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EDITORIAL

As new Editor I would like to record my thanks to my predecessor, Pete Mc. Lindon, for his advice and help in my new task and to Frank Johnson and Barry Dooley who will be assisting me.

My aim is to keep our Newsletter both informative and entertaining. To achieve this I will be dependant to a large extent upon information received from the members as well as the Committee.

I hope, therefore to receive throughout the coming year, numerous "Ramblerites", Ramble Narratives, Reports on Social Activities, as well as any items of general interest suitable for publication.

We have a larger membership now. The Club can profit from it by keeping all members well informed of what is going on in the Club. I would like to ask of the new Committee that they keep planning a little ahead so that I can publicize, beforehand, forthcoming social & rambling events with a view to a greater participation by the membership. This can sometimes be difficult I know but the effort will be well worth it!

There has been recent criticism that as a Catholic Club, we have been ignoring religious aspects. I do not think this is entirely justified. However, I intend to keep a section open for affairs of religious interest e.g. current affairs in the Church or events in the Archdiocese which ramblerites may wish to bring to general notice etc. After this issue, we will no longer have the nimble fingers of Daphne at our disposal as Newsletter typist, although she will continue as General Secretary. Her grand work in the past, for which we are very grateful, deserves a note of thanks. If you can type and are prepared to type out a few stencils each month for the Newsletter please let me know. I will be pleased if we can have at least 2 typists as then the work will be light. "THE RAMBLERS NEED YOU".

"UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT"

Your Committee for 1975/76, following the Annual General Meeting of 9th October 1975, is as follows: C. Kelly, G. Penlington (Vice Presidents), C. Dobbin, H. Burns (Trustees), F. Mullin (Chairman), P. Glenn (Vice Chairman), D. Kenna (Gen. Secretary), P. Unsworth (Asst. Secretary), G. Penlington (Treasurer), A. Kupiec (Registrar), D. Williams (Asst. Registrar), E. Kavanagh (Auditor).

Committee: M. Boyd, M. Dillon, U. Norton, R. Cannon, B. Dooley, J. Gibb, P. Gillies, R. Johnstone, D. Keenan, M. Lewis, and L. Carter.

MATTERS ARISING Total membership increased from 214 last year to 284, of which 206 were single members and 78 joint (family section).

Average attendance at weekly socials was 88.87 (78.5 last year). The standard charge for Sunday coaches has had to be increased from £1.30 to £1.50 per person. This is to alleviate the recent losses that have been made on coach trips. The average attendance on coach trips for rambles was 29.03 for the year. This has dropped off recently but it is hoped that numbers will increase at this time of the year as has happened in past years.

A discussion arose as to whether rambles should be subsidised from profits made at the weekly socials. No firm decision was made but it was suggested that the admission charge for the weekly social be increased by 5p to help cover the cost of hiring coaches. No doubt this will be discussed by the Committee.

NEW MEMBERS The Club welcomes the following new members:

Krystyna Liberadzka, Catherine Darwin, Kevin Walsh, Pauline Ann Hull, and Tessa Lynn Skeates.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 75/76

Please note that your Annual Subscription was due on 1st September 1975. If you have not yet done so, please pay your subscriptions to Anna Kupiec, our Registrar.

Please note the new rates

Single Members	£1.00p
Married Couples	£1.20p

Members wishing to pay by post should write to:

Anna Kupiec,
128 Aintree Lane,
Liverpool 10.
Tel: 526-7978

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES AT END OF YEAR :::

INVITATION WALK TO WENSLEY DALE 19TH OCTOBER.

There were only 29 people on the coach, despite delaying the departure until 10.30 for any late comers.

After a 20 min. stop at the motorway cafe, we moved on to Hawes in the heart of Wensleydale in the North Yorkshire Riding. The weather was dry with sunny periods. We stopped the coach at Hardrow where it was necessary to pay a twopenny toll at the "Green Dragon" Pub so as to walk on private land to see a pretty waterfall called Hardrow Force. We arrived at the pub just after 2.30 so no time was lost on "liquid lunches". The waterfall was well worth a visit as it is the largest unbroken downfall of water south of Scotland - some 360 ft. - and resembles a shiny sheet.

