



Tug-of-War teams, Buttermere Show, Sat. October 19th (Keswick Weekend):
Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Ladies - Chris Welsby, Pat Rothwell, Kate Fallon,
Bernie Callaghan and Helen. Men's team: Brian Keller, Roy Thiis, Paul Healy,
Mick Norgate and Jim Hughes. First Prize: A Crate of Ale...(read on...)

Hello everyone,
With the Keswick weekend still fresh in our minds, we lucky people who went had
a pleasant surprise in store on the Saturday as we finished the ramble in
Buttermere with time on our hands. It was their annual show, and they needed
challengers for their tug-of-war competition. Well the LCRA men's team tried
very hard but all they ended up with was a laundry bill for their efforts,
but the ladies, well they had a different tale to tell. "Dig, in!" "Pull!"
Yes our ladies won the first round against the Newlands Ladies. Two rounds to
go..."Pull!" "Dig in!" "Pull!"...Anyway to cut a long story short, the LCRA
ladies came away with second prize (£4). A profitable weekend for some. Well
done ladies! Unfortunately, due to a number of people who backed out after
booking for the weekend (and the coach) the club made a considerable loss
financially. All I can say is that those who went had a great time and superb
weather. Rumour has it that Mavis donated several meat pies dipped in aniseed
for the Buttermere Drag-Trail. The hounds were frantic trying to follow the
scent! Next year the meat pies may be changed for packets of crisps or Planters!

NEW COMMITTEE

Successful members elected onto the new Committee at the annual meeting were:
Mike Hendrick, Mike Norgate, Norman Johnson, Roy Thiis, Dave Gonnolly, Moira
Sumner, Christine Welsby, Fiona Hawken, Denise Forrest. There were three changes
of officers with Angela Platt moving into the Chair, myself elected as Vice-
Chairman and Paul Healy Assistant Registrar. There were a number of disap-
pointed members who never got elected onto the Committee but they have all be
been invited to be co-opted onto the Committee if they so wish.

BOOTS WANTED, size 6. Ring 051-428 5501 if you have any to sell.

NEXT NEWSLETTER will appear in December. Any information, etc. to me, thanks.

DAVE NEWNS, Editor (0744 892791)

RAMBLING

I would like to thank everyone for a successful rambling year. The attendance
on walks increased from an average of 32 to an average of 38 and we were able
to increase the number of walks and allow the unemployed members half-price
coach fares. However, the numbers have dropped recently and with the cost of
fuel and inflation the coach cost has increased so, reluctantly we have had
to increase the coach fares. Cost is now £3.50 and £2 for unemployed members.
Thanks again and continue to give us your support.

PS: Have you renewed your subs yet?

ANTHONY BROCKWAY, Rambling
Chairman.

S O C I A L S P O T L I G H T

Hello everybody and a special welcome to all our new members. Well, as you are no doubt aware, a new 'C' reg General Committee was recently elected which I am sure will maintain and improve the club's very high standards.

From this General Committee, two sub-committees have been formed - the Social and Rambling sides. This year's Social Committee will consist of: Paul Healy, Christine Welsby, Denise Forrest, Angela Platt...Roy Thiis (oh no!), Hendrick, Ann Nicholson.

On a personal note I was supposed to be gaining employment in Yorkshire, however, the company I was going to has gone into liquidation! Boy, some people are really born lucky! So it looks like I am going to be in the local area for quite a while yet. In the meantime I have been elected Social Chairman for the second year running. Social Committee meetings are held at least one Thursday in every month at the 'Liverpool' and I would like to extend the invitation (as in the past) to ANY member who may want to organise or suggest a future social event, or even just to buy the Committee a round of drinks. So do come along to the meetings; details of exact dates/times will be given in future Social Spotlights or during the 'News at Ten' at the socials. Of course, at the end of the day, the success or failure of the social events depends on your support. Just a bit of effort and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

A big success this year, I feel, has been the Fred Norbury Cup event, not so much in the different skills required, but in the way that everybody has a good laugh and if they managed to gain a few points, then so much the better. After all, sometimes it's not the winning that counts, but the fun of taking part. But to be honest if you do win a number of events then you can't help but be proud of yourself. With this in mind, I would like to congratulate this year's winners who are Christine Welsby and Mick Norgate. Well done. The full Fred Norbury results are given in this newsletter.

