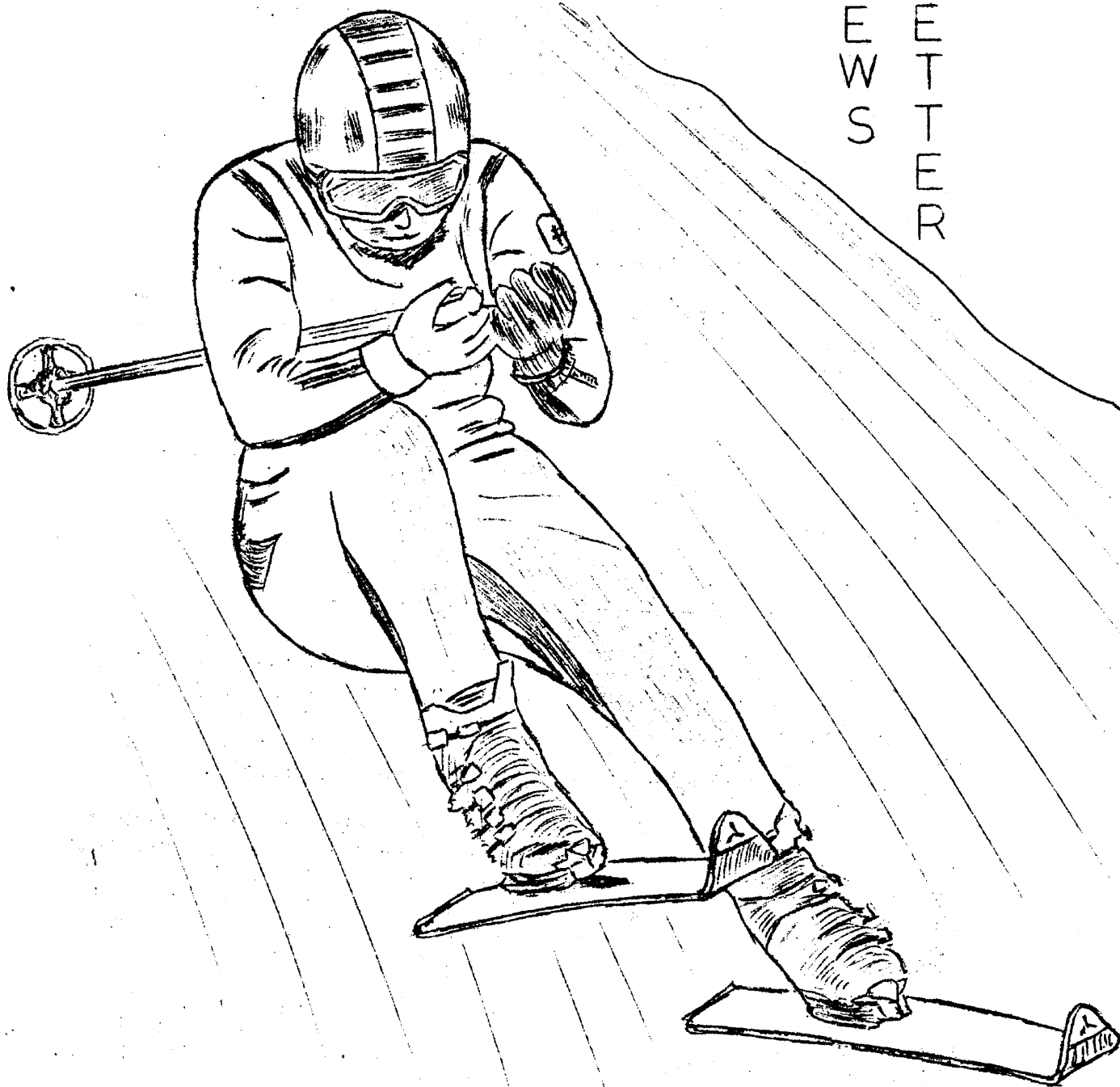


LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS
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F.C. Memorial Trophy Day.

