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The Newsletter

OF THE L.C.R.A.

*Phil McL*

EDITORIAL

My clock has to go back this weekend, I haven't finished paying for it yet! Well if you are still reading this you may like to know that the cover and back page were both nicked from previous newsletters but the rest was typed by Angela Platt and Ann Nicholson (both smooth operators) apart from this page and odd bits by me, another odd bit! Thanks due also to Mona Roberts who did her usual two family section pages crammed tight with rambling round Rochdale, etc. Why not have a road?

What is the difference between a squashed pancake and a kid let loose

at Rivington Barn during the LCRA's dancing? Answer: Very little if you are one of the parents who let the poor unfortunate get trampled upon! So remember to keep a careful eye on your child this Yuletide. This was one of the items under discussion at a joint meeting last night, between the Family and General Sections. You have been warned!

The annual Mass was well attended this year, see Mona Roberts' report. Unfortunately it was on the same day as the Liverpool Marathon, so six of our members were absent. They did very well on the run which was won by a Catholic, Alan Rich. Tommy Keenan's time was 3hrs 27mins; Paul (the teacher) was only two minutes behind Tommy; Peter Wilkinson 3.47; Barry Dooloy 3.49; Bob Barks, 4 hours. Anthony had a spot of transmission trouble or something and came in later. I am not sure of his time but it wasn't up to Fred Kerbury Trophy standards. Anyway better luck next time. Meanwhile enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter. Your Christmas issue will appear in six weeks' time.

DAVE NEWS, Editor

PUZZLE CORNER

The following arithmetical problem is submitted by Richie Cannon. A FREE RAMBLE or £2.50 will be given to the first correct solution opened by me on the Trough of Bowland rample on November 20th.

With a clue of E=5, simply use your powers of deduction in the addition shown here. Find the numerical value for each letter. Don't forget, it's an addition. It is simple if you just give a little time with pen and paper. Have a go!

SEND  
+ MORE  
MONEY

## T H E   K E S W I C K   W E E K E N D

Arrived at Lakeside House in the rain to discover Mavis had closed the bar for the night, so we all decided to pile into the Lake Hotel. After a few drinks we arrived back at 11-30 pm for an early night.

After a long sleep (and many snores later) we dashed down to Mavis's well-cooked breakfast which went down rather well. Mavis then supplied a double-packed lunch for us all, many complaints were made (mentioning no names) about her rather hard pork pies much appreciated as door stoppers!!

On Saturday morning some of the great enthusiasts ploughed through the lashing rain and decided on a ramble, whilst Fifi and Ann were the sanest of them all and stayed in. When the rain had calmed down a bit a ramble round the shops seemed a good idea for most of us ending up in the usual place! Guess where? "THE ALE HOUSE".

A quick dash and many splashes later we finally arrived back at Lakeside House for our evening meal accompanied by a bottle of wine. Vegetable soup was served, then the overweight ones dashed out for seconds (maybe even thirds). The main meal was a traditional English meal of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding with a selection of vege. Then to make us feel a bit colder we had ice-cream with peaches to follow. After tea we ended up in the lounge for tea or coffee and T.V. viewing.

Apart from the two DJ's the rest of the mob piled into the pub (as usual!) A crowd of elderly ramblers from Shropshire joined in the fun and spirit downstairs in the disco accompanied by records years older than some of themselves. After much persuasion and black eyes later, the elderly folk let us start our own disco and we tried to include them as much as possible in the entertainment. Around 10.30 pm a few of the merry old'ons retired to bed and left us young ones to enjoy a rowdy, lively disco. At 3 O'clock in the morning Joan's potent homemade wine went straight to our heads. The music slowed down at around 3 am and many of us ended up entwined in the world and his wife's arms. After many cuddles (thanks to the Wastwater National Cuddle Week!!) we helped one another upstairs to bed.

Later that morning we staggered downstairs, everybody looked like death warmed up. Many were late for breakfast, not surprising after the night before. The day looked very bleak and miserable but the merry ramblers still set off to church for an enjoyable singing mass. After mass the rain was still pelting down so everyone piled into the Dog and Gun for an appetising lunch. Later on a few hearty ramblers climbed up Lattrig, whilst the

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lazy ones stayed in either to catch up on the night before's sleep or to watch the T.V. A few others wandered off on their own to do their own thing.

