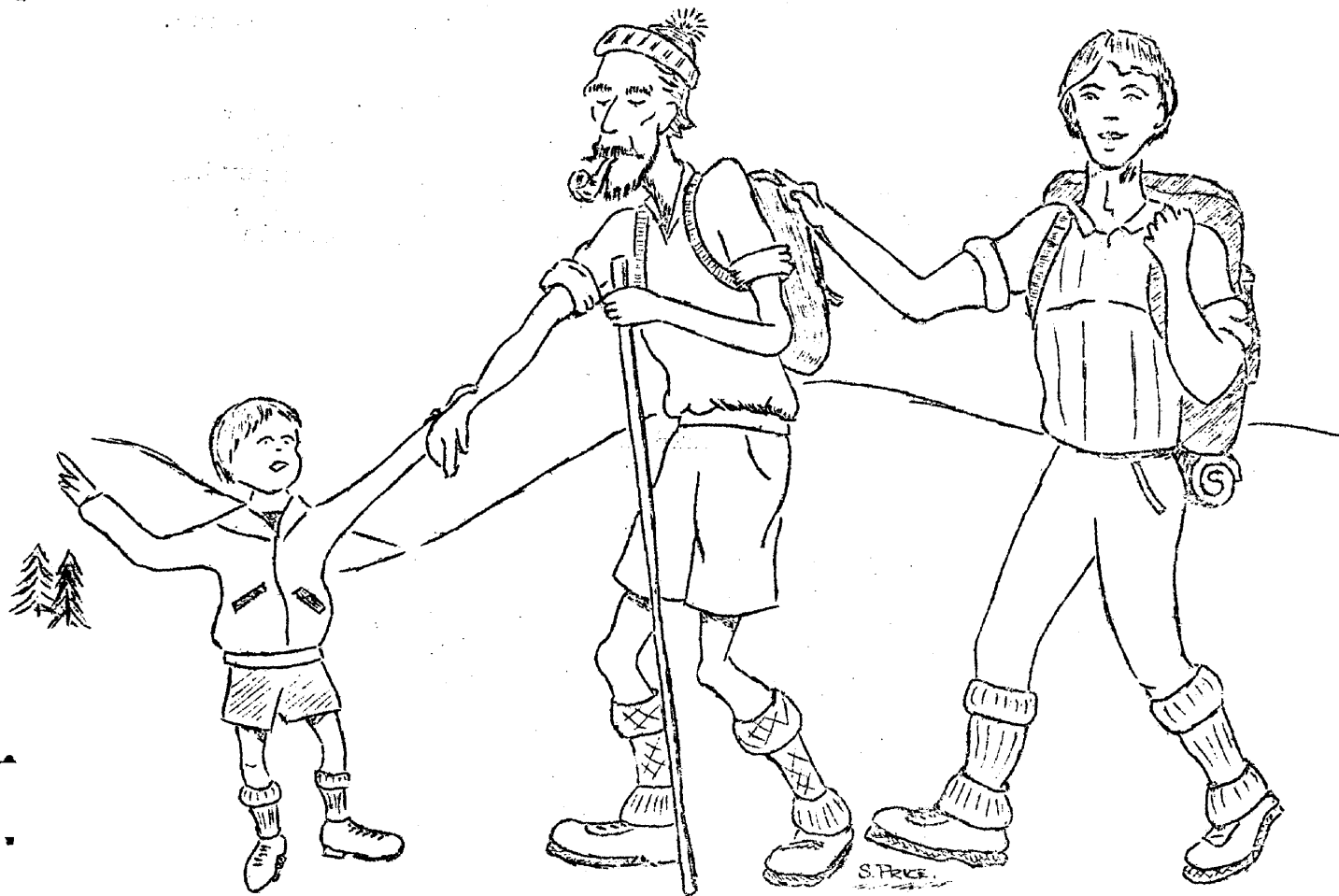


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Editorial

Last year I planted an avocado pear pip. It grew to a height of 12" but then all the leaves fell off. Dissapointed the offending plant was put to the back of our tiny garden, and forgotten. That is until last week when low and behold tiny shoots had appeared from where last years leaves had fallen. And so once again our avocado pear tree occupies place of honour. That is unless I plant a TREE.

Have you heard of the slogan Plant a TREE in '73? Now this is a serious suggestion...Why do'nt we , as a Rambling Club, approach the Liverpool Corporation with a view to planting some TREES where people, in the future, may enjoy the shade, the shelter er even the thrill of seeing the first buds breaking forth in the spring ?

