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YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 1972-1973

		RAMBLING	SOCIAL	TENNIS	NEWSLETTER
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	MONICA MORAN		✓		
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	RAY O'CONNOR	C			
	BRIAN KELLER	✓		✓	
	BARRY LYONS			✓	
	EMILE RODRIGUES	✓			
	RICHIE CANNON		C		
CO-OPTED	CLARE CONLON		C		
	ERIC KAVANAGH				E
	GEORGE MAGUIRE			C	

Note ! 'C' represents Chairman
 'E' " Editor.

HALKYN MOUNTAIN

A.O.C.R.

On this fine sunny day John P gave us his famous interpretation of a signpost at the turn off from the A 55 and directed us one by one through the maze of lanes threading up the hillside to the assembly point. His instructions were precise and clear, "two left and two to the right". Miraculously 55 children, parents and friends reached the top of Halkyn Mountain. How many more were lost without trace will never be known.

We had our butties at the top, Arthur had brought his field kitchen but the rest of us had to do with cold rations. The view of the Clywds was fantastic - Foel Fenlli, Moel Famau and Moel Arthur spread across the sky line in brilliant sunshine. We went down past the limestone quarry, and puffed up (at least I did) a steep climb to the top of a nameless 900 ft. foothill and another fantastic view.

John led us down through fields and lanes to Moel y Caer where the children made friends with two brown ponies and a large hound. A little further on we came across a pond where the children clustered around a patient angler. By the time we left the patient angler was quietly seething -- Wouldn't you be if you'd sat there all day without a bite and then been asked twenty times in as many seconds 'How many have you caught mister?'. On Moel y Caer part of the hillside had been fenced off at the site of a recently discovered Iron Age Fort. There was little of interest in the excavation, just a man and woman scraping away at the soil.

The wind had turned cold as we scampered through the heather back to the cars. Gerry Mac, Bill F, Arthur and Bill N, valiantly carried their papooses up hill and down dale, without the benefit of Philosan, I'd swear they are fitter now than they were in their heyday. A wonderful day John, one to remember for a long time to come.

Phil(osan).

20TH NOV.

DANCE AND CABARET

50 PENCE.

IN AID OF

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE ASSOCIATION

THE IRISH CENTRE

Tickets may be obtained from any committee member.

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LAKESIDE

And so we come to the end of one more Summer Season at Lakeside House, and as is the habit on such occasions we are inclined to look back and think. We think of the friends we have made, walks we have taken part in, the evenings spent in the lounge, or in the gamesroom, perhaps having a row on the lake, or even a group outing in a launch. If we are thinking along these lines, what does the past Summer look like. Firstly, of course, the weather was the biggest problem, especially in the earlier part of the Summer, with June particularly wet. Then again, do we only come up to the Lake District for the weather, Surely not. The Lake District is walking country, and at Lakeside House we cater for the walkers who have been out to enjoy the unsurpassed scenery of the Lakes. On the peaks or on the lower fells, or even the shores of the lakes themselves, the Lake District has something to offer to lovers of the outdoors, whether they are young or old. Anyone who has ever seen the thousands of rhododendrons and azaleas in bloom in the Spring; anyone who has ever seen the hillsides and mountain tops in the full glory of a sunlit morning; anyone who has travelled through the valleys and dales in the Autumn, when the trees have donned their most dazzling foliage of almost unbelievable colour; anyone who has ever had the good fortune to have seen the Lake District on a beautiful frosty morning, when the mists rise to reveal the snow clad peaks majestically rising into the pale blue of the Winter sky; anyone who has seen these things would be counting the days until they could come back and enjoy them all over again.

You will notice that I have gone right through the year, because I feel that the Lake District is an all the Year round attraction for walkers, and I feel too, that Lakeside House is the ideal place to stay whilst making your walks. Apart from the fact that the House is in the most suitable site in Keswick, with unrivalled views from all windows of the glorious mountains surrounding Derwentwater, the friendly atmosphere, the good food, and the best drying facilities to be found anywhere; all go to make Lakeside House a must for a return visit or for a visit if you have not been lucky enough to stay there before. The Lake District is walking country; Lakeside House is for walkers.