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On June 17th. last an American Tournament was organised at Lance Grove to compete for the above trophy. Phil O'Neill and Hugh Molloy were the joint winners. Phil has the trophy in her possession and come 1974 Hugh will become the guardian until the next event sometime next May or June.

It has been suggested that the next event be associated with Rambling, an idea which I feel has considerable merit. However as some of the current committee have stated - it will require careful planning and organisation in order to ensure adequate safety and a fair competition.

A new rambling programme is due out shortly which will cover the period up to May 1974. Can a date be included for this event which perhaps could be organised by a committee on the lines of the last great 14 peak event when the cream of the club did the walking and the rest of us did the helping?

However, whatever the proposals, we must always ensure that the cup is worth winning!

Five years old but not quite fifty.

November 1968 saw the first of the "Fourth Issue" series of newsletters. Our first attempts were somewhat lacking in polish though they have improved to a standard which is accepted without too much comment except, for the spelling. Yes - the number of times I've been told about the spelling. But at least they must read the newsletter which makes it's production worthwhile.

In those days Monica Moran was the typist and Chris Marsden the Registrar. Both played a big part in producing and distributing the newsletter. Even over this short period of time it is interesting to note how the emphasis on the content has changed from one topic to another. One point of note is that the quality of reporting has maintained an extremely high standard.

This issue is the first produced by our new committee. Pat Quick (Assistant Secretary) has done a fine job on the typing whilst the distribution will be in the capable hands of Leslie Roberts.

To ensure you receive your copies of this excellent production please ensure that you pay your subscriptions for the 1973/74 season to Leslie or to her assistant Bernie McMullen. Not only will you get your own personal copy of this marvelous newsletter (Including all the latest spelling mistakes) but more important you will remain a member of the best club in Liverpool.

E. J. Ravanagh

PITCH & PUTT KIRKBY.
SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 1973.
"MURDER ON THE LINKS".

The time was 6.30 as the seven of us teed off at the first hole. The two girls Margaret & Clare started off with a four and five respectively. After five holes John led with 24 strokes, followed by Clare with 25 and Chris with 26. The question at this stage of the game was, could Clare keep up this great challenge.

At the half way stage John had 42 with Clare and Chris 4 strokes behind with 46, Chris however was closing the gap. At the last hole a great shot by Clare just missed John's head "Look out" she cried and John's reply was "Fore is the word dear".

The score cards later showed that the highest score on one hole was by Bob who took 12 strokes on the sixteenth. Ray got a two on the 14th hole and Ritchie played very well. Ray also did a very unusual thing while playing his round he split a tee into three pieces.

It was anyone's guess as to who would win this battle of the giants but by 8 o'clock we knew the outcome.

The chat in the Copplehouse afterwards was centred around the scores below.

FINAL POSITIONS

John McLindon	82
Chris Dolan	85
Ray O'Connor	88
Richie Cannon	96
Clare Conlon	102
Margaret Smith	113
Bob Banks	119

Signed

Tre Levino.

FAMILY SECTION PROGRAMME.

Friday November 9th Annual General Meeting at the home of Bill & Norah Naylor, 114, Moss Lane, Maghull. Ample opportunity to air your views and to elect a committee to run affairs for the next 12 months.

Sunday November 18th Ramble. Details to be notified.

Friday December 7th Social at Jim & Irene Flaherty's, 26, Thingwall Road, Liverpool.

All members offer their congratulations to John Lovelady and Ann Schofield on the occasion of their recent engagement.

SPORTS SPECIAL ***EXTRA***

As predicted in the September issue of this newsletter "England drew with Poland at Wembley and thus lost the chance of World Cup success". For further Predictions read our Sports Special....

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the beginning of our 46th year, the membership fees were increased, the new subscriptions being 50p for a single person, and 60p for a married couple. Despite this, the membership increased to 211 compared with 206 last year.