Before moving on to future social events I would like to give a summary of some of the past events. First of all, thanks to Angela Platt and Chris Welsby for organising the Wine and Cheese evening during August . . . a Darts Night at ye olde inn at Eve-ton (thanks Tony Bond) . . . Ten-Pin Bowling at Costa del New Brighton (thanks to Paul Sellick) . . . Fancy Dress party at Norma Ridings house which raised over £35 for the M.I.N.D. charity . . . also well done to Paul Amundsen, Tommy Keenan and Peter Wilkinson who completed the Liverpool Marathon. Peter Wilkinson got over £50 in sponsorship money for donating to the Alder Hey's CAT Scanner Appeal . . . a Seventies Night at the 'Liverpool' (Thanks to DJ John McLindon) . . . and finally the Tennis Dance at the Electric Supply Club.

Now for a look at the forthcoming events:

HALLOWEEN NIGHT (Fancy Dress), Thursday, October 31st at 8 pm

Like last year's event, I do hope everybody will turn up in fancy dress. Norma Ridding's fancy dress party a few weeks ago really showed how many costumes there are to pick from, so come on, make all-out efforts to turn up suitably dressed. If you feel silly getting the 82c bus down dressed like Rambo then bring your machine guns, nuclear warheads, etc in a neat black bag to the 'Liverpool' where you can change your whole personality in a matter of seconds. Don't forget there will be prizes for the lady and gentleman in the best fancy

dress. Also there is a LATE BAR and dancing to MAGNUM DISCO with Charles your DJ playing a wide variety of music. A GREAT NIGHT OUT NOT TO BE MISSED.
£1 Admission or 50p unwaged members.

ANNUAL BUFFET DANCE, Friday, November 8th, 8 pm to 11.45 pm - (£4.50 & £5.50!).

The social event of the year and all for £4.50? This year at the Royal Blue suite at the Everton FC. Tickets have been available for many weeks now from Brian Keller and some committee members. Their disco will be playing a mixture of music to suit all tastes. There are one or two rules that we must observe by Everton's FC. Most important one is no admission after 9.30 pm. We must also be off the premises by 12.15 pm otherwise the £25 deposit paid by us will be forfeited. If you intend going but haven't yet bought your tickets then it may cost you £5.50 if you don't hurry as anyone who books after the final figures have been given (14 days before the event) will have to pay a £1 late booking fee. Contact Brian Keller BEFORE it's too late on 734 2918.

DON'T DELAY - GET YOUR TICKET NOW - ONLY £4.50 TONIGHT - £5.50 AFTER OCT. 25!

CHRISTMAS DANCE, Friday, December 20th, 8 pm

This year the club moves up in the world, in the sense that we all move UPSTAIRS at the 'Liverpool'. There will be a late bar and a professional disco. Note that the night before (Thursday, Dec. 19th) will be cancelled, also the following Thursday (Boxing Day) cancelled for obvious reasons.

ANNUAL YULETIDE (Hot-Pot Supper and Barn Dance) Sunday, January 5th, 1986.

Names for this popular event to Brian Keller no later than Friday, December 20th at the Christmas Dance. Cost £3.30 (Children £1). Coach extra.

Well, that's all for now, If you want to hear the latest information on the Club's social activities please come down to the 'Liverpool' on Thursday nights. Hope to see you all soon,

ROY THUIS, Social Chairman
Tel. 677 8631

LETTER TO THE EDITOR. I received the following postcard recently from Japan.

