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Typists for this month: Daphne Kenna, Monica Moran, and Theresa Cowan.

Mary thanks to all three, but especially to Theresa though not a member, has helped us out on this and the previous issue.

Theresa is in fact Bernie McMullen's sister.

EDITORIAL

Here we are, on the brink of the festive season, with shorter daylight hours and long dark nights. This is the time when ramblers are sorely tempted to hang up their boots and defect to the land of parties, night clubs, and dances, etc. Some just hibernate.

The average Catholic rambler certainly does all these things with the exception of hanging up boots. The committee see to this - "Ve have vays of making you walk". In fact the new Winter programme has enough variety to stir the most inactive members into action.

As you flip through the pages of this bumper Christmas Newsletter make a note of the dates of all the special functions in which you may be interested. The Yuletide hot-pot and dance should be top of your list and don't forget to book early so that we can reserve a place in the barn for you. You will only be served with a hot-pot meal if you have booked in advance, so please assist Mike Bradley and Bill Naylor, (for the Family Section), by booking immediately.

Probably the most enjoyable evening of the year is that of the Annual Buffet Dance at Dovedale Towers on February 7th 1975. I know that sounds a long way off, but again the organisers need to know the exact numbers so please co-operate by booking your tickets as soon as possible.

Finally, as this is the last Newsletter of 1974, the joint Editors and Staff along with the Officers and Committee of the club wish all members, at home and abroad, a Happy Christmas with best wishes for the New Year.

DCN/DK.

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FOOTPATH?

The rambling programme for the next six months has now been arranged, and included in the programme are many walks which are either entirely new or bett not been done for several years. Leaders for some, but not all, or he rambles have been decided upon, so anyone who would like to volunteer to lead a walk is welcome to do so.

walks so as to cate for every type of walker, from the Olympic athletes there of us built more for comfort than for speed.

It must be one asisod, especially as the Winter programme is about to start, that sundy boots and weatherproof clothing are essential equipment for all complets. It is unfair to the rest of the party if a ramble is spoilt by someone with inadequate footwear or unsuitable clothing. A change of clothing is also important, as many an experienced rambler appreciates.

On the question of safety, it would be advisable for all repliers to being their own torches to supplement those supplied by the club. Although we aim to end all rambles before dark, circumstances do not always allow us to do so. If we can get away promptly each Sunday, then the problem of walking in the dark can be more easily eliminated.

It is the relicy of the committee as a whole to run a coach for every ramble and the large numbers we have had in recent months justifies this policy. It is hop that the rambles continue to be well supported, and remember, it is the Winter rambles which are the most enjoyable, crisp underflood a peeb scenery and a glass or two of fine ale round a rearing fire to bound off the day.

- 6 8th December 2nd Chalet Weekend (N. Wales)
 - 15th Docember Macclesfield Forest (Peak District)
 - 22nd December Pen-y-ghent (N. Wales)
 - 5th January 1975 Yuletide Walk/Hot-pot/Dance at Rivington Barn
 - 12th January 1975 Mam Tor (Peak District).
 - .19th January 1977 Kentmere (Lakes)

Frank Johnson FJ/DK.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: -

Yes, I'm afraid its the bad news first of all - Your subs' became due on the <u>lst</u> September 1974 -

50p for a single person, and 60p for families. Please pay as soon as possible to

ARTHUR BROCKWAY at 38, Acres Road, Bebington, Wirral

or to any Committee member on walks or at "house meetings".

PLEASE NOTE

that if any member has nt paid by 31st December 1974, then the Committee must conclude that they do not wish to remain members of this Club.

YOUR DIARY

December 15th '74

Peter Atherton's Walk. Meet half way between Skelpersdale and Wigan on A577 At an acute "U" bend, take the road leading to Upholland College andpark within 50 yards along this road for a toilet stop. Arrive there at 12 noon to move at 12.15 p.m.

January 5th 1975.

