



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 138 February 2012

Chairman's Message

Hello folks and a belated Happy New Year from the committee and myself. We certainly hope you all have a good walking year.

Unlike last year we haven't had to cancel any outings due to weather so far, and let's hope it continues for the rest of the winter.

As this is the last Spindrifft before the club AGM on 9th March, (See the notice on the back page) I would like to remind you that it's your best opportunity to put forward your views on everything from last year's walks and weekend meets, possible walks and weekend meets over the next year, and club social events. Please come along and make it a worthwhile evening.

It's almost the end of my first year as Club Chairman, and with the assistance of a hard-working committee, I've really enjoyed the experience.

The hardest thing the committee has to do is keep coming up with original and interesting monthly walks. It's very difficult to avoid repetition from previous years, and we really do need to get some new ideas from club members. Let's hope we can arrange for this at the AGM.

Jim Watters, our treasurer, does a lot of work every year to advise on how to keep the club finances "in the black". It looks like we will always need to plan a few combined coach outings in the year. Last year we planned for 2, but as a result of low bookings in the middle of the year, we ran a total of 4. This has certainly helped our finances, and for this year, we are planning a minimum of 2 combined outings in July and August, where our bookings are normally low.

It's been stated many times before, but there is no doubt that the best way to keep the club finances healthy, in the face of rising costs, is for more members to come out on the monthly walks. I look forward to seeing you! Finally, just a reminder that it's membership renewal time again, at the end of February!

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2011 – 2012

Date	Event
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

Weekend Meets

Bookings for the **February** weekend should be sent to :-

Eric Pryde

5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX

Tel. 01738 445609

Bookings for the May weekend should be sent to Fiona Stewart. (Details on the back page)

Walk Programme March, April & May 2012

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 th March Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51, 57	633232	583136	Ardvorlich – Ben Vorlich (M) – Stuc a Chroin (M) – Bealach nan Caber – Beinn Each – SSW to track – Follow track to road	1314m/4311ft	11.9km/7.43ml
4 th March Challenging	0700hrs	51, 57	633232	583136	As Challenging Plus	1314m/4311 ft	11.9km/7.43ml
4 th March Less Challenging	0700hrs	51, 57	601224	583136	Edinample – Glenample – Stuc a Chroin (M) – Bealach nan Caber – Beinn Each – SSW to track – Follow track to road	1058m/3471ft	11.6km/7.28ml
1 st April Challenging Plus	0700hrs	35	694998	754005	Glen Banchor – Track N – Bridge at 691014 – NW - A' Chailleach (M) - Carn Sgulain (M) - Carn a' Bhothain Mholaich - Carn an Fhreicheadain (C) - Pitmain Lodge - Kingussie	1016m/3333ft	20km/12.5ml
1 st April Challenging	0700hrs	35	694998	754005	As Challenging Plus	1016m/3333ft	20km/12.5ml
1 st April Less Challenging	0700hrs	35	708993	754005	Newtonmore – Path & Track N by Allt na Bheinne – NNE - Geal Charn - NE to Carn an Fhreicheadain (C) - Beinn Bhreac – Track SE, S – Pitman Lodge - Kingussie	785m/2575ft	18.5km/11.6ml
6 th May Challenging Plus	0700hrs	41/50	271423	266525	Victoria Bridge- track W, Path N – SE ridge- Stob Ghabhar(m) – Aonach Mor – 224475 –NE- Clach Leathad – Creise(m)- 238500- Meall á Bhuiridh(m)-N, NE- Ski Centre	1600m/5200ft	17km10.5ml
6 th May Challenging	0700hrs	41/50	266525	266525	Ski Centre – traverse W, SW- Fionn Ghleann – NE ridge Beinn Mhic Chasgaig(c)-SE, W,N – Creise(m) 238500- Meall á Bhuiridh(m) N, NE – Ski Centre	1160m/3770ft	14km/9.1ml
6 th May Less Challenging	0700hrs	41	266525	266525	Ski Centre – traverse NW, S – 247524 – NE spur Stob á Ghlais Choire – S – Creise(m) – 238500 Meall á Bhuiridh(m) – N,NE- Ski Centre	960m/3120ft	10km/6.2ml

