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LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC  
RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



LIVERPOOL

NEWS LETTER

Socials 8-0 p.m. each Wednesday

at

Cathedral Buildings

Brownlow Hill

Liverpool 3

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Another Christmas has gone by and I'm sure it was a hectic one for many members. Only now can we pause to draw breath, and reflect on it all. Struggling through crowded shops, hypnotized by the array of gifts on display, performing impossible feats of juggling with parcels while trying to find your wallet or purse, dashing out for a card to send to that fellow who didn't return the compliment last year, and so on.

If you still had the time and the energy, you will not have missed the varied selection of club activities which were thrust into the middle of all this hustle. What with a Slide Show and movie film, the Christmas Party, the Yuletide Walk and the Carol Concert, there was sufficient for all tastes if you could stick the pace. Alas - poor Mark fell by the wayside on the eve of the Yuletide Walk. It was rumoured that one of his "Starters for Boys" at parties backfired. (See Christmas issue) He has however denied this. "J. Arthur Rank" Thompson gave us a very professional Slide Show, his second success recently, and it was well received by the large audience. An added attraction on the same night was Maureen Howard's two short movie films of the Keswick week-end and the Ribchester walk. When the film was reversed for variety, it appeared that some members walk better backwards, judging by the pace of the (R)amble.

The Christmas Party was the usual lively evening, and it was pleasing to see some of our less frequent visitors on Wednesdays, coming along for this special occasion. The Yuletide drew out over 100 including 20 members of the Catholic Metropolitan Club who accepted an invitation to join us for the day. Pat Dixon took the prize in the Treasure Hunt and Mike

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<u>DATE:</u>	<u>DESTINATION:</u>	<u>LEADER:</u>	<u>MEET and DEPARTURE</u>	<u>APP. COST</u>
Feb 14th	Primrose Hill (Ben)	Win C'Connor.	Skelhorne St.10.16.	4/-
" 21st	Kinder Scout (a) (Coach Ramble) (b)	Bernard Duffey. John Keenan	St.John's Lane.10.10.	6/-
" 28th	Belmont	Eric Kavanagh	Exchange Stn. 10.05.	7/6
Mar 7th	Eccleston Ferry	John Burns	Woodside(Bus) 11.05.	3/1d
" 14th	Arnside (Ben) (a) (Coach Ramble) (b)	Chris Scott Bill Potter	St.John's Lane.10.10.	7/6d.
" 21st	Selattyn Hill	Peggy Sharkey	Central Stn.L.L.10.25	9/=d.
" 28th	Chalet Weekend	Details at Club.		
Apr. 4th	Capel Curig (a) (Coach Ramble) (b)	Bill Clay Tony Gilmore	St.John's Lane. 10.15	8/=d.
" 11th	Nanty-y-Frith	Ron Curtis	Central Stn.L.L.10.25	7/=d.

### COACHES

All bookings for coach trip rambles must be made personally to the person responsible for accepting bookings. If this is not possible then bookings must be made in writing to the General Secretary - Miss E. Turner, 1 Ranworth Way, Liverpool.11.

Coach Trips. Names to be given three weeks beforehand, and all bookings render members liable to the full cost.

RAMBLING PROGRAMME  
 Any alterations to the programme will be announced in the clubroom. N.B. Times quoted are DEPARTURE TIMES.

LEADERS OF RAMBLES AND FOLLOWERS AND 'WHIPPERS IN' AND ALL.

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The attention of all leaders of rambles is drawn to the newly drawn up regulations and instructions concerning rambling activities summarised in the latest membership card. These rules and regulations have been drawn up NOT TO BE BROKEN but for the SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERS and the smooth running of the rambling section.

The co-operation of all members is asked in helping us to keep to these rules and regulations which have been kept to a minimum. The full context will be displayed on the club-room notice-board.

Finally, the Rambling sub-committee hope that 1965 will be a vintage rambling year for all.

Secretary  
Rambling Sub-Committee.

