

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

AND HOLIDAY GUILD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

2044

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' Association and Holiday Guild will be held on September 27th 1951 at 8.30 p.m. in St. Sebastian's Hall, Lockerby Road, Liverpool, 7.

1. To receive and consider Annual Report of the Committee, Annual Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report.
2. Election of new Committee.
3. Election of Auditors.
4. To transact any other business that may be lawfully dealt with at a General Meeting of the Association.

By order of the General Committee,  
dated 22nd August 1951.

R. MARSDEN.  
Hon. Secretary.

NEWS LETTER.

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EDITORIAL.

With the passing of the holiday season, we look forward to brighter socials with increased attendances throughout the winter. The first event that looms on the horizon is the Annual General Meeting and once again we express the hope that every member of the Association will show his interest by turning up to elect the new Committee and place his vote on any propositions that are put to the meeting. There are now 140 fully paid members and if most of them attend the A.G.M., a very useful evening will ensue.

A reminder here that all nominations for Committee and propositions to be put to the meeting should be in the hands of the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting is due.

PERSONAL.

Our heartiest congratulations to Maureen and Austin Callaghan on the arrival of a daughter - born in Nairobi.

We extend our sympathy to Jack Leonard on the recent death of his father.

DON'T FORGET OUR TENNIS DANCE.

SNAPSHOT COMPETITION.

This is open to all members of the C.R.A. and those interested must submit entries to Mr.W.R.Roberts as soon as possible and not later than 4th October. In order to ensure the return of snaps, the owners name should be written on the reverse side of each one.

The following rules will apply to the competition.

- (i) Each snap must have been taken this year by a member of the C.R.A.
- (ii) A member can submit more than one entry.
- (iii) The adjudicator's decision will be final.

PRIZES:- 1st Prize - 5/- . 2nd prize - 3/- . 3rd prize - 2/-

All entries will be on show on a night to be notified later.

CLUB ALBUM.

It may not be generally known by the newest members of the Association that a photograph album belonging to the Club is held by Mrs Penlington. In the past, snaps taken on Rambles and other occasions have been donated so that happy, memorable moments can be placed on record.

No donations to our collection have been received in the last year or two and if any members have snaps taken during this period which they are willing to give, they will be gratefully accepted by any Committee members.

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BLACKPOOL TRIP.

5th October 1951.

6.45 p.m. from Fraser Street.

Cost 6/-d. Deposits now please.

RAMBLING PROGRAMME.

Sep. 23.	Abergelle	9.15.a.m.	Line St. Stn.	B.Edwards
" 30.	Arley Hall	9.30.a.m.	Russell St.	4/- J.Clooney
Oct. 7.	Weaver Valley	10.15 a.m.	Pier Head	3/6 B.Edwards.
" 14	Caldy Hill	2.15 p.m	Pier Head	1/- F.Begley
" 21	Chalet		Details later	
" 28	Rushton/Mucklesfield		Railway Excursion	Details later.

Please note that the Rambles of October the 7th & 14th have been changed around in order to facilitate attendance at the Annual Mass.

MOEL FANNAU. 17th June 1951.

- 12 little Ramblers coming off Moel Fannau.
- 3 got left behind, then there were 9
- 1 little Rambler was hungry and dashed on for tea
- 8 little Ramblers wandered round a field,

nipped across a pasture, and so to tea ..... A slight hitch occurred on the way home because when we reached Pantyrwyn the last bus had left two hours before. Nothing else for it but to hoof it to Logerheads in the hope of getting a bus. There was quite a lot of conjecture as to the whereabouts of the two Toms and Pauline. - Had Pauline fainted, or broken her ankle, or lost her bracelet? Should we notify the police, or organise search parties? Perhaps the ghosts of Ancient Brits. had risen from their ditches and battled for

a swig of "spirits" or sal volatile carried by our gallant leader !!

We were introduced to the Queensway Cafe - a new teaplace to the C.R.A. and quite good. Jim, Mike and young Tom made themselves generally useful carrying buckets and jugs of water from a neighbouring farm.

Leaving the Queensway, we walked along the bed of the Alyn (dry as usual), bye-passed Cilcain and ascended Moel Famau, going on to the top of the Tower where it was necessary to hold on to one's eyeballs, but it was well worth it, if only for the view across to Ruthin and out to the Welsh coast (Liverpool Cathedral could also be seen in the distance). We rested in a hollow (which will be known to earlier Ramblers) and had a photo taken of the bodies (maybe "boots"), but as the operator double-clicked, anything might happen.

On our way down Frances thought she was laying a trail - at least it would appear so from the way biscuits, sandwiches, plastic hoods, &c., made a pretty pattern on the gentle down-slope and had to be rescued and surrendered (albeit, reluctantly at times).

Anybody going on a ramble with Mary J. had better bring plenty of cigarettes, for she and Bernard drove the rest of us (and other passengers on the bus) frantic in their search for the "fragrant wood". It paid dividends though!

Thanks Jim for letting us know that everybody had reached civilisation.

B.T.

