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E D I T O R I A L

It was very encouraging to have a lively and animated Annual Meeting at which so much interest was shown.

A number of our old Members were obliged, for various reasons, not to seek re-election, and we offer them our very sincere thanks for the work which they have done for the Club in the past. It was gratifying, however, to find that there were newcomers to the Club who were willing to serve, and in extending to them a warm welcome we wish them success in their efforts.

The Club has now been established for many years, and, of course, has overcome all of its teething troubles. At these Meetings, we do not expect crises, nor look for profound problems to be solved.

As is to be expected, the Club has maintained its activities and, in the case of the Extra Night, extended them. We are hoping that this Extra Night will still be supported by those Members who are interested in a Choir and Dramatics.

The Editor

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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>APP. COST</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
<u>NOV:</u>					
7th	Hebden Bridge	Exchange Stn.	9.50 a.m.	6/-d.	S. O'Neill
14th	Eccleston Ferry	Pier Head	10.30 a.m.	2/7d.	} To be announced later.
21st	World's End	Pier Head	10.30 a.m.	4/8d.	
28th	Ince Area (Ben:)	Sth. John St.	11.30 a.m.	2/-d.	

NOTE: The Leader is responsible for the "write-up" of his Ramble.

:-: P E R S O N A L :-:

Our very good wishes to Len Morgan, who has gone to New Zealand.

Congratulations to Mike Jones on his 21st birthday.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Frank Harris and Betty Burn who announced their engagement on the 15th October.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mary Campbell on the death of her father. R.I.P. A Mass has been offered on behalf of the Association.

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This is the last appeal we can make to you. Our Members have not yet responded to the appeals Mr. Roberts has made in the Club Room, and we now ask you, yes, each one of you reading this Newsletter, to make that great effort to turn what looks like failure into positive success. There is still one week in which to save the situation, and we make this request in the hope that we will achieve our original object, that is, to guarantee the £125. expenses.

Don't forget - Counterfoils to Bill Roberts at the Club, or at 7, Elmbank Road, Liverpool, 18, next week, without fail.

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The Bootle Town Hall now having been re-decorated for the Queen's visit, our postponed Dance will be held on Saturday, the 27th November. The Tickets as originally printed will be used for the altered date, and some are still available from Bernard Edwards at the Club, or at 23, Lowerson Road, Liverpool, 11.

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A Concert is being held at the Picton Hall on Sunday, the 14th November, in aid of the White Sisters. This Concert is again being given by the Liverpool Grand Opera Company, with the addition, this year, of Musical Interludes by the David Lewis Theatre Orchestra, in the presence of His Lordship, Bishop Halsall.

Tickets - 2/-d. and 3/-d. each, are available from Gerry Penlington at the Club.

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Here are your newly-formed Sub-Committees, so if you've any bright ideas, contact any of the undermentioned.

Social

B. Edwards  
 L. Bassett  
 J. Magee  
 C. O'Rourke  
 P. McGrath  
 A. Appleby

Newsletter

G. Penlington  
 F. Norbury  
 A. Mitchell  
 M. Roberts  
 A. Bowden

Finance

G. Penlington  
 F. Norbury  
 M. Walsh  
 C. Kelly  
 L. Bassett

Rambling

B. Edwards  
 B. Gahan  
 C. O'Rourke  
 P. McGrath

Tennis

B. Edwards  
 B. Gahan  
 J. Magee  
 A. Ardis  
 A. Bowden

Football

G. Penlington  
 A. Mitchell  
 A. Ardis

ANNUAL MASS AND RETREAT, SUNDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1954

During the year, many and various are the activities in which we indulge, but there is one which has always stood out as the most important assembly of all, and this is the Annual Mass.

The attendance at the Pro-Cathedral reached the high level of previous years, almost filling one of the centre aisles.

Canon Doyle, after the Mass, came out and extended words of welcome and encouragement to the Club, and together we offered prayers for the dead.

After Mass, the usual routine for tea at Lyons was followed; it is, perhaps, more than a routine, it is an essential ritual in which old and new members exchange reminiscences.

The afternoon was spent in Retreat at the Convent of the White Sisters, and here well nigh fifty members took part. We extend our thanks to the White Sisters for the warm welcome which was accorded, and feel certain that our members received many spiritual benefits from this Retreat.

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CHALET WEEKEND, 16th/17th OCTOBER, 1954

The advance guard arrived about 4 p.m. on Friday, and until about 6 o'clock "Blanket Drill" was carried out - but not Army style. For anyone who needs "limbering up", I can recommend hanging out 72 blankets on the wire fence in a gale, especially when they have to be retrieved in double-quick time because of rain. From that time onwards, the Chalet resembled a second-hand bedding stall in a market after a hurricane! However, there was some semblance of order by the time the main Friday party arrived about 11 o'clock. As usual, the Friday supper was a makeshift one, but Bernard and his "catering corps" must be commended on the salmon, beans and tomato savouries which they produced.

Saturday morning dawned bright - too bright - as rain came down from about 10 o'clock. Len and Angela set off to pioneer the Sunday Ramble, two cooks stayed to prepare the mid-day meal, and the rest of the party went shopping in Mold. The bus was held up while Fran. retrieved her gloves from the road, but when we disembarked at Mold, she had left them on the bus, and had to pay 6d. to have them returned from the Lost Property Office - I wonder were they worth it?

