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LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS



NEWSLETTER 

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The new committee for 1982/3 is:

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Asst. Registrar	Martin Dooley
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From the General Committee
the following Sub-Committee
Chairmen were formed:

Rambling:	Peter Wilkinson
Social:	Paul Healy
Newsletter	
Editor:	Dave Newns

General Committee: Gerard Bouch,
Marie Bouch, Tony Bond, Tony Dignan,
Paul Healy, Dave Newns, Keith Scott.

Publication staff who volunteered their services in some way to help with this edition were: Ann Nicholson, Pat Rothwell, Angelas Platt and Mason, Mona Roberts, Kathy Diver and Peter Wilkinson. Front cover was dug out from the archives.

Thanks to all the people who submitted material for this edition especially Peter McLindon who has introduced a new article entitled 'From the Archives'. Incidentally Peter's wife won the Word Search and his sister-in-law won the Ladies' share of the Fred Norbury Trophy. This could be called the McLindon's newsletter this month!

Welcome to the following new members who joined recently:

Christine Biggs	Peter Acheson	F. B. Dixon
Tom Tucker	Kim Parry	Dorothy Hall
Brendan Murphy	Jean Finnegan	Mark Fairclough
Julie Gatward	Gerard O'Reilly	Geraldine O'Reilly
Alison Lamberton	Ann Douglas	

Members are reminded that their annual subscriptions are now due. £2.50 single and £3 married couples. Please contact either myself or Martin Dooley.

Peter Wilkinson (Registrar)

Christmas Newsletter will be published on December 2nd. Closing date for material is November 18th.

* STOP PRESS: LATE EXTENSION on Thurs, Nov 25 will now be a Contemporary Folk Night plus our own Disco.

For the Record

Disco attendances for the first few weeks of the new Club year were as follows:-

September	2nd	....	63)	
	9th	....	48)	
	16th	....	59	)	average 58.75
	23rd	....	A.G.M.)	
	30th	....	65)	
October	7th	....	50		
	14th	....	45		

Septembers average of 58.75 compares with 45 last year when the Thursday discos were held at Tom Hall's Tavern. The highest September average for the last 7 years is 73 which was achieved in 1979, the lowest over the same peiod being 41 in 1977.

If October's attendances to date seem somewhat low, they have to be compared with 22 and 39 on the corresponding nights last year!

SOCIAL STATISTICS 1968 - 1982

	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Social Venue</u>
Year ending 31st August 1968	82.50	Design Centre Hope Street
1969	84	"
1970	81	Design Ctr/RAF Club
1971	66.50	RAF Club, Bold Street
1972	64	" /Mona Hotel (JULY)
1973	60	Mona Hotel
1974	80	"
1975	88.68	"
1976	74.50	" /Tom Halls Tavern (JAN)
1977	68.50	Tom Halls Tavern
1978	58.66	"
1979	55.50	"
1980	61.38	"
1981	51.20	"
1982	54.20	T.H. Tavern/Atlantic House (19.11.)
1983	48	

N.B. In the Club Year just ended, the first ten Discos @ Tom Halls averaged just 42.8 with the remaining 38 at Atlantic House averaging 57.2

RAMBLERITE

The clocks have gone back and once again winter is creeping up on us. As the weather is likely to deteriorate over the next few months this is a good time to advise new members (and jog the memories of older ones) on what best to wear and carry on winter rambles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others in the party (see diagram).

BOOTS are essential, as many of the paths we walk (even low-level ones) can be rough and slippery. Boots should be comfortable, giving support to the ankles, reasonably waterproof and have a good tread. Any member of the rambling committee should be able to advise on the purchasing of your boots.

SOCKS must be woollen and a good fit - nylon ones can cause that dreaded ramblers' complaint (blisters!). Most ramblers wear two pairs - a short pair inside and a long pair on the outside into which they can tuck their trousers.

TROUSERS can be either cord, woollen/flannel or man-made fibre but definitely NOT denim-type jeans as these become very heavy when wet and retain no body heat. This is a good recipe for the onset of hypothermia (exposure).

JACKET: This should be warm and windproof. It is advisable to have tight-fitting cuffs which help to retain the warm air next to your body.

