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OUR 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sounding the tocsin has been my job now for nearly half of our annual meetings and I suppose I could be forgiven for any lack of originality.

However, originality, style, trend or whatever else you may wish different with my annual call are all absolutely irrelevant.

The plain, simple, unvarnished truth of the matter is that the 'floor' is open to you, the general membership, some 170 of you.

You will hear reports from your Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and the Secretaries of Sub-Committees for Rambling, Socials, Tennis, Football and this Newsletter.

If you are not satisfied with the running of the Association for the past year, now is the time to say so.

Likewise, if you have ideas for its progress and betterment we are all ears!

You might want to be more practical and are willing to sit on the General Committee - let your name go forward for nomination.

I know we have a hard core of perennials, which I think is as it should be, but 'new blood' is welcome, indeed essential.

THE DATE:- WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER.

TIME! 8-30 p.m. PROMPT

PLACE! CATHEDRAL BUILDINGS.

Rambling Programme:

Please note the amendments to your current programme.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Leader:</u>	<u>Departure:</u>	<u>App. Cost:</u>
Sept. 12th	Winter Hill	Terry O'Connor	10-05 Exchange Stn.	7/6d.
Sept. 19th	(Annual Maws & ½ day of Recollection. (St. Nicholas', Hawke Street. 11 a.m., Snowdon.	(a) John Keenan (b) Bill Potter	10-05 St. John's Ine.	11/-d.
Oct. 3rd	Chalet Weekend Coach	Committee	Details at clubrooms.	
Oct. 10th	Church Stretton (for football) Coach	Chris Dobbin	10-15 St. John's Ine	11/-d.
Oct. 17th	Holywell	Ron Curtis	10-05 Central Stn. L.L.	9/6d.
Oct. 24th	Windy Hill	George Clayton	10-05 Exchange Stn.	9/3d.

Coaches:

All bookings for coach trip rambles must be made personally to the person responsible for accepting bookings. If this is not possible then bookings must be made in writing to the General Secretary.

All bookings render members liable to the full cost.

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

FOOTBALL

Soccer enthusiasts will not need to be reminded that the new Season has been getting into its stride these past few weeks. The L.C.R.A. Team will again be playing in the Liverpool Central Amateur League this Season, and Training Sessions have been held recently each Thursday at the ground which is in Calder Stone Park. Any members who are interested in playing for the team, are asked to get in touch with Eric Kavanagh.

ANNUAL MASS AND DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Annual Mass will be taking place at St. Nicholas', Hawke Street, at 11 a.m. on Sunday 19th September. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend, and take part in this annual act of public worship by the club.

A half-day of Recollection has been arranged for the afternoon at St. Augustine's, Great Howard Street, and this will commence at about 2 p.m. and end about 6.30 p.m. Tea will be served during the course of this, and it is expected that the charge will be 2/6d. per head. The committee would like as many as possible to be present at St. Augustine's in the afternoon, and hope those attending the Mass will stay on, if possible, for the half-day of Recollection.

CHURCH STREPTON

We regret that the date of this trip has had to be altered again since our last Newsletter, and it will now take place on Sunday, 10th October.

Also, please note the alterations to the programme which appear on page 2.

Socialite

The Finance Committee was in session, solemnly deliberating on the clubs economy, when somebody suddenly said "lets have a Barbecue." And thats how it all started. Personally, my own experience of Barbecues had been limited to sitting with a lot of other chaps, waiting for a haircut. Consulting my pocket ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, I could find nothing under Barber Queue, but eventually I found that the word "Barbecue" was derived from the Haitian word "Barbacca meaning "raised scaffolding." This must surely mean an invitation to a "hanging party" I thought. On reading further, however, I learned that it is really meant to describe the art of cooking over an open fire.

The Barbecue having got the "go ahead", a special sub-committee was formed, and met to lay plans. Phase I was a major cleaning operation directed at the Tennis Pavilion, the venue for the feast. A working party was arranged, and descended on Lance Grove the night before, to get everything "Spic and Span." The pavilion was emptied, and Eric Kavanagh was turned loose with the hose pipe. He sprayed water to all point of the compass, with devastating effect. Next "on stage" were the scrubbers, who, along with the aid of a well known cleaning agent, lightened the colour of the floor by several shades. In the Artisitc Department, one, William Potter was deputed to carry out a raid of Fred's garden, in search of flowers and suitable greenery with which to decorate the pavilion. He could not go alone on such a dangerous mission, and volunteers where called for, without response. Fortunately a crisis was averted through the sudden appearance of Monica Byrne. She, poor unsuspecting girl, not knowing what was afoot, had come for a leisurely game of tennis, her second of the season, I believe. She was quickly relieved of her tennis racquet, and departed with OO7 Potter to pick flowers. The duly returned with a substantial haul. Tony Thompson added his artisite touch to the decor with posters specially designed for the occasion, and all was eventually made ready for the next night.

Our team of Chefs duly assembled on the night, complete with white hats, primus stoves, and frying pans. Their task was to cook the main course which consisted of

Hot Dogs. In a very short time, their frying pans were sizzling away merrily, each one with its compliment of sausages, being tended with loving care. The Hot-Dogs were served, and were supplemented by meat pies, cheese biscuits, and pickled onions. After everyone had eaten their fill, Tony Thompson put on one of his high class slide-shows to the sound of music which was well received.

To round off the evening a bonfire was lit, and all sat round while Peter Fleming entertained on his guitar. A very enjoyable evening for a first effort, and one which we hope to repeat on Saturday, 25th September. Make a note of the date and be sure to get your name down for it early.

