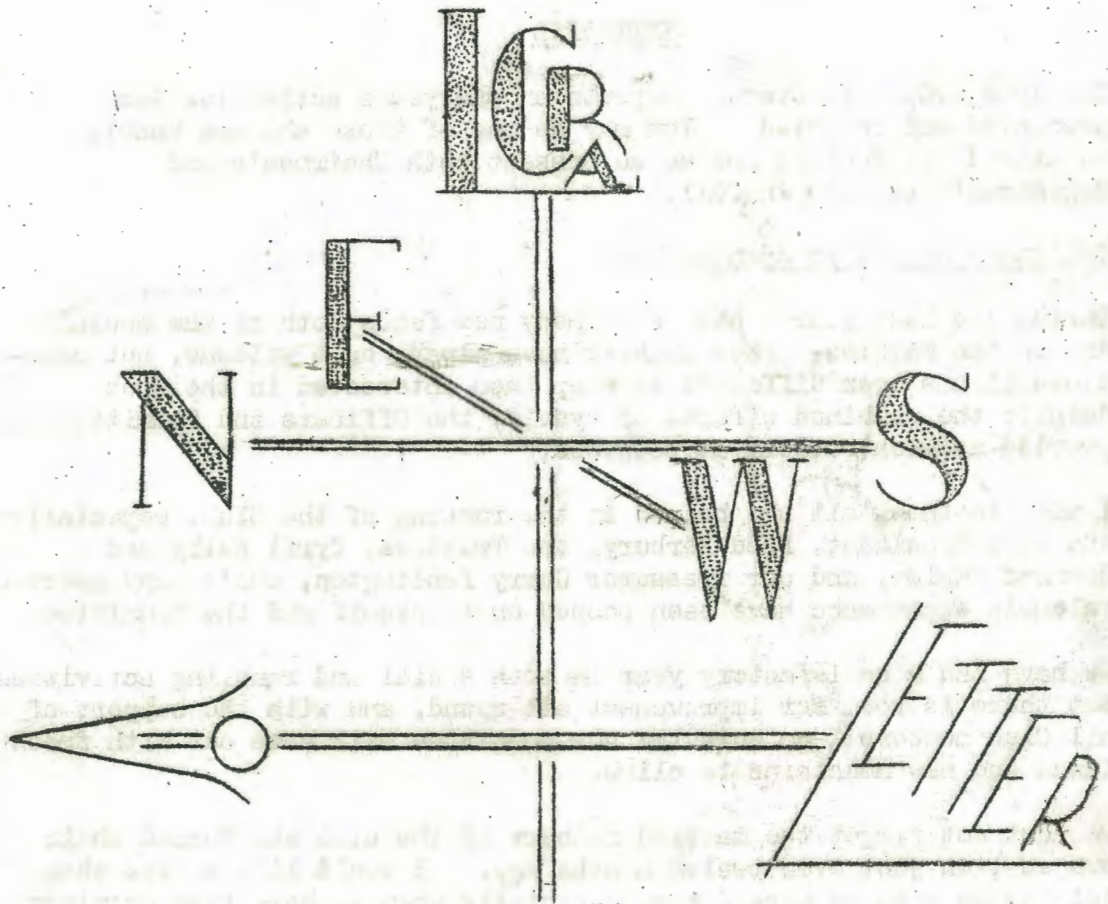


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EDITORIAL

The 45th A.G.M. is over. Reports on the years activities were presented and accepted. You may be one of those who was unable to attend the Meeting and so we present both Chairman's and Registrar's reports in full.

Chairmans Report on 45th A.G.M.

During the last year I have seen many new faces both at the socials and on the rambles. New members have always been welcome, but sometimes it has been difficult to keep them interested in the Club despite the combined efforts of myself, the Officers and Committee to provide as much variety as possible.

I wish to thank all who helped in the running of the Club, especially the Vice President, Fred Norbury, the Trustees, Cyril Kelly and Bernard Manley, and our Treasurer Gerry Penlington, who's many years of valuable experience have been passed on to myself and the Committee.

We have had a satisfactory year in both social and rambling activities but there is room for improvement all round, and with the support of all Club members I am sure the new committee will come out with fresh ideas and new mountains to climb.

We must not forget the married members of the club who formed their own section just over twelve months ago. I would like to see them joining in with us more often, especially when we have film evenings or at other mutually interesting activities.