WATERPROOFS: These should be kept in your rucksack, ready to wear at all times, even on the driest of days. It is surprising how quickly the weather can change in mountainous areas.


It is also advisable to carry a spare pullover, gloves and a woollen hat in your rucksack. Torches can be very useful also.

Providing the above precautions are taken, rambling can often be more fun in the winter than in the summer.

As an experiment, there will be a few extra rambles laid on during the forthcoming winter months, the first date to remember is November 21st when it is hoped that there will be enough support to get a coach out to Chirk on the Welsh/Shropshire border.

Now read on to see what the club has to offer for your enjoyment during November.

PETER WILKINSON (Rambling
Chairman)



What must the well dressed Felt Walker wear?

RUCKSACK

This should contain: -

Kagoul; packed lunch; extra clothing - gloves, socks etc., emergency food & first aid, small plastic drink bottle, (NEVER use a glass bottle)

Small towel to use as a sweat cloth, or a scarf, or even a small towel.

Money; torch; polybag (giant size)

WINDPROOF ANORAK

with a hood, long enough to sit on and with good long sleeves with no gaps for the wind to get in.

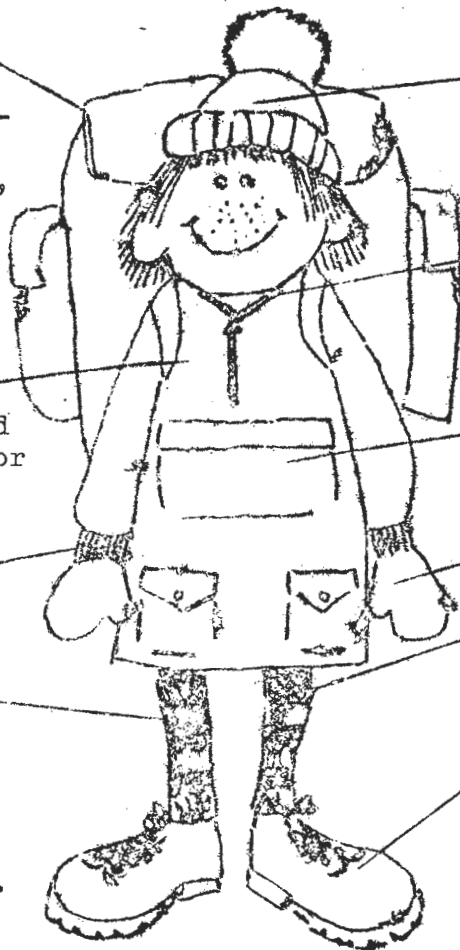
Tight cuff to keep out wind.

LONG (FOOTBALL) SOCKS

to turn trousers into breeches and protect legs.

THICK WOOLLEN SOCKS

(Thin nylon socks can be both painful and dangerous). Spare pairs required.



HAT

of hair or both.

WARM UNDERWEAR

String vest. Shirt and long sleeved woollen pulley or track suit top.

Map, Compass, Whistle, Route Card

GLOVES OR MITTENS

Trousers

Cord, Woollen or Flannel.

NOT jeans. They retain no heat when wet.

STRONG BOOTS

These must be comfortable and give support and protection. They should have good soles as you must be able to keep your grip. Like car tyres they must have a good tread. Bring dubbin or oil, a brush and spare laces, and keep them clean and dry.

R A M B L I N G P R E V I E W

NOVEMBER 14th: This is down on the programme as Christmas Brew. The ramble is starting from a pleasant area of Yorkshire at the ancient village of Hebden Bridge, then about half-an-hour or so later calling at the village of Heptonstall where there will be a short stop at a pub where a special Christmas Brew can be purchased if desired. The ramble then proceeds through a picturesque tree-clad valley alongside a fast-flowing river.

EXTRA RAMBLE

NOVEMBER 21st: As the past few rambles have been quite popular we have decided to have this extra ramble thrown in - The place: CHIRK, on the Welsh/Shropshire border.

