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LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC  
RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



LIVERPOOL

NEWS LETTER

Socials 8-0 p.m. each Wednesday

at

Cathedral Buildings

Brownlow Hill

Liverpool 3

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THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 23RD SEPT.1964.  
SECRETARIAL REPORT

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1. In our 37th year membership reached a total of 181 which was a decrease of 31 on last year (65 new members this year).
2. Last year, our president, Archbishop Heenan, was appointed to the see of Westminster. To take his place we invited Archbishop Beck, and we are very pleased that he kindly accepted our invitation to become our third President.
3. A ramble was held every Sunday or Bank Holiday. The average attendance was approximately 22.  
Special rambling events included:-
  - a) A Keswick weekend.
  - b) A Grasmere weekend.
  - c) A Yuletide walk including a hot-pot-supper and social - attendance 120.
  - d) Three Chalet weekends.
  - e) Two coach trips to Church Stretton for football games with St.Mary's Seminary.
  - g) A Joint Walk with Birmingham Catholic Ramblers' Attendance 85, including 35 L.C.R.A.
  - h) A day trip to Blackpool.
4. There were 47 socials held during theyear, including a Hallowe'en dance; a Christmas party; two films by The British Railway's on Western Scotland and the Lake District; a talk and slides given by Fr. Atherton on Ash Wednesday on the life on Our Lord; a talk and a film on retreats given by Fr.McCarten from Bishop Eaton Monastery; a slide show given by Eddie Quinn featuring his colour transparencies of past rambling events; two films given by Bernard Duffey about the Matterhorn and the Isle of Skye; two beat group nights and a discussion circle led by Fr.Francis J. Ripley.

Average attendance was 59, an increase of approximately 1 per week over last year.

5. Two dances were held during the year, one at the Grafton Rooms and a Leap Year dance at the State Ballroom.
6. The Rosary was recited on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year.
7. A party booking was made at the Philharmonic Hall for the Christmas Carol Concert.
8. The 18th post-war tennis season was preceded by the usual hard work in preparing the courts and pavilion. The pavilion has been re-wired and a light has been installed in the toilet and one outside the pavilion. There has been a new set of posts and nets erected on No.1 court.

To stimulate interest in tennis two singles competitions were introduced, one for ladies and one for gents - being the principle innovation this season. The two champions will each receive a trophy.

Membership reached 41. Two teams once again played in the Liverpool L.T.A. Successful American Tournaments were held, but socials did not ~~prove~~ quite so successful during season.

9. The Joint Tennis dance at the Grafton was attended by 45 making our share in the profits £13.
10. The News Letter in its 18th post-war year was issued every two months.
11. The football team played its 16th post-war season in the Liverpool Central Amateur league.
12. Donations were made during the year to:-

Poor Priests' Training Fund	£7	5s.	Od.
St. Vincent's Hospice	£7	5s.	Od.
The Diocese of Menevia School fund	£2	2s.	Od.
St. Mary's Convent, India	£2	0s.	Od.
Cathedral Fund	£50	0s.	Od.
Total	£68	12s.	Od.

13. Six wedding presents were given to members during the year.
14. The Annual Mass at St. Nicholas Church was attended by 50.
15. Separate retreats were arranged for a full weekend at the Cenacle for the Ladies' and Bishop Eaton Monastery for the Gent's.

16. Owing to business reason, Cyril Kelly was forced to vacate his position as Chairman.
17. During the past months the committee held special meetings to review the Constitution. This has now been brought up-to-date and approved.

E. Turner  
Secretary

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Another A.G.M. has come and gone. One feels it could be rightly claimed that it had been creeping stealthily up on us in the weeks preceding 23rd September unnoticed by many. Having arrived at the appointed hour, its reluctance to find the limelight was plain for all to see. It will probably go down as one of the quietest A.G.Ms. in the Association's long history. Most of the meeting was taken up with the presentation of the various reports, and the election of officers for the coming year. There seemed to be virtually no "bones of contention" to be thrashed out, which in some respects, appeared to be contrary to belief in some quarters. All this added up to a meeting which, from a committee members point of view did not offer much in the way of suggestions. This, one feels, ought not to deter them and, in fact, if "silence is golden", the value of this A.G.M. could put us in "Millionaires Row".