Mavis rang the dinner gong at 5 O clock, everybody shot down the stairs, we were all cheered up with the warmth of the minestrone soup and croutons, (followed by second or third helpings). The main meal consisted of delicious roast lamb followed by fruit sponge and custard. Once again we all ended up in the lounge for tea or coffee for the final time before we approached the long journey home.

After saying goodbye to Mavis we had to pay up after much struggle to keep our money. Saying goodbye was not easy and after many tears and cuddles, with much regret we ended up in Milnethorpe in the Golden Lion (I think!) and once again much effort was given in more cuddles and shouts of "See you on Thursday!"

(Good Grief, you'd think they'd never see each other ever again. What's four days!)

To put it in a few words, a good weekend was had by all!

Looking forward to next year.

Written by  
US,

Yes you've guessed,

Ann & Fifi.

## BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS

I heard recently that Phil Steele and his wife Ann were the proud parents of a baby girl (Phillipa) on August 1st. At the weigh-in, 7lb 5oz was recorded. Congratulations to you both.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's pay-up-and-smile time to Anthony Brockway and Joan Finegan (registrar and assistant). There is talk of increasing the subs, so pay now while they are still £2.50 (single members) and £3.00 (married couples).

## THE FRED NORBURY TROPHY

The trophy is a tribute to this founder member who died in the early 1970's. He was active in the day-to-day running of the club right up to his death when he was then a vice-president. Since then an annual contest is held for the trophy with one gent and one lady sharing. Congratulations to this year's winners, Anthony Brockway and Maria Byrne, who will be presented with the trophy at the annual dance. This is how they won: (Points scorers only are shown).

<u>DARTS (Gents)</u>	Pts.
Gerard Bouch	10
Martin Dooley	7
Tony Bond	4½
Dave Newns	4½
Arthur Brockway	3
Gerry O'Reilly	2
Mike Lewis	1

<u>POOL</u>	Pts.
Gerry O'Reilly	10
Peter Kennedy	7
Bernie Lewis	4½
Martin Dooley	4½
Anthony Brockway	2
Brian Keller	2
Peter Wilkinson	2

<u>PITCH &amp; PUTT</u>	Pts.
Anthony Brockway	8½
Martin Dooley	8½
Arthur Brockway	5
Brian Keller	4
Gerard Bouch	3
Paul Stevens	2

<u>CROWN GREEN BOWLS</u>	Pts.
Brian Keller	10
Anthony Brockway	7
Arthur Brockway	5
Peter Wilkinson	4
Gerard Bouch	3
Paul Stevens	2
Tony Bond	1

<u>TEN-PIN BOWLS</u>	Pts.
Anthony Brockway	10
Brian Keller	7
Paul Healy	5

<u>DARTS (Ladies)</u>	Pts.
Ann Courtney	10
Maria Byrne	7
Marie O'Loughlin	5
Angela Platt	4

<u>POOL</u>	Pts.
Marie Byrne	10
Marie Douglas	7
Christine Brockway	5
Monica O'Beirne	3
Angela Platt	3
Ann Nicholson	3

<u>PITCH &amp; PUTT</u>	Pts.
Christine Brockway	10

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Maria Byrne	10
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Angela Platt	10
Christine Brockway	7
Maria Byrne	5

Highest Scores: Anthony Brockway 27½, Maria Byrne 32.

EXTRACT FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 31st AUGUST 1983

The membership reached a total of 174, compared with last year's figure of 195 (including married members).

There were 24 coach rambles held throughout the year and the usual weekend visits to Keswick in March and October staying at Lakeside House. There were also 2 caravan and camping weekends and the chalet weekend in Wales. In addition there was a Saturday ramble followed by a barbecue and disco at the Bickerton Poacher. The average attendance on the rambles was 26. The Yuletide walk was attended by 253, including the children. \*See footnote. On the social side, in our first full year at Atlantic House (August to August) it has to be said that an average attendance of 48 is less than anticipated. Nevertheless, the Annual Dance attracted 160 and the Christmas Social 130. The 'Bavarian' and 'Spanish' nights brought in about 60 for each occasion. The 'Beatles' and 'Roaring 20's' evenings did not attract quite so many. A very successful New Year's Eve Dance was arranged in conjunction with Atlantic House. Nearly 70 people attended the fancy dress Halloween.

