



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks, and I usually review the year to date situation at this time of year. Our weather on monthly walks can best be described as mixed, and not an unusual situation, but disappointing when we have had an excellent spring and summer. Turnouts have been holding up reasonably well, and the average is 43 so far, but not as good as the 48 average for 2013. Club membership stands at 104 compared to 112 at this time last year, as a result of losing around 20 members at the end of last year and recruiting a few new ones.

The Committee has a few challenges at present, and the main one being to keep our finances under control. We made a significant loss of over £200 by cancelling the September Weekend, and with a loss on the Arran trip and additional meeting room costs, our finances need to be closely monitored. The £1 coach fare increase to £13 is the first in over 4 years, and we may need to review it again at the year end. Recovering from Ken Ward's retirement this summer after so many years of valuable service to the club has also been a challenge. Our website, developed and managed by Ken, has been such a benefit to us over the last few years, and is certainly our main advertising and recruitment tool. It also allows the downloading of club information, including Spindrift, with major cost savings. However, we are very lucky that Margaret Band has taken on the running of the website, and Eric Pryde has taken on the Membership Secretary part of Ken's work. We are also introducing a club Facebook page, and, like other clubs who do this, we'll use it to keep members and potential members informed about the latest things going on.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Slides and Buffet Evening on 21st November.

With Xmas approaching fast, I'd like to pass on the usual compliments of the season, from the Committee and myself.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2014 – 2015

Date	Event
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

Website and Facebook page

We apologise for the temporary unavailability of the club web site in September, which was due to problems in setting up a new account with our hosting company to allow Margaret Band to manage the website and Facebook page.

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Walk Programme Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging December 2014, January 2015, February 2015

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 Dec 2014 Chall Plus	0700hrs	50	331318	343292	A82 – X Rail Br – E – Meall Buidhe – N, NW - Beinn Odhar (C) – ESE – 350331 – NE – 362339 – NE – Cam Chreag (C) – 362339 – SSW – Beinn Chaorach (C) – S – Auchtertyre - Dalrigh	1270m/4165ft	16km/10ml
7 th Dec 2014 Challenging	0700hrs	50	331318	343292	As Chall Walk – Beinn Odhar (C) – ESE – 350331 – E – Beinn Chaorach (C) – As Chall Walk - Dalrigh	1015m/3330ft	11km/6.9ml
7 th Dec 2014 Less Chall	0700hrs	50	298317	329303	Arinabea – Fire Break N – 295331 – WSW, W, N – Beinn Udlaidh(C) – Retrace – 295331 – NE – Beinn Bhreac-liath(C) – SSE – Bealach@307328 – SE, E – Beinn Bheag – SE – 324316 – Path SE – Road@329311 – WH Way - Tyndrum	855m/2805ft	11.5km/7.2ml
11 th Jan 2015 Chall Plus	0700hrs	66	181655	247668	Car Park – As Chall Walk - Hare Hill – SSW – 168605 – ESE, ENE – W & E Kips – E, ENE – Scald Law – 195615 – NW – The Howe – NE – Glencorse Res – 216640 – NW, N, NNW, NE – Capelaw Hill – Hillend Finish as Chall Walk	1000m/3280ft	20km/12.5ml
11 th Jan 2015 Challenging	0700hrs	66	181655	247668	Car Park – SE, S, SSE – Br@187641 – SW – 179625 – W, SW, SSE – Hare Hill – NE – Black Hill – NE – 198643 – E – Bells Hill – N – Harbour Hill – NE – Capelaw Hill – E – Allermuir Hill – Caerketton Hill – E, N - Hillend	900m/2950ft	16km/10ml
11 th Jan 2015 Less Chall	0700hrs	66	181655	247668	Car Park – As Chall Walk – 179625 – NE – Black Hill – Hillend Finish as Chall Walk	760m/2495ft	13.5km/8.4ml
1 st Feb Challenging	0700hrs	42	645734	636843	Dalnaspidal – NE – Glas Mheall Beag – Glas Mheall Mor – NNW, W, NW – A`Bhuidheanach Bheag(M) – N, NE – A`Bhuidheanach Mhor – NE – 680803 – N – Carn na Caim(M) – SW – Track – 659802 – Track NW – Main Rd - Dalwhinnie	895m/2935ft	22km/13.7ml
1 st Feb Less Chall	0700hrs	42	645734	636843	Dalnaspidal – NNE – 936m – E – A`Bhuidheanach Bheag(M) – As Challenging Route - Finish	750m/2460ft	19km/11.9ml

