club on Tuesdays at 9 p.m.



We extend our heartiest congratulations to :-

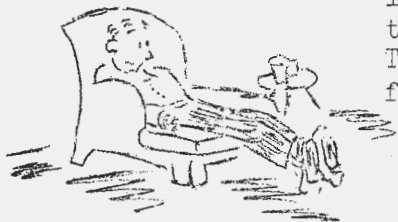
Margaret and Bill Clay on the birth of their daughter, Helen and also to:-
Winnie and Eddy Quin on the birth of their son, Anthony.

Congratulations are also in order to :-

Mike Downs and Nessa Dabeck
John Potter and Pat Farrell
Mike Marsden and Winn Gately
all of whom were married recently.

Unfortunately amidst the joys of living their occasionally comes a sadness which we have to bear. And so we extend our symphies to both Margaret Clay and Fat Morgan on the recent deaths of their respective fathers.

You may have observed the L.C.R.A. film unit at work both in the club and on location. Well shortly you will be able to view the results of this enormously expensive creation. Too whet your appetite please read the advert on the following page.



Three members of the
Ballet Awful Dancers Association.

FIILMS

"THE L.C.R.A. AT PLAY"

Featuring:-

Peter Mulhall's ramble to Nant-y-ffrith

Easter Weekend at Tal-y-bout

Socialising at the Tennis Club

Snowdon Ramble - leader Frank Fitz.

&

Come Dancing at the R.A.F. Club

with commentry and music fully synchronised(we hope)

one night only

Wednesday 30th June, 1971

@ 9.30p.m.

NOTE - The film lasts 20 minutes - don't miss it.

T E N N I S

The tennis section is sharing in the general liveliness which presently is showing itself in the club.

We received a generous modicum of help from the members preparing the courts and pavilion. The courts opened on time at Easter and the anticipated membership shows every sign of being reached. It is all very welcome and most encouraging.

As usual the financial side is not healthy and this is because we are the cheapest tennis club in the City, and one which provides new tennis balls weekly. To help bridge the gap between income and expenditure, we ask you to try and encourage friends to join the club and also to support the socials which are arranged at the tennis pavilion. A small raffle is being organised weekly in the club room at 2¹/₂p per go.

You may be interested in the tennis expenses which are:-

Rent and Rates	£80
Balls	16
Paint	8
Wirenetting	5
Roofing Felt	1
Electricity	10
Sundries	<u>5</u>
	<u>£125</u>

Brian Keller will be pleased to receive your subscriptions which are now overdue and if Brian is not available then please pay to any member of the Committee.

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CELHI DANCING

A new interest is being shown by the attendance at Celhi dancing which Margaret Smith and her friends are giving on Wednesday evenings. This form of dancing is similar to Country & Western and so you shouldn't have difficulty picking it up. All members, beginners and those more proficient are most welcome.

THE 'AMERICAN' OPEN

Congratulations to John Lovelady who won the 'Open' American tournament played on Saturday May 15th. The Runner up was Ted Rudd who was only one point behind.

Only two ladies played - Kay McManus and Win Freeman. They both scored 16 points thus tying for first and last place.

SPECIAL NOTE

The next event in this series is on Saturday 26th June and not as advertised in our last issue.

RESULTS

GENTS

Pts.

LADIES

Pts.

John Lovelady	23	Win Freeman	16
Ted Rudd	22	Kay Mc Manus	16
Mike Rowlands	18		
Joe Whitfield	17		
Brian Keller	16		
Richie Cannon	16		
Peter McLindon	12		
John McLindon	10		
Dave Norton	10		

PLEASE NOTE

Peter McLindon has accepted the position of Chairman on the Social Sub Committee. His first Committee consisted of twelve members so the future holds well for Socialite.

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

We are now able to book coaches again, as the number of people going on rambles has risen considerably over the last month. This has been largely due to an influx of new members - the 'absent members' I mentioned last month are still conspicuous only by their absence, and presumably will remain so until the A.G.M.

You will notice that there are a number of weekends on the new programme. This is because of the success of previous weekends, which have always been well attended over the last year. Details for these weekends will be announced in the Clubrooms.

