



## SPINDRIFT

# PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 144 August 2013

### Chairman's Message

Hello folks, and as usual in August it's time for my review of the year so far, as we approach the mid-year point. As mentioned in the May edition, we are having 5 combined coach outings for our monthly walks this year, just like 2012. The basis for this is that we had an excellent average monthly booking of 45 in 2012, and our cash on hand at the bank was about the same at the end of the financial year, as at the start! Coach bookings have held up very well this year so far, with 63 in March, 40 in April, 50 in May, 46 in June, 48 in July, and 34 for August. This gives a monthly average of almost 47, which we are very pleased with, considering that only June and July have been really good weather months so far. Let's hope this trend continues for the rest of the year!

Recruitment continues to be good, but we are certainly not complacent, having lost around 15 members in 2012, while we recruited 23. We are likely to lose around 20 members this year. Current membership stands at 111.

We had a good trip to Arran as usual in June, although very strong winds made for difficult walking on higher hills.

As mentioned in the May Spindrift, we are having another Slides and Buffet evening in November, and full details are on the back page. Please let me know if you are prepared to show some photos.

Best Wishes, George

### Calendar 2013 – 2014

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Monthly Walk
6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekend Meet - Skye
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Monthly Walk
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Monthly Walk
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>November Spindrift</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Slides and Buffet evening
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Monthly Walk
12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2014</b>	Monthly Walk
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Monthly Walk
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>February Spindrift</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Monthly Walk
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Club AGM</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Monthly Walk
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Monthly Walk
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Spindrift</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekend Meet - Torridon</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Weekend Meet - Braemar

#### Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£12**) and form at least 10 days in advance (*if there are not enough bookings we do not order a coach*) and only book for one walk at a time to:-

**Elsie Wilke, 18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR Tel. 01738 631811**

#### Weekend Meets

Weekend meets bookings should be sent to:-

**Fiona Stewart**

**7 Craigend Cottages**

**Craigend, Perth PH2 8PX**

**Tel. 01738 812899**

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

## Walk Programme: Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging September, October, November 2013

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept Chall Plus	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	Coileitir – Over Bridge – Path SW, SE – SW, SSW, S – Ben Starav (M) – 766m Bealach – SE – Bealach @ 144416 – Beinn nan Aighenan – Retrace – 766m Bealach – N – Allt nam Meirleach – Coileitir - Start	1700m/5580ft	17.5km/10.9ml
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept Chall	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	141467 – SE – Beinn Chaorach – S, SE – Stob Coir an Albannaich (M) – SW – 738m Bealach – Glas Bhein Mhor (M) – Retrace- 738m Bealach – NW – Allt Mheuran - Coileitir - Start	1380m/4530ft	14km/8.7ml
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept Less Chall	0700hrs	50	136468	136468	As Chall. Plus to Ben Starav (M) – 766m Bealach – N - Allt nam Meirleach – Coileitir - Start	1180m/3870ft	13km/8.1ml
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Chall Plus	0700hrs	41	221563	259547	Altnafeadh – Path S – 222558 – Path SE – 227549 – Ascend Curved Ridge – Stob Dearg (M) – Continue as Challenging Walk – Finish @ Kingshouse Hotel	1220m/4000ft	17km/10.6ml
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Chall	0700hrs	41	221563	259547	Altnafeadh – Path SSW – Coire na Tulaich – Stob Dearg (M) – 902m Top – Stob na Doire – Stob Coire Altruim – Stob na Broige (M) – Retrace – 201529 – Descend NNW – Lairig Gartain – Path NE – Main Road & WHW – ESE – Kingshouse Hotel	1205m/3955ft	17.5km/10.9ml
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Less Chall	0700hrs	41	188563	259547	Path SW – 183557 – Path SSE – Bealach @ 188545 – SW – Stob Dubh (M) – Bealach @ 188545 – NE – Stob Coire Raineach (M) – Bealach @ 188545 – SSE – Lairig Gartain – Kingshouse Hotel as Challenging <b>NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING</b>	1010m/3315ft	15km/9.4ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Chall Plus	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Jocks Road – 874m Top – Tom Buidhe (M) – Meikle Kilrannoch – Mayar (M) – Over Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – Hill of Strone – Cairn Links – Clova Hotel	1235m/4052ft	24km/15ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Chall	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Corrie Fee – S – Mayar (M) - As Chall. Plus – Finish	1022m/3352ft	19km/11.9ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Less Chall	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – As Chall. Plus to Finish	845m/2772ft	13km/8.1ml

