

FORTHCOMING RAMBLES

November 16

HEBDEN BRIDGE. This is an old Yorkshire mill town that has in recent years been graded very much up market and a desirable place to live. Surrounded by wooded valleys with many varied walks. The C walk, led by Richie Cannon is including part of the canal along the valley between Todmorden and Hebden Bridge and a visit to the little hamlet of Heptonstall. Roy Fletcher is leading an interesting B and Carol Kellett is leading the A for the more adventurous types.

November 23

NO RAMBLE. Main reason for this is to boost the coach numbers on the two walks either side of this date.

November 30

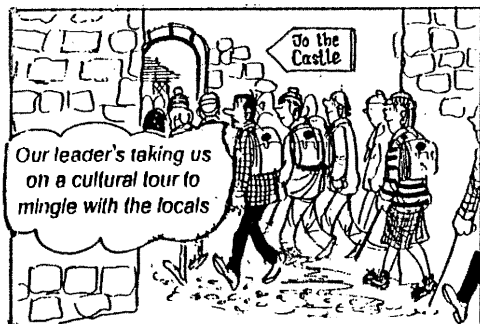
HAWKSHEAD. Just south of Ambleside and east of Lake Windermere. A scenic forested area with well-signed forest trails and quite hilly in parts. The small village of Hawkshead is quiet at this time of year but the late autumn scenery will be beautiful.

December 7

LLANGOLLEN. A short coach journey to this beauty spot by the River Dee in North Wales. The walks are usually along part of the Llangollen Canal or high up in the hills near the famous Horseshoe Pass.

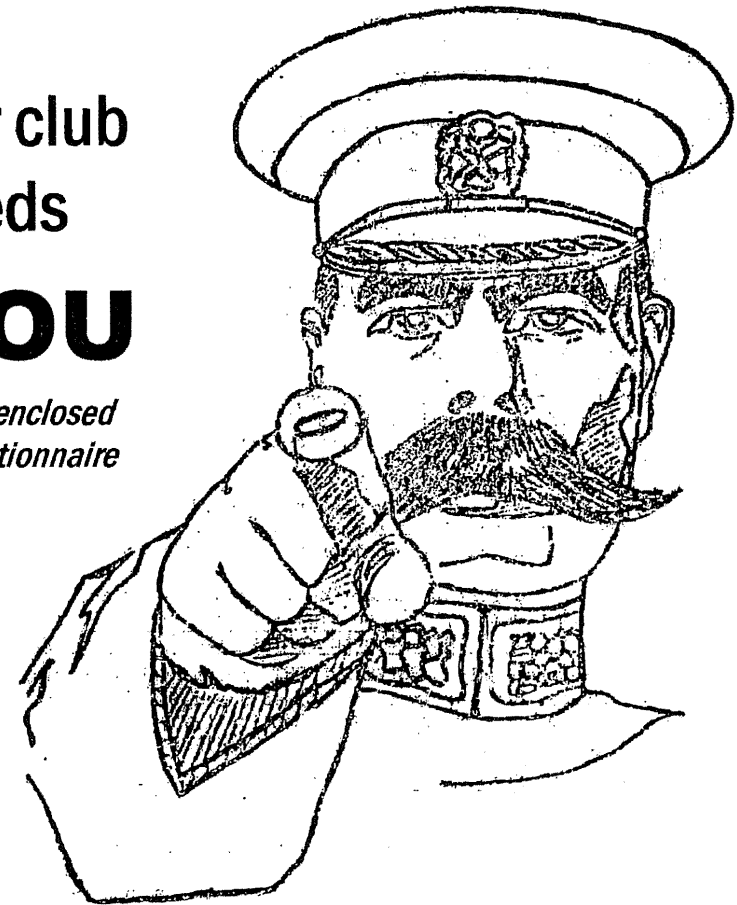
December 14

GRASSINGTON. This is the end of a two-weekend Dickensian theme festival, held every year. Walks will be held in the surrounding Wharfedale area of the Yorkshire Dales. The festivities may have quietened down as it is the last day, but there will still be many villagers dressed in Dickensian clothes. Last time we went on a Saturday when the festival was in full swing – consequently some members not doing much of a walk then but this time we should be doing three walks. Warning: Bookings may be heavy.



Our club
needs
YOU

- See enclosed
Questionnaire



Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association

MINI NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2003

Letter from the Editor

This mini newsletter is just a short prelude to the normal-sized Christmas newsletter that will be out in a couple of weeks.