Pete Kennedy and Richie Cannon were bold enough to go round the back of the waterfall, after I said they could, provided they took care as some of the rocks were slippery. They said it was enjoyable to see a waterfall from behind and feel the sensation of the power of the water in the downpour.

From here we moved gradually uphill on to the Pennine Way and after a stop for lunch, we decided to cross the valley over a moor. Somebody spotted some bulls. Fortunately they were young but we were still a bit scared. Walking down by a stream we came to an electrified fence. Apparently Barrie Dooley touched the cable and had a bit of a shock. We travelled up a hill to a road which took us down to Hawes where the coach was due to meet us but was not about.

However, Hawes is only a small village and a quick search soon found the coach.

With everybody on board we made for the "Boot and Shoe" pub in Lancaster arriving about 7.20 p.m. We had hired a hall here, which we had free of charge because of a mix-up of dates. Barry Dooley brought his record player and we had a disco in the hall, with many ramblers taking the floor after changing their clothes.

Steak buns were ordered but their late arrival delayed our departure until 9.20. However everybody was enjoying the dancing and records and we arrived back in Liverpool only a little while after schedule.

Many thanks to Mick Maple, the coach driver who served behind the bar for a short time and who ordered the steak buns. It would have been nicer if more people were there. ALAN JOYNSON.

OVERHEARD:-

In a street in Cairo, "I seem to know you, your fez looks familiar".

On a Red Indian reservation "I don't like the injuns here - Them heap too reserved".

On a Liverpool bus Saturday night, "Freddy would you die for me?"
"No Elsie, mine is an undying love".

B I G E A R S

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT...

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MONA HOTEL, COMMENCING 9.00 p.m. prompt on 11TH DECEMBER for discussing the undermentioned proposition:-

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP" That existing Rule 1 be redesignated 1(a) & Rules 1(b) & 1(c) be read as follows:-

"1(b) Non-Catholics, whose names were entered in Register of members, prior to 11th September 1975, are eligible to apply for ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP of the Association.

"1(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are not eligible either to vote at any Special or A.G.M. of the Association, or to be elected to the General Committee, or otherwise to hold any office in the Association. They are eligible to serve in a Co-Opted capacity and to hold office in any Sub-Committee of the Association and to attend General Committee Meetings in this capacity, if requested to do so, as a NON-VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBER.

NOTE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: MEMBERS WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, IF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION IS PASSED, ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR OF THAT FACT WHEN RENEWING MEMBERSHIP.

The above motion will be formally proposed and seconded on the night of the Meeting 11th December

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

DAPHNE KENNA (SECRETARY).

EDITOR'S NOTE. If the above motion is not passed then obviously Associate Membership is denied to many of our regulars who are not Catholics. Therefore if you do not want this situation maintained, DO YOUR UTMOST TO COME DOWN AND VOTE. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE AND A 2/3 MAJORITY OF 75% IS REQUIRED TO EFFECT THIS RESOLUTION.

RICHE CANNON.

We WERE Born Yesterday!

Extract from Newsletter of an Australian Conservation Society

"Think of the earth's 750 million year history since the pre-Cambrian period as being recorded on a time-lapse camera which took one picture a year. Watching this film at the speed of 24 frames a second - i.e. 24 years a second - we would see the entire history of the earth unfold before us ... but the film would take A WHOLE YEAR TO RUN.

Man would not figure clearly in that year-long film until Neanderthal man was seen at 11.30 p.m. on the very last day - December 31st.

Only in the last quarter hour of that 365 day film would we come to the dawn of civilisation - Egypt, Babylon, the early Greeks the Romans. At 11.48 p.m. and 43 seconds on the film's final day the Christian era begins. With 21 seconds of the film to go, Columbus has just sailed across the Atlantic Ocean and discovered a new world. Just under 10 secs. to go and Capt. Cook has arrived in Australia.