The meeting marked the retirement of Cyril Kelly as Chairman of the Association, after having served in that capacity for twelve years - a truly magnificent record of service to the club. No doubt Cyril would have been willing to continue in office but for the fact that his business commitments have rendered this no longer possible. He has, however, accepted the position of Trustee of the Association, and consequently, we shall still be able to avail ourselves of his experience and council in deciding the many important issues which arise from time to time in the running of any Association such as ours.

### ANNUAL MASS AND DAY OF RECOLLECTION.

The annual mass for deceased members, members, relatives and friends of the Association, was held at St. Nicholas', Copperas Hill, Sunday, 27th September. Approximately sixty members attended, which on the whole was very satisfactory. It was particularly gratifying to see in the

congregation some of the married members, who, because of family ties, are not now able to visit us as often as they would like. Mr. and Mrs Tony Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry McDonald and Mr. Bill Wildes all attended with their families. Canon Doyle was, unfortunately, unable to give his customary welcome, being still in the process of recuperating from his recent illness. All members will join in wishing him a speedy return to complete health.

After Mass, the majority followed that which has become the custom on these occasions, by adjourning to Lyon's for lunch or just a cup of tea and a "natter". Twenty-seven members went to Immaculata House, Aigburth, in the afternoon, to attend the short Day of Recollection which had been arranged. It was given by Fr. J. Beirne, who is the resident priest there. The afternoon consisted of two talks and a "Question-Time" period. The Rosary was also recited and the proceedings were concluded by Benediction, followed by a cup of tea and a biscuit before dispersing at about 6 p.m.

The visit to Immaculata House was something of an experimer but was clearly a success so far as those who attended were concerned. "Question-Time" in particular sparked off one or two heated debates on various topics, and some of the orators seemed set to carry on the debate long after the day had officially been concluded. This would, undoubtedly have been the case but for the bravery and fortitude of one young lady, waiting to be escorted home to tea by one of the two principle contestants. Seizing each of the gentlemen in turn she dispatched them outside "post-haste".

Our thanks are due to Monica Connor who arranged the Day of Recollection, and also to the ladies who assisted with the catering.

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### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

As from 1st September Annual Subscriptions for 5/- and 6/- joint subscriptions for married members, were due. If you are unable to get along to the club, may we ask you to post your subscription renewal to the Registrar, Miss W. O'Connor at the address on the top of page one.

Sub-Committees Etc.

<u>Rambling:</u>	<u>Social:</u>	<u>News Letter:</u>	<u>Tennis:</u>	<u>Finance</u>
B. Potter	P. Cunningham	C. Kelly	C. Kelly	C. Kelly
C. Scott	W. O'Connor	E. Turner	E. Turner	F. Norbury
B. Manley	S. Feury	E. Kavanagh (Co-opted)	C. Dobbin	G. Penlington
E. Quinn	A. Vaughan	P. Cunningham	F. Norbury	C. Dobbin
T. Crutchley	J. Keenan	C. Dobbin	P. Atherton (Co-opted)	E. Turner
J. Keenan	E. Quinn	C. Scott	J. Burns (Co-opted)	C. Scott.
S. Feury	T. O'Connor	P. Jones		
W. O'Connor	C. Dobbin	F. Norbury		
A. Vaughan	E. Kavanagh (Co-opted)			
T. O'Connor	T. Crutchley	G. Penlington		

Chairman: Mr. C. Dobbin  
Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. Potter  
Secretary: Miss E. Turner  
Ass. Secretary: Miss P. Jones

Trustees:- Mr. F. Norbury and Mr. C. Kelly.

Please note: General Committee Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month, and not the second Monday as in previous years.

SLAIDBURN - 'B' Party

I went on a ramble to Slaidburn,  
A village so pretty it may turn  
A "Townie" like me to a country "Yokie,"  
And it lies near the city of Blackburn.

Our party was small; fifteen in all,  
Energetic and eager to flee;  
But our leader dispels our call to the fells;  
"To the ~~Cafe~~ for coffee," says he.