YULETIDE AT RIVINGTON BARN. Meet at the big barn at 12 noon for 1 p.m. start.

Leo Pearson is the leader. Names for the HOT POT must be given to Bill Naylor (526-3179) not later than 21st December, '74.

YOU MUST BOOK FOR THE MEAL - no "just coming along" on the day.

January 11th '75

For those who have tickets, don't forget the pantomine at the Neptune Theatre in Hanover Street.

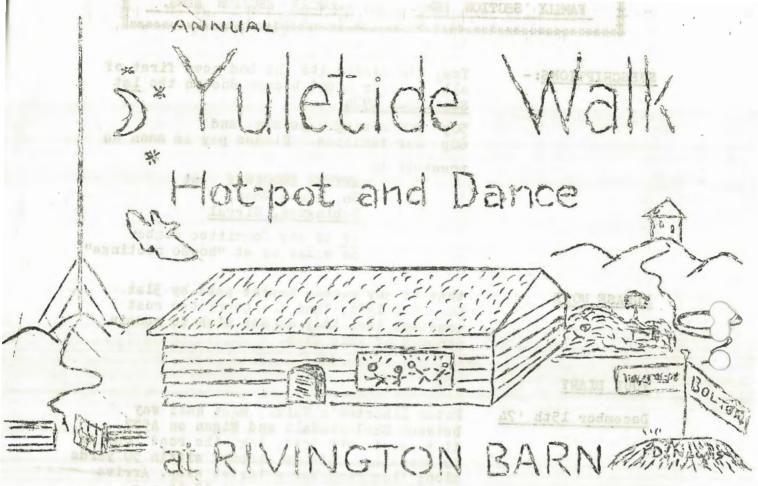
January 17th '75

"House neeting" at "the Atherton's",
19, Highgate Road, Lydiate, Nr Liverpool.

Friday, Fobruary 7th, 1975

Annual Re-Union-Buffet and Dance - at
Dovedale Towers, Penny Lane, Liverpool. For
further information see elsewhere in this

Newsletter. MR/FS/TC.



Sunday 5th January 1975

*A,B'&C Walks *Bar * Spot Prizes

Coaches leave St. Johns Lane 10-30 a.m.

El deposit to be collected by Mike Bradley on Thurs, 5th December - places limited - Book Now.

* Family Section N.B.: Names for the Hot-pot to Bill Naylor (526-3179) not later than 21 Dec. You MUST Book for the meal - No just coming along"

THIS AND THAT (Sheet One)

subscriptions - Your subscriptions became due on 1st Septemper, 1974. If you have not yet done so, please pay your subs, either to Anna Kupiec (address as inner front cover) or Janette Hutton.

Single Members

50r

Married Couples

60p

WE REGRET that THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER unless your subs are removed by 31st December 1974, so please pay up to-day!

THANKS TO Alan Joynson for organising the very enjoyable evening at the Polish Club on 18th October, to the lads who acted as doors men during the evening, and also to the D.J. from "Radio Wavertree" together with his assistants.

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ALL OUR RAMBLES are enjoyable, some are better organised than others. In this respect FRANK MULLIN should be highly commended for an extremely well organised Ramble to Llanwrst on 13th October. With the tremendous as istance of Jim Adamson, he showed that it actually is possible to have both a leader and "whipper-in" at all times. Well done indeed. Frank and Jim.

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THANKS TO Daphne Kenne for getting us tickets for the 'Met' Club production of "Fiddler on the Roof", on 29th October and to Clare Conlon for selling them. An enjoyable evening was had by one and all.

"POP" THE QUESTION - If you like a certain record and consider that it is suitable for dancing to, then please tell JOHN MC LINDON, as he is the official tuyer of Club Pacords. The more suggestions he receives the better, for obviously we all have different tastes in rusic a please "Have your Say".