Then we begin to see a swarm of human beings occurring all over the globe. We see the effect of their work; during the last few seconds we see spreading out over the lands, roads and rails of steel. great cities forming, erosion occurring, streams become muddy, the oceans receive the silt from the land. And man has cleared so much of the surface of the globe, taken so little care of it that you see great scars appearing everywhere ... In the last second of the film there are some bright flashes, the first atomic bombs. Then the film ends with more signs of man ... Smog over the cities ... satellites and moonships.

All this great development occurs in the last 21 secs. of this film, which should make us wonder how we as human beings can survive another 21 seconds. In this kind of time scale some of our "inexhaustible" materials such as iron ore or bauxite would serve us another 10 seconds".

CO. - OPTED MEMBERS

At the General Meeting of 10.11.75, the following were co-opted to serve on the Sub-Committee:-

Colette Morgan, Marie Kearney, and Alan Joynson.

"BROCOLI " Please note that the booking of this group has been postponed to the 18th December for the Xmas party. This amends the information given in the "Socialite".

CONGRATULATIONS to She lagh Bradley & Richie Johnstone on their recent engagement.

Destination Dolomites

(Intrepid adventurers; Frank Fitzmaurice, John Watkins,
Paul Warner, Bob Banks and
Barry Dooley)

After a trouble free sailing, our first night was spent in a camp site in Calais where the following day we rendezvoused with Paul Warner, then the show was on the road.

Through the mundane villages of north east France (where the scenery was left to be desired) we sped in a hired Volkswagen mini-bus, jam-packed with Moneysave food.

Passing by way of the town of Liege in Belgium, we attained the border with Germany where the autobahn replaced the motorway. Our initial resting place was Aachen, proclaimed Aix-la-Chapelle by the French, renowned for its medicinal springs, believed to be some of the hottest in Europe. The intake of the local beverage was much to our liking where it was a frequent sight to observe the entire family gathered around the table having a fine old time. Nevertheless, what was to become our final "nightcap" lapsed into the early morning whereupon a Publican and wife entertained us with their "brew", and flatly refused payment for it, also not forgetting the character by the name of Mathias who kept John on his toes with a boxing spree.

Off again along the autobahn we travelled, the five of us, bypassing the outskirts of Cologne, likewise Frankfurt, Koblenz, Mainz, Mannheim not exactly picturesque countryside, flat and uninteresting in fact.

That same night was spent in Munich on a well-equipped camp site full of amenities. Certainly A+ must be given compared with the shameful sites one endures at home. Munich, capital of Bavaria, encompassing neo-classicism, and noble vistas is a properous, gregarious city.

The most distinguished scenery without question we all agreed was along the approaches to Garmisch, 2,362 ft. up in the Bavarian Alps, situated in the broad flat valley of the Loisach, bordered by sheer mountains which offer every facility for winter sports.

Then came Innsbruck which we took to our bosom. The ancient capital of Tyrol situated in the wide valley of Inn, commands a view of beautiful high Alpine scenery above well populated mountainside. Still largely late Gothic, Innsbruck displays the old Tyrolean style of architecture with beautiful oriels and doorways and narrow house frontages. Handsome buildings of the Renaissance Baroque period besides Rococo periods remind one of the grandeur of the city under Habsburg rule. Here we frequented a certain bar in the town where two characters joined our company. One gave us a recital of a Hungarian rhapsody and display of a bullet wound in his leg, whilst the other kept greeting everyone with a hearty slap on the back accompanied by a knuckle-crushing handshake, and hearty laugh.

We journeyed across the Brenner pass (used as far back as Roman

times), the lowest most important road between Austria and Italy and into north east Italy, changing once again our Austrian Schillings into Lira. Chiusa (Klausen), being our destination point that night, was an eye-catching town deep in the Isarco Valley characterised by Tyrolean-style architecture corbelled houses painted with frescoes and wrought iron signs in the street.

Also we must not forget Sabiona Monastery above Chiusa with its remaining medieval fortifications. We all paid a jaunting visit there one afternoon for curiosity as this monastery looked so overtowering especially when spotlighted at night. It was a sight-seeing must, although to reach the top for an awe-inspiring view meant a climb up countless steps.

