

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

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E D I T O R I A L

The summer so far has been unique in our own limited experience, with such an uninterrupted spell of fine weather. To us it has been particularly encouraging to find so many of our members taking full advantage of the fine weather and the facilities which the Association offers to them. Rambling has been well patronised and tennis, resurrected this season, is now established as a popular feature of the Club's activities. In taking advantage of the fine weather we have been communing with nature in all its beauty.

Somewhere it has been written that green pastures are the home of green thoughts and we are tempted to moralise on some of the lessons we can learn from these green pastures. - its freshness and vitality, but we think we can take from them hope and encouragement and apply it to our own C.R.A. The past months have been somewhat trying for us but we are beginning to show new life and interest in it.

Enthusiasm for the cause will help much in solving our problems and in bringing freshness and renewed vigour in to our Association.

P E R S O N A L

It is with deep regret we learn of the death of Mrs. McCallen's elder child and we extend to her our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

We welcome Mrs Fogarty (nee Mary Campbell) to the Club after a lapse of some years and trust she will again find pleasure and interest in our activities.

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

T H U R S D A Y	E V E N I N G
H a s	V e x a t i o n s
U n d o u b t e d l y	E n d u r e
R e c a p t u r e d	N o t
S o m e	I n
D i s t i n c t i o n	N o b l e
A s	G a t h e r i n g s
Y o u r S o c i a l N i g h t	

7th July	Host	- A. Callaghan
14th July	Host	- W. Wildes
21st July	Hostess	- K. Collins ( Ladies Night )
28th July	Host	- F. Norbury

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S P E C I A L

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS - If you would like to see them read the notice on Page 2.

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SOCIAL NOTES - by I.C. ALL

Recent socials have shown that the abilities (or capabilities) of many members are improving. If, for instance, you have a flair for dress designing, Bernard has a wonderful collection of newspapers and pins for practice purposes. The mannequin parade which followed, showing the artists creations were, to say the least, original !!

Memory tests are also, I believe, a bracing brain tonic. The idea is not new, but the results of the test were unique - arm bands mistaken for garters etc. Bill Wildes tried to 'chisel in' again on the first prize but Cyril threatened to 'do' him.

Panic again on Ladies Night, would there be a pianist or not? Fred and Win showed promise as pianists by playing a duet (on which I will not dwell) anyway they tried !!! However, Lily saved the evening by arriving later.

'petal' came in for a good deal of ragging after her immersion in the bog but all I can say is - it happened to the right person, because I don't think anyone else could have taken it in the same spirit as she did and still come up smiling.

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THURSDAY EVENING

It is all very well for the Editor to dwell in "Green Pastures", but most of our time still must be spent in the busy crowded city. Some of this time, at least, may be passed in a cheerful atmosphere amid pleasant company. You know where you can find your friends one evening each week for table tennis or games or dancing or even the weekly 'wiff-waff' over a cup of tea, getting oneself up to date with local gossip and news.

We appreciate that the Club room is not all it might be, nor even conveniently situated, but the tone of the evening is what we ourselves make it. If you attend with the determination to enjoy yourselves, we feel sure that you will find the mid-week break is time well spent. Our own experience is that one live wire is an encouragement to others and if we all endeavour to be live wires, the mood and tone of the socials will be high indeed.

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Given the necessary support, your Committee are prepared to organise a trip to Blackpool in October. If you are at all interested we would like to hear your views and opinions.

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R A M B L I N G N O T E S.Impressions of the Whit Week-end June 4/6th.

It was very hot. Our packs were heavy and we were bull-dozing through thick gorse. Bernard said, "Mind the white flowers", but Jim Duncan was already wading ahead. Someone said "It's alright if you step on the rushes". Eileen Devlin will vouch for the accuracy of that. She alone knows what it feels like to sit up to the waist in bog water, although Terry Smith sampled it with one leg.

This was on the Saturday and we were tramping over the wild moorland of Cynr-y-Brain (1800 feet) which lies between Llandegla and Llangollen. From here we descended into a beautiful though unnamed valley and then by road to Tyn Dor, arriving barely in time for the evening meal.

The hostel accommodation was good. It is a large, old-fashioned, half-timbered house, with beautiful windows and oak panelling, the type of house in which one would expect to find liveried footmen and plenty of servants. Instead one queued for each course of the three course meal and had to undertake some duty in connection with the cleaning of the house. Any volunteers for washing up !!!

For lunch on Sunday we visited the C.H.G. Guest House at Carrog. It is situated in the Dee valley, upstream from Llangollen, an ideal place for a rambling holiday. Mr & Mrs Westwood made us very welcome and took us over the house. The furnishings, appointments and general atmosphere of comfort and friendliness impressed us very much.

Afternoon tea was an open air affair alongside an unfrequented but lovely waterfall. Joe and Bernard demonstrated that 'there is always a slip twist brook and lip' as time after time they carried water from the stream only to spill it before reaching the thirsty and impatient party above.