NOVEMBER 26th-28th: The Chalet Weekend at the Ramblers' Assoc. Chalet near Maeshafn in North Wales. This holds 18 people (officially) and is well furnished and kitted out with more than enough bedding and crockery, pots and pans, etc. An open coal fire is still in use there. A cheap weekend is promised. Anthony Brockway will be taking names, so book early as places are limited. Sleeping bags or your own sheets should be taken.

DECEMBER 5th: Kathy Diver is taking names for the Llangollen area and, being a schoolteacher, she is very good at taking names. Should be a good walk with only a short coach journey. Not quite sure who the leaders are yet!

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION

The Focolare are having a GRAND TWO-DAY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
for Charity

Dates are:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th - A VARIETY SHOW featuring many Artistes with guest appearance of Brian Jacques, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th:

A CEILIDH with the SKIBEREENS - 7.30 start

The Place: T H E I R I S H C E N T R E, Mount Pleasant

Bar Extension

*Tickets at door £1.50 per night
(or £2.50 for both nights)

*Note:- Tickets obtainable from Dave News

PUZZLE PAGE

No prizes for this one but I feel sure you will have fun searching for the hidden words. All are based on thoughts of the Ramblers

When I think of the ramblers I think of

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H	Y	N	A	P	M	O	C	R
C	E	S	I	C	R	E	X	E
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- BLISTERS
- BOOTS
- BUTTIES
- COMPANY
- DISCOS
- EXERCISE
- FRIENDS
- HEALTH
- LAUGHS
- MATCH AND HATCH
- PUBS
- STIFF LEGS
- VIEWS
- WINDS

The words are diagonally and horizontally positioned, backwards and forwards. Letters can be used more than once. Good Luck!

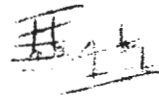
CATHERINE MACKRELL
(age 14).

Winner of Competition No.6 (Word Search) was Philomena McLindon who wins £3. First correct solution for the three essential items needed when rambling (Compass, Map, First-aid) was submitted by Maria McDonnell.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE YOUR LAST (if you haven't renewed your annual subscriptions by the end of December this year). This is normal practice. Subscriptions are due now and are £2.50 single and £3.00 for married couples. It is debatable whether your annual subs even cover the cost of a year's supply of newsletters, especially if you have to have it posted to you.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW!

SOCIALITE



Dear sociable ramblers,

NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1982/3

This is the first report to be written since the Social Committee was formed following our recent Annual General Meeting. Our aims are simple, to provide a varied, but enjoyable club social life at all times. If at any time during the forthcoming year, you think of anything that members might enjoy, please make an effort to come along to the social meeting at Birch House, Green Lane, which is near the Halfway House on Woolton Road. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. You will be made very welcome.

Winners
1982



FRED NORBURY TROPHY

Brian Keller
Denise McLindon



During the last few months, the Fred Norbury Cup Competition has been in progress from a very windswept New Brighton Pitch and Putt Course to the dry and warmth of the local Ten Pin Bowling Alley; then across to our clubroom to answer hard quiz questions (example, Which ship was sunk by an iceberg?); then onto the orienteering course at Beacon Fell, not far from Preston. The outcome of these events is that Denise McLindon and Brian Keller, share the Trophy, so it is congratulations to Denise on winning the trophy for the third year running, and to Brian, who has been trying to get his name on the trophy since Adam was a lad. The trophy will be presented to them both, as usual, at our Annual Dance.

Results are given at the foot of next page.

ANNUAL DANCE

This year the annual dance takes place at Atlantic House on Friday 12th November, dancing to the Ray Edwards Four and The Steve Mercury Road Show Disco. A Buffet is also provided, so there is no need to bring your own cheese sandwiches. The price of all this is a mere £4.50 so if you have not got tickets, please contact Kathy Diver on 259-4171 quickly.

On the 25th November we have Tone Machine (professional disco), and of course there is a bar extension.

On the 23rd December it is our Christmas Party night and we will be welcoming the Steve Mercury Road Show back to spin the records for us. Late extension, of course, is also laid on at the bar.

EMPTY GLASSES

You are asked to help the staff of Atlantic House by returning your empties to the bar.