Bolzano due to its proximity to the Dolomites became our second stopping-point. The town itself is bilingual and in the elder part rather German in character. Its valleys produce great quantities of wine and fruit as we observed and one has a magnificent view of the snow-capped Dolomites including an intervening plateau of good farming land.

Ortisei became the third vantage point for the Dolomites lying in the magnificent surrounds of the Val-Gardena. Ortisei is an important resort strung out among fir woods where many summer visitors and especially skiers dwell for a time. The local inhabitants, who are attached to their traditions, speak the old Latin dialect. Many are Woodcarvers, whose beautiful figuratives depict mainly religious imagery.

Leaving official photographer Bob Banks behind at his request (as he only had running shoes) the four of us began the initial excursion to the Bassio Lungo a colossal and spectacular mass which can be admired from all sides. The Volkswagen, with Frank at the helm, proceeded along the narrow confined mountain road at some 3000 ft. The summit of our climb would be well over 9000 ft. This we achieved after many hours slogging over rugged and grandiose lime stone predominantly pink in colour. The nature of the soil and the effects of erosion have created a distinctive landscape; steep rugged rocks take the forms of towers, belfries, or domes with gentler slopes at their feet which are covered with alpine pastures conifers and crops.

Shortage of space requires a brief report of Paul Warner's mishap on our descent. I will slip the preliminaries and just say that no sufficient acknowledgment of gratitude will ever suffice when mentioning the courageous part the Italian Alpine Corps (including the Austrian Mountain Guides) who by chance were staying at the mountain cabin, enacted in retrieving Paul's exhausted body from the precipice he was trapped upon for numerous hours. Mention must also be made of the vigil of John and Frank after they had pinpointed the approx. spot where Paul lay, and their descent down to the valley to fetch the cradle stretcher that was to transport Paul down the rocky incline to the jeep awaiting him for Bolzano General Hospital. The hospital deserves an accolade for their skilful care of Paul, especially the Italian doctor, under whom he was confined to bed for twenty days and was thus absent for the rest of the holiday.

Cattolica became our following port of call situated south of Rimini, where each resort continues to succeed each other in an almost unbroken line. We visited the hotel where two female rambblers were staying and took the opportunity of taking a shower there. After a night of torrential rain we decided to visit Venice.

Venice famous the world over with it's assemblages such as St. Mark's Square, it's covered galleries that shelter famous cafes frequented by many a literary genius, The Bridge of Sighs dated from about 1600 owes its name to the lamentations of prisoners who were conducted across it to their place of execution. Casanova was incarcerated there.

Well, after leaving unforgettable Venice the remaining places we passed through were Innsbruck (Austria), Lichtenstein, Zurich, Basle (Switzerland), Germany along the Autobahn across the Rhine into Strasbourg where we were unfortunately unable to contact Jose as she was away on a ski-ing holiday.

To conclude the holiday I wish to record my thanks to John and Frank for their perseverance at the wheel of the mini-bus, not forgetting Bob's contribution, undoubtedly the Rambler's undisputed photographer of the year.

Barry Dooley

P.S. PAUL would wish to thank the committee and rambblers of the club for having the benefit dance for him. He was only sorry he did not win the bottle of whisky!!!

WHO ARE THE NEW RAMBLING & SOCIAL CHAIRMEN?

ANSWER : RAMBLING CHAIRMAN : DENNIS KEENAN
" V. CHAIRMAN : JOHN GIBB.

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN : MARGARET DILLON,

who will be assisted by ALAN JOYNSON.

STOP PRESS : The Annual Retreat will be organized by Peter Glenn instead of John Clarke as stated elsewhere in the Newsletter.

R.I.P. Your prayers are requested for Mike Lewis's father who died recently.

ALSO Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Edith Yates, the blonde barmaid, who served regularly at the Clubroom, and who died suddenly. She was buried at West Derby Cemetery.

FAMILY SECTION

7th. NOVEMBER -HOUSE MEETING at John & Kathleen Byrne's house,
21, Beechburn Rd., off Western Ave., HUYTON WITH ROBY

16th NOVEMBER -Walk from R.A. Chalet, Maeshafn, Mold 1p.m. start.

S O C I A L D I A R Y.