A SMILE OR TWO FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

THE GUINESS BOOK OF RECORDS have received a claim by a Lancashire farmer who reckons that he owns a cow which has recorded the longest period of continuous "mooing". (Apparently, this cow "mooed" non-stop for 6 months.) However, the Guiness Book of Records dismissed his claim, and in fact believe that it is merely, "an all time low!"

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"I don't care which star you're following, get that Camel off my back lawn."

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GENERAL FOREMAN TO GANG OF LABOURERS: "Why are you all wearing feathers in your hair?"

LABOURERS' REPLY: "We heard the boss say he was going to sack a gang of "cowboys" this Friday."

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DID YOU HEAR THE STORY of the professional boxer who lost his first dozen fights, and then, on the advice of his doctor, had his feet cut off, From then on, his career as a boxer was cutstandingly successful for he fought in a further 20 fights "without defeat." (de feet)

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BLOOD BANK SLOGAN "Give Blood! It was meant to circulate!"

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A week ago, a SPY broke into the Royal Mint; but unknown to him, his every movement within the building was monitored by closed circuit T.V. Police surrounded the building almost immediately, and as the SPY climbed out of a rear window they poured GUSTARD on top of him. The SPY was so shocked that he gave himself up, Questioned later on T.V., the Inspector in charge of the operation stated that it wasn't really necessary to cover the intruder with CUSTARD, it was just that he liked "CUSTARD on his MINT SPIES." Ouch;

A man is incomplete until he'S married, then he is finished ?

Two Drunks in a bar;-

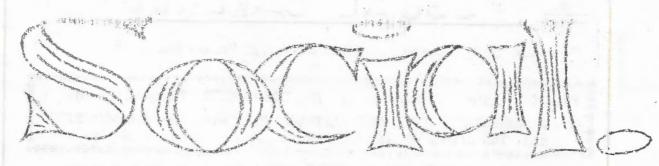
One said to the other: "Hill Have Lemons got legs ?"
The other exclaimed, "No, why?"
"Well in that case, I've just squeezed a CANARY tate my drink.

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First off thanks to Bitchie Cannon for the helpful advice given since his retirement, thanks are also given to Alan Joynson for his Polish Club Dance and to all those connected with the organisation of the Keswick Weekend.

The Rambler's Christmas Party will take place at the Tennis Club, Thingwall Road on Friday 13th December, entertainment being provided by Shades Disco for the 'boppers' and the Liverpool Ceilidh Band for the 'jiggers'. Admission is only 50p so come along and enjpy yourself (remember Thursday 19th is only an ordinary Club night) Tickets on sale from 5th December.

We had hoped to arrange a trip to the Playhouse on December 20th but I am informed that all scats have been sold. Daphne Kenna is forming a regular theatre going group, however and if you are interested Daphne can give further details, it is expected that tickets will be booked for a performance in the middle week of productions both at the Playhouse and elsewhere.

The Tennis Section have their own Christmas Dance at the Tennis Club (where else?) on Saturday 20th December. This promises to be another enjoyable evening so why not get your tacket now. Tickets and further details from Barry Lyon.

To fill the hull in activities between Christmas and the New Year we will be having a club outing to Tiffany's on Saturday 28th December. This will be on a 'pay at the door' basis. Ritchie Cannon is the duty smoothie for this event.

5th January is the day for the Yuletide Ramble and Social at Rivington Barn. There will be a heavy demand for this popular event. If you're interested see Mike Bradley as soon as possible.

On the assumption that petrol is still an economic viability after Christmas we will attempt to hold a car 'treasure hunt' on Saturday 11th January 1975. Full details later.

A note for your new diary - Friday 7th February 1975 - Armual Buffet Dance at Dovedale Towers.

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2º SOCIAL DALENDER

Thursday 12th December. Disco....... Ursula Norton.

A RAMBLERS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA with the "SHADES" DISCO and THE LIVERFOOL CEILIDH BAND.....all this for only 50pl

TICKETS for the RAMBLERS: CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA can be purchased from:

Frances Lee (603-2085), Una McManus (652-6848)

Feter Glenn (228-3279), Feter McLindon (733-2921).

