

Sharing the Journey



A monthly newsletter from the Journeying team

August 2021

Dear Friends

Welcome to the August edition of Sharing the Journey!



Where are we?

The first person to correctly identify the location in this picture, wins a Bookmark and a mention in next month's newsletter! Please email your answer to:

info@journeying.co.uk



Where are We? Last month's winner July's *Where are we* competition was difficult (a hazy 'snap,' with lots of foliage in the foreground and a distant view) and there were in fact no correct entries...

So, *where were we!?* The answer; *Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo, Ireland!* The view is across part of Clew Bay from a point along the Westport - Murrisk road, towards the Holy Mountain.

The story of our first visit to Croagh Patrick and indeed to Ireland, is told in 'Walking to an Island'. Please see announcement a little further into the newsletter.



Do join us in North Wales, this September!

Enjoy beautiful coastline, valleys, hills, rivers and mountains. Steeped in Christianity - brought by the Romans and nurtured by hundreds of saints – North Wales also has many *thin places*, places where heaven and earth, the spiritual and material, are no more than a tissue breath apart...

To take part in our pilgrim-journey through North Wales, 20th – 26th September and for more detail, please follow the link: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/journeys-2021?id=797525>



Holiday leaders,
Rosemary and Karen.



St Aidan

From the Island of Iona, Aidan travelled to Lindisfarne in the year 635, where he established a monastic community. The buildings were made of wood and probably consisted initially of a small Church, circular dwelling huts and perhaps a larger community building. An inspired missionary, Aidan walked from one village to another sharing the Gospel message.

Aidan died on 31st August 651.

Our 2022 pilgrim-holiday programme includes a stay on Lindisfarne!



Robert Foote

Rob, who co-led the first pilgrim-holiday in 1989 with Dave Glead, was tragically killed at Brands Hatch on July 31st while serving as a volunteer marshal at the famous motor racing circuit. A car spun off the track during a British Automobile Racing Club, Car Championship event. Despite the best efforts of the medics, Rob died of his injuries. Coming so soon after the sad loss Rob's wife, Rossie to cancer last December, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and wide circle of friends at this difficult time.



Image: Rosie on the left, Rob on the far right. *Journeying* in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, 1991.



Friday Gathering

Hope you can be with us... For some while now, we have held each Friday at 10 p.m. (UK time) as a time to pause and prayerfully hold in our thoughts all those connected with *Journeying*. We have no particular format and there's no linking over the airwaves.



Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



Pilgrim Adventure

By Carole Hodgkins

*The hills of grey-blue erstwhile were green,
The pilgrims walked onwards through heather's mauve screen.
Some changed, some silent - over rocks and bog plough
While their spirit soars heavenward knowing that
Heaven is now!*

*Ragged robin and orchid bring joy to the eye,
Mosses, so green and springy 'neath our feet lie.
The deer on the hillside, the stags on the brow,
Convince me more strongly
Heaven is now!*

*The mysterious water hides Neptune's dark world,
The whale and the o'er glide 'neath ripples froth-furled.
The Lord shares our travail, this I avow,
And His glory in flowers and His people reveals -
Heaven is now!*

[*Journeying* began life as *Pilgrim Adventure*, changing its name along the Way... The above was written on the island of Mull during 'Walking to An Island,' a *Pilgrim Adventure* journey from Applecross in Wester Ross, to the island of Iona]

Image: Leaving Applecross – the journey begins!





Book Publication

WALKING TO AN ISLAND

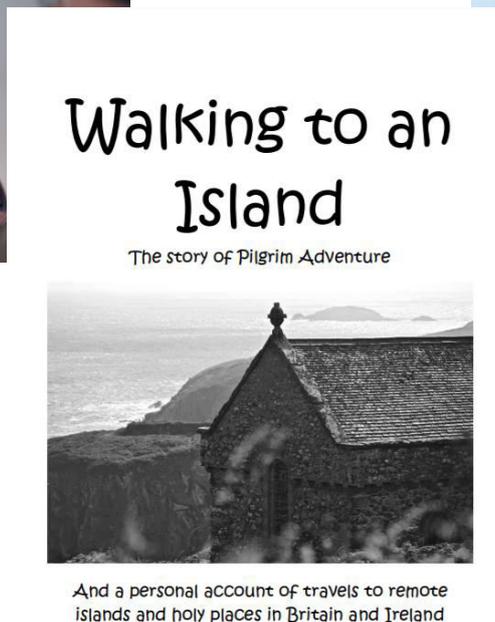
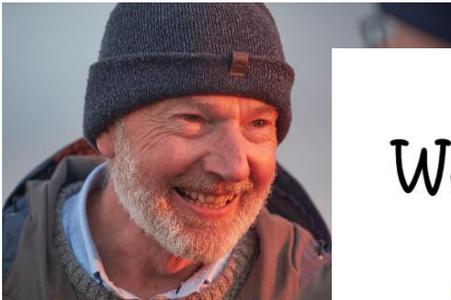
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~ Second Edition ~