Ramble rite

CHEAPER COACH RAMBLES

In an effort to encourage members to join in on Coach Rambles a 10% reduction will be given to those who book and PAY A 50p DEPOSIT for the coach on or before the Thursday evening PRIOR to the associated Ramble.

Those who wish may book by post addressing their letter to;=

Mr. Ray O'Connor,
1. Rossall Road.
Liverpool.13.

Telephone 051-228-9826

RAMBLING PREVIEW

November 3rd to 5th.== This will be a Caravan Weekend at Llanfwrog, Holyhead. Those who are interested please give their names to Pauline Alcock.

November 12th.

LONGSLEDALE

Leader John Wilson.
Start Time 9.30.am.

November 19th.

CARNEDDS

Leader Frank Fitzmaurice.
Start Time 9.30.am.

November 26th.

GREAT WHERNSIDE.

Leader. Fred Fleming.
Start Time.9.30.am.

The above are scheduled as Coach Rambles subject to requirement.

Ray O'Connor.

PLEASE NOTE THE STARTING TIME OF THESE RAMBLES"" 9.30am"".

IT WILL BE A PROMPT START.SO BE THERE. PEOPLE ARRIVING AFTER

9.30am. WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.

SNOWDON SUNDAY (SC) RAMBLE.

17th September.1972.

Our coach left St.John's Lane for Snowdon with 15 rambblers on board at the amazingly prompt hour of 10.00am.

We all alighted at Pen-Y-Pass at 12.30, and immediately split up into 'A' and 'B' parties, the latter being sent off to an energetic start by somebody's handing around of a packet of Trebor Peppermints'.

The 'B' walkers quickly made their way across the rough and stony Snowdon pig track for an early lunch stop at Llyn Llydaw Reservoir. From here there began a stiff uphill climb of some 2000ft from which height we obtained superb views of the Snowdonia National Park with its numerous peaks, lakes and rivers.

After several more "breathers" there remained, only the formidably steep back section of Snowdon to be tackled. Some of our members found this large scree area relatively easy, while others, myself included, found it quite hard going. However, even we "snail crawlers" managed a frantic last minute scramble to reach the summit top before bar closing time and to receive a very welcome and refreshing limeade and lager.

For the downward journey, we followed the Snowdon railway track for part of the way, and then we slipped and slithered over the wet scree slopes, and clambered and climbed over snowdon's large area of rectangular rocks and boulders.

Here, once again, we made several short stops to admire the spectacular views of the 'U' shaped glaciated valleys, ribbon lakes and misfit rivers.

For the ladies then, this walk proved an excellent but rather painful thigh-trimming exercise, (ouch! mine are still aching) and for the gentlemen, a chance to show us their possession (or rather abominable lack) of physical stamina, strength, energy, and courage, (NO, Brian, not the ale, = a small 'c' this time).

The smartest Rambler of the day was undoubtedly Peter, who wore a black beret (very reminiscent of the French Resistance workers), a purple shirt matched with an immaculate white tie still brilliantly white at the end of the ramble (Obviously his Mum uses PERSIL, either that or he carried a spare.)

The coach left Wales at 8pm, and about 90 minutes later pulled in at what I believe was a public house, for the inevitable, long awaited thirst quencher.

As for the 'A' party walkers, I don't quite know what happened to THEM. I do know that they were the 1st to leave the coach and the 1st to get back into it. Personally, I prefer to believe they remained there all the time.

WARNING *** DO NOT wear a blue and white knitted bonnet on any of the LCRA rambles. You are just asking for trouble.!!

Signed "'TEA COSY'".

P.S. Many thanks to Mr R.O'Connor for his unfailing support of bringing up the rear!.

P.P.S. A special thank-you to Mike R. for my totally unexpected and totally unwelcome beer shampoo'. Thank you .