At the first meeting of the 1972 General Committee, it was decided that the Ramblers should adopt the St. Joseph's Hospice Association for one year and do as much as possible to raise funds for this organisation. To this end collections for the Hospice were taken at the Christmas party and also at Rivington Barn. In addition, it was decided that a Sponsored Walk be organised to raise funds and so this event was included in our Rambling programme.

The walk was held in Delamere Forest on 29th April, and as a result £328 was realised and this sum plus a generous donation from the manager and staff of the Mona Hotel, was presented to Fr. O'Leary at the club rooms on 14th June.

The Sub-Committees of the Ramblers organised many functions throughout the year, and these can be classified as either being of a Rambling or of a Social nature.

Firstly, Rambling events.

A Ramble, weekend, or special event was held each week throughout the year, except for the two blank weekends at Christmas and New Year. Even so, at this time, a party of Ramblers spent a few days walking in the Lake District, their base being Lakeside House, Keswick.

The last three months of 1972 saw an equal number of Coach & Car Rambles, but with the boost in membership provided by our 1973 advertising campaign, Coach Rambles became the rule rather than the exception. However, the last month has seen a fewer number of members rambling, possibly because of holiday commitments.

Our Rambling programme for the year included the following:-

- a) An invitation walk to Snowdon.
- b) A Mystery Ramble.
- c) A Yuletide Walk and Dance at Rivington Barn attended by 200 members and children.
- d) A Hot Pot supper walk at Llanarmon.
- e) An Orienteering event.
- f) Two weekends at Lakeside House, Keswick.
- g) The Sponsored Walk in aid of St. Joseph's Hospice.
- h) Camping weekends at Llanwrog and Scarborough.
- i) A caravan weekend at Plas Coch, Anglesey.
- k) A weekend at Ambleside.
- i) An outing to Rivington for a party of children from the Bronte Centre.

In addition various groups of members organised holidays at home and abroad. The various destinations included Scotland, the Lake District, Isle of Man, France and Austria.

In place of the normal Sunday Ramble on 17th June, a tennis tournament was held at Lance Grove. The winners were presented with the F.C. Norbury Memorial Trophy.

Throughout the year the Family Section held monthly Rambles. The two sections of Ramblers came together for the Retreat at Bishop Eton Monastery on 3rd December, and also for the Annual Mass at St. Nicholas' Parish Church on 1st October. It transpired that this was to be our final mass in that Parish as the Church was demolished some months later.

SOCIALLY, this year was very busy with many varied activities. We held 49 Socials here at the Mona compared with 48 last year.

The highest attendance was 91 compared with 103, with the lowest attendance being 33 to 39, and the average attendance being 60 to 64.

Generally the Socials took the form of a Disco run by the members, although a number of Professional Discos were booked and these proved to be extremely popular especially when a late extension was acquired. The Pavement Disco proved themselves most popular at the Christmas Party on 22nd December and so they were booked on other occasions.

Other various forms of entertainment were provided with Peter McGovern, and Pete Douglas each providing their own brand of Folk Singing and humour.

Additionally, we had a 'Do it yourself' night, a Photography competition and also a showing of the B.B.C. documentary film on the life of Padre Pio. As mentioned earlier Fr. O'Leary was presented with the proceeds of the sponsored walk on 14th June. He gave us a short talk on the history and ambitions of Jospice International.

Away from the Mona many other functions were arranged, some being more successful than others.

The Annual Reunion dance was held at Dovedale Towers on Sat. 20th January. The Family Section held a Christmas Party for the children at Christ the King Parish Hall, on 17th December. Additionally the Family Section held monthly socials at various members houses. The varied social events enjoyed by the members included the following

- a) Two visits to the Mr. Pickwicks Club.
- b) One visit each to the Neptune Club, Prestonbrook; and to Blighties Club Farnworth.
- c) An outing to the musical Godspell.
- d) Also various sporting evenings were organised through the summer months. (i.e. Bowls, Putting etc).

