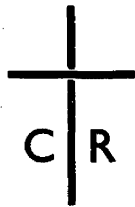


LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC
RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



LIVERPOOL

NEWS LETTER

Socials 7-30 p.m. each Thursday

at

Building and Design Centre,

Hope Street,

Liverpool.



SOCIALITE

Pride of place on the Social front in this issue, must clearly be given to the Fortieth Anniversary Dinner Dance held on Saturday 21st October. I think the evening must have fulfilled everybody's expectations, the food was excellent, the speeches were full of interest and everybody joined in the dancing with a gusto that would have gladdened the heart of any M.C. I think the Anniversary Committee would want me to thank everybody on their behalf, for the wonderful way those who attended, entered into the spirit of the occasion, thus enabling the Association to celebrate its fortieth birthday in a most appropriate manner. In particular, I think a special word of praise to the ladies, many of whom had clearly gone to much trouble and expense over dresses for the function, which all added to the splendour of the evening.

Back to more domestic matters as it were, the annual "Irish Centre Dance" on 15th November, took on a new look, featuring as it did an Irish Showband for the first time. 'Patricia and the Crackaways' certainly worked very hard through out the evening, and the experiment appears to have been a great success with over 400 attending.

I hear that the game of Badminton is attracting quite a lot of interest among our members. At the present time there are about 20 people studying the rudiments of the game at Night School, and their progress is such that a match has been arranged, at the time of writing, against Kodak. Being a student of game has its hazards, however, as Chris Laycock, attempting a mighty swipe at the shuttlecock, dislocated his collar bone in the process. I can see our Tennis-playing Badminton players dispatching the ball "to points of the compass" next Season until they adjust to the weight of the Tennis racquet again.

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CHRISTMAS 1967

Christmas - that magic word that conjures up immediate pictures of happiness. Decorations and dancing lights in the streets, decorations and lights in the homes.

Cards to send, cards received - all gaily coloured and tinselly, most portraying the commercial aspect and all too few representing the real meaning of Christmas.

Presents to buy, more perhaps in number than one will receive reciprocally but on an occasion such as this who is counting? It is the season of giving.

Grottoes, pantomimes, carol concerts and social and domestic inter-visiting all add to the festive aura. For all, gourmets or not, it just wouldn't be Christmas without turkey and a diversity of drinks.

If your Christmas will match up to all this then please remember those for whom some of this or even all these features will be absent. Don't forget that stable over the hill and under the Star, in Bethlehem, where so many centuries ago occurred that incident that was to change and redeem mankind. True, the process is still far from complete but it's progress will no more be halted by spacecraft landings on the moon and Venus than it was by the invention of gunpowder, the aeroplane or television. - A Happy Christmas will be one spent in the traditional manner remembering He who came to show us a way of life. Remember the needy and then by all means enjoy yourself.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

We regret that the names of:

M. Marsden and T. O'Connor
were omitted from the list of
General Committee published in the
last edition.

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HOME for friendly Camera
Good Disposition, almost
New, Cost £20.
Will regretfully partwith
it for £15 or offers.

Contact Margaret Price.

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EDALE cont'd from Pg.19

Some time later towards the Completion
of the walk, we were descending (rapidly in
the case of a few!) in the general direction
of 'Edale'. Another cafe was sighted and
the reluctant group after much persuasion,
decided to rest there, before carrying on!
At this point the writer, being one of the
two 'fugitives' must be forgiven for summing
up that exciting incident in these words:

They sought us here, they sought us there,
Those Ramblers sought us everywhere,
We weren't in Edale that was quite true
We were in Hayfield but where were you.

Later it was thought that for a complete
change, we would spend the evening in partici-
pating of a 'wee drop of the hardstuff!

However, in all sincerity, the walk was
thoroughly enjoyed by all.....with due
apologies.....

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OWING TO THE PREVALENCE
OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

'Editorial' cont'd Pg.3

The traditional wish then from your Chair-
man and Committee -

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HOLY AND
HAPPY CHRISTMAS WITH A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO FOLLOW

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ANNIVERSARY 167

The Long awaited Anniversary Dinner Dance, to which so many references have been made in the columns of the Newsletter over the last six months, is now a thing of the past. One feels however, that the majority of the 206 members, past members and their guests who attended, will number the occasion among their happiest memories of the Association.

Our principle guests for the evening were His Lordship Bishop Harris, Father Gibb, Mr. Donald Merchant, representing the Ramblers Association in his capacity of Area Chairman, and Mr. Albert Coogan, one of the original members of our Association.

