



Spindrift

Perth Hillwalking Club Newsletter

Issue 130 February 2010

Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

We are now in the last quarter of the club's year and the AGM is just around the corner. I wish to say that I have enjoyed my first year as chairman, especially as we have an excellent committee, who have worked well on your behalf.

It is always a challenge to find walks that have never been done before, so although it is inevitable that we do have repeats, we try not to do them too often.

This is your club and suggestions for walks will always be taken on board for consideration. Have a word with your walk leader, who will pass your route suggestions on to the committee.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support through the year, and please continue to book for walks as often as you can, which will help keep the club solvent in these times of rising costs.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Ian

Coach Fare

Despite our best efforts to keep the coach fare low, the coach company prices continue to increase, costing the club an average of £700 per month. Therefore, the committee has decided that we need to raise the fare to **£12**, to prevent the club finances from going into the red. Obviously, if more members came out on the monthly walks, we could keep the fare stable for longer !

The **£12** fare applies from March.

Calendar 2010

7th February	Monthly Walk
12th, 13th February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
7th March	Monthly Walk
12th March	AGM Inch Restaurant
4th April	Monthly Walk
2nd May	Monthly Walk
7th, 8th, 9th May	Weekend Meet Torridon

Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£12**) and form at least 10 days in advance and only book for 1 walk at a time to:

Elsie Wilke

18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR

Tel. 01738 631811

REMINDER:- Please remember the closing date for bookings is 10 days before the meet date. The cancelled monthly walks in February and October 2009, along with the Midsummer Outing, would all have gone ahead if all members had booked by the date when we had to confirm the coach.

Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to:

Ian Swan

35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU

Tel. 01738 634441

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Walk Programme March, April, May 2010

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
7 th March Challenging Plus	0700hrs	56	353882	359931	Junction A817 / A82 – W, NW – Balnock, Beinn Tharsuinn, Beinn Chaorach – N, E – Old Shielings – Bridge 315933 – Track to farm & minor road to Luss car park	920m/3018ft	18km/11.2ml
7 th March Challenging	0700hrs	56	345980	359931	Inverbeg – Glen Douglas – Bridge 317982 – Doune Hill – Beinn Lochain – Beinn Eich – ESE – Edentaggart – Minor road to Luss car park	910m/2985ft	15km/9.4ml
7 th March Less Challenging	0700hrs	56	359931	359931	Luss car park – A82 footbridge – NW – Beinn Dubh – NW, WNW – Coire na h-Eanachan – Mid Hill – SE – Minor road to Luss car park	700m/2296ft	12km/7.5ml
4 th April Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	Coiletir – Over Bridge – Path SW, SE – SW, SSW, S – Ben Starav (M) – Bealach (139424) – Glas Bheinn Mhor (M) – Bealach (163433) – Stob Coir an Albannaich (M) – Beinn Chaorach - Start	1680m/5512ft	15.5km/9.7ml
4 th April Challenging	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	As Chall. Plus to Glas Bheinn Mhor (M) & Bealach (163433) – NW by Allt Mheuran - Start	1370m/4495ft	15.5km/9.7ml
4 th April Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	As Chall. Plus to Ben Starav (M) & Bealach (139424) – N by Allt nam Meirleach - Start	1060m/3478ft	12.5km/7.8ml
2 nd May Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	008450	008450	Druimavuic – Allt Buidhe – 488m Top – 863m Top – Meall Garbh – Beinn Sgulaireid (M) – Retrace to 863m Top - Bealach (044440) – Creag na Cathaig – 804m Top – Creach Bheinn (C) – 804m Top - Meall Garbh – Meall nan Caorach – N – Allt Buidhe - Start	1600m/5250ft	15.5km/9.7ml
2 nd May Challenging	0700hrs	50	008450	008450	Druimavuic – Allt Buidhe – Coire Buidhe – 863m Top – Meall Garbh – Beinn Sgulaireid (M) – Retrace to 863m Top – W – 488m Top - Start	1300m/4265ft	12.5km/7.8ml
2 nd May Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	008450	008450	Druimavuic – Allt Buidhe – Coire Buidhe – Creag na Cathaig – 804m Top – Creach Bheinn (C) – Start as Chall. Plus	930m/3051ft	11.5km/7.2ml

