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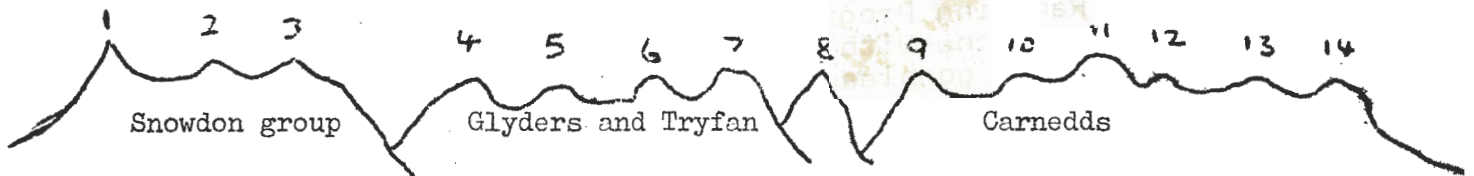
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FOUR CONQUER THE FOURTEEN

After camping on Snowdon overnight, our group ~~surprisingly~~ found themselves **half** buried in snow as they crawled out of their tents in the early hours of May 27th, ready to start their attack on 14 3,000-footers.

Many hours later, after a long gruelling day and in adverse weather conditions, Anthony Brockway, Paul Amundsen, Brian Keller and Peter Wilkinson had all conquered the 14 Peaks of Snowdonia.

It must be mentioned that Tommy Keenan also successfully completed eleven peaks after joining the group at the breakfast stop on the Llanberis Pass, after the others had done the three peaks of the Snowdon group. In the afternoon I also joined in to accompany Tommy and Peter over the six peaks in the Carnedd group to the finish.

I am sure you will all join me in saying congratulations and well done, lads!

Further details and full report in the next newsletter.

Dave Newns

R A M B L E R I T E

Hello again,

And here we are in Summer, Summer! It only seems like a few weeks since Winter. Anyway, now is the time to book yourself on to a Sunday ramble even if it's the only one for the year. There are plenty of walks to choose from including the highest in both England and Wales. Not that you necessarily have to reach the top. All programmed walks will have an A (difficult), B (moderate) and if possible a C (easy) walk. And if you don't feel like walking then stay with the coach and enjoy a village or just the surrounding countryside. So there's no excuse there is something for everybody, let's see the coaches full. After all, it's still only £3-00 for a day out in some of our finest countryside.

The new Rambling Programme is presently being compiled, anyone with any suggestions of where they would like to go please see Dave or myself, after all the Rambling Programme is for your benefit so let's hear from you.

Anyone who would like to lead a ramble in the new programme, please see Dave or myself. We are still short of leaders, any interest would be appreciated.

The Fourteen Peaks event will probably have taken place by the time this newsletter reaches you. Hopefully it will have been successful. (See cover).

FOR YOUR FUTURE PLEASURE:

JUNE 10TH - SCAFELL PIKES (A) Brian Keller (B) Paul Healy.

This is the highest mountain in England and the chosen route is tough. Paul will be leading a pleasant B walk in the Langdale area.

JUNE 24TH - JOINT RAMBLE ST. SUNDAY CRAG

This is an occasion when the family and General Section can get together to fulfil some of the aims of the club. There will be three walks, suitable for all members, so come along and meet old and new friends.

JULY 8TH - YR WYDDFA* (A) Brian Keller (B) To be arranged

The highest mountain in England and Wales. Both parties will be aiming high with the added bonus of a cafe that "will be open"? "well should be open". So all you Snowdon fans who have only seen the outside of the cafe, here is your chance to see the inside.

JULY 22ND - GLENRIDDING (A) To be arranged (B) Dave News

Same area as the Joint walk but there are so many mountains you can climb, that it's well worth another visit. All you sun seekers could spend a day sun-bathing on the side of Ullswater if you did not fancy a walk. There are also boat trips and rowing boats for hire.

AUGUST 5TH - MILLERSDALE

There is still some arrangements to be made for this walk. It is in the heart of Derbyshire, a pleasant valley with the inevitable river flowing through it. Bring a torch with you as we may be walking through old railway tunnels now made into footpaths.

That's all for now and hopefully I will see you on the Rambles.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY
Rambling Chairman.