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TENNIS

This season is about to start - but somewhat hesitantly. We do require members in increasing and not decreasing numbers. It is the sign of an active club when membership is large. If you are hesitating about joining, please tip the scales in favour of the tennis club and try and use the facilities which are provided. The fee is only £2 11s. 0d. per season and balls are provided.

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas charity collection realised £15 12s. 8d. - a splendid effort.

## ALDFORD

I dare say that all those who dared to go on big Mike's walk to Chester? Aldford? - or was it Eccleston?! would agree that it was very well executed.

We arrived at Chester only to find out that we had missed the 10-05 train to Aldford and the 10-35 was no longer in existence. Our Leader "bless his LITTLE heart" found out that should be decide to go by bus, we would be in plenty of time for next one which was scheduled to leave at 2-15 p.m.! A big decision was made and we went by bus to Aldford via Eccleston Avenue.

After a short bus journey to Eccleston Avenue (during which Terry had his boot laces tied together by Agnes and Teresa) we eventually started our ramble. It wasn't long, however, before the cry was heard of "butty stop, leader."

In the centre of Eccleston main street is a cone shaped shelter, like a small band stand or pulpit, so we decided to stop here and reverently eat our butties.

After our break, we covered part of the Eccleston Ferry ramble, alongside the river to the Iron Bridge. As the Iron Bridge came into view we discovered that the route we planned to take was a private estate, so the local constable re-directed us, and the river became our companion once more. (I think the ramble should have been called "A Day by the River" instead of Chester - Eccleston Avenue - or was it Chester)?!

We all tried jumping a brook, and succeeded - all but J.P. who somehow managed to fall in (we think P.A. gave him a push). Even Winn did us proud by clearing it.

It was now becoming quite dark, and by the time we reached Aldford it was pitch dark. In the gloom of the night a shattering cry was heard from T.C. as she was clamped to some ancient stocks on the side of the road. We searched frantically in our rucksacks for rotten fruit or tomatoes that may have been left from some previous ramble, to throw at her, but alas we couldn't find any.

Finally, we caught the 5.31 p.m. bus back to Chester, and then on to Liverpool, arriving home safe and sound.

Thank you leader for a most enjoyable day.

S T A T E D A N C E - 27TH F E B R U A R Y

Last year's dance at the State Ballroom was a tremendous success and this years to be held again at the State promises to be an equally successful evening. We do, however, require all possible support and this means your support.

Please book the date for this dance and bring a friend. The tickets are limited, please return the unsold ones to Mr.T. O'Connor of 77 Lyme Grove, Longview, Huyton.

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B I G      B E A T      N I G H T

To be held in the club-rooms on Wednesday, 10th February.

Admission 3/-d.

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D A N C E B A N D

Dance to be held in the club-rooms on Wednesday, 10th March.

Admission 3/-d.

B A R N D A N C E

There is to be a Barn Dance held in the club-rooms On Wednesday, 24th February.

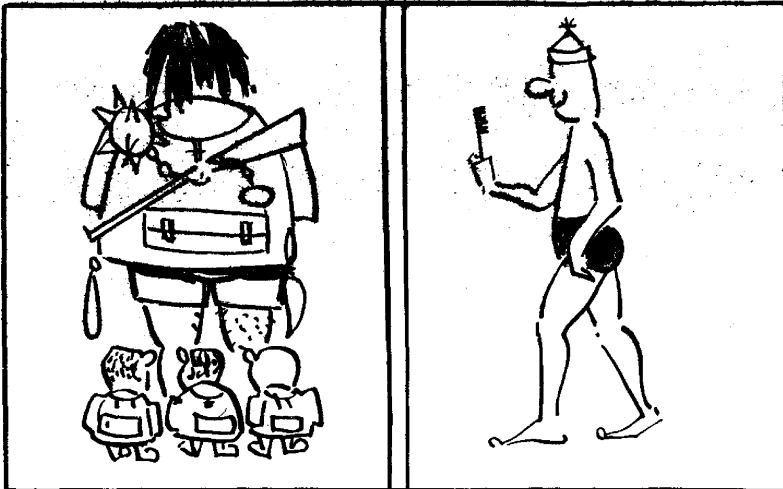
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DONT'S FOR MEMBERS OF RAMBLING CLUBS