A Charity Dance was held in February and £300 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis. The sponsorship of those ramblers who attempted the 14 peaks raised £500 which was presented at a Charity Dance in June at which a further £100 was raised for Hosanna House. Whilst on this subject, donations of £10 went to Jospice and S.P.U.C. and a willing and able team from the L.C.R.A. did some decorating at Parkside (residential home for mentally and physically handicapped) at the same time raising the cost of the materials themselves, with some money left over to donate to Parkside.

A number of outings to the Theatre were arranged and were well supported.

The Annual Mass in the Cathedral Crypt was attended by well over 100 past and present members.

The Newsletter was issued 7 times during the year.

The Family Section met monthly throughout the year and also held a monthly ramble. They joined the main body of the Club at the Annual Dance and on the Yuletide walk

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\* Inadvertently omitted from the above is the 14 Peaks weekend when the attempt had to be abandoned due to atrocious weather on the Glydders on May 1st. The eight all managed seven peaks before the severe weather forced abandonment.

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE 1983/84

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ASSISTANT TREASURER	-	BRIAN KELLER
GENERAL SECRETARY	-	ANGELA PLATT
ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY	-	PAT ROTHWELL
REGISTRAR	-	ANTHONY BROCKWAY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	-	JOAN FINNEGAN
PUBLICITY OFFICER	-	JOHN GIBB
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## S O C I A L I T E

I would like to begin by thanking Paul Healy and the members of last year's Social Committee for all their efforts to promote the social aspects of the club. Many different nights out and theme nights were organised with varying degrees of support from the membership. The new Social Committee hope that we can provide you with another interesting and varied programme of events in the coming year.

Forthcoming events include a Hallowe'en Disco on Thursday 27th October and the Annual Dance which has been postponed until Friday November 18th. The venue will be Atlantic House for both. Tickets for the Annual Dance are now available (£4.50). I believe that Hosanna House will be holding a November 5th Party Night. Further details later.

The Hallowe'en Disco will be Fancy Dress with the theme of witches and warlocks though all types of costume will be welcomed. Everyone who came last year will confirm this as a night not to be missed, so come along, get dressed up and bring your friends for a good laugh.

Recent events have included an ice skating night out at Deeside Leisure Centre which eighteen people came along to, with varying degrees of success on the ice. A Pub stop near Queensferry completed the night out. At the time of writing Angela Platt is organising a Ten-Pin Bowling night out at New Brighton which will have happened by the time you are reading this, hope it went well.

We are at present thinking of new ideas for nights out and Thursday socials. Any suggestions from members will be very welcome.

GEORGE RILEY,  
Social Chairman

### Editor's Note:

The Ten-Pin Bowling night at New Brighton last week was a success. The only person missing was the organiser - Angela, who I believe had a hard day at the office.

R A M B L E R I T E

Hello,

Another year, a new committee, though there is little change on the rambling side. Peter retires, our thanks go to him, and I have taken up the reigns. I look forward to a pleasant rambling year with the help of Dave and Paul and more importantly you, the Rambler.

The Wastwater Weekend went off well with everyone enjoying the walking, swimming! "Err! too cold", sunbathing "Did someone say we're in the South of France", not to mention the après ramble.

At Keswick we were not so lucky, it rained virtually the whole of our 48-hour stay, and the clouds sat around at 800 feet. This stopped many a would-be walker, still we were able to see the bustling Keswick Market Day. I must point out that Brian Keller did actually do two low-level walks during the weekend.

Looking to the future:-

- November 6th - Silverdale (Details below).
- November 20th - Trough of Bowland. P Stevens, J Gibb.
- December 11th - Worlds End. B Keller, P Healy.

Please make every effort to attend.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY,  
Rambling Chairman.

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J O I N T R A M B L E

TO SILVERDALE ON 6TH NOVEMBER  
ALL GENERAL SECTION AND FAMILY SECTION MEMBERS WELCOME.  
MEET AT ARNSIDE AT 12.30 PM FOR 1.00 PM START  
THREE WALKS TO SUIT ALL ABILITIES.

(Coach will leave St John's Lane, 10.15 as usual)

BACHDALE RAMBLE - SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1983.

The annual visit to O'Neill territory was once again well worth the drive through the "Death Valley" of the M62. From the start of our meeting with Harry and Son at Exit 2 to our return to the O'Neill domain we were well cared for.

