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### EDITO RIAL

'Tis sad on me that I've no local space-launchings to report this month, though the day may come when future C.R.A.-ites will meet for the 10.a.m.Moon Coach. The future we must leave to Providence, however, for sufficient we have for the present.

THE CATHOLIC HOLIDAY GUILD A.G.M. is to be held at 3.30. on Saturday the 6th of May at the Palace Hotel, Southport, and I hope you are coming to this meeting which is also a 'Coming-of-Age', the 21st.anniversary of the founding of the C.H.G. by this Club. The meeting will be followed by a re-union for members from all parts of the country. This will take the form of a Buffet Dinner at 7.00, a Film Show and an Informal Social Evening. The Buffet Dinner will cost 12/6d and you are all invited. Bill Potter will be M.C. and he will also take your name if you are coming. Coaches will be laid on if numbers warrant it.

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKES AND ST. CHARLES, KESWICK.
Elsewhere in this Newsletter is an appeal by Cyril Kelly, our Chairman, which I feel should command your attention. I'm sure we've all seen at one time or another not a few incomplete churches, battered or tumbledown as a result of war or other tumult. The church at Meswick, however, is but half a church because the other half is yet to be built.

This lovely half-church at Keswick graces a beautiful and peace-ful lakeside scene that has not changed or been disturbed for many centuries, of change and strife in the outer world. It is likely to remain so, purple mountains mirrord in placid waters, until God in his own good time ordains otherwise. To complete this church will require money and I beg you to read Cyril's appeal and dig into your pockets.

THE RAMBLERS WEEK is to be held next month by the Ramblers Association and we ask you to heed any notices you hear or read about it, help wherever or however you can, and bring other the notice of all your friends, Catholic or otherwise.

THE QUATERLEY MEETING, which is now almost a half-yearly meeting owing to a misunderstanding, will now be held on Wednesday May 17th at 8.30.p.m. Formal presentation of this or that report will be waived in order to give more time to the "floor". That is not to say that you can't ask questions of any kind-we trust you will. There may still be time for a dance afterwards.

The foregoing matters seem very widespread in appeal, but they are all very much inter-related, nevertheless, and affect us very greatly as a Cathelic Rambling Club. One or the other, or all, will make demands on our pocket, our time or just our sympathy. Please give a little of your time or meney and I am sur

THE COMBINED EFFECT AS ALWAYS WILL BE OVERWHELMING.

THE EFITOR.

### CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKES AND ST. CHARLES, KESWICK.

Those of you who have visited the Catholic Holiday Guild Guest House, Lakeside House, or have stayed elsewhere in Keswick will know this church. Perhaps many more of you will get to know the church and Lakesdie house too during the coming summer.

The church is small, but it is only half completed, and with a parish of but 200 souls, from babes in arms to older folk, the half -church is all that is required. However, since the Guild has established itself in Keswick the number attending the church during the holiday months is far in excess of the seats available. In other words the church is rapidly becoming a visitors church.

No doubt you will be wondering what this is leading to, and you would be quite correct if you guessed that it was an appeal for fundation, 000......to finish the second half of the church, which has stood incomplete for 33 years. Fr. Whiteside, the Parish Priest, has launched an appeal for names for the Keswick Golden Book. Those whose names appear in the book will share in the Benefactors' Masses to be said in the church. To get a name in the book means that you have to make a donation of £1 to the fund, together with your name, or perhaps the name of someone deceased, whom you wish to remember in this way. Your Committee has already decided to make a donation for each of its deceased members, and the Catholif Holiday Guid has donated £100.

I want this to be a personal thing to each of you, and you can help in one, or two ways, or in both if you wish. Firstly I am appealing for members to come to me with their £I donations and the names they wish to enter in the Golden Book. To make it easier for you, and perhaps to help get a few more benefactors you need not pay the full amount at once, but I will collect it over a week or two from you. I must stress the fact that in the first place I will Not be coming round to collect your names, so I will ask you please come to me with the names as soon as you can. Some have already given their donations. The second way you can help is by giving generously to a collection being taken on Wednesday May 10th. Whatever is collected will be used to send as many names as possible, from past members, now deceased, and so start a Roll of Honour in a place which is dear to the heart of all true Pamblers.

Thanks for bearing with me, and please come forward with your names as soon as possible, so that the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers can really say that they have played their part in establishing the Keswick Golden Book.

CYRIL

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## HARDCASTLE CRAGE SUNDAY April 9th 1961

We only mustered ll Ramblers for this outing (was it the State Dance or the English weather-Rain-that stopped more from coming out). The B.R. were very helpful, the train left a few minutes late allowing Rose and Maureen to be with us. The journey out was very enjoyable, we even allowed Bill to catch up on his 'Beauty Sleep'missed from the

night before.