- (1) Don't be afraid of the leader. Address him by his Christian name, and afterwards call him all the names you can think of.
- (2) Don't keep too near the leader, it interferes with his breathing. About half-amile behind is a nice convenient distance, and it doesn't make the countryside look crowded.
- (3) Don't be at the station too soon, and don't worry if you have not time to buy a ticket. Stick to the leader, and he will see you through.
- (4) Don't hesitate to blame someone if the weather turns out wet.
- (5) Don't forget to ask the leader if the party is lost any time he stops to look round and particularly if he chances to consult a map. You have a right to know what is going on, and a proper leader should not need a map.
- (6) Don't take the climbing of stone walls quietly. Converse in a loud voice about Mr. So-and so, and what a fine leader he was, and that you feel sure there must be another way round.
- (7) Don't scruple to criticise the leader if you get separated from the party.
- (8) Don't be afraid to shout out if the party goes too fast for you. Start to sentimentalise about the view. If the leader is short-sighted, appropriate his glasses. That will make him slow down.

- (9) Don't forget to ask about tea immediately the station is out of sight. It shows your interested in the ramble.
- (10) Don't carry any small change with you, and don't pay for a tenpenny tea with less than half-a-sovereign. If the man with the plate gets sarcastic, take your money back and snub him.
- (11) Don't forget to leave your umbrella on the mantelpiece at the tea-place, and break the news gently to the leader when about half-way back to the station. He will be delighted especially if there is only just time to catch the last train home.
- (12) Finally, don't take these remarks seriously, or there'll be trouble.

(This was originally printed in May 1914 and again in the summer edition of the C.H.A magazine 1964).



DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE LEADER.

TRAVLIN LIGHT



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Messrs. F. Ellis Bringham, 73 Bold Street, Liverpool.

Jack Sharp Ltd., 36 & 38 Whitechapel, Liverpool.1.

Y.H.A. Office, 93A, Scotland Road, Liverpool.3.

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TENNIS COACHING

Peter Atherton has kindly offered his services by way of giving tennis coaching each Wednesday evening in the clubroom between 8 p.m. and 8-30 p.m. Starting from the beginning of March.

## THE DRAMA

It was one Monday morning when the two white coated ladies walked majestically into the quiet cul-de-sac, just off the main road. Their presence was instantly detected by a number of the housewives of the little colony of dwellings, going about daily chores. Almost immediately heads began to appear from behind half drawn curtains and from round corners eyeing the intruders with an air of expectancy. The central figure walked a little way along the pavement and eventually stopped outside No.27. A brief conference was held while the watchers, hearts beating faster every second, waited with baited breath.

Abruptly, the white clad figures turned on their heels and in a trice they had opened the gate of No.27, taken the few steps up to the front door and rung the bell. Like most door bells in cul-de-sacs its chimes rang out to the furthest corners of the quiet road, tolling out the dismay of all but the occupant of No.27.

After a tactful pause, the door opened and the moment of truth was at hand as one of the visitors posed the dynamic question - "can we do your washing for the next three weeks?"

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## CARRY-A-CAMERA

We all like looking at photographs, whether they're good, funny or not so good, providing they remind of familiar places or situations. Perhaps just one of the bunch strolling along in the distance, or someone perched on a stone or hill-top, or someone else charging down a scree slope - one doesn't need a very technical camera to achieve good results.

There must be a good deal of our members with cameras that never get an airing. How about now and then taking your camera with you on a ramble, and capturing some of the scenes of the day. You might even consider passing the odd print on to the club album (The club will be pleased to pay for the prints). What a wonderful thrill someone may get one day when browsing through the album and spotting some pleasant event they had forgotten all about.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was with considerable interest that I read in the bumper edition of the Christmas News Letter the introduction of "Letters to the Editor".

I feel that this method of airing one's views, or asking pertinent questions should be grasped by members who have something to say, or perhaps I should say write.