I appear to have gone "all barbecue" in this commentary, so let me remind you once again that our next Dance is at "The Irish Centre" Mount Pleasant, on Thursday, 28th October. Tickets are 5/- each, and dancing goes on till 12 o'clock. Hope to see you all there.

'Socialite'

TENNIS

Since our last issue, the Men's Team have completed their League Fixtures. Unfortunately, our hopes of gaining promotion to the Section above, came to grief in the final game, in which we lost 1-5 to the champions Thingwall. We have, therefore, to be content with third place, missing promotion by the slender margin of half a point. There is some consolation however, in the knowledge that we have had our best competitive season, and the Team of Brian Kelly, Mike Marsden, Peter and Tony Atherton, John Burns and Bernard Lunt are to be congratulated on a very fine effort.

The Club Tournament is progressing slowly and to date there have been no shock results. A number of competitors have been scratched from the Tournament principally because there appeared to be no possibility of them playing their matches. This is unfortunate but is necessary in order that the Tournament may be completed. It is hoped to arrange the Finals for the end of September.

The Catholic Tennis Clubs Tournament is now under way, but the Club's representatives have not fared too well up to now. Our sole representatives in the Mixed, Brian Kelly and Ann Donnelly, were beaten in three sets by a couple of Old Xavarians. In the Men's Doubles, John Burns and Bernard Lunt also lost to two Old Xavs. in straight sets. Peter and Tony Atherton have a Walk Over into the Second Round. The Finals Day of this Competition is to be held at Old Xavarian's courts, Lister Road on Sunday, 26th September and a Social will be held in the evening. The Tournament Committee are also arranging a Dance for later in the year, and this will take place at the University Chaplaincy on Saturday, 18th December. Further details will be given later.

To finish on a "social note", we had a very enjoyable Barbecue at the Tennis Courts a few weeks ago, and we are hoping to arrange another for Saturday, 25th September to 'bring down the curtain' on the season. This will be the social occasion referred to in our last Tennis Notes, but the meeting of tennis members also mentioned, will not now take place until the New Year. The Barbecue was so successful that the next one is sure to be a "sell out" so get your name down for it as soon as possible, and avoid disappointment.

"UMPIRE"

WINTER SPORTS:

Have you ever wished that you could pack your bags and go to Australia or South Africa for the winter to bask in the sunshine. Too expensive you say. Well I was persuaded to do next best and what a surprise was in store. Friends at work persuaded me to try a winter ski-ing holiday in Austria.

Three of us left London Airport on a cold January night heading for Basle from where we caught a train crossing the Swiss border into Austria. The sky still

overcast reminded me of England though the steep wooded mountainside rising into the grey swirling mist hiding the savage peaks told of the tyrol. Still apprehensive we unpacked in our hotel and hurried to lunch.

The Sunday church bells woke the sleepy valley and heralded a delightful fresh morning with puffs of cloud hanging desparately to the snowcapped peaks beneath the clear blue sky and a golden light (my word the sun!!) lit the village of Solden and all around. As men possessed we threw the windows open to sample the fresh warm air and escape from the sultifying effects of the central heating.

After mass we toddled off to the nursery slopes to put into practice what we had learned at dry school classes in Liverpool and soon found it was fun not being able to do much else than bite the snow after an adventurous escapade down the gentle slope. We were soon too sick with laughing to do it right anyway. So we retired to our palace of a hotel for lunch. A visit was also necessary to the sports shop to readjust our hired skies, sticks and boots. Before joining on the organised classes on Monday morning.

As the week wore on our ski class friendships grew and we could relate our exciting experiences of the day in the Milk Bar rendesvous, over some hot rum and tea or maybe hot lemon with some delicious cookies, enough to destroy that appetite after our toils of fun in the incredible sunshine. The weather for us was so good we were praying for snow to make it possible to continue good ski-ing - our prayers were answered and we were happy again.

Tyrolean evenings and dancing every night was possible in the various hotels. We even sampled a bowling alley which gave us great entertainment, at little expense. The cheap wine and local beer was an excellent appetiser and was taken at every meal as well as in small quantities elsewhere.

Our Ski instructors were souls of patience, showing us how great satisfaction was had from at last being

able to move about on the crisp snow. Proficiency had its own reward for aching limbs, regretfully untrained in the months before the holiday, as we were taken on a tour of the hillside from the top chairlift 3,000 feet above our village zig zagging through the trees gliding along effortlessly - till we got out of control and sat unceremoniously.

We ended a memorable fortnight with a cheese and wine party organised by the English Skiers in the upper village, continued with dancing and finally tobogganed back to our lower village with a dozen others at midnight. It was very exciting negotiating the hairpin bends but all arrived at their hotels safely at about 2 a.m. exhausted.

So we said *Aur revoir*. *Auf Wiedersehen* but not goodbye to Austria in the winter and vowed to return in 1966.

Editor's Note.

Eric Kavanagh is organising a party to Austria from the club in January or February, 1966. It is basically a ski-ing holiday, but people not wishing to ski will also be welcome. The approximate cost will be £67, made up as follows:-

Travelling & Hotels.....	£42
Ski Instructions)	
Hire of Equip-) optional.	£12
ment & Chair lift)	
Entertainment, say.....	<u>£13</u>
	<u>£67</u>

Contact Eric immediately, as bookings must be made by 23rd September, 1965.

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The committee has reviewed the financial situation, and it has recommended that the Annual Subscription be increased to 7/6d. for single membership and 8/6d. for married membership (from 5/- and 6/- respectively).

We feel sure this will not burden you unduly.

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Tea has been resumed again at the club - our thanks to the co-operation of the washers-up.