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EDITORIAL

by John Clarke.

On Sunday May 19th. we shall be holding our second "Fred Norbury Trophy" event. This year the event will be in the form of an Orienteering competition at Clocaenog Forest. It will be followed by an evening out which is being organised by Richie Cannon.

Some of the newer members may not have heard of Fred Norbury and so here is a brief introduction. He was one of the members who founded the association in 1927 and has been closely connected with the club since then. He regularly attended committee meetings right through to his death in 1972.

The General committee agreed that the Association should purchase a trophy in his memory, and that it should be competed for annually. The first event took place last year when Phil. O'Neil and Hugh Molloy were joint winners at an American Tournament at our old tennis courts in Lance Grove.

This year the competition is being organised by the Rambling section who selected an Orienteering event so that the regular ramblers who are competent in map reading and the use of a compass will be hot favourites to win. However! You may well be one of those who are not so competent. Well, especially for you, Eric Kavanagh is giving instruction in the techniques of the game - principally in the simplified use of the Silva compass and in a practical demonstration in Formby Pinewoods. Of the two classes held to date all fourteen members have said they will now enter the event. There is still time for more instruction before the deadline of Sunday 19th. May, so if you want to polish up your skills have a word with Eric who will arrange something for you.

From general comments by club members, including the Family Section a good turn out is promised for what may well turn out to be one of the sporting highlights of the year.

John Clarke.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

8, Dawpool Drive,
Moreton,
WIRRAL.

5th April 1974.

Dear Editor,

In the rambling report by Petal she suggests an earlier finish 10.30 p.m. - what a good idea.

I do not feel that pub stops should be deleted from the programme completely, but neither do I feel that as much time need be spent in the pubs as is now. After all pubs aren't only open on Sunday nights (or are they?).

The earlier finish would be far better especially when the ramble is on the Liverpool side of the River Mersey. Trains finish at 10.30 p.m. and 10.45p.m. to parts of the Wirral. Otherwise one is reliant on a car, and not everyone has a car.

No, seriously I think shorter pub stops and an earlier finish would be most welcome.

Sincerely, *M. O'Beirne*

Dear Mr. Editor,

With reference to your Editorial on Rambling (April '74) I would like to make the following comments.

- The notion that rambles finish by 10.30p.m. is a good one, especially for those people who live in the Wirral area, but it may be hard to carry out in view of the distances now covered, and especially so in the summer months when traffic jams are a hazard.
- The notion that "after-ramble pub stops should be deleted from the programme" is misguided. An hour stop at a pub assists greatly in the social intermingling within the club. It allows 'first-time' rambblers to meet others of the group who may have been walking with 'A' or 'B' parties. I'm no boozier but I think to cut out the pub stop would not be beneficial to the club as a whole.

In conclusion I would state that if the Ramble can be finished by 10.30p.m. all well and good but don't make it the rule. The rule is "get home no later than 11.00p.m." Leave it to the discretion of the leader to ensure he complies with the wishes of his party, and if 10.30 p.m. is their wish he should do his best to try and make Liverpool for that time, otherwise the 11.00p.m. rule should be adhered to.

HAPPY RAMBLER.

2, Whitewell Drive,
Upton,
Wirral.

The Editor,
L. C. R. A. Newsletter.

Dear Editor,

As an ardent supporter of the suggestion for a 10 - 30 pm. finish to rambles I would like to give my comments and reasons and wonder how many others would agree with them.

- 1) The sound of an alarm clock ringing at 7 am. on a monday morning after a strenuous walk and only six and a half hours sleep is such a horrible morn-mare, likely to disturb the balance of one's mind for a whole day as the aching limbs protest at being forced into action. Chief reason - I'm tired.
- 2) A rambler is not very popular with the rest of the household when bath water is being run at mid-night. I'm sorry if ours is the noisiest gurgling water tank on Merseyside but it happens to be in Mum's bedroom
- 3) Do the Liverpooldians realise that they are excluding from rambles all those from "over the water " who have no cars or friends nearby to do a taxie service. I certainly could not be there -(do I hear a sigh of relief from the Kellerites who want to stay in the pub until closing time)-the last buses from Birkenhead running at 11 pm; the last train is at 10-45 pm.

As a member of the club I realise one must be democratic and fall in line with the majority but I would earnestly suggest that the committee really do sound out opinion and perhaps a 10-30 rule could be tried out at least in the winter months when rambles tend to finish earlier in the dark evenings.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Walsh

This subject has been well discussed as is shown above. If there are further comments will you please direct them direct to the Rambling sub-committee chairman, Ray O'Connor who is best qualified to act on them. As editor I am delighted to receive communications re-club activities from you so please write, from which ever part of the world you may be,

Eric Ravanagh

Moel Siabod. Sunday 21st. April.

Near the top of this mountain there is a large boulder field. The club were scrambling over those near the top when Marian Green missed her footing and fell. In so doing she severely twisted her leg such that she was unable to walk.

With the combined efforts of the 'B' party and a local farmer she was carried down the mountain side to the main road. On the way we were met by the Plas Brenin mountain rescue team who radioed for an ambulance which took Marian to hospital.