From: Andrew Munawski, 70 Yagumo-Cho, Showa-Ku, 466 Nagoya, Japan.

Dear Dave and all the Ramblers, greetings from Nagoya!

We would like to express our gratitude to you and everyone for everything that you have done helping us with our English and sharing with us your experiences during our stay in Liverpool. We just managed to finish our second week of studies, but before we had few chances to realise that Japan is an ideal country for rambles, although probably not during the summer and early autumn because of the high humidity. Finishing, we hope that everyone of you is very well and we send our love and prayers to all of you.

ANDREW and BOGDAN

For the information of new members the above two people are Polish trainee priests who were in Liverpool for a few months earlier this year and came on several of our rambles. I am sure many of those who met them would like to send a few letters (or postcards) to the above address.

A NEW CUP - IN MEMORY OF CYRIL KELLY

A couple of issues ago I explained about the F.C. Norbury Cup and gave a thumb-nail sketch of what Fred had done and what he meant to the Club. It had to be a thumb-nail sketch because any other would take volumes.

This applies as much, and maybe more so, to Cyril Kelly who died nine years ago and I can't do better than draw on the words I wrote at the time.

In the 58 years of the Club's existence there have been many who have contributed much time and effort but, except for Fred Norbury, none more so than Cyril over so long a stretch of time and covering the whole gamut of the Club's activities.

Rambling, tennis, football, socials, concert parties, dances, special functions, the Newsletter, anything, you name it where the Club was concerned and Cyril would be there, in the forefront. When it came to organising anything at all for the Club. Cyril was supreme, his experience, foresight and wisdom doing much to ensure the success of any venture.

In almost 43 years it would be impossible to count the Committee meetings Cyril attended, more likely chaired - Annual Meetings, Monthly Committee, Rambling, Socials, Newsletter, Tennis Meetings - meetings for Dances, special anniversaries, the buying of proposed premises and so on.

Cyril was our longest serving Chairman (11 years) but he served as Vice-Chairman both before the war and for some vital years after the war. Since 1965 he was a Trustee and from 1971 Vice President. Add for measure his helping to form the Family Section, remaining with them in membership and becoming as it were the 'bridge' between the Family Section and the 'young' Club. In the meantime he found time to sponsor and foster 'Jospice' and 'Survive', world-wide organisations for the relief of disease and suffering.

Finally, but by no means lastly, Cyril played a considerable part in the formation just before the war of the Catholic Holiday Guild and was one of those burdened with its winding up in 1962. In recent years and until his death, he represented the Club on the Council of the Catholic Holiday Fellowship which succeeded the Catholic Holiday Guild and now runs Lakeside House at Keswick.

Cyril had a most friendly nature, ever ready to help and seldom without a smile or a quip. His strongest points, however, were his absolute integrity, his strong and steadfast character, stemming from his lifelong adherence to his Faith and everything he believed in. He was an example and an inspiration to all who knew him, and we who knew him can never forget him.

POSTSCRIPT: I recently visited May Kelly, herself a member for over fifty years and who pre-war served on many committees and as leader, especially up to the time she and Cyril were married. She is very pleased that Cyril is to be remembered in this way and asked that her thanks be conveyed to you all. Her health won't permit her to attend the presentation of the Cup but it will be taken for her to see and she has been promised a photograph of it.

Gerry Penlington.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

FRANK ROWE - R.I.P. All who knew Frank were shocked and saddened at his recent passing for he was still a comparatively young man. Nevertheless, he had been a constant member over quite some years, since the days of our Socials in Cathedral Buildings in the 50's and 60's, in fact. He was an enthusiastic walker but an even keener tennis player. For a number of years Frank was Club Auditor, and a conscientious one, too and at any time his advice on any matter would be a considered one and a sound one. We extend our sympathy to Monica and to daughters Jacqueline, Nicola and Anne and we ask you to remember them in your prayers.