By David Glead
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Dedicated to the *Pilgrim Adventure* and *Journeying* leaders and those who travel with us, without whom none of the stories told between these covers, would have been possible...

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Always evolving

Travelling in the spirit of pilgrimage must by its very nature, be a dynamic thing - and so it is! As *Journeying* we retain much of what we had at the outset as *Pilgrim Adventure*; an ethos, a particular *Way*... but there's always an eye on the horizon...



In July of this year we ran our first pilgrim-holiday with members of the **A Rocha** team (the *Wildlife Journey of Northern Ireland*) and later in the year, in September, we partner with **Waterford Comino Tours** for the *Irish Camino*. It's exciting to look forward to a long and developing relationship with both organisations.



Getting involved

It's always good to have feedback from pilgrim guests – it helps shape what we do. For those who would like to go to the next level, do consider joining the **Friends group**. The *Friends* offer a *listening ear* for the leaders as they take *Journeying* forward, as well as offering advice and suggestions in their own right:

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/about/our-community>



Pilgrim Holidays 2022

Next year's holiday programme goes live on 15th October! Details will be available in the Newsletter for that month and of course on the website.

The full programme is yet to be finalised but we do know there will be a week on the Island of Mull, beginning 15th June, with visits to Iona and possibly Ulva. County Mayo and Croagh Patrick, 31st May – 4th June. The Lindisfarne journey, 23rd – 29th May, has of course already been mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter!



Way of St David



Over five July days and in blistering heat, pilgrims covered the last 100 km of the *Way of St David*, Pembrokeshire, arriving at the doors of the Cathedral in time for the 3 p.m. pilgrimage service and tour by Pilgrimage officer, Janet Ingram. Each received a

'Ffordd Dewi Sant' certificate to show they had completed the 'Way of St David.' We continued to Whitesands Bay to cool off with a sunset paddle in the sea.



'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'
(St David)



The Mendip Hills of Somerset, Day Walk

Saturday 18th September

Gather 11 a.m. return 4 p.m.

A circular walk of just under 6 miles.

We will be walking to Crook Peak via Wavering Down, returning along the River Ye to King's Wood, taking in villages, fields and woods and climbing some rocky peaks. There are fantastic 360-degree views from the Mendip Hills to the rolling hills of Somerset and the shimmering Bristol Channel, and on a clear day to North Devon and South Wales. There are a couple of steep climbs but we can take our time and the views will be worth the effort!



Day walks are always free. Please bring a packed lunch.

For details and to book your place: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks?id=895265>



The Irish Camino Experience

11th – 16th September... *one room (single or twin) remaining!*



Pause awhile in Ireland's South East; St. Declan's Way... Ferns... the Mahon Falls in the heart of the Comeragh Mountains... Glendalough...

A pilgrim-holiday planned with our partners in South East Ireland, Waterford Camino Tours.

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/journeys-2021?id=798990>



Jill Atkinson

Associate Journeying leader, Jill has a very special birthday today, Sunday 15th August... **80 TODAY!**

Jill first went on a *Journeying* holiday to Orkney back in the 1990's and then having joined the leadership team, co-led in Ireland during 2003. Jill went onto lead many pilgrim-holidays particularly in the West Country and mainly in her beloved Cornwall.

Enjoy a very Happy Birthday, Jill!

Image: Jill on the left, with fellow team members, Dr Grenville Jones and Sue Peachey.





"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"
(Matthew 17 NIV)



Blessings on the Way,
The *Journeying* Team.

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