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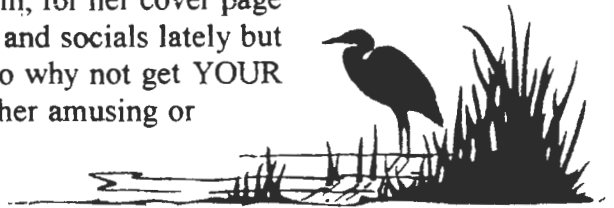
Editor's Briefs

Another AGM is over and a new Committee elected for twelve months. Two new auditors were also elected, they were Brian Keller and Dave Cahill. You should receive your new Programme with this newsletter (if you have paid your subs). It should be noted that on 24 November the Cartmel Ramble is a meal-inclusive event (fish and chips with a sweet) and will cost £3 plus the usual coach fare.

Well Ray Mc is still holding free map-reading classes once a month at Birch House. Contact him if you think you might be interested. You may even end up leading a walk or two once you qualify. We are always short of leaders.

Thanks due to Ray for his Ramblerite and Crossword, to Anthony Brockway of the Family Section for his article on litter, and to Tricia, once again, for her cover page sketch. Once again, we've had some eventful rambles and socials lately but volunteers are required to put a few words together, so why not get YOUR version of a recent ramble or social event in print, either amusing or otherwise, for our Christmas edition, then simply pass them or post them to me at

7 Abbotts Way, Billinge, Wigan WN5 7SB.



Dave Newns

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members and we hope you will have many enjoyable rambles with us:

Frances Ryan	Paul Malone,	Agnes Labio	Ronnie Labio
Mary Addy	Doreen Breen	Lilian Hearn	Paul Janssis
Dave Warburton	Flo Morrin		

YULETIDE EVENT

This will be held on Sunday January 5th at Carnforth. We are still in the process of organising a Barn Dance there but the place is the County Hotel, directly opposite the Carnforth Hotel, by the traffic lights in the Centre of Carnforth. There will be walks, a Steak and Veg meal, plus a Barn Dance afterwards. Prices will be about the same as last time with reduced rates for children. More details in your Christmas edition.

ANNUAL RETREAT

Sunday, November 17th at Sandymount, Blundellsands, 10am to 5 pm. Cost about £10 includes a full meal and afternoon tea. Fr Elliot of the Montfort Fathers is once again conducting the Retreat and will include Mass during the afternoon. This Retreat is for all members and associate members of all sections and is usually very enlightening. It is held in pleasant surroundings and all that is required is a good ear as Father Elliot does most of the talking. Names to Chris Dobbin or Dave Newns.

Travel Directions:

Turn down College Rd in Crosby then follow this map. Some lifts by car may be arranged, but if travelling by train: Alight at Blundellsands and Crosby Station, turn right along Blundellsands Road West taking the third turn right into Burbo Bank Road, then about 200 yards on the right is Sandymount.



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Ramblerite

The evenings are rapidly drawing in again and this presents an opportunity to clarify our guidelines as to when we go home after a ramble. Firstly although the leaders usually look to me for guidance in my capacity as Rambling Chairman, (*not to be confused with Chairperson, the position held by Bernie Doyle*) the "A Walk" leader is ultimately in charge of the coach and it is he who decides leaving times and coach stops, albeit, within terms of reference. Generally, all walks should be finished by 6:30 pm. latest, and for obvious reasons, but not always, the "A Walk" is usually last to return. Of course this time is revised during the winter months and can be as early as 4:00 pm in December. On arrival of the last group and a consultation by the leaders, ten minutes being required to get changed, a departure time is established and the word spread. Of course groups will arrive, sometimes considerably earlier, the leaders of these groups use their judgement as to when to reassemble at the coach. It would be irresponsible to allow people to disperse till 6:30 only to have search parties out when the last walkers arrive. This occurred at Castleton a few years back, when a couple, not at fault, went for dinner whilst we all waited at the coach.

The old chestnut of people charging ahead of walks is still with us and must stop. It is rarely the fault of the leader and responsibility rests with yourselves to keep with him. Why should someone who volunteers his services, spend what should be an enjoyable afternoon, revising his planned route, and worrying about the whereabouts and safety of a selfish few. Be warned!

A Youth Hostelling W/E in Borrowdale

Fri 2nd ~ Sun 4th May (three nights).

Longthwaite Youth Hostel is perfectly situated in one of the most popular Lakeland areas, consequently it is often booked up well in advance. We have therefore, provisionally booked, 25 places, most of which have been taken. By the time this appears in print it may be too late but contact me soonest as I may be able to revise the booking.

The Sweet Chestnut, easily recognised as the large, dare I say it, rich chestnut coloured nut peeping out of it's sharp spiky case, is well worth keeping an eye out for, on our rambles, over the next month or so.