Dovedale Towers, the home of a celebrated German musician in days gone by, provided an ideal setting for the celebrations, particularly the Dining Room with its high ornately carved ceiling, which lent great majesty to the occasion. The meal with its main course of Roast Norfolk Turkey was excellent, and the Speeches which followed it, were enthusiastically received.

In proposing the Toast to the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association, Mr. Fred Norbury traced the Club's development over the years since its foundation in 1927. He referred to the opposition which existed in those very early days towards a Catholic mixed Club, mixed Rambles and weekends away from home, and even the idea of Rambles on a Sunday. All these problems had to be tackled, and solved. Then later came other major policy decisions - the introduction of Coach Rambles, and the promoting of Public Dances. Mr. Norbury pointed out how all these things were now very much accepted in the Association's present day activities.

In his reply to the Toast, Chairman Bernard Manley expressed his appreciation of the work which had been done in the past. With membership considerably increased he looked forward to further afield, and perhaps a permanent Clubroom of our own.

Proposing the Toast to the Hierarchy and the Clergy, Mr. Cyril Kelly had a special welcome for all his friends among the past members present. He said that it was the second time that he and Bishop Harris had appeared in public together, the first time being the laying of the foundation stone of St. Cecilia's church which parish school they were both attending.

Responding to the Toast, His Lordship delighted everybody with a most entertaining Speech, in which he claimed to be on common ground with the Catholic Ramblers by reason of having been on a safari. He related some of his amusing experiences while taking part in this, and also told of some light-hearted incidents he had witnessed as Bishop, in and around Liverpool. In particular, he told of the big business man visiting the Cathedral for the first time, who surveyed the structure from the outside, and remarked to His Lordship what a fine Heliport it would make, to which the reply was "It's intended to be a Heavenly Port if you are interested!"

Proposing the Toast to the Guests, Mr. C. Dobbin welcomed all the Guests, and said how delighted everybody was that His Lordship Bishop Harris had accepted an invitation to attend. In welcoming Father Gibb, he said how appropriate it was that he should be present in view of the ties he has with the Club through his keen interest in Rambling. Welcoming Mr. Donald Merchant of the Ramblers Association, he paid tribute to the work of the R.A. on behalf of the Ramblers generally.

Responding on behalf of the Guests, Father Gibb recalled some amusing incidents, while out walking with club members, he considered walking to be one of the healthiest pastimes of all.;

Following the Speeches, Mr. Fred Norbury presented a cheque for £50 to his Lordship on behalf of the Association being a donation to the Cathedral Fund. This brings the total amount donated by the Association,

to £350. In a brief reply his Lordship expressed his thanks for the gift.

In a further presentation His Lordship presented Fred Norbury with a Silver Rose bowl on behalf of the Association in recognition of his service to the Association over the last forty years. In a short speech Fred said that he used to think he knew everything that was going on in the Association but he had been completely taken by surprise and was at a loss to express his feelings. He thanked the Association most sincerely for the gift.

The evening was concluded by dancing and the constantly crowded floor was ample evidence of the jolly mood which prevailed throughout. All too soon 11.30 arrived, and with it the last waltz, after which came Auld Lang Syne and one verse of 'Faith of our Fathers' to set the seal on a memorable occasion.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

Copies of this may be obtained from Gerry Penlington at 2/- each, while stocks last.

This is a specially printed edition of the Newsletter to mark the fortieth Anniversary, and contains a great deal of interesting information about the Association and its history over the past forty years, and everybody who attended the Dinner Dance received a copy.

B. J. MANLEY

MISS M. ACRED

Bernard J. Manley, Esq.,
9 Craven Street,
Liverpool 3.

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LIVERPOOL 15.

31st October, 1967.

Dear Bernard,

Many thanks for your letter concerning my work on the Anniversary Committee, the sentiments of which are appreciated.

I think I will be voicing the feelings of the Anniversary Committee, if I say that we set out on 9th May 1966, the date of our first meeting, with the idea of commemorating the Fortieth Anniversary in the most appropriate manner possible, and the apparent achievement of this objective is ample reward for the time and effort involved.

Yours sincerely,

T. C. J. DOBBIN.

THE 14 PEAKS SONG

By Jack F. Patterson

Chorus

Oh will they ever return, will they ever return,
Their fate will be unknown.
They'll wander forever o'er the peaks of Snowden,
The're the men who'll never return.

Oh the mist was fallin' and the wind was blowin'
on that cold day in July,
When the hardy ramblers set off from Snowden,
The 14 Peaks to try.