## Walk Programme: Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy September, October, November 2013

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 <sup>st</sup> September Moderate	0700hrs	79/80	650205	505154	Jedburgh Abbey – “Borders Abbeys Way” – Todlaw – Black Law – Bedrule – Blawearie – Spital Tower – Denholm – X River Teviot – Follow River - Hawick	540m/1770ft	20.5km/12.8ml
1 <sup>st</sup> September Mod / Easy	0700hrs	79/80	600178	505154	Bedrule – Follow Moderate Route - Hawick	245m/805ft	13km/8.1ml
1 <sup>st</sup> September Easy	0700hrs	79/80	505154	505154	Walks around Hawick		
6 <sup>th</sup> October Moderate	0700hrs	41	187622	189621	Kinlochleven – Path NE – Track @ 208634 – ENE – Loch Eilde Mor – Path @ 213634 – Pipeline Path @ 217631 – SSW, E – Follow Pipeline – Blackwater Dam – Path W – Follow River Leven - Kinlochleven	620m/2035ft	18km/11.2ml
6 <sup>th</sup> October Mod / Easy	0700hrs	41	259546	189621	Kingshouse Hotel – Kinlochleven via WHW	440m/1445ft	14km/8.7ml
6 <sup>th</sup> October Easy	0700hrs	41	189621	189621	Walks Around Kinlochleven		
<b>NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING</b>							
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Moderate	<b><u>0800hrs</u></b>	37	527985	369960	Aboyne – Deeside Way W – Dinnet – A97 NNW – 459989 – Path W (Loch Clarack) – 451989 – Loch Kinord Trail NW, W – Burn o’ Vat – Path W by Vat Burn – Track @ 416997 – SW, S, SW – X A93 @ Turnerhall – Deeside Way WSW, SW - Ballater	275m/902ft	18.5km/11.6ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Mod / Easy	<b><u>0800hrs</u></b>	37	459987	369960	Dinnet – Continue as moderate Walk to Ballater	195m/640ft	12.5km/7.8ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Easy	<b><u>0800hrs</u></b>	37	369960	369960	Walks Around Ballater		

### **September Weekend – Glenbrittle, Skye**

If you would like to join in this weekend please arrange your own accommodation as our hostel booking is now completed.

### **Ullapool Weekend Meet**

About 15 people attended, including some new members who hadn't been on club weekends before. The weather was disappointing, with low cloud and some rain to spoil the views on Saturday, and the threat of rain on Sunday, which arrived with a vengeance at about 3 in the afternoon. Groups climbed Munros and Corbetts on both days, and at least one party completed a low-level walk on Sunday.

### **Midsummer Outing to Arran**

We originally had 29 bookings for this outing, and 27 came along on the day. We left Perth at 07.00 and made good time arriving in Ardrossan at 08.55. Although we left the Perth area with rain, and travelled through more rain on the journey west, it was dry at Ardrossan. On Arran it remained dry all day, but very misty on the hills, along with a strong and gusting NW wind, which made for very difficult going on the Corbett hills.

As usual, groups undertook a wide range of walks and activities, the most popular walk being Goatfell from Corrie. Other walks included Caisteal Abhail, Goatfell from Sannox, and several low level and coastal routes, while a few members and guests followed Arran's Tourist Trail!

In spite of the difficult walking conditions on the hills, everyone enjoyed their day. The evening ferry returned to Ardrossan on time, and our coach returned to Perth just before 22.30.

### **Slides and Buffet Night**

This popular evening will be at Craigie Hill Golf Club on **15<sup>th</sup> November** from 19.00 and will cost £12. Tickets from Elsie Wilke.

Please contact George if you wish to show up to 50 photographs fitting the theme: "Hills and Mountains Anywhere".

### **Tiso's Discount Card**

Tiso are now offering all members an Outdoor Experience card **free**. This will give you 10% off nearly everything and that includes sale items and special offers. Full terms and conditions can

be found at

[www.tiso.com/outdoorexperiencecard-terms/](http://www.tiso.com/outdoorexperiencecard-terms/) .

You need to go into the store (with evidence of PHWC membership) and sign up for the card.

### **MC of S Courses 2013**

A 2 day First Aid course on 28/29th September at Mill cottage, Glen Feshie, costs £90. The Summer ML course over 6 days in the Tyndrum area is being run starting in September at £280. For more details see [www.mcofs.org.uk](http://www.mcofs.org.uk) or phone 01738 493943

**Ancrum Centre, Dundee**, are running a Navigation course on 24<sup>th</sup> August costing £25. See [www.ancrum.com/](http://www.ancrum.com/) or phone 01382 435911.

### **The West Highland Way for Charity?**

**PKAVS** invites you to join their WHW walk between 4 and 8 October and raise money for them. Please see

<http://www.pkavs.org.uk/index.php/support-us/west-highland-way> if you might be interested.

### **Useful Internet Map Sites**

Checking whether a footpath marked on the OS map is visible on the ground without actually going there is not easy. The web sites below are helpful, although they may not be totally up-to-date.

<http://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

[http://maps.forestry.gov.uk/imf/imf.jsp?site=fcscotland\\_ext&](http://maps.forestry.gov.uk/imf/imf.jsp?site=fcscotland_ext&)

Searching the next site in various ways can also be helpful. <http://www.geograph.org.uk/search.php>

### **Spindrift**

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

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