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## **Proposal for Colmcille Climbers Club Annual Journal**

Whilst the CCC has one of the very best websites for any Irish club and we can read about our exploits, funny or serious, on-line, I proposed we produce a club journal; the club's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year would seem a timely occasion to commence. Seeing our own Anthony Feeny's Cuillin article in this year's IMC Journal and Iain Miller's St John's Head/Orkney article in Mountaineering Ireland's Mountain Log, lets other climbers know we have some literary giants amongst us. And then there's Alan (joke)!

The longest established climbing clubs have had club journals since their creation and these have recorded members' activities at home and abroad, they also reviews of products and publications; and obituaries. My research for the forthcoming Donegal guidebook keeps turning-up information in such journals. Many first ascents in Ireland are recorded in the IMC and CC journals of the 1950s' and 60s'. They make for fascinating reading of who was who, what they were up to, with whom and when. They have demonstrated to me the value of having our club's activities and achievements in a hard format.

So we need to have a think about what reports/events should be recorded to mark the club's 10<sup>th</sup> year and go into the first edition. We need a mix of old and new images to go into it, perhaps a best of the decade photo-gallery? Reviews?

The A5 format would fit in nicely with recent Climbfest Topo guides, full colour shouldn't be too expensive and I think it should be included within the membership fee; available for purchase from non-members. It could easily be publicised via our web site, MI's Mtn Log and review copies sent to other clubs with journals and web sites; and the climbing press.

As I said at the AGM, I'd like to hear your ideas on this and look forward to seeing them in print, early next year. I will be happy to edit the first edition and develop a layout for future editions, I need the practise.

Peter Cooper, President CCC.