

L.C.R.A.

NEWSLETTER



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Tennis History.

Just ten years after the Catholic Ramblers Association was formed, it was decided to launch a tennis section. In 1937 we hired two courts for three nights each week during the season, in Newsham Park.

The project was so successful that in 1938 we were able to rent our own private courts at Cherry Lane in Walton. The war intervened, and after the war, our courts were sold for housing.

We then had a short spell at the Convent of the White Sisters in Sefton Park. There was only one court there, and after a season we were fortunate to find accommodation at Garden View in West Derby. These were grass courts of doubtful quality, but they helped to keep the section together.

We still searched for a "House of our own", and were eventually lucky to find our present home in Lance Grove. Unfortunately, after eighteen years we now have to move once again as the courts are required for housing. At this stage I would like to thank the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Owen for their kindness and consideration during our tenancy.

They have been happy years at Lance Grove, and we are very sorry to leave. At the time of going to press we are still searching hopefully for new premises.

When we arrived at Lance Grove, we decided to join the Liverpool Tennis League. We entered a ladies and a gents team, but unfortunately the ladies team had to be withdrawn a few seasons ago. The gents team however has continued right up to this season. We have had varying degrees of success and one year we actually gained promotion. Several players have come and gone since we joined the league, but I would like to pay tribute to just one - John Burrs. He was a member of the original team, and is still playing for us this season. No doubt if we are successful in finding new premises he will continue to play for us for many years to come. Nevertheless I think the time is opportune to say thank you John and also to thank all those who have helped to keep the tennis section in being for the past 36 years.

Perhaps in the next issue we may have better news of somewhere to continue our activities. I hope so. Meanwhile good bye to Lance Grove and to all its memories.

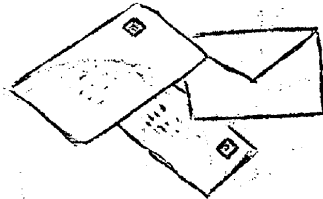
Cyril Kelly.

Final league positions 1973

Although all the scores are not yet known we can tell you that:- we have:-
Played 10 games....won 4.....lost 6.....11 points.....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1224, South Street,
Hatfield,
Pretoria,
SOUTH AFRICA



"Extracts from a letter to Cyril Kelly from South Africa".

Dear Cyril,

This is one in between our annual exchange of letters at christmas to thank you for having organised the inclusion of my name and address on the Club mailing list for supply of the Newsletter. I enjoy reading it very much and envy the present -day members being able to go much farther afield with the help of motor coach and on special occasions by plane to Switzerland and Austira.

The reports on outings are well written, giving the facts with a dash of humour. Writing is not everyone's 'cup of tea', so I imagine two or three, or is it one or two?, do the chore and so make a valuable contribution to the newsletter.

It would seem that the Club has widened its activities since my time, 1930 - 35, which is all to the good.

Yours sincerely,
Tony (Reynolds).

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Dear Tony,

Just to put the records straight, during the year, the newsletter receives contributions from something like 20 or 30 people. not as you imagine 1 Or 2.

You see even YOU are now a CONTRIBUTOR.

Regards.

The Editor.

Eric

R.I.P.

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of the father of Marie McCormick who died recently.

Your prayers are also requested for an ex-chairman of the L.C.R.A. , Tom Joyce, who is seriously ill.

FAREWELL DANCE***There will be a farewell dance at the Tennis Club some time in September. Look out for notification and get your tickets early.***

Social.

The 28th. June saw a very successful evening with an attendance of 92 when 'Favement' professional disco and late licence were booked at the Mona. The variety of music was widely acclaimed so we have booked them again together with a late licence on 13th. September. Remember and note this date in your diary.

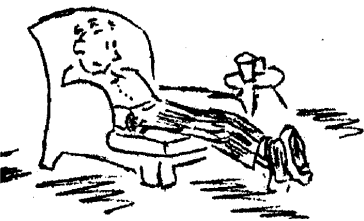
It was encouraging to learn that our membership is up on last year. Keep spreading the word and perhaps we shall set a new record for the number of members in the club.

Our first 'Take the Floor' spot was marred by problems with a mike which we hope to rectify. Good positioning of the musicians and the need for an M.C. have proved essential for this type of evening. On the 16th. Aug. we are having a B.B.C colour film with soundtrack which was shown on 'Panorama' last year. The film, the only one in the country, is an impartial look at the life of the late Padre Pio, the Italian hermit priest who was also a stigmatic - that is, he suffered and bore the marks of the five wounds of Christ, a fact which has been well authenticated. The effect of his life on the local people and the amazing cures attributed to his intercession since his death are attracting widespread interest and could lead to the process of his canonisation.

