

Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association

# News Letter



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EDITORIAL

This months issue seems to be mostly about the A.G.M. So here, on the following pages are some of the interesting pieces of news for those who couldn't come and for those who may have dosed off during the excitement.

The finances of a Club are always of interest and so here are a few "Treasurers Comments" to set you thinking:-

"The Administrative costs of running this Club for the past year were £335 whilst the income was £340 leaving a profit of £5. These costs included the purchase of a record player (£35) and a typewriter, donations of £32 re the Pen-y-Olyn rescues and £65 for the Newsletter. The income was from three sources - Bank Interest £40 - Socials £232 and Subscriptions £68. The Subs did little more than pay for the Newsletter and attributed very little to the cost of running the club. Were it not for the socials our style would be very much cramped and ambitions considerably curtailed. Our profit would have been greater had not the proceeds of some of our activities been diverted with the cottage fund particularly the October dance (£40) and the Christmas Reunion dance (£74) in addition to the items shown in the Secretary's Report".

Very briefly that's where your money went. But just think! Subscriptions £68, Newsletter costs £65. Do you think it's worth it?

*Eric J. Kavanagh.*

E. J. KAVANAGH  
EDITOR.

SPECIAL NOTE

Your new Registrar, Brian Kelly is going back into hospital for a couple of weeks. So for this month will you please direct any queries to the assistant Registrar who is:-

Marie Mc.Cormick, 21, Tewithall Close, Speke, L'pool 24.

P R E S I D E N T  
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His Grace, The Archbishop of Liverpool

V I C E P R E S I D E N T  
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Mr. Frederick Norbury

T R U S T E E S  
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Mr. Cyril Kelly Mr. Bernard Manley

O F F I C E R S  
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VICE CHAIRMAN	Chris Laycock
TREASURER	Gerry Penlinton
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Monica Moran
PUBLICITY SECRETARY	Mike Downes
REGISTRAR	Brian Kelly
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	Marie McCormick

C O M M I T T E E  
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LADIES

Magda McLean  
Hilda O'Keefe  
Margaret Smith  
Ann Vincent

GENTS

Paul Brereton  
Mike Donnelly  
Fred Fleming  
Mike Marsden  
Dave Newnes  
John Lovelady

43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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11th Sept. 1969

SECRETARIAL REPORT

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1. In our 43rd Year membership reached a total of 210 which was a decrease of 40 on last year.
11. Rambles were organised every Sunday with an average attendance of 27.  
Special events included:-
  - a. Two Keswick weekends attended by 50 & 18 respectively
  - b. Yuletide walk attended by 120
  - c. Hotpot supper at Llanarman was attended by 36
  - d. Three Chalet weekends were arranged at Maeshafn
  - e. Sponsored walk in aid of the Cottage Fund.
  - f. One caravan weekend at Harlech and one at Anglesey attended by 45 & 36 respectively.
  - g. Midnight Ramble attended by 18.
111. 50 Socials were arranged with an average attendance of 84.  
Special events included:-
  - a. Visit by a Pop Group and a Country Dance Band.
  - b. Visits to industrial sites.
  - c. Industrial concerts, Carol concerts, folk concert & Musical Evenings.
  - d. Discotheque Evening.
  - e. Two dances at the Irish Centre and Re-Union dance at Dovedale Towers.  
Rosary was recited on 1st Thursday of each month throughout the year.
- IV. The 23rd Tennis Season saw the mens team enter Division 'D' of the Liverpool & District L.T.A. where they finished top half of the table. Membership reached 40. Several socials were held in the pavilion.
- V. The Football team played its 21st post war season in the Liverpool and Central Amature League in which they "Retained their reputation for Sportsmanship".
- VI. The Annual Mass at St. Nicholas Church was attended by some 50 past and present members, 25 of whom joined in the retreat at the Cenacle Convent, Wavertree.
- VII. Donations were made to several charaties during the year:-
  - a. 5gns to Mencap
  - b. 2gns to St. John Boscoe Shrine India
  - c. 2gns to Diocese of Menevia
  - d. 200gns to Cathedral of Christ the King.
  - e. £32 Snowdon Mountain Rescue Teams.