Thursday 19th, December. Last Club night of 1974...

Saturday 21st. December. Back to the Tennis Club again, this time for the Electric Supply Dance.
Tickets available at 50p each from Barry Lyons, Dancing to the "White Orchids"

and a Disco.

Saturday 28th. December. Tiffary's ... (info from Richie Cannon)

Thursday 2nd. January. Disco & Folk night ... Richie Cannon.

Thursday 9th, January. Disco.... from Scotland. Jim Adamson.

Saturday 11th, January, Car Treasure Hunt,

Thursday 16th. January. Frances Lee and Feter Glein.

FRIDAY 7th, FEBRUARY 75, at Dovedale Towers, Lenny Lane.

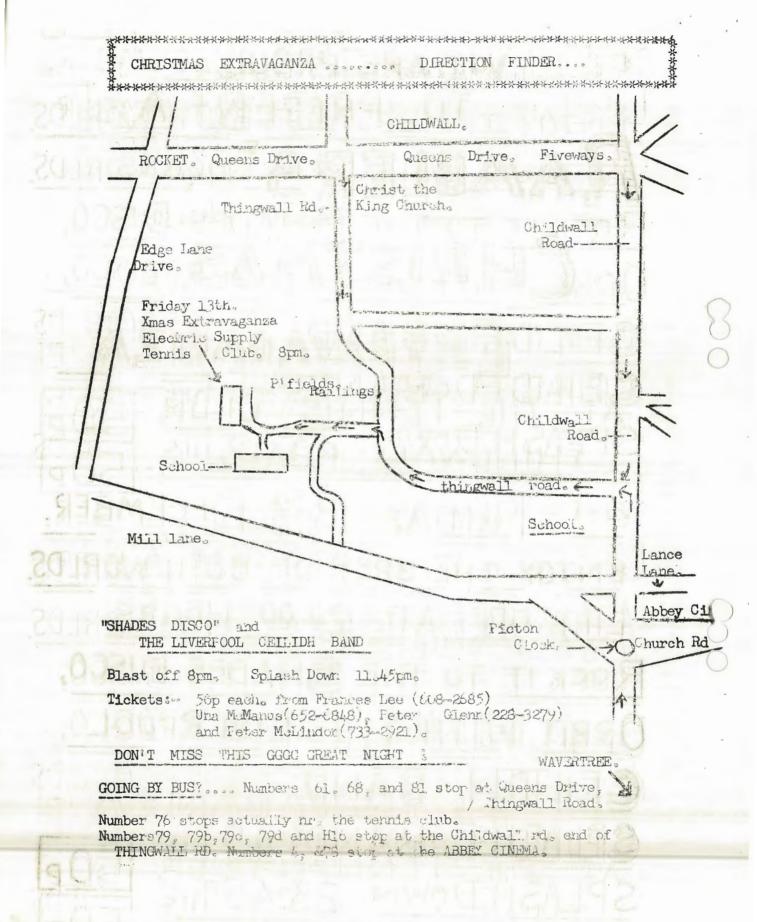
ANNUAL BUFFET DANCE (the highlight of the year)

RAMBLERS NB:-

Prospective Leaders of Rambles and keen Trienteers will be interested to know that the Deeside Orienteering Club are holding a course in that particular pastime(; t) in Delamere Forest over the next couple of months.

The course begins on Samurday 14th, December at Ilanountil 3pm. and the "Basic Techniques" used in Orienteering will be explained and demonstrated. These techniques will provide a basis for mapreading which of course is an essential attribute for every Rambling leader. Those interested should see Eric KAVANACH assess. Those going on the 14th. should meet at the OLD YOUTH HOSTEL at DELLMERE FOREST for an Ilam. start. Further trips on the 13th. and 18th. January will serve to illustrate "more precise techniques" all of which will assist precily in map reading for Rambles.