The winter programme of walks is finally out but is only being given to all who have renewed their membership subscription due every September. Renew yours now if you still wish to be a member.

A questionnaire is enclosed, prompted by our present crisis of low numbers on walks, but the club did have at least one other similar crisis in the 1970's when an all-time low of just twelve members turned out on our then, 29-seater coach. I was on that walk (Sedbergh) and remember Richie Cannon, while checking his map, getting blown up into the air on that very wet and blustery day – fortunately we were on a low path near Cautley Spout. Coach numbers were then doubled at a stroke by implementing fortnightly walks, and this lasted for a few years until an influx of new members enabled weekly walks to return.

We had just sixteen members out on one of our coaches recently so attempting to rectify this situation we are looking for new members and also missing a few Sundays in the hope that numbers pick up.

RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. We are putting new posters up and these have already attracted about ten new members including a group of American ladies who spotted our new poster in the Cathedral.

If you would like to help in our search to get new recruits, just check your local library, etc, and if one of our new posters are not there, you can get one from me or the person taking bookings on the coach. Then ask the librarian, or whoever, for permission to display our poster on their relevant noticeboard. Who knows, we may soon have to book well in advance in order to get a coach seat, or follow in one or two cars, so beware – the forthcoming walk to Grassington could be the first full coach!

Dave News

I've just phoned Will on that Catholic Ramblers' poster in your lobby to see if I could join their club but then felt obliged to tell him I hadn't been on a coach for a long time.

He said neither had half his members!

Do I qualify?

Overheard in fitness club recently –

JUST A RUMOUR!

Thursdays at the Ship & Mitre

In the hope of getting bigger attendances we are now back to our WEEKLY Thursday nights as follows:

- Nov 13 **BOOKINGS NIGHT** – Call in for a chat and a drink while booking for the Hebden Bridge walk and other future rambles.
- Nov 20 **WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE QUIZ** – with your prudent host Will Harris as Chris Tarrant. Good fun! You simply purchase a cloakroom ticket or two, then when your number is picked you take the hot seat and start generating cash from 50p up to a stunning jackpot of five pounds! Will has envelopes containing easy questions for you (if you are lucky!) and you simply name the correct answer from four possibles – just like on TV. Not many reach the jackpot, they chicken out and walk off with a 'poultry' £2 or so, but it's well worth a try.
- Nov 27 **BOOKINGS NIGHT** – Call in for a chat and a drink while booking for the Hawkshead walk and other future rambles.
- Dec 4 **CHRISTMAS CHEESE & WINE NIGHT** with our very own musicians and **KEN'S SPECIAL PRIZEWINNING QUIZ**

SORRY, NO CHRISTMAS DANCE THIS YEAR . . .

. . . but maybe a Barn Dance in the New Year

No doubt there will be some disappointed members but it is a sad fact that with the current low attendances both on the walks and at the socials that if we tried to arrange a Christmas Dance and just a paltry few turned up there would be no atmosphere and the club could possibly lose out financially. Looking on the bright side, however, we are making enquiries for organising a Barn Dance to take place sometime in the New Year, with hopefully, a healthy turnout.



A couple of snippets from the club's archives



Whilst digging out the October 1975 newsletter for 'Our club needs YOU' artwork I browsed through and picked out this unbelievable gem:

Annual Subs increase: Note new rates – Single Members £1, Married Couples £1.20
There was also a witty report on a club holiday to the Isle of Skye (which I was on) when 3 members got stranded overnight on a day trip to the Isle of Harris after missing the return ferry. We never missed them until the ferry had sailed away from the jetty!

“People need to get out walking more”

– recent statement by British Heart Foundation



**Our club needs
YOU!**

ATTENDANCE figures on our rambles have dropped sharply recently. With the latest record-breaking spell of dry weather we should be filling the coaches to capacity, so just why aren't members coming out?

You may or may not have good reasons for your poor attendance, so please complete this questionnaire now.

Give this to the person collecting same or send to our Registrar, Chris Harris, 57 Higher Road, L26 1TA

Confidential Questionnaire

Tick the square that best describes you

DEDICATED (dedicated rambler, out nearly every week) . . .

REGULAR (out fortnightly or thereabouts)

AVERAGE (out only every 3 or 4 weeks)

SELDOM SEEN (Don't be afraid of ticking this, there's many of you!) .

I am one of the latter categories and have not been coming out regularly because

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I now intend to come out more often/I can't get out more often

Delete appropriately