Walk Programme March, April & May 2012

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 th March Moderate	0800hrs	65&66	161558	167638	Carlops – Fairliehope – North Esk Reservoir – Spittal Hill – Green Law – West Kip – East Kip – Scald Law – Carnethy Hill – NW to Loganlea Reservoir – The Howe – Bavelaw Castle – Car	600m/1979ft	16km/10ml
4 th March Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	66	179576	167638	Nine Mile Burn – West Kip – East Kip - Scald Law – NE to MR195615 – NW to The Howe – Bavelaw Castle – Car Park at GR167638	300m/984ft	11km/6.9m
4 th March Easy	0800hrs						
1 st April Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	59	602125 or 593120	495001	Fife coastal Path. Kingsbarns (Large coach would have to stop in village, small coach may get down to beach car park) – Fife Ness – Crail –	Negligible	26km/16.2ml
1 st April Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	59	612074	495001	Fife coastal Path. Crail - Elie	Negligible	16km/10ml
1 st April Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	59	568036	495001	Fife Coastal Path. Anstruther - Elie	Negligible	10km/6.2ml
6 th May Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	50	196276	319197	Inverlochy, forest tracks to power line SE to Gleann na Caorann, Glen Falloch Farm	818m/2684ft	18.8km/11.8ml
6 th May Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	50	385253	318188	Crianlarich, West Highland Way to Beinglas, Glenfalloch Lodge	261m/856ft	10.8km/6.7ml
6 th May Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	50			As Moderate Easy		

Note: 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, for members not receiving Spindrift by post. Please send completed forms, along with a cheque for **£20**, to 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 9th March at 19.30, at the **Craigie Hill Golf Club**.

(A great venue with a good bar all evening!)

We had a reasonable turnout for our AGM last year, but poor turnouts for the 2 years before that. 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.

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 – Torridon

The May weekend will be on the **18th, 19th, & 20th** at the Torridon Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£18** per night. Bookings to **Fiona Stewart** as soon as possible please, and by **2nd April** at the latest.

(Contact details for Fiona as follows:

7 Craigend Cottages, Craigend,
Perth PH2 8PX 01738 812899)

Slide and Buffet Night Report

A good turnout of around 50 members came along for our evening at the Craigie Hill Golf Club on the 25th November. We had a total of 8 presentations, varying from club walks, and other Scottish & English hills, to some overseas photographs, including Fran's "World Tour".

The hot & cold buffet, whilst very good, did not offer as good a selection of food as last year, something we will discuss with the chef at

Craigie Hill. The accommodation and bar service were excellent as usual. My thanks go to the committee members who made the evening a success.

Website www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk

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

February Weekend – Great Glen Hostel. (Loch Lochy)

The February weekend on the **24th & 25th**, will be at The Great Glen Hostel. The cost will be **£15** per night, and late bookings are still possible, which should be sent to **Eric Pryde** as soon as possible please.

Surplus Equipment for Sale

Items from the "Sutherland Sale" are listed below; (Contact Neil or Alison on 01738 583778)

North Face Nuptse Down Jacket Mens L £30

Mountain Eqpt Down Sweater Mens XL £25

Paramo Nevada Smock Mens XL £30

Mountain Hardwear Softshell Jkt Mens XL £20

Paramo Taiga Fleece Jkt Mens L £25

Mountain Hardwear Epic Conduit Jkt Mens S £15

Columbia Titanium Waterproof Jkt Wmns L £20

Columbia Titanium Softshell Jkt Wmns L £20

Rohan Softshell Trousers Wmns 14 £20

Mountain Hardwear Conduit SL Mens S £15

Mountain Eqpt Down Bodywarmer Mens XL £25

Mountain Eqpt Down Bodywarmer Mens M £25

Wild Country 2/3 Man Backpacking Tent £50

Mike Shannon & Jimmy Murray will be climbing their last **Corbett, (An Clisham on Harris)** on 21st or 22nd April. They will be staying at the Am Bothan Bunkhouse, Leverburgh, for 5 nights. (01859 520251) For further information contact Jimmy on 01738 637704 or 07818178191

Advertising & Recruitment

You should all be aware of the good exposure we get in the Perthshire Advertiser, as a result of the good work done by Francis Berry. She would like to receive any good digital photos from monthly walks and weekend meets. (franberry2place@aol.com)