Taking leave of this place at a leisurely pace,  
The Dale of Whiten we entered.  
With temperature warm and threat of a storm,  
A halt for rainwear was granted.

Thus clobbered we trod over river and sod,  
Till the sunshine bestowed its ~~dry~~ smile.  
Changing glumness for fun, with laughter and pun,  
We ambled for mile after mile.

Then turning sharp right and ascending great height,  
Fell Dunsop was finally gained.  
The struggle was hard, and with rests by the yard,  
And Monica oddly restrained.

"All overcome" was murmured by some,  
When resting beneath the blue sky.....  
With gurgles and sips, and smacking of lips,  
Our parched throats no longer seemed dry.

It was under the Fell that fair Isobel  
And Monica number four  
Diverted their steps, encouraged by bets,  
To cross a rather damp floor.

For the river in spate threw a challenge so great;  
To perform such a hazardous feat,  
And arrive on the bank without aid of a plank,  
And keep dry their lily-white feet.

We finished the ramble without lighted candle,  
For sunbeams still kept day awake,  
So that, far below, in the evening glow,  
Lay a silvery shimmering lake.

I'll remember the places, the people, their faces,  
And all that is good company;  
The trees and the grass some lightly might pass,  
But to Eric, our Leader, I thank thee.

"WAP"

### BELMONT

Undeterred by grey skies and threatening rain, 14 enthusiastic types scorned a Sunday morning lie-in, plus the leader who had no choice assembled at Exchange Station. Following a preliminary ramble through Wigan's streets we bussed it to Horwich and warmed up with a pleasant stroll to Rivington Barn.

After a leisurely lunch, several of the bunch (either to encourage a shy sun, or just following Bill's example) shed the regulation slacks and appeared in natty shorts.

We were soon on the move and began a long slog up Winter Hill exuding much sweat in the close atmosphere. Those of us with an affinity for Trig points pressed on to the summit to await smugly those toiling up behind. However, they veered off and we had to retrace our hard won ground to rejoin them. We then revictualled while we watched other people work erecting yet another T.V. mast atop Winter Hill.

Progressing in our ramble, we rested by a roadside and harassed, or tried to, our leader by insisting that we should be 16 in number. Hardened man that he is, John this off and abandoned our mythical comrade to his (or was it her?) fate.

Most of us elected to tramp back to the Barn but Bill, Terry and Alan (lips no doubt curled in scorn), pressed on to conquer further heights. We left Rivington Barn after a lengthy stay, parting from our leader who was anxiously scanning all directions for our three missing adventurers. Not able to stand his own company, however, he soon overhauled us promising harsh discipline for our errant wanderers. They joined us however, as we slaked



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our considerable thirts in Horwich, as they were anxious to cover their legs from the rude gaze of civilization. From Horwich we proceeded homewards uneventfully.

Our leader, John, shouldbe congratulated for a ramble which catered for all tastes.

'R. Back'

Moel Fammau

We caught the 10.30 a.m. ferry across the Mersey. On arriving on the other side, the rest of the party were note in sight. However, at 10.49 a.m. Terry and Co. came running down the street from the station, just in time for the bus.

Twenty ramblers and one dog were ready for the walk.

We went through the woods, and over the bridge, and somehow we lost our addition (the dog). On reaching the road we were somewhat tired, and were pleased to rest our feet, until the wasps, forced us to move on.

After a little while, we decided to leave the road, and cut across country. Naturally we made friends with thistles, nettles and gorse bushes, and the necessary first aid was administered. We continued along the road to Cilcair and were somewhat thirsty.

Bernard found the only shop selling liquid refreshment, and their stocks were rather low, by the time we'd finished.

Here the party split, some went back along the road to Loggerheads and the rest headed towards Moel Fammau, which we climbed. From the top we had a wonderful view - Liverpool on one side Snowdonia on the other. We stayed there to eat our butties, and then returned to Loggerheads to join the others.

Our ramble was enjoyed by all.

Thanks Billy.