MRS JOHNSON - R.I.P. - Mother of Mrs Freda Skillioorn
(Family Section)

MRS ELLEN KENNEDY - R.I.P. - Mother of Peter Kennedy.

Mass Cards have been sent on your behalf by the Association and we ask in addition that you remember all in your prayers.

Names shown below are people who entered for one or more events in the battle for this year's Fred Norbury Cup. (Presentation will be at the Annual Dance)

T H E F R E D N O R B U R Y C U P , 1 9 8 5

	<u>Pitch & Putt</u>	<u>Tennis</u>	<u>Bowls</u>	<u>Darts</u>	<u>Ten-Pin</u>	<u>Best 4 Scores</u>
Linda Bakewell	3½	5	3	4	1½	15½
Bernie Callagan	7	7	7	5	4	26
Ruth Chapman	-	-	-	1½	-	1½
Kate Fallon	-	-	10	7	10	27
Denise Forest	-	-	-	-	5	5
Linda Gilroy	-	-	4	-	-	4
Fiona Hawken	3½	-	-	-	-	3½
Irene	-	-	-	-	-	0
Shirley McFarlane	-	4	-	-	-	4
Eileen O'Neill	-	-	-	-	-	0
Marie Douglas	-	-	-	-	7	7
Norma Riding	-	-	2	-	-	2
Moirra Sumner	5	-	-	-	-	5
Mary	-	-	-	-	-	0
Christine Welsby	10	10	5	10	-	35
Bob Banks	-	2	-	-	-	2
Tony Bond	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gerald Bouch	2½	-	7	1½	-	11
Anthony Brockway	-	-	-	-	10	10
Sean Campbell	-	-	-	-	-	0
Steve Fergus	-	-	-	-	3	3
Norman Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mike Hendrick	-	-	-	10	7	17
Paul Healy	7	6	4	-	2	19
George Kenny	-	-	-	-	-	0
Phil Kirwin	-	-	3	5½	-	8½
Tony Kirwin	-	4	1	3	-	8
John Layon	-	-	-	-	-	0
Paul McGory	-	6	-	-	-	6
Dave Newns	2½	3	10	5½	-	21
Mike Newby	-	-	-	-	-	0
Mike Norgate	10	-	2	10	4	26
Paul Sellick	4	-	5	-	1	10
Roy Thiis	-	-	-	1½	-	1½

HIGHEST SCORES : Christine Welsby - 35 - Ladies Winner
Mike Norgate - 26 - Gent's Winner

FAMILY SECTION. PROGRAMME. 1985.

OCT. 27. Joint Walk. Hayfield. See General Section's programme.

NOV. 7. House Meeting. Noel and Angela's, 74 Moss Lane, Maghull.

NOV. 8.* The Annual Dance. Pat Pearson has tickets if you haven't already got them. (Sorry, late bookings now £5.50. Everton FC's rule).

NOV. 10. Ramble to Arley. Pat and Vera Jeffers are leading. We'll start walking at 12.30. On finding the M6 from your various starting points, leave it at Section 20. Turn right, then first turn left after passing over the Motorway. Little lane leads to Arley Hall. Park in the laybys. (About 5 miles down little lane).

NOV. 17. HALF DAY RETREAT. This will be given by the Montfort Fathers, at Sandymount Retreat House, Burbo Bank Road South, Crosby. Please be there at 1.45 p.m. Mass will be said and there will be a tea. The contribution is approximately £2.50.

DEC. 5. The House Meeting is at Bill and Peggy Potters, 91 Woodlands Road, Halewood.

DEC. 8. Turton Walk. George and Freda (Vera opted out) Skillicorn are leading. It will be a 12.30 start. Particulars at any of the above events.

ROCH VALLEY RAMBLE - ROCHDALE. SEPT. 15TH, 1985.