Escorted to the start of the walk by Martin, a splendid panorama of rolling hills lay before us. However, much contemplation was marred by the information that the local council had "Compulsorily Purchased" the lot for mixed development. UGH! Tracing our steps via dry stone wall and streams, we were soon away from suburbia and amidst the open moorland of North Lancashire, on an early Autumn day of warm sunshine, which gave added pleasure to the kindred spirits of L.C.R.A.

The mill town of Bachdale may not attract many of the rambling confraternity from Merseyside. However, our leader's local knowledge around Scout, Knowle and Cowpe Moors proved a delight at every turn.

Our final goals were the triple reservoirs of Greenbooth, looking rather depleted of their contents. "There's a leak" our Leader was heard to say. Questions as to "How"?, "Where"?, etc. went unanswered. The weather held out for the refreshment stop beneath a very inviting outcrop of slabs and cracks. "Kipling" cakes were consumed and we meandered on our way along the shoreline of the lowest reservoir, ("Still leaking", it was remarked by Harry) encountering many pleasantly/cottages and farmhouses. restored

I'll close this write-up with a sincere thank you to Ronnie and Helen O'Neill for their generous welcome, with hot dogs, buns washed down with gallons of orange juice, coffee and tea, (no doubt the cause of those empty reservoirs).

Many thanks to you and your family, Harry. See you soon.

W.A.P.

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Our annual Mass this year was a very happy occasion. There seemed to be more of our members present (both sections, I mean) and all seemed in better voice. Father Arthur Fitzgerald said the Mass, and he could almost have been one of us. The guitars gave us a good lead with the hymns, Jean, Jo and Ben Roberts, with Helen singing and Peter Kennedy making up the party.

There's been a swop round in the November and December House meetings, so please ignore the printed programme and go by your Newsletter for these two events. N.B. N.B.

We're having a joint meeting with the young clumbers on Friday (or rather we had) the 21st Oct., mostly regarding the Yuletide and Annual Dance, so there will be news of that in the next issue.

The Chalet weekend went very well, in spite of atrocious weather. The Potters brought their projector, along with some slides which saw the first light of day about 10E15 years ago - blushing brides, now with children in the Seniors at school, the Rollerson babes(!) holidays, etc. We must do this more often, at house meetings, for example.

STANDISH - Sunday August 14th, 1905.

The weather was what we have come to expect in this superb Summer. For that reason, as well as for the fact that it is holiday time, we didn't expect a big turnout. On arriving in Standish and finding a road block at which all able-bodied people were being forced at boot point by Jack and Sue Longworth to join the ramble, we realised that our expectations were not to be disappointed.

In the event, there were eight adults - Jack, Sue, Brian, Denise, Tony and Mary, Freda and myself, plus two O'hare children. We walked from the Parish Church past the old Heinz factory and into a footpath and through deep undergrowth till we came to Wigan Golf Course. A stop was made here to slake our thirst and receive a warning that we were in the line of fire from wayward golfers. So into a shady dell for a few minutes, then onto the towpath through delightful country, and on to Red Rock Ridge. From there we made our way to Haigh Hall where the official butty stop was taken, as close to a wasp's nest as made no difference. No wonder nobody else was sitting under that spreading tree! We then walked round the delightful Haigh Hall grounds, crossed the canal and went along the opposite towpath, admiring the damsel-flies and dragonflies, and so back to Red Rock Ridge.

We were back in Standish by 5.40 p.m., after a lovely walk (about 8 miles), Lively talk and admiration for young Gillian and Jennifer, from whom there wasn't a word of complaint all day.

Thanks, Jack and Sue.

George Skillicorn

CHALET Cont'd.

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Arthur led us a figure of eight walk, and kept us happy through the rain.

PROGRAMME.

