



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

The winter weather has played havoc with our walks programme, with the December "A" and "B" buses both cancelled, and the January "B" walk also cancelled. All down to a combination of winter roads and the committee having to be concerned over member's safety. Let's hope the worst of the winter weather is behind us and with longer daylight hours, we can look forward to some better walks over the next few months.

Our AGM approaches now and as there will be some retirements from the committee, it is vital that some members are willing to offer support. This could be your chance to exert influence on route planning, and offer your own ideas for the continuation of our fine club. Please give this more than just a passing thought, and you just need a couple of friends to propose and second your nomination !

I would like at this time to thank the committee for their work and support over the two years of my Chairmanship. We have a very good team running our club, and they have made my position an enjoyable one. However it is my intention to step down after the AGM.

I have always thoroughly enjoyed my time on committee since joining in (I think) 1988, and maybe I'll miss the involvement. However I would like to have some time as an ordinary member again, and I hope to see you all again soon.

Ian

Calendar 2010 – 2011

Date	Event
6th February	Monthly Walk
18th, 19th February	Weekend Meet Kinlochleven
6th March	Monthly Walk
11th March	Club AGM
3rd April	Monthly Walk
1st May	Monthly Walk
6th, 7th, 8th May	Weekend Meet Ullapool

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 the **February** weekend meet should be sent to:-

Ian Swan

35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU

Tel. 01738 634441

Bookings for the **May** weekend meet to:-

Eric Pryde

5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX

Tel. 01738 445609

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

May Monthly Walk

You will remember we ran 1 bus instead of 2 in July last year, to benefit club finances in the short term. The committee has decided to run 1 bus in May, to Tyndrum, and again to benefit club finances. The walk tables show the options for this combined outing.

Walk Programme March, April & May 2011

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
6 th March Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50/56	351220	370240	Derrydaroch – Track Over Br – SE – Stob Glas – SE, E, NE – An Caisteal (M) – S, SE – Bealach – Beinn a Chroin (M) – 940m Top – N, NW – Coire Earb – Track to Main Road & Lay-by	1110m/3642ft	13km/8.1ml
6 th March Challenging	0700hrs	50/56	351220	370240	As Chall. Plus	1110m/3642ft	13km/8.1ml
6 th March Less Challenging	0700hrs	50/56	351220	370240	As Chall. Plus to An Caisteal (M) – N – Twistin Hill – Sron Gharbh – Track to Main Road & Lay-by	925m/3035ft	9.5km/5.9ml
3 rd April Challenging Plus	0700hrs	43	088892	108700	Glen Ey Track S – SW – Creag an Lochain – Carn Creagach – W – Carn Bhac (M) – SW – 920m Top – S – Beinn Iutharn Mhor (M) – S – Mam nan Carn – E – Loch nan Eun – SE, S, SE – Glen Taitneach - Spittal	1360m/4462ft	28km/17.5ml
3 rd April Challenging	0700hrs	43	088892	108700	Glen Ey Track S, SE, SW – Altanour Lodge – S – An Socath (M) – E – Bealach at 092801 – SE, S – Carn a Gheoidh (M) – SW, SE – Carn Mor – S – Track at 725110 – Main Road & Spittal	1150m/3773ft	23km/14.4ml
3 rd April Less Challenging	0700hrs	43	138832	108700	Baddoch Track SW – 122810 – W – 938m Top – SW, W – An Socath (M) – Finish as Chall.	1080m/3543ft	20km/12.5ml
1st May Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	317354	330303	Auch Glen – Track NE – Track SE – SE Ridge Beinn a Chaisteil (C) – NE – Bealach at 357376 – NW Ridge Cam Chreag (C) – SW – Bealach 362340 – NE Ridge Beinn a Chaorach (C) – S – Sheilings – Track – Auchtertyre – WHW Track – Dalrigh - Tyndrum	1430m/4692ft	22km/13.7ml
1st May Challenging	0700hrs	50	329331	330303	SE from roadside – SW Ridge Beinn Odhar (C) – NE – Summit – SE, E, ESE – Beinn Chaorach (C) – N, NE, E – Cam Chreag (C) – SE, SW, S – Track at 366317 – Sheilings – Tyndrum as Chall. Plus	1305m/4282ft	17.5km/10.9ml
1st May Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	329331	330303	As Chall. to Beinn Odhar (C) & Beinn Chaorach (C) – S – Sheilings – Track S – Tyndrum as Chall. Plus & Chall.	1050m/3445ft	12.5km/7.8ml