Subsequently she writes:-
22, Sandringham Drive,
Wallasey,
Cheshire.

Dera Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to those members who helped in the event after my fall on Moel-Siabod.

This shows not only enthusiasm in those members who took part, but a concern to help others. My thanks especially to Philomena Walsh and Lesley Roberts who came all the way with me to the hospital in the ambulance which was arranged by the Mountain Rescue Team.

I would like to thank you all again for your kindness.

Marian

P.S. My leg has now improved a lot.

Marie McCormick, I have been told that you have been in both Walton and Fazakerley hospitals for short stays. We all send our wishes for your speedy recovery.

Kevin and ann O'Keefe, congratulations on the birth of your baby daughter Susan Mary. (I believe before Christmas 1973)

Peter Mulhall and Brenda. Congratulations on your recent marriage.

I know we are somewhat late with the above news but the wishes are nevertheless sincere.

Barrie Dooley has now been co-opted on to the Rambling and general committees. If you have any problems, have a word with Barrie.

MAY 19TH 1974

Dear Club Member,

The joint R.S.T committee
invites YOU to take part in the
"Fred Norbury Trophy Competition"
on Sunday 19TH May 1974
and afterwards at the social evening.

John Clarke

R.S.V.P.

CHAIRMAN.

Equipment required by the serious competitor :-

- A Silva type compass
- A plastic bag to keep your map dry.
- A whistle for emergencies.
- Normal rambling equipment.
- and perhaps light studded boots.

Ladies and wayfinders are requested to treat this venture as a gentle exploration of Clocaenog Forest.

COMPETITION

The competition will take the form of a simple ORIENTEERING event.

There will be two courses:-
Ladies.....3 miles.
Gentlemen.....5 miles

Families or couples are encouraged to take part as WAYFINDERS on the shorter course.

It is not necessary to complete the course but one MUST report to the finish before they leave the forest.

The winners and holders of the trophy will be the fastest individual lady and gentleman who will share the cup during 1974.

Note:- For those who haven't tried this sport before, it is necessary that one have the usual ramblers skills of map reading and also be proficient in the use of a compass. For emergencies PLEASE carry a whistle.

SOCIAL

Richie Cannon, our Social chairman, is currently exploring the locality of Clocaenog Forest to find a country type pub where we can relax and have a singsong to our own members **guitar** and accordian music. Details will be available at the club or at the event.

MEETING PLACE

St. John's Lane. at 11 - 00am. for 11 - 15 am. departure by coach.

For the Family Section who are taking part a special meeting place will be arranged at a picnic place on the B 5105 between Ruthin and Cerrigydrudion. The specific location of this site will be forwarded to Harold Burns in time for the Family Section meeting on May 10th.

PRESENTATION of TROPHY

The trophy will be presented to the joint winners during the social. It is rumoured that a bottle of vintage champagne is being chilled so that there will be no delay in drinking the health of the new champions.

NOTE. ALL COMPETITORS MUST REPORT

BACK TO THE FINISH BEFORE 6 p.m.

The Family Section

MAY 1974.

The Family Section are planning a Saturday Night out at the Riverside Southport. The date is May 4th. Time at the Riverside is 7 - 30 pm.

They are hoping to arrange a coach or coaches. All interested either general club members, or family section members - are asked to contact Bill Naylor, 114, Moss Lane, Maghull - 526 3179 as soon as possible.

All are welcome, and the Family Section are hoping that this will be a very successful venture.

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME.

May 10th. Social evening at Betty and Harold Burns
21, Templemore Rd., Oxton, Birkenhead.

May 19th. Treasure Hunt. Leader Mona Roberts.
Meet:- Royden Park, Frankby, opposite Farmers Arms.
Leave at 1 pm.

In addition the Fred Nonbury Trophy Competition will be run in Clocaenog Forest. Full details are elsewhere in this issue.

June 7th. Social evening at John and Kath Peloe's
5, Crawford Ave. Maghull.

Calling the Smiths

A subscription was received from a Mr. Mrs. or Miss Smith before Christmas. Unfortunately no address or initial was given which has resulted in some confusion. Will said Smith please contact me to clear up this omission. Thankyou.

on the "Fred Norbury Trophy" competition.



LOST AGAIN!

SIMON'S SEAT

Sunday 7th April turned out to be a beautiful sunny day as 26 ramblers decided to take the plunge (as you will see later it was a plunge) and go for a ramble to Simons Seat. May I say that everyone arrived promptly after John Clarkes' warning that the coach would leave at 10 o'clock come what may.

After the usual stop at the first Motorway Services we arrived at Bolton Abbey at 1.15 p.m. After a short walk we came to the River Wharf, to the right of which was a bridge and to the left were some stepping stones. In the middle where the river was quite deep the stones were non-existent. So of course we had to go across the stepping stones and not the bridge, fools that we were. After some prompting Fred Flening hurled himself across a rather large gap in the stones and missed! (Well his jeans needed a wash any way). Dave Newnes was the next, but he had the advantage of being six inches longer in the leg than Fred and he accomplished the feat successfully. The lesser of us mortals decided to turn back and opt out for the easier way, namely, the bridge.

