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The Editor

and his staff
Wish all out readers
a Merry bhristmas
and
a Happy New Year



High Speed Rambling.

The following story is reputed to be true, but?
A new club member recently arriving from Dublin, Ireland, read in last months newsletter that the Rambling Sub-committee were arranging the "Fred Norbury" competition. Wishing to help, he made a few enquiries and heard about the 14 peak exploit of a few years back. Before suggestion it he decided he would check up on the length of time the last C.R.A. members took - so he phoned up the Registrar, Leslie Roberts.
Michael. Helo is that Leslie Roberts?
Leslie. Yes
Michael Can you tell me how long it took the Ramblers to do the 14 peaks a few years ago?
Leslie Just a minute Michael
Michael Thank you kindly Leslie, good night now.???


The Family Section

December 7th. Social.
Jim and Irene Flaherty's house 26, Thingwall Road, Liverpool 15.
Collect panto tickets here.
December 9th. Ramble.
'Treasure Hunt'. Meet at the . Cottage Loaf car park, in Thurstaston. Please be ready to leave at $12-30 \mathrm{pm}$. Leader...Mona Roberts.

December 29th. Farty
If arrangments can be made, a Christmas party for ADULTS will be held at a hall in the Wirral

January 6th. Ramble
Yuletide walk at Rivington 0ld Barn.
Leader John Johnston. $\approx *$
January 25th. Social,
Leo and Pat Fearsons house 87. Twigg Lane, Huyton.

February 8th. Dance.
Annual dance at Dovedale Towers See elswhere in this issue for details.

February 17th. Gamble
Leet Valley. Meet Mold car park and be ready to leave at $12-30 \mathrm{pm}$. Leader Bill Roberts.

March 8th. Social
Bill and Nora Naylor's house, 114, Moss Lane, Maghull.

March 17th. Ramble.
Rufford. Neet at Nansen's
Transport Cafe on A 59 immediately past Rufford Old Hall gate.
Please be ready to leave at 1 pm . Leader Bill Naylor.

## Misdeeds on Dexwentwater.

It was a bright afternoon indeed on the Sunday as we crowded down the path laughing and shouting to that broad expanse of D :rwentwater.

The sun hung heavily in the sky,an orange red ball, almost a portent of the ghastly fun that was to follow. The trees around the lake and on the nearby island although in golden browns of Autumnal splendour seemed to stiffen and darken in petrified anticipation.

Applying the brakeshoes on our wellingtons we came to a grinding halt by the edge of the lake, scattering shale and deckchairs waving our Jolly Rodgers and Souvenir Heads shouting "Blood", "Victory" and "Up with Treasure Chests".

The trusty wooden boats that were unknowingly to bear us on our brief sortie into the lake, were innocently wallowing at the waters edge.Aftor a short time the boat master appeared and in a heavy gutteral Derwentwater accent (which explained why his lower jaw was so close to the ground)demanded our whereabouts. We explained patiently that we wished to take the boats around the nearby park, but he was adamant that oars were useless on grass. So at last we agreed to go on the lake instead.A period of furious bartering followed during which we argued about what sort of figures we were thinking of。

Soon everything was settled and we were allocated boats.The older members were given first choice so Brian and Peter with their party boarded a rowing boat and began to row,little realizing that the boat was only in about 2 inchos of water and firmly bedded in the shore.

Ten minutes later we were all afloat in four large rowing boats and one motorboat, all the women appearing generally conspicuous by snoring in the front of the boats and letting the men do the rowing. Our initial bursts of rowing after being freed from the shore had separated us from each other and for a while we just pleased ourselves to row and enjoy the pleasantness of boating in wide open spaces.

After a while it became apparent that Ray and his merry men were buzzing around in the motor boat between the rowing boats and using a red plastic football as a bouncing bomb, which didnt' explode but tust drenched everyone. This unprovoked aggxession was too much to bear as a general state of war was declared by the rowing boats on the motor boat. Unfortunately the motorboat was too difficult to catch so fighting broke out between some of the rowing boats as well.

