



# SPINDRIFT

## PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

**Issue 125 November 2008**

### Chairman's Message

Hi Folks

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of a founder member of the hill walking club, Tom Binnie. Tom was a great inspiration to the club and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

There are still places available on the February weekend to Kinlochleven. We have the whole hostel booked so the more people we have coming along the cheaper it will be for everyone. Please send booking and payment to me as soon as possible.

Can I also just remind you, as some hills have had their first covering of winter snow, of how quickly conditions can change. Be prepared for all conditions and don't be caught out by being unprepared.

It may seem early to be thinking about the next AGM, but if any members feel that they would be able to offer time to the club and become a committee member, please do give it some thought.

Here is to happy safe winter walking on the hills.

*Cheers*

*Jim*

### CALENDAR 2008 – 2009

2 <sup>th</sup> November	Monthly Walk
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Slide/Buffer Night
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Walk
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Monthly Walk
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Monthly Walk
6 <sup>th</sup> –7 <sup>th</sup> February	Weekend meet Kinlochleven
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Monthly Walk
13 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM Inch Restaurant
8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> May *	Carbisdale Castle

#### Monthly Walks

Please send the monthly walk booking fee at least 10 days in advance and only book for one month's walk at a time to:

**Ian Swan**

**35 Dunsinane Drive, Letham,  
Perth PH1 2DU**

Bus fare £8.00(under 16 and over 65 £7.00).

Buses leave from the South Inch Car Park.

#### Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to:

**Jim Christie**

**4 Duncansby Way, Perth PH1 5XE**

**Tel. 01738 444915**

**ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH  
AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB**



### **Slide and Buffet Night**

The club will be holding a slide and buffet night on 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Salutation Hotel. Cost of tickets will be £10.00 available from Jim Christie. Please send a stamped addressed envelope for ticket return. The theme will be Scottish Hills. Guests are more than welcome to come along; you never know it may even get them interested in joining the club.

### **May Weekend**

Please note the change of dates for the May '09 weekend. As we were unable to get the original dates as the hostel was fully booked we have gone for the next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May instead.

### **Winter Equipment**

As we now enter the winter months with some hills already having their first covering of snow can I please remind you to cover all ice axes and crampons. If they remain uncovered while being transported they run the risk of causing damage to other people's property. A simple carrier bag held in place with rubber bands will suffice. A full list of recommended winter equipment to carry is available on the website.

### **Last Munro**

A big thank you to all who joined me on my last Munro. Thirty two people headed off in sunny weather, which turned to dampness and mist, but just enough wind to keep the flags flying to the summit. However the proceedings were brightened up by the inaugural performance by "Eric Claptout and the Mountain Babes", a unique and very entertaining performance, enjoyed by all. Due to popular demand, the performance was repeated in the Athol Arms later that evening. I'm sure we haven't heard the last of them.

I must also thank everyone for the gifts and cards received on the day, and also a big thank you to all who sponsored me on behalf of C.H.A.S, a total of £612, plus approximately £100 I gift aid, was raised.

Cheers and all the very best to everyone who made it such a memorable occasion for me.

Linda Symon

### **Have your say on Draft Core Paths Plan**

Perth & Kinross Council's Draft Core Paths Plan is now available for people to view and comment on. This statutory public consultation period runs until 31 December 2008. Under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 it is the duty of local authorities to draw up a system of paths (core paths) sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area. Following an extensive process of informal community-based consultations within the Council area the access team released the Core Path Proposals for Perth & Kinross for informal consultation during January to March 2008. During this consultation more than 300 groups and individuals commented and the Plan was modified to reflect comments received. The Draft Core Paths Plan is now available to view online at [www.pkc.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/countryside) and can also be inspected at Council offices and local libraries. Everyone with an interest should ensure they look carefully at the Plan and take this final opportunity to register support for or objection to the Plan. Response forms are available to make this as easy as possible. As it is expected that a number of objections will be received from landowners, it would be great to receive support for the Plan as a whole, or for individual paths. Further information can be obtained from the Council Access Team on 01738 475332 or email [countryside@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@pkc.gov.uk)

### **Ben Nevis**

Louise Smith is climbing Ben Nevis on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May '09. If anyone would like to join her please contact 07547930405 for further details.

