



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,
Welcome to the 2009/10 season of the club.
Firstly, on behalf of the committee I wish to thank our outgoing chairman, Jim Christie for all his hard work for both club and committee; also, his "right hand" Doreen for her contribution, both in editing the Spindrift and on the committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank last years committee for their dedicated work, and to welcome the new members; Eric Pryde and Alison McLauchlan.

The main content of Spindrift is always the new walks programme, and hopefully we've put together some interesting routes for June, July & August.

The committee has been reshuffled, and I have taken the post of Chairman; the new Meet Secretary, is Elsie Wilke .

George Smart becomes Spindrift Editor (and Vice Chairman)

Jim Watters remains as Treasurer

Ken Ward remains as Membership Secretary

Mike Twinn remains as Secretary

I remain on the route planning group, along with Ken, Kirsten, Linda, Ian, Alison and George.

I will be taking the bookings for:-

Weekend Meets (Ian Swan)
35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU
Tel. 01738 634441

Cheers,

Ian

Calendar 2009 – 2010

26th April	Monthly Walk (brought forward 1 week)
9th, 10th, 11th May	Weekend Meet Carbisdale
7th June	Monthly Walk
21st June	Midsummer Outing to Glenmore
5th July	Monthly Walk
26th July	Monthly Walk (brought forward 1 week)
30th August	Monthly Walk (brought forward 1 week)
4th, 5th 6th September	Weekend Meet Ratagan
4th October	Monthly Walk
1st November	Monthly Walk
20th November	Slide & Buffet Night
6th December	Monthly Walk
10th January 2010	Monthly Walk
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 (**£10**) 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
ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Walk Programme June, July, August 2009

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 June Challenging Plus	0700hrs	56	294049	235095	Nr Succoth – Beinn Narnain (M) – Bealach a Mhaim – The Cobbler (C) – Bealach a Mhaim – Beinn Ime (M) – Beinn Luibhean – N, NW to lay by at 235095	1730m/5675ft	12km/7.5mls
7 th June Challenging	0700hrs	56	294049	235095	As Chall. Plus to The Cobbler (C) & Bealach a Mhaim – Beinn Luibhean (C) – lay by as Chall. Plus	1425m/4675ft	10km/6.2ml
7 th June Less Challenging	0700hrs	56	294049	235095	As Chall. Plus to Beinn Narnain (M) & Bealach a Mhaim – Bealach at 250079 – Beinn Luibhean – lay bye as Chall. Plus	1170m/3840ft	8.5km/5.3ml
5 th July Challenging Plus	0700hrs	35	692998	692998	Track N – Bridge at 692015 – Bothy at 687022 – A Chailleach (M) – Carn Sgulain (M) – W – Meall na Creughaich – SW – Carn Ballach, Carn Ban, Carn Dearg (M) – NE, SE – 660020 – Glenballoch – Start	1085m/3560ft	23km/14.4ml
5 th July Challenging	0700hrs	35	692998	692998	As Chall. Plus – Carn Ballach – SSE – Meall na Ceardaich – SE – 660020 – Start as Chall. Plus	940m/3085ft	20km/12.5ml
5 th July Less Challenging	0700hrs	35	692998	692998	As Chall. Plus – Carn Sgulain (M) – W – 908m Top – SSW, SSE – 675039 – Retrace to Bothy & Start	805m/2640ft	15km/9.4ml
26 th July (Aug) Challenging Plus	0700hrs	43	906672	906672	Loch Moraig – Carn Liath (M) – Braigh Coire Chruin-bhlagain (M) – Carn nan Gabhar (M) – Airgiod Bheinn – SW – Path round Beinn Bheag – Track to Start	1275m/4180ft	21km/13.1ml
26 th July (Aug) Challenging	0700hrs	43	906672	906672	As Chall. Plus – Braigh Coire Chruin-bhlagain (M) – Bealach an Fhiodha – SSW – Path – As Chall. Plus - Start	935m/3070ft	18.5km/11.5ml
26 th July (Aug) Less Challenging	0700hrs	43	906672	906672	As Chall. Plus – Carn Liath (M) – 938715 – Beinn Bheag – S – Track to Start	705m/2310ft	14.5km/9.1ml

