



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 148 August 2014

Chairman's Message

Hello folks, and as usual in August it's time for my review of the year so far, as we approach the mid-year point. As mentioned in the May edition, we are having 5 combined coach outings for our monthly walks this year, just like the last 2 years. We are concerned that in spite of this, and more stable coach prices with Docherty's, our year end cash on hand continues to reduce. As a result we have decided to increase the coach fare by £1. (See note on the back page) Coach bookings have held up well this year so far, with 46 in March, 50 in April, 48 in May, 45 in June, 46 in July, and 25 for August. This gives a monthly average of almost 44, which we are pleased with, considering the very mixed weather since March. (Just the usual!) Let's hope the good turnouts continue for the rest of the year!

Recruitment of new members continues, but we are certainly not complacent, having lost 20 members in 2013, while we recruited 22. As some of our long standing members age or move away we tend to lose about 16 members per year. Current membership stands at 102.

We had a great trip to Arran as usual in June, in lovely weather conditions. (Report on the back page)

As mentioned in the May Spindrift, we are having another Slides and Buffet evening in November, and full details are on the back page. Please let me know if you are prepared to show some photos.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2014 – 2015

Date	Event
7 th September	Monthly Walk
19 th – 21 st September	Weekend Meet - Braemar
5 th October	Monthly Walk
2 nd November	Monthly Walk
4th November	November Spindrift
21 st November	Slides and Buffet evening
7 th December	Monthly Walk
11 th January 2015	Monthly Walk
1 st February	Monthly Walk
3rd February	February Spindrift
13 th , 14 th February	Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy
1 st March	Monthly Walk
13th March	Club AGM
5 th April	Monthly Walk
3 rd May	Monthly Walk
5th May	May Spindrift
15 th 16 th 17 th May	Weekend Meet
18 th - 20 th September	Weekend Meet

Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£13**) and form at least 10 days in advance (*if there are not enough bookings we do not order a coach*) and only book for one walk at a time to:-

Elsie Wilke, 18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR Tel. 01738 631811

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Request for Website – Members' Photos

Our Webmaster would appreciate you sending any good photos of your hill walking outings for inclusion on the club web site. Contact Ken Ward on 01738 621761,

kenneth.ward9@btinternet.com for details of how to send them.

Walk Programme Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging September, October, November 2014

Note:- Bus Fare £13

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
7 th Sept Chall Plus 1	0700hrs	35/36	851984	851984	Road S – Auchlean – Path E by Allt Fhearnagan – Carn Ban Mor – SE – Track@904956 (957m) – E, SE – Bealach (876m) – ENE – 937961 – NE – Sgor an Lochain Uaine(M) – SE, E – Cairn Toul(M) – Retrace W – 958973 – SW – Loch nan Stuirteag – 876m – Retrace to Start	1580m/5185ft	27.5km/17.2ml
7 th Sept Chall Plus 2	0700hrs	35/36	858032	851984	Track NE – 870044 – E – Br@881044 – SE, S – Geal-charn – SE – Meall Buidhe – SE – Sgor Gaoith(M) – As Chall Walk – Mullach Clach a’ Bhlaire(M) – Finish as Chall Walk	1260m/4135ft	27.5km/17.2ml
7 th Sept Chall	0700hrs	35/36	851984	851984	As Chall Plus 1 - Carn Ban Mor – NNE - Sgor Gaoith(M) – Carn Ban Mor – SSW – 888959 – S – 953m – Track SSW, WSW, S - Mullach Clach a’ Bhlaire(M) – 882936 – Track NW, WSW – 846936 – Path N – Auchlean	1100m/3610ft	25km/15.6ml
7 th Sept Less Chall	0700hrs	35/36	851984	851984	As Chall Walk – Carn Ban Mor – SSW- 888959 – S – 953m – Track SSW, WSW, S - Mullach Clach a’ Bhlaire(M) – Finish as Chall Walk	965m/3165ft	21km/13.1ml
5 th Oct Chall Plus	0700hrs	73	321336	251402	Kirkhouse – Minor Rd W – Orchard Mains – Birks Path W, NW – 287344 – SW – Birks Hill & Birkscairnhill – Stake Law – Dun Rig – 713 Top – N – Broom Hill – Stob Law – Glenrath Hill – Canada Hill – NW – Cademuir – Rd ENE – Path @230370 – Cademuir Hill – Path NE – Peebles (Kingsmeadow Car Park on B7062)	1025m/3363ft	23.5km/14.7ml
5 th Oct Chall	0700hrs	73	321336	251402	As Chall Plus – Broom Hill – NE – Hundleshope Hts – NE, N – Dead Side, Upper Newby – Track NNW - Peebles	850m/2790ft	22.5km/14.1ml
5 th Oct Less Chall	0700hrs	73	321336	251402	As Chall Plus – Dun Rig – N, NE – Glen Sax – Track N – Peebles <u>NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING OCTOBER</u>	725m/2380ft	19.5km/12.2ml
2 nd Nov Chall Plus	0700hrs	42	433831	433831	Track by Luiblea – 453809 – Track S by Lubvan – 443767 – NE – Beinn a Chlachair (M) – NE, N – 490810 – Creag Pitridh (M) – SW – Path to Lochan na H-Earba - Start	1080m/3545ft	25.5km/15.9ml
2 nd Nov Chall	0700hrs	42	433831	433831	Track – Lochan na H-Earba – SW Ridge Creag Pitridh (M) – Summit – SE – 490810 – Geal Charn (M) – SW – 489800 – Path/Track - Start	925m/3035ft	21.5km/13.4ml
2 nd Nov Less Chall	0700hrs	42	433831	433831	As Chall – Creag Pitridh (M) – SE – 490810 – S – 489800 – Start as Chall	710m/2330ft	19km/11.9ml

