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E D I T O R I A L

Now that we are back in our old hall, perhaps we can take stock a little, short though the absence has been.

Attendance at socials would seem to be somewhat on the decline, perhaps due to the different hall, the weather or don't the socials attract some of you enough?

The rambles, too, seem to be getting some of the "treatment". Weather here could (although it shouldn't) be a vital factor - a very unlucky summer having by now a cumulative effect in deterring would-be walkers from venturing out. Only the bus trips score success, partially at that.

This seems to have had an effect on the rambling write-ups, as over some months now we've had barely half the number we could have had.

No symptom of any of this was evident at the A.G.M., so perhaps it's just a temporary phase we are passing through. We hope so - nay, it is the job of all of us to ensure that it is just temporary, very temporary.

Your support and backing are needed if the Club's activities are to be a success. Your criticism is needed if any social, ramble, etc., is less than it should be. Absence makes the heart fonder, but in our case it can only leave us pondering, not knowing what is wrong or what needs remedying.

Are we making mountains out of molehills? We shall soon see. But don't let us just sit around waiting. Up on your feet. On with the rambles, on the with dancing. And don't forget those write-ups.

THE EDITOR

SPECIAL REQUEST:

All you would-be photographers who have been taking snaps on rambles, please take note of our plea and let us have copies for the club album. Bernard would be very grateful for these.

Holidays seem to most of us either a long way past - or a long way ahead. As you read this it may be raining or even snowing. Yet when we went to Italy in July we had snow also - in fact we got caught in a blizzard!

We're writing these articles with the idea that they may help members who are thinking of going on a Walking Holiday next year. Many people wonder just what the Holidays are like, so I do hope that these accounts will help them to decide in some way or other.

Usually the holidays start soon after Christmas. I mean by that, that the formalities which go with a holiday abroad start then. There is of course the booking and deposit as soon as possible to be sent off. Guild brochures are available in the Clubroom as soon as they are issued, usually about Christmas time, and are obtainable from our three Vice-Chairmen on the Guilds Council, Bernard Edwards, Bill Roberts and Mona. Next comes the Passport. Have the photo taken when you feel on top of the world, or ladies have had a new hairdo. You'll probably be left with the thing for about ten years! This has to be signed by a responsible person, priest, bank manager, etc., then taken to the Passport Office with the cash. By this time you'll really feel that you're going places. The passport itself tells you that it is available for most of Europe, the U.S.A., Canada, etc. Don't forget any visa which may be necessary. Spain, Jugoslavia (and a few more) don't shoot you nowadays for not having them, but it can be extremely awkward. These visas generally cost extra.

After wallowing through the attractive brochure, the Dolomite Walking Tour was a natural for us, and a visa wasn't needed.

Don't forget to travel light. This was particularly important for our tour as we were going to do two night stands. You'll need boots, a couple of shirts for men and three or four blouses for the ladies. Include light slacks and shorts and the girls jeans, shorts and a frock for evenings or townwear. Take sun oil, etc., and don't forget sun specs. They're a necessity, not a brave gesture. One very important item is your camera. Beg, borrow or buy one, even an old box. We had some really good ones from a Brownie box. Remember, photo's capture some wonderful moments and they last forever. Take colour if you can, those blue Italian skies are gorgeous.

One thing you must possess before going to the Dolomites or indeed any walking holiday, is a love of walking. Don't go just to try it out. If you can 'take' our ordinary Sunday walks you'll be O.K. You should be fit and please remember that if you're not keen on walking, during two weeks of it you can become more than a headache to the rest of the party as well as yourself. Again, we'd stress the importance of travelling light, and cutting clobber down to the minimum.

We met at some early hour for the London train (reserved seats for the extra 2/-d are well worth it) and, if staying overnight, book your digs in plenty of time. To lose a nights sleep travelling overnight to London before a walking tour is - well rather silly - and with the C.H.G. we always depart from London on the Sunday morning to enable us to get Mass in beforehand.

Ten of us met at Victoria and were issued with tickets for this and that and the other. We had been sent badges for identification purposes and C.H.G. certainly means something to British Railways on a Sunday morning at Victoria! There must have been about a dozen various groups there, some for Rome, Paris, Venice, etc., and large parties for the Centenary year at Lourdes. We soon found our party and Bernard was requested to hold our special cheap party ticket. We boarded the train and departed.

It's nice to be back again in the old homestead, lovely in shades of blue and cream and with strip lighting. Our sincere thanks are due to the knights and Squires for the loan of their room. Eddie Du'son christened the newly decorated hall as M.C. and everything went with a swing, including that QUICKstep which almost swung us off our feet! This dance was nearly as riotous as the Gay Gordons put on by George the week before. Fortunately we were able to get our own back on him. As soon as he took the floor with Freda, Gerry Mac. speeded up the record player until it became a gallop. Very nice to watch, George. Gerry Cullen on his successful first M.C.ing, obtained the quietest leap of usk ever enjoyed by a struggling announcement reader. It must have been hypnotism.