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT A RAMBLERS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE TENNIS CLUB THINGWALL ROAD, ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER. ENJOY THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS. LIFT OFF AT 20.00 HOURS ROCK IT TO THE SHADES DISCO, ORBIT WITH THE LIVERPOOL CEILIDH BAND. SPLASH DOWN 23-45 hrs.



THIS AND THAT.....(Sheet Two)

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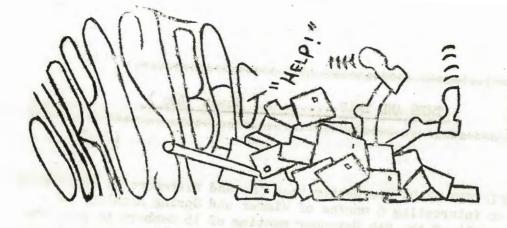
FIFTEEN HEADS are better than one and therefore we can expect an interesting 6 months of Winter and Spring Rambling as a result of the 4th November meeting of 15 members to plan the Rambling Programme. The fixture cards will be available for distribution about this time.

FOR THE RECORD - The Rambling fixtures for October and November produced the following facts and figures:-

DATE	VENUE .	NO. OF RAMBLERS	WEATHER	COST
6th October	Originally "Crinkle Crags" actually "Silverdale"	31	Light showers bright periods	90p
13th "	Llanwrst	36	"Inclement (per Dennis Keenan)	90p
20th "	Hebden Bridge	28	Showery Sunny Periods	90p
3rd November	Clywdds	23	Wet with some snow	90p
loth "	Kinder Scout	16	Wet and Willy	£1.00.
17th "	Llangollen with 'Hot Pot' at Coed Talyn hotel	41	Fine but sold. (ideal walking conditions.)	90p.

The Keswick Weekend (25TH.-27TH.October) was again a success with in all 57 members staying at Lakeside House for varying periods, 40 of whom took part in the rambles in the Langdale valley on the Saturday.

The weather was mainly wet and windy; undoubtably the feature of the weekend was the booking of the "National" coach for the full wiend. The cost? -£1-70p per head, and the cost of full board at Lakeside House was £5-60p.



Super Mouse

18th September 1974

I was very pleased to get your July 1974 Newsletter, which I collected this week, 14th September. I was very interested to hear all the news of the walks, and to see the Club is still going strong. I am a non-active member of the Club in Liverpool, but I am a member of the Melbourne Catholic Walking Club.

In the middle of August I was able to take the opportunity to go up to see my relatives for the weekend in Brisbane, 1000 miles and two hours jet ride from Melbourne. I got up there by 9.30 p.m. after finishing work at 4 p.m. on the Friday night and spent Saturday helping to fix the kids' swimming pool up in the garden - the temperature being 75-80° (I had left Melbourne in a hailstorm). The weather was glorious and they even had a banana tree up in the garden.

I left Brisbane on the Sunday at 5 p.m. and was home and in bed by 9.15 p.m. - it was freezing cold.

Last Sunday was different, we went on a club hike, 50 miles from Melbourne and the snowwas falling very heavily. At 5,000 feet my hands were so cold I couldn't undo my shoe laces. We had 6" of snow on the mountains and very bad weather - it was my first snow this year. We made a snowman on the track to celebrate it and the Spring.

Our club is good and we go on many good hikes - we also have alot of camping too, but we don't have as many members as Liverpool.

At the moment I am taking it easy on a trip around the World. I haven't got very far to go now, I only have to cross over to America and make my way to the Grand Canyon, Niagra Falls and the Empire State Building in New York and it's finished. I don't know if I can do it yet - it's been a fabulous trip so far, even though it started in April 1960 when I was in the club. I have been home twice and hope to be home September next year for my niece's wedding.

I send you all my very best wishes and good luck - it's great to hear how the Club is doing, and all the oldies in the Married Section (oops!) Reckon I'll be taking the kids on the hikes in England before long and I'll say I remember your Mum and Dad. Better drop off now,

God Bless you all

Albert James Downing
AJD/MM.