NB. Bus Fare is now £10.00 for all members

Walk Programme June, July, August 2009

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 June Moderate	0700hrs	35/42	554898	636843	Inverpattack Lodge (554898) – track S – Loch Pattack – E – Ben Alder Lodge – Loch Ericht - Dalwhinnie	595m/1950ft	26km/16.2ml
7 th June Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	35/42	565903	636843	Feagour (565903) – track SSW – E, SE – Allt-an-t-Sluic & Dalwhinnie	400m/1310ft	13.5km/8.4ml
7 th June Easy	0700hrs	35/42	636843	636843	Walks down loch Ericht side		
5 th July Moderate	0700hrs	44	505973	492798	Bridge of Ess, Nr Aboyne – Glen Tanar – Firmounth Road – Shinfur - Tarfside	635m/2085ft	21km/13.1ml
5 th July Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	44	586718	492798	Dalbog – follow river North Esk on W & S sides - Tarfside	140m/460ft	17.5km/10.9ml
5 th July Easy	0700hrs	44	492798	492798	Walks around Tarfside		
26 th July (Aug) Moderate	0700hrs	35/36	882198	846240	Lynwilg – tracks NW, follow Allt na Criche, Allt Dubh, Allt Ghiuthais – Caggan – NE to Mon – NW, N - Insharn – NNE – Slochd	675m/2215ft	20.5km/12.8ml
26 th July (Aug) Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	35/36	905169	846240	Nr Avielochan – track SW – NNE, NW (Gen Wades Road) – Sluggan Bridge – W – Insharn – Slochd (as Moderate)	335m/1100ft	15km/9.4ml
26 th July (Aug) Easy	0700hrs	35/36	906229	846240	Carrbridge – track W, SW – (Feith Mhor) – NW – Sluggan Bridge – Slochd (as Moderate/Easy)	210m/690ft	9.5km/5.9ml

NB. Bus Fare is now £10.00 for all members

August Walk

The August walk has once again been brought forward by 1 week to avoid clashing with the Perth show weekend.

September Walk

The September walk has been brought forward 1 week to avoid clashing with this years September weekend, on 4th, 5th, 6th September.

Membership Reminder

Membership payment is now overdue ! If you have not already paid **£20**, please do so now, to Ken Ward.

63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU

Mid – Summer Walk

Although **Glenfinnan** was the popular choice from the AGM, it is not suitable from the point of view of the 3 hour coach journey and lack of things to do, other than hillwalking, and little choice of easier walks. The committee has selected **Glenmore** on **21st June**, an area which offers a wide choice of easier and high level walks, including many forest trails. Aviemore is also available as a visitor centre, and the funicular railway should also be available.

Bookings for this, along with the **£10** fee should be sent to:-

Linda Symon

Flat 2, The Nurseries, Glencarse

Perth PH2 7NX (Tel. 01738 860632)

Please book as soon as possible, and by 7th June at the latest please.

September Weekend

The September weekend will be to **Ratagan** instead of **Torridon**, on **4th, 5th, 6th September**, due to Torridon being fully booked through September. (We intend to book Torridon for the May weekend next year.) The cost is **£13.5** per night. Bookings to Ian Swan by 17th July latest please.

Slide and Buffet Night

After the popularity of the slides night last year, (When several members had to be turned away due to lack of space in the available room !) we will be holding one this year on the

20th November. The theme will be; “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”, with a guideline of 50 photos, and/or 20 minutes, for each participant. Please let Ian Swan know if you intend to show photographs. The venue and the time will be announced in the next Spindrifft

Spindrifft

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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31 Kinclaven Gardens, Murthly

Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425

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Please submit by the beginning of the month before publication is due; for example, for the August spindrifft, please send by early July.

Please note that the current Spindrifft is always posted on the club website, along with information on the current programme of events. Would any members who are happy to access Spindrifft via the website, instead of having it posted to them, please let me know.

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.

Last October we tried running 3 walks within the “Challenging” grades, by adding the “Challenging Plus” walk, for the faster groups. The aim was to help balance the time when all groups returned to the bus. We continued with 3 walks from March this year, and this appears to have been well received. We now intend to extend this to the whole year.