

THE LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC RAMBLERS'  
ASSOCIATION & HOLIDAY  
GUILD

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HOW SOCIABLE ARE YOU????

For a club such as ours the caption poses a fair enough question, prompted by a letter submitted to your General Committee. This letter, an important one, is pointed elsewhere in this Newsletter and should be read, particularly by the men of the club.

In our long history the problem is not new, and has had to be contended with in varying degrees at varying times. The problem needs attention once again, it would seem. Whilst the Committee can help and set a lead it is up to the male members of the Club as a whole to remedy the situation.

We have a good club, but we are bound to have our share of the shy and silent types. You know, ladies, men generally can be shyer than you think when it comes to asking for a dance, and some of you ladies cling tenaciously to one man for the whole evening. Good for you, but it makes it well-nigh imperative for M.C's to remember the time-honoured "Snowball Waltz", "Ladies Requests", "Paul Jones" and similar dances which help to overcome some, if not all of the above-mentioned blights on sociability.

There has always been some measure of "eliquishness" in the club - usually by the "rambling cliques". I won't condone this, but I will point out, as so often before, that joining the rambles is the best way of getting to know the Club and its members. As a result, rambling members get together, and one can only appeal to them, and to us, to widen the field.

The Rambling reports are written for your Newsletter by a wide and various number of capable and amusing reporters, chosen by the leaders, and I'm afraid the editorial staff have not yet attained the "Goebbels-like" efficiency to ensure a mention of everyone in turn. You will all appreciate whether ramblers or not, that the notorious few regularly reach the headlines because they can't help being good (or bad) ramblers, and that it is a 'greatness' thrust upon them, not sought.

This is not to detract from the timely appeal made by "Three very disappointed L.C.R.A. members". It is certain the Club does not always coincide with the expectations of some prospective members, but within our limits let us sociably welcome and entertain those who, like some thousands before them, feel that the Club is just what they want and were looking for.

My own personal advice to any "Wallflowers" is, as always, go out rambling! A wide circle of friends will be but one of the benefits accruing. In the meantime, however, the appeal is directed to Committee members, Leaders, M.C's, Hosts and Hostesses, and all male members in particular - CAN YOU DO MORE THAN YOU ARE DOING? MAKE A BEE-LINE FOR THE NEW, AND NOT-SO-NEW, FACES. HELP THE 'LOOKERS-ON' TO BE 'JOINERS-IN' !!!!!

.....The Editor .....

PERSONAL We send our deepest sympathy to May Lamb on the death of her Mother, and also to Maursen Lewis and her brother whose Mother has also recently passed away. Masses are being offered on behalf of the club. R.I.P.  
Your prayers are also requested by a member for a very special intention.

Congratulations to Rose Mount and Joe Kennedy who recently announced their engagement.

We were glad to learn that one of our old members, June Talbot, has had a baby boy. Our best wishes and congratulations. The baby's name, we think, is Peter Bernard.

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NOTICES

CATHOLIC HOLIDAY GUILD SOCIAL: Bernard has been taking names from those of you who want to go to the Social at the Lesser Free Trade Hall on the 28th June, and there are still a few days left in which to contact him if you wish to go. The Annual General Meeting is being held in the afternoon and Mr. Edwards, Mr. Roberts and Miss M. Roberts have been renominated on the C.H.G. Committee.

DANCE AT THE STATE: We have been very lucky in getting the State Ballroom for a 'Grande Dance' on the 30th August. This will be our last for some considerable time, so do make the effort to come along and bring your friends. As soon as the tickets are available an announcement will be made at the Wednesday socials.

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CARNADDS 'B' WALK ..... JUNE 15th, 1958

On a typical "Freshfield" morning we set off for Capel Curig with our usual vigor (some members still wiping the sleep from their eyes). On reaching Birkenhead someone remembered we had to pick up two more enthusiastic members and so we all sat up in eager anticipation. Except for two statues (who, I guess, were hoping we wouldn't see them) there wasn't a body in sight. The blowing of the horn and our cries, however, caused a flicker of life and so they were dragged on, regardless. Then away we went quite peacefully, except for one or two of the girls leaving their brand on Peter's shirt (he should know better by now)!!

Capel Curig lay in wonderful sunshine, nestling amid the towering mountains. The A party shot up the nearest one and we gathered ourselves together and prepared for our assault on the ascent to Llyn Cowlyd. Being used to studs, ice picks, etc., we got a shock when Margaret said "Anyone for tennis?" and came out sporting her snow white footwear. Recovering, Bill led us up past Tal-y-Waen and so on to Lake Cowlyd where we had a wonderful five minutes, getting our breaths back and taking in the beauty of the scenery. Up we got again and on round the Lake to Garreg-wen where two strapping girls thought it was time to relieve our leader of some of the weight of his first aid kit. Why was it that he kept urging us to have more??

