

Newsletter No. 3 (Fifth Series)

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The club's AGM took place on September 24th and the following were elected: PAUL HEALY Chairmant BRIAN KELLER Treasurer: General Secretary: ANTHONY BROCKWAY Registrar: BERNADETTE DOYLE Assistant-Registrar: JOE ROURKE (Vice-Chairman and Assistant General Secretary both vacant) Committees Dave Newns, Ian Freeman, Mike Norgate, Mike Newby, Bob Banks, Tony Bond, Ann O'Connor, Maureen McCoy. Auditors: Arthur Brockway and Peter Wilkinson. RAMBLERITE 讀 E and Six mambles have taken place since the last newsletter was printed (July 30th). Starting with Red Screes in the Lakes at the top of the Kirkstone Pass in bright sunshine, the 'A' party made their way to Fairfield, then along St Sunday Crag to Glenridding. The 'B' did Place Fell on the far side of Ullewater in similar good weather enjoyed by all. There was a good turnout. 3335 The car ramble the following week attracted two cars. A little disappointing but they both set off in the direction of Conway. One car got lost! Anthony informs me that he led a good walk! s:10 7 6 2 The Welsh Four of the Fourteen ramble over the Glydders was rather wet. I'm not so sorry that I missed this one, but on September 6th the Executive Coach was used for the Lakes trip. Sorry I missed this one! Really plush with tables and video, loo, etc. September 13th to Black Hill was changed last-minute to Haweswater. A dry day, good views all round. Nice pub in Bampton near Shap Village. September 20th from the Llanberis Pass up, up, up, then DOWN the Devil's Kitchen with not a drop of rain falling. Chris, the Danish driver was out with us (driving not walking). He seemed to handle the coach better than most, getting us back to Liverpool before 10 o'clock despite a good stop at Ruthin at the usual hostelry. 1.1 The August Bank Holiday Weekend at Llangollen went really well with ten staying at the Youth Hostel (Be back by llpm!). Bob Banks remembers the Warden very well. He had a fine time! I spent a week down on the farm there under canvas with an Alsatian and Peter. Anyone wanting guided tours of the Llangollen Canal, see me. in a second s Don't forget the Keswick Weekend. See Brian Keller with your cheque book or lolly, as soon as possible if not sooner. DAVE NEWNS Leven I.S. Haracensel And the provides Articles, write-ups, etc for the next newsletter should be given to Dave Newns

THE BAD NEWS: SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. Please pay up promptly: Single Membership £4, Married couples £5. Bernadette Doyle is the person to see.

<u>OBITUARY</u> - **TED CUMMINS died** recently whilst on holiday in America. He was 48 and used to come our rambling occasionally a few years ago. He used to help out at Atlantic House from time to time. May he rest in peace.

RAMBLING PREVIEW

October 4th - ANGLE TARN PIKES above Brothers Water in the Lakes and Both walks will start from the Kirkstone Pass finishing at Glenridding, by Ullswater. The 'A' will probably take in High Street with Peter Kennedy leading while the 'B' led by Anthony Brockway will be on good paths from Hartsop Village, gradually rising towards Hayeswater (not to be confused with Haweswater) Reservoir, then towards The Knott, descending to Angle Tarn then heading towards Ullswater via Patterdale and finally Glenridding where ice-creams, etc can be purchased at the souvenir shop. It is usually boggy above Hayeswater and boots are a necessity. (9.30)

October 11 - INGLETON in the Yorkshire Dales. Always popular with John Maddocks leading the 'A' and Christine Welsby the 'B' in this limestone area. 10.15 start.

October 16 - 18 THE KESWICK WEEKEND - Treat yourself to a long weekend holiday in the heart of the Lake District in the luxury of Lakeside House. Good walks, good night life, basement bar/disco in the house, boats can be hired on nearby Derwentwater. Large drying room in the cellar, hopefully won't be needed. Cost of weekend includes bed, breakfast and evening meals, finishing with evening meal on Sunday. Also packed lunches included on the Saturday. Extra charge if one is required for Sunday. See Brian Keller. Car sharing (no coach).

November 1st - PENDLE HILL. This is in place of Yr Elen which Mike reckons is too late in the year with only limited daylight. Pendle Hill is **a good choi**ce and not far from Blackburn is easily reached via the M6. Many of you will have heard of the Witches of Pendle, so the day after **Hall**oween should be a good time for Mike to lead the 'B' walk over this bewitched area. An 'A' leader will be found in good time. 10.15 departure.