FRIDAY 14TH. NOVEMBER: Buffet Dance at the "Riverside" Southport
Organiser Dave Holden, Tel.No.548/3205. A coach has been booked to
leave St. John's Lane at 6.30 p.m. Only a few seats left.

THURSDAY 27th Nov: Folk Dancing Night. Folk Group "Brocoli"
booked. We hope to see you all country dancing on this night.
**LATE EXTENSION BOOKED.

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER A CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held.

A Buffet will be arranged, and the cost of admission will be 50p.

R A M B L E R'S D I A R Y.

As the darker nights are with us, it is now more important
that rambles get under way earlier. The committee have decided that
coaches will depart no later than 10.15 a.m. to make the most of the
daylight.

Ramblers are therefore strongly advised to aim to arrive
at St. John's Lane for 10 a.m.

Whilst on the subject, it is a great pity that so many
Club members only support the Thursday socials. If they tried a
few rambles now and then, they will derive both social and
physical benefits and furthermore they will be supporting the
club in a very real way. So do step out more. The rambles are not
so difficult and there is a choice of walks to suit all.

R A M B L I N G P R O G R A M M E.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WALK</u>	(<u>LEADER</u> (Where known at time of printing)
7th.Dec.	Alwen Reservoir (WALES)	Alan Joynson.
14th.Dec.	Hardcastle Cra gs (Hebden Bridge YORKSHIRE)	
21st.Dec.	Macclesfield Forest (DERBYSHIRE)	
28th.Dec.	No Ramble arranged at time of printing	
4thJan.	**YULETIDE WALK AT RIVINGTON BARN	The Committee.
11th.Jan.	Chirk (Offa's Dyke, Wales)	Richie Cannon.
18th.Jan.	Long Mynd (Shropshire)	Leslie Roberts
25th.Jan.	Beacon Fell (Silverdale Area Lancs).	
1st.Feb.	Ilantysilio (Nr.Llangollen)	
8th.Feb.	Llanarmon Hot Pot Ramble	Brian Keller.
	(Bookings are taken for the Hot Pot at the "Raven Inn")	
15th.Feb.	Sedbergh (Cumbria)	Richie Cannon.

The above fixtures are provisional but full confirmation and
particulars will be given in the Winter Rambling Programme issued
to members only.

DENNIS KEENAN & JOHN GIBB.

NEWS DESK ROUND-UP.

The following items have reached our newsdesk. Family Section rambler, Dick Dinsdale, recently found alive and well on a Welsh mountain ledge, after being extricated from a 10 foot block of ice, has reported that he has a lot to say to the leader of the Snowdon ramble in 1959.

Pothole expert, Fred Beanpole, was invited recently to lecture on potholing one evening at the Club, but did not arrive. Unconfirmed reports say that on the way he stumbled into an open manhole and has not been seen since.

Frank Fitzmaurice is reported to be organising a Jarrow march from Otterspool prom. Marchers should bring boots, packed lunches and flasks; cloth caps and banners will be provided, but waistcoats and clogs are optional says Frank.

Our return visit to the Burton-on-Trent breweries has had to be postponed whilst stocks are replenished.

Following his recent accident, Paul Warner has been offered a part in a Christmas pantomime as Long John Silver. He says it is a rum part to play.

Financier, Brian Keller, has flown home after making a killing on Wall Street. We understand the F.B.I. is investigating.

Finally, Alan Joynson has confirmed that he is not the missing Lord Lucan. His true identity has been a talking point for some time.

Your contributions for the next 'tongue-in-cheek' news report would be appreciated (provided they are not too outrageous)

Ed.

PERSONAL COLUMN

HAVING A PARTY? Weddings, Engagements, 21sts etc. - Contact the Rambler's "Rent-a-Crowd Inc." Distance no object - big turn out guaranteed every time!

ARE YOU STERN, mean, strict with sadistic tendencies? Yes? The Ramblers need a person like you to lead their future walks.

LOST - One set of dentures on the Wensleydale cheese Walk.

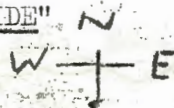
FOUND - Riding-whip, believed to belong to the "Whipper-in" on the same walk.

