

The magazine of the An Óige Hillwalkers Club

The Hillwalker



Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue team leader Ed Fagan being present with radio equipment by the Motorola Company, at the launch of their new Mobile Operations & Equipment Vehicle in Cheeverstown House on 26 January 1999.

Photo: Maggie Greaney Collection

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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.



During winter months it is essential to bring a (head) torch on all Sunday hikes and weekends away. Don't forget to check your batteries and bulb.

Date	Route Description	Leader
2 May	No Sunday hike due to bank holiday weekend.	
9 May	INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE Croghan Mountain and Avondale House	Peter O'Toole
16 May	SPECIAL HIKE IN THE BLACKSTAIRS MOUNTAINS, CO. CARLOW. Bus fare £7. Payable on the bus.	Jim Barry and Martin Fagan
23 May	Curtlestown Wood – Prince William Seat – Knocknagun – Glencree – Lough Bray's – Powerscourt Mtn. – Tonduffs – Maulin – Crone Wood.	Brian Madigan
30 May	ANNUAL J. B. MALONE COMMEMORATION WALK Meet at the usual time and location. Refreshments will be served in Knockree Youth Hostel at the end of the hike.	Various
7 June	No Sunday hike due to bank holiday weekend.	

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.

LITTER

Litter is unsightly and dangerous to animals. Even bio-degradable items like orange peels and banana skins take years to disappear. Bring all your litter home and try to include at least one extra item from each day out. Do not bury litter – animals will dig it up.

The Young Hillwalkers Club

SATURDAY HIKE FOR MAY

Date: Saturday 8 May 1999.
Route: Maulin and Crone.
Meet: Harp Bar, O'Connell Bridge, Dublin.
Time: 8.45 AM
Transport: Local bus (unless otherwise stated).
Bring: Packed lunch, wet weather gear and torch.
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), hat and gloves.



THE NEXT CLUB WEEKEND AWAY WILL BE TO WHITEPARK BAY, CO. ANTRIM BETWEEN 11 – 13 JUNE 1999.
Details will be published when available.

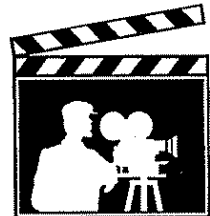
For further information about our monthly hike, weekends away or about the club in general, contact An Óige Head Office at 01-8304555

The Club Slides

“Hiking in Chile”

A slide show presentation by
Tony Crean
On Tuesday 18 April 1999
at 8.30PM

In the Palace Bar, Fleet Street
Admission is free. Parking in Temple Bar Car Park.



This will be the last in our current series of slide shows. Anyone interested in giving a slide show presentation when they resume in the winter should contact Donal Finn at the number on the back of the *Hillwalker*.

An Óige Hillwalkers holiday to Majorca

Martin Fagan is organising a two week holiday in Majorca, for twenty-five to thirty people, for the second and third week of September 1999. There are still a limited number of places available for this trip. A deposit of £60 will secure a place. For further information contact Martin at the number on the back of the *Hillwalker*.

An Óige Hillwalkers holiday to Kilimanjaro

Martin Fagan will hold a meeting for those going on the Kilimanjaro trip on Thursday 20 May 1999, at 8.00 p.m. in An Óige Head Office, Mountjoy Street. All those going on the trip **MUST** attend as this will be the final meeting of the group before departure. The final payment is now due and will be collected on the night if not paid beforehand.

Glen of Imaal Mountain Rescue Team

Set Dance Ceili in aid of the Glen of Imaal Mountain Rescue Team will be held in the Glendalough Hotel, Wicklow on Saturday 15 May 1999 at 9.00pm. Price is £4.00 and the music is by The Eamon Bolger Ceili Band

June Weekend in the Black Valley, Kerry

Blackvalley (An Com Ui Dhuibh) takes its name from the inability of the sun to penetrate the lower reaches of the valley particularly during the winter months. Located in the middle of the Iveragh Peninsula, the valley stretches from east to west and is bounded by the MacGillycuddy Reeks to the north and the Broaghabinna Ridge to the south. The Kerry Way runs through the valley in its stage between Killarney and Glencar.

Date: Friday 4 June to Monday 9 June 1999
Cost: £65. This includes train, bus and overnights but excluding meals.
Deposit: £30. Non refundable and payable on booking.
Booking: Booking opens on Monday 12 April via An Óige Head Office tel. 01-8304555.
Hostel: Black Valley YH, Kenmare, Co. Kerry.
Organisers: Donal Finn and Joe Kellegher.
Capacity: Limited to 25 people.