MATCHES

Congratulations go out to Phil Steele and Ann Harris who recently rambled down the aisle together to be wed. A similar fate awaits our Chairman, Paul Stevens, who recently announced his engagement to Marie O'Loughlin. May I be one of the first to publically take this opportunity to wish both couples every happiness together in the future.

Signing off now until your next socialite news.

PAUL HEALY,
Social Chairman

PARKSIDE HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AIGBURTH

On Saturday 25th September the ramblers undertook the job of painting two communal rooms of some considerable size. The proceeds of the weekly raffle held at the social evenings for the 6 weeks prior to the painting went towards the cost of the paint required.

I would like to thank everyone concerned who helped, from the people who bought tickets to the twenty or so ramblers who helped, and, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, painting on the day.

Special thanks to that man Keller, who was able to buy all the paint required, at discount price.

A cheque for £34 is now in the hands of the matron of Parkside Handicapped Home, as all the money from the raffles was not spent, such was the response from raffling.

Sorry to repeat myself, but thanks again to everyone who helped in any way whatsoever.

PAUL HEALY

FRED NORBURY TROPHY - RESULTS

The last leg of the competition recently took place on Beacon Fell, near Preston. This was the Orienteering which Anthony Brockway arranged. Results were:

Gents: 1st Brian Keller	10pts	Ladies: 1st Denise McLindon	10
2nd Dave Newns	7pts	2nd Moira Hamilton	6)
3rd Arthur Brockway	4)	,, Christino B'way	6)
,, John Reynolds	4)	4th Kathy Diver	4

Total points: Gents - B. Keller 25pts (runner-up Arthur Brockway),
Ladies - Denise McLindon 28pts (runner-up Moira Hamilton).



From the Archives



Commencing a new article by Peter McLindon

The following items were included in our Newsletter in years gone by :-

RAMBLERITE -(JAN 1971)

"Attendances have recently been very poor - far from ordering a coach, we have been lucky to have sufficient people to fill a car! If things do not improve rapidly and dramatically we will be forced to give consideration to holding rambles once a fortnight the Christmas Chalet Weekend in contrast was very successful." - John Wilson - Rambling Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE (JAN 1971)

"On Wednesday nights, about 70 members congregate at the Social (at the R.A.F.A. Club - Bold Street) and chat over a pint or two beneath the continuous din of pop music. Some of us even try to dance! Many just watch telly! This is not the same club that many of us knew. Some are trying to improve the present state of affairs but without the co-operation of the rest of the Club, it is a hopeless task. Many just sit back and wait for something to happen and are not prepared to organise or take part themselves in the Club activities. Why not make a late New Years resolution? Come out on one or two rambles NOW. If we, as a RAMBLING Club lived up to our name we would be a much happier club".Dave Newns - Chairman

*The impact of the above comments is reflected by the ...

RAMBLERITE OF OCTOBER 1971

....."There has been a gratifying influx of active new members and the people who merely came on Wednesdays have either departed or converted to rambling. At one time, our average on rambles was about 7 or 8, now they are in the 20's and rising".

John Wilson

BOOK CORNER (DECEMBER 71)

The qualities of the following books will be discussed:-

"Cigarette smoking in Turkey" by Mustapha Fagg

"Watches and Clocks" by Arthur Nower

"Fleas in my house" by Ivan Elluvanich

"Simple cooking" by Addanegge & Stirre

ANON.

FROM THE ARCHIVES, contd.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Billy Carruthers and Anne Cahill on their recent engagement. - Newsletter of JULY 1974; and TODAY we send our best wishes to Billy and Anne Carruthers and their little girls Susan and Gillian, who have just emigrated to start a new life in Brisbane, Australia. Every success and happiness to all four.

POEMS AND LIMERICKS were regular items in the Newsletters of 1973 (e.g. in SEPTEMBER)

Aftermath of the Langdales - regarding
Brian Keller.

This is the tale of Brian the PUN
To talk with him can be such FUN
He's razor sharp and very quick
His repartee can be so slick
But at times his quips are oh so old
One can almost taste the mould
We've heard them all many times before
In fact one knows they're old folk lore
So all be warned and all beware
If you don't like puns of Brian stay clear.

