

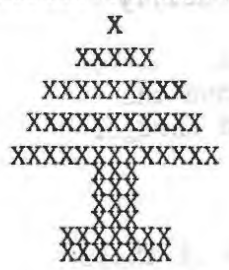
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LETTER OF THANKS FROM OGWEN VALLEY MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

Dear Brian,

First of all on behalf of the OVMRO may I thank you and the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association for the very kind donation. We will endeavour to use the money to improve our skills and/or equipment. We are all pleased to hear that Pat (Halpin) is making a good recovery. Please pass on our best wishes to her. So often the incidents we deal with are slips such as this where it is the location rather than the severity of the injury that causes the problem.

We will always be happy to help. Yours sincerely DAVE WORRALL (hon treasurer).



CHRISTMAS BUFFET DANCE

Advance Notice - Friday, 3rd December 1993

Following on from last year's successful night at

The Churchill Social Club, Church Road, Wavertree - Car park free!

DISCO and BUFFET included in the value-for-money ticket price of £4.00

Tickets will be on sale soon.

CHARITY THANKS

A letter of thanks has been received from Mrs W. McCann regarding the money collected from Ray McIntosh's Fourteen Peaks sponsored event for an electric wheelchair for Andrew. It reads as follows:

Dear Ray,

Thank you for all you have done to raise money to buy our Andrew an electric wheelchair. Thank you very much for doing the walk and thank everybody in R.T.Z. for all they did to raise £458.50.

We are hoping to buy the chair at the end of September. It will be in the Widnes Weekly News when we get it.

Thank you very much

MRS W. McCANN

COACH BOOKINGS - Please note that the phone numbers given in the programme for contacting Ray or Dave are for CANCELLATIONS and not general enquiries. Bookings should be done either on the coaches or at the club on a Thursday night, thanks.

HEALTH AID - UK

This charity which we sponsored last year has sent a newsletter to us. It is quite lengthy, so if anyone would like to read it, see Bernie Doyle. It will be circulated around the coach on the Goyt Valley ramble. An extract from it reads: "Today that unit is a noisy, lively, happy place in which the children of Romania live. No other institute in Bucharest can provide the standard of care given by Health Aid UK to HIV positive children....Life has changed for all concerned within the HIV unit....From the days when 500 nappies were used daily, there are now only 14 children in nappies."

The recent Annual General Meeting was quite lively during the Any Other Business time when many people aired their grievances and views mostly on the subject of 'C' walks - the numbers out on such walks - many should be on the 'B' etc., also the length and difficulty of such walks, leaders being too ambitious in distance/ ~~planning~~ the 'C' walks, etc. Main outcome of the meeting was that everything would be discussed in great detail at the forthcoming Committee meetings regarding questions and comments raised at the AGM. The following were elected for the next twelve months:

Chairwoman:	Bernadette Doyle	General Committee:	
Vice Chairman:	Colin Molloy	Ian Allister	Ray McIntosh
Secretary:	Vacant	Tony Bond	Barbara Molloy
Treasurer:	Brian Keller	Anthony Brockway	Mike Newby
Registrar:	Beryl Baker	Bob Franks	Dave News
Assistant Registrar:	Annette Keller	Ian Freeman	Tom Reilly

At the recent Rambling/Social Sub Committee meeting the election of a Rambling Chairman resulted in no change with Ray McIntosh in charge and the election on the Social side was another no change with Beryl Baker in charge.

SIX-MONTHLY RAMBLING PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING

Monday, November 15 at Birch House, Woolton, 8 pm. Anyone with ideas of their favourite walks, new or old, should come forward and either give them to Ray before the meeting or attend the meeting yourself. This is not for committee only but for anyone sufficiently interested, but note that it is for planning the six monthly programme ONLY and any ideas on how rambles should be run, etc should be discussed at the regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month at Birch House when, again, all are invited, at 8 pm.

KESWICK WEEKEND

The coach leaves St John's Lane at 6.30 pm on the Friday evening. For any last-minute cancellations contact Tom Reilly on 737 1041 (Ian on holiday).

NEXT NEWSLETTER (CHRISTMAS EDITION)

Any items for this to be sent or given to me, Dave News, Editor, at Dunramblin, 7 Abbots Way, Billinge, WIGAN, Lancs WN5 7SB, before end of November.

TRYFAN DATE CHANGE - from 14th to 21st November

Another reminder that you should alter the date to read 21 November and the Retreat is being held on 14 November (This was due to the 14th being the only date available for the Retreat).