The first clash came between the two rowing boats of Frank, Paul and John and Tom when an attempted boarding was made accompanied by much shouting and screaming from the women. This fight fizzled out because the boats drifted apart.

More hand blistering speed and this time a skirmish between Frank, Paul. Peterand Bryans boat. Now booty was taken namely Peters oas. which was flung with great gusto into the lake (it floated of course).

More incidents followed but were of a much more gory nature, as pulling off rudders and capturing occupants fromother boats that they are best forgotten.

Our hour on the lake was conneng to an end, so we headed back to the jetty still fighting off short attacks from Ray and his merry men who in the end gotwetter than anyone else.

We suddenity spotted Richie and company, who had managed to avoid the activity, appearing-Erom behind the island. He had heard the shouting however, so that, no doubt, was why he stayed on the other side of the lake.

Back on the shore we all congregated on the lakeside discussing what to do next when Brian suddenly decided to show Bernie how clear the water was and pushed her in.

As we shuffled back to the Lakeside House the lake returned to normal.

## Pirate Stafford.

Check in Your Church Porch.
In the next week or so you will be seeing our new poster displayed in your Church or Parish Club.

These posters are the basis of our latest membership campaign in which we hope to bring in new members who will bable to enjoy the facilities offered by the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association.

We ask you, our present membership to assist our campaign in two ways.

Firstly, if no poster appears in your church within the next three weeks perhaps you would obtain a poster from me and ask the Parish Priest to display it on the notice board. Also if you know of an organisation who might be willing to display a poster, please let me know.

Secondly, a few words to a friend can have more effect than any poster. So if you know of anybody who micht be interested in any of our functions, why not have a chat with them?They'll probably thank you for it: After all it is your club, the nore members we have the more friends you can make and the more successful will be our rambles and socials.

Perhaps when you have read this newsletter you will pass it on to one of your friends, then they can read for themselves the various activities we organise or participate in.

John Clarke

No more Rambling in North Wales.


It is belived by the Rambling Sub - committee that the Israelites and the Arabs are still at loggerheads. As these combatants are the cause of the current petrol shortage it was agreed that there would be no further rambles to North Wales. until Loggerheads is returned to the Welsh people.


On Saturday 3rd. November, 17 members of the club went to see 'The love of four Colonels' atthe Flayhouse Theatre. This turned out to be a major issue.

On 26th. November 26 of the Ramblers spent an enjoyable evening at Mir. Blighties Club in Farnworth, near Bolton, where they wined and dined until the early hours of the morning.

Richie and myself will do all in our power to improve the social aspects of the club during the coming year. However we would appreciate any suggestions in this field, as your wish is our command.

John McLindon
Social Erogramme.
Dec 6th Top of the pops 1973. Review of the records that did well in the charts, Flease bring your favourite 1973

|  | records.. but m sure your name | marked on |
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| 13th | Disco | Dave Holden |
| 20th. | Christmas Farty | Committee |
| 27,th | Disco | Faul Healy |

A very happy 1974 to you all... Happy New Year...
Jan. 3rd Motown Sounds Ray O'Connor

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Emperor Macker and Jeanette Hutton.

Paul Healy Jan. 3rd Motown Sounds Ray O'Connor
D. J's please start at 8.30.pm.


Nail Varnish can be easily removed, but do you know how? .. Use nail varnish remover the ladies will say, but what if the varnish has fallen on your best eveming dress? That's different is'nt it? Well I will let you into the secret...Take the $r$ out and make it vanish.

And what of the Irish expedition to the sun. When the leader was warned that their space ship would be burnt to a crisp he replied...We have thought of thatto be sure, why do you think we are going at night?...

I've heard of one man one job but this one takes the biscuit...In an Irish factory they have five electricians putting in electric light bulbs...One to hold the bulb and four to turn the ladder.
 terrain. Mix in any proportions and behold one has sufficient ingredients for a blood curdling night of suspense.