ORIENTEERING

On Sunday 1st. Oct. we had the privilege of taking part in the first event organised by the 'MANORIENTEERS!', AN ORIENTEERING CLUB based at Manor High School, Crosby. The boys assisted by some parents and teachers must be congratulated for controlling 69 competitors in such exemplary fashion. A typical example of their quick witted response occurred when it was reported by the first competitor off that a control marker had been removed and destroyed by some inconsiderate youth. The boys simply replaced the marker by one of their own number. It was indeed a pleasant surprise to locate the first speaking, human control marker used in orienteering.

Of our members, the existing champion Bill Carruthers was retired / disqualified. The new joint champions are Mike Rowlands and Dave Holden who completed the 4 KM. course in 67 minutes. Emile Rodrigues and Joyce Blair only took 64 minutes, unfortunately they participated in the 2 KM. event.

Another big first was the appearance of Harold Burns and Arther Brockway both complete with wives and children. This is the first time members of the Ancient Order have participated in this sport and I am informed that they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoons outing.

RESULTS.4KM.

M.Rowlands & D.Holden.....	67	Minutes.
D.Newns & R.O'Connor.....	77	" "
H.Molloy.....	96	" "
K.O'Keefe & A.Vincent.....	97	" "
G.Finnegan & F.Fitzmaurice.....	100	" "
J.Wilson & P.Alcock.....	112	" "

RESULTS.2KM.

E.Rodrigues & J.Blair.....	64	Minutes
Burnes & Brockway families... No 1.....	122	" "
" " " " " " " " " " " " No.2.....	123	" "

RETIRED/DISQUALIFIED

W.Carruthers & T.Keenan	86	Minutes
B.Keller & F.Mulhall.....	93	" "

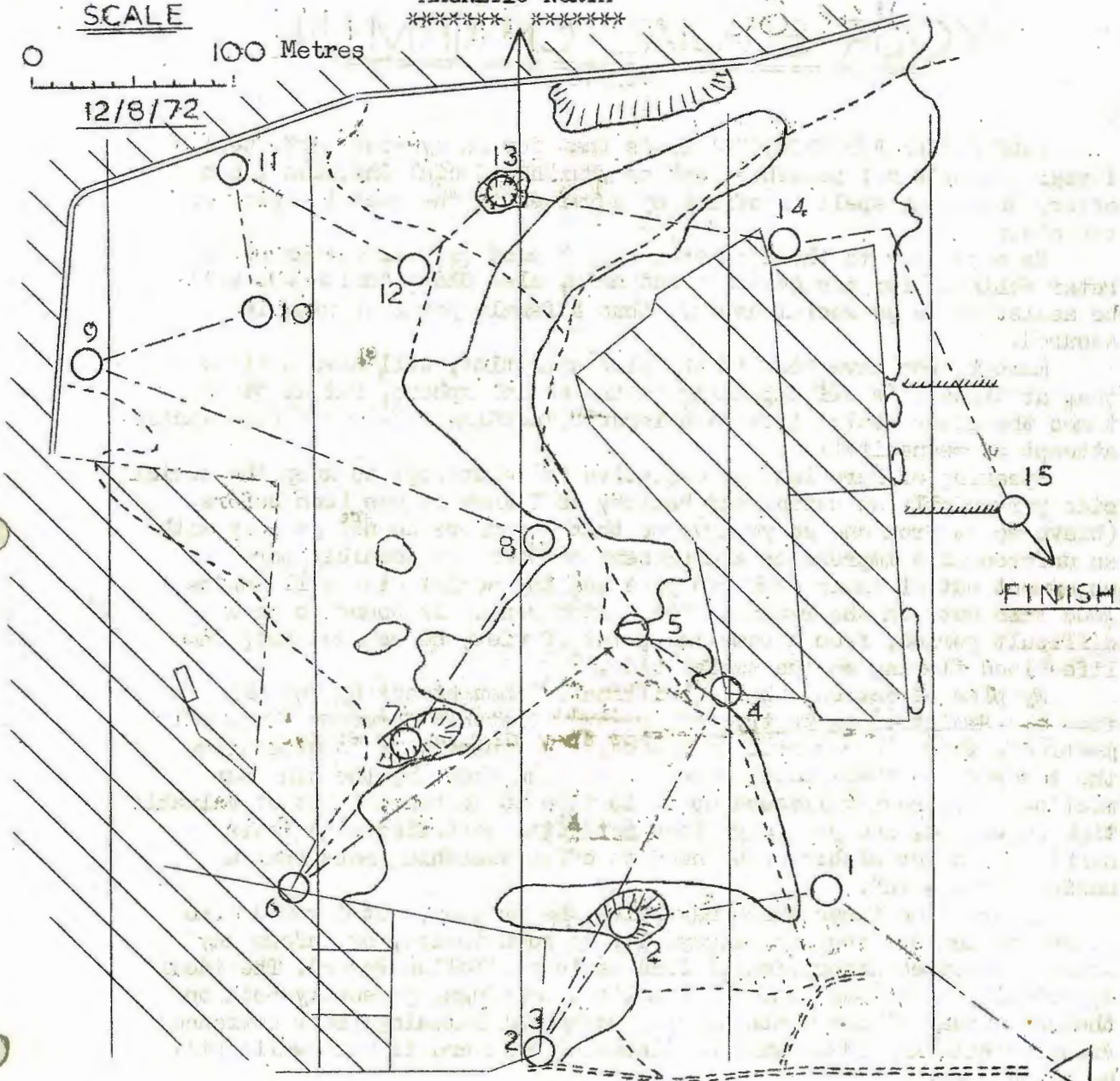
ERIC KAVANAGH.