Finally I would like to thank Fr Atherton for giving his services as Club Chaplain for the past twelve months.

Shortly we will elect a new committee, I wish it every success in it's ventures. I feel confident that with the backing of the Club members, we will have an enjoyable and memorable year to come.

D. C. News

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CHAIRMAN

OUR POST BAG



To the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity of saying thank you to Peter McLindon, and his merry band of film makers, after their show on Wednesday 6th October. I cannot mention anyone else by name, as I don't know everyone who helped, and rather than miss anyone out, I will just say thanks to all the Production Team.

I thoroughly enjoyed the films, and I'm sure the rest of the members did. The fact that it was one of the largest attendances for many weeks, would seem to point to the fact that "Special Nights" are needed to attract the members, especially with the Winter coming on. They need many hours of planning, and plain hard work. Not only that, they need lots of time to arrange.

Now that we have a new Committee, perhaps they will have their own ideas of what types of "Special Nights" they would like to run, and even if they can't do it all on their own, I'm sure they will find plenty of volunteers to help them, just as Pete did.

Meanwhile, thanks once again, Peter and Co., for a most enjoyable, and 'different' evening.

Cyril

Dear All,

Thank you very much for the beautiful birthday cake and 21st presents which helped to make my 21st something to remember.

Mary Cassidy

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

In Ramblerite early this year, I wrote 'Far from being able to hire a coach, we are lucky to fill a car'. Happily, as the new Committee takes over, the Club is in a much healthier state. There has been a gratifying influx of active new members, and the people who merely came to the Clubrooms on Wednesdays have either departed or have been converted to rambling. At one time, our averages on rambles were about seven or eight, now they are in the twenties and still rising.

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Credit for this is due to those regular members who supported the Club in the very difficult period early in the year; to all those who pioneered and led walks, in spite of the disheartening support; to the members who came to the Rambling sub-committee meetings throughout the year; and to those car owners, who provided transport week after week when we were unable to book coaches. For a few months early on in the year, the Rambling appeared to be the only section which had any life at all, and had it not been for those stalwarts who turned out regularly, I consider it a distinct possibility that the Club would not now exist in the form in which we know it.

Although we are basically a rambling club, the Rambling Section is very much dependent on the Socials, as names are taken and announcements made in the clubrooms. While the socials were moribund, there was little prospect of increasing the numbers on the rambles. On behalf of the Rambling Section, I should therefore like to thank the Social Section and Peter MacLindon in particular, for their efforts over the last few months.

And so, as the Club goes forward into its 45th year, it seems that we can put behind us those days when the active membership could be contained in two cars (or so it seemed on several Sundays), and when a Special General Meeting of the Club was dominated by seven or eight people who, with the best will in the world, could hardly be described as active members.

Finally, I would like to issue an invitation to our new members to come along to the Rambling Sub-Committee Meetings. The atmosphere is informal and friendly, and anyone willing to help will be made very welcome. In addition, although normally only one leader is listed in the programme, we like to organise two walks when demand is sufficient. If anyone wants to lead a "B" (or even an "A" walk,) please would they come along to a Rambling Sub-Committee Meeting, or contact any member of the Rambling Sub-Committee.

Rambling programme

Oct. 24th Castleton - John Wilson
" 31st Pen-y-Rol-Ewen - J. Lovelady

Nov. 6. World's End - Jean Joyce
" 13/14 - Keswick Weekend
" 21. - Berwyns - Tony Dignan
" 28. - Trough of Bowland

John Wilson.

ORIENTEERING. SEPT. 19th.



DELAMERE FOREST.

When 23 ramblers turned up for our last event we were delighted but temporarily nonplussed when we discovered that only 7 had any idea of the principles of the game. To thoroughly enjoy this sport one must be able to read a map, use a compass and appreciate the techniques particular to ORIENTEERING.

However the event was a great success mainly due to the co-operation given by our 7 orienteers. They each took one or two beginners around the course and judging by the several comments I overheard they did a grand job.

Everyone completed the course of 2.9 Km. including three or four ladies who only wore sandals or shoes. Whilst I was delighted by their enthusiasm I was a bit worried when they plunged straight into the forest through fern and bracken looking for the markers. I must admit I was relieved when all returned flushed with success and without any foot injuries.. Please note ladies - sturdy shoes are the minimum requirement - open toed sandals and suede shoes are for less difficult terrain.