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- VIII. The Newsletter format was re-designed and 10 monthly editions were printed and distributed by hand at the Club-rooms and by post to other members. The Editor was a co-opted member.
- IX. Crucifixes were presented to members on their Marriages.
- X The Ways and Means Committee raised the following for the Cottage Fund:-
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| a. Jumble Sale                        | £66. 0. Od.               |
| b. Musical Evening                    | £36. 0. Od.               |
| c. Sponsored Walk in North Wales      | £68. 0. Od.               |
| d. Country Dances @ St. Oswalds (two) | £19. 0. Od. & £14. 0. Od. |
| e. Donations £25 & £6 namely          | £31. 0. Od.               |
- XI. Club members entertained children from Knowles Park Convent by taking them to see "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and a further group of Mentally handicapped children. From Huyton Gate were taken on a visit to Chester Zoo.

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<u>FINALS TENNIS SOCIAL</u>		
<u>SATURDAY OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup> 1969</u>		
THE PAVILION	8 P.M.	LANCE GROVE
MUSIC	REFRESHMENTS	DANCING
3/-	ENTRANCE FEE	3/-

"ANY OTHER BUSINESS"

The following suggestions, questions and answers were recorded during the "Any Other Business" section of the last A.G.M. Any comments arising from these notes should be kept brief and addressed to the editor for inclusion in next months Newsletter.

COTTAGE FUND

Mike Donnelly suggested we purchase a caravan in North Wales as a source of income and a stepping stone to purchasing a cottage.

Chris Dobbin asked "How much of the original £1,100 promised is still available".

Chairman "about £950"

Bernard Manley questioned as to whether there was the same keenness to own a cottage and asked the meeting to decide.

Vote	A show of hands was in favour of the caravan idea.
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Kevin O'Connor pointed out that a caravan was not the same kind of asset as a cottage was.

Brian Kelly said "If the club wants to accumulate £2,000 @ £400 per annum, how many members present to-night would eventually benefit?"

Maureen O'Dea replied "If the founder members had thought that way, where would we be today?"

Bill Clay said that the voting was evident of an overwhelming desire for accommodation. In the long term property would be an asset though any form of accommodation would be a start.

CLUBROOM AND THURSDAY NIGHTS

Chairman asked "Are you satisfied with the existing club. would you like a bar and tables? different dances different accommodation such as the R.A.F. Association at the top of Bold Street or the University Staff Club in Bedford Street - both of which are available for one night per week?"

John McLinden replied "a bar is not needed. People who wish to may drink elsewhere. Regarding dancing one night only 24 people danced to Irish Music but 68 had got up for 'Groovy Music'. There should be a better balance.



Bill Clay "This dancing problem is a Hardy annual. The new committee should keep their ear to the ground as dancing tastes change continually!"

Cyril Kelly "Cann't have all of everything, a mixture only is possible"

Mike Downes "I come to the club to meet friends - not necessarily to dance" (much applause)

Bill Potter spoke very strongly against a bar. He felt it would only increase the difficulty of getting people to join in. (general applause) He concluded by saying "The bar in the Metropolitan Club has not solved their problems".

Bill Morley didn't want the Socials to be organised. Let people enjoy themselves in their own way (Hear Hear)

Kevin O'Connor People don't realise the problems of running a bar. Socials need atmosphere - our own clubroom would help.

Vote	A show of hands were against a bar.
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NEWSLETTER

John Johnston The people who cann't come to the club on a Thursday rely on the Newsletter to inform them of what is going on. Up to now it has been of no use at all. Can it be improved.

Chairman Nine issues of the Newsletter were distributed last year and we are investigating ways to improve the distribution to those people who are entitled to receive a copy.