Transport Details

Transport will be a combination of train and bus. Please note the times given below may be modified when Irish Rail publishes their timetable. Participants will be informed of any changes in a later newsletter or by phone. Special train tickets will be pre-purchased by the organisers and distributed to participants in the weeks prior to travelling.

Outbound:

Departure by train from Heuston Station at 1737 hrs to Killarney. Arrive Killarney 2104 hrs. Private bus from Killarney Station to Blackvalley Hostel. Journey time approx. 1.5 hrs. The bus will stop at a supermarket en-route to the hostel.

N/B Please arrive at Heuston Station by 1700 hrs on the Friday to ensure a seat on the train.

Return:

Bus to Killarney departing hostel 1600 hrs. Depart Killarney 1747 hrs. Arrive Dublin 2200 hrs.

Meals:

Please note that the services of the bus will NOT be available over the weekend. In addition, there are no restaurants/shops/pubs nearby, therefore participants should bring ALL food with them for the weekend. However, the hostel will provide a standard evening meal (approx. £8 per meal) on the Saturday and Sunday evenings. This facility is limited to the first fifteen people. Please indicate your preference on booking. The hostel has the usual self-catering facilities.

WALKS

Two walks will be organised each day. Easier walks will be based on shortened versions of the longer walks. Please note that the services of the bus will not be available over the weekend.

Longer Walk Day One

Ridge of the Reeks (Sheet 78)

Longer Walk Day Two

Circuit of Broaghabinna (Sheet 78)

Longer Walk Day Three

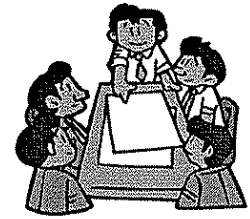
Purple Mountain, Tomies Mountain (Sheet 78)

June Weekend in Snowdonia, Wales

A hiking weekend for fifty people to Wales, staying in the Snowdon Ranger YH will be organised by Séan Dunne and Dave Rooney for the June Bank Holiday Weekend. Details from An Óige Head Office.

The Committee

Chairperson:	Martin Fagan (01-8553653 h)
Secretary:	Donal Finn (01-4530617 h)
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Editor:	Maggie Greaney (01-2834253 h)
Sunday Hikes:	Jim Barry (01-4556455 h)
Weekends/Holidays:	Martin Fagan
Membership Secretary:	Gerry Walshe/Pauline Morley (01-8225818 h)
Training Officer:	Joe Kellegher (01-8381973 h)
Social Events:	Donal Finn / Martin Fagan
Young Hillwalkers:	John Guy (01-4524627 h) or Dave Rooney (01-8344811)
Distribution:	Cyril McFeeney & Pearse Foley



Membership

Annual membership fees of £15 include the monthly club programme, insurance and a copy of the Irish Mountain Log which is published four times a year. Fees should be sent to the membership secretary at the following address:

Mr. Ger Walsh, 15 Summerfield Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Next Committee meeting

Next Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 May 1999.

An Óige photographic exhibition

The An Óige Annual Photographic Exhibition will take place from 20 – 25 May 1999 in the Arnotts Studio, Arnotts Department Store (entrance is on Abbey Street)

A Note from the Editor

During 1999 all articles published in *The Hillwalker* will be entered in a competition under the categories of holidays/weekends abroad and holidays/weekends at home. Prizes will be awarded at the 1999 Christmas Party so please put pen to paper and send your 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 500 words. A stamped and addressed envelope should accompany any photographs or articles to ensure their return.

Articles for inclusion in the April newsletter should be sent before Friday 14 May to:
Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
(e-mail: maggiieg@tinet.ie)



AN ÓIGE HILLWALKERS CLUB

SNOWDON RANGER - SNOWDONIA - WALES

Friday 4th JUNE – Monday 7st JUNE 1999

Departure:

Friday 4th June at 7.30 p.m.
Bus leaves From An Óige 61 Mountjoy St.
Bus travels on ferry
Arrive hostel midnight (approx.)

Arrive:

Arrive back in Dublin at 9.00 p.m.
on Monday 7th June 1999

Food:

All meals cooked to a very high standard
Breakfast – Substantial packed Lunch – Evening meal
There is always a delicious vegetarian option

Hikes:

Hikes to suit every grade of walker
Hard – Moderate – Easy

Cost:

£130 includes all transport, accommodation and full board
Deposit £50

Booking:

Book Now in Head Office
An Óige Tel. 01-8304555

Leaders:

Seán Dunne – Dave Rooney
Jim Barry – Ita O'Hanlon