*In case you haven't guessed
Yr Wyddfa is Welsh spelling
of Snowdon mountain.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RAMBLE WRITE-UPS

There is a constant need for write-ups in the newsletter, often amusing to read. The 'Where Are We Now' article in the last newsletter, signed: 'A. B. Walker' was slightly edited by myself to make it more amusing. There were no names mentioned, however, the following letter was handed to me for publication:

The Bollington 'B' Ramble

I refer to comments raised in the last newsletter by John MacDonald concerning the above walk. I would like to assure John that this ramble had been pioneered and at no time was anyone in danger of getting lost or arriving late for the coach.

Due to circumstances beyond my control the route had to be altered at the last minute but from comments received on the day this did not spoil anyone's enjoyment, nor John's as he admits in his narrative. Satisfied now, John? - It was all done according to the book!

R. Cannon.

S O C I A L I T E

For any members who haven't been at Thursday socials lately here's a brief update on recent events.
(Why haven't you been down?)

On April 12th we held a disco with a professional disc jockey and a late bar extension this was well attended by members even though it had been postponed two weeks earlier because of the day of action.

Our Bavarian night this year was on April 26th. Fifty or so ramblers were present and a couple even wore traditional costume! The food was excellent. Many thanks to Angela, Marie, Pat and everyone else who helped with food and posters. The beer drinking competition proved popular as usual and was followed by energetic Bavarian dancing particularly by the competitors.

Other functions attended by Club members recently have included the Electric Supply Club Tennis Dance, with about forty ramblers present, a dance at the Irish Centre in aid of S.P.U.C. and a night out at Bands Wine Bar and the Royal Hotel on Smithdown Road.

Please note the following dates for your diary.

MAY 31ST - PROFESSIONAL DISCO

'Solid Gold' Disco will be spinning the records and there will be a late bar. Admission £1-00.

JUNE 16TH - WINE BARGE

Pat Rothwell already has over twenty names for this trip on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. With food, entertainment and a bar this is great value at £4-00. The barge leaves Maghull at 7-30 pm and returns at 10-30 pm to allow everyone to arrange transport home.

JUNE 21ST - COUNTRY NIGHT - Admission 50p

Amongst the normal chart and disco records will be hits from some of the country greats, Don Williams, Jonnie Cash and Dolly Parton to name but a few. Not to be missed by all devotees and a chance for everyone else to find out more.

JULY 5TH - PROFESSIONAL DISCO

Disco to be arranged. Late Bar. Admission £1-00

JULY 19TH - 50'S & 60'S NIGHT - Admission 60p

The Beatles, Buddy Holly and Cliff Richard just a few of the people who won't be here tonight however, you can relive those golden days or find out what they were all about. If you have any favourite records bring them along.

That's it for the moment, except to say Congratulations to Ann and Bernard Foley on the recent birth of their first baby, Alastair, Joseph, 7lbs, 6ozs.

GEORGE RILEY
Social Chairman.

The FRED NORBURY CUP will shortly be competed for once again. This is an annual event in memory of one of our founder members Fred Norbury, who died in the early 1970s.

There is a lady and gent winner, sharing the cup for six months each. There will be several competitions as follows:

Sat. July 7 Meet 5.00 St John's Lane ... Crown Green Bowls

Sat. July 14 Meet 5.00 St John's Lane ... Pitch and Putt

Sat. July 21 Meet 1.30 Electric Supply Club Tennis

Thursdays June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26Pool
(at the club)

Thursday June 28.... Ladies DARTS

Thursday July 12.... Men's DARTS (at the club) 8 pm

Saturday July 28 Meet 5.00 St John's Lane.. TEN-PIN BOWLS

Points will be given as follows: 1st 10 points, 2nd 7 points, then 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Points will be added up at the end of all the events and the highest totals in both ladies and gents will be the two winners.

NEW CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Because of Paul Stevens' move to Penzance recently, Dave Newns has been elected as Chairman at the last committee meeting. At the same time George Riley has been elected as the Vice-Chairman of the club.

ANOTHER BIRTH CONGRATULATION

On Thursday, May 24, Martin and Mary Dooley were the proud parents of a baby boy, Matthew Francis. Congratulations to you both.

HOW TO GET TO THE ST SUNDAY CRAG RAMBLE BY CAR:

June 24th Joint Ramble to St Sunday Crag (Lakes).

