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EDITORIAL

Your Editor apologises for the absence of an Editorial last month (did I hear someone suggest he have a permanent vacation?)

Now, however, while he has only his memories (albeit recent ones) most of you are now enjoying your holidays or looking forward to them. Enjoy yourselves, one and all, wherever you sojourn. My holiday these days are dictated by toddlers and I find myself paddling and building sand castles. Not that I don't enter into the spirit of the thing and thoroughly enjoy myself - I do! But Oh to be with those of you who will be wandering by mountain and moorland. No doubt it won't be many years before the youngsters will be able to ramble and climb - but will I?

The moral is take now while you can holidays you will enjoy and remember all your life. NO I'm not 'plugging' the Catholic Holiday Guild, but they certainly can help you, whether you wish to go to the Lakes, the seaside or the Continent. I doubt if they can accommodate you this summer, but give them a try next year, or even this coming Autumn if you like a late holiday.

But to keep to the present, may you have the holiday of your lives, may it keep fine for you, and may you all come back invigorated and refreshed, full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas for the Club. Keep some for the A.G.M.

EDITOR.

RAMBLING PROGRAMME

Table with columns: DATE, DESTINATION, LEADER, MEET., TIME, APPROX COST. Rows include dates like Aug. 6th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Sept. 2nd with destinations like Ingleton, Freshfield, Prestatyn, Pleasington and Chalet Weekend.

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Grand Dance at Bootle Town Hall on Saturday September 15th. DANCING TO KAY WHITE & HER ORCHESTRA FROM 7.30 - 11.30. TICKETS 4/6d.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM THE PRINTERS, WHEN WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL TAKE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A REALLY GOOD NIGHT. I'M SURE YOU WON'T LET US DOWN.

CHALET WEEK-END 6-8th JULY

We arrived Friday night after the walk from Loggerheads, to find Bernard holding the fort. Tony took great pride in lighting the fire and soon everything was ship-shape, ready for the rest of the Friday night shower. We downed our supper (Guess what !!! Can nobody think of a variation ?!!) and spreadeagled ourselves before the fire to listen to records until it was time for bed.

A delicious cup of tea woke us up on Saturday morning. That P.L.J. put new vitality into Bernard but we must remind him that he's not at Butlins. The shopping party set out for Maeshafn after breakfast and while Bernard and Joan made their purchases the rest of us were usefully engrossed outside. Why on earth did Anne bring that rucksack ? We wouldn't have minded if she'd carried it back but mugs 1 & 2 were the victims and got slated for carrying it upside down.

"Operation spuds" then began with Ma Ferns giving a diatribe on how to care for a wayward family - washing bibs etc. which he professes to do regularly (we're not that gullible) There was a break for a welcome meal of roast pork then we resumed our spud bashing which ended suddenly in violence. This was the beginning of Joe and Tony's day. Whatever made us decide to sunbathe ! We quiet ones, deprived of a walk, wanted a rest in the sun but it was not to be. What merited being roped to the wire and soaked to the skin, and all because of a drippy tap?!!! Joan Rourke was introduced to the chalet showering facilities rather soon after arrival. It was at that moment that Joe Connell made a dignified entrance with his little bag. We are still wondering how he managed to fill it ? The Saturday party had all arrived by then, and tea made a welcome break from the improvised game of Cricket. We prefer a ball to a brick. Bob & Barney, now reinforced with pie, headed an energetic game of football which livened their spirits for the social.

The Social which followed proved to be one of the best for a long time. Barney's favourite partners were the broom and Sean. What have they got that we haven't ?!!!. Who was that sailor girl? Where did you get those shorts ? Marie held her own in a "Simon Says" keep-fit class in which the leader finished the most exhausted. Joe Ferns' Sunday pocket handkerchief then played an important part in a game of drawing-room hockey. The refreshments were most welcome by that time, and after a sign-song and prayers we were ready for bed.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny but, ready for anything we took our sou' westers to Colomendy with us in spite of the jeers. The tables were turned when it began to rain and gave us the last laugh. Johnny and Sean returned early on Johnny's Motor bike to start the breakfast, which was much appreciated after our long fast. During the meal the Sunday party, consisting of Don, arrived. Tony and Peter Atherton led the walk and they were soon on their way. Some of us stayed behind to learn to gamble ("Joking of course" to have our fortunes told, to read the papers, and last but not least to tidy up and prepare dinner for the walkers, who returned footsore and weary. Marie entertained us during tea with her marital problems while Bernard got rid of the surplus lettuce by extolling its virtues for health fiends.

We packed our rucksacks reluctantly and tidied up the Chalet ready for off. This time we made for Loggerheads where refreshments and ices refuelled us for the crawl home on the tail of the other holiday-makers.

Thank you everybody for a most enjoyable week-end.

Me an' 'er.

Once again the A.G.M. is almost with us. It will be on September 26th. at 8.p.m. I have heard it asked before "Why do we want to bother with an A.G.M. we would rather dance ?".

I would answer, that the A.G.M. should be one of the most important nights of the year. Why? Because it is the night on which YOU choose YOUR committee, and if the committee is not active, then there would be no socials to dance at, or A.G.M. to attend. Make this an important night. Start now to sort out your nominations for the committee, and for the officers. A list will be put on the notice board shortly for this purpose. Pick the members whom you know will run the club the way you would like it run, and put their names on the list. There will be a column for a seconder, and for the members' agreement to stand for the committee. What qualifications, if any, are required? Ability to voice their ideas. Ability to lead or use their own initiative, but most of all, willingness to cooperate wholeheartedly with the rest of the committee in the numerous tasks which are undertaken during the year. Now its up to you ALL. The longer the list the better chance we have of choosing a really strong and representative committee.