This fascinating and unique film is being loaned to us from Shrewsbury, and will be shown from 9.05 pm. to 10 pm. Afterwards will follow news at ten and a disco. We are lucky to have this opportunity and on the night we would like you to bring along all of your friends who might be interested. There will be a token collection to cover the cost of bringing this film from Shrewsbury. Please come down before 9.00pm. if you can, as a matter of courtesy to the film owners. The bar will of course remain open all evening.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME. AUGUST

9th.	Disco	Dave the Rave (Newns)
16th.	DADRE PIO film. 9.05 - 10.00pm.	Disco Pete McLindon.
23rd	Disco	Winnie Shaw & Joyce Blair
30th.	Disco	Chris Dolan & Leslie Roberts.



It's your name ?

It is some time since we published a 'New Members' list, so if you have joined us in the last few months - look below - your name may be there;=

Frances M. Lee	Bernadette Fennell
Sanora Atkinson	Bro. Timothy McLoughlin
Diane Williams	Catherine Dukes
Joan McDonald	Christine Dolan
Norman Gresham	Mr & Mrs Anthony Comerford
John Patrick Coyle	Kevin Flanagan
Peter Freeman	Eileen Cunningham
Leslie Roberts	Christopher Roberts
Mary Barrett	Mr & Mrs William & Bridget Shawcross
Patricia Duffy	Susan Hughes
Paul Anthony Stafford	Stephen Eyre
Mary Whearty	Michael Nolan
Christopher Eyre	Bernadette Pielow

Philip Gillies

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ADVANCE NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. will be held at 8pm. Thursday 27th September at the 'MONA'. This is the opportunity for every member to have a say in the running of their club, question accounts, interrogate the committee, offer themselves for election to the committee etc,etc. Please keep the date in mind and be ready with your questions, suggestions and nominations.

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ANNUAL MASS SEPTEMBER 30TH 1973.

Our Annual Mass will be held on Sunday September 30th at 11.30am, at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Clayton Square, - opposite Owen Owen's. This change of venue for the Annual Mass has been caused by the demolition of St Nicholas's the ex: Pro Cathedral. Our attendances over the years has been excellent, and I am sure that this first Annual Mass at the new shrine will be the forerunner of many in this chapel.

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"THE PAYMENT" DISCO RETURNS TO THE
MONA - 13TH SEPT. LATE LICENCE - 25P.

THE FAMILY SECTION

The next ramble...

BECKFORTON HILLS. AUGUST 19th. 1973

Directions.

Meet in cafe car park cost 10p on the left of the A 49 between the canal and the railway bridge 2 miles south of Tarpoley.

The next social.....

Friday August 10th. 1973

Your host Jean and Gerry McDonald
28, Ormonde Drive,
Maghull.

Your last ramble...

The 'O' game.....

Christine, Josephine, Anthony, Dominic, Kevin, John, and Laurence may be just names to most of the Ramblers but to me they are the Rambling leaders of time to come.

These children, of the family section, took part in an Orienteering event in Delamere Forest on Sunday 22nd. July where they demonstrated some remarkable skills in their use of map and compass.

The event was about 3 Km. in distance (about 2 miles) some of which was through ferns which were head high to the children and of course it seemed that streams were for jumping in - not over.

All enjoyed the venture and I am pleased to report that no one got lost -- that is except for Dave Newns. You see Dave and I were checking that all the markers were still in their correct locations when I realised that the Family Section were due at the meeting point-- Yes I dashed off forgetting that Dave did not have a map ! But you passed your test with flying colours Dave, when you appeared out of the ferrest some 45 minutes later saying ' Sorry I'm late'.....

KILIMANGARO.....for sale....

No. not the mountain, a large metal framed rucksack. It is almost brand new, cost over £8.00 and is unfortunately too large for it's owner.