(Chorus)

There was big Mike Marsden, young Joe Connor,
Billy, Des and Ray,
Big Dave and Joseph, Tom & Miguel,
But I heard the cold wind say:-

(Chorus)

Way up on a mountain, Joe & Michael a lost sheep
They did see,
And thinking that they would be Good Shepherds,
They carried it back for tea.

(Chorus)

On top of Grib-Goch, Ray Broke his glasses,
He said "Oh pity Me!"
"Cut me a white stick and I will follow,
For now I cannot see."

Mike Parr was hobbling with a real bad ankle,
Saying "That's a body blow"
But I'll get to the end, if it kills me,
Through hail, or rain or snow."

(Chorus)

The helpers on the paths were cheering,
At Ogwen and on the scree,
"I've got all the names on my tally,
'Lovely' said Lorry.

(Chorus)

From Grib-Goch to the Glyders over the Carnedd
To Foel-Fras they did go,
Des was in stitches by the time they finished,
From his knee down to his toe.

(Chorus)

Back at the finish, John Keenan was waiting,
Wishing he was in the team,
"I'll do it in September," said John with fervour,
"It's always been my dream."

(Final Chorus)

Oh they all returned, they all returned,
Battered, gleeful but sore,
At Bernard's cottage, they all said together,
"The P E A K S we'll climb no more!"

L.C.R.A.F.C.

If one of your girl friends gave you a load of cheek, what would you do? Soccer? Or perhaps you are one of the chosen few who play for our football team every Saturday. By dint of hard work, both in training sessions and on the field of play OUR glorious team has just suffered its first defeat this season after playing 8 games. WE even hammered the boys at Church Stretton last month for the first time in three years.

Competition to get into OUR team is now much keener than it ever was. This means of course that if you want to join us, you will have to be keener, more skilful and much fitter than the boys who are playing at the moment. If this applies to you why not have a word with our football secretary Mike Marsden.

What about the financial side of this section? These lads are almost self supporting - but not quite. They need financing occasionally - sometimes with quite substantial sums. But, inevitably the books balance by the end of the season, for each member who plays makes a subscription, also a football double is organised every week, the profits from which help to swell the profits or pay off the debts. For those of you who like a flutter why not have a go. If you are one of those who can now only dream of playing why not change the play into pay, thereby supporting, financially, one of the sporting activities organised within the club.

Who plays for our team? I could give you a list of names - pick out the leading goal scorers generally blind you with statistics - but I won't for I am sure you want only the exciting aspect of football. This we can give you if you come to watch us play. Perhaps the boys will be the only ones who appreciate the football but I am equally certain the girls will appreciate the footballers.

We could well be in our most successful season (though perhaps it is a bit early to start boasting) but even so we invite you to boost our moral by giving us your support.

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On Saturday the L.C.Ramblers 'up run' came to an abrupt end, playing to the largest gate of the season - 8 club supporters in all, we were beaten 5-1 at home, by the First Division team - Roma. This was only the second defeat in 10 games.

If any-one is interested in improving their standard of football, not just to train to Keep fit, there is a football training session held every Tuesday evening between 5.30 to 7.30 at Everton Road, triangle Y.M.C.A. centre, fee 1/-

Remember, our success is your glory.

FIXTURES TO DATE.

		FOR	AGAINST	PTS
AWAY	BROADGREEN	3	0	2
HOME	BRECKFIELD	2	2	1
AWAY	DESCO	0	0	1
HOME	ATHLETICO	8	1	2
AWAY	HANOVER	2	0	2
HOME	DECSO	2	0	2
HOME	EDGE HILL	0	2	0
AWAY	PARK MOUNT	2	1	2
HOME	LAUREL HOUSE	Postponed		
HOME	ROMA (CUP)	1	5	-
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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS PARTY The Christmas Party will be held at the Design Centre, Hope Street on Thursday 21st December 1967, commencing 7.30 p.m. extension to 11.30 p.m. Buffet, Band, Spots.

As we have been asked by the Design Centre to limit the number attending to 150 we are obliged to make this a ticket only Christmas Party.

All members past and present will have an opportunity of applying for these tickets. If there are some who are still disappointed, will they please contact the under-noted:-

or Mr. C. Kelly Tel. Ormskirk 4972
Mr. G. Pennlington Tel Aintree 4912

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Collection for Charities

This is made at every Christmas Party and in the past you have been most generous. This year the charities to benefit will be multiplied and we trust you to at least equal previous records.

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YULETIDE WALK

The Yuletide walk will be held on Sunday 7th January 1968 to Rivington Hill.