How about it ? ? ?

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CATBELLS

No claim to height or awsome rock,
Or gloomy tarn where ravens mock,
No gulleys deep with fearfull climb
Where one can loose all sence of time,
No brooding silence fills the air,
Or noisy beck to cross with care.

A little mountain with magic name,
and lovely views to give it fame,
With gentle slopes sweeping down
To Derwentwater, with islands crowned,
To Newlands Vale, a place of charm,
With tiny church, and lonely farm.

To walk the paths and take one's fill
of views of woods, and distant hill,
The sparkling lake, the larks on high,
The braken fronds, the warm winds sigh,
Loved by all who walk the fells,
This little mountain, dear Catbells.

TENNIS

I would like to express my appreciation to those members who assisted in the preparation of the Tennis Courts at Lance Grove, if only more people has assisted it would have made our job so much easier.

The Tennis Courts are now OPEN for playing any night of the week, or weekends, if the clubhouse is locked keys can be obtained from 21, Tulip Road. If you are not sure whether you would like to become a member, or not, go along and give it a try, you are under no obligation to join.

MEMBERSHIP - Application forms can be obtained from myself or Brian Keller.

MATCHES - We have entered a mens team in the 'E Division of The Liverpool League this coming season and the fixtures are given below. Anybody interested in competition Tennis should come along to the club as early as possible in the season, because the selection of the team takes place in the first 2 weeks of the season, and it is so much harder to obtain a place in the tea afterwards.

FRED NORBURY TROPHY - Will take place on Sunday 17th June, this will be in the form of an American Tournament, this is a Doubles Tournament which will give everyone a chance of winning no matter how poor the player may be. I hope everyone will come along, even if you don't play Tennis, as it should be a good social day out.

GRAND DERBY DRAW

TICKETS. COUNTERFOILS
AND MONIES

TO

BRIAN KELLER
NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY 24TH MAY

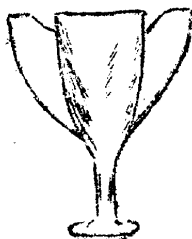
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Tickets seem to be going remarkably well, but if anyone has any difficulties selling these tickets could they please return them as soon as possible so that we will have a chance of redistributing them.

TENNIS EQUIPMENT - Anyone wishing to purchase new Tennis equipment should see either Eric Kavanagh or myself, as there are special discounts arranged with certain shops in Liverpool, so if you haven't bought your new equipment yet come along and see us.

Barry Lyon.

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RAMBLERITE

On April 15th. John Lovelady led 28 people on a walk to Troutbeck. This coach left at 10-10 am - 10 minutes late. Things are improving but let us see coaches leaving at the time stated on the Thursday evening.

Two people failed to turn up for the coach after making a reservation on the previous Thursday. Of late a number of people have done this and we wish to draw to your attention the fact that it is a club rule that those people will be asked to pay the full coach fare for the particular ramble.

When making your reservation please bear this in mind as losses incurred on coach bookings have to be born by the club.

141 people offically booked in at the sponsored walk for St. Joseph's Hospice. Many completed the 15 miles but it is rumoured that a couple of more enthusiastic ramblers actually completed 20 miles. We have no details of what financial benefits may acruce from this venture but by the next issue we should be in a position to give you some more details.

The day was marred slightly by a small fire which destroyed about an acre of forest. It is not true that it was the result of so many ramblers scorching through the forest.

Some further confusion arose when someone removed a number of markers which had been placed along the trail to guide the various groups. I havent heard of anyone actually going the wrong way but if you were unfortunate please accept our apologies.

It was a beautiful day for this type of walk with almost cloudless skies and only a gentle breeze. It must have encouraged many people to keep walking-even a couple of 7 year olds whom I am told completed $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. At this rate we look forward to welcoming them into the ramblers.

PROGRAMME.

May 6th....Snowdon.....Fete Mullhall

13th....Langdales.....Brian Keller

20th....4 of the 14....Dave News

26th....Caravan week end by the General Committee.

All walks except Snowdon will start at 9-30 am. Snowdon will leave at 10-15 am, because of the night out at the Neptune Club We hope to have coaches for all these walks subject to a minimum number of 22 names, so let's se you all walking this Summer.

DRUM

8.4.73.

