



Dungarvan Hillwalking Club Walks Schedule & Newsletter July 2012

COMERAGH CROSSING full details: *John Neylin / Billy Sheehan / Website*

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SATURDAY 7th JULY COMERAGH CROSSING

08-07-2012	€4	B	1000 hrs	KNOCKMEALDOWNS	Tony Fitzgerald 087 2588171
	€2	C flat	1300 hrs	CUNNIGAR	Eddie Hill 087 2259225

Chairperson Peter Mangan tele: 058 41248

15-07-2012	€4	B	1000hrs	KNOCKMEALDOWNS	Richard Dykes 086 24111287
	€4	C	1300hrs	LACHTNAFRANKEE	Michael Hanrahan 058 41686

Thursday Afternoon Walks: meet outside Park Hotel at 13.30 pm
Contact: John Browne 058 42224 / 087 6906568 Peter Mangan 087 2308857

“C” Walks contact: Brian Wickham tele:058 42338

“B” Walks contact Club Secretary Tom Walsh tele: 058 42347

0730hrs Start Saturday “A” Walks: Contact John Neylin tele: 058 42405

22-07-2012	€5	B	0900hrs *****	GALTEES	Tom Fitzgerald 087 9860495
	€3	C	1300 hrs	MAUMA ROAD	Jim Cahir 086 2501014

Membership Secretary Reenie Palmer tele: 058 54828

29-07-2012	€4	B	1000hrs	COMERAGHS	Donal O’Mahony 087 2219461
	€4	C	1300 hrs	GLEN PATRICK	Eddie Hill 087 2259225
05-08-2012	€4	B	1000hrs	LACHTNAFRANKEE	Michael Hanrahan 058 41686
	€4	C	1300 hrs	DUNMORE CLIFF WALK	Norman Graham 086 3170042

Meeting point for Walks is the TSB Car Park, 10 minutes before walk time listed unless stated.
Next Club Meeting at 8pm 07-08-2012 at the Tudor House, Mary Street, Dungarvan

B Walks are usually 4 to 6 hours. C Walks are about 3 hours. Inclement weather is likely to extend the time of all walks Hillwalking is an adventure sport and not devoid of an element of risk. To minimize risk, be prepared: waterproof boots, rucksack, waterproofs, a packed lunch, hot drink, warm hat, gloves etc. Mountaineering Ireland (MI) recognizes that participants in Hillwalking should be aware of and accept any risk and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. **Remember No Boots, No Walk**

Next Committee Meeting at 8pm 24-07-2012 at the Tudor House, Mary Street, Dungarvan

Review of Last Months Walks

Unfortunately for the past month the Thursday afternoon walks had very bad weather with some localised flooding so the call was made by the Leader on the day to have them at localities nearby such as Colligan or Glenshelane woods which saw a good turnout and the walk was in drier conditions than up on the exposed hills. Whereas the "B" and "C" walks on Sundays had glorious hillwalking weather for the most part.

The "B" grade hillwalks took place in locations such as Knockmealdowns and Comeraghs. A good turnout was experienced and a very enjoyable walk was had by all present. Unfortunately the "B" grade walking is suffering due to the absence of members because of other commitments through the summer but we do hope to see a good number of the "B" grade members back on the hills over this coming month.

"C" grade hillwalks were in idyllic locations such as Comeraghs, AGLISH, Lismore & Coumshingaun and the days couldn't have been nicer for such pleasant walks with good turnouts recorded.

Noticeable through all the grades of hillwalks was the amount of erosion the terrain has undertaken in the last month with all the heavy downpours, and caution is to be noted when walking on what appears to be stable ground, which could in fact be a small landslide about to happen so beware of side slopes of exposed hills and especially along edge of cliffs around our coastal areas and also for any concealed deep bogholes which are well saturated now.

We (the Committee) want to thank all the great leaders and sweepers for these great walks last month and we wish everyone the most enjoyable & safe walking on the hills for this coming month.

Comeragh Crossing 2012

Plans are in place for this years Comeragh Crossing Walk and Challenge on this coming Saturday 7th July and, being promised the good weather, we'll have a very enjoyable day. All the details of the different stages of the Walks and also the NEW 12km Charity Walk from the Mauma Road into Dungarvan Soccer Clubhouse details are also available.

Wednesday July 4th is the meeting for all personnel involved in the running of the Comeragh Crossing 2012, to be briefed on the plans for the day, so please attend as there have been a few changes this year.

Dear Nellie Brambles/Billy Briar

I bought a whole new walking outfit for the Comeragh Crossing. Now I've found out my friend has bought the same one. I've nothing else to wear. What else will I do?

Nellie's solution

Nothing else to wear? Poor dear. Either the recession has got you badly or you have had case of moths. You can fashion a winter blanket into a very nice walking suit. Visit my website www.stingywithstyle.com for a pattern.

Billy's solution

She could do the Comeragh Challenge, then she'd be guaranteed to be the only one wearing that outfit. Visit my website www.NotOnYourNellie.gone for registration



If you have a question to pose to Billy Briar or Nellie Brambles our monthly problem solver, ***please email it to info@dungarvanhillwalking.org***

Beginner and Refresher Navigation course

Tony Fitzgerald (Environmental officer) has taken the reins to host this fantastic free course to club members. It will involve a night class of learning how to navigate with map & compass and GPS Navigation, then one day out on the hills putting into practice everything learnt. This is a great and enjoyable way to learn such a craft as its invaluable when on the hills in thick fog, or inclement weather, which so often happens. If you have an interest in participating on the course, contact Tony (0872588171) to add your name to the interested list. We (the Committee) advise all leaders of all grades of Hillwalk to take advantage of this free refresher course and to help brush up on navigation skills.

N.C.B.I. walking initiative

Great to see that this pilot scheme is working so well so far, having had some really nice walks around Colligan and Glenshelane, this day is invaluable to its participants and the club is only happy to assist in helping with Mandy (co-ordinator for the National Council for the Blind of Ireland) on this initiative.

Well done Tom Walsh for making this all possible. The Club wishes to welcome all participants and we hope we make your walk a memorable occasion on the day.

DATE FOR YOU DIARY

Sunday August 19th - Annual Cunnigar Crossing

This fun day of crossing Dungarvan Harbour from Quanns Quay to the Cunnigar is expected to grow in popularity now that the Dungarvan Lions Club have come onboard for the day. Please check the hillwalking clubs website for further updates for this annual event. Drinks and refreshments will be served at Tig an Cheoil, An Rinn and thanks to Sean for providing us crazy hillwalkers/swimmers with use of the facilities. More details will be on the August Walksheet & Newsletter.