November 8th - HAYFIELD. Kinder Scout will be the 'A' party's target with Mike Norgate leading. The 'B' will most likely pass by Kinder Reservoir with Mike Keller in charge. 10.15 departure.

November 22nd - VALLE CRUCIS ABBEY is on the Horseshoe Pass near Llangollen. Much nearer to home and a 10.15 start, so this should be popular. Easier walking than most rambles but there are plenty of hills to be negotiated, especially on the 'A' walk led by Dave Connolly. George Riley in charge of the 'B' walk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 16-18 - THE KESWICK WEEKEND (see above).

October 8 (Thursday) QUIZ NIGHT and PROFESSIONAL DISCO at the club (see Socialite). October 10 (Saturday) 10-PIN BOWLING NIGHT at New Brighton (see Socialite). October 24 (Saturday) DIAMOND JUBILEE DANCE (NOW is the time to get your ticket).

November 5 - HOT-POT SUPPER at the club (Thursday) plus late licence and disco. Admission only £1 including hot-pot (70p unemployed members). Hello once again,

The first event in the forthcoming weeks on the social scene is the celebration of our club's reaching the milestone of sixty years of age. We are celebrating this diamond jubilee year at the Everton Football Club's Sportsmans Cabaret Lounge on Saturday, 24th October. A full meal will be served at 7.45pm, not a buffet, as at our annual dances. This will be followed by a few short speeches then dancing for all tastes to a special professional disco. Tickets for this event have been subsidised by the club and are only £6.50 each, available from Brian Keller at the clubroom every Thursday night. If you can't get down to the club, just ring him on 051-734 2918. It is important that you let Brian know by 10th OCTOBER as the Everton Social Club needs the final numbers confirmed by that date. This event is very special to our club and glossy souvenir newsletters are being printed, ex members who may not have been in touch with the club for many years are being invited and we are aiming at one hundred percent attendance from our members. All your friends are invited to attend this wonderful event, OK.

The Fred Norbury and Cyril Kelly trophies will be competed for entirely different from previous years this time. On 8th October, which is a Thursday, down at the "Liverpool" there will be a Quiz, and questions will not just be on rambling but on anything under the sun, along with a professional disco. The second event is Ten-pin Bowling at New Brighton on Saturday, 10th October, at 7.30pm. Points will be awarded for the quiz and the bowling, the lucky lady and gent with the highest points will receive their award (Fred Norbury and Cyril Kelly Trophies) at the Diamond Jubilee Dance. In the past years everyone has known the winners before the presentation of the trophies but this year no one will know the winners until they are announced at the Diamond Jubilee Dance, thus bringing a little suspense to the occasion.

On the 5th November there will not be any fireworks down at the club but there will be a lot of hot-pot available as we are having a hot-pot supper and a late licence at the bar till ll o'clock. Just £l admission includes hot-pot (70p for unemployed members).

A final note just to remind you if youhavn't got your tickets for the Diamond Jubilee Dinner Dance yet please hurry! 10th October is the last date for tickets.

That's all for now. See you at the dance,

PAUL HEALY

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who joined our ranks recently: Thomas and Eileen Doyle and family, Hilary Watson and Robert Ian Freeman.

SURVIVE-MIVA and CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA (Charity Dance earlier this year).

Letters of thanks have been received from both the above organisations thanking us for our generosity in raising £135 for each organisation. Two representatives were down at the clubrooms recently from SURVIVE-MIVA where, after presentation of the chape their representative gave us an interesting account of the work done by them and how the money would be spent for help in the third world countries. The Co-Workers of Mother ^Teresa are spending their £135 on the destitute people of Merseyside as requested by us. You can contact their secretary on 051-722 4623 (Marie Kettle) and Survive-MIVA on 0942-217298 (Margaret Grindey).

FAMILY SECTION. ROCHDALE WALK, 11TH AUGUST, 1987.

Sunday morning was dry and sunny with the promise of a lovely day to come - and so it proved. After the usual preliminaries at St. Vincents, about twenty high spirited ramblers set off in the direction of Lee Holme. Underfoot, it was firm and mostly downhill - up above bright and breezy, all around chirpy.a and cheerful as old friends exchanged holiday memories.