ANNUAL RETREAT

To be held on November 14 from 2 pm, finishing with Mass at around 5 pm. See Bernie Doyle or Dave News for details. Light refreshments during the afternoon. All members invited. Meet at Sandymount, Burbobank Road, Blundellsands (no coach). A nominal charge made for refreshments.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

If you haven't renewed them since September 1st this year, then please see Beryl Baker (Registrar) with your £4 single membership or £5 married couples. Annette Keller (Assistant Registrar) will also accept your subs, alternatively if you can't for some reason, get hold of ~~them~~, then see Ray McIntosh on the coach with your money. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members: Philip Smith, Veronica Angus, Pauline Guy, Irene Robinson, Ken and Josie Clarke, Carole Webster, Maria Johnson, Jo Morton, Marjorie Perry, Ann Kitts, Joan Duck, C. Maione, wishing happy days ahead with us.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday, 29 October - BUFFET BARN DANCE at Christ the King. Tickets £4.

Saturday, 30 October - OKLAHOMA at New Brighton. £4.50.

Thursday 4 November - CHEESE & WINE EVENING at The Legs of Man. Presenting the cheque for recent Charity (Claire House).

THURSDAY DISCOS

The second Thursday of every month is to be a Disco Night at the Legs of Man.

CHAIRWOMAN'S JOTTINGS

Here I am again with just a few words of welcome and thanks to both regular and new members to our club, who have freely offered their time and effort to serve on the General Committee of '93/'94. Let's hope the meetings will be as lively and fruitful as those in the past. Now, to remind everyone of the Rambling/Social meetings held on the first Monday of each month, ie Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3 and Feb 7 - these meetings are for ALL members wishing to attend (8 pm start). These are held at Birch House in Woolton. It is an opportunity for you to voice your opinions and offer help with social and rambling events. It was good to see the large attendance on 11 October at our last meeting.

Our annual Retreat on 14 November will soon be upon us and this day can be enjoyed by everyone at Sandymount, Blundellsands. See me for bookings. Please Don't forget your subscriptions are due NOW. The Keswick weekend is just around the corner. I am sure you will all enjoy yourselves. See you there.

I'll leave the remaining rambling and social events to our respective chairpersons, Beryl and Ray.

BERNIE DOYLE (Chairwoman)

TEESDALE - 27 August 1993

The "Leaving of Liverpool" was early on the morning of the 27th, in fact as we left St John's Lane at 8.30 the lost lie-in was the chief subject of conversation. The lengthy journey to Teesdale on the 24-seater bus was shadowed by an overcast heavy sky on one side and brilliant sunshine on the other, but, as always, optimism prevailed!

After a toilet/tea stop in a pleasant little cafe in Kirkby Stephen, we left the coach at Langdon Beck, where Ken and John took group photos outside the hostel (proof that we survived the journey!).

We bade a temporary farewell to the A/B party led by Joe Rourke and set off in the capable leadership of Ray Davidson. Being a small group we stayed close together, so some interesting facts and conversation were exchanged on the way. The countryside opened up to spectacular valleys and sombre hills for some time, and the prospect of a storm loomed as the sky darkened rapidly, but unlike the other party who saw rain and were drenched, we never had any at all!

Soon the town of Middleton came into sight; and from there we set off to collect our other party from the Youth Hostel (or was it the local hostelry!).

Although caught in heavy traffic on the return journey, thanks to Ken's brilliant driving, we made excellent time and were back no later than usual.

Thanks to Ray and Joe for a great day and here's to the next time!

PS: Joe and his party were again accosted by a would-be rescue helicopter, but happily this time, it was a case of mistaken identity.

JOAN BARBER

SENIORS' SECTION, PECKFORTON RAMBLE, 25th JULY, 1993.

Although the weather was uncertain, seven 'travellers' arrived at the Cheshire Workshops, complete with umbrellas, to commence the walk. Despite the conditions the views from the Sandstone Ridge across the Cheshire plain were superb - for those without brollies.

After passing through the Market Garden of Cheshire and across Crimes Brook, we eventually arrived at the Shropshire Union Canal, where lunch was served as the boats glided by. Although there was a temptation for some to hitch a lift this was resisted and we eventually landed at Wharton's Lock, where the local hostelry was explored.

The return involved negotiating footpaths overgrown with Maize until we eventually arrived at the Sandstone Trail and our destination.

Joe and Jackie.

Thank you both for a lovely walk in an area which seems to have been sadly neglected lately. Sorry you couldn't make it, Jackie.

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ASHWORTH VALLEY RAMBLE, SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1993.

Some of the group were so enthusiastic about this ramble and arrived so early at the rendez-vous that there were reputedly a number of bookings by the police for illegal overnight parking!

When we had all arrived we split into two parties to make our way to the Egerton Arms for the start of the walk. Frank, obviously an aspiring rally driver or an ex-car thief, led the first party which soon split into two at a nearby red traffic light.

Booted and fed, we set off from the Egerton Arms and Harry, with a great sense of humour but obviously not a great sense of smell, halted us at a ripe-smelling cow byre. He then retraced his steps, leaving us to appreciate the realities of the countryside. Various people, ostensibly 'to help', kept leaving the party. Eventually, it transpired that a splinter group had set off in the opposite direction, so we did the walk in reverse, bumping into one another - all good fun!