TENNIS. The highlight of the Tennis Year was the first competition for the F.C. Norbury Trophy, 25 members took part.

In our last year at Lance Grove our Tennis team played ten league games winning 4 and losing 6. The Club had 22 fully paid up members.

A Grand Derby Draw was run to boost the Tennis Club funds. Two dances were held in the Pavilion. The future home of the Tennis Club remains in the balance.

ADVERTISING The Club revised its advertising campaign to take place in Radio Merseyside. In addition to advertising in the Echo, and the Catholic Pictorial, a poster campaign was undertaken in order to advertise our activities in most parishes of the Archdiocese. The latter form of advertising proved most successful and is to be repeated.

POOLS AND STINGS AND OTHER THINGS.

September 15th just couldn't come quickly enough for Dave Newnes, Brian Keller and I, for it was some months since our holiday in Scotland, and so we were really eadyfor our weeks holiday in the Lake District. It was a wonderful surprise for us to find that we would be joined by some 15 ramblers for the first weekend in and around Ambleside. Saturday evening was spent chasing each other in and out of various locals, with some "enjoying" a disco, and others celebrating my winning a first dividend on the pools. A young lady who will remain nameless, was so overcome by my success that she distributed a handful of oncers to the locals from a "convenient" spot. After a pleasant evening the 15 retired to their hotels, while we drove back down the Langdale Valley to our 6 berth luxury caravan.

After Mass next morning it was decided that we would all go on a walk in the Grasmere Area. However it was only after a number of false starts that Ricky Warrington eventually got us moving. He led an interesting walk which included a pleasant stop for afternoon tea alongside the lake. At about 6p.m. it was time for the "workers" to come home but before they did Sister Bernie was called upon to treat B.K. for a severe case of Nappy (sorry) Nettle Rash. How he came to receive this rash is something a young lady will have to explain. Still, with Brian under sedation the 15 departed back to the Pool armed with my letter of resig. sion to my boss. So three, soon-to-be-retired members of the General Committee were left to fend for themselves. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the week was that we ate really well without once entering a cafe. We didn't have our food thrown at us covered with grass (ladies please note). The standard of cooking reached a new high and this is the standard we will require on future holidays. So girls get out those cook books. If we did have an accident it was only of a minor nature when we were camping on the shores of Buttermere. You see I inadvertently reversed over a box of groceries! The instant mash was double mashed, the bacon only squashed a bit, and anyway we didn't really want that steak n' kidney pie. This minor incident apart, we had a most enjoyable week with reasonable weather. We played mini golf and made three other walks, in additon to the Grasmere saunter. Robinson (2417ft) and Great Gable (2949) fell to the intrepid three, but without a doubt the highlight was a magnificent 5 hour ramble up from Buttermere via Scarth Gap to High Crag, High Stile, Chapel Crags & Red Pike and back down to Buttermere. This walk provided wonderful views of Ennerdale Crummock Water, Scotland and the Isle of Man. It is our hope that the new Rambling Committee will adopt this as the Saturday 'A' walk on the Keswick weekend.

Other points of interest during the week included the declaration of the pools dividend (my share of the first dividend was £1.75p and so I withdrew my resignation) B.K. was stung by a wasp in the middle of the night (but despite the hour the wasp didn't live to tell the tale) and also somehow Brian had the occasional win at golf (must have been the wasp).

Continued.

At night our discussions often centred around the very new Committee soon to be formed. We three plus other Committee regulars had decided for various reasons to step down this year. I think that they, like me have many happy memories of their time on the Committee and perhaps even regret not being in the thick of it this time. Still, I'm sure we all agree that the Club will do very nicely under the enthusiastic chairmanship of John Clarke. I hope that they derive as much enjoyment as we did.

PETER McLINDON.