Oh, before I sign off, don't forget that the A.G.M. is your chance to have your say regarding the running of the club. All suggestions and criticism will be welcomed, and if you have any special item you would like discussed please notify the Secretary by September 7th. It will then be placed on the Agenda for the meeting. Remember the date September 26th. and please also remember that WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS.

CHAIRMAN.

S O C I A L P R O G R A M M E

	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>WASHERS UP.</u>
Aug. 1st.	H. O'Neil.	M. Lamb.	A. Wilkie & R.M. McGrath.
" 8th.	J. Connell.	V. Callaghan.	C.O'Rourke & C. Keenan.
" 15th.	B. Edwards.	J. Gannon.	M. Higgins & J. Beattie.
" 22nd.	B. Gahan.	A. Bowden.	J. Talbot & F.O'Cassey.
" 29th.	Chair Night.	M. Roberts.	W. Murray & M. Smith.
Sept. 5th.	Reunion & Parents Night. (Band)	P. McGrath.	P. Murray & B. Peagram.

PERSONAL

Congratulations to Maureen & Austin Callaghan on the birth of their daughter Christine. "What another girl" !!!

Also to June Talbot and Margaret Rigby who have recently celebrated their 21st birthday.

Bon Voyage to Vi Duffy on her return to America after her short holiday home. Dont let it be 9 years next time.

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THE ANNUAL MASS will be held on October 7th at the Pro Cathedral 11.a.m. This will be followed by our now annual retreat at the Covent of the White Sisters at 2.o'clock . On this occasion the White Sisters will not be providing lunch at the Covent and it has been suggested that we endeavour to arrange lunch at a Cafe in town and further details will be given in the next Newsletter. The charge for the Retreat will accordingly be reduced to approximately 3/-d. which, of course, will include Tea as usual.

A Notice will be pinned on the Board, and we should like those who intend to take part in the Retreat to put their name on it.

ELSI LAKE - 24th JUNE, 1956

It would appear the coach trips are becoming more popular judging by the demand for seats for this ramble. Whatever the reason - thirty-three members turned up promptly at 10.30 (one sleepy-head didn't make it) and we were off to a good start with the weather in our favour

Our first stop was near St. Asaph for "elevenses", then on to Bettws-y-coed to drop a twosome. The rest of the party fell out at Capel Curig, and after taking snaps with the old stagers in the background (sorry, boys, I meant stage-coach) the trek began, upwards and upwards. With the promise of lunch by the lake, the cries began "How far?"....."Where is this Elsi--e?"... "Is there such a lake?" However, with the odd pauses to get our breath, we also had time to admire the beautiful scenery. Eventually someone shouted "Water" - this spurred us on to the top, only to find we had a good run down to a reservoir (christened, by Len., Lake Gertie, sister of Elsie)

The first arrivals had finished lunch and were resting peacefully when the "whipper-in" brought down the stragglers, this prolonged the rest period, but nobody minded too much. Some of the more energetic males left the main party to climb Moel Siabod, which, I understand, involved a considerable amount of rock work, and from the summit enjoyed a magnificent view of the various peaks

The main party left the reservoir and wended its way over hilly paths, round the woods to the waterfall and on to Dolwyddelan, where a very accommodating hotel proprietress provided more than the usual "cuppa". The Siabod "sloggers" rejoined us at this point and after all were suitably refreshed we made our way over the fields and along the Roman Road to Lake Elsi, here we listened to Len's version of the legend of the Lake, and May insisted on having a snap taken with the Lake in the background (we'll probably look like a lot of ants, if it comes out). We staggered on to Bettws-y-coed to join the twosome, who had enjoyed a more leisurely day, and the waiting coach, and were soon heading for home, tired but happy after a grand day.

Many thanks to Len, and his able "whipper-in".

..... PHILO.

All Journalists have a holiday and our Socialite is no exception, so may I take this opportunity of wishing her a happy holiday and lots of SUN, Bon-Voyage M.

On July 4th the celebration of American Independence, if there be any connection our M.C. was heard to say - "conveying gratitude from our adopted charitable cause - "Thank you one and all for helping the WHITE CITY (SISTERS)" maybe our football team can arrange a friendly? To tennis members - "you may now attend Benediction at THE CYNICAL CONVENT - PROPERLY DRESSED - eg. MEN MUST WEAR TROUSERS". "Please take your partners for the next dance The Dashing White Serjeant 2 GENTLEMEN and 1 MAN.

On July 25th the pleasant rendering of Auld Lang Syne denoted a little farewell gesture to Vi. Duffy who returns to her adopted country very soon. Included in the happy circle was Lilly Wilton (piano) Winnie & Gerry, Austin Callaghan & Via herself. Best wishes, Vi. Welcome to all new members who made up most of the crowd last Wed. Hope you older bods are doing your bit to bring them into the mob?

Afraid the rest of the chatter will have to wait till next time as space in this edition want let us continue, but while there is a little left, I would like to stress the early start on Wednesdays, the Social Sub, have a PLAN in focus now, your included in it, so for further information of the PLAN be at the Club-Room on WEDNESDAYS at 8.0'CLOCK. SO LONG FOR NOW.

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