Walk Programme Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

Note:- Bus Fare £13

September, October, November 2014

Note:- 08.00hrs Start from November

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
7 th September Moderate	0700hrs	44	492797	447804	Tarfside – Minor Rd & Track N – Baillies – Track NW – Little Cock Cairn – 453878 – SSW, S – (Hill of Saughs) Badalair – S - Auchronie	700m/2295ft	19km/11.9ml
7 th September Mod / Easy	0700hrs	44	447804	447804	Auchronie – Rd E – 450803 – Track E – Westbank – Path E – Tarfside – Rd NW – Milton Cottage – Track N – 474816 – W, NW (Badalair) – 452827 – Track S – Start	415m/1360ft	13km/8.1ml
5 th October Moderate 1	0700hrs	73	321336	251402	Kirkhouse – Minor Rd W – Orchard Mains – 301335 – SW – 296330 – SW – 276313 (384m, Nr Glenshiel Banks) – NW – Stake Law (544m) & Path @ 269319 – N, NE – Birkscairn Hill – Kirkhope Law – Path N, NW - Peebles (Kingsmeadow Car Park on B7062)	605m/1985ft	17km/10.6ml
5 th October Moderate 2	0700hrs	73	321336	251402	As Mod 1 – Orchard Mains – 302336 – Track NW – 298338 – Track SW, W, NNE – Birks – Path NW – 287344 – Contour W, SW, NW - Path @ 274343 – NE – Kirkhope Law – Path N, NW - Peebles	515m/1690ft	14km/8.7ml
5 th October Mod / Easy	0700hrs	73	251402	251402	N – X Tweed Br – Sign Left – Swimming Pool – Thru Park – Path on N of River – Neidpath Castle - 232402 (<u>Don't X Viaduct</u>) – Old Railway SW, W, NW – X Lyne Water Br – Rd SW – 206397 – X Tweed Br – Path & Track ESE, SE – Barns Tower – 150m - Path – NE – River - Path E, NE – 229394 – Rd NW – X Br – 228395 – Retrace NNE – 232401 – X Viaduct – Path N, E (S Side Tweed) – Start NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING OCTOBER	215m/705ft	12km/7.5ml
2 nd November Moderate	<u>0800hrs</u>	44	262949	262949	B976 WSW, SE – 265942 - Track SW – 255935 – 256938(Pr.Helena) – 256941(Pr.Louise) – 255943(Purchase Cairn) – 255945 (Pr.Leopold) – SW – 254943(Pr.Arthur) – Paths SW – 248937 (Pr.Alice) – SW – Br@245933 – Track SE, SW – 236924(Cairn) – N, NE - 239929(Pr.Royal) – Retrace - 236924 – WSW, N - 222925 – 241938(Invergeldier) – SE – X Br@245933 – 246935 - Track E – 255935 – S – 255932 – Path E, N - 260934(Pr.Albert) – NE – 263937(Pr.Beatrice) – N – Track@262939 – Retrace to Start	675m/2215ft	18.0km/11.2ml
2 nd November Mod / Easy	<u>0800hrs</u>	44	262949	262949	As Moderate – 248937(Pr.Alice) – SW – Track@246935 – Track E – 255935 – S – 255932 – Path E, N – 260934(Pr.Albert) – NE – 263937(Pr. Beatrice) – N – Track@262939 – Retrace to Start	480m/1575ft	10.0km/6.2ml

