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Formal notice is hereby given that the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Ramblers Association will be held in St. Oswald's Hall on Friday evening, the 22nd October, at 8-30 p.m.

- (1) To receive the Secretarial Report.
- (2) To receive Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report.
- (3) To elect Trustees, Officers and Committee.
- (4) To elect Auditors.
- (5) To deal with any other business which may be lawfully dealt with at an Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - This Meeting will have more than formal importance. The future of the Club is dependent upon an efficient Committee. We are convinced that the time has come when a bolder and more active policy is required. We would now like to set up the machinery for coping with a bigger increase in membership. The present Committee have outlined a policy towards socials and rambles, which, if put into operation, will call for a greater degree of specialism and service for the members. We therefore ask every member to come to this most important meeting and choose your representatives for the next twelve months. We would also ask those of you who are able to undertake service for the Club to come forward and make yourselves known. Please have your nominations ready, and if you, the reader, are willing to serve on the Committee, please sign the slip at the end of this Newsletter. For those who are unable to serve, you can show your appreciation and encouragement by attending the Meeting and voicing your opinion about Club affairs.

OUR TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY - Our 21st Birthday Dinner Dance at Reece's will long be remembered by many of us - especially those who were there to celebrate the occasion rather than to enjoy a dinner. The girls, as usual, won the honours of the evening (after His Lordship, of course), and many and varied were the lovely creations worn by them. The men, too, deserve a pat on the back: evening dress made one or two of them look very distinguished - which proves that one should never judge a book by its cover!

Hawke Street after Mass at the Pro-Cathedral the following morning, was alive with voices discussing the Dinner Dance, etc. It was edifying to see so many at our Annual Mass - quite the largest gathering I have seen for many years. The inevitable "cuppa char" followed at Lyons, together with more reminiscences. I suppose our next celebration will be the Silver Jubilee - it might be a good idea to start saving up now!!

Winter is now approaching (yes, I know we've had no summer), and ideas for Socials, etc. would be very much appreciated. I saw a notice recently which was advertising a cob-web social, which vastly intrigued me. So far, I have been unable to discover exactly what it entails. Can anyone enlighten me?

RAMBLING NOTES

WEAVER VALLEY, Sunday, 29th August - This ramble had to have an early start as it promised to be a long one and we didn't want to miss any of it. There were only 3 men and 11 girls, which proves that the men are the lazier sex. There was quite a long bus journey to Helsby and it was lunchtime when we arrived. Our leader, anticipating this, had arranged for lunch in a cafe at the foot of Helsby Hill, after which we were ready to climb the hill. Part of the ramble was new ground to most of us, and it took us up hill and down dale, across fields and meadows, then eventually, through Delamere Woods. There was no time for much dawdling; we only paused to refresh ourselves with fruit, etc. and to give Mona time to take a photograph with the Roberts's super camera. She took a lot of trouble with this, but I assure you it was worth it - the 'photo is smashing! I've seen it! After tea at Hatchmere, our way took us along the banks of the River Weaver - a very pleasant walk. On arriving

at Frodsham for the bus home, we were all feeling tired but happy to think that we had done a good day's hike. Our Leader, Gerard Morley, is to be congratulated on this very fine ramble. He is an old member of the Club, and we sincerely hope that we may see more of both him and his wife in the future.

BIRTHDAY RAMBLE, Sunday, 26th September - This day was a great day for the C.R.A. We were to attend the celebration of our 21st Annual Mass at the Pro-Cathedral. A good crowd was there, too - far more than was expected, and after squeezing as many as possible into the seats reserved for us, the others mingled with the rest of the congregation, but we all heard the special talk which Canon Doyle gave to us after Mass. Outside the chapel we met and talked with old members who are unable to attend the weekly socials, then some of us adjourned to a cafe for a snack before boarding the bus which was to take us to Overton Hills. The driver diverted slightly from his route so that one of the crowd could "let her mother know she was out!" On arriving at the "Mersey View" tearooms, we had more refreshments, for by this time everyone was hungry and thirsty. By now it had started to rain, and those of us who had mackintoshes went for a short walk round the hill. There was a slight drizzle all the time, but it was pleasant to walk after sitting for so long in the bus. Besides, it gave us an appetite for our tea. On coming back to the top of the hill, we found that those who had stayed behind were dozing in the bus. They were very soon rudely awakened, however, by a bombardment of "new nuts" which Austin had collected and distributed among us. Then started a very hectic game of rounders for some, while others had a "go" on the helter-skelter, see-saw and round-a-bouts. Mona should remember her "go" on the see-saw! Soon, we were more than ready for tea, but it was ready for us, and we made good use of it. Shortly after starting, we were joined by the late-comers, and after a jolly evening of singing, dancing and games, we set off for home. Mr. Bill Wilde was the highlight of the day. He entertained us on the walk, in the hall, and later on the bus, but here he was assisted by Ginge and our friends from Tyneside, whom we were very happy to have with us. During the whole of the day, a feeling of festivity seemed to prevail, and why not? Were we not celebrating our 21st Birthday? and were we not proud of this?