### WORLDS END

On the 23rd August five of us set out to Worlds End. Jerry, Monica, and myself caught the 10.35 train to Rock Ferry, where we were joined by our leader Tony Gilmore and Peggy Sharkey. At Rock Ferry we took the train to Ruabon, and then the 11.20 bus to Trevor. From here we started to walk up Bryr Adda flat and finally reached Ruabon Mountain. After this we climbed Eglwysg mountain.

By this time a message had been received by our brains, from our interior mechanisms, stating that refuelling was necessary, whereupon Tony decided that we should stop and eat our butties - only on reaching World's end!!!

On the way down we noticed Jerry was wearing new boots which had not been Christened. Not having champagne we noticed a stream. There is no need to elaborate on details but let us say that the guarantee with the boots was valid.

On the way down Tanygraig we stopped at a cafe, and proceeded to Llangollen.

We managed to catch the 8.5 p.m. bus to Ruabon and the 9 p.m. train to Rock Ferry. However, at Chester we said good-bye to Peggy and Tony left us at Rock Ferry.

Thanks Tony for a good ramble.

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Belated congratulation to:-

Mr. & Mrs. Leo O'Reilly on the birth of their daughter Clare Marie.

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R A M B L I N G   K A L E I D O S C O P E  
W E D N E S D A Y  
11th November

The Tony Thompson Slide Company has been booked for Wednesday, 11th November, featuring a variety of colour transparencies on rambling. Do not miss this Opportunity of seeing yourself and other club members on the screen, together with some of the finest scenery in this country and abroad.

MAKE SPECIAL NOTE TO COME EARLY WEDNESDAY, 11TH  
NOVEMBER. THE PERFORMACE WILL START AT 8-30 P.M.

KESWICK WEEK-END - 30th October/1st November

By the time this News Letter is issued the Keswick weekend may have been cancelled, for unless we have a minimum of 30 firm bookings the weekend will be called off. If, however, this is not the case then there may still be time for a few more bookings to be made.

The cost of the weekend will be £3 5s. Od. and will start Friday evening at St. John's Lane at 6.30 p.m. where the coach will be waiting.

The Guest House we have booked is the "Gales" Applethwait, situated in a very beautiful part of the Lakes just outside Keswick close to Skiddaw, and within walking distance of Catbells and Lake Derwent.

There will be walks arranged for the energetic, the not so energetic and for those who "just want to get away from it all".

Don't miss this opportunity of seeing the Lake District at one of its most attractive seasons, with trees changing colour from green to a rich autumn bronze and the fallen leaves forming carpeted lanes, and with the morning air, crisp and fresh, making ones face tingle and glow!

If you have not secured your booking with a five shillings deposit then your name will not be on the list for the weekend

If you are interested in the weekend, call along to the clubroom next week, Wednesday, 28th October, and find out the latest position. There may still be time to book.

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Rambling Programme

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Leader:</u>	<u>Meet:</u>	<u>Approx Cost:</u>
25th Oct be:-	The ramble to Llansatffraid has been cancelled. The ramble will now Holywell	John Keenan	Central Stn. Low Level 10-15.	7/3d.
1st Nov.	Keswick Weekend (Coach)	Committee	Friday 30th Oct.6-15 p.m.	65/od.
8th "	Delamere (Benediction)	Sheila Feury	Central St. Low Level	10-20 6/6d.
15th "	Harrock Hill (Parbold)	Len Rand	Skelhorne St.	10.40 5/6d.
22nd "	Aldford (On Dee)	Mike Marsden	Central Stn. Low Level	10.20 5/-d.
29th "	Abergele	Eddie Quinn	Central Stn. Low Level	10.20. 9/6d.
6th Dec.	Thurstaston	Larry Fagan	Pier Head	10.45 4/6d.
12/13 "	Christmas Chalet Weekend	Committee	Names to be taken 25th November.	

COACH TRIPS:- Names must be given personally to the person taking names, or submitted in writing, three weeks beforehand. No verbal booking on behalf of someone else will be accepted. ALL BOOKINGS RENDER MEMBERS LIABLE TO THE FULL COST.

Any alterations to the programme will be announced in the clubroom.