

Aidan's Winter Camp 2018 Report, February 2018.

Another adventure - this time to The Galtees.

**I have been doing these winter camps - for
Cork Mt. Club, for many years now. Bill Gregor
Used to do them - I took over the mantle from him
Aeons' ago. The local Munster counties of Cork, Kerry,
Waterford and Tipperary are our calling cards. This year
It was the Galtees, Co. Tipperary.**

**Suggested to me my Maureen Fitzgerald - with an access
From the security of the King's Yard - this was going to be it!
€2.00 per car here is very reasonable. They place has showers,
Toilet, indoor changing facilities - and more. Plus the great advantage
Of knowing that your car is secure A tad better than leaning
Against your car - in howling winds - to change into your gear!**

**Most had gathered in O'Callaghan's Deli and restaurant, Mitchelstown, we
decamped for King's Yard. An Jim O'Meara and I had done two recci's to the
site, we settled for this debatably perfect camp site. A pretty good spot in
what seemed to be the terraced garden of a ruined house. Fine views out over
the valley, walls to shelter from the wind and trees to bring ghostly
shadows.**

**Songs and stories filled the night - John Paul, Liz and Aodhán sang, Pat
Speight told stories - and magic lies around the campfire, which was closely
guarded by Maureen Fitzgerald. She supplied the special mat ensuring the
'Leave no trace' motto of CMC. Then the fantastic sight of the blue moon
rising above the Galtee ridge brought a hush over the wide eyed campers,
interrupted only by the occasional hiccup. The after dinner drinks included
Some very strong Ethiopian brew from Liz's recent travels. The moon having
been viewed we fell to stirring the fire and ensuring we left no trace - in
the bottles. The night at an end we retired for various variations on a good
night's sleep.**

**The eastern morning sunshine had indeed warmed the site - as predicted by e
mail some week's previously.....**

The morning walk from the site had two different groups. Some took a

strenuous route, others settled for a track walk, but we rendezvoused at The original - but somewhat exposed - campsite.

It was time to return to where we had packed our tents at our overnight venue, and return to The King's yard - and our cars.

Another rewarding CMC outing - where good friends - stayed overnight!

Aodhán Quinlan - with additional wording by Martin Gildroy.

Participants - Jim O'Meara, Frank O'Mahony, Brid Calnan, Martin Gildroy, Liz O'Donovan, Aodhán Quinlan, Phil Fitzpatrick, Maureen Fitzgerald, John D Barry, Pat Speight, John Paul Curtin.