I have a question which I wish to direct to the Rambling Sub-committee, and I trust they will honour me by replying in the next edition of "Letters to the Editor".

The question:-

In a British Rail train services time-table which I acquired recently in conjunction with a proposed journey, I read an advert which stated "Group Travel - Parties of Ten - Reduced Fares - Ask for Details."

On a Sunday the rambling party often exceeds this number, but I have not heard of anyone arranging this cheaper form of travel.

Eric Kavanagh.

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KESWICK WEEK-END - 5TH MARCH

If there are enough club members interested, we hope to arrange another week-end in the Lakes. Staying at the Gales Guest House, Applethwaite again. If you are interested let Bernard Manley know without delay.

If you are unable to get along to the club drop Bernard a line at 9 Craven Street, Liverpool.3.

## HOLIDAYS

A couple of weeks ago one of our ever thoughtful sub-committees presented to the club a large number of holiday brochures which club members were able to read and or take home as desired.

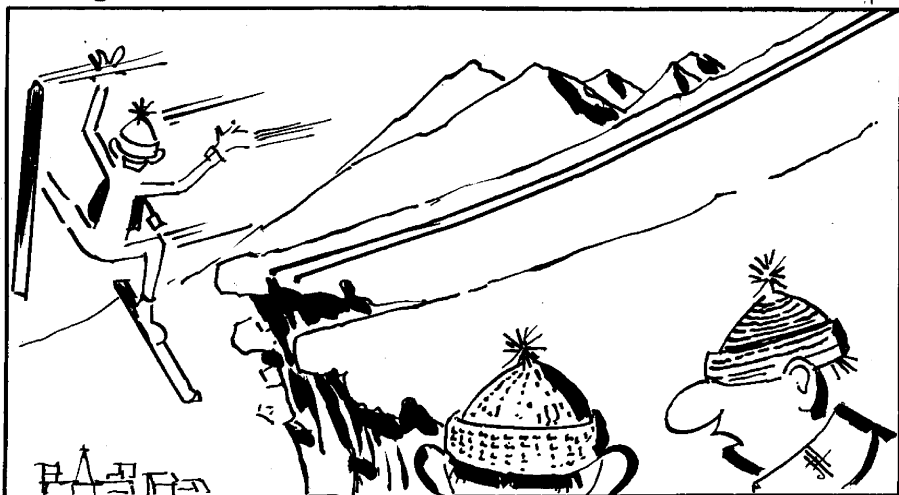
Since then I imagine several members have begun seriously to consider where this year's venture is likely to take them. Perhaps a sun soaked beach in the Mediterranean or a more energetic mountaineering expedition at home or abroad. The choice is almost boundless. Not only in summer holidays but in winter holidays as well.

Whilst you are thinking of your holidays myself and two other club members will be off on a journey to Austria - too, we hope, to a land of snow and sun-shine.

To my knowledge several members of the club have at one time or another been on ski-ing holidays, but we have never been able to organise a "ramble of skis".

Before such a venture could be attempted, the members of such an expedition must know how to ski. Training could be done in Scotland, but trekking would be best done in Norway!

Can you imagine rambling on Skis. It's food for thought. Isn't it?



SHOW OFF

Marsden and Pat Hinde also got among the swag.

Now we look forward to the array of activities arranged for the near future and mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Even if you forget your "Rollo" don't forget the STATE DANCE on SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1965.

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Congratulation to Margaret McDonald on her recent marriage to Bill Nash. We wish them both every happiness.

Congratulations to Brenda & Jim Hodgkinson on the birth of their second child. Paul was the second baby to be born on New Years Day in the Liverpool Maternity Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs.

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Things to make a note of:-

Barn Dance, 24th February in the Clubrooms.

State Dance, 27th February in the State Ballroom, Dale Street,

Special Dance 10th March in the Clubrooms.

Keswick Week-end - proposed date 5th March.

Start of the Tennis Season the end of March.

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#### TENNIS WORKING PARTIES

Working parties are required up at the Tennis Courts each Saturday from now until March 27th. Volunteers are most welcome.

If you are willing to lend a hand please see Fred Norbury for details.