On the day prior to the event Chris Scott who was the official timekeeper and myself went around the course to check that all the markers were in position. Thus on the Sunday when Margaret Magovern and I went around the course in 86 minutes our time represented that required to walk around without without making any errors in ones navigation. Thus Bill Carruthers time of 90 minutes indicates a very creditable performance. Congratulations to both yourself and Tom Keenan for being the fastest team.

My thanks must go to the captains of each team for making the event so successful and without whose help the event could not have been staged.

RESULTS

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| 1) Bill Carruthers, Tom Keenan | 90 mins. |
| 2) Peter McLindon, Bernie draper, Bernie Barr | 100 " |
| John Lovelady, James Graley | 100 " |
| 3) John Wilson, Brenda Hughes, Imelda Fitzmarice | 127 " |
| 4) Hugh Molloy, John Graley, Michael Kennedy | 129 " |
| 5) Margaret McDonnald, Dave Holden, Gerrard Kerbey | 170 " |
| 6) Keith Scott, Lorraine Brumant, Louise Rooney | 187 " |

SECRETARIAL REPORT

In our 44th Year, membership reached 220 compared with last years figure of 231.

Rambling - A ramble, weekend or special event was held every week except January 3rd, when the ramble was cancelled owing to fog.

During the year we have had:

- (i) 30 Sunday rambles, mainly by car, with a few by coach
- (ii) 4 Visits to the R. A. Chalet at Myeshafen.
- (iii) Of the three Bank Holidays one was spent caravanning and the other two camping.
- (iv) Two visits to Lakeside House, Keswick.
- (v) Three Orienteering events, one at Alderley Edge and two in Delamere forrest.
- (vi) 3 camping weekends:
- (vii) Yuletide Walk at Rivington
- (viii) Hot Pot Supper At Llarmon.
- (ix) Invitation Walk in the Berywns
- (x) A party of children from Olive Mount Home were taken to Pontins holiday camp for the day.
- (xi) The average attendance on the Sunday rambles was twenty.

The increased number of Weekends and Orienteering events on the programme this year has been an experiment which generally appears to have been very successful.

Socials - We have held 50 Socials this year, the highest attendance being September 30th - 109, the lowest attendance being June 2nd - 33. The average weekly attendance was 66½.

Club Room Special Events

- (i) The Christmas party on 23rd December was attended by 116 people.
- (ii) A Folk singing night presenting Classical, Modern and Traditional Folk Music.
- (iii) A visit from the Barley Mow.
- (iv) A film made and presented by Club Members high-lighting the different Club activities, 30th June.
- (v) A slide show of club members on holiday in Austria.
- (vi) A visit from the 'Black Penny' Pop Group on September 15th.
- (vii) Ballroom dancing lessens from a professional dancing teacher on three consecutive Wednesday evenings.

Other Social Events outside the Club Rooms

- (i) The Annual Dinner Dance at Dovedale Towers on January 30th attended by 208 people.
- (ii) A Folk Dance at St. Oswalds with the Barley Mow attended by 59 people, on 16th July, 1971.

- (iii) A Bowls event on 8th July, held in Sefton Park.
- (iv) A trip with Old Age Pensioners to see Ken Dodd on the Royal Court.

Tennis - The 25th post war Tennis Season opened on Saturday 17th April with the General Meeting followed by a social at the Tennis Club. Present membership stands at 34. The Team this year has played 11 Matches - all of which were lost. The team will be relegated to Division "E".

At the Tennis Club, there have been 4 socials and 2 American Tournaments. Due to decimatisation, the membership fee was adjusted down to £2.50 for over 21 and £1.50 for under 21.

Newsletter - There have been seven issues of the Newsletter.

Football - Regretfully, the Football Section was closed down at the beginning of last season.

Wedding Presents - Twelve Crucifixes have been given during the past year.

Chaplain - At the beginning of last year we welcomed Fr. Atherton as our Chaplain. Unfortunately he will not be able to continue in this position due to pressure of work and has tendered his resignation.

Annual Mass - This was held on Sunday 19th September and was attended by over 80 people.

Special General Meeting

On Wednesday February 24th, a Special Meeting was held to propose the motion that Membership of the Association shall be open to Catholics of either sex who have attained the age of eighteen years. Other persons in numbers not exceeding one fifth of the Catholic Membership who have attained the age of eighteen may, provided they are proposed and seconded by Catholic members of the Association, become members of the Association. This motion was defeated, as changes to the Constitution require a 75% majority.