Have you ever been in a situation where these four factors have materialised in varying degrees with sufficient impact to make you stop and wonder at the possible consequences of complications resulting from say a broken leg, or of the party splitting into two groups and one walking forth to safety and the other to disaster? And at the enquirery when some one would say ' But sir we had a torch, compass and whistle, and we thought we knew the way!

This scrt of situation may happen to you ne day and the question is ...will you recognise it before you find yourself in a non - reversable position or will you only be able to boast about it IF you get out safely?

As a rambling club with a long tradition of venturesome walkers would it not pay us to educate our more promising ramblers in the more desirable aspects of our famous art or must we all learn by our own mistakes ? ? ?

Last Thursday at the club the announcment was made that despite adaquate numbers the ramble for Sunday was cancelled because the regular coach company did not have enough fuel to supfiy a coach. The fuel crisis may well cause the cancellation of many more coaches so the attached programme may not be of much use.
a potential solution comes to mind... LOCAL WALKS...Yes local as from Formby to Liverpocl (But no bus on the way home ) Newbrighton to the River Dee and back. I'm sure there must be many local beauty spots we have never walked to. But I'm sure you will think of much better places to gotoo or things to do so why not let me know of your ideas.

## FROPOSED Frogramme. FROPOSED

Rec. 16th. Clwydian Range
23rd. Silverdale (Lancs)
Jan 6th Yuletide Walk
13th. Sliadburn(Ribble Valley)
20th Cefn Caves (North Wales)
27th Llangollen (Nonth Wales)
Feb 3rd Macclesfield (Derbyshire)
10th Llanarmon Hot Pot

Dennis Keenan
Tony Frith
Committee
Richie Cannon
Frank Fitzmaurice
Lesley Roberts
Frank Johnston
Feter McLindon.

## KESWICK WEEKEND "A" PARTY REDPIKE.

We approached Lake Buttermere along the flat B. 5289 roadfrom the Honister Pass, in the sane geological depression which has Crummock Water farther west. The Buttermere fells on both sides of our car convoy rose up steeply with the range that. we were to attempt on our left.

The cars were parked and everyone set off towards the Mountain Rescue Post, pqssing over the flat ground by the lake.We noticed fairly quickly the almost solid gusts of wind which had disappeared as soon as they had begun.

The way up was. by the Scarth Gap Pass. When we had climbed part of tge way up towards High Crag, the first peak, the party had a break..From here the parked cars below looked Fike dots. Fleetwith Pike to our right was casting a huge shadow on the mountain slopes to the other side of the road. Some of us too, were lucky to see a mimiature whirlwind rush across part of the lake and disappear into some trees on the bank. When everyone had caught up and rested the party split up into "A" and "B" groups.

The "A" party set off again at a quidk pace up to High Crag. The visibility was fairly good, the sky was blue and it was a good day for walking apart from the gusts of wind which seemed to be growing stronger.

From High Crag we headed westerly along the ridge topping Burtness Combe towrds High Stile at 2644 feet. As we approached the peak the winds became progressively stronger, until as we reached the top it became impossible to move at times without running the risk of being blown over.

Everyone made the top of High Stile and.crowded into a wind break given by a cluster of rocks to eat their lunch. Sitting down was a fairly cold business and for some reason everyone started coughing with much violence that the noise could probably be heard miles away.

Half-an-hour passed and the "A" party headed over Chapel Crags towards Red Pike at 2479 feet. Nestling between Red Pike and High Stile was Bleaberry Tarn. From the Pike we headed down the Saddle going Northeast towards Lake Buttermere, and soon encountered the Screes. These were ascended in various ways such as running, sliding, walking or falling. The path led past Sourmilk Gill, the river from Bleaberry Tarn which drains into Lake Buttermere and down towards Burthness Wood alongside the lake.The trees were in various shades of Autumnal browns, colours which they would be holding for only a few :more weeks.