Getting up to the carn on top of Cefn Cyfarwydd was done in record time which, we decided, was not quite the thing - and so we built it higher! Pat, our new member, took a photo to mark the event. Sorry Pat, insurance isn't (I don't think) included in the 5/-.

After looking our fill at the wonderful sweep of the Vale of Conway and the towering peaks of Moel Eilio and Moel Siabod, we dropped gradually down to the shores of Lake Crafnant with the promise of refreshment driving us eagerly on. I think they must have expected us at the farm houses - for they were out! Our leader, seeing his perilous position (far more dangerous than any Grib-goch) hastily led us into Colonel Bögey and up over Cloywyn Mawr, before we could pollute the drinking water of Llanrwst and District!

Eventually we made the top and paused to view the scenery (its a good excuse anyway) before heading down the final stretch to our destination. While we were refreshing ourselves from a mountain stream, we were joined by one of the A party and all made the final descent together after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

..... Jay .....



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

<u>Date</u>	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Washers-up</u>	<u>Gram.Carriers</u>
2 July	B.Edwards	F.Johnston	P.Bamford & M.Smith	H.Sheridan/B. O'Leary
9 "	G.Skillicorn	E.Molloy	M.Lyons & J.Bravin	J.Smullen/T.Roche
16 "	J. McGee	P.Murray	D. & I.Feeney	J.Kennedy/C.Murphy
23 "	H.O'Neill	M.Smith	M.Doyle & P.Plamping	J.Waldron/W. Roberts
30 "	G.Penlington	M.Roberts	K & A.Doyle	F.Molloy/T. Sanders.

T E N N I S F I X T U R E S

(Subject to alteration).

Men Section

Ladies Section

July 1st Napiers & E.E.  
V  
Catholic Ramblers.

July 18th Catholic Ramblers  
V  
Wavertree

July 15th Crawfords  
V  
Catholic Ramblers

July 22nd Catholic Ramblers  
V  
Sandheys

Catholic Ramblers V  
Napier & E.E.

Wavertree  
V  
Catholic Ramblers

Catholic Ramblers  
V  
Mossley Hill 'B'

Maghull 'B'  
V  
Catholic Ramblers

Tennis continues to boom and the matches are proving a great attraction, in addition to raising the standard of our play. During the past month, we held a social in the Pavilion which was most enjoyable, even though there was standing room only. We hope to hold another one in July and members will learn of this through the usual bush telegraph. Unfortunately the Chairman of the Tennis Sub. did not have his ear tuned to the said telegraph on the last occasion, and accordingly missed a most entertaining social.

There are still a few tennis subs outstanding and Mary stresses the need for payment to avoid pending bankruptcy!

We look forward to continued good weather and frequent use of the water spray! We are even informed from a very reliable source that NEW BALLS WILL BE PUT OUT SOME WEEK-ENDS.....

.... Fred ....

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Your prayers are requested for Maureen Lewis' Father who is ill, and also for George Skillicorn's Mother who is still in hospital. We hope that with the grace of God they will soon regain good health.

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RAMBLING NOTES

Summer! What grand weather we've had of late. Mind you I expect you'll read this whilst there is a raging storm going on - or more like unto our climate - a blizzard! The smallest number out for a LONG time occurred recently on Joe K's Trevor Rocks walk. It poured nearly all the day - at least here in Liverpool. It's a shame really, because Trevor Rocks is one of the best walks we do.

Last month the Newsletter had plastered all over it, details of what and when to book for our coach trips. I can only state again that the three weeks booking plan is not a joke - and that the rule must be adhered to. We bring your notice the following bus trips which are due this year:

- July 6th ..... Edale
- August 24th .. Aber
- September 21st Tryfan
- October 4th .. Bala

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As informed earlier in the Newsletter, we are printing a copy of a letter received from Ann, D, and Joan, and would welcome any further correspondence on this subject, from other members:-

May 14th, 1958.

"Dear Mona,

I am an old member of the L.C.R.A. So are many of my friends whom I have met since becoming a member. Up till a few weeks ago, I was a regular member each Wednesday evening. The reason why I do not come regularly now is because the club has truly lost its friendly atmosphere. When I first came to the L.C.R.A. some sixteen months or so ago, I looked forward to attending the social evening. Now the girls who think as I do, are lucky if we get a dance with the so-called male members. All they seem to do is stand around talking whilst eager girls are longing for a dance. If they are not talking they seem only to dance with girls possibly with their own clique.