Walk Programme March, April, May 2010

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
7 th March Moderate	0800hrs	58	896085	913971	Blackford, Track S – 900059 – S – 900054 – Track Round Reservoir – Bridge Over Broich Burn – Track S – 924009 – SW – Andrew Gannel – E – Ben Cleuch – Track SE – The Law – Track S - Tillicoultry	670m/2177ft	16km/10ml
7 th March Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	58	983047	913971	Glendevon Hotel – Bridge – Glenquey Reservoir – SW – Castle Campbell – Dollar Glen – Dollar – Disused Railway - Tillicoultry	150m/490ft	12km/8ml
7 th March Easy	0800hrs	58	913971	913971	Walks from Tillicoultry		
4 th April Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	35	763995	850043	Ruthven Barracks – S – Glen Trommie – SW – 768940 – NE – Croidh-la – NE – 789971 – 799975 – E – 814986 – E – Corarnstilbeg & Ballintean - Feshiebridge	580m/1885ft	19km/12ml
4 th April Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	35	763995	850043	Ruthven Barracks – S – Glen Trommie – Bridge – NE – Killiehuntly – SE – 799980 – E – 803980 – N – 019823 – SE – 005824 – NE – Ballintean & Feshiebridge	150m/490ft	14km/8ml
4 th April Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	35	850043	850043	Walks from Feshiebridge		
2 nd May Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	44/45	647846	541789	Spital Cottage – Glen Dye – Mount Battock – S – Millden Lodge	578m/1926ft	18km/11ml
2 nd May Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	44/45	647846	541789	Spital Cottage – Cross Water of Dye – Follow it S & W – Path to Hill of Turret – S – Millden Lodge	170m/580ft	14.5km/9ml
2 nd May Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	44/45	541789	541789	Walks from Millden Lodge		

NB. Bus Fare is now £12.00 for all members

Early Start from April!

AGM

The Club AGM will take place on 12th March at 19.30, in the Café Active, Bells Sports Centre. Just to remind members that this an opportunity to put forward your views, including comments on social events and last years walks. Also, any ideas for this years walks and weekend meets.

At the end of this committee period, two members of the present group are standing down. This means that at least two places need to be filled. If you feel you can give something back to the club by being on the committee, please send a letter to the Club Secretary, (Mike Twinn) with your nomination, and the name of your proposer and seconder. Nominations need to be received at least one week before the AGM.

May Weekend – Torridon

The May weekend will be on the 7th, 8th, & 9th, at the Torridon Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£16.50** per night. Bookings to Ian Swan as soon as possible please.

Membership Renewal

A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed with this edition of Spindrift, and this can also be downloaded from the website. Please send completed forms, along with a cheque for **£20**, to the Membership Secretary, Ken Ward. (63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU)

Membership Cards will be sent out with the May edition of Spindrift.

Slide and Buffet Night Report

A good turnout of 48 members came along for our evening at Café Active, Bells Sports Centre. Five members gave slide shows, varying from club walks over the last year, to Sweden and the High Alps. The buffet must have been good, as it disappeared very quickly. Thanks go to the committee members, whose efforts made the event a success, and to George who overcame early technical difficulties to run a good show.

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This is your newsletter so please use it !

If you have any articles that you would like to submit to be included in it, or have any comments about the presentation, please send them to:-

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Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425
george.smart3@btopenworld.com**

Please submit by the beginning of the month before publication is due; for example, for the May Spindrift, please send by early April 2010.

Please note that the current Spindrift is always posted on the club website, along with information on the current programme of events.

February 2010 Weekend – Loch Lochy

The February weekend on the 12th & 13th, will be at The Great Glen Hostel. The cost will be **£16** per night, and late bookings are still possible, which should be sent to Ian Swan as soon as possible please.

Website

www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk

Anyone who has photos that they would like to show on the website please send on a disc to Ken Ward.

Monthly Walks

The route planning group are always looking for new ideas, so we would welcome any suggestions from members.

Surplus Equipment for Sale

From time to time items are advertised and this is just a reminder that Spindrift is available for this purpose. Please let George know about items to be advertised, within the timescale mentioned above.

Introductory Winter Skills Courses

All the dates for **Glenmore Lodge** (01479 861256) and the **Ancrum Centre** (01382 435911) were given in the November Spindrift. This is just a reminder that both providers have dates available in February and March