To MGB - "Please come back, all is forgiven" from BMW.



RAMBLERS "KNOW YOUR COUNTRYSIDE"

THE CENTRAL PENNINES



Location between the Stainmore Pass and the Craven Fault.

Geological Features composed chiefly of carboniferous limestone (so called because it belongs to the same series of rocks as the coal measures) with a thin capping of sandstone and shale.

Over the greater part of the area the capping of sandstone has been worn away, leaving extensive platforms of almost pure limestone which is dissolved by rainwater. The solvent action has naturally proceeded most rapidly along the joints and lines of weakness in rocks. Consequently, in many places, the surface consists of "clints" or detached blocks of limestone, separated by deep narrow crevices, following the joints. No surface water is to be seen on the limestone plateaus, for the streams, when coming into contact with the limestone outcrop, disappear gradually down water-sinks or plunge down deep swallow-holes.

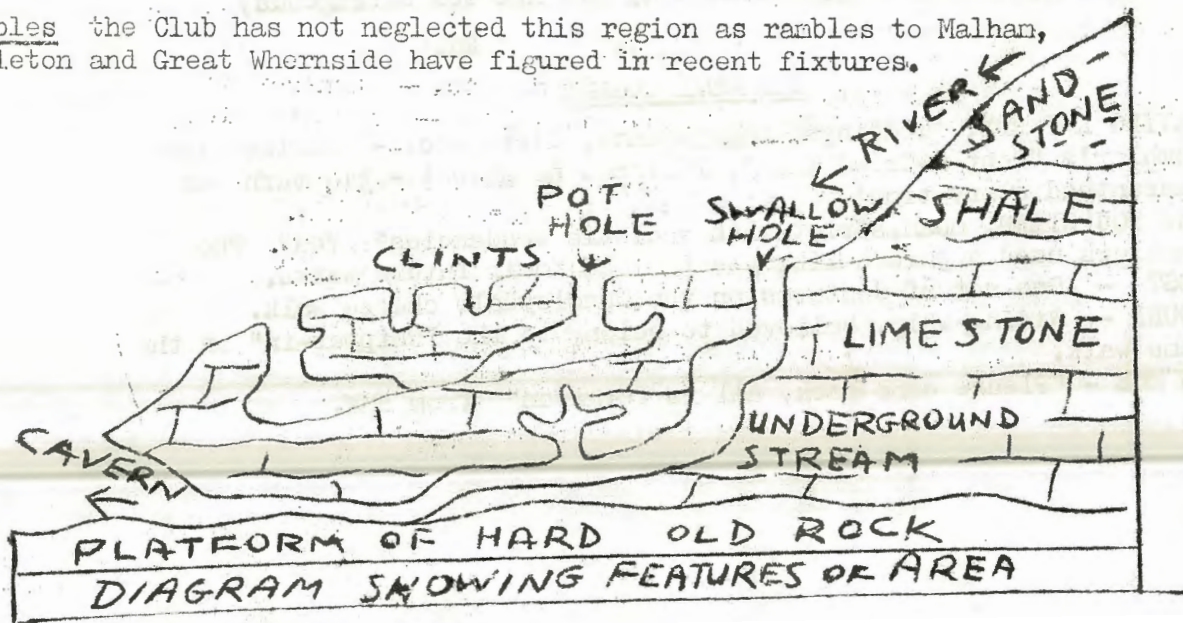
One of the most remarkable swallow-holes is Gaping Ghyll a well-like abyss on the flank of Ingleborough (Yorks) where a small stream of the Lune basin falls for 365 feet to a subterranean cavern, said to be the 7th largest in the world.

In some cases the underground streams actually cross each other at different levels and potholes are numerous.

Another interesting feature is the prevalence of caves such as the famous Victoria Cave at Settle (Yorks) in which the remains of prehistoric man have been found, or the White Scar Cavern at Ingleton, from which an underground passage runs to a beautiful lake in the very heart of the mountain.

Farming the poor quality of the soil renders the region suitable only for the rearing of sheep and goats.

Rambles the Club has not neglected this region as rambles to Malham, Ingleton and Great Whernside have figured in recent fixtures.