The programme for the next few weeks is as follows:-

			LEADER
13th	"	Orienteering These have been very popular in the past, and I would recommend any members- new or old - to try this.	Eric Kavanagh
19th/ 20th	"	Weekend - Details will be announced in the clubrooms.	
27th	"	Bolton Abbey	Brian Keller
3rd	JULY	Weekend - Details will be announced in the clubrooms	
11th	"	Midnight Ramble	Margaret Smith
18th	"	Phystyll Ryder	Frank Fitzmaurice

BON VOYAGE

Best Wishes to Chrisse Pocelli

who flies to New Zealand this weekend

INVITATION WALK TO LLANDRILLO 16TH MAY.

With a number of newcomers to swell our ranks, once again it was necessary to book a coach for this ramble. A sign of the times perhaps that for the second time in a fortnight a coach was required. Perhaps it was the advantage of a comparatively late start or the fine weather we have been having, but whatever the reason 28 members and a very enthusiastic driver turned up for this particular adventure.

It should be stated that a number of our regulars did not paint a very pretty picture that bright Sunday morning. It had obviously been a very hard night for some!

It is particularly worthy of note that our newer members put on very creditable performances completing the walk in fine style, perhaps they were encouraged by the performance of their leader, Ann of a 1000 miles. Now the leader is very sympathetic to new members on their first walk, and quite cunningly decided it would not be fair to go racing ahead of the field (particularly when going up-hill) and so she became a self appointed "whipper-in". Obviously this had been pre-planned as she even went to the extreme of having a scooter accident a couple of days earlier, her injuries being a form of handicap.

The walk commenced in brilliant sunshine, and even though the weather deteriorated during the late afternoon, conditions were quite good for rambling. I regret to report that the 'buttie break' only served to remind us that the standard of jokes continues to fall, with Keller, the King of Corn being matched on all sides with quips of similar quality. New Script writers are urgently required.

An acceleration to the walk was provided by the addition of a dozen 4 legged friends who obviously thought the pace somewhat slow. Whether it was for this reason or the fact that we began to go downhill I don't know, but by amasing coincidence our leader began to forge ahead, to be beaten in a photo finish at the coach by he of the webbed feet.

Perhaps our only disappointment during the day was the fact that we had so little time to captivate our Welsh friends in Coed Talon with the sweet tones of our singing.

A most enjoyable day out, with the new-comers enjoying themselves as much as the driver.

IVOR KODAK

BEDTIME STORY FOR THE UNDER FIVES

It was Christmas Day in the Cairngorms and the snow lay deep crisp and even (not this year, it didn't). A young lady skier lay alone and friendless in a crumpled heap, groaning. Suddenly, another skier hove into sight; it was a Scotsman, complete with kilt and sporran, doing the highland fling (not easy on skis). "Ye poor wee lassie", he said, "Why are ye lying doone, Lorna?" "My leg hurts and my Hemel Hempstead, Herts," said the girl in the snow, "and I am waiting for a No. 82 bus." Sure enough, a Liverpool Corporation bus could be seen skidding down the White Lady towards them. "Is this bus going to Speke?" said the girl in the snow. "I've never heard it say a word," said the conductor, with a Broadgreen on his face. "I'll give the driver a Dingle on the bell and ask him which road he's Picton. The driver is Mr. Smith down the road, you know". Just then a tree began to wave on the Edge of the Hill - it was a Mossy Hill, rather a brown, low hill, but quite a pleasant mount, with a Stoney croft Anfields around it, approached by a Rocky Lane with a Longview Menlove to gaze at. Out from behind the tree jumped a Red Indian. "How!" said he. "I stemmed when I should have christied. That's how." said the girl in the snow. "Me Big chief Watha." (he was a long fellow) "Hiya Watha!" said the girl in the snow. "Me looking for Running Water. Preferably hot and panting. Me just Wavertree. Now me Shakespeare." Me shot an arrow in the air. It fell to earth in Clayton Square. How it got there who can tell? Me aimed it at the Strand Hotel." "You can't leave your arrows lying around here," said the bus conductor, "this is not Arrowe Park".

UGH.
Great Farmer.

COMPETITION

Any conclusions to this story which are handed to the Editor (in writing) will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Good Luck you budding fiction writers.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Will members please show their membership cards at the door. All visitors MUST sign the visitors book.