

February

Programme



An Oige  
Hillwalkers Club



*Happu Valentines*



## February Programme

MEET	Outside the <i>Irish Press Offices</i> , <i>Burgh Quay</i> .
TIME	PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME OF 10 A.M.
BRING	Rainwear, flask, sandwiches, torch, reflective armbands and a change of clothes.
WEAR	Hiking boots. RUNNERS NOT ALLOWED.
TRANSPORT	Private bus Price £5
NOTE	Leaders have the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped or who does not follow their instructions.

### FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

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Sunday 6th Feb.      Route: *Killinardan, Stone Cross, Ballymorefinn, Seahan, Corrig, Waterworks.*      BRING A TORCH  
Leader: *Paddy Doyle*  
Meet: *Burgh Quay 10.00am.*      Local Bus
- Sunday 13th Feb.      Route: *Glenmacnass, Mullaghcleevaun East and West, Barnacullian, Tonelagee, Brockaghs, Laragh.*  
Leader: *Donal Finn*      BRING A TORCH  
Meet: *Burgh Quay 10.00a.*
- Sunday 20th Feb.      NO HIKE DUE TO GALTEE WEEKEND  
For details, see notes on weekends away.
- Sunday 27th Feb.      Route: *Laragh, Mall Hill, Tonelagee, Brockaghs.*  
Leader: *Kevin Parker*      BRING A TORCH  
Meet: *Burgh Quay 10.00am.*
- Sunday 6th Mar.      INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE  
Route: *Ballineckan, Slievemaan, Lugnaquilla, Camara Hill, Fentons.*  
Leader: *Jim Barry*      BRING A TORCH  
Meet: *Burgh Quay 10.00am.*

LEADERS URGENTLY WANTED

CONTACT MARTIN FAGAN AT 8743082 (H) AFTER 7PM.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

SUBS ARE DUE SINCE JANUARY 1ST.

This is a reminder from the TREASURER that your renewal fee is now overdue. This is the LAST programme that will be received by any member that has not paid his/her fee. The £7 fee can be paid to the leader of the Sunday hike, the office in Mountjoy St., or direct to myself at the address below: Proinsias MacAnBheatha, 85a Griffith Court, Fairview, Dublin 3.

## RECONNAISSANCE / RECKY LIST

People on this list are keen and interested in gaining more experience on Leadership. Hike Leaders please invite the person or people on this list on a reconnaissance of your hike. Or, if you are simply checking a route or practising your navigation, consider the assistance and leadership skills (route choice, group awareness, map & compass) that may be obtained from a reconnaissance and ask one of the following people along.

Ann Marie Kelly 380 866 (H)

Conor Mc Mahon 823 2883 (W)

## FIRST AID COURSE

Basic First Aid Course with Order of Malta

Course Starts - Monday 7th February

Duration - 8 weeks, Mondays between 7.30pm. and 9.00pm.

Cost - £20 This fee includes your first-aid manual, triangular bandage and certificate.

Venue - An Oige International YH, Mountjoy Street.

For further details, contact Joseph Gilvarry at 57 46 36 (H)

PLEASE NOTE: If you intend doing a Mountain First Aid Course, you must have a certificate in basic first aid.

## ORIENTEERING NOTES

February 13      Hellfire Wood, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin.  
GR 0 12 22  
Setanta Orienteers

February 20      Woodenboley, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow.  
GR N 92 02

To arrange transport please ring Deirdre Ni Choileain at 842 3656 (H). 4

## HOLIDAYS ABROAD

### ENGLISH LAKES WALKING HOLIDAY - JUNE 1994

Martin Fagan is organising a walking holiday to the English Lake District from June 4th to June 12th 1994. A meeting will be held on Monday, 21st February, in the Dublin International YH, Mountjoy St., at which a deposit of £60 will be taken from anyone interested in this holiday. We need to take deposits at this meeting so that Martin can confirm the hostel bookings.

The approximate cost of this trip is £150 and this includes boat, return train to Penrith and 8 overnights.

All hostels in the Lake District are of a very high standard with good quality drying rooms. People going on this holiday will have the option of self-catering or availing of the hostel meals. Heavy rucksacks will be carried by van between the hostels.

The proposed itinerary will be as follows:

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH: 9.00am. Sail from Dun Loaghaire to Hollyhead  
Train from Holyhead to Penrith.  
Bus from Penrith to Patterdale YH (overnight)

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH: Walk from Patterdale YH to Grasmere Thorney How (overnight)

MONDAY JUNE 6TH: Walk from Grasmere to Wastwater YH (overnight)

TUESDAY JUNE 7TH: Local walk Wastwater YH (overnight)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH: Walk from Wastwater YH to Honnister Hause YH (overnight)

THURSDAY JUNE 9TH: Honnister Hause YH to Keswick YH (overnight)

FRIDAY JUNE 10TH: Local walk Keswick YH (overnight)

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH: Local walk Keswick YH (overnight)

SUNDAY JUNE 12TH: Bus from Keswick to Penrith  
Train from Penrith to Holyhead.  
Boat from Holyhead to Dublin (arrival 7.00pm.)

