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E D I T O R I A L

Holiday-time and the glorious weather have brought about a 'siesta-like' transformation in what are normally very energetic people. Lethargy is very much at large. It seems to have eaten even at the innards of the Club's administrative bodies - yes! the Rambling and Social Sub-Committees. My! My! even the last General Committee Meeting fell flat for want of a quorum of 7!

Horror of horrors! - even the "Propoganda Ministry" is affected, and the fell disease had laid low our scribes. This explains the very abbreviated Newsletter you are now vainly searching for - "News".

If you think I'm speaking of the responsible 'few' rather than the 'mass'-you are right. This is not to say the Club has not gone on as usual, nor to detract from the tremendous amount of good work normally done by all your Committee members, leaders, scribes, etc. I'm rather inclined to think that in addition to holidays and heat, we must make allowance for the "end-of-the-Club-year" feeling as a factor tending to disinclination and indifference.

This would seem a good opportunity to touch upon the Club's Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on the 28th September, at the Club Room at Cathedral Buildings at 8 p.m.

Now the A.G.M. seems to be a matter for disinclination and indifference at any time, whatever the weather - hot or cold, wet or dry. Why, I don't know!

You are, all of you, entitled to a say in the running of the Club, and I can never understand why more of you do not take advantage of the opportunity to plaster and badger the powers that be with pointed and pertinent questions on all aspects of Club affairs.

And then there's the willingness to serve on the Committee and Sub-Committees. We won't promise you medals for service, but we can promise you an interesting and enlightening session at the hub of affairs. Few, once elected, ever withdraw if they can help it, and then are usually obliged to do so by force of circumstances.

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

Don't wait to be asked if you are willing to help, let's have your nomination on the List which will be put up on the Club Notice Board a week or two before the A.G.M.

The Editor.

NEXT WEDNESDAY

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8.20 p.m.

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RAMBLING PROGRAMME

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>RAMBLE</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
4th	Winter Hill	S. John St.	10 a.m.	4/-d.	B. Gahan
11th	Southport Baths	Exchange Stn.	11 a.m.	2/6d.	B. Edwards
18th	Prestatyn (Ben.)	James St. Stn.	9.35 a.m.	6/6d.	J. Peloe
25th	Llangollen	Pier Head	10.30 a.m.	4/6d.	J. Flaherty

P E R S O N A L

Engagements Our congratulations and best wishes to Len Morgan (New Zealand), and to Tony Roche and Molly Whitfield.

Weddings There were two weddings of Club members recently - Alf. Taylor and Mary Campbell, and Frank Cooke - best wishes for the future to all.

Congratulations to Sheila Dunn on her 21st birthday which was celebrated in grand style at the Chalet last week-end.

Our best wishes to Mary Brown who is leaving shortly for California.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Len. Bassett on the death of his Mother, and to Eric Derbyshire on the death of his Father. R.I.P. Masses are being offered on behalf of the Club.

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ANNUAL MASS AND RETREAT

Our Annual Mass will be celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral, Copperas Hill, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, the 9th of October. The Mass will be followed by a day's retreat at the White Sisters' Convent in Aigburth, beginning at 1.p.m. Dinner and Tea will be served at a charge of 5/-d. Names and deposits to be given to Gerry Penlington not later than the 5th October.

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SOCIAL CHATTER

The attendance at our Socials has kept up very nicely in spite of the wonderful weather, and the ambitious holidays which have kept most of us away from the Club for at least two weeks. This excepts our 'overworked' schoolteachers, two of whom have extended this period to five weeks wandering in Scandinavia. Bless them, though, they appear to have spent a day each week sending cards home to us all. How did the tooth-paste shampoo go, Maleleine? Can't you "do a thing with it" now?

Reverting to the Socials, the arrival of the Chattanooga Boys brought the number at the Barn Dance to ninety. Not bad for a sweltering night in August. But don't thank your Social Sub-Committee for this! For the past month or so, the radiogram has been dying a slow death and the S.S.C. has been keeping it company. While our machine has been away for repair, Joe McColgan has twice brought along his record player and amplifier, with a few 'listener' records for a try-out. This should have inspired our Social Wallahs to new heights - but no! With fiendish ingenuity, the keys of the equipment room containing the discs

recordless night, but the Newsletter Committee have gone on strike against the suggestion of a weekly Newsletter 'until we're back to normal. Organisation has been promised from tonight onwards, so get back into your winter stride and come early again.

The Barn Dance last Wednesday would have been a huge success held in a barn in December, but held at Cathedral Buildings in August, 1955, it meant two-thirds of the assembly sitting round in awed admiration as the other third went into the fourth Scottische of the evening. As Jack Leonard succinctly put it, "What a sanguinary dance to put on again with the temperature 80° in the shade.

It was nice to see Tom Inight with daughter, Jean, at the Club again, even though the parking of his van probably broke every rule in the Highway Code. Jean is certainly a chip off the old block, if Anne doesn't mind being called a block.

The washing-up rota has become somewhat unstuck with the holiday season, but Kath. and May have more than done their share by washing up two weeks in succession.

Joe Connell was seen surrounded by most of the men in the Clubroom one Wednesday. Does this herald the beginning of the C.R.A. Football Season? When we do get cracking, it would be nice to have a little more support from the ladies and non-playing males.

September will be with us to-morrow. This is a signal to wax poetic about the warm autumnal tints, the cool morning air and nights drawing gently in; reaching the top of Moel Fammau and kindred heights without attaining that twice-boiled beetroot look, and marching home along the road in the deepening dusk with the day fading away into the glory of a harvest moon.

Instead, I'm going to rhapsodise over the lovely jingle of annual subscriptions falling into our Registrar's more than willing hands. Bernard has a huge receipt book he'd love to get rid of, so do relieve him of the weight as soon as possible.

'Socialite'.

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SEPTEMBER SOCIAL PROGRAMME

<u>DATE</u>	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>WASHERS-UP</u>
7th	L. Bassett	A. Appleby	C. Doyle & J. Morgan
14th	B. Gahan	A. Bowden	I. Devlin & W. Mulhearn
21st	Reunion	M. Roberts	B. Peagram & P. Murray
28th	A. G. M.	P. McGrath	J. Bravin & M. Henwood

All right! We know its spelt Agan ---. Couldn't find the dictionary at the time.