FOOTNOTE Sept. 22nd saw P.Mc. clean up again on the pools with 9 first dividends. No more begging letters please, his £2.00 share has already been spent.

"SOCIALITE"

The last dance at the Tennis Club Pavilion on Saturday 29th September was very successful, despite the short notice that was given. The Family section was very well represented and the disco went on until 2a.m. At this time all that was left of the food was half a roll and some flat beer!

In addition to the planned nights out as set out in the programme below, the Club is planning a visit to either Ruthin or Gwrych Castle for a Mediaeval Banquet and a hired coach or mini bus will be booked. The all-in cost is expected to be under £5.00 including transport.

I would like to take this opportunity of announcing that John McLindon and myself are now the new joint social chairmen and that I hope you will give him as much support in this field as was given to me last year.

RICHEL CANNON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOCIAL EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAMME. D.J.</u>
1st Nov.	Disco	Barry Lyon
8th Nov.	Disco	Chris Dolan & Partner
15th Nov.	Late Licence & Professional Disco	
22nd Nov.	Disco	John Clarke
29th Nov.	Disco	Pete McLindon & Phil Walsh
6th Dec.	Disco	John McLindon & Jeanette Hutton

NIGHTS OUT.

Saturday 3rd November Visit to the Playhouse to see 'Love of the four Colonels'.

Friday 9th November 'Mr. Blighties Club', Farnworth.

Please Note D.J.'s start at 8.30p.m.

RAMBLERITE

FOOTPATH

A journey to foreign parts like Dolwyddelan in Cearnarvon some ten miles East of Snowdon would more likely whet your appetite for an assault on the massif itself. But of course you wouldnt do both in the one day! November 4th. then...Dolwyddelan under the leadership of our gift to the Americans...Brian Keller.

Nearer home in the Peak District we could go to Edale on the 11th. November. This is a truley beautiful part of England and you will surely enjoy this ramble with Richard Connelly.

When you go to the Kirkstone Pass with Barry Lyons on 18th. November. it will most likely be raining. But as it will be raining much more heavily at home you may as well join Barry with a Fassable crowd from the Ramblers and dodge the showers as best you can for...the Worlds End on...

On November 25th. that Angelic creature Philomena Walsh will be leading you forth to a heavenly view of tranquility and beauty at the Worlds End. This you must not miss.

O.K. be seeing you.???

Orienteering. September 23rd. 1973

Specially for beginners. An event organised by the Walton Chasers will be held in the Cannock Chase Area. If you are interested in having a go please contact F. Palmer, 2 Greenway, Park Lane, Brocton, Staffs. Please enclose a s.a.e. for the reply.

Skiing.

For those of you lucky enough to be going on a skiing holiday this January 19th. 1974 C'e qualcuno qui che parla l'Italiano? Non capisco? O.K. so I can't speak the lingo either but you have three months to learn it.

And what about paying for the holiday? In the next couple of weeks you will receive a letter indicating the amount due which must be paid by November 19th. after which we can save up for Christmas.

RAM

HAWESWATER 7th OCTOBER.

The coach left St. John's lane promptly at 10.00a.m. on a clear crisp morning, of the 36 ramblers on board were several girls, for whom this was their first ramble.

After stopping at the 'Flying Dutchman' cafe at Milnthorpe we arrived at Hartsop Village north of Kirkstone Pass at the good time of 1.30 p.m. From here the A and B walkers parted company. The A walkers route was to ascend the ridge known as 'High Street' after stopping at the traffic lights at Hayeswater and then to descend southwards over Stoney Cove Pike then go south westwards towards the Kirkstone Pass Inn. The planned route of the B party was to skirt the westside of Brothers water head up Dovedale Beck and meet at the same inn. However things did not quite happen that way.