There is **no** need to help them off the trees as there'll be plenty on the ground. Save your fingers by gently grinding the husk underfoot to expose the nut. Remove the shell and pith, for a tasty chew. For a real treat collect a larger quantity for roasting at home. Don't forget to slit them though, just leave one unslit which will explode giving you both a fright and the nod that the others are ready.



Congratulations to Bob Ramsey our newest leader who recently lead a "D walk" of one, quite successfully, and, without the aid of silly maps and suchlike. Bob will, I hope, give us the opportunity to exploit his new found talents.

On behalf of those going to Greenhead Y/H a special thankyou to Lil Martin for the gift of a large quantity of biscuits.



And finally, there seems to be a waiting list every week now and no-one is guaranteed a place ~ so book **your** place early and avoid disappointment.

Ray Mc ☺



The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

*What word has the above sentence in common with the crossword?
Answer to Editor for entry in prize draw.*

Clues:- A Metal, Parts of trees,
To annoy, Whim or imagination,
Kind of, What person, Ask questions,
A man's shortened Christian name.



FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

at the Cornmarket on Thursday evenings

- Oct 24** **Music Night with a Difference** - Norma and John
- Oct 31** **Horror Quiz (Halloween)** - Will and Chris
- Nov 7** **Jacket Potato *plus* Stand Up Quiz** - Cost £1 (subsidised)
- Nov 14** **Royal Quiz** - Marg and Helen
- Nov 21** **Bring and Buy Auction** - Bring all your unwanted bric-a-brac, tapes, videos, in fact anything that you can fit inside a plastic bag. Auctioneer: Ray Mc. - Proceeds to help boost the club's Social fund.
- Nov 28** **Cheese and Wine Night *plus* Famous Andrews Quiz**
Chris McKendrick

Annual Buffet Dance

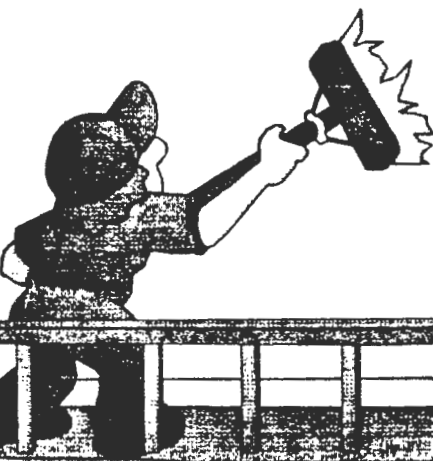
CHURCHILL'S CLUB, CHURCH ROAD, WAVERTREE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th

 *Dancing to FINN McCOOL (Irish Music)* 

8 till Late + No admittance after 9.30 pm + Be early + Raffles

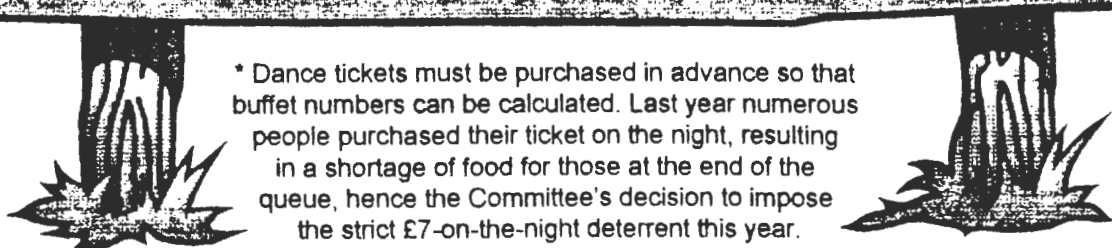
Get your tickets NOW at £5 (will cost £7 on the night)*

FREE TICKETS for the CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Following last year's success, we once again appeal for donations of suitable festive produce, bottles, etc, to fill our hamper, and in return you will be given a FREE TICKET for the Hamper Draw which will take place at the above dance. **See Mike Riley.** Tickets are also on sale from Mike. *Half the proceeds will go to a charity, the other half to our club.*

* Dance tickets must be purchased in advance so that buffet numbers can be calculated. Last year numerous people purchased their ticket on the night, resulting in a shortage of food for those at the end of the queue, hence the Committee's decision to impose the strict £7-on-the-night deterrent this year.



Know your Waste

Many of us have witnessed somebody throwing a banana skin or orange peel on a mountain, or it may have been yourself throwing the litter away? Well it's OK, it will rot won't it? The answer is yes, it will rot — but how long do you think it will take? This table gives examples of decomposition time.