It was rather like a sports event at the White City, for people were either side of the river and were clapping and shouting for Fred to do his famous long jump and when he failed and fell in there was a tumultuous roar of laughter from the crowd.

After the excitement had died down we continued the walk along a footpath and passed some pretty countryside. The first hour of the walk was quite easy and we stopped for a butty break en route.

The next part of the walk took us up into the hills, which some of us thought was quite tough going as the sun was shining down on us all the way. We came across a seat which we thought was Simons Seat but our leader Dave Newnes informed us that it was another half-an-hour's walk, so we split up into 'A' and 'B' parties. After a short butty break the 'A' party walked on to Simons Seat with Brian Kellar as leader and the 'B' party with Dave Newnes as leader took on the hard task of sunbathing for twenty minutes! Then after we were all quite refreshed we started the descent.

We soon arrived back to the notorious River Wharf where we found a cafe where some of us had a meal to which John Pugh took exception and complained of the state of his pastie saying to the Manager he would'nt give it to his dog. He got his money back and an extra portion of chips into the bargain!

Then back to the long jump championship, this time Frank Fitzmaurice tried for the cup and also got a soaking, but John Pugh glided deftly across the river (it must have been those chips giving him extra stamina).

We arrived back at the coach at approximately 6.30 p.m. to meet only a few of the 'A' party, but the rest followed later. We stopped at Gisburn for a drink and left at 8.30 p.m. as we had to be back in Liverpool for 11.00 pm. Mike provided the music of course on the journey home, but Norman who usually provides the singing of the golden oldies (which only he can remember) went asleep!

And so to the end of another enjoyable ramble- thanks

Dave.

PAT QUICK.

BALADE A MALHAM.
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On dit le Yorkshire est une contree pleine de charmes et de mystere C'est peut-etre un appel mystique qui avait conduit une trentaine de nos courageux "ramblers" sur la route de Malham ce jour-la. Ils n/ allaiet pas etre decus. Ce n' etait pourtant pas un grand beau temps qui les attendait mais un ciel gris comme l'eau et comme les cailloux et tellement en accord avec ce pays brumeux.

Il semble que paysage de rave ait inspire des elans artistiques a nos "ramblers" car jamais on ne prit autant le photos, que ce soit lors d' une quelconque halte ou de la traversee heroique de quelque ruisseau. (Norman et son chapeau eurent a eux deux un success fou, on s'en doute bien)

Aucun incident facheux ne vint troubler l'ordre des evenements. Quelques uns de nos intrepides furent bien de se trouver au bord d'un precipice mais Tony, notre brillant leader les remit bien vite sur le droit chemin. Au retour, nous fimes halte dans un pub charmant mais un peu froid a notre gout, aussi nous primes le chemin de Preston afin d'ecouter notre ami le pianiste au grand talent et non moins grandes oreilles.

Et ce fut a nouveau notre Liverpool home!

Martine.

Note:- A translation of the above will appear in our next issue. Ed.

TENNIS

The tennis season has got under way with quite good response from members. The tennis courts are first class and are situated at Electric Supply in Thingwall Rd. Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons seem to be the most popular times. One thing I must stress is that you must wear tennis shoes or plimsoles. If you can't play tennis still come along as coaching will be arranged.

If you require any further information please contact me or phone 426 3494. Fees for associate membership are £3-30 of which the L.C.R.A. Tennis Section will pay 30p. to new members.

Barry Lyons.

COME ALONG AND DANCE THE R&R

OLDER THAN THE GOLDEN OLDIES

ALL THE HITS - NON-STOP DANCING

Rock and Roll night - 9th May 1974

Social

If you are a Rock & Roll fan, or have nostalgic memories of that epoch or are (like me) too young to remember those days, then a chance to experience a Rock & Roll revival is offered at the Mona on 9th May. ~~There will be a late extension and~~ the music will be provided by 14 lads who are Rock & Roll enthusiasts. Do not therefore be too surprised to see numerous drainpipe trousers, bootlace ties and quiff hairstyles worn. Why not come suitably attired yourselves in clothes of that period to add to the fun?

Plans are in hand for a rendezvous at a Welsh pub after the Fred Norbury Cup Competition to be held at Clocaenog Forest on 12th May. Non-participants will be welcome—details from the Club.

If you cannot resist such delicacies as tripe and onions, pigs trotters or blackpuddings, then see Mary Barrett who is organising a Lancashire night out at the Baileys Arms Ribbles Valley on Friday 7th June. If you can resist such delicacies then traditional meals are also available. The pub also provides entertainment and dancing.

Our mediaeval banquet night-out now has to be postponed until September, so save up now for a really worthwhile if somewhat more expensive than usual evening. Quoted price per head £2.00p excluding coach fare.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>D.J.'s etc.</u>
2nd May	Disco	The Gruesome Twosome Petal & Pete
9th May	Rock & Roll Revival	Hired Disco
	Admission 25p	
16th May	Disco	Alan Joynton
23rd May	Disco	Winnie Shaw
30th May	Disco	The Penguin (Dave Holden.)

RICHEL CANNON.