



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks and I'd like to start off by explaining why we had combined coach outings in May, July, and now August. Also, why we had no coaches for June. We combined the coaches in May as we knew a large number of members would be away at Jan's last Munro on Ben Hope, and it was a good outing to the Tyndrum area. The coach company didn't allocate coaches for us in June, but before we criticise them too much, we should remember this is the first problem for a long time and we have had a good relationship with them for many years. Also, they allow us to change and cancel coaches at short notice. As it happens, we did not have sufficient bookings for June, to justify running either the 'A' or 'B' coaches! The July combined outing to Glencoe and Kinlochleven was a salvage scheme when we did not have enough people book for both coaches to run, and it was a good outing in fine weather. The bookings were also too low for the August outing.

We originally planned another combined outing in October, and we have decided to let this go ahead, to the Killin area. It's certainly going to be necessary to combine some of our outings throughout the year, to keep our finances in good order, as coach costs continue to increase.

It's been mentioned many times before, but it's really important to book in time for an outing, as we have to confirm the coach around 1 week ahead of our walk date!

Just a note about group leaders, and sometimes we find ourselves short of members prepared to lead a group, to allow all grades of walk to go ahead.

We would really like to see more members assist with navigation, and be prepared to lead as required. If you're interested, then please let me know.

We've had a good initial response to our request for members to download the Spindrifft from the club website, instead of receiving by post. Just let me know if you are prepared to do this.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2011 – 2012

Date	Event
2nd August	August Spindrifft
4 th September	Monthly Walk
16 th , 17 th , 18 th Sept	Weekend Meet Skye
2 nd October	Monthly Walk
6 th November	Monthly Walk
8th November	November Spindrifft
25 th November	Slides & Buffet Evening
4 th December	Monthly Walk
8 th January 2012	Monthly Walk
5 th February	Monthly Walk
7th February	February Spindrifft
24 th , 25 th February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
4 th March	Monthly Walk
9 th March	Club AGM
1 st April	Monthly Walk
6 th May	Monthly Walk
8th May	May Spindrifft
18 th , 19 th , 20 th 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

Walk Programme September, October, November 2011

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 th Sept Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51	466365	447276	Glen Lochay-Kenknock- Sgiath Chuil(m)- Meall á Churain-Beinn Cheataich-Meal Glas(m)-Beinn nan Imirean(c)- Meall Garbh- Auchessan- Glen Dochart	1380m/4485ft	17.5km/10.9mls
4 th Sept Challenging	0700hrs	51	466365	447276	Glen Lochay-Kenknock-Sgiath Chuil(m)-Meall á Churain-Beinn Cheataich-Meall Glas(m) –Auchessan-Glen Dochart	1180m/3835ft	15.5km/9.6ml
4 th Sept Less Challenging	0700hrs	51	466365	447276	Glen Lochay-Kenknock-Sgiath Chuil(m)-SSW towards Creag Nan Uan-S to Auchessan- Glen Dochart	720m/2340ft	14.5km/9.1ml
2 nd October Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51	615362	570342	As Challenging Walk		
2 nd October Challenging	0700hrs	51	615362	570342	A827 – NW, W, NW – 591377 – NNW – 923m top – Meall nan Tarmachan (M) – Meall Garbh – Beinn nan Eachan – Creag na Caillich – SW – Meall Dhuin Croisg – Track @ 538358 – S – Glen Lochay Road – Finish	1250m/4100ft	15km/9.4ml
2 nd October Less Challenging	0700hrs	51	588233	570342	Lochearnhead (Track by Episcopal Church) – Cycle Track (Climb “Zig Zags”) – Track SW – NW (Glen Kendrum) – Bealach @ 541248 – NE – Creag Mac Ranaich (C) – NW-Track NNW – 528284 – Tracks NE – Cycle Track @ 555307 – Thru Killin - Finish	800m/2625ft	18km/11.2ml
6 th Nov Challenging 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	1135m/3724ft	24km/15ml
6 th Nov Challenging	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	980m/3215ft	20km/12.5ml
6 th Nov Less Challenging	0700hrs	42	433831	433831	As Chall – Creag Pitridh (M) – SE – 490810 – S – 489800 – Start as Chall	790m/2592ft	17km/10.6ml