Type of litter	Life expectancy
Orange Peel or Banana Skin	2 Years
Cigarette Butt	5 Years
Wool Sock	5 Years
Plastic Bag	30 Years
Nylon Fabric	40 Years
Tin Can	50 Years
Aluminium Can	100 Years
Glass Bottle	1 Million Years
Plastic Bottle	Indefinitely

So it only takes two years for that peel to rot, but just consider how many people go up that mountain in two years. What if they all threw their peel on the mountain, it would soon become untidy. When an area becomes untidy the dominant attitude becomes "Why should I take my rubbish home, nobody else does!" The vicious cycle starts and is difficult to stop.

And spare a thought for the distress caused to the animals — they could be cut, poisoned or choked by our rubbish which could cause distress in years to come.

Five years for a cigarette butt; fortunately people smoke less these days, but you will often see the ends stubbed out in the street or thrown from a car window.

Thirty years for a plastic bag — most of us will have had a bag caught by the wind and lost forever. We all need to take more care.

And the list goes on. We should all ensure that everything we take up the mountain is brought down again. We could make a point of bringing back rubbish left by others, leaving a cleaner more natural countryside.

The moral of the story is to retain any rubbish, no matter what, until you are able to dispose of it into a suitable bin.



Intelligence Test



At last, a quiz with a chance of 100 per cent correct marks from these eight simple questions.

1. How many months had twenty-eight days last year?
2. A doctor gives you three pills telling you to take one every half hour. How long will they last?
3. Divide 30 by half, add ten. What is the answer?
4. A farmer had 17 sick sheep, all but nine died. How many sheep did the farmer have left?
5. If you only had one match and you entered a dark room where there was an oil lamp, an oil heater and some firewood, which would you light first?
6. A man builds a house with four sides to it, a rectangular structure, each having a southern exposure; a big bear comes wandering by. What colour is the bear?
7. Take two apples from three apples. What do you have?
8. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark?

Be honest with yourself and don't check the answers on the back page until you have finished

OCT 31st: RED LETTER DAY FOR YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Subscriptions were due during September and October. The new rule (as mentioned in recent newsletters) is that those who fail to pay by the end of October will be classed as non-members. New members now pay a joining fee. Anyone wishing to rejoin after October 31st will also be required to pay the joining fee in addition to their annual subscription before taking part in any further club activities, ie: Singles £4 joining fee, plus £4 subs; Married Couples £5 joining fee, plus £5 subs.

Cheques should be made payable to the LCRA and sent to the club's registrar:

Mrs Helen Riley, 45 Weldon Street, Liverpool L4 5QA.

Seniors' Section

HOLLINGWORTH LAKE - 15th September

The Ramble didn't actually take place in the lake, though the weather was better than it often was for the swimming rambles all those years ago.

There were ten of us altogether, eager to see what treat Harry had in store. We were soon on the towpath of the Rochdale Canal which is lifted by a series of locks to a level of 600ft at Summit. Conversations varied from Everton's latest attempt to enter the First Division to Amy's new exotic limousine. It wasn't long before one of the party was seen tucking in to a preprandial snack (available in any supermarket).

This wanton act of self-indulgence so embarrassed our leader that he immediately called for our luncheon stop. It was followed by after-dinner speeches about whether George's 'lost' lens cap was really lost, was in his rucksack, in his lunch-box, etc, ad infinitum.

Resuming our real activity, we walked across Chelburn Moor, viewed the depleted

reservoirs and headed towards Lydgate. The wild and rugged landscape was seen at its best in such perfect weather. Our tea-stop enabled us to continue the debate about the wretched lens cap but spoil-sport, George, found it in his rucksack.

The route became more varied but very attractive as we made our way back towards the Lake. We were transported from the serenity of moorland and plain to the bustle of a pseudo Blackpool with hordes of people determined to enjoy the few remaining hours of daylight, some eating ice-cream and others the local delicacy - fish, chips and gravy.

Thank you, Ronnie and Harry for a lovely ramble.



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SENIORS' SECTION HOUSE MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 7th MAUREEN HOWARD

DECEMBER 5th BILL POTTER

SENIORS' SECTION RAMBLES, ETC

NOVEMBER 3rd WILLASTON. Tony Roche ~ 486 4235.

NOVEMBER 17th ANNUAL RETREAT at Blundellsands. 10.00 till 5.00. See Editorial page.

DECEMBER 1st PANTASAPH. Bill Potter ~ 486 7952.

FAMILY SECTION

NOVEMBER 10th BILLINGE HILL. Peter Wilkinson ~ 01695 421681

DECEMBER 8th CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT. Anthony Brockway ~ 608 0425.

JANUARY 5th YULETIDE - CARNFORTH. See Editorial page.

CLUB'S CONSTITUTION



All committee members and some other members now have a copy of the Club's Constitution which was fully revised in 1991. Any other members who would like a copy should contact our Secretary, PatMcIntosh.

Don't stand on your head to read below until you have done the Intelligence Test in this edition