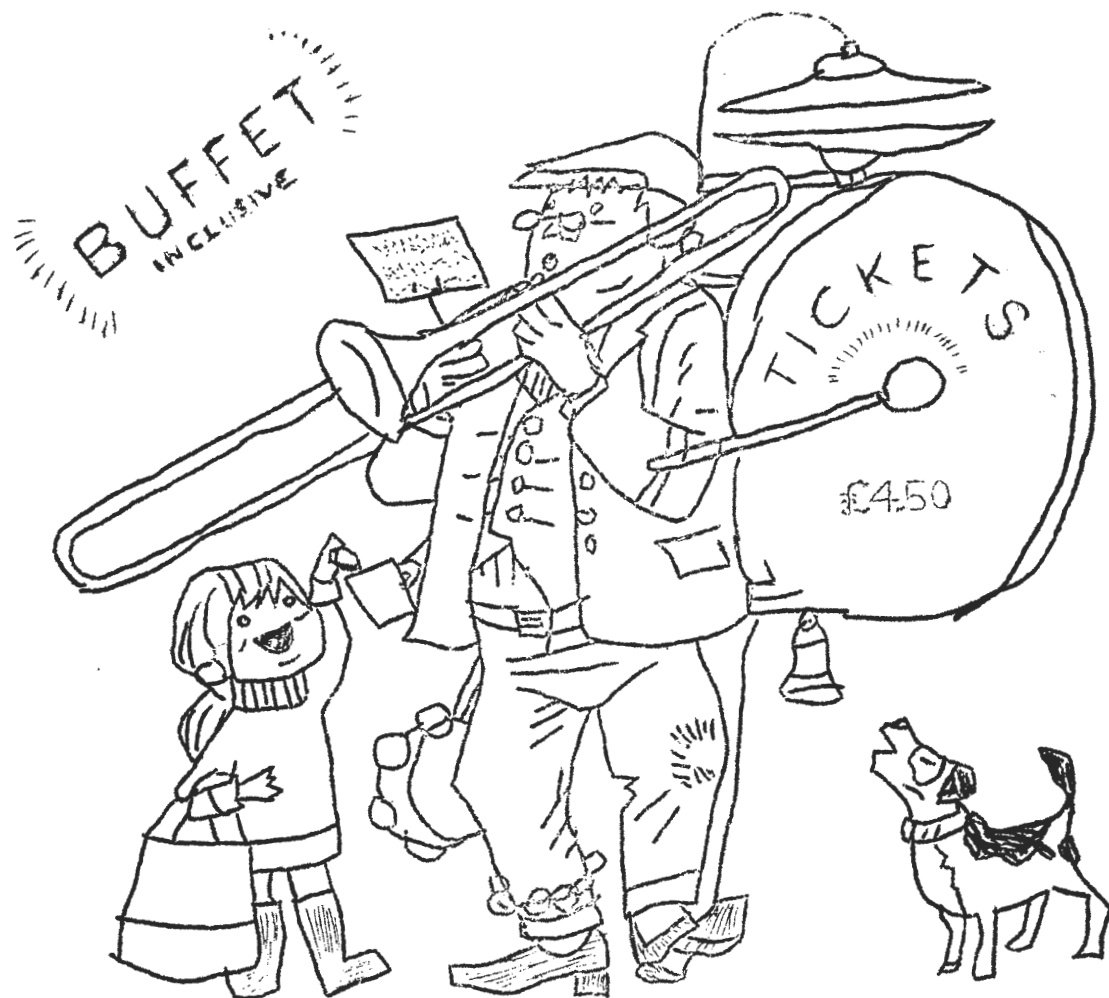
- NOV. 3. The House Meeting is at the Fishwick's home, 74 Moss Lane, Maghull. Changed venue.
- NOV. 13. FOXHILL WALK. Meet in Frodsham Shopping Centre Car Park for a 12.30 start. We've lost the hour's daylight, so don't be late. Bill and Peggy Potter are leading.
- DEC. 1. This House Meeting is at the Pearson's, 81 Twig Lane, Huyton. Another changed venue. To the brilliant among us who have compared this with their printed programme, its simple. The Pearsons and Fishwicks have swopped months. Do remember.
- DEC. 11. FISHERMAN'S PATH. We're not asking you to fish, but we would like you to meet at Freshfield Station Car Park for a 12.30 start. To enable Leaders Leo and Pat Pearson to complete in daylight, please be ready to start at 12.30. Don't forget your Christmas Cards! At 12½ p a go !!

Tickets now on sale for our  
**ANNUAL DANCE**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18th  
at ATLANTIC HOUSE, Hardman Street  
8.30 p.m. — Bar Extension

THE RAY EDWARDS FOUR

CENTRE CITY DISCO



Tickets obtainable from any committee member