To mark the return of hardy Rambler Brian Keller, from the States, I reproduce below a verse from a former newsletter:

WOOLY BACK'S EYE - VIEW

(To be read with heavy Wigan accent)

I went out wi' Ramblers last Sunday
To t'lakes on a coach, it were grand,
A bag full o' butties and I were on t'way
With a pair o' pit boots in me 'and.

A lad with red hair seemed the big boss,
He came round collecting the cash,
But it turned out as leader of walk was,
A big lad, called Brian, with 'tash.

All t'lads on the coach they were joking,
Until it were time to get off,
Then one made out he were choking,
And another developed a cough.

But Brian he stood for no fooling
And made it quite plain right away
As it stated quite clearly in t' ruling
That no one should stop in t'cafe

We set off but leader were crafty
He moved himself right to the back
By now it were getting quite drafty,
I was glad I'd remembered me mac!

On reaching the top of a mountain,
Leader cried, "Stop for a bit",
And I fell to the ground with a sharp pain
Like a cowboy who's just been hit.

For what seemd like no more than a minute
We struggled to gasp in sue air
Then like hare be ing chased by a whippet,
We were off with no time to spare.

Then darkness descended and spread her black veil
And t'lasses began to get scared,
"This never would happen in Kirkdale"
A young lady's voice declared.

After stumbling for what seemd two weeks
And getting soaked through to the skin,
Colour returned to t'ma jority's cheeks
When Brian said "I'll get 'em in".

by Nobbut A. Grandlad.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD
(A LOOK AT TOPICAL QUESTIONS BY "FACTFINDER")

WOMEN PRIESTS IN THE CHURCH: A POSSIBILITY OR NOT?

IN A recent forthright statement, Pope PAUL made it clear that the ordination of women is an impossibility and discussion of it completely futile.

This at first sight seems unfair to women. Consider, however the following interesting quotes, which clarify the Church's position. Dr. Eric Mansell (distinguished Anglican theologian) "If women want to be as like men as possible, that can only mean that manhood is essentially superior to womenhood. This is not a view that any Christian should accept; its basic absurdity is seen in the recent demand by a member of the Women's Liberation Movement that women should refuse to bear children any more and that scientists should immediately perfect the technique of growing babies in test tubes!"

-Archbishop Robert J. Dwyer (Of the U.S.A.) "The refusal to recognize the difference of the sexes while asserting, indeed proclaiming their equality is of a piece with much of the woolley thinking that passes for philosophy today. Yet the most obvious thing about men & women is that while sharing the same humanity absolutely equal in God's sight they share and possess it in different ways, adapted to different functions.

If women insist upon total non-differentiation, then surely men have a just complaint against the divine ordering of things inasmuch as they are radically incapable of bearing children? If it happens that in the Christian economy the priesthood is reserved for the male of the species (and there can be no doubt that Our Lord deliberately instituted and ordered it so) there is no injustice done to women, no right denied her.

For to speak of the priesthood as a right inhering in human nature is to misunderstand its very nature. It is a function instituted by God Himself to which men only are called, not by right but by God's choice. The Church could no more change or disturb this divine ordering of things than she could change the dogma of the Trinity or repeal the Real Presence. Not even sheer necessity, the dearth of vocations could justify her in modifying it!..

Significantly, none of the 12 apostles were women but Our Lord called women to follow Him in other ways.

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THE ANNUAL RETREAT OF THE L. C. R. A.

A MIXED RETREAT FOR RAMBLERS & FRIENDS

will be held at the Retreat House at Bishop Eton Monastery on
SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER, commencing at about 10.30 a.m.

ORGANISER: JOHN CLARKE. Finishing time - about 6-6.30 p.m.

LOCATION: Junction of Taggart Ave. & Woolton Rd. Lp15 Buses 78&68. 424

T H I S A N D T H A T

- LETTER FROM GERMANY: Theresia Griechisch writes: "After spending a few days with my parents, I am now back to my studies... I still look back on our week in Skye & my final days with the Ramblers with much pleasure as I enjoyed it very much. The atmosphere was very friendly ..I still would like to remain in contact with the Ramblers, even if this has become more difficult since Clare went to Orleans...so please would you provide me with Club news from time to time? I honestly would appreciate this very much. I want to thank all Ramblers for the friendly welcoming & I hope to see you all well and happy some time next year -- "heresia."

