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Summer is rumoured to be with us again, and this means that the accent, at the moment, is on outdoor, rather than indoor activities. Consequently, the Social Programme is somewhat curtailed at this time of year. The Barn Dances have been retained however, and under the professional eye of Miss Brandreath, we appear to be getting extremely proficient in this sphere. The visit of the Tom Barry Ceihli Band provided another break in the normal routine, with the emphasis naturally on Irish Dancing.

11th June was a big day for Mike Marsden, marking as it did his "coming of age." It was of course really just a case of age catching up with stature, and I am told the revelries were very much in proportion to the size of the subject of the regalings. Twenty-one sat down at the tablefor breakfast the morning after.

John Keenan arranged a visit to Lucas' Factory, and a mixed party of fifteen went along to broaden their technical minds. Our reporter gained an interview with some of the ladies in the party, who with the aid of much gesticulation endeavoured to explain what they had seen. However, the only thing they appeared to be really sure about was that the apprentices were very nice.

In conclusion, don't forget our next Public Dance at the "Irish Centre", Thursday, 28th October. This is a new venue for us, and was formerly known as the "Wellington Rooms." Since being taken over for use as an Irish Centre at the beginning of this year, its magnificent interior has been beautifully redecorated. Being of considerable historical interest, it is protected by the National Trust, having been built by the Merchants of Liverpool in 1815 no doubt for the purpose of holding their dances among other things.

'Socialite'

Rambling Programme

	<u>DATE:</u>	<u>DESTINATION:</u>	<u>LEADER:</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>DEPART- URE:</u>	<u>APPEAL COST</u>
	Aug 1st	Chester Walls	Bernard Manley	Pier Head	1.20p.m.	4/9d.
	" 8th	Swimming at Rivacre	Mike Marsden	Pier Head	11.00a.m.	3/6d.
	" 15th	Hope Mountain	Eric Kavanagh	Central Stn.		7/-d.
	" 22nd	Carrog (Coach) Benediction	Tony Gilmore	Low Level	10.25a.m.	
	" 30th	R.A. Train (Bank Holiday)	See Press for details and Club Notices	St. John's Lane	10.15a.m.	7/6d.
	Sept. 5th	Trentham Gardens	Committee	Details at Club		8/-d.
	" 12th	Church Stretton	Chris Dobbin	St. John's Lane	10-15	9/0d.
	" 19th	Annual Mass	St. Nicholas' Church, Hawke Street.			11 a.m.
	" 26th	Windy Hill	George Clayton	Exchange Sth.	10-05a.m.	9/3d.

Search Trips. Names to be given three weeks beforehand, and all bookings render members liable to the full cost.

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

Times quoted are DEPARTURE TIMES.

RAMBLERITE

Two events in the present programme can hardly be called rambles but they have been put in the programme by way of a change and they also give the non-rambling element in the club (is there one?) the opportunity of joining us on Sundays. The first one has been called "Chester Walls" to be led by Bernard Manley on 1st August. Bernard wishes it to be known that civvies will be the dress of the day and not rambling gear. You will have noted that the meet is a late one (1-20 p.m. Pier Head). The idea is instead of dashing through Chester like we normally do in order to catch buses, trains, etc., we should spend some time having a good look round the city which is full of interesting things.

The other non-rambling day is Trentham Gardens, 5th September. This trip was decided upon after the success of the Blackpool outing last summer. Trentham Gardens is one of the most popular places for a day out in the Midlands. It has many attractions and amusements for everyone.

August Monday - R.A. train. Details from press. Any member wishing to go on a ramble on this day is advised to join one of the official R.A. parties. These rambles are well worth while and there are three categories 'A' strenuous, 'B' moderate and 'C' easy, so everyone is catered for.

Currently there have been a few suggestions about the club buying a cottage in North Wales for use of the members and it is certainly something worth considering. If you have any ideas on the matter would you please let one of the members of the Rambling sub-committee know.

Change of programme.

Please make the following amendments in your programme. 12th September should now read Church Stretton - Chris Dobbin - 1c-15, St. John's Lane, 9/-d. 26th September should now read Windy Hill, George Clayton - 10-05, Exchange Station, 9/3ed.