MAGNETIC NORTH

SCALE

100 Metres

12/8/72




FORMBY PINEWOODS

START


Surveyed and drawn by E.J.Kavanagh

Based on a map drawn by G.W.Fawcett and M.Sumpter.

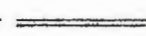
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Path 


Track 

Out of bounds 

Fence 

Roadway 

Route 

Depression 

Earth bank 

Course distance 4 KM.

YOUR SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

FREE DRINKS FOR EVERYONE! How's that for an eye-catcher? Well, I regret that's not possible, but as your new Social Chairman I can offer, during my spell in office my services in the social aspect of the club.

As a new boy to the committee side I must express my thanks to Peter McLindon for his guidance and help, also Clare Conlon who will be assisting me as social deputy, thus a female point of view is assured.

Members who have been in the club some time, will have noticed that at times it's all happening in the social sphere, but at other times the club's social life deteriorates, needing it seems a herculean attempt at resuscitation.

Speaking of Hercules, my objective is to attempt to keep the social side permanently as strong and healthy as I know it has been before, (brave words from one so young), so that newcomers do not go away with an unfavourable impression and present members get possibly more enjoyment out of their membership. A healthy social side will ensure good turn outs on the rambles. The winter season is bound to be a difficult period, from a rambling point of view, so we must keep the life-blood flowing on the social side.

My plan of action, then, (brilliantly thought out by the Men from the Ministry) is to try and improve first and foremost the weekly meetings. Where improvement is needed, is, (I think), to discourage the tendency of these being merely a talking shop. By the time our meetings have really livened up it is time to go home. A lot of valuable time is wasted, and people go home not quite satisfied with their night out in our clubroom. We need to offer something more than a musical "sit - in".

I have some ideas which may solve the problem, but I would like to remind members they can always let me have theirs, or inform any social committee member (You'll find us in the Yellow Pages). The ideal opportunity is at our R.S.T. committee meetings, presently held on the 2ND Monday of the month at 8pm, Cathedral Buildings (rear entrance) Brownlow Hill. Any ideas will be discussed here and if worthwhile will be acted upon.