Take the M6 to junction 36, Windermere turn-off and follow A6 towards Windermere, but turning right at funny roundabout to Troutbeck along the Kirkstone Pass (A592) towards Ullswater, passing the Kirkstone Pass pub at the summit. Continue downhill to Patterdale and the car park is just down the road at Glenridding, on left. 1.15 start. If you arrive early there is plenty to do in this popular beauty spot.

If you wish to use the coach, meet at St John's Lane at 10 am for 10.15 departure. Cost £3 or half-price for children. Note coach will be stopping at a pub on the return journey, arriving back in Liverpool sometime between 10 and 11 pm.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Several new members have joined since the last newsletter. We wish them a long and happy stay with the club.

SKI HOLIDAY

Preparations are now in hand for the booking of at least 10 ramblers on a winter sports holiday to Austria next January. If you are interested see Anthony Brockway for further details, but hurry!

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

Any material for the newsletter should be handed to the editor or Mona Roberts for the Family Section as soon as possible. One item submitted by John MacDonald for this newsletter had to be left out through lack of space.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Even if you hardly ever play tennis you may win at our annual tournament at the Electric Supply Club, Wavertree on Saturday, July 21 at 1.30 pm. This year it will form part of the Fred Norbury Cup competition. But even if you don't wish to partake in the competition you can still join in the fun at the Tennis Tournament.

JOINT RAMBLE TO LLANDRILLO

On a bright, dry, but bitterly cold day, we met in the car park at Llandrillo - a pretty little village, south of Corwen, the main feature of which is the bridge which spans a tributary of the River Dee.

In order to avoid an uninteresting trek along the road, we were transported by coach for a mile to Hendwr, where the walk began.

A short walk along a minor road led us into a forest. The slowly rising track running alongside a stream continued for about two miles to suddenly emerge on to the grassy windswept slopes of the Berwyn range.

After the customary break for lunch, we continued up on a stoney track to the Memorial stone, which marks that point on the ridge, which leads on to higher things.

The Memorial stone was the site for a welcome break to recover our breath and sign the Visitors' Book (discovered in a tin) but an icy wind was blowing which was an incentive to move on as soon as possible.

The climb up the ridge began at this point and proved to be extremely pleasant. We were walking over very boggy ground but this was easy as the ground was frozen in most places. Eventually we arrived at the summit of Cadair Bronwen (2,572 feet). The visibility was magnificent, as indeed it had been all day. I was informed that this was unusual for the Berwyns. We had walked through patches of snow on our way up but the view of the surrounding moors sprinkled with snow (at one point we saw icicles) made one feel very cold.

After a short break, we commenced our descent down an adjoining valley. Here we were sheltered from the wind for the first time that day and the warmth of the sun was really appreciated.

A very pleasant downward path past the Cairn Circle and by fields in which tiny new born lambs grazed and skipped round their mothers, eventually took us back into Llandrillo.

A memorable day and our grateful thanks to Anthony Brockway and Dave News for leading us and planning such an interesting walk.

We look forward to the next joint ramble in June to St. Sunday Crag.

Happy Wanderer.

- If a child lives with criticism he learns to condemn.....
- If a child lives with hostility he learns to fight.....
- If a child lives with fear he learns to be apprehensive.....
- If a child lives with ridicule he learns to be shy.....
- If a child lives with jealousy, he learns what envy is.....
- If a child lives with shame he learns to feel guilty.....
- If a child lives with encouragement he learns to be confident.....
- If a child lives with tolerance he learns to be patient.....
- If a child lives with praise he learns to be appreciative.....
- If a child lives with acceptance he learns to love....
- If a child lives with approval he learns to like himself.....
- If a child lives with recognition he learns that it is good to have a goal...
- If a child lives with sharing he learns about generosity.....
- If a child lives with honesty and fairness he learns what truth and justice are.....
- If a child lives with security he learns to have faith in himself and in those about him.....
- If a child lives with friendliness he learns that the world is a nice place in which we live....
- If you live with serenity, your child will live with peace of mind.

----- FAMILY SECTION -----

BICKERTON - APRIL 8TH, 1984.

Nan hadn't been too well, so she and Mary, with John Burns to lead, took themselves off on a B+ walk. The rest of us tucked in behind Vera, (sorry you couldn't make it, Pat), and were on our way. Magda and Mona took a rough count of numbers but couldn't agree, so we shot the extra few. The leader must have a definite number with which to get back to the cars.