Picture the scene - 28 pleasantly tired ramblers enjoying beef-burgers, bangers or sausage rolls washed down with welcome cuppas, in the O'Neill's immaculate lounge after ploughing through eight muddy miles of the Roch Valley. Young Helen O'Neill casually asks "Where did the walk go, Dad?" Nothing unusual in that - except that Helen led the walk with her friend Clare and a little fatherly guidance! Actually Harry was the official leader but acted as 'whipper-in' - his excuse for taking it easy at the back!

It was an excellent walk, in spite of the mud, rain and a death-defying leap across a stream. Starting from St. Vincent's car park, we crossed Rochdale Golf Club, passed the Rugny Union Club and the Gracie Field's Centre and on into the Roch Valley. We passed another Golf Club, Springfield, Heywood Cricket Club, and a strange looking contraption which turned out to be a BMX track. It was here that a golf ball from Nefyn was found. - "Some drive" commented Jerry Macdonald.

After the customary booty stop beside the lake in Queen's Park, we carried on to Hookey Brow, Hookey Bridge and Simpson Clough before trailing through a caravan park. A fierce looking alsation followed us as we ploughed on through Gelder, Carr and Jowkin Woods to the Weir and Waterloo.

Following a very full brook, we passed the reservoir at Bagslate, finishing up at the O'Neills' for our much appreciated snack, prepared by a happily fit Ronnie.

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* Note: Entrance to Annual Dance is in Goodison Place, off Goodison Road.

Family Section.

The group of hardy ramblers, ranging in age from six year olds Kirsty to ... (don't worry George, your secret is safe with me) who braved the elements, all had a really good time.

Thanks Harry, Helen and Clare and, of course, Ronnie - it was great.

J.J.

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RIVINGTON, OCTOBER 13TH, 1985.

Although we lost Pat Pearson to a bad dose of 'flu, Marie to 'Glen' sitting, Bill to work and Peggy to the girls having to do other things and Wiganitis (we did a twice round the town centre again), Pat and Vera to a pioneer and Rosemary to visitors, there was quite a hefty number out. A day as promising as this would have had us all out even if Leo had suggested Wallasey Prom as the alternative walk. Nice to see Kevin Nolan out again and even nicer when he paid his subs without being asked. They're a dying breed!! I never did learn the exact number of partakers. Whipper in Steve, ably assisted by Andrew, wouldn't say how many were out in case they had to account for a depleted party at the finish.

'Water, water everywhere' and most of it to drink. I did try to take an interest in the actual route, but it is so easy just to enjoy it. "It's Angelzarke" did float gently down to us on the warm breeze, and I think this was the main reservoir of our walk. Out came the camera to snap a nice Tudor house on the other side of the Ressay, to be put away hurriedly when it was designated Victorian Tudor by Kevin! It was surprising to see so much glutinous mud about. The rain must be wetter in those yere parts.

To Bootle with Ingleton, with its 50p per person per trip up the waterfall and its five miles per hour on the Motorway under repair. We'll just look forward to the Pearson Clan's re-arranged version when it comes round. This was a truly good ramble, with a fair variety of stiles, gates, flights of steps and lovely grassy slopes. Just one small complaint. Could somebody nip round with an oil can prior to the Yuletide? I've never heard such a selection of squeaky gates in my life. I haven't counted Maureen as among those present. She only came out to complete her Feb/July '86 programme. And was she keen! Poor Laura was reduced to a shuddering wreck before finally being forced to take her first house meeting in March next year. She's a loving caring person really, Laura.

We'd a nice early finish to enable us to get home to wives, children, aged aunts, dogs etc., with a nice feeling of having had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Thanks to all concerned, including Pat.

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The Chalet weekend was its usual enjoyable self, but we must have a really good L.L.R. next time. There were some catastrophic leavings behind, including a nice selection of underwear, which Peggy rescued. Mrs. Holland, the Chalet Sec. is recovering nicely after her hip op, thank goodness.