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## EDITORIAL

Once again, an Editor sets himself up with a raft of good intentions. However being well aware of the difficulty of maintaining a Newsletter, and of his own inadequacies, this Editor is determined not to promise too much to his readers.

What is the Newsletter's function? I would define it as filling the information gap not filled by Irish Mountaineering and Mountain Log. (An irreverent Club member, Mr. P--l D--n--lly) said we ought to call this Newsletter "Mountain Twig"! It will contain therefore information about the Club's activities in the recent past and the immediate future. So there will be information about lectures and meets - a bit more than the bare facts in the separately printed Meets List, - there will be information (and requests for help!) on the Hut. This is not to say that I would not welcome short informative pieces from members about their activities. For economy, we are photo-copying the Newsletter, so I cannot accept photographs, but sketches would be very welcome - look at the Ramblers Newsletter which has lots of line drawings.

This Newsletter will appear five times during the year, January, March, June, October, December. Copy date for the next issue is 28th February.

Can I also make a plea on behalf of my fellow Editor of "Irish Mountaineering", Leonard Frank? Please send your literary gems and photographic masterpieces to him as soon as possible. We have not had a Journal for three years now, there must be enough talent around to fill one now. His address is Brooke Lodge, Ballywaltrim, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and telephone 867600.

Finally I intend to adopt the Ramblers technique of having an Enveloping Party to add and despatch the Newsletter. The ENveloping Party for the January to March Newsletter will be Tuesday 9th March at 8 p.m. at my house. Tea will be provided for the first ten helpers to arrive. If you want something stronger, bring it with you (and a little extra for the Editor.)

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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Thank you for the warm response to the request for subscriptions in the last newsletter. Send your sub. to Joe Hobbs, 47 The Crescent Millbrook Lawns, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, if still outstanding.

The 1981/82 address list is enclosed. You are asked to draw the Secretary's attention to any errors. (Phone 855158).

This years Committee is an enthusiastic bunch, so all the Club needs is a healthy response to their efforts from you.

If you have not yet done so, please think about the Federation of Mountaineering Clubs of Ireland and its future policy. Any recommendations from you on what the FMCI should do or should avoid doing will be given due consideration. The sub-committee working on policy for guide book publishing is particularly anxious for interested persons to attend one meeting to hammer out a policy. If you have had any experience in the matter in the past, or if as a climber you have any reasonable grouses with guidebooks, then let me know.

## THE HUT

35 persons have applied for the job of Resident Warden and we have written to all asking for full particulars and outlining the job.

Planning Permission has been sought from Wicklow County Council for the addition of a toilet/shower block and a preliminary application has been made to Bord Failte for a grant for this work. The Youth Employment Scheme application is also being prepared for submission to the Department of Education. The Forest was inspected by a Government Inspector and he has advised that thinning is now due and he suggested a figure of between £300 and £400 as the commercial value of the standing timber which must be removed. The first fruits of the labours of Fred Thompson, Barry O'Flynn and those other old members who tended the forest over the years. On the subject of timber, don't miss the wood for the trees! - the objective of all this activity is a decent Hut for your benefit, both in Glendalough and through increased reciprocal rights facilities in Ireland and abroad next year.

## The Big Question

Is of course - MONEY. Are you willing to lend the Hut £10 or multiples thereof for a year or two? Prize Bonds in £10 units will be issued to all who subscribe to the loan for the project and a DRAW will be held annually for their benefit until loans are repaid. Repayments to subscribers will take precedence over any further projects and will be made in rotation as soon as the Hut is producing a regular turnover. A minimum of £1,500 must be raised so contact the Secretary with a generous heart.

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERING FOR 1982.

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## MOUNTAIN RESCUE

We are currently revising the Club Call Out List. Please contact the Secretary as soon as possible if you are willing to have your name on the list. We would also like to know if you can provide your own transport, if you have any useful qualifications (such as Mountain First Aid Training, experience in stretcher lowering etc.)

The U.C.D. Mountaineering Club Secretary has contacted our Club to express their appreciation of the large turnout of members on the recent rescue on Lug.

When responding to a call-out, always remember that more than likely you are preparing for a long day in the mountains, usually in very poor conditions and bring a very adequate stock of food and drink, a sleeping bag, a torch and batteries, if there is any snow around at all, bring an Ice axe and crampons, a transistor radio for hearing news bulletins and finally, warm dry clothes for the end of the day. An ill equipped rescuer is a liability, not a help. Any person who is an experienced mountaineer and who is interested in attending a Mountain Rescue professional course should advise the Committee, as the Club is willing to provide such a course in the autumn.