HOOTON, Sunday, 3rd October - Maureen and Win are to be congratulated on this, their first attempt at leading a ramble. The weather and prospects were not too encouraging when our 13 stalwarts assembled at the Pier Head. Despite the dullness of the morning, however, we set off in an optimistic frame of mind through Bebington, Ledsham and on to Willesden. Our optimism was well rewarded, as shortly after we had started on our way, the sun shone and we were led through pleasant contrasts of light and shade as we wended our way through Leewood. Peter refused all invitations to get lost - he must have known that we were approaching the Green Lantern, where everyone agreed that we should sojourn for a while, and Bananas Sundaes and Grapefruit were the order of the day. The elder of the Gibb brothers, James of that ilk, was evidently more fortunate than the rest, as he was heard to say, "there's a lovely top on my Grapefruit." After that very welcome refreshment, we got under way again for our next destination, namely, The Red Lion of C.R.A. repute. During this part of the hike, a couple of the ramblers were very pleasantly surprised to catch a fleeting glimpse of a very old Rambling friend, namely Mr. Jim Brady. Jim, however, was apparently not at all sure that the motley collection of "boys & girls" was attached to the C.R.A. On our arrival at the Red Lion, our flagging energies were revived with their refreshing cups of tea. After tea, Benediction at St. Mary of the Angels proved to be impressive. In fact, the sermon surpassed quite a few heard in Liverpool according to the various remarks which were made after the service. On our way to catch the bus for home, we were presented with one of Peter's usual crafty movements, when he and Celia suddenly disappeared and surprised us by being already on the bus which we boarded (among other paying passengers). Thanks for a very enjoyable day are due to the two new leaders who have definitely won their spurs.

T.B. Has anyone asked Peggy if anything came of the Witches' Curse through eating Blackberries out of season?

SALE OF WORK

Now that the holiday season is over and we have recovered from our 21st Birthday celebrations, it is time we decided what we are going to do to help make a success of the Sale of Work. So far, very little has been done beyond mentioning it in the Friday notices, and an attempt to hold an exhibition of work, but if everybody will help, there is still time to make it a real success. To do this, every single one of you must do something; there must be no drones or slackers. Very likely, many of you are procrastinating because you are suffering from the 'dont know what I can do' disease; well, in order to help you in this direction, the Sale of Work Committee are organising groups with group leaders. It is hoped that every club member will belong to a group and that the members of these groups will meet and exchange ideas, and, perhaps, even undertake co-operative work.

For those of you who are not practical minded, or have no spare time, but nevertheless wish to do something, there are many ways of helping, such as buying small articles or novelties for the "Bran Tub", gifts of material to group leaders to be 'made up' by more active members, or gifts of secondhand articles for the Rummage counter.

During the next two months, we must all become "Sale of Work conscious." Only your enthusiasm and unstinted co-operation can make this project a real step on the way to possessing our own Club sportsfields and pavilion for which we are aiming.

RAMBLING PROGRAMME

- Sunday, 17th October. RIVINGTON. ~~Leader, W. Jones. Meet at Str. Farm's Lake.~~
- Sunday, 24th October. LLANFERRES. Leader, J. Rawlinson. Pier Head 10-00 a.m.
- Sunday, 31st October. HELSBY. Details later.

SOCIALS PROGRAMME

- Friday, 22nd October. SOCIAL. (A.G.M.) Hostess, Miss W. Jones
- Friday, 29th October. WALPURGAS NIGHT Ladies of the Committee.
- Friday, 5th November. MRS. MOPP'S PARTY Host, Mr. W. Wilde.
(Benediction, 7-30 p.m.)

I AM WILLING TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

SIGNED _____

P.T.O.

YOUR COMMITTEE

We have been talking about you!! Yes, for the last 12 months we have discussed your likes and dislikes at great length. Now some of us are up for re-election, and some of us are making way for new blood.

Perhaps you have some ideas on improving our socials or our rambles. Well, it's new ideas we want, and we will be glad to have yours.

Maybe you don't like to talk on a Committee, but you know someone who will - all right, nominate them for your Committee. It's your Club, and we want to run things your way, so don't be bashful - join us on the Committee and say what you want doing.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS !

We feel that we may be excused for appearing with such a "pecuniary" minded heading, but it is a matter for congratulation that since our last issue of the News Letter, the "FINISHING TOUCH" proceeds passed the £100 mark.

Our thanks are due to all of those who have raised this amount by their perseverance in buying and selling these tickets. Every individual who has bought a ticket has made a practical contribution to this amount, but we are especially grateful to MISS CATH REID and MISS MARY SMITH who are carrying on the good work in the absence of the Promoter.

There has been a slight falling off in sales, so try and replace any lost customers so that the "slight fall" does not become an avalanche.

THANKING YOU IN ANTICIPATION.