Walk Programme September, October, November 2011

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 th Sept Moderate	0700hrs	36	000205	974098	Nethy Bridge – Tracks ESE, S – 013182 – E, S – Bridge @ 022163 – SE, S – 024144 – W, SW, S – Ryvoan - W – Meall a Bhuachaille (C) – Path W, SW – Reindeer Centre	735m/2411ft	17km/10.6m
4 th Sept Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	36	897086	974098	As Mod Walk – Ryvoan – Track SW – Glenmore Lodge – W – Reindeer Centre	370m/1214ft	16.5km/10.3m
4 th Sept Easy	0700hrs	36	974098	974098	Walks in Glenmore – Loch Morlich Area	N/A	N/A
2 nd October Moderate	0700hrs	51	588233	570342	Start as Less Chall Walk – Glen Kendrum – Follow Track NW, N Thru Glen - 528284 – Killin & Finish as Less Chall	560m/1837ft	18km/11.2ml
2 nd October Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	51	588233	570342	Start as Less Chall & Mod Walks – 584232 – Glen Ogle Cycle Track N, NW – X A85 Road – Follow Cycle Track – Meet Less Chall & Mod Route @ 545307 – Finish	330m/1083ft	14km/8.7ml
2 nd October Easy	0700hrs	51	570342	570342	Walks from Killin – Glen Lochay	N/A	N/A
6 th November Moderate	<u>0800hrs</u>	43/44	111703	216605	Spittal of Glenshee – Follow Cateran Trail E, SE, S – 150642 – E on B951 – 180646 – NE – 186651 – SE – X Bridge – NE, SE, S – 201641 – E – 211638 – SE – 222605 – W – Kirkton of Glenisla via B951	460m/1510ft	22.5km/14.1ml
6 th November Moderate/Easy	<u>0800hrs</u>	43/44	143598	216605	A93 – Blacklunans (148605) – E – Auchinleash Farm – E – Bridge – B951 – Kirkton of Glenisla	265m/870ft	9.5km/5.9ml
6 th November Easy	<u>0800hrs</u>	43/44	216605	216605	Walks from Kirkton of Glenisla	N/A	N/A

Note:- Later Start Time from November!

Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to :-

Eric Pryde

5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX

Tel. 01738 445609

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Midsummer Outing to Arran

We had 28 book and 26 turned up on the day, (including guests) and whilst the weather was bright in Perth, it was wet by the time we approached Stirling. This persisted all the way to Arran, and we had a cloudy day with some rain showers.

We had several groups visiting various locations as follows;

1. Goatfell via the “tourist route”
2. Goatfell from Corrie
3. Holy Island
4. Coach trips!

Arran always provides a great day out, and what a pity the weather was not as good as last year. As always, we caught the 09.45 outward ferry, and returned on the 19.20, to arrive in Perth around 22.30.

September Weekend – Skye

The September weekend will be on the **16th, 17th & 18th** September at the Broadford Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£17** per night. Please note the closing date was **25th July**, therefore any members still wishing to book should do so directly with the SYHA.

Ullapool May Weekend Meet Report

This was held at the Ullapool Youth Hostel on 6th, 7th and 8th May. 19 members stayed on Friday and Saturday nights, and 12 on Sunday night. The weather was variable, cloudy and at times windy, but most people managed to get good views and avoid the rain. In the main, people climbed Corbetts and Grahams. As is always the case on weekend meets, the evenings are very sociable and certainly great fun.

Slide and Buffet Night (Please note Change of date)

This will be held on **Friday 25th November**, once again at the Craigie Hill Golf Club, at 7.30 pm. A great venue where we were well catered for last year. Members and guests are all welcome to attend, and the cost of a ticket is **£11**

Please send a cheque and an SAE to Elsie Wilke. (Contact details on the front page)

The theme will be “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”, with a maximum of 50 photos and/or 20 minutes by each participant. **Please let George know if you intend showing photos, and please let me have a flash drive or disc by 11th November.**

Jennifer Thomson

In March this year, 4 years after going missing, her remains were recovered in dense forest at the bottom of the hill she had been climbing.

Jennifer was a very keen member of the club, and having completed the Munros and Corbetts in a very short time, was working her way through the Marilyns.

She died doing what she loved, and our thoughts are with the family.

Navigation Courses

1 Day courses are being run again this year by the Mountaineering Council (MCofS) and the Ancrum Centre, and may be of interest to newer members of the club.

MCofS (01738 493942 & website)

Sat 17th & Sun 18th Sept Campsie Fells

Sat 24th Sept Ochils (All £45)

Ancrum Ctr. (01382 435911 & website)

Sat 13th Aug (£36)

Craigdon (Perth) Discount Evening

This will be held on Thursday 22nd September from 5.00 – 7.00pm. Please remember to bring along your membership card to claim the discount.

Our Website

www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk

Monthly Walks Coach Pickup Point

Just a reminder for any new members and guests of the club, that the pickup point is always the **South Inch Car Park** in Perth.

Winter Skills Courses

Like last year, some information on available courses will be in the November Spindrift.