KESWICK WEEKEND 3rd - 5th November, 1967

Gathering as usual on the slopes of Brownlow Hill was a keen band of folk eager to swop the setting for the Gales Guest House on the slopes of Skiddaw. This was the much awaited weekend. After picking up a few of our scattered brethern from the wilderness of Fazakerley we were soon speeding on our way to the National Park hoping for some kinder weather than we had experienced during the few days prior to the weekend.

We arrived at the Gales at 10.30 p.m. but John Keenan had not arrived with his little group. During supper the 'phone rang and it was John to say he had had some mechanical trouble on the M.6 but he told us he was now well on the way. In fact he arrived about 1 a.m.

Saturday morning and there it was a beautiful clear pale blue sky and a mist hanging over the town below us. Usual C.R.A. weather! After breakfast the coach took the 'A' and 'B' parties to Seatoller in Borrowdale. The 'A' set off for scafell led by John Keenan and the 'B' party did Great Gable and Green Gable with Hugh Molloy - Well done both parties - The weather could hardly have been better and anyone who has been in the Lakes in the Autumn will appreciate how difficult it is to describe the beauty of it all. The colours of the trees and the stillness of the lakes and the mountains with their layer of snow.

Saturday evening after dinner was the usual adjournment to the 'Pheasant Inn' for an hour where we were entertained by Terry Williams and Jack Patterson with their guitars with everyone joining in the singing. Pauline Cunningham also entertained us by playing a few well known pieces on her ever ready piano which sh just happened to have handy in her handbag.

On our return to the Gales the Saturday hop commenced and all those folk who earlier had thought they didn't even have the energy to climb into bed, immediately set about enjoying themselves jigging about till midnight. The evening was admirably M.C'd

by two ladies for a change - Hilda O'Keefe and Gay Cryan. Well done girls - keep it up and show us that girls are not completely useless!! (you will have guessed that this article is written by a man).

Sunday morning brought us just the opposite type of weather to that enjoyed on Saturday - rain rain - didn't it rain. After Mass and breakfast just a few brave souls decided they wanted to go out and Keith Scott led them to the summit of Skiddaw. It didn't stop raining all day but that didn't stop us enjoying ourselves.

and then it was time to pack, pay and go. All good things coming to an end. One can only look forward to the next club weekend. Thanks to all those concerned in arranging the weekend and for making it so enjoyable.

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'EDALE' 29th October, 1967 'A' Walk

With typical vivacity of spirit we as the boisterous 'A' party left from the coach, with prospects of a long arduous trek ahead the true hardy spirit of the Ramblers soared to the challenge - and headed for the nearest coffee house.

It is worth writing one point, amply clarified during the course of the 'A' walk which was that unmistakeable fondness and desire which the female section of the group showed for a 'good old-fashioned mud-bath'. They did receive a little encouragement and assistance however, but were 'overwhelmed' by exuberance for a 'little paddle' - for the part which Mike played the girls extend a hand of thanks and promise never to forget his unusual willingness to assist!!

Our first 'buttee break' came at the summit of some grotesque molehill when the fresh breeze was conducive enough to suggest a slight halt. When all were comparatively comfortable and eagerly welcoming the prospects of a well deserved rest, Ron herded us together and so on we plodded.

Dear Editor,

This letter is by way of a rather belated tribute to Miss Betty Turner, who retired from the office of Association General Secretary, at the last A.G.M.

Most people with experience of Committee work will acknowledge that the administration of any Club revolves largely round the Secretary and consequently that office requires a high degree of dedication on the part of the holder of the position. I note from the records, that Betty has in fact been Secretary for the last five years, and there are only two other instances of service of equivalent period in this office. I think, therefore, that we would be very remiss not to place on record the Associations' appreciation of her work on its behalf over the last five years, and especially the conscientious way she has approached it.

In particular I will just mention her work in connection with the Newsletter. It is not generally known that Betty was primarily responsible for the introduction of the Newsletter in its present form, five years ago, and has during that period of her office typed every Newsletter that has appeared in that time.

This will give some idea of the extent of her work over the last five years.

On behalf of all of us, I will just say "Thank you Betty, for all you have done" and dare we look forward to a resumption of activities in the not too distant future.

Ex Committee Member

KEEP DEATH OFF THE MOUNTAINS

A note from the Lake District Mountain Accidents Association.

