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E D I T O R I A L  
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We find that on reading the 'copy' for this month's Newsletter, that all our contributors sound rather a warning note in all articles, so before reading any further we suggest that the member adopt the Scouts' motto to be prepared for what is to follow.

We would be doing less than our duty if we did not inform the members of the present state of the Club. Since we first received notice that we were to leave St. Oswald's Hall, there has been a steady drop in attendances on both the rambles and the socials. This falling away has deteriorated into apathy. We fear that unless a revival is staged, the hard work of the past twenty one years will count for nought.

We appreciate that the new club-room is not centrally situated, but we do feel that from the many members we had, some evidence of interest might have shown itself by payment of subscriptions or attendance on the walks. To each reader of these notes we put the question "Are you still interested in the Catholic Ramblers?" If you are we feel that you could show it in any or all of the following ways:-

1. Payment of subscriptions.
2. Attendance on Rambles.
3. Attendance at the Socials.
4. Introduction of new members.

It may be that you have some well founded grievance - please let us know and we will, if possible, put it right. This was a premier Rambling Club, but let us be honest and admit that we have slipped back and with the knowledge try, by united action, to place our activities in the forefront of the Catholic Social activities in the archdiocese.

We are confident that we can progress, but it depends on you. Please do not leave it to the next reader. TO YOU - THE READER INDIVIDUALLY - WE MAKE THIS STRONG APPEAL.

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On behalf of the Club we extend our very best wishes to Miss Cath Reid on the occasion of her engagement.

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S O C I A L N O T E S by I. C. A L L

This is a 'Do you remember' series. Looking among the archives - old Newsletters to you - I revived memories of a number of incidents which had been pushed to the back of my mind and I presume, yours also. Here goes.

Do you remember way back in 1939 when Frank Taylor made his debut as a leader and initiated the C.R.A. into the 'Jordan' baptism? Frank overcame the difficulty of saturated clothes by tying a towel round his middle.

Then there was our Fancy Dress Ball in 1940 when originality was shown by so many people - for instance - May Doyle appeared in a life-like presentation of a school marm, complete with evacuees John Miller and Bill Charters. During the same period we had a Valentine Dance which Bill Roberts should remember, it was his farewell before he left for 'somewhere in the North of England'.

We had no more Newsletters until 1946 after we had staged our revival in St. Oswalds. Then we had several socials without electricity, but the clergy sent along some candles which gave a very romantic atmosphere. A few months later Len McKenna said farewell and sailed for Canada. Remember how popular he was with the ladies on his last evening at the Club? They all made a point of telling him their size in nylons.

Later we had the decorators in and spent some Club nights waltzing round trestles and paint tins; one of these nights was Duffy's Tavern. I wonder if Vi often thinks of it. Do you remember when Mark Walsh brought his birthday cake along to share with the Club, which was very big hearted of him. The same year Father Christmas was accompanied at our Xmas Party by dainty fairies John Miller and Peter Carlen - complete with wands and wings.

I could go on, but space is limited; but before I sign off, how many will remember our first weeks at Iona House? Well, DO YOU?

#### FORTHCOMING SOCIALS

7th. March	Host -	Bill Wildes
14th March	Hostess -	Mona Roberts - "Ladies Night"
21st March	Host -	Austin Callaghan
28th March	Host -	Gerry Penlington

#### PANTOMIME

The CRACKAJAX put on their first full length pantomime in St. John's Hall, before an audience numbering more than 130. The entertainment was of a high quality and the show was well-produced. We congratulate the team as a whole for it was obvious that they have worked hard to achieve their success; our special thanks go to the producer Mrs Wilton, script writer Austin Callaghan and to Mr & Mrs Begley for placing their house at the disposal of the Concert Party for all rehearsals.

A repeat performance was given in St. Johns on 23rd February, and a further one will be given at St. Edwards Orphanage to assist in raising funds for their Band instruments.

#### THE FAIR-WEATHER HIKERS

This is the time of the year for the cries and complaints about those 'absent friends' the fair-weather hikers. The time when our Rambling statisticians have to take stock of a slump - some blame the weather, others the socials. We are prepared to make an allowance for any hereditary hibernating influence deep down in the sub-conscious of us all, but even then there is a limit.

A few have overcome this natural impulse and have carried our banner across icy heath or wind-swept moorland - all hail to these determined die-hards.

