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## E D I T O R I A L

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It rained on St. Swithins!  
 The outlook is now supposed to be  
 some six weeks of wet. Like  
 yourselves, no doubt, I don't  
 place too much reliance on the  
 old tag, but I have to admit that  
 up to the time of writing it's  
 rained each day. In fact it's  
 been typical "Liverpool Show"  
 weather.

Now the weather may put the damper  
 on some but it should never put  
 the damper on us. It didn't in  
 my day, those aeons ago! Weather  
 to us was merely the changing  
 back-drop-fine hot days, or cool  
 cloudy days; dry, frosty ones or  
 wet, humid ones; inches of rain,  
 or inches and inches of snow.

The view from the path or hill-top  
 differed with the weather, seen  
 opaquely through hazy heat or misty  
 rain, or clearly on fine or frosty  
 days. It made no matter, the fact  
 of our being on that path or hill-  
 top was what mattered most.

I've walked our lovely countryside  
 many, many times with the club, and  
 I've also walked it alone before  
 that, but it was when with the club  
 that the elements mattered least.  
 The temptations of fireside and  
 radio (as it was then) were  
 brushed aside.

Are you as good as the club was  
 then? If so, then come hail or high  
 water - the club will venture forth.

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YOU ARE NEEDED !!

You are probably wondering what a heading like that is all  
 about. Well, it's quite simple really. Every year, in September,  
 the Annual General Meeting of the Association is held in the club-  
 rooms. This year, the meeting is on Wednesday 21st September, at  
 8.30 p.m. This should be a very special occasion for all members.  
 You have all seen the various activities going on, in, and around  
 the Club, such as the Socials each Wednesday evening; the Rosary in  
 the Crypt once a month; the rambles on a Sunday to North, South,  
 East and West of the club; the weekends at the chalet; or at Keswick;  
 the Annual Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, followed by the Annual Retreat  
 at the White Sisters; the games of tennis at Lance Grove; the football  
 matches at Calderstones Park. I could go on telling you about lots  
 of other minor, though very important activities, such as providing  
 new records, etc., but it would take too long. All these things  
 don't just happen. They are done and arranged by a Committee - the  
 one elected by you at the A.G.M. Therefore the whole organisation of  
 YOUR club, depends entirely on the ability of YOUR committee, to  
 provide YOU with the kind of entertainment, etc., that YOU want. That  
 is why I say YOU ARE NEEDED! If you need the Club, the Club needs  
 you, and now is the time, before the A.G.M. to look around for the  
 members that you think will be able to run the various activities for  
 you, in the best possible way.

Very shortly a Nomination list will be going up on the  
 board, and I would like to see some really keen competition to get  
 on to the committee. There are 15 places to be filled, as the  
 Committee resigns each year, but they are all eligible for re-election  
 if they desire. Don't forget, as I have said year after year, the  
 club is yours, each individual member owns it, and the degree of  
 success or failure depends entirely on the strength or weakness of the  
 committee you appoint. So get down to the business of selecting your  
 new committee now, and, just as important, keep September 21st open,  
 so that you can come along and vote, and make sure that the members

that you want on the committee are elected.

The A.G.M. is also held for other purposes. You will hear how the club is situated financially. You will hear what has been done in the past year, and what it is proposed to do in the next year, but I think this is more important - the A.G.M. gives each member the opportunity to voice his or her opinions, grievances, suggestions, etc., and in that way, to give a lead to the Committee, as to how you want the Club run. I don't think you will have any doubt in your mind now, that

YOU ARE NEEDED!!!

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

	M.C.	Refreshments	Washers-up	Gran.Carriers
August 3	J.Cullen	Jean Bravin	M.Boggin/J.Devitt	J.McEvoy/ M.Coughlan
" 10	Harry O'Neill	Margt.Gilmore	K.Byrne/R.Doyle	C.Dobbin/George Skillicorn
" 17	Mike Caughlan	Mary Smith	M.Kelly/R.Hocter	J.Hdgkinson and Stan Cunningham
" 24	Gerry Penlington	Ann McCann	C.Gilligan & Brenda Bergum	B.Edwards/H.O'Neill
" 31	Bill Potter	Marie Henwood	Connelly sisters	Tom Rainford/ Peter Atherton

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R O S A R Y will be recited in the Crypt on Wednesday, the 3rd August at 8.30 p.m. Please make a special effort to be there on time. Remember 8.30 - 3rd August.

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S O C I A L I T E

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We've congratulations to Joe and Rose Kennedy on the birth of their daughter, Teresa. Peter Conno'ly and Anne Hyde have got themselves engaged. Congratulations to them and best wishes,

Before you change all your spare cash into foreign currency or put it on one side for spends, please complete payment of your Tennis Subs to Mary Smith. Our rent and rates commitments remain, be you going to Majorca or New Brighton.

May all your holidays go well, be it Lourdes, walking, pony-trekking (don't forget that card, Pat), or what have you. Keep the weather eye open for the rest of the Club if you get to Keswick for the August weekend. From the enquiries for addresses to stay at we've had the place will be full of us!

Skip the parrot and the Kenda' Mint, please. I'd rather have a typewriter with an 'I' that works.

Yors,  
(packing),

SOCIALITE.

## FARRINGTON WALK & SOCIAL

The Spirit was willing but the flesh was weak - and how weak!! No sooner had we stepped off the coach when the unrelenting sun beat down unmercifully, and all around could be smelt the tang of frying fresh, and sizzling sun-oil.