## WEEKENDS AWAY

### EASTER WALKING WEEKEND TO BEN LETTERY

31st March to 5th April 1994

FULL DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH PROGRAMME

## DISCOVERY SERIES - MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:

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Sheet 6	Sheet 37	Sheet 71	
Sheet 11	Sheet 54	Sheet 75	
Sheet 16	Sheet 56	Sheet 78	

## WEEKENDS AWAY

Walking weekend at Ballydavid Wood  
18 — 20 February 1994

The organised walks will be targeted at experienced, moderate and hard walkers.

Walks planned to include:

Saturday: Galtee Mountains

Sunday: Knockmealdown mountains

What to bring:

An Oige Membership Card

Walking boots (no wellingtons/runners allowed)

Change of clothes and hiking socks

Waterproof jacket and overtrousers

Warm clothing — no jeans on the hills

Gloves and balaclava/wollen hat

Flask, teabags/coffee, dried milk

Sheet sleeping bag/sleeping bag

Food for two drum ups, two breakfasts, and one evening meal in the hostel on Saturday night

Self-catering facilities provided at Ballydavid Wood YH

**COST:** £25 to include two overnights, transport by bus from and to Dublin and to start and end of walks each day.

**BOOKING:** Payment should be made at time of booking. Payment may also be made by credit card.

Please leave home and work numbers in office when booking.

**DEPARTURE AND RETURN:** Bus will depart Liberty Hall, Dublin on Friday, 18th Feb. at 6.30pm sharp. The bus will arrive back in Dublin at 10.00pm. approx. on Sun. 20th Feb.

**LEADERS:** Tommy Granger          Martin Fagan 874 3082 (home after 7.00pm.)

## CAMPING WEEKEND

### THE BENS, CO. GALWAY

The date advertised in the January programme has been changed to 26-27 FEBRUARY.

Leaders: Liam McGuinness 286 4639 (after 10.30pm.)    Maggie Greaney 97 50 63 (after 7pm.)

For further information, contact either of the above leaders.

## WEEKENDS AWAY

### MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND TRIP TO SNOWDONIA

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL - MONDAY 2ND MAY 1994

PROGRAMME OF WALKS: Saturday - Snowdon Horseshoe  
Sunday - Carneddau  
Monday - Tryfan - Bristly Ridge - Glyders

Approximate cost is £110. Deposit of £50 secures place.

Price includes: All meals, accomodation, fares and transport to and from all walks.

Everything provided except pocket money!

Travel by Sea Lynx - 19.30 Friday. Arrive back Dun Laoghaire 23.50 Monday.

As this is a joint outing with the moderate hikers, early booking is advisable - last year several members were too late booking and so missed a place.

Booking is now open. Bookings can be made in the An Oige Head Office by cash or cheque or by phone using Visa or Access.

## THE ART O'NEILL WALK

By tradition the Art O'Neill Walk takes place every year on the first Friday night/Saturday morning in January. Of all the long distance walks in the Irish Hillwalking calendar this must rank as one of the toughest.

The walk starts at midnight, from the gates of Dublin Castle and continues for 35 miles as far as Glenmalure in the heart of Wicklow. The first 20 miles approx., of the walk is by road as far as Ballynultagh Gap and the remainder of the walk is through the mountains, via Billy Byrne's Gap and Ballinagee Bridge to Glenmalure.

The walking time is approximately 14 to 15 hours. The walk commemorates the escape route from Dublin Castle taken by Art O'Neill and Red Hugh O'Donnell in 1592.

They had been lured on board a ship in Lough Swilly 6 years previously, kidnapped and imprisoned in Dublin Castle as Hostages. As long as they were held captive there was no fear of the O'Neill or O'Donnell Clans rebelling against the Crown.

They escaped for the second time on the 6th January 1592, having been recaptured on the first occasion. They reached the Glenreemore Valley, only a few miles from Fiach Mac Hugh O'Byene's camp in Glenmalure, but could go no further. They were exhausted and frozen, wearing only light clothes and blankets. They took shelter under an overhanging cliff while their guide went on to get help. When help finally did arrive both men were covered in snow, and hailstones had stuck their hair to the ground. Art was found to be dead and was buried at the spot. Red Hugh survived but lost some toes from frostbite.

Today a plaque commemorates the spot in the Glenreemore Valley where Art died and was buried.

Red Hugh O'Donnell who survived went on to lead a rebellion against the Crown with his ally Red Hugh O'Neill, culminating in defeat at the Battle of Kinsale in 1601, and the Treaty of Melifont in 1603.

This January 37 walkers, consisting of members of The Ramblers, The Wayfarers and An Oige Hillwalkers Club took part in the walk. By 2am. we had reached the Stone Cross at Bohernabreena and by 6am. we had reached Ballynultagh Gap. It was a clear frosty night and it was a wonderful sight to see the line of torches moving through the snow covered landscape.