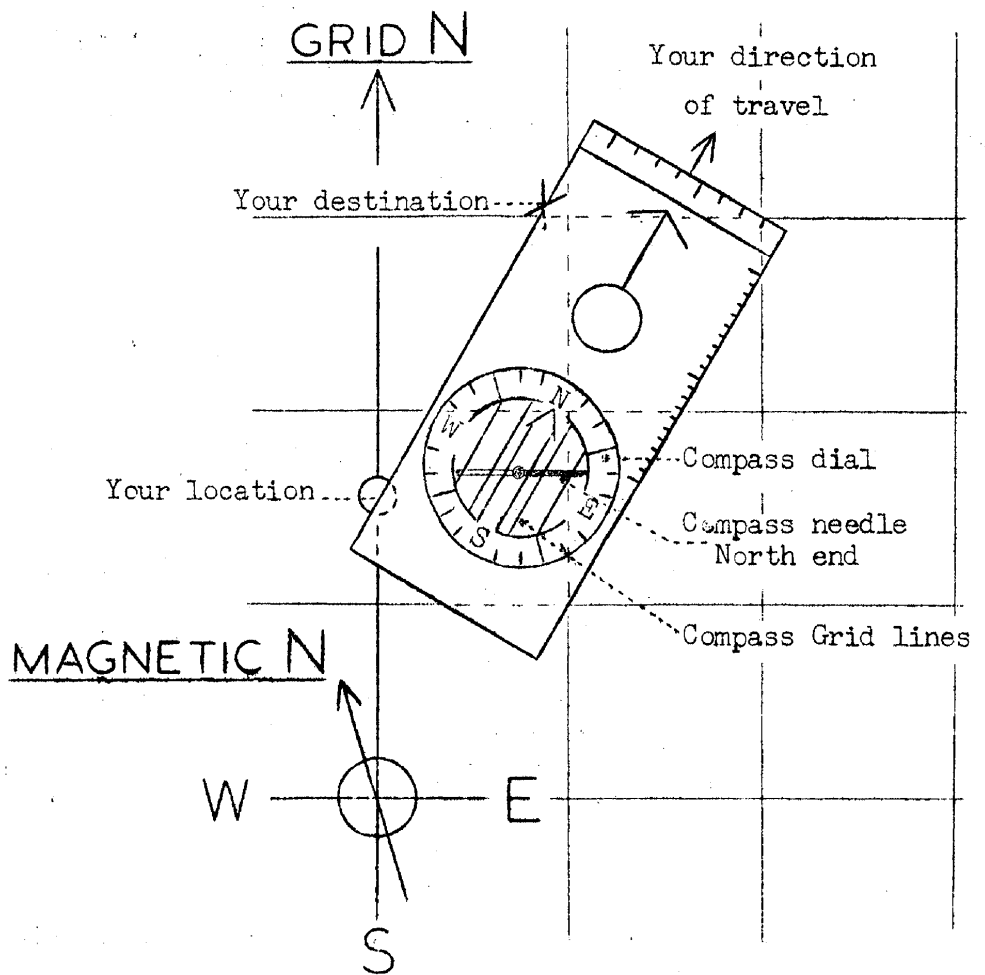
It is being sold at an appreciable discount to the first genuine customer.

Phone or personel calls to...

Monica Beirne,
8, Dawpool Drive,
Moreton.

Phone 677 1335.

TAKE
A
BEARING
PLEASE



THE RULES FOR TAKING A BEARING ARE VERY SIMPLE, as simple as One - Two - Three. To quote the SILVA system :-

- 1) Place the compass on the map with one edge in line with your location and your destination, the arrow pointing in the direction you wish to travel.
- 2) Rotate the compass dial until the grid lines on the compass are parallel to those on the map and the N on the dial points towards grid North.
- 3) Hold the compass level and slowly turn around until the red end of the magnetic needle points to the North. (N) and is parallel to the compass grid lines.

YOUR DIRECTION OF TRAVEL IS AS SHOWN BY THE ARROW.

Ramblerite

FOOTPATH

Rambles have been well attended this last month, we have had a coach ramble every week, keep it up.

Next month we are having a ramble to the Langdales, led by Gerry Finnegan. The Langdales are a range of mountains in the Lake District, there will be two walks= one in the mountains the other around the waterfalls which will be easy.

Dave News will be leading a walk in the Bronte Country. This will start from the historic village of HAWORTH round the fringe of the Yorkshire Dales.

Richie Cannon will be leading an easy walk from 'Dovedale' in Derbyshire. It looks like we will be going camping on the Bank Holiday Weekend. Suggestions will be welcome, please contact Ray O'Connor, but it will probably be Barmouth.

PREVIEW

August 5th. Langdales. Leader Gerry Finnegan.

August 12th. Bronte Country Leader Dave News.

August 19th. Dovedale Leader Richie Cannon.

August 26th. Bank Holiday Weekend
(Barmouth) Leader Lesley Roberts.

January 19th. Sauze D'oulx
This delightful old village perched on a mountain side in the heart of the Italian Alps is a veritable skiers paradise. Nursery slopes abound, but for the second or third year skier there is the Sportina and Triplex lifts which takes one on a thrilling journey to the peak of the Triplex at the heady altitude of 8,200 ft., Yes, over two times higher than our own Snowdon. A thrilling run back to the village may well end up in a mountain tavern where the proprietor may greet you with the words Buon giorno signore e' signorina, come va? and if the signore or signorina can not speake English it may well be a case of parlamo Italiano.

