



## SPINDRIFT

# PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Issue 142 February 2013

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### Chairman's Message

Hello everyone and a belated Happy New Year from the committee and myself, and we hope you all have a good walking year.

As this is the last Spindrift before the club AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> March, (See the notice on the back page) I would like to remind you that it's a great opportunity to put forward your views on everything from last year's monthly walks and weekend meets, to walk venues and club social events for the next year. Please come along and make it a worthwhile evening.

Planning monthly walks, and minimising repetition from previous years is still one of the hardest things the committee has to do. Members gave us some good suggestions at the 2012 AGM, and we'd welcome some more this year.

Jim Watters, our treasurer, does a lot of work every year advising how to keep the club finances healthy, as coach costs continue to rise. Last year we planned 3 combined coach outings, and as a result of low bookings in May and June, we had two more, a total of 5. This greatly helped our finances, so this year, we plan to run May, June, July, August and October as combined coach outings.

Please remember "A" walkers still need winter equipment as in our list on the web site. It's easy to leave items in the boot of the bus if they are not needed at the venue.

Best Wishes, George

### Winter Skills Courses

The Ancrum Centre at Dundee, is running a winter skills day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at a cost of £50 for the day including equipment and transport. Phone 01382 435911.

### Calendar 2012 – 2013

Date	Event
<b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>February Spindrift</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Monthly Walk
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Club AGM</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Monthly Walk
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Monthly Walk
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Spindrift</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend Meet Ullapool
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Weekend Meet Skye

### 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**

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

The Committee is happy for members to propose hostels for our weekend meets, but a hostel that you have used and liked isn't necessarily suitable for the Club. The hostel should have a kitchen that is big enough for everyone to cook at pretty much the same time. The dining/common area also has to be big enough to accommodate over 20 people for the evening. Most people in the club would prefer single-sex dorms. What is the hostel's policy on this?

## Walk Programme March, April & May 2013

### 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
3 <sup>rd</sup> March Challenging Plus	0700hrs	42	632756	637843	A9 Laybye – Track WSW – S – Bealach 614737 – Sgairneach Mhor (M) – SW, NW, SW – Bealach 582728 – W, N – Beinn Udlamain (M) – NE – Bealach (Fraoch Choire) – N – Geal Charn (M) – N, NE – Track by Loch Ericht - Dalwhinnie	1080m/3545ft	21.5km/13.4ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> March Challenging	0700hrs	42	628792	637843	Balsporran Cottage – SW – A` Mharconaich (M) – WNW – Bealach 592766 – N, NE – Geal Charn (M) – Dalwhinnie as Challenging Plus	810m/2657ft	15km/9.4ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> March Less Chall	0700hrs	42	628792	637843	Balsporran Cottage – W, SW – Geal Charn (M) – Dalwhinnie as Challenging Plus	565m/1853ft	12km/7.5ml
7 <sup>th</sup> April Challenging Plus	0700hrs	34	377813	483973	Roughburn - NW through forest – NE - Beinn á Chaorainn(M) - NNE – Bealach á Bharnish - Creag Meagaidh(M) – Window - Aberarder	1300m/4265ft	20km/12.5ml
7 <sup>th</sup> April Challenging	0700hrs	34	483973	483973	Aberarder – Window – NE - Stob Poite Coire Ardair(M) - NE, E Carn Liath (M) - SW,SE - Na Cnapanan - Aberarder	1045m/3430ft	17km/10.6ml
7 <sup>th</sup> April Less Chall	0700hrs	34	419827	483973	Moy - Moy Burn - Creag na Cailleach - NE,N - SW Ridge Creag Meagaidh(M) – Window - Aberarder	965m/3165ft	15km/9.4ml
5 <sup>th</sup> May Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	316354	297396	Auch Glen Track NE, E – 369397 – NNE – Beinn Mhanach (M) – W – Bealach@366412 – NW – Bealach@355417 – SW – Bealach @340405 – Beinn an Dothaidh (M) – S – 744m Bealach- W – Bridge of Orchy	1270m/4165ft	19km/11.9ml
5 <sup>th</sup> May Challenging	0700hrs	50	311437	297396	Achallader Farm – Track S – X Railway – SSE – Coire Achaladair – Bealach@340405 – Beinn an Dothaidh (M) – S – 744m Bealach – S – Beinn Dorain (M) – N – 744m Bealach – W – Bridge of Orchy	1305m/4280ft	15.5km/9.7ml
5 <sup>th</sup> May Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	311437	297396	Achallader Farm – Track S – X Railway – SSE – Coire Achaladair – Bealach@340405 – Beinn an Dothaidh (M) – S – 744m Bealach – W – Bridge of Orchy <b>Combined coach in May</b>	920m/3020ft	11.5km/7.2ml