MEANDERINGS

The Sound of Smusic

Smusic is easy, relaxing, smooth music. Yes hear it everywhere - it is the new mod-liv backing found in the local 'auto-anorak-wash' and also the universal coffee bar. I gather from the last News Letter that G.P. would not approve because it requires no effort to produce, or even to listen. He may be right, but his comments that music can be strummed straight out on a guitar is a huge understatement. On behalf of all rambling guitar players and those guitar devotees who haven't a clue (my own category) it must be said that there is more to it than meets the ear.

Peter Seager Fleming has advised me on this musical matter - it is necessary to know at least three chords in order to sing a simple folk song with the guitar. This is not strumming and it requires many hours of practice to acquire the finger dexterity to rapidly form and change chord pattern with the left hand in the rather restricted space on the neck of the guitar. Some readers will now criticise the electric guitar but this was designed to meet a particular modern musical problem. The rambler who serenades his date who looks down from her tenth-story flat's balcony appreciates the need to change from the quiet Spanish acoustic to an electric amplified guitar. It ensures that the modern Juliet gets the message.

There are many ramblers with a musical interest and I would ask them to ignore the philistines amongst us, be proud of your species - "rambler-musica-sopiens" and continue to play those wonderful musical tea-chests and melodic bin-lids, for if such sounds be the modern food of love, then play on.

Liverpool Show

An interesting evening ramble to the Liverpool Show was led by Eric K. In an acre size marquee Cy Tucker's Friars gave a hopping performance of Mersey beat. The camping circle are now looking for a beat group to perform in our largest tent 5ft. x 4ft. x 3ft high. Ramblers from the Knotty Ash area may know of a suitable diddy group.

Keith Scott (our famous ladder dance expert) showed a keen interest in the Morris dancing and thought

that this might be worth attempting at the Chalet. He must be joking!

Swimming

Ron Boardman and friends are having some success with their swimming evenings - even the swimming rambles are becoming quite popular. We have had two letters from Peter Atherton and Tony Thompson both apologising for having missed the last swimming ramble - it would appear that their swimsuits were rather frayed at the elbows and knees.

'Mark'

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TENNIS

The Men's Team are going great guns this season, being unbeaten to date with two matches to play. They are third in the league at present and have a chance of gaining promotion. They meet the league leaders in the final game of the Season, and so a close finish is assured. Unfortunately, the Ladies' Team are not experiencing the same success, due mainly to the fact that the shortage of players has continued. Maureen Howard has taken over the Captaincy, and has worked very hard in seeing that we fulfil our fixtures each week. In spite of all this, the Team can boast a 5-away win at U.G.B. and a draw with B.I.C.C., which is creditable in the circumstances.

The "Jousting Season" is now well under way, with our Club Tournament having started. All those who gave their names in for Tennis have been placed in the Draw and an appeal is made to everybody taking part, to play their games as soon as possible. The Catholic Tennis Clubs Annual Tournament is also due to start shortly and we hope to have four or five couples taking part in this competition. On the lighter side of Tournaments, we held an American Tournament in June, Hugh Malloy and Mike Marsden sharing the Men's first prize, and Pauline Waring (Catholic Metropolitan) taking the ladies' prize, Betty Turner being the runner-up.

Members who have not yet paid off the Tennis subscription, are reminded that this is well over due.

The sub-section is faced with a financial loss on the season, and so it is imperative that we keep this to the minimum. A Special General Meeting of all Tennis Club Members is to be called at the end of the season, to discuss the future of the Tennis Club. In view of the importance of the meeting, I appeal to all members to make an extra special effort to attend. It is hoped to make the evening a Social occasion, as well as a "business session", so, don't get the idea we are going to talk shop all night.

'UMPIRE'

TRYFAN 'B' PARTY.

On a sunny hot windy day, while waiting for the 'A' party to get on their way, our leader, John Burns, counted his party and found there were sixteen in all. Then suddenly the quietness was broken and there were seventeen - Bill Potter had joined us.