Shopping completed, the inevitable "cuppa" was downed in a new (to us) cafe, with a Juke Box. Back to the Chalet once more, to a meal of meat patties and scollops, and very welcome too.

The main party arrived about 5 o'clock, rather wet, but with hearty appetites for the excellent fare which had been provided. It would be hard to better the meal of boiled ham, creamed potatoes and garden peas, followed by stewed damsons and custard. Pardon me for dwelling on this, but it really was an excellent meal, and the cooks deserve a lot of praise.

The evening saw the usual lively social, with dances ranging from "The Creep" to the Mazurka - this latter was a demo. given by Fran. and Bernadette to the music of Coppelia. I wouldn't vouch for the authenticity of this version, but I'm sure that Fran. would be only too pleased to enlighten anyone who is in doubt. During the evening we also had a special rendering of "Heart of my Heart" by the "Wackers Silver Songsters", ably led (or driven) by "Tosh" Peagram.

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The late party arrived about 11 o'clock, with the information that our football team had managed another good win, this time, of 9 - 4. Nice work, lads.

After supper, the traditional sing-song, but alas, without the traditional gusto. Don't know why, but perhaps the "Wackers" had used up all their steam during their earlier efforts. And so to bed.

Reveille on Sunday was signalled at 7 o'clock, with the playing of the Bluebell Polka on the gramophone. Breakfast was cooked and eaten without panic, and we were actually down in Mold for "Coffee at the Ritz" at 10.30 - a record I think.

After Mass, we were met by the day party, so that 32 eventually set off on the walk. The first three miles were intended to be done by bus, but our leader decided to save us 5d. each, and off we marched to Pontblyddyn for lunch. On leaving, we were given a thorough inspection by the lads of the village, and then proceeded on our way. A new quiz game developed, I think it was called "In which field is the bull", although while crossing one field I did hear "which of those cows is a bull". On being informed, there was a noticeable increase in the pace. We were almost bogged down whilst in one field, and Frank Allen took a header into the mire. He was smoking at the time, but managed to keep his pipe above water, even if certain adjustments had to be made to his nether garments. I wouldn't be sure what happened, but our leader, who had been wearing long trousers, completed the ramble in shorts.

As the temperature was well above normal, a very welcome stop for minerals was made at Tryddyn, or Treuddyn as the leader's map would have it. The sight of so many people, in such a variety of outfits, crowding into a tiny shop was a source of amusement, and maybe amazement to the local inhabitants. After a series of fields containing many and varied depths of mud, we eventually arrived at the chalet very tired, but I think satisfied with the day. Boots were then removed thankfully, and several limps were to be seen. I believe quite a few girls could boast of blistered heels. All was forgotten, however, with a grand meal of sausage, bacon and mash.

Another weekend was now over, and the 8.20 and 9.20 buses took the "Happy Wanderers" back to Woodside.

I don't think this narrative would be complete without another word of praise for the cooks, whose culinary excellence resulted in the cuisine being even better than the usual high standard.

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

DATE	M.C.	REFRESHMENTS	WASHERS-UP
NOV. 3rd.	L. Bassett	A. Bowden	Marie & Jean.
10th.	G. Penlington	M. Roberts	May & Kath.
17th.	A. Ardis	P. McGrath	Molly & Helen.
24th.	B. Potter	C. O'Rourke	Irene & V. Haskayne.

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BLACKPOOL Despite the long wait for latecomers and non-arrivals, thirty-five enthusiasts left St. John's Lane in the coach for the "Lights". The inevitable sing-song was soon under way, the "Chalet Wackers" version of "Heart of my Heart" being well to the fore (much to the amusement of the driver).

Blackpool was reached in record time, and after viewing half the Illuminations, we alighted and spent nearly an hour purchasing souvenirs, rock, lollipops, etc. for the "infants" back home, having refreshments (all kinds), while some of the hardy annuals braved the weather and walked along the Prom., stopping en route for a weight-guessing competition led by Bas., but the scales proved him wrong every time.

Back to the coach to complete the tour of the "Lights" (the Naval Review and Swan Lake winning the most praise), then the journey home, stopping for a 'cuppa' on the way. The sing-song continued, the repertoire being almost exhausted on reaching Liverpool, where the coach made the usual detour to drop folk at the nearest points to home.

Thanks Bernard, for a grand night.

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F O O T B A L L

Since our last Newsletter, our team has progressed quite well. They have, so far, lost only two games out of seven, and are not very far from the top of the third division of the Central Amateur League.

They have yet a couple of formidable opponents to face, but I understand they believe in the adage "fore warned is fore armed", and are hoping to give a good account of themselves, with some practice and training.

Is it not time you rallied around and gave them some vocal support? and, who knows, this may be the year they will bring home the Cup. So that you will have no excuse for not rolling along in support, the fixtures for the coming month are, as follows:-

- Saturday, 30th Oct. v ROYAL away at Sudley Rec. Ground, Mossley Hill.
- " 6th Nov. v ROBY SPORTS at home.
- " 13th " v SILVER JUNIORS away at Harthill, Calderstones.
- " 20th " v ALLBRIGHT & WILSON at home.
- " 27th " v COMMERCIAL away at Walton Hall Avenue.

Our home ground is at Calderstones, facing the Mansion House.

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MONTHLY ROSARY

NEXT WEDNESDAY, THE 3rd NOVEMBER, IN  
CATHEDRAL BUILDINGS' CHAPEL AT 8.20 p.m.