Mould we po ont Committee Members?

At the A.G.M. on September 26th, ten out of amountaine twenty candidates were elected to the General Committee, The to people plus three others who did not go up for election, and the three-Newsletter editors were all co-opted.

Computed to what? Surely not to the General Committee as only elected officers and committee members may attend these meetings, although the committee may from time to time invite observers. Also club members may apply in advance to attend if they wish to raise matters of importance.

Co-opted on to one of the Sub Committees then? The officers of Sub Committees are normally General Committee members, who guide these committees and act as liaison between them and the General Committee, Otherwise all club members are invited and encouraged to attend Sub Committees. So why the need for co-option.

0.K. Some people have special talents in one direction or another, yet do not wish to attend General Committee meetings. Fine we need these people badly, but do we need to co-opt them on to Sub Committees? Surely they will attend anyway.

I spent a lot of time on that Thursday night studying the list of prospective committee members trying to select not friends, but members whom I thought the club needed and who would work for the club. I now wonder, in the view of sixteen people having been co-opted whether it was worth voting or was I wasting my time?

MS/DK.

Margaret Smith.

Mr. Editor

J. refer to the above letter concerning the co-option of committee members

The Association's Committees have quite distinct functions. General Committee has the responsibility for policy, financial matters, applications for membership etc. As this committee controls the overall operation of the Association, it must be accepted that only members who have been voted onto this committee at the A.G.M. can be allowed to take part in discussions and to vote. There is no objection to non-committee members attending the General Committee on condition that they are aware that they are observers only and as such cannot ake part in the proceedings. (Incidentally, Section 17 of the Constitution states that if a General Committee member resigns, the Committee does have the power to appoint a replacement.)

The Social and Rambling sub-committees are responsible for the running of their respective affairs. The sub-committees are composed of General Committee mombars and also members who have been co-opted from the membership of the Association. This is authorised by conto.

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Section 20 of the Constitution. At the sub-committee meetings, we do invite all members of the Association to attend as these provide a valuable source of ideas and opinions but only the Committee members are allowed to vote.

Now to return to the points raised in the above letter. The The statement that the ten people who stood for election but were not voted onto the committee were all co-opted is completely incorrect. In fact only three were so co-opted. Now concerning the automatic ex officio co-option of the newsletter editors. It is necessary that this be so, as the newsletter would be in a bad way if the editors stood for election and were not voted in so that they could take up their duties. Conversaley, if they were elected, it would reduce the number of General Committee members available for rambling and social sub-committee work.

Certain members wish to concentrate purely on sub-committee affairs and may not have any particular interest in General Committee work and so are co-opted directly onto the sub-committee involved (Section 20 refers).

I should like to conclude by thanking all those who have assisted in the work of the committees and sincerely hope that they will continue to do so. Also my thanks to the writer of the above letter for taking the time to write to query the comoption situation and I hope I have now clarified the position,

Yours faithfully

John Clarke

JVC/DK.

CHAIRMAN

Dear Mr.Editor,

May I put forward a suggestion which I hope will improve the Socials on a THURSDAY night, for I feel that at the moment they are becoming rather flat and dull.

The D.J's, work very hard for over 2 hours every week, yet recently they have had little response from those present.

I think that one cause of the lack of enthusiasm is dancing and of the dwindling numbers coming to the Socials is due to the lack of atmosphere in the Club room. —— I understand that we are very soon(?) to have new Disco equipment; dou'd I also put in a plea for an improved lighting system? I don't mean anything flasty—we don't want to go home with a headache—— but a couple of weall placed solourful lights would create a more congestial almosphere raises than the brown barren haze which engulfs everybody now.

AGL/IJM.

Yours sincerely, "a ,Guiding forgit",

Dear Mr. (or Miss?) A. G. L.,

Thanks for your latter, No doubt your suggestion will be considered by the Committee, Terhaps other members agree with your comments, others may not. Either way I think we both would be interested in their ideas.