<u>Vote</u>	37 For
	30 Against


Donation Fund - Donations this year were made to:-

Bishop of Menevia for Welsh schools	£2.10
Mencap House Christmas Collection	£7.50
Pakistan Relief Fund	£6.00
St. John Bosco Shrine, India	£2.00
	<u>£17.60</u>


MARGARET SMITH
p.p. Secretary

Socials.


As the Club moves forward into its 45th year, it would appear to be the ideal time to review the Social scene.



Are the Socials as good as they could or should be, can they be improved and if so, how? On the face of it, we would appear to be moving in the right direction with an average of more than 70 members attending each of the socials in the last six weeks, the highlights being an attendance of 88 on September 15th, when Black Penny were the attraction and 80 on October 6th which was our film night. However, we cannot afford to be complacent, for the history of the club reveals, that a seasonal attendance increase is normal at this time of the year. Our targets must be to ensure that the attendances maintain the upward trend and that Wednesday nights become the highlight of the week for our members. I don't think that any Committee member would fool themselves into thinking that we have reached that position at the moment. The trouble is the socials rarely get off the ground before 9.45 p.m. It can be particularly frustrating trying to drag people up to dance whether it be to Pop or Country music. It would appear that a new approach is required to this problem; however, it is only fair to state that this situation has improved vastly in the last few weeks. Personally I would like to see a lot more fun injected into the socials, perhaps in the form of competitions (Please see elsewhere in the Newsletter for Competition No. 1) Suggestions would be gratefully accepted.



As a result of the last Social Committee Meeting on 20th September, I would like to say that the future of the club would appear to be quite rosy for this meeting was attended by 13 members, and I am glad to report that many newer members attended to add their support to the regulars. It is even more pleasing to report that something positive came out of this very lively meeting. The discussions are summarised below:-




Wednesday October 27th - Black Penny will return by popular demand. Admission 25p

Saturday October 30th - (Subject to confirmation) - It is proposed to organise a Club outing to the Riverside Club in Southport.

Editors Note This outing has been cancelled owing to the Riverside Club being fully booked.

Wednesday Dec. 22nd - Christmas Party and Professional Disco.



It is also proposed to hold a Barley Mow Dance on a Friday at a venue to be decided. This is proving to be a rather thorny problem for us, as we have not yet succeeded in finding a parish hall which is reasonably central. Suggestions would be appreciated in solving this problem. Country Dance fanatics please note.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted the Social Sub-Committee over the last year, and I hope that they and anyone else who may be interested will increase their efforts and ensure that the new Committee will make even greater progress.

Peter McLindon

CORNY JOKE OF THE MONTH - COMPETITION - NO. ONE

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As many of our members are aware, we have a number of comedians in our Club. The standard of their jokes varies from 'not so good' to fairly pathetic, but at least they have one thing in common, they are always 'corny'! - So I invite all members to submit entries to this competition to find the most corny joke of the month.

On the face of it, Brian Keller would appear to be a likely winner each month, but I am not so sure. Many people know good jokes, but have not the confidence to tell them. In order to ensure that everyone has a chance of winning the magnificent prize, which is bound to be offered, I ask that you submit your entries to me in writing either at the club or at the address below.

This is the opportunity for the Ancient Order and other members to join in. Provided we have a good enough response, the first competition will take place on 3rd November. Members of the Committee will tell the jokes for anyone who is not prepared to face the music!

The winning joke will be that which gets the best response in the clubroom on the night. So don't be shy, have a go!

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RAMBLERS NEWS AT TEN

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Each Wednesday night at 10p.m., we intend to present our 5 minute News. This will take the form of the announcement of forthcoming events, whether they be rambles, dances etc., and also we require little pieces of news such as members birthdays, engagements, marriages, and also any items which might be thought to be amusing.

Perhaps this is your opportunity to 'take the mickey' out of each other:- An item of news could be as follows:-

"Following the recent loss of his Monopoly Set, Pete Mulhall has changed jobs and become a BIG GAME HUNTER!"

So now you have an idea of the sort of rubbish we are looking for. Please give all snippets of information to any Committee Members.

Thank You.

ANON

RETREAT

BISHOP ETON-----REDEMPTORISTS-----WOOLTON ROAD-----LIVERPOOL

By special request we were able to organise a retreat at Bishop Eton for all Club Members. Normally it is 'MEN ONLY' but Kevin O'Keefe was able to arrange the retreat for both men and women.

