



L.C.R.A. NEWSLETTER.

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Editorial

Now that you have all recovered from the strain of celebrating Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee may I draw your attention to the following:-

Golden Jubilee Newsletter.

- a) Cover Competition:- In view of the number of entries received the date of closure has been extended to 23rd June. Please submit your entries as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- b) Contributions:- If you have any contributions to make to the Jubilee Newsletter you should forward them to me in the normal way. Please note that, unlike the ordinary Newsletter, publication is not guaranteed.

Rambling Survey Report

The final information obtained from the survey may be found later in this issue. Congratulations to Mike and Pat on their patient and detailed analysis of the mass of data produced by the survey forms.

May I finally request that any criticism of the content/ construction of the Newsletter be addressed to the Club Secretary so that it may be referred to the appropriate Sub-Committee For their attention?

THE EDITOR

* Thanks are due to Frances Lee who is responsible for this month's superb cover. She'll be after my job next!

--:EDITOR:--

RAMBLERITE

As you are now aware the Thursday night admission charge has increased by 10p. The extra money raised is to help subsidise the cost of the Sunday ramble. This subsidy was inevitable not only because of fuel price increases but also because of the apathy on the part of the majority of people who come to the Thursday social and never appear on a ramble. Just why they bothered joining a rambling club is a complete mystery to me.

At the time of writing this 'Ramblerite' the Club members are preparing for a Spring Bank Holiday Caravan week in North Wales. Initially the booking of available places was slow but finally all were taken. At this point the holiday suddenly became popular and people had to be turned away. If they had shown interest earlier then something could have been done to try to accommodate them. The moral of this is, if you want to participate in any Club event don't leave it until the last minute for your own sake.

The rambling programme for the coming weeks is as follows:-

- 19th June - Meol Hebog - Brian Keller who, despite his youth, is a very experienced rampler, is in charge of this N. Wales hike.
- 26th June - Bolton Abbey - On this Yorkshire hike our leader, Peter Kennedy, is keen to point out the spot where our 'Newsletter' Editor suddenly realised he was a drip!
- 3rd July - Carneddo - Frank Fitz comes out of retirement for this N. Wales walk.
- 10th July - Hawarden - This joint ramble with the Family Section is one of the Jubilee anniversary events. A social will be held after the walk.

RAMBLERITE

17th July - Striding Edge

- Helvelyn is the destination of Big Mike O'Shea. A Lakeland must.

24th July - Aran Tawddwy

- If Frank Fitz survives the Carneddau he will lead yet another N. Wales ramble.

31st July - Jack's Rake

- Our youthful leader, Brian Keller, takes the Langdale Valley in his stride for another Lakeland must.

RAMBLING CHAIRMAN

STOP PRESS.

Due to typing problems, the Rambling Survey will be printed in about a fortnights time.

LETTERS.

The following letter is published in full and without comment:-

Dear Editor,

May 9th 1977

I have just received a Newsletter and I wish to make some observations which you may publish in your ^{next} next issue. The Newsletter ~~which~~ was not dated but I presume it to be the April 1977 issue No. 73.

1) IDIOT-TORIAL COMMENT X - PARA 1

Yes we did notice the blank page 2 of your previous issue -undated- but were too kind to point the omission.

2) IDIOT-TORIAL COMMENT - PARA 3

One's mind boggles at this paragraph. Why was the report on the Easter Weekend not fit to print? "Was it wrote badly" ? or if it was verbal (see a weekend in? Trearder Bay) should all good living Catholics avoid the caravan weekonds?

3) LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It would seem that an EDIT-ORS job is to EDIT the influx of news but if you have to appeal for contributions why not let your reporters create the character of their own Newsletter without the fear of your blue pencil- O.K. correct my spelling mistakes, or even the grammar but not the sense or style of the contribution.

4) RAMBLING SURVEY - LATEST

Perhaps X "Dennis Healey is not worth a carrot" (see item II) but what about the results of the survey? We would all like to know why we don't go out on rambles!