Joe (Are things any
better now?)

● More "from the Archives" in the next issue.

* SALE OF THE CENTURY

* BOOTS £5 & £15!

There's this girl in the Ramblers who has great difficulty with her walking boots, so she is selling not one but two pairs of Size 5 boots. (Note: These boots are not from the archives).

First pair well used but good value for money at only £5. The second pair were £35, worn only once - asking price, not £25, not even £20. She is actually selling them for a snipet at £15 - hence the sale of the century!

Good news - the boots she wears now are wonderful. Anybody wanting Size 5 boots please contact Kathy Diver on 259 4171.

* DON'T FORGET - LATE EXTENSION on THURSDAY, 25th NOV.
'Tone Machine' Professional Disco - £1 *
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THE KESWICK WEEKEND

Thirty five boot-carrying remblers met at St. Johns Lane on the Friday evening, awaiting Mick Maple to whisk us all up the M6 to Keswick.

Shortly after leaving Liverpool the weather took a sharp turn for the worst, it became foggy in the coach, me and a few others being the culprits. Anyway it seemed only moments before we were speedily passing through Windermere and on to Keswick. On arriving at Mavis's abode (Lakeside House) suitcases and alike were rapidly left behind in our rooms as, one by one, we filed into the nearest public house, then back later for an hour or so in Mavis's cellar bar.

Saturday morning arrived, the day of the ramble. Lengthy discussions about the many different walks, where to and possible time of arrival back in Keswick, ended up in smoke. With one look at the weather from the breakfast table, low cloud and threatening rain, meant just one walk for all. From Rothwaite up to High Spy and along the ridge would find us back in Keswick later in the day.

Clad in waterproofs a party of 25 or so made its way through Johnny's Wood after being dropped outside the village of Rothwaite by our coach driver. Passing Johnny's Wood and climbing higher towards High Spy (2134ft) we duly took a butty break, eagerly eating our delicious meat pies and sandwiches. The footpath from here got steeper and for the first time ever the gale force wind which accompanied us all day long, actually blew us up the mountain side. Once on the mountain it tried its best to blow us all off.

The scenery by now and being over 2000ft up was fantastic, to describe it in one word is difficult but I'll try cloudy. High Spy and the whole of the ridge to Cat Bells was engulfed in thick cloud. Once out of the clouds we still had the rain and wind for good measure. Down off the hillside we all split up into smaller parties, some getting the launch back across Derwent-Water and others walking around the lake to Portinscale and then on into Keswick. I haven't painted a glowing report of a marvellous walk, because there was nothing glowing or marvellous about it, due entirely to the weather but we all thought and know that it was the best walk possible in the circumstances.

That night was spent in Mavis's cellar bar after touring a few hostelries in Keswick. Sunday arrived and all too soon we were travelling back in the evening along the motorway, having a long distance look at Blackpool Tower illuminated.

A wet but very enjoyable weekend break was had by one and all.

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A SAUCY POEM (from the Lakeside House kitchen)

Breakfast is served, but we're left on the shelf,
Can't understand why we're not out on the table,
Misses Brown and Tomato, both willing and able,
If you want us, just ask, we like to be used,
We would like to meet you, we're very confused!

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME, 1982.



NOV. 14TH. The Ramble is FOXHILL. We start walking at 12.30 prompt. Meet in the Shopping Centre Car Park, Frodsham. Bill and Peggy Potter are leading.

NOV. 12TH. ANNUAL DANCE at Atlantic House. Monica Rowe has tickets.

DEC. 2ND. House Meeting is at Mona Roberts's, 7 Elmbank Road, off Greenbank Road off Smithdown Road.

DEC. 12TH. Cheshire Area Walk led by Arthur and Vera Brockway. Again, we start walking at 12.30, prompt. Meet in Marsh Lane at the top of Lever Causeway, Higher Bebbington, Wirral.

Quite a lot of us are shy on Subscriptions for 1982/83. If you haven't paid Mona Roberts since September this year you owe £3.00 for couples and £2.50 for singles. If you haven't renewed by December the rules state that I have to presume you won't be rejoining. Can't believe that!