GRANGE. July 15th 1951

The ramble was undertaken in glorious weather, 19 members turning out under the leadership of Frances Maguire. From Birkenhead we boarded a bus to Lovers Causeway, proceeding via footpaths to Storeton St, Higher and Lower Thingwall, pausing for a moment on the Pensby Road for a group photo. We were, by this time, all showing signs of sun-burn, and the party was in excellent spirits.

Byepassing the Arrowe Park path, we took the shaded footpath to Irby Mill Hill, where we enjoyed tea on the lawn at 'Bystones'. (Somewhat crowded). Our worthy chairman Mr. Penlington accompanied us and enjoyed the walk as did we all. After tea, onward to Thursston with its lovely view over the Dee and then to Caldy by a little used footpath. The Sun was mellow and a cool breeze blowing as we sauntered onward to Grange Hill where we relaxed in the cool of the evening.

Frances, her face wreathed in smiles led us to Saughall Massie with a brief stop outside the West Kirby R.A.F. camp for a cup of tea. We took a bus to Seacombe Ferry where a slight mishap marred the perfect day, - Tom, just back from Carrog, slipped, with slight injuries resulting. Hard lines.

T. O'Neill.

Swimming Ramble, WEST KIRBY. August 12th.

A certain five letter word beginning with "L" and ending in "Y" is an apt way of stating the weather conditions on this the second Swimming Ramble of the Summer programme. The radio announced that it was the worst weather for so many years in the Channel, and in Liverpool, which I was told at school, has a "natural shelter" for ships, it didn't seem much better. By 10.30 a.m. as there had been at least one heavy down-pour (that is in the part where I live !!) it wasn't surprising that only six (and two more later) ventured out to take the plunge.

Frank was to take over Marie's walk and after a very rocky boat over to Woodside we were soon on the bus and at Arrowe Park. Here Bernard again showed the Gang (and numerous onlookers) the now (in)- famous vanishing-glove trick - only to be saved by Bernadette's haversack - and apple-pie.

Our leader thought he'd found a new way through the Park - shame really - it was almost one - and very soon we were at Lumsden's Cafe for our lunch. Many members remember our Christmas Party there - I wonder where the next one will be ?

By this time the sun had shown itself - but only in one of those - "bright intervals" which had been promised, and on we pressed over Irby Mill Hill and down to West Kirby. By the time we got to the Baths it seemed much too cold to go in - and so very wild. One of the yachts on the lake had overturned, the occupant pulling it in by the sail, but those yachtsmen (and - women too) are as keen as some Ramblers and have another bash - whew!! don't they go at a speed when the wind is behind them ? !

Mary was most determined to go in and swim, and after a natter she won the day - am so glad she did, because it was really wonderful in the water. The waves were grand and were splashing over the sidewalks each end of the baths! No one stayed in long. Poor Bernadette did find the steps slippery (just like the notice said) and all the bathers except one came out with blood on them - John's toes, Mary's knees, etc., - they must have caught them on the rather rough bottom of the "Pool". Never mind, after a quick rub down, out came the Plasters (NOT the corn one, dear!) and tea was supped by one and all. It was rather warm in the Cafe - not surprising really, the sun had made a break through and was holding. Quick let's sunbathe - which we did for a little while.

We were ready to move about 5.45 and walked through the Park to the Church, paid a visit and then up the Hill to the War Memorial. Grand view from up there - could even see Blackpool Tower - and with Tom's glasses we-e-ell....

Down we swarmed and into Benediction at West Kirby - after it was over we gathered our things (and Pauline's purse) and walked across the fields to Thurstaston and then the bus home.

A really grand and pleasant day.

B.E.

CHALET WEEKEND

Another excellent chalet weekend was enjoyed by 15 of our members. The weather turned out perfect for walking, on the Saturday, but with one accord we decided to spend the day sunbathing on the beds which Mary and few more stalwarts had brought out of doors for airing.

The usual hilarious type of evening took place once dinner and dishes were over. Mr. Sandys proved adept at catching people out in the well known game of "Simon Says". With the expressions on your face, Joe, how could anyone hope to be successful? About midnight, those who were still up, cosily gathered around the fire and became very sanctimonious. To the accompaniment of Joe's mouth-organ, every well known hymn was sung with gusto, and I think, fervour.. Until the small hours of the morning, much giggling could be heard from the girls' dormitory. On previous weekends, Miss Roberts has made herself notorious for not getting up and very often has had to be dragged out of her bunk. You can imagine everyone's amazement when a well gloomed Mona was to be seen flitting around the common room about 7 a.m. - reason - her bed was in the common room and she hadn't relished the thought of being rudely awakened by the opposite sex.

On Sunday, after Mass in Mold, Bernard led a most enjoyable ramble and everyone arrived back tired but happy.

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ANNUAL MASS.

Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Club, in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, the 14th October at 11 a.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this Service and occupy the special places reserved for us.

TENNIS DANCE.

A "Close of Season" dance will be held, in Bishops Court, Sandfield Park on Saturday, 20th October, admission 3/-, including refreshments. We hope that all members will co-operate to make this dance as successful as our previous one.