TENNIS REPORT

An extra ordinary meeting was held in the Tennis Pavillion on Wednesday July 11th. The subject was ' The future of the Tennis Section.

We have been advised that this is our last season at Lance Grove as the land is being sold to a development group for the erection of houses!

After some discussion the meeting voted to search for alternative courts as it was felt that the Tennis Section satisfied a social part of the club as well as it being a sporting facility for the tennis players. Certain members indicated their willingness to search for suitable courts and to report back at a further meeting to be held in the pavillion on the 14th. August.

If you know of any premises which may be suitable for the L.C.R.A. Tennis Section will you please contact:---Barry Lyons---:

at home426 3494
at work05 235 73166
or at his home address
112, Molyneux Drive,
Frescot.

or alternatively any committee member. Remember your suggestion may be the one we are looking for.

THANKYOU

The whole Tennis Team thank Pauline Cunningham for preparing such splendid teas at our home matches.

THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKING.

It would appear that your rambling chairmans boots have gone for a walk without his feet in them. They were last seen in the coach on their return from a walk in the Snowdon area. If perchance they pass your way will you please restrain them and report their whereabouts to Ray O'Connor, phone 228 9826. Of course it may be too late for have you ever thought what a spicely meal a pair of boots would make .??

Starters.....Cold TONGUE on lettuce with tomatoe
Fish.....Deep fried SOLE with tatre sauce
Entre.....Trotters with fruit sauce (a pear of HEELS)
Afters.....Coffee well LACED

These boots were made for walking
for walking side by side,
twas never thought some one would steel,
those boots with slightly worn down heel,
just to make himself a meal.

Why not ??? Using the first line above write a Limerick or a short story about Ray's walking Boots. Post or give them to the Editor Address on page one, and we will publish the best results in the next issue.....

SPORTS SPECIAL

A. CROWN GREEN BOWLING - The competition held at Seacombe on 23rd June was supported by 21 members and eventually boiled down to a battle of brothers in-law, Steve Price and Bill Shawcross. They and their partners, Lesley Roberts and Mary Barrett, fought a fluctuating final in which Bill and Mary eventually won through 11-7.

They gained free admission to the very successful Pavement Disco night at the club on 28th June as a reward for their brilliant play.

Final Placings 1st. Mary Barrett & Bill Shawcross. 33pts.
2nd. Lesley Roberts & Steve Price. 29pts.
3rd. Ricky Warrington & Winnie Shaw. 28pts.

IS THIS A RECORD ???.. Dave News and Bernie McMullen took 90 minutes before beating John Fitz and Chris Dolan 11-9.

B. GRAND DERBY DRAW. - THE SEQUEL

John McLindon is n't a betting man, but he, like everybody else bought tickets for the Derby Draw. He had the misfortune to draw a horse, and then find that it was a non-runner. Some 4 WEEKS LATER, while watching GRANDSTAND he spotted that the horse, WEAVERS HALL, was running in the IRISH SWEEPS DERBY. A 10p Each Way bet on the horse proved most profitable, for WEAVERS HALL won at 33-1; Needless to say, John was rather pleased.

C. PITCH AND PUTT - A mixed doubles competition will take place on August 4th, at the Fazakerly Golf Course. Further details from John Clarke. Incidentally, the lowest known score for this 18 hole course is a fantastic 54 strokes recorded by former member Paul Lavery some 3 years ago. The best score this year is 68 by Pete McLindon. If anyone wants to attempt to equal the record for the course, or even beat it, see Peter.

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One month from now, the sports pages of the national newspapers will again be dominated by SOCCER, with the 73/74 season under way. The big questions are, will England be good enough to qualify for Munich, let alone win the World Cup ?. Will Liverpool win the European Cup, The League and every competition they enter ?. Will Everton slip to the 2nd Division under Billy Bingham, or is a revival likely ?.

We all have our own views on the questions, but are we brave enough to put them in print. ?. No doubt Gerry Finnigan will fly the flag for the REDS, perhaps with some support from that other Reds fanatic, Tom Gibb of the family section. Brian Keller, Pete McLindon and Tony Dignan may care to advocate the hopes of the Blues.

However, who will speak up in support of SIR ALF'S ENGLAND, not many I feel.

Your views on the above questions should be sent to The Sports Editor, c/o 13, Shakespeare Street, Bootle L20 4 JP, Lancs.

I'll start the ball rolling with two Score forecasts.

August 25th. Liverpool 1 Stoke City 1.

Leeds 1 Everton 0.

What do you think. -???.
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