Twenty of us assembled at St. John's Lane at 9.45, with very nearly the same number of cars. Five good-natured drivers volunteered to take their cars and so off we went via Queensferry and down the A55 until we reached Bodelwyd, where we stopped for coffee. You'll recognise the place by the beautiful stone church and you might even see the graves of the many Canadian soldiers buried in the Churchyard.

We continued on through Colwyn Bay and Rhos-on-Sea, and then it happened; At a roundabout, four cars turned off in the direction of Tal-y-Cafn, but one continued on to Conway. At Tal-y-Cafn, three of the cars continued across the River Conway, but we waited for the missing car. But little did we know that the other car had met up with the rest of the party and now we were the missing car.

After some rather dubious directions from Brian Keller, we managed to get on to a 'road' (for want of a better word) which looked as though it had not been used for years. Peter McLindon managed to drive up an almost continuous 1 in 6 gradient, successfully avoiding the potholes with a little help from Lesley Roberts, Brian and myself by our opening gates. We reached the end of the road which was almost halfway up the mountain. With no sign of the rest of the party we turned back, but a mile further down, who should we see but fifteen rather exhausted looking ramblers heading towards us. We continued down to the village where another member was waiting for us. Having more sense than to leave the car there and have to walk two miles to catch the others, we drove back up the road, saving ourselves some energy.

The weather was cold but clear. From Drum we could see Anglesey and Puffin Island, and no doubt from Puffin Island one would be able to see the ramblers puffin to climb the mountain. When we reached the top (or summit like that) five of the more energetic decided to climb higher while the rest of us decided to descend. Needless to say, Clare managed to fall into every available hole on the way down.

On reaching level ground, the snow started and I think it was making up for lost time. Arriving back at the village, we discovered the other five has arrived back 90 minutes before and obviously recovered from their walk.

After a change of clothes, we headed home stopping at a rather select pub just outside St Asaph except that is for one car which took a wrong turning and finished up at Rhuddlan.

John Clarke.



This was never my impression of the Ancient Order but apparently many people considered the Ancient applied to the members of the Order rather than the Order. And the Order, I might have described as the legacy of experience, wisdom, understanding and tolerance. I am sure the Ancient Order in time to come would have been just these things.

But what is in a name. It is really just an identification, for the spirit which was in the Ancient Order is just as much in the renamed

Family Section *****

This is the new name adopted by the section formed three years ago, and dubbed the 'Ancient Order'. This name was given jokingly and it stuck. But the 'older' members who were in the section were never very happy about it. Hence the change.

It is thought that 'Family Section' will more accurately describe what was really required, that is a section for those members who get married, and then through family commitments, cannot continue their activities in the general section.

Of necessity, the membership of the Family Section consists at the moment of those who had already broken off their association with the club, and now feel that they are part of it once more. It is hoped that future members will be encouraged to join the section as soon as they feel they cannot "keep up" with the general body, and so prolong their association with the club.

Family Section Programme *****

Sunday May 6th.....Ramble to Moel Fammau. Leader Jim Flaherty
Meet picnic area at the foot of Moel Fammau
at 1pm. for a 1-30 pm. departure.

Friday June 1st.....Social at Bill and Nora Naylor's
114, Moss Lane, Maghull

Friday June 8th.....Dance at St. Gregory's, Lydiate.
Keep this date open..More details later.

SOCIALITE.

The Club's night -out to 'Mr Pickwicks' (many thanks to Bernie McMullen for organising it) proved most enjoyable, and another one is being arranged by Dave Newns on Saturday 5th May at 'The Neptune Club' Preston Brook. The club has a disco on one floor, and two first class groups on the second floor. Notice of this event was given in the last newsletter.

Our recent 'Golden Oldies' night was a great success, so will be repeated. Nearly 80 people arrived at the clubroom. Not only did dancing commence earlier than usual, but also the dance floor was full from end to end. We are grateful for people bringing down their 'memory jerkers' and golden oldie records. The DJ's had enough to keep playing all night.

Further such evenings are planned at least once a month.

Folk fans will be pleased to know that guitarist and humorist Pete Douglas (recent compare at Atlantic House) has been booked for the 17th May. This is a night not to miss, as Pete is great at establishing a 'rapport with his audience when he performs and I know you will give him a good reception on his first performance at the Mona.