The walk along the west shore of the lake was gnongst the trees leading towards the Mountain Rescue Post and from there back to the cars. Much to our surprise the walk took much less time than the six hours originally envisaged, probably due to the wind blowing us around, and we arrived back about $4.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. well before the "B" party.

Dear John, do not take offence at what you and many others are about to read - it wasn't really your fault that the whole "B" party ended up shattered after what should have been an easy walk. We remain convinced that the ' $B$ ' party really went on the ' $A$ ' walk and vice versa. Otherwise how does one i.e. you, account for the fact that the 'A' walkers arrived back at base $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours before the ' $B$ ' walkers.

Now for the uninitiated we will attempt to explain the days events and leave you to agree with us that we really had a hard time of itl

The whole party started off at 11.00 a. in. having left the hotel in a convoy at $10.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Your faithfull correspondents were obliged to follow up the rear as a result of a search for Richie's car keys which eventually turned up in his pocket. We ninbly caught up with the rest of the party at the first hait- just in tiane for the division into the elite ' $A$ 'party and the rest of us who opted for the easy ' $B$ ' walk. We gave the ' A ' party a five minute start so that we would not embarrass then by following too close on their heels.

John finally managed to round up the herd(numbering 15 in all,before one member quickly saw the light and decided that the 'A' walk was a better bet) and off we started on what turned out to be a long, hard trail across the mountains.But then, as Frank said we were'nt there to enjoy our selves,

You nay think that this is not a very factual account of the walk; in all truthfulness we are'nt really sure where we went or what we saw. When your eyes are glued to the ground, the wind is howling about your ears and you are trying to keep up with the rest you tend to miss a lot of the beautiful scenery.

We had lunch half-way up Chapel Crag. We were'nt allowed a long rest before we were being rounded up and forced to the top so that we could appreciate the wonderful view of Buttemere from the top of the Crag. We battlyd against the wind and the loose rocks which slowed down our progress but in the end we won through and our roward"awaited us at the top. The breathtaking view can only Be enjoyed by those with the determenation, stanina and singlemindedness such as was possessed by the members of our intrepid band.

However it was'nt long before John got itchy feet and decided that we should make our descent. There was some indecision as to what route to take -whethex it were better to go up High Crag and cone down by a reasonably direct route, or whether we should go round the Crag which was a longer but less arduous route. We opted for the latter route muoh to our later disnay, for instead of just gojng up once and then down all the rest of the way, we found ourselves being led on a nerry dance up und down the nountains, nany of us with very little idea of where we were supposed to be going. John 'Twinkletoes' Clarke was very reassuring and kept telling us that we were merely nakins a minor detour so as not to arrive back too soon - and we actually believed hin at first.

It was not long before rebellion set in and sone of the more outspoken nembers of the party began to vnice their feelings.

But to the rescue once nore cane our capable leader John, who set off with a scouting party. By this tine four daring members of the party suffering fron extrene exhaustion and almost in a state of collapse decided to take an extra rest in defiance of their leader (who unknown to then had also stopped just about 20 yards ahead.

The final stage of the descent led us through swamplands and at this point Frank could not resist christening Pats' new boots and pushed her into the mire in a most ungentlenanly fashion-an initiation ritual which we feel, especially Pat, should be done away with.

The end of the walk was rather nore enjoyable as it was mainly on the flat(We would eamestly request more of this type of walking). By this tine your correspondents had nanaged to take the lead. They would have been first only they did'nt notice crafty Noman coning up. fron the rear and just managing to pip then at the post. (Steve should'nt have fed hin with those glucose tablets).

Anyway in spite of our being unable to acquire our long dreant of cups of tea at the tearoons of the local farmhouse-as they had mun out of milk.Our heartielt thanks to John and Frank, we must say that John did cone to our aid in one or two tricky monents. We may have said and thought sone horisible things about our leader tut then when the hunan body is put to such tests of extrene physical endurance one cannot be held responsible for such out bursts. In case our account has put any would be ranblers off for life, it isn't meant to. It did make the weekend for us and we don't regret having nade our traipse across the nountains fron which we conclude that we nust be nasochists at heart

Pat \& Ursula.

