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### EDITORIAL

A special welcome to all our new members; those joined recently are: John Byfield, Terence Foote, Paul Roberts, Yvonne Wall; Susan Wright and Gillian Evans.

Thanks to all contributors to this edition especially to the anonymous member who did the new cover design - he also sent in the anagrams for the last edition, so thanks again Chic Rigers! How about another volunteer to design a cover for the Christmas newsletter.

With the election of a new committee imminent I hope to resurrect the Ramblerite and Socialite which have been missing for some time now; meanwhile volunteers wanted for write-ups on rambles, social outings, etc. The Family Section have no problems in this area.

Next edition is due at the end of October so give or send any material for this to me at 7 Abbotts Way, Billinge, WIGAN WN5 7SB. Thanks in anticipation.

DAVE NEWS

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Yes, let's get the bad news out of the way first. Simply dip your hands in pockets and fork out £4 for single or £5 for married couples. If you have recently joined then you may not need to pay until next September. Check with the Registrar if in doubt.

### COACH BOOKINGS - CANCELLATIONS AND TRANSFERS

The present booking system is being abused. In future the cancellation or transfer of coach seats will be at the discretion of the leader. Any problems should be referred to the General Committee.

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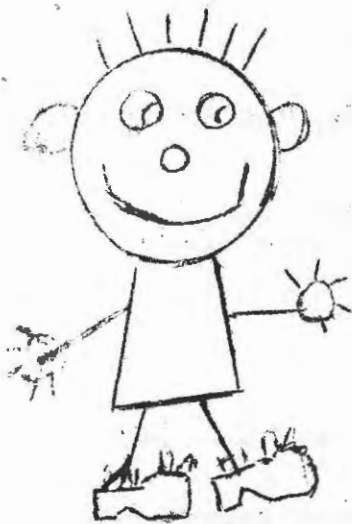
In your rambling programmes this date is filled as the Annual Mass. There is no ramble this day as all members and families, whether they are Catholics or not, are invited to attend in the Cathedral Crypt, down the steps at the side in Hope Street, at 11.30 am. This service is attended exclusively by our club and anyone connected with it in any way, even the guitar-singers, etc are part of our club. If you have never been then make this your first visit.- You won't be a bit sorry! We remember especially our past colleagues who have once rambled with us but have now left this world.

### THE CUMBRIAN WAY

Our club had a band of keen members walking the Cumbrian Way recently and I was expecting a report in this newsletter. Unfortunately nothing has been received to date. Maybe something will be written for the next edition in October.

### RAMBLERITE

None received for this edition. Anyone who hasn't been out lately or any new members will just have to keep their ears to the ground to find out what has been happening in the rambling world of our club. The editor's job is to gather all material for the newsletter together and get it typed and printed. The Rambling Chairman or a member of the Rambling Sub-Committee should submit a Ramblerite, so this typewriter awaits this copy anticipated here next month.



Children  
welcome!

### FAMILY WALKS

From next month the LCRA will be organising walks suitable for families with children. Initially the walks will start at 12.00 and last for approximately four hours, and will usually occur on the second Sunday of each month.

The destination will be the leader's choice - they can either choose their own back garden or do a walk further afield.

Hopefully this will develop into a stronger section and encourage a healthy interest in our children. The future of this new section is down to you. Support it and have your say in how it develops; what its aims are; how it is organised; or just come along and enjoy the walking. Public transport will facilitate some walks but for many a car will be necessary.

The first two walks are listed below with relevant details. If you require any further information then contact the leader on the telephone numbers given, or contact me on 608 0425.

11 October - WHALLEY. Bernard Foley (Tel. 0257 254276). Meet 12.00 at the car park in the centre of Whalley. Whalley is located of the A59(T) 5 miles north of Blackburn.