If only they would ask another girl if she would like to dance occasionally. I have together with many others come to the conclusion that if a boy does not like a girl's face, she may as well not be in the club at all. Who wants to be left sitting like a lily whilst other girls are enjoying themselves. I used to recommend the club and even persuaded some girls and boys to join. They all in turn saw through the club, and now flatly refuse to waste their valuable Wednesday evenings in so drab a place.

A club is supposed to be friendly, not somewhere where one week a person is friendly and the next week ignores you. It's a great shame something is not done about bringing the club back to its high standard of friendship. I only hope MONA, that this letter will receive further attention from the rest of the committee. Why don't the Host and Hostess take more PRIDE in their jobs, and make the members get up and dance. After all that's what a club is for, to make new members and to try and keep them. Why don't the M.C's introduce more LADIES REQUESTS. I am sure if they did, the club would gain many more so called MALE members. I have heard that the girls are FOUR to ONE boy.

Whilst about it I would like to mention also that in each NEWSLETTER the same certain girls and boys again possibly from a certain clique, always seem to get their names mentioned. I will admit, I myself have had my own name mentioned once or twice, but golly give the other girls and boys a chance too. See what you can do MONA, because I can vouch the L.C.R.A. have lost a large number of really good members.

From THREE ONCE VERY HAPPY, but now  
THREE VERY DISAPPOINTED I.C.R.A. MEMBERS.

Ann. D. Joan."



R A M B L I N G   P R O G R A M M E

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ramble</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
June 29.	Hatchmere (Ben).	James St. Stn.	10.15	P.Starky	5/-
	(Suitable for beginners).				
July 6.	Edale (Coach)	St. Johns Lane	9.45	T. Atherton	9/-
	(Hard walk. Not suitable for beginners).				
July 13.	Hoghton Towers	Frazer St.	10.10	B. Edwards	5/9d
	(Moderate walk).				
July 20.	Swimming	Exchange Stn.	10.45	A. Brockway	3-d
July 27	Weaver Valley (Ben).	Pier Head	10.15	B. Edwards	5/6d
	(Long, moderate, walk).				
Aug. 4.	Miller Dale	Central Stn.	Details at club.		
Aug. 24.	Aber (Coach)	St. Johns Lane	9.50	A).W.Potter	10/-
	A & B walks			B).T.Atherton	
	(Hard walks).				

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Rosary

before

Social

2nd July.

at

8.30 pm

There appears to be one solution to the dearth of activity at our socials - a perpetual "Ladies Night". The last one was a huge success, the men co-operated valiently. Pauline, in the voice which keeps her 4 1/2 / 5 1/2 year olds in order, made the annoucement, and the ladies were inundated with partners. She also made Peter volunteer for washing up. On his asking for one assistant, the whole male population trooped out to do battle with the empties. They also gave the floor an unintentional swill, at the same time. If their mothers could only have seen them, they would have been put on the chores rota at home, immediately!

If the lads thought they left an aching void behind them they were all wrong. In their absence, the girls flung themselves into square dances, and were rarin' to go when the men returned, wearing a glowing halo apiec. (Is there an 'E' in haloes?). The M.C's were really brazen and made the last Waltz a Ladies Request.

Not to be outdone the following week when volunteers for the dishes were asked for about four girls rallied. It is pleasant to see a spark of real club spirit. The M.C.'s job is also a little easier because of it. Pat Murray has obtained a formidable list of addresses of our washers-up, and hopes to notify you fortunate people by post! of your duty for the following Wednesday. We would love this not just to be a waste of postage, so on receipt of the joyful news please do your best. There are absolutely no objections to additions to our list of skivvies, and new members are cordially invited to join us.

There's been quite a spate of new hair-do's in the club recently for approaching holidays, and a steady queue is forming, with Rosemary looking happily smug about it all. On holidays, the Catholic Holiday Guild still has the solution to any outstanding problems, be they walking or lazing, at home or abroad. All Committee members have the gen, and any members, new ones particularly, should approach them for information. There are even a few brochures left.

Mentioning the 30th August, may seem like mentioning Christmas, but it isn't all that far off, and there is a State Dance on that Saturday. We don't expect you all to cancel your holidays, but please be sure to be back on that Saturday.

John West is back with us after a bad dose of pneumonia, and it is pleasant to have him around again. A further wander-bug has hit John Bickerstaff. Montreal is a thing of the past, and the last card we had from him came from Vancouver, with a glorious view of the Rockies stretching out behind the town.

Tennis is thriving and our latest prospective member is Molly and Tony Roche's baby daughter - they do say start young!!

Yep lot -

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