## Walk Programme March, April & May 2013

### Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
3rd March Moderate	0800hrs	72/73	112365	250404	Broughton on A701 (John Buchan Centre) – 111369 – Track & Path – Broughton Place – Follow Waymarked Path – Hammerhead – Stobo Hopehead – Stobo – The Glack – Cademuir Hill – Peebles	800m/2625ft	22km/13.7ml
3rd March Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	72/73	166357	250404	B712 – Minor road W – 156359 – Forest Track E, NE – Stobo Castle – Track NW, E – Home Farm – N, NE – John Buchan Way @ 176377 - As Moderate Walk – Stobo & Peebles	560m/1835ft	16.5km/10.3ml
3rd March Easy	0800hrs	72/73	250404	250404	Walks Around Peebles		
7 <sup>th</sup> April Moderate	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	44/53	285592	251590	Balintore – Minor road ESE – 296586 – Path NE – Cat Law – NW – 312620 – Path NNW – Cormaud – W, SW – 288623 – Track SW – 279607 – Path NW – Craig of Balloch – SW – Backwater Reservoir – Car Park@251590	645m/2115ft	16.5km/10.3ml
7 <sup>th</sup> April Moderate/Easy	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	44/53	339631	251590	Easter Lednathie – Wester Lednathie – Track NW – Glenuig – W, SSW – Glen Quharity – 279607 – Path NW as Moderate Walk to Backwater Reservoir Car Park	465m/1525ft	14.5km/9.1ml
7 <sup>th</sup> April Easy	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	44/53	251590	251590	Walks around Backwater Reservoir		
5 <sup>th</sup> May Moderate	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	50	316354	297396	Auch Glen Track NE – 354392 – N, NW – Allt Coire a Ghabhalach – W – Coire an Dothaidh – W – Bridge of Orchy	595m/1950ft	12.5km/7.8ml
5 <sup>th</sup> May Moderate/Easy	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	50	311437	297396	Achallader Farm – Main Road NNW – 314447 – Track SW (Loch Tulla) – 283427 – Track NW – WHW – SW – Victoria Bridge – Minor Road S, E – Inveroran Hotel – E, SE (WHW) – Bridge of Orchy	270m/885ft	11.5km/7.2ml
5 <sup>th</sup> May Easy	<b><u>0700hrs</u></b>	50	297396	297396	Walks from Bridge of Orchy to Victoria Bridge via WHW		

**Note:- Early Start From April! and - Combined coach in May**

### **Membership Renewal (due 1<sup>st</sup> March)**

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 to everyone with the May edition of Spindrift.

### **AGM**

The Club AGM will take place on Friday 8th March at 19.30, at the Craigie Hill Golf Club. (A great venue with a good bar all evening!)

Please make an effort to attend and use it to put forward your views, including comments on social events and last year's walks. Also, any ideas for this year's walks and weekend meets are very welcome.

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

We would like some more representation on the committee, so if you feel you can give something back to the club by being on the committee, please send a letter to the Club Secretary, (Eric Pryde, 5F Croft Park, Perth, PH2 0DX) with your nomination, and names of your proposer and seconder. Nominations need to arrive at least one week before the AGM.

### **May Weekend – Ullapool**

The May weekend will be on the 10th, 11th, & 12th at the Ullapool 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.

There are still a few places available for The Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy, 22nd and 23rd February 2013, Anyone who is interested but has not yet booked should contact Fiona.

### **Scotways - Stewart Herring**

Organising walks and using rights of way to ensure they remain so are the reasons for our club's existence. For many years we contributed financially to the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society (Scotways) but, in common with many

similar clubs, this is no longer the case.

Scotways was formed in 1845 and Presidents have included the Reverend A.E. Robertson, the first munroist, Tom Weir and Donald Bennet.

Current activities include: bridge building, documenting heritage paths, and walks, some led by one of our modest committee members.

Visiting <http://www.scotways.com> is well worthwhile.

### **For Sale**

Ladies Meindl Burma boots, size 6. Worn 3 times. Reason for sale - too big. Offers, Contact Cris Bonomy on 01738 447381

Griffel Spiders, little used, £7, Vango Ultralite ¾ mat, £15, Contact Kirsten Paterson on 01738 638282

### **REC Emergency First Aid Course**

Ancrum Centre are offering this nationally recognised course for £100 on 9/10 March at Dundee. Contact 01382 435911

### **MCofS Navigation Courses 2013**

Being run again this year and always popular and great value.

Ochils and Inverness Area – Cost £35 for members and £45 for non-members (This includes 1 year's MCofS membership)

Ochils (nr Alloa) Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May

Inverness (nr Contin) Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June

([www.mcofs.org.uk](http://www.mcofs.org.uk) or 01738 493943)

### **Slides and Buffet Evening Report**

A good turnout of around 60 members attended our evening at the Craigie Hill Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Eight presentations covered club outings, last Munroists, New Zealand, and the USA. We were well looked after at Craigie Hill as usual and enjoyed an excellent buffet.. Thanks to all the presenters and committee members, who made the evening a success.

### **Spindrift**

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

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