NB. Bus Fare is now £12.00 for all members

Walk Programme March, April & May 2011

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

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6 th March Moderate	0800hrs	52/53	064458	140513	N to Riechip, NE to near outflow of Loch Benachally, E to Ranageig, 146484, N then NE to Bridge of Cally	450m/1335ft	16.5km/10.2ml
6 th March Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	52/53	178453	140513	Blairgowrie – Minor Road on W Side R. Ericht - Heritage Centre – Bridge Over R. Ericht – RH Fork - Caterthun Trail N, NW – Bridge of Cally	271m/840ft	8.4km/5.2ml
6 th March Easy	0800hrs	52/53	140513	140513	Walks around Bridge of Cally		
3 rd April Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	51	736470	662587	Fortingall – Track NE, N, NW – Glenmore Bothy – NW, N – Track N – Road – W, NW – Kinloch Rannoch	755m/2477ft	16.6km/10.4ml
3 rd April Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	51	587476	617572	Innerwick – Track NW, NE on E Side River – (Lairig Ghallabhaich) Thru Forest – Take NE Track at 594543 – Carie	350m/1148ft	11.2km/7ml
3 rd April Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	51	662587	662587	Walks around Kinloch Rannoch		
1st May Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	50	314446	328305	Loch Tulla, SW on track to Victoria Bridge, West Highland Way to Tyndrum	547m/1794ft	20.9km/13ml
1st May Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	50	297396	328305	Bridge of Orchy, West Highland Way to Tyndrum	276m/905ft	10.6km/6.6ml
1st May Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	50	328305	328305	Walks around Cononish , St Fillans Priory, Tyndrum etc.		

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Early Start from April !**

Membership Renewal

A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed with this edition of Spindrift, and this can also be downloaded from the website. Please send completed forms, along with a cheque for **£20**, to the Membership Secretary, Ken Ward. (63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU) **Membership Cards will be sent out with the May edition of Spindrift.**

AGM

The Club AGM will take place on Friday 11th March at 19.30, in the **Craigie Hill Golf Club Clubhouse.**

Our AGM's have been poorly attended over the last 3 years or so, and this is just to remind members that it's an opportunity to put forward your views, including comments on social events and last years walks. Also, any ideas for this years walks and weekend meets.

It's obviously important that we have a good turnout for this important event in the club's calendar.

At the end of this committee period, two members of the present group are standing down. This means that we will have a total of four places to be filled. If you feel you can give something back to the club by being on the committee, please send a letter to the Club Secretary, (Mike Twinn, 3 Broomhill Avenue, Perth PH1 1EN) with your nomination, and the name of your proposer and seconder. Nominations need to be received at least one week before the AGM.

May Weekend – Ullapool

The May weekend will be on the **6th, 7th, & 8th**, at the Ullapool Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£17.50** per night. Bookings to **Eric Pryde** as soon as possible please, and by 25th March at the latest. (Contact details on the front page)

Slide and Buffet Night Report

A good turnout of 40 members came along for our evening at the Craigie Hill Golf Club. We had a total of 9 presentations, varying from club walks, last Munro celebrations, and other Scottish & English hills, to some overseas photographs. Some club walk photographs from the last 10 years or so, were of much interest, as was the club Anniversary Dinner in September 2007.

The hot & cold buffet was of a particularly high standard, as was the accommodation and bar service.

We will certainly return to this venue for our next social evening.

Our thanks go to the committee members who made the evening a success.

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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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Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425

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Please note that the current Spindrift is always posted on the club website, along with information on the current programme of events.

February 2011 Weekend – Kinlochleven.

The February weekend on the **18th & 19th**, will be at The Blackwater Hostel. The cost will be **£15** per night, and late bookings are still possible, which should be sent to **Ian Swan** as soon as possible please.

(Contact details on the front page)

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.

Surplus Equipment for Sale

From time to time items are advertised and this is just a reminder that Spindrift is available for this purpose. Please let George know about items to be advertised.

Introductory Winter Skills Courses

All the dates for **Glenmore Lodge** (01479 861256) and the **Ancrum Centre** (01382 435911) were given in the November Spindrift. This is just a reminder that both providers have dates available in February and March.