Walk Programme Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

December 2014, January 2015, February 2015

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 December 2014 Moderate	0800hrs	52	755438	855486	Acharn – S (Rob Roy Way) – Falls of Acharn – ENE, NE – 777445 – SW, NE – (Red Markers Round Kenmore Hill) Rob Roy Way@787447 – N, NE, ENE, ESE – Birks of Aberfeldy – N – Car Park	725m/2380ft	17km/10.6ml
7 th December 2014 Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	52	775452	855486	Kenmore – Minor Road S, ESE – Tombuie Cottage – Rob Roy Way – Follow Moderate Walk – Birks of Aberfeldy and Finish	475m/1560ft	12.5km/7.8ml
7 th December 2014 Easy	0800hrs	52	855486	855486	Walks Around Aberfeldy		
11 th January 2015 Moderate	0800hrs	57	486889	520010	Blarnavaid (A811) – WH Way Track N, NW – 480906 – NE (Rob Roy Way) – 505936 (Drymen Rd. Cott.) – NW, N – 485969 – NE – 496979 (Clashmore) – N – 496983 – NE – Balleich - Aberfoyle	330m/1080ft	17km/10.6ml
11 th January 2015 Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	57	533927	520010	Douchlage – Track W – Hoish – W, NW – Drymen Rd. Cott. – As Mod. To Finish	235m/770ft	14km/8.7ml
11 th January 2015 Easy	0800hrs	57	520010	520010	Walks Around Aberfoyle		
1 st February Moderate	0800hrs	65&66	161558	167638	Carlops – NW - Fairliehope – N - North Esk Reservoir – Spittal Hill – Green Law – West Kip – East Kip – Scald Law – NE - 195615 – Carnethy Hill – NW - Loganlea Reservoir – The Howe – Bavelaw Castle – N, NE - Car Park	820m/2690ft	17km/10.6ml
1 st February Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	66	179576	167638	Nine Mile Burn – N – Font Stone – Cap Law – 174604 - West Kip – East Kip - Scald Law – NE - 195615 – NW – The Howe - As Moderate Walk - Finish	540m/1770ft	11km/6.9ml
1 st February Easy	0800hrs	66	167638	167638	Walks Around Balerno		

Club Weekend Meets

After cancelling the September weekend due to insufficient bookings, we will now adopt a new method of selecting suitable venues. We would like members to send in ideas for the 2016 weekends by 21st February, and the Committee will announce the venues for 2016 at the AGM.

February 2015 Weekend Meet

This will be at the Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy, on 13th & 14th February. The cost will be £17.00 per night and bookings need to be with Fiona Stewart by 24th. January at the latest. An excellent venue with loads of walks at high and low levels. It would be great to see more `B` walkers as well as the regular `A` folk!

Winter Walking Equipment on buses.

For Club Outings in WINTER MONTHS we recommend that you are equipped with:-

1. Map, Compass, Head Torch & Whistle.
2. Boots, warm & waterproof. Stiff enough for Crampons on Challenging walks.
3. Hat, Gaiters, Gloves & Overgloves.
4. Plastic Survival Bag & First Aid Kit.
5. Ice Axe & Crampons, if required for the grade of walk and conditions. For the bus journey the sharp parts of these need to be suitably protected (duct tape and foam will do) to prevent injury or damage as people reach for their bags.
6. Suitable Windproof and Waterproof outer and mid layers of clothing.
7. A suitable bag to store wet or dirty boots and clothing at the end of the walk so that these do not soil other people's luggage.
8. Please remember to store walking poles flat in the hold of the bus separated from your rucksack.

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, by Friday 14th November at the latest please.

December Monthly Walk Bookings

Elsie cannot take these, so please send your bookings to Eric Pryde, 5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX

Winter Courses 2014/5

MCof S offer 1 day Winter Skills courses on 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th January 2015 at Glenmore Lodge costing £55, and a weekend course on 12-14th December 2014 at £195. For more details see

<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/winter-skills-courses.asp>

Ancrum Centre, Dundee, no details available yet. www.ancrum.com/ or phone 01382 435911.

Tiso's Perth have a Winter Skills course on the evening of Friday 30th January and Saturday 31st at £65, and will hire out equipment at additional cost if required.

See <http://www.tiso.com/> and search "courses".

2015 Club AGM on Friday 13th March

Please make an effort to attend and express your wishes for future club activities. This is where the next year's agenda is largely set, so let us know your suggestions for weekend meets or walks in advance. Full details will be in the February Spindrift. There will be Committee vacancies for 2015, and if you feel you could contribute to the running of the club, then please apply. Also, we would really like to have more `B` walkers on the Committee!

Downloading the Spindrift Newsletter

Producing and posting Spindrift accounts for a significant part of our annual running costs, and we would like all of you to download your copy. Everyone gets a copy by post with their membership card in May, and that edition gives the website publication dates for the year. Also, please provide your e-mail address when you renew your membership. It makes it much easier to get in touch about last-minute changes, such as the change of venue of the last AGM.

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

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