## MEETS SECRETARY'S NOTES

Lectures and Meets - January to April 1982

### January

Thu	7th	Lecture - Scottish Climbs. Gerry Smyth /716777 x22
Sun	10th	Walk - Coaghánmoira. David Walsh 967281/973611
Thu	14th	Lecture - Peak Experiences. Leonard Frank
Fri	15th	Lecture in Arts Bldg. U.C.D. Belfield, 8.00 p.m. "ONE MAN'S MOUNTAINS" by Denis Gray British Mountaineering Council Secretary
Sat	16th	Map & Compass Workshop & Practical at the Hut
Sun	17th	Meets Secretary 781489/686633
Thu	21st	Lecture - Scottish Winter Climbing. Sean Lyons
Sun	24th	Walk - Mullaghcleevaun & Tonelagee. David Walsh
Thu	28th	Lecture - New Zealand Alps. Triona Cleary <u>Note</u> This is the last night for receipt of entries for the Slide Competition.
Sat	30th	Hut Week-end Work Party
Sun	31st	Hut Warden 376435/688178

Lectures & Meets Continued...

February

Thu	4th	Lecture - Walking in the Rockies	Seán Nolan
Sun	7th	Walk - Lugnaquilla & Keadeen.	David Walsh
Thu	11th	Slide Competition.	John Murray 855158/766774
Sat	13th	Hut Week-end - Work Party	
Sun	14th	Hut Warden, Seán Lyons	376435/688178
Thu	18th	Lecture - Mountain Rescue.	Mick Kellett
Sat	20th	Connemara. Correcting O.S. ½" Map Sheet 10	
Sun	21st	(see Note 7.)	Joss Lynam 884672/745411
Thu	25th	Lecture - Climbing Around La Berarde.	Richard Dean
Sun	28th	Walk - Six Hills.	David Walsh

March

Thu	4th	Lecture - Morocco.	Hamish Brown
Sat	6th	Wicklow Way Run	
Sun	7th	Meets Secretary	
Thu	11th	Lecture - AFAS Alpine Course at Chamonix.	Liam Campbell
Sun	14th	Walk - Circuit of Glendalough.	David Walsh
		ST. PATRICK'S DAY - See Note 3	
Thu	18th	Lecture - The Mountain Environment.	Barney Rodgers
Sun	21st	Rock-Climbing Bray Head.	Gerry Moss /852122
Thu	25th	Lecture & Demonstration - Continental Belay Methods	Joss Lynam
Sat	27th	Demonstration & Practice - Continental Belaying Methods - Dalkey Quarry 2p.m.	Joss Lynam
Sun	28th	Walk - Slieve Blooms.	David Walsh

April

Thu	1st	Lecture & Film - Orienteering	Liam Convery
Sun	4th	Walk - Blackstairs.	Finola O'Donoghue 881266
Thu	8th	Lecture - Sunday Walks on Slides.	David Walsh
Fri/ Mon	9th/ 12th	EASTER MEET - Achill	Aidan McFadden 300721/760906



April

- Thu 15th Rock Climbing Beginners Course - Theory 1  
Sat 17th Rock Climbing Practice in Artificial Climbing, Dalkey  
Thu 22nd Rock Climbing Beginners Course - Theory II  
(Last Indoor Meet)  
Sat 24th The Burren. Seán Lyons  
Sun 25th  
Thu 29th Rock Climbing Beginners Course. Dalkey 7 p.m.

NOTES

Lectures will continue to be held in the Legal Eagle Pub, Chancery Place, (Beside the Four Courts) until further notice, and will start at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Latecomers may not be admitted.

1. Always check details of Outdoor Meets with the Meets Leader or the Meets Secretary. There is always a possibility that some of the Meets listed will not take place as envisaged, or will be re-scheduled. Final information will be notified through the weekly Herald Notes (EVENING HERALD - Wednesdays)
2. It is proposed to have two further Extended Meets during this season. A Scottish Winter Climbing Week to take place during February (weather permitting). If interested, contact the Meets Sec. NOW

A four-five day trip to the Lake District (Borrowdale) will take place around the St. Patrick's Day Holiday 17th March. Contact Fred Thompson NOW if interested. 971969/508006

3. In addition to the Meets listed it is proposed to have some additional events which for various reasons (weather included) must remain "variable feasts" for the time being. Members will be informed at the appropriate time through the regular Herald Notes (Wednesdays) and Thursday night lectures. These events include the following

Winter Camp on Lug - Meets Sec.	Climbing in the Scalp
Night Walk to Hut - Meets Sec.	Peter Gargan 308691
Lug Walk - Gerry Moss	Night Orienteering
	Meets Sec.

4. If any member proposes to lead a Meet (particularly a week-end meet) outside the official Meets List and wishes to have additional company, he should let the Meets Sec. and (through him) the Club membership know in good time so that the necessary publicity can be given. These additional Meets would be welcome and would add further variety to the Mountaineering Calendar.
5. The Committee requires MEET LEADERS to carry Map, Compass, and small First Aid Kit; also to advise newcomers of the basic equipment necessary for a particular meet.
6. The Club has offered the Ordnance Survey to list mistakes of Mountaineering interest on 1/2" Sheet No. 10 (Connemara). The Irish Ramblers found eighteen typescript pages of errors on Sheet 16 (Wicklow) on the 1" Wicklow district. We probably will not find that many, but there certainly are errors on Sheet 10. The kind of errors to be found are wrong contours, crags omitted, stream junctions incorrect, tracks omitted or non-existent ones included. The meet will probably be based on the Lynam's cottage near Tully Cross.