Leaving Todmorden the gang climbed up to the 'Long Causeway' via the local golf course and eventually arrived at the "Shoulder of Mutton" where the landlord would not serve us with tea, he explained that he had had too many cups broken by ramblers, not us thank goodness. Francis just could not wait to have a sandwhich, Bill got us moving again for mile to the "New Delight Inn" where we had tea and food and dried our clothes. We were lucky to meet a party of ramblers from Manchester. Eats over and the rain having stopped Bill lead us over Heptonstall Moor (1284') to the head of Hebden Water. We went down the wooded valley, past Hardcastle Crags and over some stepping stones to Hebden Cafe. Here we met our Manchester friends again. Butties, egg&chips finished, we moved on to catch a bus for Toddy and home. Thanks a lot Bill.

ROCK CLIMBER

A good compass is a must on hilly walks if you wish to safeguard Yourself against being be-nighted or completely lost. When a mist comes down or your position is in doubt a compass is the only means of either pinpointing your actual position on a map or working out a definite direction in which to travel. It is, unfortunately, of no use whatsoever if it is misused.

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I hope in this series devoted to compass work to explain to you the uses of a compass even if I cannot explain to you why it does certain actions. For instance why the needle points in the same direction all the while. I do hope that you will fellow the series and try and understand it because being able to use a compass adds a tremendous interest when planning a walk and also increases ones confidence enourmously when out on the hills.

First and foremost, from the point of view in walking with map and compass there are three Norths which we have to take into consideration.

TRUE NORTH This is the North Pole as actually located on the surface of the Earth.

MAGNETIC NORTH This is where the needle of a compass points.

GRID NORTH. This is the North used by the Ordnance Survey map makers when setting up a flat plan of the land.

The difference in these points is measured in degrees. Difference from Grid Nerth to True North is One degree 50 minutes in the North Western corner of the Map. The variation differs from corner to corner although this is not to important for our purposes.

The difference between Grid North and Magnetic North was 9degrees West in 1957 and this decreases by & degree every 4 years.

### Table of Variations.

60 minutes equals one degree.

Please keep the above tables for future reference.

If anyone needs further information on any of the above items please drop a line to the Editer.

### SSOCIAL CHATTER.

On with the Motley may have been alright with Pagliacci, Grock and a few other kindred souls, but it struck no corn with us on the night of the Fancy Dress. Only about twenty in costume! Again, those who aid participate were good. Tony Gilmore fiddled while Rome burned to win one of the prizes, Margaret Gil. and Kath Riley vied as to "Who had had the Toni" for another prize and Chris took a topical crack at blood sports on the part of you know who as "Be kind to the Tiger". The Gilligans did it in grand style with a taxi there and back. Another brave try on the part of the few, but I think we should face the fact that Fancy Dress is out for us.

The Tennis A.Gim. and Social, after a little panic as to where the next mouthful was coming from, and Harry Mad collected the record player from Cathedral Buildings, was good. The neat of the A.G.L. was that our congratulations go to Cyril and Peter, Maureen and Marie who are Captains and Vice Captains and Selectors. Monica Martin, Rose McDonald, Doreen Boardman and Kath Finucane are the Domestic Committee. Their job, mainly, is to attend to scoff at Socials and to see that the Pavilion doesn't get that 'hit' look too often, with Mary Smith on the sidelines in an advisory capacity. Don't get too retired, Hon. Smithy! June is working foreman for the painting sub-contractors section and had to be forcibly restrained from volunteering for the stewards' list. Said list will be on the Pavilion notice board, in English, in Cyril's own fair typing, and should not be regarded as one of June's murals for admiring at a distance. Closer perusal will probably reveal your name, with a date attached. Please we meticulous about appointing an understudy if you can't manage to steward on the date given you. Stewarding starts on May Ist and, a small change from last year, at 2 p.m. on Sundays and Bank Holidays instead of 3 p.m. As last season, children are barred permantly and visitors on Sundays. The Socials are such happy affairs that it's been decided to have them monthly. Our first is on Saturday the 13th May, following the usual tournament. I queried the adjective, but maybe we are going to have more this year. They have Harry O'Neil in mind for the running of this battle, but I can't put it into print until he's been approached officially. New you wouldm Harry. There will be team practice on Thursdays on one court only. The Captains ask you not to be bashful and turn up if you think you have team material in you, no matter how deeply hidden it is!

Easter was remarkably active this year. About twenty of the really hardy types camped at Coniston and, apart from the Old Man, did some of their best walking between 10 p.m. and 2'a.m. at the start of the weekend. Another crown bungalowed at Betys-y-Coed and found yet another way up Tryfan with Bill Potter. The really select (in numbers of course) cottaged at Caernarvon, and a few were able to get in at Lakeside House, where the memorial plaque to Michael McCallum was unveiled.

Those who weren't away walking seem to have been getting married, Jerry and Ann on the Tuesday and Bernard and May on the Wednesday. Both brides were lovely in short white dresses, Ann's of lace and May's in Broderie Anglais. Tuesday's reception at the Lord Nelson was a hot meal, (very acceptable after the snow) and Bernard and May chose a buffet, at Reynold's Park, Woolton. Those at the latter wedding had the day rounded off wonderfully by meeting the Archbishop and receiving his "God bless you all" on their way home. We wish both couples every happiness.