What is in store and equally important when will it happen?

SUNDAY-----5TH DECEMBER, 1971-----at 10.30 a.m.

We start with coffee as is the way of life. Then well lubricated, we are given our first talk. This is followed by the Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass. Fortified with dinner we have to face another talk which is followed by a discussion when you can have your say.

Afternoon tea will introduce a gentle interlude in the discussion and Benediction will be concluded at about 5-30 p.m. A charge 63p will be made to cover the cost of refreshments.

Applications to participate in this retreat should be made to Kevin O'Keefe as soon as possible.



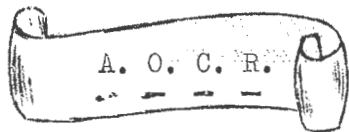
THE BLACK PENNY

POP GROUP

IN THE CLUB ROOM

WEDNESDAY 27TH OCT. 1971

25P



THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY TOUR - "THE COSTA DEL MERSEY"

By 12.35 on Sunday 18th July, FORTY FOUR bodies of all shapes, sizes and ages (Wot! no dog?) were champing at the bit in the car park outside Freshfield station. The ice-cream shop over the road did a roaring trade whilst we waited for the leader (guess who?) who's always late.

When he and his entourage arrived, all 47 of us trooped off down the railway track towards Woodvale to the amusement of B. R. passengers heading for Southport. Arthur and I played policemen as they all trooped across the railway on to the Fishermans Walk, dutifully closing the gates behind us.

Onward ever upward for the longest walk before lunch, yet, butties at the ready, the children called a halt and we all sunbathed during lunch. We eventually persuaded them to move on, saying, "It's only a few yards to the beach!", which we eventually reached, where some were just lazy, others played rounders, and the five more energetic ones played football.

After quick snacks, a demonstration of how not to play cricket, that would have put Lancashire to shame produced a few good laughs, especially Mona's right arm under the wicket. So many catches were dropped, that we decided to adjourn to the pavilion for tea, but found to our horror that the ladies hadn't got it ready. So after scraping up the five fishes and many loaves and as the children were still fighting fit Sgt. Major Harry lined them up in true military style - shortest on the left, tallest on the right - for the "Trebor Chew Handicap", down the beach towards the Nature Reserve. The first to pick up (literally) a prize was the youngest competitor, Kevin.

So on over the sandhills, in blazing sunshine and to the horror of the Sunday well-dressed noto-tourists in the Reserve, we walked back to the station. Even the squirrels ignored us! To the delight of the boys a train arrived just as we reached the bridge and they were able to watch "scousers" running so as not to miss it.

Back to the cars, sandy and tired but well satisfied with the trip along the Costa del Mersey. Pity I shan't be there for the next one in August to Billinge. Enjoy yourselves! See you in September.

P.S. Whose idea was it to open a toboggan run down the sandhills to the shore?

Editors Note

We have had reports that 29 people took part in the Billing walk and in September 74 joined in at Freshfield. More details on these ventures will be submitted in our next issue.

"OUR NEW ANCHOR"

Mr. Fred Norbury, whilst remaining a Vice President, is retiring after 45 years as the Club Anchor Man and passing on this responsibility to Mr. Cyril Kelly, who was appointed Vice President at the last A.G.M.

Cyril joined the L.C.R.A. in the early 1930's and has given unstinted and uninterrupted support to the Club ever since. He has held the office of Vice Chairman, Chairman and Trustee and now Vice President. He held the position of Chairman for 11 years - a record by any standard and has at all times taken a prominent part in the molding of the Club activities.

Eric Kavanagh

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Bernard Duffy who's mother passed away recently.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Bernard and Anne Manley on the birth of their son Martin
Michael and Maureen Conway on the birth of their son Steven Anthony
Bob and Eileen Fulton on the birth of their son Neil Robert
Pat and Margaret Morgan on the birth of their son Mathew
Ray and Maryisa Anderson on the birth of their son Benjamin

"Where have all the young girls gone?"

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Terry Bretherton and Pamela Brampton who were engaged recently.

Paul Brereton and Pat Bryson who were married on 25th September, 1971 at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Hightown.

Chris Laycock and Hilda O'Keefe who were married on 16th October, 1971 at the Holy Name, Fazakerly,

NEW MEMBERS

INCL DEC 1982

Mr. and Mrs. John and Catherine Peloe

Dereck Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Veronica Brockway