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The newsletter of the An Óige Hillwalkers Club

SUNDAY HIKES



MEET: Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay
DEPART Sundays 10.00AM. (or when the bus is full)
COST: Private bus. £5.00 (unless otherwise stated)
NOTE: The leader has the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped (i.e. without adequate rainwear, spare clothes, food, torch and hiking boots). The leader has the right to extend, curtail or alter the route from that described in the program. The leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to obey his/her instructions at all times.

Date	Route Description	Leader
7th Sept.	INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE Wicklow Gap - Tonelagee - Stoney Top - Barnacullian Ridge - East Top - Mullaghcleevaun - Black Hill - Lackan.	Kevin Kelly
14th Sept.	Ballinagee Bridge - Oakwood - Kings River - Glenreemore Brook - Art's Cross - Three Lakes - Table Track - Table Mtn. - Lobawn - Sugarloaf - Snugborough Bridge.	Donal Finn
21st Sept.	SPECIAL SUNDAY HIKE TO THE ROSTREVOR HILLS, CO. DOWN. Cost: £7. The bus will leave from Burgh Quay at the usual time.	Martin Fagan
29 Sept.	Laragh - Paddock Hill - Scarr - Glenmacnass Car Park - Glenmacnass River - East Top - Mullaghcleevaun - Carrigshouk.	Antoin Spain
5th Oct.	SPECIAL INTEREST HIKE Pier Gates - Lough Dan - Knocknacloghoge - Fancy Mtn. - Sheepshank Bridge - War Hill - Maulin - Crone Wood - Knockree Y.H. (See notes on page four)	Frank Rooney

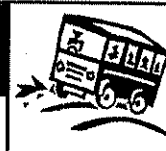
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your club membership card **MUST** be carried and produced on all Sunday hikes. Numbered tickets will be given out on the quays by a committee member. People with a valid membership card and ticket will be given preference on the bus.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY NOTE

Mountaineering is an activity with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks. People who take part in our club activities do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own actions and involvement. The Committee requests that anyone who is on medication or with a medical condition inform the leader before the hike.

WEEKENDS AWAY FOR 1997



- ♦ **Halloween Weekend in the Mournes** (October 24th to October 27th), staying in Newcastle YH.
Organiser: Martin Fagan.

PLEASE NOTE the bus for each of these weekends will leave the Custom House Quay at 6.00PM. SHARP for the outward journey and will arrive back in Dublin at approx. 9.00pm. on the return trip. An Oige Cards must be carried by each individual on these weekends. If you are not a member of An Oige, you can take out membership at head office.

SPECIAL SUNDAY HIKE IN 1997



- ♦ **SEPTEMBER** Rostrevor Hills 21st September.

Unfortunately due to the short evenings this will be the last special Sunday hike out of Wicklow this summer. Many thanks to all the leaders who put a lot of thought and effort into these walks over the summer months.

YOUNG HILLWALKERS CLUB



SATURDAY HIKE TO CRONE WOOD AND DJOUCE

Date: Saturday 11th October, 1997
Meet: Irish Press Office, Burgh Quay.
Time: 8.45AM.
Bring: Packed lunch, flask, hat, gloves, wet weather gear and torch.
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), warm sweater.

ADVENTURE WEEKEND AWAY

Date: 31st October to 2nd November, 1997.

Further details will be published in next months programme.

For further information about our club phone the An Óige Head Office at 01-8304555 or John Guy at 01-4524627 (h).

LONG WALKS PROGRAMME FOR 1997



Walk	Date	Organising Club	Contact Person
Glover Highlander	13 th Sept.	North West MC	Alan Tees 0801504-810834

PLEASE NOTE These walks are **NOT** led hikes. Participants need to know how to navigate and have a high level of fitness. You are responsible for yourself during these walks. A necessary amount of training should be undertaken before participating.

1998 IRISH EXPEDITION NEWS



Irish K2 Expedition 1998 (June-August)

A strong team comprising Eddie Cooper, Martin Daly, Paul Dunlop, Donie O'Sullivan, Ian Rea, Calvin Torrains and two Scottish climbers will attempt the Abruzzi Ridge of K2 in Alpine style without oxygen. At 8,611m K2, the second highest mountain in the world, is difficult by any route. This ridge was first attempted by the Duke of Abruzzi's party in 1909. It was first climbed by an Italian Expedition in 1954 having previously repelled three serious attempts by American parties in 1938, 1939 and 1953. Broad Peak, 8,047m is the secondary objective of the team.

Irish Nepalese Himalayan Expedition 1998

Garth Henry, Malcolm McNaught, Ciaran O'Hara and Kevin Quinn will attempt Jongsong Peak (7,483m) by the unclimbed South Face and Kirat Chuli (7,365m) by the unclimbed North Ridge. This will be a joint expedition with four Nepali climbers. Jongsong Peak, on the Sikkim/Nepal border was first climbed in 1930 by an international expedition which included Frank Smythe. It has hardly been visited since then - probably because of political access problems. It involves a long glacier approach. Kirat Chuli was first climbed by a German team in 1939. They are both very worth-while objectives.

SPECIAL INTEREST HIKE

This special hike, the details of which are on page one in the Sunday Hikes' section, will finish early at Knockree Youth Hostel.

A commemoration which includes the unveiling of a seat dedicated to the memory of the late Charlie O'Byrne (an An Óige Council member) who gave many years of voluntary service to the Association and had close ties with Knockree Youth Hostel.

The ceremony will be presided over by our good friend Eddie McGrane.

Light refreshments will be served.

TRAINING UPDATE



READ THIS OR GET LOST!

Did you ever want to go out for a walk in the hills with a few friends but were afraid you would get lost because you do not have the necessary skills to plan a route, estimate the time and navigate your way around?

Now is your chance to become independent in the hills and maybe even impress one or two people with your new found skills.

Our Training Officer, Kevin Kellegher, will be organising a basic navigation course this Autumn. Details will be published in next months Hillwalker.

Navigation is an essential skill for anyone who is serious about hiking.

LEADERS URGENTLY WANTED

Contact Jim Barry at 4556455 (home between 7.00pm. and 10.00pm.) or Martin Fagan at 8553653 (h)

SOCIAL NEWS



- ◆ **After Hike Meeting Place:** Palace Bar, Fleet Street.
- ◆ **Swimming:** Every Tuesday evening in E.S.B. Sportsco, South Lotts Road, Ringsend.
Cost: £2 per person. Time: 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

TIGLIN NEWS

AFAS has appointed a new Director, Simon Powell, to replace Marcus Bailie, who left to take up the post of Head of Inspection Services for the UK Adventure activities Licensing Authority. Simon was the owner of Mountain Craft, the Fort William based organisation which ran courses for hillwalkers, and received some patronage from Irish mountaineers.

THE HILLWALKERS COMMITTEE

Chairperson & Sunday Hikes: Jim Barry (01-4554655 h)
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Young Hillwalkers: John Guy (01-4524627 h)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Have you travelled anywhere abroad or indeed in Ireland that you think members would like to read about?

Please put pen to paper and send some articles or items of interest to the address below for inclusion in the newsletter.

Also, book reviews on hillwalking and related topics would be very welcome.

Articles for inclusion in the combined October newsletter should be sent before Monday 15th September to,

Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.