Well, by the time you have read this, October will have passed along with the highlight of the month the weekend at Lakeside House, Keswick. We have what is hoped will be more enjoyable social gatherings over the winter season, but no matter what attempts are made from the official side we will continue to need your support and co-operation to give us the kind of rambling club you want. Say no more you know what I mean !!

Richie Cannon.
Social Chairman.

D.Js. AND NEWS READERS

<u>2nd November.</u>	<u>D.Js.</u> Ray O'Connor and Pauline Alcock. <u>News.</u> Margaret Smith.
<u>9th November</u>	<u>D.Js.</u> John Lovelady and Ann Schofield. <u>News.</u> John Clarke.
16th November	<u>D.Js.</u> Clare Conlon and Partner. <u>News.</u> John Wilson.
<u>23rd November</u>	<u>D.Js.</u> Peter McLindon and Phil O'Neill. <u>News.</u> Pauline Alcock. <i>Richie Cannon.</i>
<u>30th November</u>	<u>D.Js.</u> George Maguire and Partner. <u>News.</u> Peter McLindon.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On 5th December last year, 49 members of the L.C.R.A. attended a day of recollection at Bishop Eton - Wolton Road, Liverpool.

Fr. McCarton and Fr. Goodall made it such an interesting day that it was decided to repeat the event 12 months hence.

And so, on Sunday 3rd December 1972, at 10.30am to 5.30pm approx., all the club members and their friends are again invited to attend this retreat.

It starts at 10.30am. with coffee. This is followed by Holy Mass and a day of interesting talks and discussions. A mid-day meal is supplied as well as the coffee breaks for which a small charge will be made.

Details can be obtained from and names given to Kevin O'Keefe and Ann Vincent.

Kevin O'Keefe

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RE-UNION DANCE

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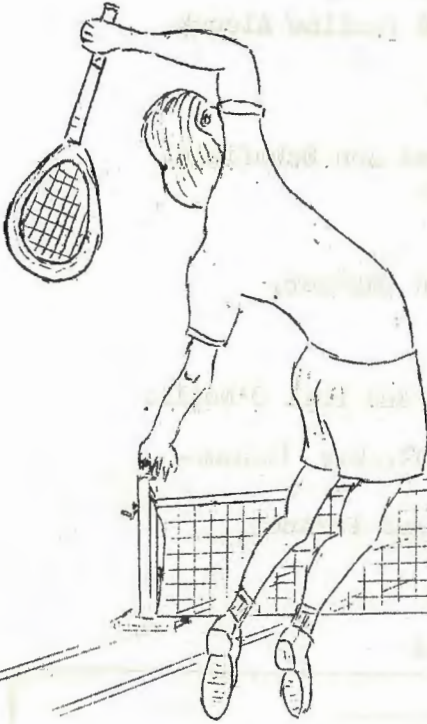
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TENNIS.

END OF SEASON REPORT.

By George Maguire,

Tennis Chairman.



"I can never quite make up my mind whether Brian is half blind or half drunk

Dont let the title to this article fool you! To START with the 1972 tennis season only ENDS when the tennis sections members stop playing. The nets are still up, and as yet Jack Frost has not struck, so seeing as we've all paid our subs to Brian Keller (I hope), lets get every new pennies worth, don our tennis woolies and keep playing- if only to spite him.

Seriously though, most ramblers think of the tennis courts as an asset to the club as a whole, and so if future arguments are to be again put forward to show the section is a financial failure and should be discontinued, the only reply that can be rallied must be in the form of the members enthousiasn - your enthousiasm - to keep going.

The tennis team has been much more successful this season than last, although now playing in a lower division. The team did not lose one single match, but also did not manage to win one. I'll let you all draw your on conclusions.

As captain I would like to thank all the team members for their co-operation and congratulate them all on the results achieved. Also, a special thankyou to the girls who prepared the refreshments for the "home" games.

I would also like to draw everybody's attention to the fact that the tennis pavilion houses a "splendid" table-tennis table and if enough people show an interest, a table-tennis friendly tournament could be arranged in the near future. If this proved successful, we could all "ping-pong" our way through winter and keep interest centred at Lance Grove throughout the year.

