



# NEWSLETTER

## NEXT WALK

**Sunday 22 January 2017**  
**Stradbally/Benoskee, Kerry**

Meeting 7.45am in Roslevan

Contact a leader by Friday night if you wish to join:

Marie Louise Sheehy , 086 804 5635

Ann Slattery , 087 757 8330

## MONTH AHEAD

**Sunday 05 February**

Club walk - Failmore Horseshoe, Connemara

**Sunday 12 February**

Moderate Club Walk

Fanore to Ballyvaughan, Clare

Check out the calendar on the website for more details

## Caving in the Burren, Saturday 28 January

- ⇒ €35 per head.
- ⇒ All gear provided (overalls, hardhat with a torch and wellies). If you have your own wellies bring them along.
- ⇒ We will meet up at the **Burren Outdoor Centre near Bell Harbour** at **9.30am** to chat with the guides and collect the gear.
- ⇒ Please confirm by **Monday 23 January** at the latest.

For further information and to confirm a place, contact Ed Kavanagh on 086 071 4698.

## Walk Report - Caherconree, Kerry Sunday 18 December



Starting at sea level on Derrymore Strand, fifteen of us started the climb of Caherconree by going up the steep and heathery Gearhane. The wind was fierce making for a good workout. We stopped at the 'teapot' (a rock in the shape of a teapot which unfortunately did not dispense tea) before reaching the many 'false tops' of Caherconree. Lunch was chilly at the side of a rock on a cliff edge (not great for digestion) but with beautiful views West and North

whenever the clouds dispersed. Next we went up Baurtregaum, at 851m the highest peak of Slieve Mish. This was a magnificent climb, at one point walking along a ridge with steep drops either side mere feet away. After the icy and cloudy summit of Baurtregaum we started the descent down a beautifully sheltered valley crossing Derrymore River. It was a great day topped off by great advice from the leaders on how to buy good boots!

Clara Slattery

## Walk Report - Loop Head Peninsula, Clare Monday 2 January



With New Year's resolutions to be resolved, 29 Clare Outdoor Club members (including a few new and very welcome faces) set off for Kilbaha on the Loop Head Peninsula. With the sun shining bright in the clear blue sky it was difficult to believe that it really was the 2nd of January and not mid-summer. We headed to the north of the peninsula making our way along the coast to the light house. Lunch had been reserved here by our great leaders (Eilish and Aedamer) - I just wonder how many other people were as blessed as we were to be sitting out in the sunshine admiring dolphins jumping in front of them. Luckily no cailleach was encountered and none of our men folk were forced to attempt Cuchulainn's Leap (check out [www.irelandseden.ie](http://www.irelandseden.ie) for more info)! Some 4ish hours later (who keeps track of time on such a stunning day as this) we returned to our cars all suitably invigorated and ready to face another great year of walking with Clare Outdoor Club. Thanks to our amazing leaders and to all others for the great company along the way.



PS Hopefully Santa might make a return trip to John Rodgers house and deliver a new pair of boots!!

Ann Slattery - a first (but definitely not last) time visitor to Loop Head

To see more photos from the walks, check out the [www.clareoutdoorclub.net](http://www.clareoutdoorclub.net) website gallery.

## St Patrick's Weekend in Sligo, 16-19 March

Three nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) in Strandhill Hostel with walks/activities such as Benbulbin, Knocknarea, Marble Arch Caves/Cuilcagh. Cost approx €75 incl breakfast kitty.

Futher details in February.

## Burren Geology Evening Course

Stone, water and Ice: the Burren - a landscape shaped by time

The course will run for 5 Thursday evenings in February/March for 2 hours each evening. It will be run by Colin Bunce (Burren Outdoor Education Centre) and Dr Eamon Doyle (Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark).

Topics covered are: an introduction to geology, the geology of Ireland, the geology of the Burren, fossils, geological maps, geology and the Burren landscape; there is also a field trip. On the last night there will be a guest speaker.

The course is designed to be relaxed, informative and practical. No previous geology knowledge is required (and there are no exams!)

Cost: €60 Dates: Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusive. Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Venue: Burren Outdoor Education Centre, Turlough, Bell Harbour.

Bookings and enquiries: [colin.bunce@lcbetb.ie](mailto:colin.bunce@lcbetb.ie) or [edoyle@clarecoco.ie](mailto:edoyle@clarecoco.ie) or 065 7078066

## Happy New Year everyone

Here's to another great year out on the hills... Thank you to all the leaders, trip report writers and everyone who helps organise training, trips away and all the other behind-the-scenes activities that makes all the fun happen. Much more to follow...

The Clare Outdoor Club Committee