### **Newsletter**

If you have any articles that you would like printed in this your news letter please contact me no later than the start of the month before it is due to be published. Or email to [doreenchristie@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:doreenchristie@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Website**

[www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk](http://www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk)

**WALKS PROGRAMME December, January 2009, February 2009**  
**Moderate, Moderate/Easy & Easy**

	<b>Time of Departure</b>	<b>O.S Map</b>	<b>Starting Point</b>	<b>Finishing Point</b>	<b>Description of Walk</b>	<b>Height (m) Feet</b>	<b>Distance (Km) Miles</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December Moderate</b>	0800	43	118 911	102 895	Linn of Quoich car park – Allanaquoich – NNW follow track – Grid 092951 over bridge – West to pick track South – Glenn Quoich – Mar Lodge – Victoria Bridge	370 m 1202 ft	14.2 Km 8.9 Miles
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December Moderate / Easy</b>	0800	43	151 913	151 913	Car park – South – Follow road past golf course – Pick up land rover track at Grid 151881 – Morven or Morrone (C) – Follow track back to Braemar	586 m 1904 ft	11.4 Km 7.1 Miles
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December Easy</b>	0800	43	151 913	151 913	Walks around Braemar area		As far as you like
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January Moderate</b>	0800	57	525 007	627 079	Aberfoyle – Mountain Rescue Post – Radio mast – Menteith Hills – Pickup track at Grid 567034 – West Dullater – Gartchonzie - Callander	579 m 1881 ft	14.3 Km 8.9 Miles
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January Moderate / Easy</b>	0800	57	571 011	627 079	Portend – track North – East at Junction Grid 574041 – East Lodge – Gartchonzie - Callander	287 m 932 ft	11.5 Km 7.1 Miles
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January Easy</b>	0800	57	627 079	627 079	Walks Around Callander		As far as you like
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Moderate</b>	0800	67	708 576	781 717	Longformacus – Ellemford Bridge – Abbey St. Bathans – Penmanshiel Wood – Cockburnspath car park	180 m 600 ft	24 Km 15 Miles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Moderate / Easy</b>	0800	67	730 600	781 717	Ellemford Bridge – Abbey St. Bathans – Penmanshiel Wood – Cockburnspath car park	50 m 165 ft	17 Km 10.5 Miles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Easy</b>	0800	67	781 717	781 717	Cliff Walk from Cockburnspath car park		As far as you like

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**Challenging & Less Challenging**

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<b>7<sup>th</sup> December Challenging</b>	0700hrs	50 51 56	444 184	369 239	Car park at Inverlochlarig – Beinn Tulaichean (M) – Cruach Ardrain – Grey Height – River Falloch – Land Rover to road	1080 m 3510 ft	11 Km 6.8 Miles
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December Less Challenging</b>	0700hrs	50 51 56	444 184	369 239	Same route as above	1080 m 3510 ft	11 Km 6.8 Miles
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January Challenging</b>	0700hrs	43	138 831	127 741	Baddoch – Cairn Chrionaidh – Carn Aosda (M) – The Cairnwell (M) – Carn a Gheoidh (M) – Carn nan Sac – Creag nan Eun - Rhiedorrach	1060 m 3445 ft	17 Km 10.6 Miles
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January Less Challenging</b>	0700hrs	43	138 831	134 755	Baddoch – Cairn Chrionaidh – Carn Aosda (M) – The Cairnwell (M) – South ridge – Old Military Road	700 m 2275 ft	10 Km 6.25 Miles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Challenging</b>	0700hrs	57	586 091	535 066	Coireachrombie car park – Track west to south ridge of Ben Ledi – Ben Ledi (C) – Stuc Dhubh – Ben Vane (C) – Creag na h-Airighe – Brig o’ Turk	1000 m 3250 ft	20 Km 12.5 Miles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Less Challenging</b>	0700hrs	57	586 091	535 066	Coieachrombie car park – Track west to south ridge of Ben Ledi – Ben Ledi (C) – Stuc Dhubh – SSW to pickup track in Gleann Casaig – Brig o’ Turk	755 m 2455 ft	19 Km 10 Miles