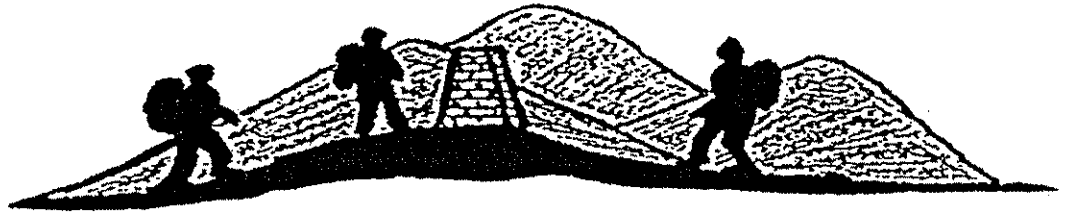


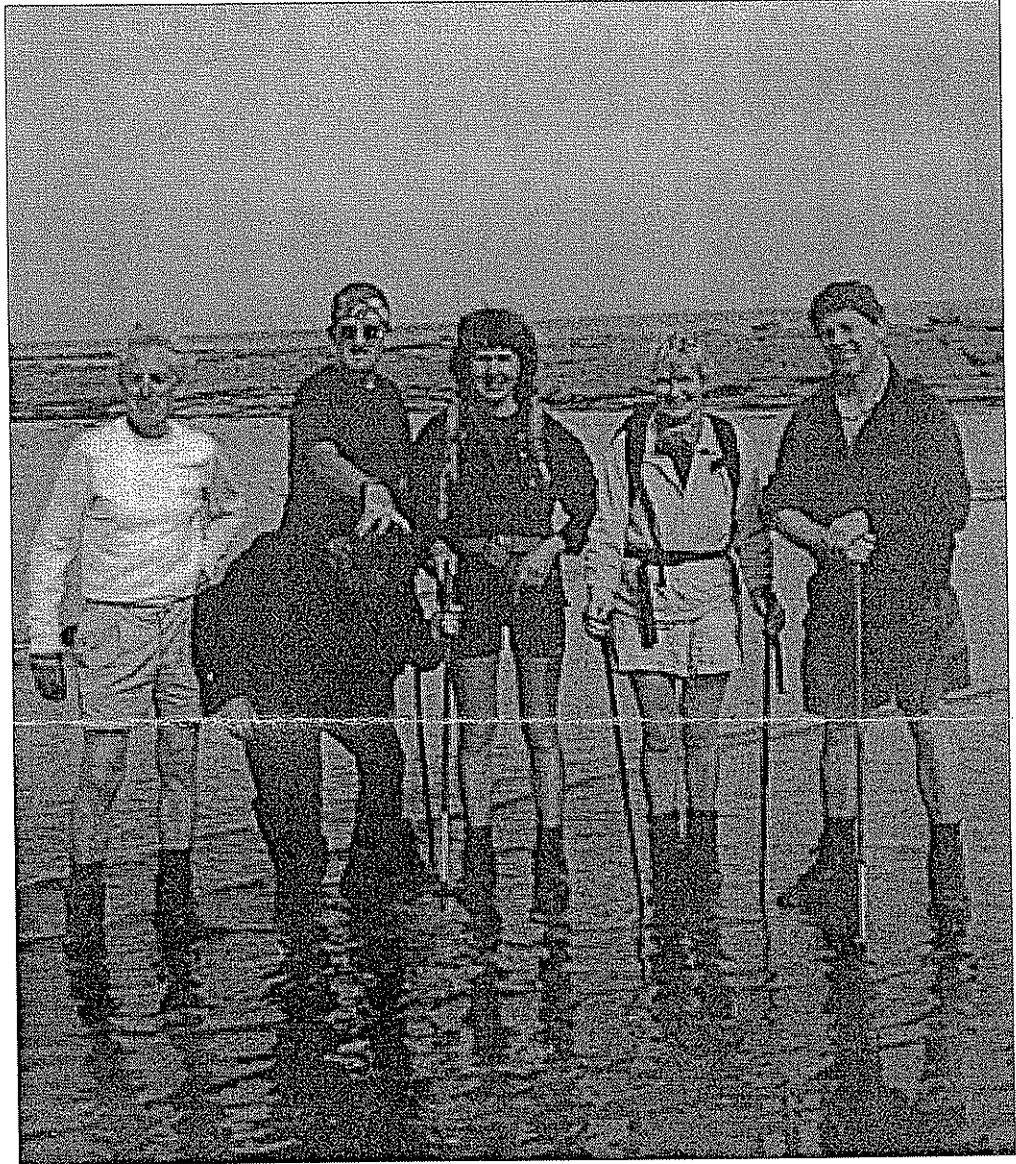
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The magazine of the An Óige Hillwalkers Club

The Hillwalker



Pearse Foley (left) and fellow-walkers on the Coast to Coast walk – see *Club Travel* page 4