The hall downstairs looked lovely for the Halloween night. The decor in the smaller room was much more effective, with subdued lighting and apples tastefully arranged in zig-zag lines, ready at be devoured by the Frank Rowe, who line at Bernard's kind to the old uns equal to the threw them all a

Our choir tomorrow night, for what now seems carol night. Tony organised very roberts is conducting rehearsal is at 8.15 p.m. Do be with you any carol as we're on the new to us. Contrary and pe, the stew, is off. nicely they'll give and a biscuit to go

pauline down so quickly on furrin parts that welcome her home romely set of dresses with you, lass! that anyone short of the chalet weekend loan of her handbag. enough for a week!

The Treasure Hunt will country and at the year. It was an and evening, so get your names down, and start saving up now. The Rambling Sub. have tried to keep the cost of most of the December rambles very reasonable, so don't let the thought of Christmas expenses keep you in on Sundays.



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comes into being Thursday the 27th, to be our Annual Gilmore has keenly and Bill again. The first 7 Elmbank Road at on time and bring music you may have lookout for carols to rumour, Anne (blind or otherwise) If you both behave you a cup of tea with your butties.

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Yuletide walk and be over the same same Cafe as last uproarious day,

Yours,

Socialite.

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YOUR subs. are due. Your SUBS. are due. Your subs. ARE due. your subs. are DUE. And that goes for about 150 of the 200 members. I am not on a commission basis but I do get a pat on the back from the Committee for healthy paid up membership.

Hopefully yours,

Mona Roberts.

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FOOTBALL NEWS

It is a well-known fact that supporters often win matches for their respective teams, and this is especially true as far as the Catholic Ramblers are concerned. In my last article, I asked for vocal support on Saturday afternoons, and although we were not besieged by many fans, a few of you did, at least, brave the wintry elements to see the team in action.

Thankful that no-one turned up to see us beaten 12-3 by Fairfield Athletic, we lined up the following week against Rodney with several supporters on the side-lines. Urged on by four males and a few of the fairer sex, we convincingly defeated our opponents by five goals to one. Our goal tally should have been at least doubled, but one or two of the forwards took things rather easily after five had been scored, undoubtedly thinking that the game was well won.

A week later, we were at home to Brunswick Social, who before the match were in a higher league position than us. They scored first, but the Ramblers did not lose heart and were rewarded mid-way through the second half with a well taken individual goal, and then a few minutes later, a penalty goal. After a few hectic skirmishes around our goal area, the final whistle went, and we, the underdogs, were the victors. One of the opposition was heard to remark after this match, as to whom the loud female voice belonged. Need I tell you?

Last Saturday we were supposed to play St. Mary's Reserves at their ground in Kirkby, but prior to the match, they asked us to play the game at Calderstones as their posts had been appropriated by some young hooligans for Bonfire Night. We willingly agreed and went on to record our third successive victory by scoring four goals without reply. Such a win has taken us higher in the table and we are now in seventh or eight position.

It was a blessing in disguise that we lost the opening matches of the season, because, those concerned made steps to improve the standard of play. This has paid dividends insofar as that, after a few signings, the C.R.A. now have eleven players who are gradually gaining confidence and are settling down as a team, which, I'm sure, will do justice to the club. Last season a carefree attitude was taken by most of the players and on occasions only eight turned up for matches, but now everyone shows great interest and, unlike most of the other teams, are always on time ready to fight every inch of the way.

**** Jerry ****

RAMBLING PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Ramble</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Dec. 6/7	CHALET WEEK-END.		Details at club.		
" 14	BEESTON	(Details later)		6/-	Bill Potter
	(Moderate walk).				
" 21	NESTON-PARKGATE	Pier Head		3/6d	Eddie Dulson
	(Walk suitable for beginners)				
" 28	YULETIDE WALK.	St. Johns Ln.	Approx. 10/-		Joe Ferns
	Rivington Pike.				
	(Coach)(Evening spent at The Barn as last year).				

N.B. Fuller details of Meet and Time will be read out with the notices each Wednesday evening - so be sure to listen.

When you do come up you will notice a change in more than one respect. Two of the members gave up their afternoons to shorten the hedges. They've done a good job, and there will be no room for excuse next year when you miss a ball, and blame the bad light.

Quite an amount of work has still to be done, so please try and give one of your free days to the service of the club. It will be to your benefit eventually.

We are happy to report to George that the lines have been washed by some of the ladies. (They made a good job of them too).

More work will be found for our female members as soon as the pavilion has been cleared up.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>WASHERS-UP</u>	<u>GRAM-CARRIERS</u>
Dec. 3	LADIES NIGHT	M. Henwood	K. Doyle/M. Doyle	B. Edwards & J. Carroll
" 10	H.O'NEILL	P. Murray	A. Sherrard/ K. Daniels	E. Dulson & J. Houghton
" 17	J. CARROLL	M. Smith	M. Lamb/ K. Peloe	J. Smullen & T. Roche
" 24	B. EDWARDS	M. Roberts	M. Lyons/ B. Durgin	H.O'Neill & H. Molloy

NOTICES

Workers are required up at the Tennis Pavilion at week-ends. All offers will be gratefully accepted.

Subs are now over-due, so if you haven't already paid your 5/- to Mona, please do so next week.

P E R S O N A L N E W S

Congratulations to Doreen Flatery and Stan on their recent engagement.

One of our members would like your prayers for a special intention.

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