When this article was first being prepared a car was standing empty in the car park at Grasmere. Nothing unusual in that - thousands of cars stand there empty in the course of a summer. However, people who live in the district are observant - they have to be - and noticed that it had been there for a day or two. At about the same time the police in St. Anne's were looking for a man who had gone to the Lake District by car and not returned. Once the police at both ends had been informed it did not take long to connect car with missing person, but it was impossible to say in which direction he had gone when he left it. On the evidence of which volume of Wainwright's guide he had taken, it seemed more likely that he had gone westward towards the Langdale Pikes. His description was circulated and the Search Panel called in Teams to cover all the likely fells. The Panel, a group of mountain rescue experts connected with the teams, established base at Grasmere and appointed Sid Cross of Langdale Team Search Controller. The day was Thursday. Over 450 searchers combed the fells. Weather - wet. There had been severe storms and becks were flooded. Radio communication between teams - bad. Civil Defence called in to serve meals to the large number of cold wet searchers. Friday: helicopter obtained from the R.A.F. to carry a powerful radio station up the mountain to improve communications. Then, with Tom Price (Outward Bound School, Eskdale) aboard, it hovered over the fellsides whilst Tom strained for a glimpse of the missing man. Over 500 searchers were out_ seven search dogs. 800 meals were served to the searchers. 31 radio sets (cost £100 each) were in use. Still no trace. Saturday_ Better weather made searching less grim. Some of the earlier teams were now tired and were replaced by fresh men come from further afield - Lancashire, Northumberland, Durham. At two o'clock in the afternoon a body was found by Cockermouth team in Langstrath, Borrowdale, at the foot of Sergeant's Crag. The search was ended.

The victim had no map and compass, and it is likely that he became lost in the mist and storm after going up Easedale. Taking the wrong route he found himself descending into Borrowdale instead of returning to Grasmere. Hurrying, he probably fell over the crag.

A man's life was lost. Hundreds of members of 35 rescue and search teams gave days of their time. Public services were kept busy and thousands of pounds' worth of equipment in use. It took a week for Kendal team to clear up the field used for base camp and return all equipment. If everyone had to be paid, (they don't of course - not even expenses!) it would have cost thousands of pounds. All for the lack of a compass.

Before you go on the fells make sure that YOU are properly equipped and know what you are doing. If you are in doubt write to use for a leaflet. We may be able to advise you on specific problems too. We are there to help you if you get into trouble, but we would much rather help you keep out of trouble.

From E.A.Morton, Publicity Secretary L.D.M.A.
Hallow Bank Brow, Kentmere, Kendal.

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FATHER GIBB

We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to Father Gibb, who was recently made a Privy Chamberlain, in recognition of his work in connection with the opening of the Cathedral.

Father Gibb is an honorary member of the Association, and as many members know, is also a keen Rambler. He was one of our principle guests at the Fortieth Anniversary Dinner Dance.

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SOCIALITE cont'd from Pg. 2.

Opening my morning paper one day this week, I nearly choked over my cornflakes, for there was one of our members, none other than Barbara Molyneux standing alongside her Royal Highness Princess Margaret during her visit to Liverpool. Amazing what some members get up to - I suppose the honourable member will be off to a Garden Party any time now!

Things are so swinging indoors at the moment, that I think we should pause for a moment to commiserate with my colleague Ramblerite and his followers, who, due to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, have been confronted with the prospect of "Roast Beef and Two Veg" for several Sundays to come. I've no doubt that Ramblers Mums will, at the same time come to appreciate the interest of their proteges in Rambling more and more as the weeks go by.

And so we come to the very heart of the Social Season - Christmas. On the assumption that you all emerge from your Christmas Shopping expeditions, reasonably sound in wind and limb, I would like to draw your attention to the following events on the Social Programme for the current period.

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| Thursday | 21st December | CHRISTMAS PARTY
(Admission by ticket only) |
| Wednesday | 3rd January | PUERI CANTORES CAROL
CONCERT AT THE PHIL-
ARMONIC HALL.
(Tickets from Paul-
ine Davies) |
| Sunday | 7th January | YULETIDE WALK, HOT
POT SUPPER AND DANCE
AT RIVINGTON BARN. |
- (2/6d deposit to J. Pat-
terson)

For the benefit of our many new members the last mentioned is the event in the Club's Calendar, combining a leisurely walk and Treasure Hunt with a grand Social evening. -A merry Christmas to all our readers, and a Happy New Year.

PERSONAL

It is with regret that we learn of the death of:-

Peggy Sharley's mother
and Mrs. Collins, mother of a
former Registrar.

To both families we tender our sincere
condolences.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :-

Eileen Rogers who celebrated her 21st birthday
recently.

Bob & Geraldine Harvey, married on the
21st October, 1967.