However, here we were and here we pleaded to stay - but our luck was out as Bill had other arrangements (which included, I'm happy to say, a dinner stop with liquid refreshments at a nearby cafe). We did our utmost to spin this rest out until evening, but just as the last mouthful of icy lemonade, tangy tea - or what have you - was reverently drunk, our leader let out a "Waggon Train" call and like a herd of animals we staggered off along the road; by the side of a canal; through a jungle; over a road; over a stile; along a path; return along the path; half way back along the path; turn - back along the path; over a field, etc, etc., to arrive with no time to spare for Benediction.

Somehow I think our map was a little 'old' and the newly erected buildings certainly did not resemble in any way the paths on our leader's map. However - after Benediction, food and drink, wash and change - and we had forgotten how hot and tired we were, and really enjoyed the following social and "Housy-housey".

In fact we enjoyed ourselves so much we almost forgot the time - and like 30-odd (very odd) Cinderella's we went tearing out to our coach, and were whipped like fury homewards.

I promised Bill to do justice to his walk - sorry Bill!!! Next time perhaps.....

Me.

NOTICES: "The White Sisters". Have you read the poster in the club-room? It appeals for a general rallying of the Club to the aid of the White Sisters. We have been helping the Sisters for some years now but, ironically, in this the last year we can support them they need our aid the most. They need a new chapel, but you are not being asked for money, only for items, loads of them, for their Garden Party on the 10th September. ANYTHING you can bring will be gratefully received. Please place it or them by the poster in the hall.

PERSONAL: Belated congratulations to Ann and Peter who were engaged last month, and very up-to-the-minute congratulations to Freda and George Skillicorn who were married to-day.

### R A M B L E R I T E

"FOOTWEAR". If you are a regular Rambler you may be inclined to disregard this paragraph, but should you? We shall see! If you have passed by the above heading, it can be assumed you are happy with your present means of 'propulsion', being all that "Walking footwear" should be. Comfortable, water repellent and last but not least a sole that will grip and not skate on the ground. If you have such you are luckier than most. May I then ask you, please, to pass on to any enquiring new members' the type of footwear he or she should look for, and be prepared to pay for. Many make-do purchases turn out to make for blisters and swellings.

Footpaths: May we bring to our leaders notice the regular request from the Ramblers Association for information as to the obstruction of public footpaths which a leader may come across on his walks. If they are ploughed over with no alternative route provided, overgrown (through lack of use, etc), barred with wire, or refused right of way by the apparent owner, please make a sketch of the path in dispute, name of the property or name of supposed owner, and give the details to the R.A. or Bill Potter, who will forward it to them.

It it being said by some "It's too hot for walking"! Is it? I wonder if it will be too cold in the winter?????

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The weather for this walk to Hawarden was perfect, and it was clear that the party which left St. John's Lane intended to take full advantage of Mother Nature's offer.

Saun Lawler was in charge - and for one the Hawarden walk was to Hawarden! But first of all he found a tea place at Ewloe. After dinner we boarded the bus again and a few minutes later reached the starting point of our ramble. Turning right at the fountain - cum - memorial at Hawarden we descended onto the road and into the woods at the bottom.

How pleasant and green everything was - such a contrast to rambles held only a few weeks ago when things seemed so black and white! Getting over the fence May ripped her jeans - and Eileen Con. offered to repair same, even to the use of a plaster if necessary.....

Within minutes we reached the centre of the woods, turned right here and left there, and we continued until we found an ideal spot to rest and have our photo's taken. I know of one group to which there will be 16 hopefuls awaiting prints of same.

Our rest over we continued on our merry way. We reached a road and found an ideal means of transport available - and at least have another photo taken (only fault a disused child's tricycle is not capable of holding more than 6 fully grown grown-ups at once.

It was nearing tea time and we reached Buckley with the thought in mind - tea! First Sean showed us a lake and into this we threw stones seeing who could throw the furthest. (Steve won). Bill P. sat on a gate post looking like Claudius - and being about as happy as him too.

Now we pressed on again - tea was definately next on the list. The cafe had been booked but alas the only fault was the helper there hadn't turned up - and with a bus load of C.R.Aites yelling for tea, etc., the only thing to do was to "nuck in" ourselves and help. Bernard did just this and after a few minutes toast and tea was available to all of us.

Some of the boys started to play football in the cafe yard and a challenge match between the local lads and ourselves was arranged - so picking up our bits and pieces we were shown the "pitch". The lads battled bravely in fact won 10-2! A littl one-sided but a CRA victory to go on record with the recent "Met" matches.

Time was going quickly and we had to board the bus once more for our homeward journey. Soon we had left Wales behind and crossed the border into England, and Ledsham, Birkenhead and Liverpool followed then of course the usual good-byes at the tunnel and Pier Head.

Thank you Sean for a smashing day.

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AUGUST RAMBLING PROGRAMME

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RAMBLE</u>	<u>LEZDER</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COST</u>
Aug. 7 <del>7</del>	Hellifield R.A. train	J. Potter	See press for train time		8/6d
"14	Freshfield Swimming	G. McDonald	Exchange Stn.	10.30	3/6d
"21	Church Stretton Coach	R. Bordman	St. Johns Ln.	10.0	8/6d
"28	Eccleston	W. Lyon	Pier Head	10.20	3/6d

DESCRIPTION. Swimming - wet! Hellifield - moderate.  
Church Stretton - hilly. Eccleston suitable for beginners.