The way led through a woodly dell and then out onto moorland. At this point Harry did his party piece, pulling some magic potion from the undergrowth and offering it to a frisky colt in a nearby paddock. The animal took off as if jet propelled, kicking its hind legs in the air and milking the applause. Conversation often speculated about when the rain and wind would arrive but thus far it had kept bright and clear. We passed Knowl Hill to our right and crossed many stiles, and after a while descended to Deeply Vale for our lunch stop. On resuming we soon came to a dilapidated mill

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ASHWORTH VALLEY Cont':-

where a small rambling group was in temporary residence. At this point we made the acquaintance of Cheesden Brook, which was to be our constant companion for a couple of hours. We crossed it many times and in many styles.

Inevitably, the terrain was boggy hereabouts and one or two of our group paid obeisance to Mother Earth in diverse but ungainly ways. We crossed numerous stiles, passed through many gateways, but met very few people in this wild appealing countryside. Soon we espied the familiar cow-byre and the Egerton Arms and a superb walk was coming to an end.

But not the day's activities! Harry had arranged a lovely room in the said hostelry and a large number of us finished a splendid day with a lovely meal in convivial company. Thanks, Harry and Ronnie.

George S.

THE AUGHTON-BICKERTON RAMBLE.

Sunday, 22nd August, was yet another overcast day in this gloomy summer when seventeen ramblers and two well-behaved dogs met at the car park at Aughton Village Hall in Winifred Lane. Because of the threat of rain most of us had our lunch before we started walking at about one o'clock.

Passing Town Green Station the road led straight on to a footpath to Mickering Lane and past Mickering Farm which produces grass turf from its many fields. We then took a ploughed footpath between ploughed fields towards Gerard Farm. After about a mile-and-a-half we reached St. Mary's Church, in front of which Rosemary had obtained permission for us to picnic, so we had a short break for those who had not eaten previously.

Rain started as we continued our walk along the Church boundary. We admired the Priest's well kept gardens with lawns and vegetables as we made our way through the long grass of an unclear footpath. Soon we reached fields belonging to a farmer who was observant of the 'Right of Way Act', where we walked easily between his fields of uncut wheat, and then harvested fields. Further on, our way had been made easier by the hard work of Rosemary and her friends who had taken loppers and secateurs on their pioneer to prepare the way for us.

When we reached Graveyard Farm, the rain having stopped, we made a slight detour to see the ancient burial ground dating back to 1665 of the Society of Friends or Quakers. This was in spite of a warning given to us by two cyclists of a pit-bull type dog which turned out to be quite timid. Soon after this we had to cross a very muddy cow-field where George Parkinson showed who

SENIORS' SECTION- AUGHTON-BICKERSTAFFE Cont'd.

Our way was now towards Moor Hall Farm, crossing the brook which forms the Aughton-Bickerstaffe Parish Boundary. Several small frogs hopped about on the path alongside a very wet cornfield. We passed the rear of Moor Hall with its attractive garden and tennis court. Incidentally, Gerard Hall and Moor Hall were both used as Mass Centres in the seventeenth century, the latter being regularly visited by St. Ambrose Barlow.

As our walk ended several of us stopped to admire a small, artistic, colourful garden by the Post Office before returning to the car park.

A pleasant gentle walk suited to those of us who had not been out for months, was very much appreciated. Many thanks to Rosemary, Norah and Margaret.

Geoff and Audrey S.

RAMBLING PROGRAMME.

(Note change of date for Retreat from 21st to 14th).

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NOV. 7. Ring the Skillicorns on 0744 892 823 for details of this walk or come to the previous house meeting.

NOV. 14. This is ~~new~~ date for the Annual Retreat. It is held at Sandymount, Blundellsands. There is a cup of tea and a biscuit at 1.45 p.m. and the retreat proper runs from 2 p.m. until about 6 p.m. and includes Mass. I think the cost is £2/3 poundsish. Do come if you possibly can.

DEC. 12. Bill Potter is our leader for this WIRRAL WANDER. Should be very nostalgic! The Club seemed to do most of its rambling thereabout many many years ago.

JAN. 8. Another Annual. This is a walk in the Rivington area, 'chicken/hips and a barndance. Ring the Pearsons on 486 7952.

HOUSE MEETINGS.

NOV. 4. Cath and John Burns, at 20 Beechburn Road, ROBY.

DEC. 2. Aime Shaw is at 12 Greenwood Road, Allerton.

JAN. 9. A new venue this. It is Margaret Boylan's, 38 Coronation Road, Lydiate.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, Very much due. £5.00 for couples and £4.00 for singles. Hurry up and get yourselves on the mailing list!