NOTE: arrangements have been made to send the Newsletter but obviously letters would be appreciated. Theresia's address is- 714, Ludwigsburg, Studentenwohnheim, 4/6, STUTTGART, WEST GERMANY. It won't matter if you don't "Sprechen sie Deutsch" so drop a line!

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA: Albert James Downing, one of the "old boy" ramblers has written a lengthy letter from Victoria where he is now living in which he describes his round the world journey to visit his sick father in Birkdale in Southport. He nearly got on the wrong Jumbo Jet when changing at Hongkong which was going to South Africa. He writes of the lovely views he had from the window of his plane including a spectacular view of a snowwhite volcano in the Phillipines.

He only had one week here but managed to come down to the club on June 19th and sat by Gerry and Cyril at the door. He is due back in England again on the 20th December, and says that if there is a walk on the 21st December he will go on it.

He asks your prayers for a safe flight.

MANY THANKS to Barry Dooley for printing this Newsletter and for loaning his stereo yet again on the last Keswick Weekend. About 50 people went. The Saturday night disco in the hotel was "really groovy". The next KESWICK WEEKEND will probably be on the 19th to the 21st March 1976.

GEN VERDE CONCERTS - What are they? Ramblers may have seen posters in the club advertising the Liverpool Concert and may be wondering what it is all about. Briefly, the new Generation Movement ("Gen" for short) is a Christian Youth Movement, formed 9 years ago and is now one of the main movements of its kind in the world and is active in all 5 continents. The Movement is interdenominational and ecumenical and has received the full approval and support of the highest authorities in the Roman Catholic Anglican, Lutheran, Orthodox and other churches.

In Loppiano, a village near Florence, a new Christian city is being built and here about 500 young people and families from 40 countries commit themselves to the expression of mutual love through their daily lives. From among them the Gen Verde has been formed from 11 nations touring many European countries expressing in movement, words and music the Christian ideal. Concerts are being held in Liverpool at the Philharmonic Hall, Nov. 19th - 8 p.m. Warrington - The Parr Hall, Palmyra Square - Nov. 14th 7.30 p.m. Tickets available from Diane Williams, Tel.No. 228/1252.

H U M O U R E S Q U E .

Some genuine extracts from motor claim forms received by a large London Insurance Office:-

1. I left my Austin 7 outside but when I came out later, to my amazement, there was an Austin 12.
2. To avoid collision, I ran into the other car.
3. Car had to turn sharper than necessary owing to an invisible lorry.
4. I collided with a stationery tree.
5. I remembered nothing after passing the Crown Hotel until I came to and saw P.C. Brown.
6. Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I have'nt got.
7. I bumped into the lamp post which was obscured by human s
8. A lamp post bumped into my car damaging it in 2 places.
9. I thought the side window was down, but it was up as I found out when I put my head through it.
10. I knocked over a man, he admitted it was his fault as he had been knocked down before.
11. There was no damage to the car as the gate post will testify.
12. I blew my horn but it would not work as it had been stolen.
13. A cow wandered into my car, I was afterwards informed that the cow was half-witted.
14. Wilful damage to the upholstery was done by rats.
15. If the other driver had stopped a few yards behind himself it would not have happened.
16. I heard a horn blow and was struck violently in the back. Evidently a lady was trying to pass me.
17. I can't give details of the accident as I was somewhat concussed. at the time.
18. I considered neither vehicle was to blame, but if either was to blame it was the other one.
19. I was proceeding along the road at moderate speed when another car rushed out of a side turning and turned upside down in a ditch. It was his fault as he said.
20. She suddenly saw me, lost her head and we met.
21. Accident was due to the road bending.

STOP PRESS: The Assistant Registrar will be ~~Madeleine~~ ^{Madeleine} ~~Kearey~~ ^{Boyd} not Diane Williams as previously reported.