8 November - FORMBY COAST. George Riley (Tel. 67048 70161). Meet 12.00 at the Railway car park, Freshfield.

ANTHONY BROCKWAY

### LIVERPOOL, BIRTHPLACE OF THE YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION

Joe Rourke has produced a few interesting bits from old "Liverpool" magazines. Extracts are as follows:

May 1937 - "Within living memory there were green fields within a hundred yards from Islington, but now you must go much further afield. The town dweller wishing to walk the Clwyd Hills must find somewhere to sleep overnight. There were hotels but at a charge of 18 shillings for dinner, bed and breakfast, your average shop assistant or apprentice just couldn't afford such a large sum of money.

The answer was to create somewhere where the accommodation was simple, inexpensive, but adequate, where meals could be obtained for 1/-.

In December 1930 a public meeting was held in Liverpool and the YHA was formed, a building fund was started and advanced in leaps and bounds. Merseyside was particularly fortunate because of the immense industrial population of Greater Liverpool from which to draw membership in 1930. New sites had to be found in North Wales as membership grew in 1936 from 5,439 to 59,768, then in 1939 this has shot up to 80,000 members and nearly 300 hostels.

Now in 1939 with increased holidays with pay an even larger membership is anticipated and two new hostels have been opened, one in Llangollen and on on the west side of Snowdon called Snowdon Ranger. The purchase of Tyn Dwr Hall at Llangollen means that this will be the country's number one hostel with 150 beds once Derwent Hall in Derbyshire has been drowned under the new Derwent Reservoir.

No one is too old or too rich to enjoy Youth Hostelling and membership for the over 25s is only 5 shillings (25p), under 25s 2/6 (12½p). Overnight use of hostels is one shilling a night. Meals can be provided for one shilling!"..... See Joe if more info required.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

COFFEE PARTY at the Legs of Man. The date: Thursday, 5th November.  
Danglers and Mash.

BARN DANCE at the Electric Supply Club, Thingwall Road on Friday,  
20th November. Buffet included. Tickets £3.50. '8 till late'.

### FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER

#### BUFFET DANCE

At the Churchill Conservative Club. No details received to date.

PRESENTATION NIGHT at the Legs of Man on Thursday, 17th December.  
No other details given.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT at the Manor House, Edge Lane.

60's NIGHT. Recommended by Beryl.

RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS included a football match: Girls v Lads and  
a Charity Darts night in aid of KIND. Reports of these events,  
names of the winners, how much was raised for the Charity, would  
have been of interest to the readers. Maybe something will  
appear in the next edition.

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### THE KESWICK WEEKEND - 16 to 18 OCTOBER

These weekends at Lakeside House in Keswick have been going for  
many years now. They are always popular and are the highlight of  
any rambler's year. Accommodation is luxurious compared to Youth  
Hostels. There is a large drying room in the basement boilerhouse  
if needed and a basement bar for Saturday evening socialising, plus  
table tennis table if you have any energy left after the walk.  
Breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal on the Saturday plus  
breakfast and evening meal on the Sunday are included in the cost.  
If packed lunches are required for Sunday then these will be charged  
extra, some prefer a meal out on Sunday or just do their own thing.

Walks are organised for the Saturday with free use of the coach  
and on the Sunday there is an 8.00 Mass about 15 minutes walk  
away or another at 10.45 am with breakfast at around 9.30, so  
usually several walks are arranged, some for the early birds and  
others for the afternoon walkers.

Cost of the weekend including the coach from St Johns Lane is £42.00.  
The cost should be more but has been heavily subsidised by the club.

Bookings to Ray McIntosh with the full amount, or at least a £10  
non-returnable deposit. Full amount to be paid before the weekend  
at Keswick. Coach will depart on the Friday evening and return on  
the Sunday evening. See any committee member for further details.

### THE ORKNEY ARTICLES

In the last edition there was a letter from Tom Shannon from the  
Orkneys and an interesting article accompanying it. Tom is back  
now and has shown me a newspaper article concerning the Italian  
Chapel there. Bernie Doyle has borrowed the booklet on same. Not  
many have enquired so far but see Tom if he is still around.