The A walkers took longer than the 45 minutes I reckoned it would take to get to the High Street as we were a little out of condition. We never saw Haweswater which on a clear day is visible from High Street as a mist began to fall. It became thicker and we had to rely on the compass to get to Stoney Cove Pike which was accomplished. Here misfortunes befell us. Lesley Roberts tried to get our sympathy by hurting her leg but carried on valiently. Bob Banks came running down a scree too fast and could not stop. We were amazed to see him soar through the air with the greatest of ease do a double somersault, land on his back and then get up unharmed, grinning broadly.

We met a lone walker who was caught in the mist without a compass and asked us for a compass bearing towards Hartsop. A few minutes later he loomed up through the mist to request another bearing, we persuaded him that he was safer to come down with us, little realising that we ourselves were to get 'slightly' off course owing to our not being able to locate the path.

Happily we corrected our error by having to change our course over two extra hills which brought us down to the road a 100 yards' from the Kirkstone Pass Inn. As it was also getting dark then we were relieved to see the rear lights of the coach glimmering through the mist, but disturbed not to find the B walkers back.

However some of their advanced party arrived and told us that Dave Newnes th B walkers leader decided it was safer not to continue the walk across country in the mist but to turn back for the road. As some managed to jump a lift they were able to join us in the Inn before the rest of their number. The Inn was warmed by a cheery coal fire and whilst waiting we recounted the day's exploits (and heard about John McLindon's nosebleed).

After all were safely back and well refreshed we headed for home at 8.05p.m.

As we had two French girls with us our songs included "Frere Jacque" and "Alouette". I later learned that these girls who enjoyed the day out 'beaucoup' were very much surprised that the party which was rather quiet on the outward journey could be so shall we say "different" going home.

RICHIE CANNON.

FAREWELL TO LANCE GROVE.

As everybody will know by now, the Tennis Club officially ceased operations at Lance Grove on 30th September. The final social was held on Saturday 29th September and was attended by 50 people whose revels did not abate until almost 2a.m. On the following day six tennis players paid their final homage on court. It is easy to get a bit sentimental at times like this but I think it is appropriate to say a word on what Lance Grove has meant to C.R.A. tennis over the last 18 years.

Although the Tennis Section functioned at various venues over the years of its existence it did not flourish to the same extent as it came to do when moving to Lance Grove in 1956.

In the halcyon days of the 1950's it commanded a membership of 50 with a waiting list, and Sunday afternoons would see both courts in continuous use with a dozen or more waiting their turn. For the first time the Club had Ladies & Gents teams entered in the Liverpool Group League and under the expertise of Cyril Kelly, the only really experienced tennis player in the section the standard of play benefited accordingly. We have not fared terribly well in the league but did achieve promotion from the bottom division in one season although we were soon to be relegated again.

Over the years there have been many enjoyable socials and American Tournaments events which have underlined the happy social atmosphere which has always prevailed at Lance Grove. Some would say that the tennis was too social at times. However there were always those who were anxious to improve their game. I recall Eric Kavanagh's heavily sliced service when only in the experimental stage and somewhat erratic. It got completely out of control on one occasion and sped with deadly accuracy through a window of a nearby house.

Alas it all came to an end at 6.20p.m. on Sunday 30th September when the final point was played. Soon the builders will move in and the tennis court will give way to houses. I expect there will be many however who came to contemplate the builders work and still recall and picture the many happy times they have spent on the tennis courts with the odd shaped pavilion in its collapsing posture which just refused to fall down. It wouldn't surprise me if even the new tenants find themselves awakened in their beds by cries of "game, set and match".

CHRIS DOBBIN

TENNIS ACTION SUB COMMITTEE

This new committee has been formed to take action on your requirements for a Tennis Section. You are urged to forward your ideas and suggestions to any member of the committee which comprises the following:-
Leslie Roberts, John McLindon, Chris Dobbin and Barry Lyons.

T.A.C.

SPORTS SPECIAL.

With the dark evenings now with us, our season of summer sports draws to a close. Our final event was the Mini Golf Match on 8th September 1973 at Kirkby.