We crossed the road from the Bickerton Poacher and carried on straight up the hill and along a path leading to a lane which passed by Rawhead Farm, then on to Rawhead itself. The name was intriguing, and Vera told us that it was so called because one's head felt raw from the cold winds which blew up from the Cheshire Plain. There must always have been humourists around. More paths and stiles were used before we reached the summit of Rawhead. Here the Trig Point gave a height of 745 ft., and on a clear day the Welsh Hills were visible. Bill Potter complained about the pace every so often. We thought at first that he was out of condition, until he explained that he wasn't being given enough time to savour the delights of the terrain, with copious use of binoculars. Enquiring minds don't stand a chance with us, Bill.

It was a very friendly ramble, with the hierarchy from the front dropping back to chat with the tailenders. As one of the latter mostly, I sometimes arrive back in the carpark to see people I didn't even know were out! Angela was the birthday person today - many happy returns.

More undulating country with lots of conifers led us down Chislik slope to the main road and the small village of Bickerton itself. We then rejoined the sandstone Trail, leading eventually to a lovely heather covered plateau, with views over the Peckforton Hills and of the village of Brown Knowl in the hollow. Wood and farmland led us back to the Poacher and our cars, with a timely re-union with the B+ party.

A good day, Pat and Vera, and thank you.

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PROGRAMME.

JUNE 10TH. CHURCH STRETTON. Newish area this, to some of us. Vera and Arthur Brockway are leading, and its a 1 p.m. start. Take the A49 to Church Stretton, turn right over the bridge, and the carpark is on the left.

JUNE 14TH. HOUSE MEETING. Please note well. This has been moved on a week so that Frank and Monica and the other members involved can attend Marriecourt for a school meeting there on the 7th.

JUNE 24TH JOINT RAMBLE. St. Sunday Crag - in the Lakes. Dave has promised that full details will be given elsewhere in the newsletter. (See opposite page).

JULY 5TH. House Meeting. Pat and Leo Pearson are at home to us at 81 Twig Lane, Huyton.

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PROGRAMME Cont'd.

JULY 8TH. BERWYNS (Carrog). From Llangollen proceed along A5 in the direction of Corwen to Glyndyfrdwy. At Rising Sun public house turn right down road signposted to Rhewl (village shop and Sub-Post Office on corner) and park on left side of the road. Its a 1 p.m. start and Jerry and Jean McDonald are the Leaders.

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LONGRIDGE FELL - 13TH MAY, 1984.

An early start, the leaders said. "It will be a long walk and we must give ourselves plenty of time". Accordingly, we were all kitted up and 'raring to go' when, alas, Rose discovered she had locked her car keys in the boot. Normally this would have been catastrophic but, in the event, merely provided Jerry with the opportunity to demonstrate his skill (which we all suspected he possessed) at breaking into cars.

With little more than a hiccup, therefore, we were away and immediately found ourselves following the course of a stream through a superb wooded valley. After a mile, this opened onto gently rising ground which, in turn, eased us into the climb of Longridge Fell. Although the climb was not stiff, the day had soon become very warm and this, combined with the beautiful views about us, persuaded our leaders to pause for a photographic session.

Within half an hour of resuming, we had topped the Fell, to be met by another party almost our own size. Pleasantries were exchanged, but with most of the walk still before us we were unable to linger too long. With a magnificent view of the Bowland Fells to our left, a gentle breeze cooling our brows and the ridge path descending easily, the effort of the climb was justified. Our descent of the fell steepened towards the end, but then continued over the road till we found ourselves in a deep valley through which the River Hodder gently picked its way. Obviously a perfect butty stop!

The path now became narrow and undulating as it followed the course of the river, through a thickly wooded area, interspersed with glades crammed with bluebells. Limbs were now beginning to tire and it was with relief that we gained a broad meadow which lead to the road. This in turn took us to the grounds of Stoneyhurst College. A final footpath past superbly maintained sports fields deposited us back beside the car park in Hurst Green.

On behalf of myself and 37 other weary but contented ramblers, thanks Marie and Pete for a great walk.

"Anon".

There were happy and sad occasions this month. First of all, its good to know that Monica is recovering nicely from her leg operation. Then there was the wedding of Mike and Angela Fishwick, with all in the church being invited to give the sign of peace to the bride and bridegroom. Welcome to new members, the Parkinsons and Holmes. Many happy walk

Sadly, Maureen Howard's Mother has died, and also Mr. Henwood, father of Marie Coghlan, who used to walk with us. We offer our sympathy and prayers to both families.