5) A WEEKEND IN? TREARDER BAY

Surely your two survivors could not have been on an L.C.R.A. Caravan Weekend even though some of the names seemed familiar? You say:-

- a) People arrived after ~~11.30~~ 1a.m. waking up sleeping occupants to ask if they knew where the L.C.R.A. caravans were!
- b) "Ale flowed like water and there was plenty of food" and you go on to say Saturday passed in much the same way:- Friday was Good Friday which is still a day of fast and abstinence.

No, Mr Editor. I would say you are wrong when you say "NOBODY NOTICED" We do notice. We also noticed that the Newsletter is no longer called THE LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS NEWSLETTER for there was not title on the last issue I received so perhaps I shouldn't be sending these observations to you?

Kindest Regards, ERIC KAVANAGH

SUNDAY APRIL 17th

Ramble to Kirkstone Pass.

A A dismal wet morning as the intrepid band of Ramblers (complete with Alka-Seltzer) boarded the coach at St. John's Lane, Liverpool to be checked in by the deputised leader, Mike Lewis. All present and correct, except for a few to be picked up on route. we set off, followed by Alan Joynson doing his "Eivel Knievil" behind the coach. EAST LANCs. saw the completion of our party including our leader for the day, Barry Lyon, who had snatched the extra hours necessary for veterans of his age.

Our first stop was at Milnthorpe for a much welcomed coffee. Next stop was for the departure of B party under the leadership of John Clarke who was planning a hazardous coffee route from cafe to cafe to cafe to cafe etc. At the stop saw the A party disembarking for their adventure which started with a gentle ascent towards High Street with Barry our leader gamely trying to catch up. Our first rest was in brilliant sunshine by a bubbling brook and being revived by Lesley's much welcomed orange juice. We proceeded upwards toward the ridge with the sun beaming down and the odd snowflake fluttering past us. Lesley was by now suffering from an old war wound in her knee which got worse towards the end of the day. The descent of steep screes aggravated the condition.

However there was at least one gentleman in the party in the shape of Bob Banks who gave Lesley a helping hand with the difficult parts.

6p.m. saw everyone safely back at the coach having completed a thoroughly enjoyable ramble which we found it to be in that it provided a variety of Rambling activities!! for the rambling RAMBLERS. Everyone had changed and Brian had finished his "toilette" with a spray of his perfume "Mouth on Legs". WE then headed for well-deserved refreshments at the " Bull's Head" with excellent timing in that we were walking through the door to the sound of church bells ringing out "the magic Seven"! A juke box in the corner provided music for all ages - even the older members like Barry & Brian!

At about 8.30 everyone obediently trooped off back to the coach and we set off for home to the accompaniment of Danny on guitar. The rousing singalong which followed included a jive session from Barry and Kathy and also an authentic "Banana Boat Song" which included Kathy being covered in real banana! The entertainment ended with the abandonment of the coach in St. John's Lane at 10.20p.m. We could stand the "Forty Shades of Green" no longer!

S O C I A L I T E.

IN THE CLUBROOM.

July 7 - Seoda Ceoil, 40p, late extension. Tickets are on sale now, see any member if you wish to purchase one.

August 18 - Pavement Disco, 40p, late extension.

Outside Events - Friday 24th June. Riverside, Southport. See M.Lewis for details.

One day Tennis Tournament date has been altered and will take place at Christ College on Saturday, 23rd July 1977.

We are hoping to arrange a cricket match. Anyone wishing to play please give your name to M.Lewis or A.Joynson.

As from 23.6.77 the price of the Thursday night Social has been increased from 20p to 30p. It is becoming increasingly difficult to cover the cost of the coach on Sunday rambles, therefore the extra 10p will go to subsidise the coach.

At the moment the coach charge is £55. We now need 33 people at £1.70 to break even. As we are averaging about 26 per ramble you will see the need for the price increase. There are a lot of people who never go on a ramble, which seems strange when you think they have joined a Rambling Club. I would say to these people, why not try a ramble. The people who go on the rambles are in agreement that at the moment the atmosphere on the walk, in the pub after and on Caravan weekends is first class. Last Sunday nine members completed 4 of the 14 walk. They all agreed the feeling of achievement helps to create a friendly atmosphere.

M.LEWIS R/C.