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Bidding farewell to Patrick Leigh Fermor in Kardamyli

This text recounts a visit to Patrick Leigh Fermor in Kardamyli in 2008 in order to interview the author and learn about his friendship with Nikos and Barbara Ghika and their home in Athens. The information that was gathered was to be used in the then forthcoming publication dedicated to the artist's house and studio (E. Arapoglou, *3 Kriezotou Street*, Athens 2012). This recollection describes the drive to Kardamyli, Paddy's warm welcome and the impression of the spectacular environment of his home and its surroundings. Paddy regaled Evita Arapoglou, Ioanna Moraiti, Nikos Paissios and Konstantinos Fiolakis with stories of his life in Mani, his long friendship with the Ghikas and his time on Mount Athos and in Northern Greece. This article was originally published in the literary magazine *Εντευκτήριο* (E. Arapoglou, Αποχαιρετώντας τον Πάτρικ Λη Φέρμορ της Καρδαμυλης, *Εντευκτήριο* 100 [July 2013] 11-12).