We were a long way from Tyn Dor, and we had to be back by seven o'clock, so the last part of our walk developed into a race. The road seemed endlessly up and down, with more ups than downs and we were all very dry. We were passing a small farm when Kath Marsden said "I could go a glass of milk". Dick and Stella went to enquire and were invited in. The farmer's wife went to another room for glasses and while she was away a few more of our party came in so she had to go again in search of glasses. Each time she came back one or two new faces had appeared until eventually all had arrived and we had just about exhausted the farm's entire stock of drinking vessels. However, Welsh hospitality stood the strain and we were made to feel very welcome.

We arrived at the hostel in time for the meal and after a wash and change the remainder of the evening was spent in the Common room. Our limbs may have been tired, but our voices certainly weren't, especially when it came to the celestial adventures of Harry Pollitt.

On Monday morning we said farewell to Tyn Dor and headed up the Horseshoe Pass towards Llandegla. Faces were very red and conversation limited during the long, hot climb to the summit, although Mark was fortunate to have a porter to carry his biggest bag. Lunch, with lots of tea, revived us and we took to the hills again, via Watkins Tower and so down into Llandegla for tea.

The prospect of a further ten mile walk into Wrexham was a very real one and the bus for which we had been waiting arrived full. However, the driver and conductor turned out to be good Samaritans as they left their bus and phoned through to Wrexham for another, which arrived within half an hour. And so the week-end ended happily, although the strange behaviour of Joe Mulhall on (or was it off) the bus in front, is still a puzzle to many.

CHINLEY & EDALE - June 26th. This area is a ramblers' paradise, but for us in Liverpool, it is only on rare occasions that we can visit it.

Sunday June 26th was that rare occasion. The railway had re-introduced a cheap day return fare, so 20 of our members took advantage of it. At very short notice and some inconvenience our Stockport friends provided a leader and we express to them our appreciation and thanks for their ready co-operation. The day proved to be one of the hottest of the year and because of it the party divided itself into an 'A' and 'B' section. This almost spontaneous improvisation, far from detracting from the outing, actually improved it and both parties were agreed that a good time was had by all.

LITTLE SWITZERLAND - June 12th. 15 members turned out for this ramble, 9 representatives of the fair sex. The weather was kind to us but our spirits were rather dampened by the presence of Cyril, who decided to come out for the first time in twelve months - but we don't talk about that. After proceeding from the Pier Head by boat and thence by bus, we finally started on a grand ramble. In fact it was so good the leader frequently took us up and down the same path several times in case we missed anything !!! An excellent dinner place was kept very busy

for almost an hour, providing cups of tea for thirsty ramblers. The tea was followed by ice cream, which in turn was followed by more tea. The afternoon ramble was very enjoyable despite some nettling in Delamere Forest, and frequent cries of 'which are the dock leaves'. After tea we took a leisurely walk back in time to miss a bus, so we spent an hour playing football in a field "assisted by a swarm of local youngsters. I think they were evacuees who had forgotten to go home. Congratulations to our leader, Mary Green, who made such a good job of her first ramble.

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RAMBLING PROGRAMME

July 17th.	Moel Arthur & Rhydymwyn	Meet Pier Head 10 a.m. Leader B. Edwards Fare 4/1d.
July 24th	Raby Mere	Meet Pier Head 2.15 p.m. Leader M.Morgan Fare 10d.
Aug 1st	Rivington & Belmont	Meet Russell St. 9.45 a.m. Leader E.McAleavey.
Aug 7th	Rivacre Valley (Swimming Ramble)	Meet Pier Head 10.30 a.m. Leader M.Meskell.

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TENNIS

Since our last Newsletter, the Tennis section has enjoyed a real spell of fine weather, which has been used to full advantage by all members. We still have a few vacancies especially for men, so come on lads, enjoy the nice evenings at the courts in Leyfield Road. As many as 25 have been up in an evening and all have enjoyed themselves in an atmosphere of conviviality and good fellowship. Beginners are now showing signs that they will soon be teaching their teachers. The courts are open every evening (and afternoon if you like) and all day Saturday; minerals may be obtained from the steward in charge. Anyone wishing to know more about the section should contact Mr. Roberts (Bill) or Mr. Kelly (Cyril) on the Club night, or, if you do not attend the socials, then all particulars will be supplied from Mr. W. Roberts, 4, Smithdown Road, Liverpool.

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We have just received a telephone message reminding us that Joe Mulhall and Kathleen O'Neill were married last Saturday. We hear also that Marie Dutch qualified as a candidate for the title of 'British Housewife' on the same date, though we regret we were not supplied with details of the name of the lucky man. Anyway, we send our very best wishes and congratulations to both couples.

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DID YOU REMEMBER TO READ THAT NOTE ABOUT BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS ?