



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks and as usual at this time of year I start off by talking about buses and turnouts on the monthly walks, so here goes!

As mentioned in the February and May Spindriffs, July and August would once again be combined bus outings, as bookings are normally low in those 2 months. We had worked on October also being combined like last year, as we really need a minimum of 3 now, with virtually all small coaches costing more than £400. Our main aim is to avoid increasing subscriptions and bus fares for as long as we can, to keep overall costs for members as low as possible.

Although not planned, we ran combined buses for May and June this year; for May we had 32 `A` bookings and only 13 for the `B` bus, of whom 9 transferred from `B` to `A`; for June we had 21 `A` bookings and 9 for the `B` bus, with 2 transferring from `B` to `A`. We really need a minimum of 20 on a coach, although we go as low as 16, providing the total number booking is sufficient.

For July, when we expected really low numbers for the combined bus outing, we had 24 for the `A` and 16 for the `B`. The big shift over the last couple of years has been an increase in numbers booking for the `A` bus and a big reduction of those for the `B`. I would appreciate some feedback from you about the falloff in `B` numbers. What the committee can do to improve the situation?

We had a good day on Arran on 17th June, with 27 booking for the bus, and 2 people joining us at Ardrrossan. The weather was reasonable and certainly much better than last year.

As mentioned in the May Spindriff, we are planning another Slides and Buffet evening in November, and details are on the back page. It would certainly be good to have some of our newer members showing photos; just let me know!

Recruitment is always a key focus for the committee and it continues to be good, with over 20 new members in 2011, mainly via our website. We can't be complacent as we had around 26 members resign or retire last year, and we may lose up to 15 this year! Our frequent appearances in the PA, along with our advertising posters being in over 30 outlets across the area, must certainly assist.

Let's hope the "Summer" weather improves!

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2012 – 2013

Date	Event
31st July	August Spindriff
2 nd September	Monthly Walk
14 th , 15 th , 16 th Sept	Weekend Meet Inchnadamph
7 th October	Monthly Walk
4 th November	Monthly Walk
6th November	November Spindriff
16 th November	Slides & Buffet Evening
2 nd December	Monthly Walk
6 th January 2013	Monthly Walk
3 rd February	Monthly Walk
5th February	February Spindriff
22 nd , 23 rd February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
3 rd March	Monthly Walk
8th March	Club AGM
7 th April	Monthly Walk
5 th May	Monthly Walk
7th May	May Spindriff

Walk Programme September, October, November 2012

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

Date / Walk Grade	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
2 nd Sept Challenging Plus	0700hrs	36	985074	985074	Sugar Bowl Car Park – Path SW – Chalamain Gap – X Lairig Ghru – Sron na Lairige – Braeriach (M) – Retrace to Sugar Bowl Car Park	1340m/4400ft	20km/12.5ml
2 nd Sept Challenging	0700hrs	36	989062	989062	Coire Cas Car Park – SW, SE – Ben Macdui (M) – Cairn Lochan – Stob Coire an t-Sneachda – Cairn Gorm (M) – Coire Cas Car Park	1165m/3820ft	18.5km/11.6ml
2 nd Sept Less Challenging	0700hrs	36	977097	989062	Glenmore Lodge – Bynack Stable – Stac na h-Iolaire – 1028m Top (016060) – Cnap Coire na Spreidhe – Cairn Gorm (M) – Coire Cas Car Park 089892	1088m/3570ft	16.5km/10.3ml
7 th October Challenging Plus	0700hrs	41	004565	084584	South of Kentallen – E – 759 Top – 824 Top – Sgorr Dhonuill (M)- Bealach (757) – Sgorr Dhearg (M) – E, NE – 947 Top – NNE – Beinn Bhan - Ballachulish	1360m/4460ft	11.5km/7.2ml
7 th October Challenging	0700hrs	41/49	995556	084584	Minor Rd. E – Forest – Tracks SE – Bridge @ 017538 – Path W – X Stream – SSW – Forest Edge – S – Lochan @ 013529 – SE, E, SE – Fraochaidh (C) – 671 & 718 tops – NNE – 054534 – NE – Forest Edge & Path @ 065540 – NE- X River – Cairn – Path NE, N - Ballachulish	1080m/3545ft	17km/10.6m
NOTE:-	COMBINED	BUS	OCTOBER				
7 th October Less Challenging	0700hrs	41	004565	084584	As Chall. Plus – Bealach (757) – Path N – Forest – Road @ 047569 – Left – Junction @ 044570 – NE, NNE, E – Main Road @ 066586 - Ballachulish	1185m/3890ft	13.5km/8.4ml
4 th Nov Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	239279	343292	Glen Lochy – X River – E, SE Thru Forest – SE – Bealach @ 257259 – Beinn a Chleibh (M) – Ben Lui (M) – SSE – 274245 – NE – Ben Oss (M) – NNE – 290258 – SE, NE – Bealach – Path E – Lochans @303258 – NE Coire Dubhchraig – Path @ 313271 – NE Thru Forest – Bridge @ 333284 - Dalrigh	1580m/5180ft	17km/10.6ml
4 th Nov Challenging	0700hrs	50	239279	343292	As Chall Plus – Ben Lui (M) – NW – 1127m Top - Descend NE, Stob Garbh Ridge – X River @ 281273 – Cononish - Dalrigh	1165m/3820ft	14.5km/9.1ml
4 th Nov Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	343292	343292	Dalrigh – Bridge @ 333284 – Path SW Thru Forest – Coire Dubhchraig – Lochans @ 303258 – Beinn Dubhchraig (M) – Retrace to Dalrigh	840m/2755ft	13km/8.1ml

Walk Programme September, October, November 2012

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
2 nd Sept Moderate	0700hrs	36	027253	895124	Track off B970, South of Grantown on Spey – Nethy Bridge – Boat of Garten - Aviemore	200m/655ft	23km/14.4
2 nd Sept Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	36	000205	895124	Nethy Bridge – As Moderate Walk - Aviemore	140m/460ft	17km/10.6ml
2 nd Sept Easy	0700hrs	36	895124	895124	Walks Round Aviemore	N/A	N/A
7 th October Moderate	0700hrs	41/49	995556	084584	Minor Road E – Forest – Tracks SE – Past Bridge – Follow Stream – Junction @ 031536 – Track NE – Junction @044544 – Track & Path E – Cairn & 069549 – Path NE, N - Ballachulish	400m/1310ft	13km/8.1ml
7 th October Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	41/49	989548	008574	Minor Road SW, NW – Cuil Bay – NW, W, NW Path on Shore – 970564 – Faint Path NE – Bothy @ 976568 – Follow Coast NE – Track ENE – Past Farm & Hotel – S – Kentallen – Layby on Main Road	264m/865ft	10km/6.2ml
7 th October Easy	0700hrs	41	084584	084584	Walks Around Ballachulish (NOTE:- COMBINED BUS OCTOBER)	N/A	N/A
4 th November Moderate	0800hrs	52	977525	025428	Ballinluig – E – Balnamoan – N – Tulliemet House – NE, E – Lochan Oisinnach Mor – S – Loch Ordie – SSW – Raor Lodge – SE, S – Dunkeld (Car & Coach Park)	590m/1930ft	24km/15ml
4 th November Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	52	998488	025428	Guay – E – Loch Ordie – Round Loch – Loch Ordie Lodge – SW, SE, S – Mill Dam – Dunkeld as Mod Walk	430m/1410ft	15km/9.4ml
4 th November Easy	0800hrs	52	025428	025428	Walks around Dunkeld	N/A	N/A

Note:- Later start time from November !

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

Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to:-

Fiona Stewart

7 Craigend Cottages

Craigend, Perth PH2 8PX

Tel. 01738 812899

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Midsummer Outing to Arran

We had 26 on the bus and 1 member joined us at Ardrossan, along with a guest.

The weather was cloudy with some early rain at Perth, but improved as we travelled west to Ardrossan, and was reasonable all day, with some clear views possible on the hills.

We had groups climbing Beinn Tarsuinn and Goatfell, with others doing a variety of things, including a coastal walk, a trip to Holy Island, and visits to local Arran attractions.

The day ended with a calm ferry crossing and beautiful views of the islands.

A great day out, with much better weather than last year.

September Weekend – Inchnadamph

The September weekend will be on the **14th, 15th & 16th** September at the Inchnadamph Private Hostel. The cost will be **£17.50** per night. Please send bookings to Fiona Stewart, by the end of August.

May Weekend at Torridon

This was held at the Torridon SYHA hostel, on the nights of 18th, 19th & 20th May. On the Friday night 21 members stayed, 22 on Saturday, and 17 on Sunday. The weather was good with clear views most of the weekend, although there was a fair covering of new snow on most of the Torridon Munros. A wide range of Munros and Corbetts were climbed over the weekend. The evenings were very sociable and great fun, as is always the case on our weekend meets. If you

haven't been on a club weekend, then why not come along to the next one?

Slides and Buffet Night

It was decided at the AGM to have a slides night again this year, and this will be on Friday **16th November**. The venue will be Craigie Hill Golf Club again, at **7.30pm**. A great venue where we are always well catered for. Members and guests are all welcome to attend, and **tickets are £11**.

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

The theme will be "Hills and Mountains Anywhere", with a maximum of 50 photos or 20 minutes by each participant. **Please let George know if you intend showing photos, and let him have a flash drive or disc by 9th November.**

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

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Weekend Meet Bookings

When the club books a number of beds with a hostel, our block booking and the price are based on dormitory bunks. To avoid confusion with the hostel, if members have special requirements (a double room for example) then please book directly with the hostel in their own name without mentioning the club.

Navigation Courses

A one day course is being run again this year by the Ancrum Centre on Sun 26th August and may be of interest to newer members of the club. 01382 435911 & website. The cost is £25.

Rohan Club Evening (37 St John Street)

This will be held on Tuesday 28th August from 6 till 9 pm. They will present their new clothing range and a 15% discount will be available on any purchases.