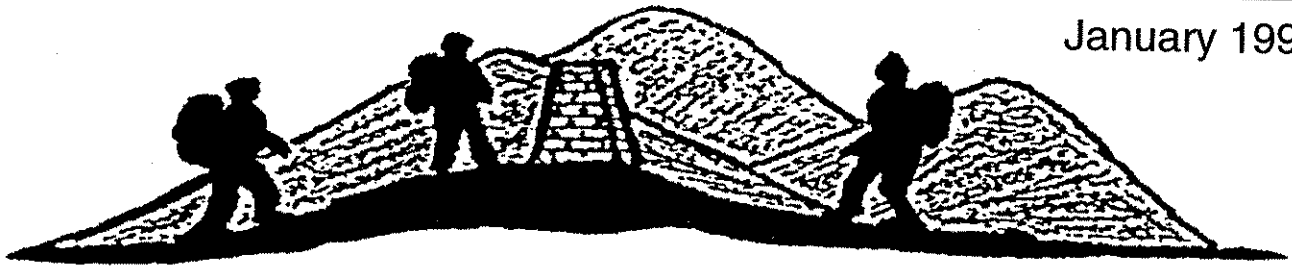


# The Hillwalker

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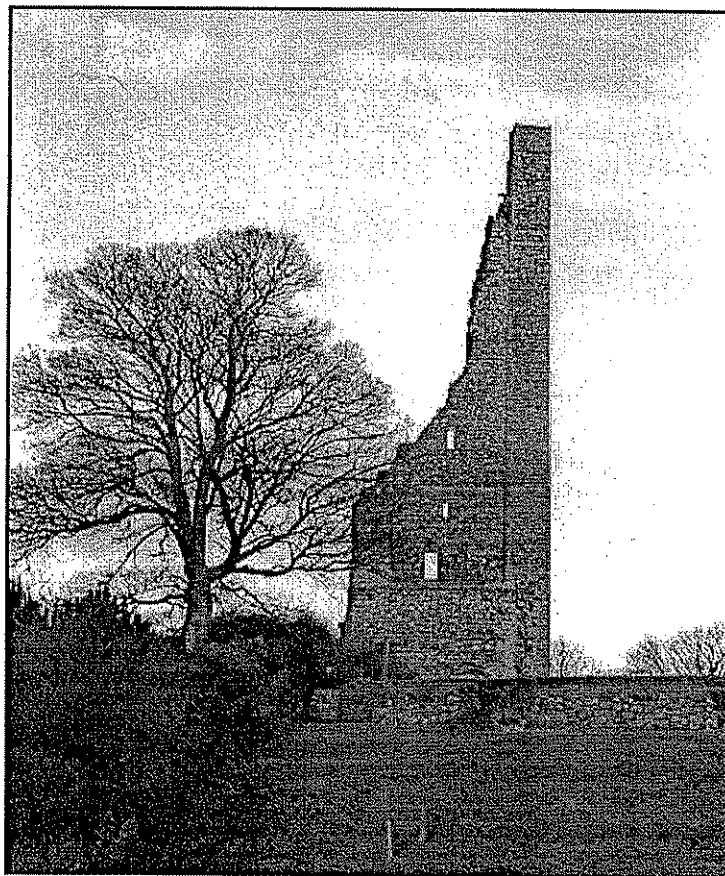
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*The Yellow Steeple*

*Photo: Maggie Greaney*

**Happy New Year to all our members**

# 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.

## BRING A TORCH

Date	Route Description	Leader
4th Jan.	Curtlestown Wood - Prince William Seat - Knocknagun - Oldboleys - Glencree - The Lough Brays - Kippure Gates.	Geraldine McVey
11th Jan	<b>INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE</b> Slievenabawnoge - Ballymorefinn Hill - Seahan - Corrig - Seefingan - Castlekelly - Glenasmole Reservoir.	Jerry Walsh
18th Jan	Liffey Head Bridge - Grouse House - Tonduff South - War Hill - Djouce Mountain - Dargle River - Maulin - Raven's Glen - Crone.	Noel Kerley
25th Jan	Ballyknockan - Silsean - Moanbane - Billy Byrne's Gap - Cleevaun Lough - Mullaghcleevaun - Barnacullian - Glenbride - Black Banks - Ballyknockan.	Tim Milligan
1 Feb.	Glendalough (Upper Lake) - Lugduffs - Conavalla - Lough Firrib - Turlough Hill - Camaderry.	John Guy

The hiking programme is subject to alteration during periods of extreme weather conditions

## 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

# YOUNG HILLWALKERS CLUB



## SATURDAY HIKE IN THE ROCKBROOK AREA.

Date: Saturday 10th January 1998.  
Meet: Irish Press Office, Burgh Quay.  
Time: 8.45AM.  
Bring: Packed lunch, flask, water, hat, gloves, wet weather gear and torch.  
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), warm sweater.

## ADVENTURE WEEKEND AWAY

Join the Young Hillwalkers Club for an adventure weekend staying in Aughavanagh Y. H. from 13th to 15th February 1998. Full details will be published next month.

For further information about our club phone the An Óige Head Office at 01-8304555 or either John Guy at 01-4524627 (h) or Dave Rooney at 01-8344811 (h).

# HILLWALKERS NEWS



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Hillwalker's Club **Annual General Meeting** will be held in An Óige Head Office on Thursday 29th January 1998 at 7.30PM. SHARP.

The meeting will be followed by a slide/video show of Mera Peak, when Leo Mahon and Gerry Wallace will give an account of their epic expedition to Nepal during 1997.

The Hillwalkers annual **Christmas Party Weekend Away** to Baltinglass was a huge success. The Club wish to thank everyone who helped out over the weekend, in particular the team of people who prepared such a wonderful meal for 101 people. We would also like to thank everyone who donated gifts for the raffle.

**Hillwalkers Club t-shirts** are now on sale. Sizes medium and large. Send £5 (cheque or postal order only - NO CASH) to cover post and packing to Maggie Greaney, stating the size required along with your name, address and telephone number, at the address on the back of the newsletter. There will be a limited number on sale at the AGM.

**Club membership fees** are now due for renewal and the necessary form is attached. The membership fee will remain the same as last year at £10. and should be fully completed and sent to the membership secretary only. The address is on the form.

# LEADERS URGENTLY WANTED

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

# BOOK REVIEW



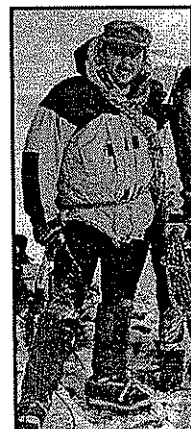
**"Reach for the Sky" Pat Falvey ISBN 1-898256-32-2**

Pat Falvey is the first person from Ireland to climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents. This book is the story of his triumph in the face of adversity.

At the age of 26 he was a self-made millionaire, at the age of 29 he was on the verge of financial ruin. During his period of deep financial and personal crisis he developed a keen interest in the outdoors which lead to his successful completion of the seven-summits challenge.

The book is a thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting read. Pat Falvey has demonstrated how to transform a dream into reality despite all barriers.

Paul Kavanagh



Pat Falvey

# THE COMMITTEE



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Young Hillwalkers: John Guy (01-4524627 h) or Dave Rooney (01-8344811)

# 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. If possible the articles should be typed or in electronic form and should be a maximum of *one A4 page of text*. A stamped and addressed envelope should accompany any photographs or article to ensure their return.

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

Articles for inclusion in the February newsletter should be sent before Friday 16 January 1998 to:  
**Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.**