September Weekend –

The September weekend will be the 19th, 20th, & 21st at Braemar Youth Hostel. Please book independently with the hostel if you want to join us as our club booking is now complete.

May Weekend at Torridon

We had a reasonable turnout of 23 members here, where standards are always high, with plenty of cooking and dining space and excellent drying facilities.

Weather was mixed, and overall not as good as our previous 2 visits. Folk doing low level walks further west, and those doing Ben Alligin on Saturday or Sunday, had clear conditions, while those on Liathach and Beinn Eighe had some miserable conditions on both days. As usual, members did a diverse range of hills, including the classic Torridon Munros and Corbetts, as well as further flung hills on all 4 days of the weekend. As always, our evenings were very sociable and great fun. Everyone enjoyed the weekend.

Midsummer Outing to Arran

We had 23 on the day, and despite the road works on the A71, we arrived in good time for the Brodick ferry.

We had lovely bright weather all day, with light winds, some sunshine, and clear views in all directions. As always, we had a wide range of walks, including;

1. Cir Mhor traverse from Sannox to Glen Rosa, some including Caisteal Abhail
2. Traverses on Goatfell
3. Holy Isle walks
4. Low level walks including; Sannox to Glen Rosa & Brodick, Claughlands & Corriegills from Brodick, Glen Catacol.

Most folk had time for refreshment stops on the island, but also, Calmac food is reasonable quality and value these days. Our driver was forced to take total breaks of 45 minutes, due to previous traffic holdups. So we arrived in Perth around 40 minutes later than normal, at 23.20, however, all enjoyed a great day out.

Slides and Buffet Night at Craigie Hill Golf Club on Friday 21st November. This will be from 19.00, the cost will be £12. Tickets from Elsie Wilke. Please contact George if you

would like to show up to 50 photos, fitting the theme, “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”.

Relevant Courses 2014

We strongly encourage all members to learn to navigate. **MCof S** offer 1 day Navigation courses on 27th and 28th September near Inverness – Cost £35 for members and £45 for non-members.

There is also a 2 day First Aid course, specifically designed for hill walkers and climbers, on 18th and 19th October at Mill Cottage, Glen Feshie at a cost of £95. See www.mcofs.org.uk Tel: 01738 493943 **Ancrum Centre, Dundee**, no details available yet. www.ancrum.com/ or phone 01382 435911.

Glenmore Lodge are offering one day navigation courses on 16th and 23rd August at £55 non-resident or £80 with accommodation. For details see <http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk>

Buses and luggage

When you place your luggage in the hold of the bus please ensure that: -

- a) that poles are detached from rucksacks and stored flat, b) that you have a bag to put your dirty boots etc. in on return to the bus so that these do not soil other people’s luggage, c) sharp parts of ice axes and crampons are suitably covered (duct tape and foam will do) to prevent injury or damage as people reach for their bags.

Coach Fare on Monthly Walks

We have done very well to keep the fare stable at £12 since March 2010, while coach costs have increased by around 25% since then. This is mainly because we introduced combined outings in summer months. However, to maintain a safe bank balance, we need to **increase the fare to £13, from September onwards.**

Spindrift

If you have any articles that you would like to submit, please send them to:-

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