KESWEEK WICKEND

WE HAVE NO DETAILS TO HAND,SO IF YOU DON'T ATTEND THE CLUB REGULARLY BUT FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THIS WEEKEND PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

NEXT WEEK WE SHALL PUBLISH A LETTER REGARDING THE POOR ATTENDANCE AT  
THE ANNUAL MASS

C H A I R M A N ' S   R E P O R T  
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The Secretarial report which is printed prior to this one gives a factual account of the associations activities during the past year, but it is not a composite picture.

There was a large number of new members last year and many did not know who their committee members were. Perhaps it was a lack of communication or perhaps the committee were not able to project themselves into the club. There seemed to be an attitude of "Us" and "Them!" Us being the club members and them being the committee. No one can succeed under these conditions so please support and encourage your committee.

The retiring committee were investigating ways of stimulating the spirit of the club. The three main lines of thought were to provide a bar, to keep the clubrooms open later and to find some formula whereby the young married couples would remain active club members.

Shortly you will be electing your new committee. They are the ones who will broaden the horizons of the Association or stagnate with you within the existing framework. So Vote for whom you think is the best lady or man for the job and having elected them treat them as your representative. Give them your points of view. But most of all give them your support and encouragement. Constructive suggestions and positive thinking will make your club successful.

One final point. It has been suggested that the committee is a closed Shop - This is nonsense. Any club member may be nominated for the committee and any member who wishes to be co-opted on to a particular committee has only to volunteer his services. They will be gratefully accepted.



D. Titherington  
CHAIRMAN.



R A M B L I N G      P R E V I E W  
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26/27/28	SEPTEMBER		Committee		Chalet Weekend
5TH	OCTOBER	Moel Siabod	Mike Humphries	dpt. 9.30	St. Johns Ln.
12TH	"	Cofn Caves	Mike Parr	dpt.10.00	St. Johns Ln.
19TH	"	Scafell	Eddie Dumican	dpt. 9.30	St. Johns Ln.
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F O O T B A L L  
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Following our desperate appeal in our last Newsletter, John Lovelady has volunteered his services as Football Manager and thus the team will continue playing this season.

Due to the relatively short notice John had, the first game was played with a "scratch" eleven. Their opponents, Queens Road scored 15 whilst our lads only scored 1.

For the second game the D.D.T. must have been used and the "lousey" first effort was followed by a glittering success. Coburg were beaten 3 - 2 in a game full of interest.

Despite this success the team still needs strengthening and I believe any "Rambler" who feels that his football talents may be put to good use in this new team should contact John Lovelady at the club or phone GAR 6360.

Even if you can't play, you could come along and support the lads. In case you feel inclined, here are the venues for this month.

DATE

PLAY

October 4th  
 " 11th  
 18th  
 25th

Cottage, Kirkby  
 S.F.S.CUP B Team  
 Inter S/A  
 Faulkner

R. E. Porter



# Socialite

With the accent on the A.G.M., it just wouldn't seem right to let the occasion pass without some comment. It was an interesting and lively Meeting and there was a lot of enthusiasm on display. Let's keep this up folks and remember you voted the Committee in but to be a success they need your full support. If you're disappointed because you didn't get on the Committee and you feel there is lots you can do to help - don't worry, you can always be co-opted onto a Sub-Committee.

Cupid seems to be working overtime in the Club at the moment, with the engagement of Ray Anderson to Marysia Davek and Pat Morgan to Margaret O'Dea. Congratulations to both couples. At this rate we'll be running out of Crucifixes (the Club presents one to each couple on their marriage).

As, no doubt a lot of you will know Margaret Price is off on a six month visit to Peru shortly, to do voluntary nursing, and I would just like to wish Margaret (on behalf of the Club) a safe journey and a very pleasant visit. Don't come back too brown Margaret - Most of us are mile bottle white as it is.

Here's some sad news - Mike Parr has deserted us for three months to work in Scotland. Hurry back Mike - the Scots have already got one Monster, I'm sure they don't need two. I'm only joking of course!!

## NEW MEMBERS

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LADIES: Sarah Potts  
Patricia Cave  
Ann Vincent  
Linda Prescott  
Colette Morris

GENTS: John C. Murray  
Wally M. Davies  
Michael John Grimes

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