By 9am. we were at Ballinagee Bridge and the rain was pouring down. A much appreciated breakfast was very kindly served to us by volunteers from the Ramblers Club and was appreciated by the walkers. The group then proceeded into the Glenmalure Valley and soon Art O'Neill's grave came into sight. Here began the hardest part of the walk with a very steep climb out of the valley towards Art's Cross. With the rain

and sleet still pouring down the group finally reached the Glenmalure Hostel, between 1.30pm and 2.00pm., where wonderful stew was served to us by volunteers from An Oige.

Out of the 37 people that started the walk, 32 managed to complete it. Two walkers dropped out at Ballysmutton Bridge, where they were able to get a lift back to town by a driver who kindly did back-up until this point. A further three walkers dropped out at Ballinagee Bridge.

Anyone hoping to do this walk in the future would be advised as part of their training to have completed a few 20 mile road walks prior to the official walk. Runners or strong shoes would be suitable footwear for the road walk and hiking boots for the section through the mountains.

One should also have a torch, with spare batteries and bulb, a complete change of clothes, a hot drink, adequate food for the time you will be out, and a first-aid kit with them on this tough walk.

Personally I found it to be a great endurance test, and a remarkable achievement to have completed the walk. I hope that it continues to be organised for many years to come, not only because of its challenge, but also for its historical link with the past. Congratulations to the members of my own club — The An Oige Hillwalkers Club, who both took part and completed the walk.

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An Oige Hillwalkers Club

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH PROGRAMME  
SHOULD SEND THEM TO THE EDITOR: Maggie Greaney,  
14 York Road,  
Rathmines,  
Dublin 6.

ARTICLES SHOULD ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14.

ARTWORK NEEDED FOR THE COVER OF THE MARCH PROGRAMME — SO COME ON ALL  
YOU BUDDING ARTISTS! SEND TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER

Dine out in style with the Hillwalkers on Friday 28th January .

Contact Tony Crean 704 3096 (w) / 282 0076 (h) or Sean Dunn 041 - 27155 (h) to book your place.

IN  
DILLONS OF SUFFOLK STREET, AT 8.30 pm.  
£9.95 CHOICE OF MENU AVAILABLE

ST. VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISING GET TOGETHER  
STRURDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 1994

IN  
DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL  
61, MOUNTJOY STREET, DUBLIN 7.

presentatin of Certificates to "Lug" and Royal Canal Walkers.  
Tickets £10 Buffet Live Music 8.00pm.-12.00pm.

Tickets available from: Martin Fagan 874 3082 (h) Jacinta Moore 298 8974 (h)  
Margaret Darcy 830 5929 (h) Marie McDonald 837 7411 (h)  
An Oige Head Office 830 4555

Joe Simpson, the author of "Touching the Void", will be giving a lecture in the Arts Block in U.C.D.  
on the 8th Februaty, at 8.00pm. Admission: £5, £3 for unemployed. Pay at door.

AFAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 26th February 1994 in Tiglin  
The topic for duscussion will be Expeditions (from inception to overdraft)



## AN OIGE HILLWALKERS CLUB

### WALKING WEEKEND TO BALLYDAVID WOOD - 18 - 20 FEBRUARY 1993

Tommy Grainger will be co-ordinating a music session in the hostel.

The organised walks will be targeted at **experienced moderate and hard walkers**. Participants will be expected to walk at a moderate pace for about 6 hours/12 miles duration over mainly trackless terrain.

#### Walks planned to include:

- Galtees;
- Evening stroll to the 'Foot';
- Knockmealdown mountains.

#### What to bring:

- An Oige membership card,
- Walking boots (no wellingtons/runners allowed),
- Change of clothes and hiking socks,
- Waterproof jacket and overtrousers,
- Warm clothing (no jeans on the hills),
- Gloves and balaclava/woolen hat,
- Suntan lotion/nivea,
- Torch,
- Flask, teabags/coffee and dried milk,
- Sheet sleeping bag/sleeping bag,
- Food for two breakfasts, two drum-ups, evening meal on Saturday night in the hostel.

Self-catering cooking facilities provided at Ballydavid Wood Youth Hostel.

#### Cost:

£25 will include two overnights in Ballydavid Wood Youth Hostel, transport by bus from Dublin and back to Dublin and to start and end of walks each day.

#### Booking

Payment should be made at time of booking. Payment may be made by credit card.

Please leave your home/office phone no with office when booking.

#### Departure and return

Bus will depart Liberty Hall, Dublin on Friday, 18th February 1993 at 6.30 pm sharp. The bus will arrive back in Dublin at 10.00 pm approx on Sunday, 20th February 1993.

#### Leaders

Tommy Grainger  
Martin Fagan

#### Home phone no

8743082 (after 19.00 hours)