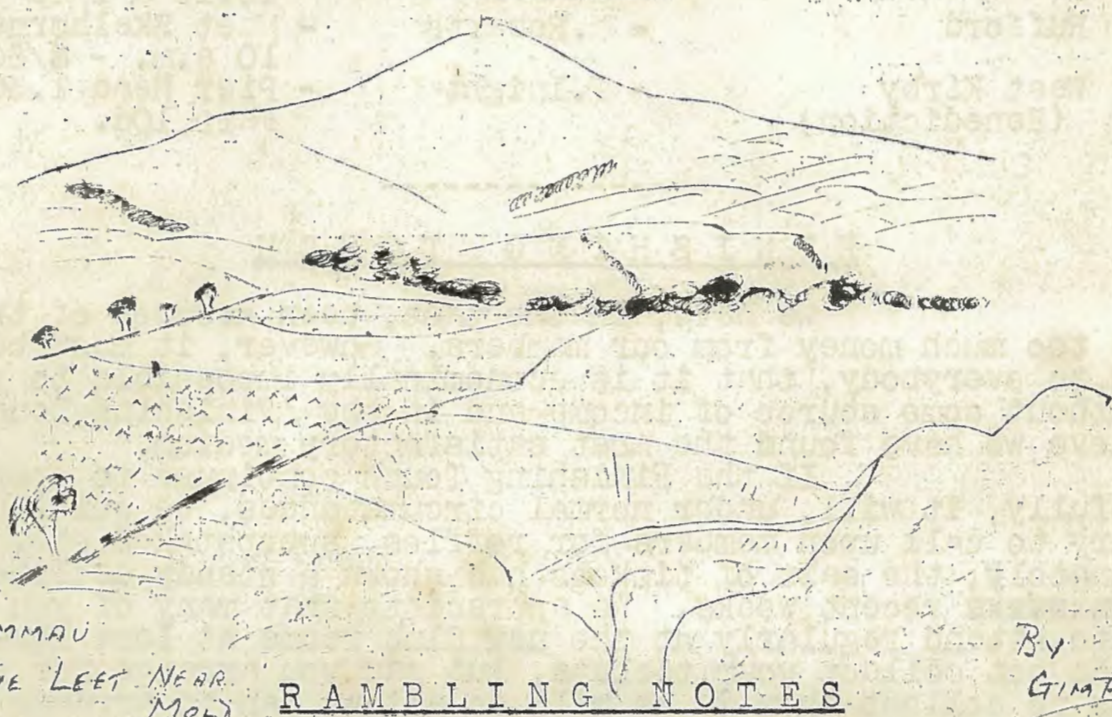
Can we now coax you out of your shell? You for whom rambling must include sunny skies and the indulgent warmth

of Spring and Summer.

Where is your yearning for the open, for that escape from the everyday and the humdrum? Have you no desire for the Sunday morning meet? Have you ever regretted the effort, once made, to turn up?

Determination is not a vice! Rather is it the burnisher of that endeavour to fill one's life, the achievements of which brighten the horizon and enrich the memory.

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MOEL FANNAU

FROM THE LEET NEAR  
MOLD

R A M B L I N G N O T E S

By

GIMP

13th. February, PENBEDW HALL - Leader Austin Callaghan.

The leader and the destination were both changed on this day as Gerry was indisposed and Austin deputised with a very good ramble to North Wales. The fact that he was half an hour late arriving at Mount Pleasant was neither here nor there; he had half an hour to wait for a bus, so he said. (Where have we heard that one before).

We bussed to Mold where we had lunch, not in the schedule, but the bus service not being co-operative there was no transport to Rhydymwyn till one o'clock. By this time we had collected three more ramblers in Mold, Harry, Martin and his brother, who had been out for the week end, thus bringing the total to 15 - quite a record for these days.

We set off from Pantymwyn in good spirits and were soon climbing into the Clwydian Hills, where the unusual sight of a fox met our eyes. Mona's idea of a hunt in that hilly area received the derision it deserved, as was Austin's remark that this must be a 'fox's path'.

I think Bill must have been half asleep from his efforts of the night before, for as soon as he saw Moel Arthur with its effect of a crown on top, he muttered something about King Arthur and the Roundheads!! Also the sight of a straggling herd of sheep on the opposite hillside, brought the inevitable football back-chat out, as their look of dejection reminded various people of the Liverpool supporters returning home from Wolverhampton after their defeat the previous day.

Shortly afterwards we entered the grounds of Penbedw Hall, and from there on to the Denbigh Road where Austin had fun and games with all the Williams in the telephone book, trying to get through to the tea place, while the rest of us kept up a good pace as chips were anticipated at Rhydymwyn.

After tea we had a short walk to Pantymwyn, on to the bus and home; everyone agreed that the ramble and the weather could not have been bettered.

It is regretted that no reports have been received on other rambles, but we will, if space permits, publish them in our next issue of the Newsletter.

### F O R T H C O M I N G   R A M B L E S

Mar 13	Rivington & Belmont	- G. Penlington	- Meet Mount Pleasant 9-45 <del>10</del> a.m.
" 20	Capenhurst	- S. Devoy	- Meet Pier Head 10.15 - 1/4d
" 27	Rufford	- W. Roberts	- Meet Skelhorne St. 10 a.m. - 8/6d
Apr 3	West Kirby (Benediction)	- T. Inight	- Pier Head 1.30 p.m Fare 10d.

### F I N I S H I N G   T O U C H

We have, in the past, been accused of trying to make too much money from our members. However, it must be obvious to everybody, that it is economically impossible to run a Club without some source of income and in the 'Finishing Touch' we believe we have found the most satisfactory medium.

If the Finishing Touch continues to operate successfully, it will, under normal circumstances, be quite unnecessary to call upon members for raffles, sweepstakes etc; but, unfortunately, the sale of tickets has shown a steady decline in ~~previous weeks~~ recent weeks. We appreciate that many of you are unable to attend regularly at the new Club rooms at Iona House and so do not collect your tickets, but can you arrange for someone else to collect them? We will do all we can to arrange delivery if you can suggest any reasonable method.

In ten weeks time we will have reached the end of the football season, when there will be an increased demand for these tickets. Meanwhile we ask you to do your best to ensure that our previous groundwork is not lost through apathy.

We leave it to you. Thank you.

### C L U B   B A D G E   C O M P E T I T I O N

Entries have now closed and the Committee will decide on the best design at the first opportunity.

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Just before going to press we have been informed that yesterdays ramble to Dunham-on-the-Hill was attended by two people - the Leader and one member.

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