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Sunday Hikes October

MEET: Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay
DEPART Sundays 10.00 A.M. (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
October 1	Ballinagee Bridge - Glenreemore Brook - Oakwood - Lough Firrib - Conavalla - Lugduffs - Mullacor - The Spink - Glendalough (Lower Lake Carpark).	Noel Kerley
October 8	Laragh - Brockaghs - Tonelagee Mtn - Stoney Top - Barnacullian Mtn - Carrignagunneen - Ballinagee Bridge.	Frank Rooney
October 15	Sally Gap Road (Oasis) - Kanturk Mtn - Scarr - Knocknacloghoge Mtn - Pier Gates - White Hill - Djouce - Wicklow Way - Paddock Carpark.	Tony Crean
October 22	Ballinfoyle - Ballineddan - Slieve Maan - Lugnaquilla - Corrigasleggaun - Carrawaystick Mtn - Little Clohernagh - Glenmalure (Drumgoff).	Ita O'Hanlon
October 29	Bank Holiday Weekend to Mourne Mountains Co. Down	
November 5	Kippure Gates - Lough Brays - Glenree - Oldboley's - Knocknagun - PrinceWilliam Seat - Boranaraltry Bridge - Ballybrack - Two Rock Mtn - Fairy Castle - Three Rock Mountain - Fern Hill Tunnel (Stepaside)	Pat Drew

Your club membership card **MUST** be carried and produced, if requested 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 start of 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.

WALKING STICKS

In the interest of safety and comfort please keep the pointed end of your walking stick covered, especially when travelling on the bus.

Young Hillwalkers Club

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY HIKE DETAILS

Sunday 10 October 2000 Crone and Djouce

Meet: Maguire's Bar, O'Connell Bridge

Time: 8.45 a.m.

Bring: Packed lunch, wed weather gear, torch.

Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), hat and gloves.



NOVEMBER ADVENTURE WEEKENDS AWAY

3rd to 5th October: Knockree

For further information about our Club, please phone the An Óige Office at 01-8304555

An Óige Hillwalkers Club Christmas Party Weekend Away

The An Óige Hillwalkers Club annual Christmas Party Weekend Away will take place on the weekend of **2 – 3 December 2000**, in the Glendalough Youth Hostel. (*Please note the change in date from that published last month.*)

Option One

Travel: Bus departs Saturday morning 9.00am from Custom House Quay and return Sunday evening.

Price: £40.00 (Includes transport to and from Dublin, hikes, dinner on Saturday night, slide show, spot prizes and one overnight)

Option two

Arrive (own transport) Saturday evening by 6.00pm

Price: £30.00 (Includes dinner, spot prizes slide show, one overnight and hike on Sunday)

Payment in full to An Óige Head Office stating either option one or option two.

Money will *not* be collected by any committee member either beforehand or in the hostel.

New Year in the Peak District

**An Óige Hillwalkers Club New Year Revels
To Ilam Hall Youth Hostel**

This youth hostel is a magnificent historic mansion owned by the National Trust and is located in the beautiful Peak District.

Date: 28th December 2000 to 1st January 2001

Travel: The coach will leave An Óige Mountjoy Street 8.30 am Saturday December 28th and arrive back to Dun Laoghaire 8.30 pm (approx.) January 1st. Coach travels on ferry.

Cost: £200 (including all meals – breakfast, substantial packed lunch and evening dinner)

Booking now open in On Oige Head Office.

Club Travel

The Coast to Coast Walk - May 2000

This walk was established by the legendary hillwalker, William Wainwright and is highly popular. It starts at the small seaside resort of St Bees, in Cumbria near Sellafield and ends at Robin Hood's bay, near Whitby, in North Yorkshire - a distance of approx 300 km /191 miles. Wainwright's book on the walk is an astonishing step-by-step account in his own script, including hundreds of drawings and sketch-maps.

The six of us included Monica Caden, Alma Hobson, Garry Byrne, Stephen James, Frank Rooney and Pearse Foley flew to Newcastle and then by train to Carlisle and St Bees. Diarmuid O'Suilleabhain joined us for the first four days through the Lake District. We didn't tackle the highest but crossed some high ridges, providing magnificent panoramas of fells, lakes and distant ridges. We in youth hostels for this part of the journey, all in superb locations with first class facilities, including Ennerdale (a.k.a. High Gillerthwaite), Borrowdale (or Longthwaite) and Patterdale.

Leaving the Lake District, our first B&B was in Shap (New Ing Farm). From there, the route crossed limestone hills, reminiscent of the Burren with creviced pavements, rocky outcrops, stone circles and tumuli. Roman roads were also becoming a feature. Next overnight was at Kirkby Stephen, a handsome market town in an imposing mansion, Redmayne House.