(See John McLindon's write up).
SOCCER (As seen on 1st October).

The league championship seems to be developing into a one horse race with Leeds pulling away. On the face of it, neither Merseyside team is likely to cause the Yorkshiremen much trouble. The greatest danger to Leeds appears to be Derby, while Liverpool appear to be a team with some problems. Billy Bingham however must be satisfied with the progress made with the material at hand. A couple of signings could yet work wonders.

A PREDICTION.

By 5p.m. on November 3rd, Liverpool and Everton will be neck and neck with 16 points from 14 matches. What do you think?

SPORTS EDITOR.

ATLANTIC HOUSE FRIDAY FOLK CLUB
8.30p.m. (weekly)...Hardman Street.

Lovers of Folk Music might be interested in joining some of their fellow Ramblers who regularly spend enjoyable evenings in the pleasant atmosphere of this excellent establishment. In addition to enjoying themselves, they are also helping a very good cause. Why not join them? Admission 30p doors open at 8.15p.m.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION NOVEMBER 2nd

The Oldham Tinkers.

Be early or you won't get in.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

The Ramblers were fortunate to welcome a Spaniard, a Swiss and a German to the club this summer. The Spanish chap was with us for about 3 weeks at the Mona, the Swiss, Walter and the German Thereisa, spent three months with us. Walter was keen to play tennis and so visited Lance Grove on many occasions. He was also eager to visit our Disco's.

Thereisa was very popular with all members and took part in Rambling, Camping and Dancing. We were very sorry to see our European friends leave and hope to see them again some other time.

If you want to write to Thereisa her address is:-

Thereisa Griechisch,
6980, Wertheim 2,
Robert-Bunsen-Weg 10,
West Germany.

And Walter's address is:- Walter Oberholzer,
c/o Pamuk ve Toprak Mahsulleri,
P.K. 106,
Adana,
TURKEY.

A Mountains View.

I do believe I can see the approach of yet another party of ramblers to walk all over me, but then it's Sunday and I usually get visitors over the weekend.

They are performing the usual ritual of donning all the rambling gear and I see the leader has a map which helps - but what's he doing asking a man with a dog the way. I've never seen that before. I think it's going to be one of those parties. I always want to shout out 'this way' when they look so puzzled and decisions have to be made.

They are now scrambling through my dense, wet and undulating forest and everybody is panting and shouting 'are you sure this is the way' the leader tries to instill confidence and succeeds for a short spell. Once again people gather around the map and discover they are not climbing my neighbour Moel Hebog but me Myndrynn Drws-y-Coed. I think it's a good mistake for them as I'm not as high to climb (just 2,080ft) but my views are just as breathtaking on a clear day such as this I can see far across the Snowdonia peaks and valleys, out across the Irish sea and have clear views of Caernarvon bay, Anglesey and Holyhead.

The clearing in the forest has now come into view and as I'd expected they have all collapsed in a heap steaming with perspiration one person is running around with a camera taking souvenir shots whilst the others indulge in a butty break.

I think everybody is enjoying the walk now, it's hard going but very rewarding especially when they get to the summit and walk along the ridge. I like to see the way people separate on tough slopes and display various degrees of fitness, this party didn't do too badly I only saw one person reduce to crawling up the last few feet, the others waited and laughed (Not very nice).

People are now standing right on top of me - thank goodness there are only seven, but it's worth it to hear them say how enjoyable it has been. I'm a very conical mountain with lots of interesting views covered with plenty of bilberries and different species of trees - yes I'm well worth another visit.

BERNIE McMULLIN.

Now a small problem to finish off.

Give me one letter which will complete all the following words;
ne_ ac_ ru_ ro_ pi_ an_

As there are only 26 possible solutions I shan't give you the answer

This is for very slim people... You can increase your weight very easily by swallowing a whole plum. to be more specific 14 pounds per plum. Coo, stone the crows.