We started our ascent of Tryfan, struggling dutifully up the rocks, mostly on all fours in the wake of our leader, who as we climbed higher urged us to stand up straight, even when we were clinging for dear life to some precipice. However, we survived this first leg and we took a well earned rest and were able to admire the scenery around us.

After getting our second wind, we struggled over loose stones and helped some of the girls in the party who were in difficulties. After about an hour's hard climb we reached two rocks known as "Adam" and "Eve" where we had a refreshment stop and a rest.

This is where our leader put his camera to use to get us all on record. One of our other photographers had his own ideas, and decided to have the ladies for his records.

After our rest the leader set us on our feet for the first part of the descent, and after a while we had a rest and more photographs. Continuing on our way we met a party of climbers coming up the hard way on ropes.

It was a happy but tired party who joined up with the last of the 'A' party and walked back to the coach.

Just one more enjoyable day. Our thanks to Bill Potter for his assistance and help and to our leader for making this more an 'A' than a 'B' walk.

'Old Stager'

Wirral Ramble & Swimming at Hoylake.

We convened at the ticket barrier at Central Low Level Station. The train left at 10.05 with a party of about 20 ramblers. We got off at Birkenhead and boarded a bus from Woodside. This took us to Arrowe Park.

The walking began by ambling at a nonchalant jangling pace through the park to a stream and bridge and finally onto a footpath at the other side.

The sun was shining and the party were in excellent spirits. Conversation was rife and bantering was in progress. Ron Boardman, the leader, lead us with odd witticisms (and I mean odd) and laughter. To any untrained viewing eye we could have been a party of jesters and minstrels tattily touring the Wirral.

As we moved through the byeways past pubs almshouses the company was chuffed.

Ron maneuvered the party along paths and over stiles with the efficiency of a sheepdog and the skill of a brewer.

No lazy man's ramble this. Although the names allude me now, we traversed a fair distance through hamlets and outskirts. Irby was it I saw on a signpost? "Irby go again." "Greasey quiet." Frankly I don't know."

Hoylake was sighted in the distance behind a gasworks and at the end of a cinder path. Soon we were striding the pleasant streets of Hoylake itself in anticipation of the dip we were heading for at the local baths.

The water was freezing cold. But the sun was warm. The good spirits of the bunch were not dampened by the cold water. The water didn't get a chance. No one stayed in long enough.

A few hours later we left the Baths and proceeded down the beach to West Kirby. This part of the walk was very enjoyable and the sea air was invigorating. We boarded the train for Liverpool at West Kirby Station.

A good day.

Dates for your Diary.

- Wednesday 15th September - The Annual General Meeting
- Sunday 19th September - Annual Mass for deceased members and relatives and friends and half day of recollection.
- Thursday, 28th October - Dance at the "Irish Centre" Mount Pleasant.
- Friday, 5th November to Sunday, 7th November - Keswick weekend at The Gales Guest House. Cost about £3 10s. Od. (Start paying now at 2/6d. per week).

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We are sorry to learn that Gerry Penlington's wife, Winnie, was taken to hospital suddenly, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Maureen & John Johnson on the birth of a son - Damien Paul and to Barbara and Leo O'Reilly on the Birth of a son also - Brendan James.

Our good wishes to to Celia Molyneux, who left for America in May. Happy birthday & congratulations to Mike Marsden on having attained the ripe old age of 21.

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NO TEA..... WHAT NO TEA..... WHY NO TEA.....

No wahers-up. If you girls will rally round the committee and help with the washing up the tea break can easily be resumed - but please we must have volunteers.

We make a charge of 1/6d. each Wednesday to cover overheads and the heaviest of these is obviously rent and records. The supply of tea and biscuits forms a small part of the 1/6d. The discontinuance of tea is not being done to augment the funds, it is solely and we emphasise, solely because of the lack of co-operation in washing up the cups after tea.

Missing Equipment We keep losing torches, maps, first aid equipment, compasses and similar. The cost of such items is quite high, e.g. First Aid equipment costs 25/- and a torch 15/-. If you have such equipment and have forgotten to return it, please do so as soon as possible.