Enagements came fast and furious over the holiday, and the final count, though I could have missed some, is Stan Cunningham and Sheila King, Dominic and Winifred Dempsey, and Desa Bateman and Helen. Share our heartiest congratulations and best wishes among you all. There has been a terrific strain on our congratulations store this newletter, but we've still some left for the couple for the wedding march. Jim Fealey and Ursula Flattery are to be married at St. Joseph's, Blundellsands on Saturday the 29th April at 1 p.m., with Joan O'Malley bridesmaiding.

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### Social Chatter Cont'd.

There weren't the usual numbers at the State Dance and it wasn't as successful financially as it has been, but I believe that there thought it was fine. Any comments re Band or Venue could and should be aired at the next quarterly/halfycarly/annual meeting.

Now that Summer is almost on us and the great outdoors is beckoning, we've decided to start a chess group. Lovely timing! Six of us were at the first session and we beginners now know more ways of moving chessmen than Capablanca, Bronstein and the lesser of the Russian Greats had ever dreamt of in their philosophies. Our methods may not be authodox; but its alright if neither Bills Potter or Roberts are watching. They're inclined to 'o purists over the rules! Thanks for the loan of the hall, Pauline. Kath Riley is our next hostess. If it really flourishes, I suppose the Committee could make it official if there was a call to do so.

The annual hurtful letter about non-payment of subscriptions will accompany this newsletter, only if applicable, of course, and we do hope you elect to stay with us and pay up.

Me ntion of the photography competition bringsto me Last Wednesday's movie show by Larry and Bernard. For sheer popular appeal this was tops, with Stan's of Chalet weekends and a Rivington(?) walk and Larry's of the Dolomites, Edale 'A' walk recently and, if it wasn't a legpull, Raby Mere. To one who has difficulty in distinguishing a blackbird from a canary, the bird life was fascinating and the half-heard comments about mallards mating with the local ducks very helpful. week in the Lakes during the Summer seems to have been a grand swim all round but our Trustee refused to be downhearted. More evenings like this, please, if the cameramens! cash holds out! this, please, if the cameramens' cash holds out!

Your lot,

Socialite.

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EDALE 'B'. There was a fine turnout for this walk, a full bus and a minibus for the overflow. Pete gave up trying to sort the Committee out for a meeting to be held in the mini and, as it was almost dark by now, we set off. After lunching just before the Cat and Fiddle, we continued into Edale, from where the walk was starting. A little football, some A or B party discussion and the movie stars in the A party careered suddenly off. This apparently unheralded departure had the unusual effect of creating yet another party, the B minus, who were without either the A or B party all day. Knowing nothing of this. "break-away trio, Roy gathered us up and we too set off, leaving Edale once more to its Sunday peace. I've lost the rough plan of the walk which the leader gave me, complete with purse, so please forgive the lack of place names. Not that our first half mile from the road lack of place names. Not that our first half mile from the road deserved a place name. The gradient felt like two in one, and I despaired of reaching the top. Spurred on by the catcalls from those higher up, we at last made it, to be rewarded with a small rest. Oh blessed ridges that undulate gently for mile on mile. We must build more of these. Stan Cunningham's dog was a big help in keeping the ladies more or less at a steady trot all day. Roy halted us for lunch as soon as the wall along the ridge became high enough for us to be sheltered while eating. As the fleeting sun finally packed in, we were almost glad to leave the ridge for the comparative warmth of the valley. Hugh, Jim and Babs met us coming back into Edale, and before long the 'A' party came in from 'location'. A quick tea and into the bus for the long trip home. There was just one more halt for the 'A' to have a quick drink and then the bus really moved for home.

A good day, Roy, and nice leading.

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11	28th.		P.Atherton.	St. John	n's Lane 10.a.m.	11/6
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RAMBLING

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May 3rd.	Kath Riley Ladies	Night. M.Sparks.	A. Hyde. P. Gilligan.	B. Burns. T. Gilmore.
" 10th.	J. Burns.	M. Henwood.	S. Cadley M. Barret.	P. Wilson. O. O'Donoghue.
# 17th.	H. O'Neill.	B. Kershaw.	V. Walker. P. McGrath.	R. Lamb. J. Kennedy.
" 24th.	W. Petter.	R. Bond.	R.McDonald. M.O'Brien.	H. Sheridan. J. Jeyce.
" 31st.	P. Atherton.	P. Murray.	A.O'Malley J.O'Malley.	S.Kavanagh. A.Leek.

### Photograph Competition.

The Committee has decided that it would be a good idea to run a photo competition with a view to putting the winning snaps in the Club Album. The owners being duly reimbursed of course. The competition will cover Club activities during the twelve months ending September 1961. The rules are set out below.

- 1. It is open to all Club Members and the Judges will accept any black and white or coloured print covering the period as above.
- 2. The competition will be divided into four groups, these are as follows.

  a. Serious rambling.
  b. Amusing incidents, c. Chalet shots.
  d. Pot Luck.
- 3. The minimum size accepted will be enprint size or roughly 5"x3"
- 4. Each competitor can submit at the most 4 prints for each group.
- 5. Each print must have on the back the name of the competitor and the section for which it is enteted.
- 6. Judges will be announced later.

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