We were now leaving Cumbria and entering North Yorkshire and its dales. Soon we were on the highest summit on the entire route - Nine Standards Rigg (2,171 ft). This peak gets its name from nine individual vertical cairns, dramatically silhouetted against the skyline, marking an important watershed in the Pennines. The scale and isolation of this moorland is so very impressive, despite being marred a little by low flying RAF tornado jets. We spent that night in Keld, a tiny remote village, without even a pub. It's mainly noted for being at the intersection of this walk and the Pennine Way. I had a chastening experience here as the landlady switched off the TV in front of me, announced that she was putting the lights out and that it was time for bed! That last happened to me almost 60 years ago.

We reached Richmond two days later, a beautifully preserved town with its cobbled market square, dominant castle and quaint narrow streets and alleys.

A day off here, so we went to York, taking in the Minster and castle. Here as everywhere on our trip -town, village, countryside - no litter - not a plastic bag anywhere.

The final section was across the Cleveland Hills and the North Yorkshire moors -appealed most to me. About 1,000 ft above sea level, it was an almost unbroken ridge for two days - 38 miles, with gentle gradients, distant views and not a wall or fence in sight. It rained most of the second day but there were two highlights - the Lion Inn, a wonderful refuge at the top of a mountain and a surreal moment when a man with a car met us (and others) at an isolated roadside spot with cups of tea and coffee. That night was spent in Glaisdale and then a final celebratory stretch to Robin Hood's Bay next day.

A walk to be warmly recommended. There was a great camaraderie to be found amongst all the walkers we encountered.

Finally, the cost. The exchange rate was very poor @ 72p sterling to IEP £1. Hostels were £12 sterling/night. B&Bs ranged from £16 to £25 sterling. Return flight was IEP £85, trains and buses £55 sterling. Luggage was carried forward for £3.75 per day. Pub dinners, which were good, were about £6 each evening. Overall, including spending money the trip came to about £800. But can you put a price on treasured memories?

Pearse Foley

Map and Compass Course 2000

NAVIGATION TRAINING

Three evening sessions:

First weekend:

Second weekend:

Night Hike:

Third weekend:

Cost:

Deposit:

MAP & COMPASS COURSE 2000

October 10th & 24th, November 7th, An Óige, Mountjoy St.

October 14th & 15th, Wicklow Mountains

November 11th & 12th, Wicklow Mountains

December 9th, Laragh at 17:00

February 3rd & 4th, 2001, Comeragh Mountains

£30 (Not including cost of transport & third weekend)

£15 (non-refundable)

Book through the An Óige Head Office. Tel (01) 830 4555

The Club Slides

New Zealand

Presented by

Donal Finn

on

Tuesday 17th October 2000

at 8.30pm

Palace Bar, Upstairs Lounge Fleet Street

As always, any person interested in giving a slideshow should contact Donal Finn at 01 – 4530617.

Dublin/ Wicklow Mountain Rescue

.We need Your Club's Help!

Each year the Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team responds to approximately 50 incidents in the mountains of Counties Louth, Dublin and Wicklow. The cost of providing this service is about £20,000 per annum, of which approximately £7,500 comes from the State. The balance is raised through street collections and other fundraising events.

The potential of a street collection in Dublin City is pretty unlimited, provided we have the collectors. Each person we have on the street is worth around £100 in terms of monies collected.

We have a Street Collection in the City area on Saturday 14th October next. We need as many collectors as possible!

I would ask you to circulate this request around your club members, and ask them to support us by volunteering to collect for us on that day. We need to get some idea of numbers in advance (so that we can have permits etc, and "pitches" organised in advance). However, volunteers on the day will be very welcome, so long as we can verify their identities!

Basically, the plan is this: we will have a Base set up on the centre island in O'Connell Street, from 08.30 am on the 14th. Collectors should arrive anytime after that, to collect their box, and be assigned a "pitch". When the collector has finished/has to leave, he/she returns the box etc to the base in O'Connell Street. We would be grateful for any time commitment.....even a few hours would be a great help.

So, please publicise this event, and see if your club could supply some collectors for us. Remember, we need the funds to provide the service to those who use the hills.....

Further details and confirmation of availability to :

Mal Hunt, Tel 01-296466 086-2397524 E-Mail huntmal@gofree.indigo.ie

Membership Fees

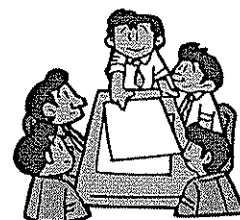
The Hillwalkers Club annual membership fee is £15.

Fees should be sent to the membership secretary at the following address:
Mr. Ger Walsh, 15 Summerfield Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Queries regarding change of address or non-receipt the Hillwalker should be directed to either Mr Ger Walsh (membership secretary) or Mr Joe Kellegher (telephone numbers below).

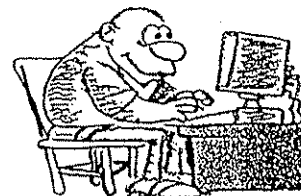
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A Note from the Editor

During 2000 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 2000 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 November newsletter should be sent before Friday 20 October to:
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