From' Descriptive Foems of the Inglish Lake District'
By Margaret Lee Noble

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__. AT EASEDALE TARN.

I remember the day I sat by the Taxm. The skies were blue, the earth was warm. The crags were covered with a golden glow, As I gazed at them from down below The Tarn was happy that summer day And :I watched the light on the water play. ******
But today as I pass the tarn is dark, No more is heard the song of the lark. For winter is here with rain and cold, And clouds are low in this mountain fold. The rocky crags are covered with snow, Which showers on the tarn as the cold winds blow. *****
But summer will come to the tarn again, After spring with the soft warm rain, The lark once more will soar to the sky, It's song will wing o'er the mountains high, I will sit by the tarm like I did before, And listen to its waters kiss the shore.

## A POTTED HISTORY OF RIVINGTON

To those of us who have been going to the Yuletide at Rivington for some time now I suppose it can be almost taken for granted and we forget to think about the wonderful history of the place which is sometimes called the Saxon Tithe Barns. $T$ o those who have not been, and to those who have only been once I hope these note will prove to be of interest and maybe they will whet your appetite for a visit sometine in the future.

Great House Barn is now only 42' long and 48' $9^{\prime \prime}$ wide but was originally at least one more bay longer and it had ai.gable with a large doorway at the South side. The west porch is modern, and built into the gable is an old stone with the initials $A$
inscribed on it denoting Thomas and Alice Anderton with Robert their son (dated 1702). The Barn belonged to the Broadhurst estate and the best neadows of this portion of Rivington are now under the waters of the Lower Rivington Resevoir. First rention of the family is in 1277. In 1440 the Bulloughs owned the estate and in 1506 John Shaw was the owner. His descendants sold it to Thomas Anderton of Rivington in 1699 and his successors sold it to the late Lord Leverhulme.

Rivington Pike was one of a chain of beacons built around Fngland for use as warnings during any national energency.The last time it was lit was in 1588 to announce the coming of the Spanish Armada. The tower now on the Pike was built in 1733 from the stones of the old Beacon platform and is $1,192^{\prime}$ above sea level. Liverpool Corporation tried ti have the tower pulled down this year on the grounds that it was dangerous but the writer understands that this was prevented by sone sort of preservation order fron Whitehall. Winter Hill is $1,498^{\prime}$ above sea level and carries several huge T.V. masts as well as Lancashire County Police wireless transmitter There is on the hill a nemorial to a lone traveller who was brutally nurdered as he was wending his way through the hills to keep a buisness appointment in one of the small nearby villages.

Finally an explanation of the name Rivington. It is settlement by the rough hill which indicates a Saxon settlement of roughly 620 to 650 A.D. History can be interesting can't it?


YULE TIDE WALK
BARN DANCE AND DISCO

January 6 th. 1974.
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For tickets contact:
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Leo Pearson, ! \$1, Twigg Lane, Roby L36 2LG. Phone 4890746

## Mam Tor Edale, Derbyshire 14th Oct 1973.

Prompt at l0a.m. we set off from St. Johns' Lane Ieading towards Derbyshire. We stopped at Knutsford for light refreshments after which we continued our joumey to Edale amidst the lightly falling rain.

The rain was still falling as John Clarke lead us through pleasant countryside up towards the Blue John caves adjacent to Mam Tor. On route we met a couple of Geologists who were seeking rock samples in the spoil off lead mine, the shaft of which was guarded by a wooden fence.

However the big adventure was in the 'Blue John' caves where a guide escorted us several hundred feet into the bowles of the earth along passage ways hewn by the force of water as well as the puny efforts of man himself.

The semi precious stone 'Blue John' is now mined at the rate of about $\frac{1}{2}$ a ton a year.This restricted output is the result of mans previous achievements in extracting in a relatively short space of time most of the semi precious stone which nature had taken millions of years to perfect and secrete in the cracks and fissures of the rocks.