The Social numbers up to 21st Nov. are as follows: 91,75,84, A.G.M., 84,88,81,74,91,78,75,69, at average of 80.9. Editor.

Whilst standing at St. John's Lane along with numerous other ranblers. I somehow sensed all would go well on the day of my ideal ramble. The birds were singing, the was clear and I could even see a circular orb there, known as the sun.

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It was not too hot and not too cold. In short, ideal weather for walking.

My expectations were fortified on seeing the ramblers coach draw up at 9.45a.m., out of which stepped a dolly uniformed hostess who greeted us with the words "Good Morning ramblers - my name is Yvonne. Welcome aboard." What a fine coach it was & It had reclining seats. fold-away tables, three overhead switches - one for ventilation, one for heating and one for enabling the piped music to be switched off.

We stopped at a motorway services and did not have to queue to be served in the restaurant.

On arrival at our destination we quickly formed into 'A' and 'B' Parties and forged ahead, after waving goodbye to Yvonne, I joined the 'A' party led by 'Super Rambler' himself. Although we were walking in mountainous terrain we did not have to make a steep ascent straight after leaving the coach so that we were better able to adjust to the long walk ahead.

Our leader had already appointed a whipper-in, conversant with the route so that the more energetic ramblers could press ahead without the frustation of too many stops for the slower ones to catch up. The latter, were thus able to proceed at their own pace without anxiety.

By now we had worked up a strong thirst. To our great surprise there stood at the summit of the mountain we were ascending a building, suspended from which was a sign bearing the words "The Traveller's Rest". I blinked my eyes but it was real - ahead stood a quaint old pub!

The smiling landlord welcomed us in saying he had a dispensation to serve outside normal drinking hours. As we were cheered by the strong ale and cosy log fire we wondered if the 'B' walkers would ever believe our good fortune.

Parting was such sweet sorrow. The scent to the coach was achieved without mishap or delay and we saw some lovely clear views of the valleys and lakes on the way.

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After our stop on the way home at a pub in which we had a room to ourselves where delicious hot pots were served by delicious waitresses, we were in unusually fine singing voice; probably because for some of us, this was our second pub call. The musical ramblers played their instruments so well that time soon passed by and we were back in Liverpool in what seemed too short a time.

Then after saying our farewells, I became conscious of a constant ringing sound in my head. At first I thought this was perhaps because I had drunk too much. The noise persisted. Next minute I found myself pulling over a blanket and instinctively reaching out to silence a nearby alarm clock.

It was only then that I realised my ideal ramble was nought but a dream,

The irony was I had set my alarm an hour too late so had to miss the ramble I should have been on that day.

RC/DK.

A Ramblers Farewell

The days of the Boneshaker are now over; no longer must we travel with an ear cocked to detect engine knocks and rear axle whines; no longer must we pray for protection from brake failure, clutch failure or driver failure; no more must we suffer flat tyres, flat batteries, flat road signs (or flat singing?); no longer must we sit curled embryonically on ancient and dusty seat cushions awaiting the inevitable blow out, or avoiding a trickle of rainwater down the neck; no longer must the singers compete with the strains of an underpowered overworked Leyland 400; no more must we suffer the indignity of being passed by fully laden tank transporters and old ladies in wheelchairs or, "If all youse lads would gerrout we should make it", on a 1-in-4 in Wales; gone are the days of diesel fumes, push starts, bump starts, false starts, non-starts and cold-air heaters; farewell to five hours of free vibro-massage (or good vibrations?) each Sunday; farewell te let downs and break downs; farewell to late starts, late finishes and, "Just drop me off at work pal!"

In short, farewell to XYZ Coaches - and goodbye to all that. Now beat that Maghull coaches.

Frank Johnson.

FJ/DK.

DERBY MATCH COMPETITION RESULT:-

47 entries were received for this competition of which 13 forcast (oops) an Everton victory, 23 a victory for the Reds and 11 a draw. Of these