Soon we were looking at Ashworth Reservoir which the locals were surprised to see full, it having apparently been recently emptied. Soon we stopped for light refreshments and a few snapshots, when Marcia demonstrated once again that a thick skin is a most necessary perquisite of a photographer in the Family Section. We all set off again through Yate's Farm and were surprised to see a two-year old practising motor-cycle trials riding - or maybe he was a three year old. Soon we climbed a fairly innocuous looking stile as our Leader, Harry, made an innocuous remark about mud. We did a few ups and downs and crossed numerous streams, or was it the same stream munerous times? The result was the same - numerous ramblers in varying degrees of wetness - all great fun, especially for those who managed to stay dry.

We proceeded through the Ashworth Valley - sylvan glades, stream tinkling stream and mud, mud, glorious, inescapable, sticky, slimy, smelly mud. In modern parlance it was a challenge, and some of us were found wanting, witness the state of our clothing as we emerged at a bridge spanning the delightful Cheesden Brook. It had been a delightful stretch of walking (sliding) terrain. At some point we were granted another stop for refreshemnts in a lovely glade on a bridge spanning another (or was it the same) stream.

We set off once more for Higher Clough and, after negotiating macadamised roads, arrived back at the O'Neill residence, to find that Ronnie had not been idle. Tempting hot beefburghers and refreshing drinks awaited us all and brought to an end a delightful afternoon's walk.

> Thank you, Harry, Ronnie et al. Looking forward to next September'.

> > George S.

My receipt book ran out at the A.G.M. (such eager payers) so somebody is owed a receipt. Please come forward. No need to form an orderly queue. I'll know who it wasn't, even if I can't remember who it was!' Annual Subscriptions (£5.00 double and £4.00 single) are now due and it is pleasant to get them out of the way. Cheques welcome! 7, Elmbank Road, Liverpool, L18 1HR if you're posting. Please make it at least before the end of December. Here comes the usual horrifying threat (or promise) - No newsletters after that date!!

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FAMILY SECTION. PROGRAMME. 1987.

- NOV. 5. The House Meeting is a'first' George and Audrey welcome us to 121 Alt Road, Formby.
- NOV. 8. The Freshfield Ramble. Tony and Marcia are leading. We start walking at 12.30 p.m. Meet at Freshfield Station. Here's another challenge (see George's write-up). There are NO TOILETS, so please make uour own arrangements, be it pub, etc., etc.
- NOV. 29. <u>RETREAT.</u> This is being given by the Montfort Brothers, at Burbobank Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, 23., from about 2 to 6 p.m., and Mass will be included. The cost is approximately £2.50. Do try to come.
- DEC 3. Another 'first' house meeting. It's at Amie Shaw's, 12 Greenwood Road, Allerton Liverpool 18., off Greenhill Road, about 100 yards from the Greenhill public House.

The Annual Dance is on October 24 for members and friends. Do try and make it. It's quite something to be in our sixtieth year.

FOOTPLATE CREW JUMP AS SNOWDON LOCOMOTIVE RUNS AWAY

On August 13th this year, the driver and fireman of the Snowdon Mountain Railway locomotive No.7 had to jump from the footplate as it ran out of control near the Summit Station. It was pulling a full coach-load of 59 passengers down from the Summit Station when there was a sudden bang some 96 metres from the top on one of the steepest sections of the track. The engine reared up, derailed and ran away down the track, but neither of the two crewmen could jump immediately, because the locomotive was in a cutting.

The full coach-load of passengers was saved by the automatic application of the emergency brake, and by the quick thinking of train guard Ronnie Roberts, who acted speedily to screw down the manual coach brake, stopping the carriage within its own length. The derailed engine, however, ran for some 250 yards to the foot of the 1 in 5 section before juddering to a halt, and keeling over at 45 degrees.

Fireman Day suffered a badly cut nose requiring stitches, when, it is thought, the loco's toolbox door swung open. He was treated by two doctors travelling on the train and the railway's own staff. The driver escaped serious injury when he jumped to safety.

Passengers were able to return to Llanberis after walking round the striken engine and boarding another train specially laid on. Services to the Summit Station were suspended throughout the following week, but trains continued to run to Clogwyn, l_4^1 miles from the summit.

The cause of the accident is being investigated but railway staff believe the cause to have been a broken side-rod on the engine digging into the ballast and polevaulting the locomotive off the rack. Tests were made on the other locomotives which were built in 1922/3 in Switzerland, but no flaws were found. The only fatal accident occurred on opening day in 1896, when loco No.l ran away at the same section of track, killing a passenger who jumped from the train. After that accident rack girders were fitted to locomotives which keep pinion wheels permanently engaged on the rack.

So remember, next time you are struggling up Snowdon with the LCRA you may not be so jealous of those going up by train. Their journey has its risks!

DAVE NEWNS, Editor