On reaching the surface some of the party decided to return to the coach by the road whilst the majority of the party climbed the slopes of Mam Tor (Mother Earth). Nomaliy a beautiful panoramic view can be seen but we 'mist' it as the low lying clouds and rain blotted out the countryside below from our view. However as we descended from the ridge the rain swept countryside came into view. Dodging the showers we made our way along gently winding paths into Edale and the warmth of the coach.

An excellent ramble John-Many thanks.

## Mike Turner.

New Members.

Pat Unswortin
David John Oldham
Ronald Greener
John Wellsh
William Lyons
さileen Dowling
Martine Fons

Jose Tovya
Tom McKay John McGrady Bemnard Woodcock
Ursula Norton
Maura Rovine
John Douglas.


There will be a fancy dress section during the evening so if you have a novel diess do bring it along with you. If you are one of those who cices'n'ט like tio idee of dressing up, never mind come along and join in the rest of the fun and games.

TICKETS ONLY
 John McLindon 7332921

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& \quad \text { Tickets may be obtained from:- Leslie Roberts } 9287604 \\
& \text { Anna Kupiec } 5267978
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## CARISTMAS PARTY COLLECTION

Our annual collection for charity will be taken at the Christmas Party. This year it is being donated to

> MENCAP

Mencap is the National Society for mentally handicapped children. The money which is raised by voluntary effort goes to provide . holiday centres., training units, youth clubs, etc. and also help finance the essential research into this little understood problem. Because Mencap is mainly run by volunteers - most of whom have mentally handicapped children of their own - very little of the money raised is spent in administration.

## SUBSCRIFTIONS

shall be payable in advance of the first day of September in each year. If you have not yet paid your subscriptions please forward your 50F (60p for married couples) to:-

Lesley Roberts Bernie VicMullen 89, Watling Ave. 9, Bedford Road, Litheriand. Bootle, L20 7DI

If you have paid - Howdy member !
DECHMBER SALES.
Space limitations prevent us from describing the following articles more fully, but if you are interestem please contact the appropriate people.

1) Ladies black SKI pants. $24^{\prime \prime}$ waist: $25^{\prime \prime}$ inside leg Used on one holiday only. £9 when new selling for £5. Contact Fauline Cunningham Fhone 2264452
2) Flastic overtrousers. medium. brand new. 35 p . Contact editor
3) 1972 Hillman Avenger 1500 Super. 14,000 miles. For details and price contact Brian Keller: 14, Mulliner Street, Liverpool 7.

WATCH FUI TT.
Feter McLindon was given a pocket watch two weeks ago by an appreciative friend. Two days later it stopped. A major operation was implemented and the back of the watch was opened. There lying amongst the works was a dead fly. Feter turned to his brother John and proclaimed " Ah! will you look at that, the little driver be dead! "

> JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Definition of a $4^{\prime}$ - $6^{\prime \prime}$ high judge...Small things sent to try us.


No good ever came out of chain letters. Though one must admit that sometimes they may be sufficiently attractive to stimulate our sence of GREED. Such as the "send a $£ 1$ note to the name at the top of the list, you know the one I mean, and eventually you will receive fill, 748. Or a later one which may stimulate our sence of goodness, such as "say a prayer for the name at the top of the list and like the above if the chain is never broken you will have 16,748 prayers said for you. But if you break the chain bad luck will come your way which releases a sence of fear or superstitution.

But at last something good has come out of chain letters. I quote "

To bring relief and happiness to your tired friends "

1) Cross out the name at the top of the list, add yours to the bottom.
2) Send a copy of this letter to five of your friends
3) Bundle up your wife or girlfriend and post her (First class) to the man whose name appears at the top of the list.

The result of this (indiscretion) is that when your name comes to the top of the list you will receive 16,748 women...No... Perhaps no good ever came out of chain letters.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Jim and Bernie Nolan on the birth of their son David James. And to
Chris and Michell Scott on the birth of their son Michael.
Also to John Lovelady and Ann Schofield on the occasion of their recent engagement.