Richie Cannon.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

10th May	Golden Oldies Night **	Richie Cannon & Ian Thomas
17th May	Pete Douglas Entertains	Folk Guitar
24th May	Country & Western & Tamla Motown Music	John Clarke
31st May	Pops A Plenty	Winnie Shaw & Joyce Blair
7th June	Country Meets Pop	Maggie Smith & Monica Moran

*** Please bring you old records for this night

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NOW!

ASK
ABOUT
THE
NEPTUNE
CLUB

SPORT SPECIAL

- A. MINI GOLF - The mini-golf course on the boundary of Fazakerly and Kirkby is now open. In a month we will be having a competition on this course, so get in some practice. All scores of a 100 strokes or less for the 18 hole course should be given to Peter McLindon in order to establish a system of handicaps. Also we will keep you informed of the current lowest scores for the course.
NOTE A round can normally be completed in under 2 hours, the course being open each evening 'till sunset.
- B. TENNIS - With the Tennis Courts at Lance Grove now open, we look forward to watching the progress of the team in their league., and also especially we wonder who will be the first Lady and Gent to win the magnificent F.C.Norbury Memorial Cup. This competition will take place on Sunday 17th June 1973 and should provide great entertainment for players and spectators alike. Reports on epic friendly matches would be welcome by the Sports Editor.
- C. PUTTING - With the light nights now upon us, the Gents of the club look forward to receiving a challenge from the Ladies in the finer arts of putting. However, as the Gents team won convincingly last year, despite a handicap system favouring the Ladies, we fully expect the latter to 'chicken' out (FOWL JOKE).
- D. BOWLS - A number of bowls evenings will be arranged throughout the summer. If you have never played before, you're in for quite a laugh, so don't miss the first event.

THE WORLD OF SOCCER (as seen on April 10th 1973)

- E THE LIVERPOOL SCENE - As the 1972/73 season draws to a close, the odds are, that the REDS will win their first championship since 1966. If then, we make the dangerous assumption that Shanklys men will finish as 1st Division Champions, we should then ask ourselves 5 very pertinent questions;-
1. Are they worthy champions?
 2. Are they fortunate champions?
 3. To what extent have referees decisions been influenced by the vociferous Anfield crowd?
 4. With 4 players sent off and numerous bookings to date, are Liverpool as dirty as their record indicates?
 5. Have the Liverpool club used the persuasive tongue of their manager to unfair advantage to ensure that their players escape suspensions?
- All these points and more will be discussed in next months newsletter. If you hold opinions on these points send them to;-
- The Sports Editor, 6/0 13. Shakespeare Street
Bootle. Liverpool.20.4JP.
- or hand them to any committee member.

F. AND AT GOODISON - With the clouds of relegation virtually cleared, a number of issues arise.

1. Will Mr. Catterick be team manager next year?
2. If a new team manager is appointed, who will he be?
3. Where does the Everton team need strengthening?
4. Would Star players consider coming to Goodison?

Your opinions on these points should be sent to the Sports Editor at the above address.

NOTE: Question 1 no longer applicable. Mr. Catterick awarded the O.B.E. --
'OUT BEFORE EASTER'

THE SPORTS EDITOR FORECASTS

1st DIVISION FINAL POSITIONS

1st.	LIVERPOOL	59 Points
2nd	LEEDS	57 Points
3rd	ARSENAL	57 Points
17th	EVERTON	37 Points

RELEGATEDCRYSTAL P. @ NORWICH

CUP FINAL RESULT LEEDS 3 SUNDERLAND 1

BRIAN CLOUGH --- MANAGER OF EVERTON

SHANKLY --- MANAGER OF THE YEAR

GRAHAM PADDON SIGNED BY EVERTON FROM NORWICH

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EDITOR'S NOTE.

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

LIVERPOOL 60 POINTS

CRYSTAL PALACE 30 POINTS & W.B.A. 28

POINTS WILL BE RELEGATED.

ARSENAL 57 POINTS - 1 GAME TO PLAY

LEEDS UNITED 51 POINTS - 2 GAMES TO PLAY.

PETE

DOUGLAS

GUITARIST AND HUMORIST

(recent compare at Atlantic House Folk Club)

17 TH MAY 1973

in the club rooms.

HOW ARE YOUR BRAINS?

Read the following sentence:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULTS OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

Now count aloud the F's in the rectangle above. Count them ONLY ONCE -
- do not go back and count them again.
If you think you are correct, tell the nearest person your answer then ask him or her to try the problem.

When In desperation, Peter McLindon may help you.