Congratulations to Tony Birkett on completing the Liverpool Marathon and collecting £306.00d for the Challenge Club for Handicapped Children where he and Mary help out. For the oldies, Jerry Cullen also finished.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Peter and Marie Atherton on the deaths of their Mothers. Mass offerings were made on our behalf.

ROCHDALE RAMBLE, SEPTEMBER 12TH.

September was the month for our annual jaunt to Rochdale to meet up with the O'Neill Clan. Harry was there at the motorway junction to meet us and we went in convoy to the school grounds for our usual pre-walk refreshment.

At 10'clock we set off through the sylvan ways of Norden passing decidedly desirable detached dwellings, which left us feeling decidedly desirous, and out into the countryside, where we gently gained height to be rewarded with a beautiful view of the foothills of the Pennines on one side and the plains of Lancashire on the other. I think somewhere on the way we must have lost our official writer-upper because I, as second best (never, Jean!) am now faced with writing about a walk we did about six weeks ago. My memory being what it isn't, the details have faded somewhat, but I am left with thoughts of a most enjoyable day. I don't know how Harry manages to find a different walk each time, but he assures us that we won't have to repeat one for a long time yet.

We finished up with Ronnie taking on the heroic task of feeding us all with sausage butties and cuppas at her home. Very many thanks, folks, it was a lovely ending as usual - you always manage to make us feel so wanted - boots and all!

Jean McDonald.

FRODSHAM - OCTOBER 10TH, 1982.

C/man - Paul	Treas. - Gerny	Sec. - Angela
Vice - Dade	Vice Tr - Brian	As. Sec - Pat Rob
		Reg. - Anthony Bro
		Vice Reg - Joan Finca
		Publicity - John Gibb

As we walked along the banks of the Weaver, my mind went back thirty years to the time we assembled in the neat town of Frodsham to commence a similar ramble. The cars began to arrive in the shopping centre car park on this sunny early Autumn afternoon and I recognised several old faces who had joined me on that memorable occasion three decades ago. I began to compare, but little had changed. This of course was a family section ramble and covered only a third of our 'A' walk of the early fifties. How impressive a sight to see the young sons and daughters walking side by side with my fellow ramblers of yesteryear, and in some cases striding well ahead of them.

Our pace varied, depending on the mood of our leader, John Peloe. Cath played the role of 'Tail end Charlie' and John told me of an incident which highly amused me, of a previous ramble with him leading, Cathy looking after the stragglers, and the middle got lost! The peaceful sight of ducks on the river and the occasional angler tucked comfortably in a dip along the banks had been replaced by water skiers showing off their talents up and down the wide stretch, near the town of Fradsham. After walking a mile, we approached a field with a herd of young bulls grazing near the stile. On seeing 35 humans strolling happily on their territory they came over to investigate. Secretly I was terrified and ready to dive into the river, but the children found it exciting as they pushed past the bulls to climb over the stile. John, scratching his head, said to me "Funny! they weren't there when I did the pioneer".

I recognised Catton Hall Farm (site of an old ford in pre-navigation days) and we proceeded up a track through a wood and across fields to Pike Nook Farm Road. By this time most of us had shed our outer garments as the sun became warmer. An ideal spot for eating our left-overs was found on an old hay cart in the approaching field near Hatley Farm. After the break we continued along a footpath, crossing a brook at the site of Bradley Mill, then on to Bradley. Apart from one or two locals coming in the opposite direction, the wide open countryside belonged exclusively to us all. Leaving Bradley down a sunken lane (reputed to be an old Salter's road) and rather overgrown. Here we decided to wait for those about 100 yards behind and an opportunity to chat to someone different, who previously only acknowledged each other with a smile or an "Hello". A tree nearby caught the eye of several wine and potential wine makers. It was an Elderberry with fruit in abundance. With just over half a mile to go we crossed the new bridge at the bottom of the lane, then onto a track which led us across a field and back to Frodsham Bridge. And so the end of a perfect afternoon but with one noticable omission. We walked past the Church in which, thirty years ago, forty weary ramblers joined the congregation for Benediction.

John Naylor. *xxxx* 130
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Dance 18/11/83