GRAND PUTTING KNOCKOUT HANDICAP

Results. 3rd. round.

PRIZE

- 1st. Ann Schofield. Score...52..Free coach ramble & social
 2nd. Clare Conlon.... " ...56... } Both win a years subscription
 Eddie Webb..... " ...56... } to the L.C.R.A. & free social
 3rd. Peter McLindon.. " ...57..Free social

The above competition, held on 2nd.. September attracted 26 potential Tony Jacklins, the majority of whom probably did not find it amusing to be eliminated in the first round. Big Ray was first to feel the power of Ann, our winners putter when he found his 2 strokes advantage nowhere neare enough to see Ann off. Indeed I hear 22 strokes advantage would not have been enough. The next to loose to Ann was Terry Bretherton. He at least made a fight of it for he was leading until the last couple of holes but went down to glorious defeat. (We'll call it a morale victory)

Round three saw only 8 competitors left, namely the four above and John Fitz(76) Fat Kenny (61) Brian Keller (66) and Eric Kavanagh (58).. The last named was shaded into 5th. place by only one stroke. They all played the same course, the four lowest scorers being the winners.

Finally to those who took part in this competition and the earlier golf and bowls night a big thankyou for your support. It is safe to assume that we will organise similar events in the spring and summer of next year, so start practising.

Arnold McNickalus.

A.O.C.R. PROGRAMME FOR NOV.

Sunday Nov. 5th.....Ramble to Formby.

Leader...Tony Roche

Meet...Lighthouse Cafe, Formby. 12-30 pm.

Friday Nov 27th.Social

Harry and Ronnie O'Neills

18, Kinloch Way, Ormskirck.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

CHRISS SCOTT & MICHELLE DEVINE

MIKE MORTON & KAREN

who were married recently.

Mind teaser... Which contains the greater value of money?
 A mile of half pennies or a half mile of pennies ????????

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

In our 45th year, membership reached 206, as compared with last years figure of 220.

RAMBLING. A ramble, weekend or special event was held every week except 26th December and 2nd January; The Midnight ramble was also cancelled due to lack of support.

During the year we have had:

- (1). 1. Retreat.
- (2). 2 Chalet weekends at Maeshafn.
- (3). The 3 Bank Holiday Weekends were spent Caravanning.
- (4). 2 Camping Weekends.
- (5). 2 Orienteering Events.
- (6). Hot Pot Supper at Llarmon.
- (7). Invitation Walk at Malham.
- (8). Yuletide Walk at Rivington.
- (9). A Party of children were taken to Pontins Holiday Camp for the day.
- (10). The average attendance on the Sunday Rambles was 23.

SOCIALS

We have held 48 Socials this year, the highest attendance being 103, the lowest attendance being 39. The average weekly attendance was 64, (last year 66½). We moved from the "R.A.F. Club" to the "Mona Hotel" on July 20th 1972.

SPECIAL SOCIAL EVENTS.

- (1). The christmas party was held on December 22nd.
- (2). There were several folk nights and visits by pop groups namely the "Black Penny", "Staxx" and "Tarragon".
- (3). As we where unable to use the "Mona" on 21st September, a visit to "Mr Pickwicks" was arranged, and attended by 54 members on Wednesday, September 20th.
- (4). Several sporting events were held at the tennis club.
- (5). Various sporting events where held, such as Bowling and Putting Contests.
- (6). The Annual Dinner Dance at Dovedale Towers was held on January 14th, and was well attended.

TENNIS

The Tennis Team played 8 games, 6 drawn and 2 unfinished. The Tennis Club has 30 members fully paid. Four tennis socials were held, and a profit of £3.40 was made.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter resumed Monthly Publication after being bi-monthly last year.

ANNUAL MASS.

This was held on Sunday 29th September, 80 members attended.

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass was held for Fred Norbury and was attended by over 200 members.

John Wilson.
General Secretary.