



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks, welcome to another year with the club, and a warm welcome to the 22 or so new members who have joined over the last year. After three enjoyable years as Club Chairman, I'm very pleased to be continuing in the job. I would like to start by thanking Jim Watters for 29 years of dedicated service as Club Treasurer. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Margaret Band, who joins the committee. Thanks also to the rest of the committee for a lot of hard work over the last year. As mentioned in the February Spindrift, the May, June, July, August and October monthly walks will be combined bus outings, to hopefully keep club finances in a healthy state. The new Club Calendar is shown here, and as always, it shows the dates when each edition of Spindrift will be on the website. www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk. We are pleased many members have opted to download their copy and booking forms, saving the club significant costs.

Our full committee of 12 is shown below:

Chairman	George Smart
Vice Chairperson and Publicity	Frances Berry
Treasurer	Neil Sandilands
Secretary	Eric Pryde
Membership Secretary	Ken Ward
Monthly Walks Secretary	Elsie Wilke
Weekend Meet Sec./Publicity	Fiona Stewart
Spindrift Editor	Kirsten Paterson
	Mike Twinn
	Cris Bonomy
	Margaret Band
	Jack Holliday

The **Route Planning Sub-Committee** comprises: George, Neil, Ken, Cris, Eric, Kirsten, Margaret and Mike.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2014 – 2015

Date	Event
1 st June	Monthly Walk
22 nd June	Midsummer Outing - Arran
6 th July	Monthly Walk
27 th July	Monthly Walk (August)
29th July	August Spindrift
7 th September	Monthly Walk
19 th - 21 st September	Weekend Meet - Braemar
5 th October	Monthly Walk
2 nd November	Monthly Walk
4th November	November Spindrift
14 th or 21 st November	Slides and Buffet evening tbc.
7 th December	Monthly Walk
11 th January 2015	Monthly Walk
1 st February	Monthly Walk
3rd February	February Spindrift
13 th , 14 th February	Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy
1 st March	Monthly Walk
13th March	Club AGM
5 th April	Monthly Walk
3 rd May	Monthly Walk
5th May	May Spindrift
15 th 16 th 17 th May	Weekend Meet dates tbc.
18 th - 20 th September	Weekend Meet dates tbc.

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
June, July, August 2014**

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 st June Challenging Plus	0700hrs	56	236096	294049	Butterbridge – SE, SSW – Beinn Luibhean(C) – E – Bealach@249079 – E, NW – Beinn Ime(M) – Bealach a’Mhaim – ESE – Beinn Narnain(M) – Bealach a’Mhaim – SSW, SSE, SW – Cobbler(C) – SE – Allt a’ Bhalachain Path – 284043 – NE - Arrochar	1550m/5085ft	14km/8.7ml
1 st June Challenging	0700hrs	56	236096	294049	As Chall Plus – Beinn Narnain(M) – Bealach a’Mhaim – S, SE – Allt a’Balachain Path – 284043 – NE - Arrochar	1285m/4215ft	12.5km/7.8ml
1 st June Less Challenging	0700hrs	56	236096	294049	Butterbridge – NE – Glen Kinglas – 265129 – SE – Beinn Dubh – S, SE – Ben Vane(M) – SE – Track@294090 – NE – 298095 – SE – X Br@302092 – Path SE, S, SW – Stronafyne – Track SW – Main Rd - Finish	910m/2985ft	17km/10.6ml
6 th July Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	132284	122274	Rd Junction – Track NNW – 131289 – W, WSW – Monadh Driseig – Beinn a’Bhuiridh(C) – N – Stob Garbh – Stob Daimh(M) – W – 1009m – 950m – Ben Cruachan(M) – S – Bealach@069298 – Coire Dearg – 082294 – S – Dam – Track SSE, ESE, E, NE – Lochawe (Tight Line Pub)	1800m/5905ft	19.5km/12.2ml
6 th July Challenging	0700hrs	50	079268	122274	Power Station – Path NNE (SE Burn) – W Side Dam – Track NNE, Path WNW – 069298 – N – Ben Cruachan(M) – E – Stob Daimh(M) – Sron an Isean – SE – Br@122297 – Track SSE – Main Rd – Lochawe Pub	1630m/5350ft	15.5km/9.7ml
6 th July Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	132284	122274	B8077 NE – 136288 – Track NW – 110318 – N – Beinn a’Chochuill(M) – SE, ENE – Beinn Eunaich(M) – S – Track – Start – Main Rd – Lochawe Pub	1310m/4300ft	15.5km/9.7ml
27 th July (August) Chall Plus	0700hrs	51	615362	575332	A827 – NW, W, NW – 591377 – NNW – 923m – Meall nan Tarmachan (M) - Meall Garbh – Beinn nan Eachan – Creag na Caillich – SW – Meall Dhuin Croisg – Track@538358 – S – Glen Lochay Rd – Finish@Killin Hotel/Coach Park	1250m/4100ft	18km/11.2ml
27 th July (August) Challenging	0700hrs	51	588233	575332	Lochearnhead (Track by Church) – Cycle Track – 584233 – Tracks SW – NW(Glen Kendrum) – 552243 – SW – Meall an t-Seallaidh(C) – Cam Chreag – Bealach@541248 – Creag Mac Ranaich(C) – NW – Track NNW – 528284 – Tracks NE – X Main Rd@548300 – Cycle Track @555307 – Thru Killin – Killin Hotel	995m/3265ft	20km/12.5ml
27 th July (August) Less Chall	0700hrs	51	588233	575332	As Chall Walk – Glen Kendrum – 552243 – Bealach@541248 – Creag Mac Ranaich(C) – Finish as Chall Walk	800m/2625ft	18km/11.2ml

Walk Programme Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy
June, July, August 2014

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 st June Moderate 1	0700hrs	56	229074	294049	Rest & Be Thankful – B828 – 227070 – Forest Tracks SW, W, SW, S – Pole Fm – Track SE – Path@215020 – X Br@213018 – Cowal Way E – 242019 – SE – 257008 – NE, N – Ardgarten Visitor Ctr@269037 – X Main Rd – Paths & Track NE - Finish	890m/2920ft	21.5km/13.4ml
1 st June Moderate 2	0700hrs	56	294049	294049	Forest Path & Track SW – 284043 – NW by Allt a’Bhalachain – Bealach a’Mhaim – NE – Forest Track@268078 – NE – 279090 – E, NE – 299095 – SE – X Br@302092 – Glen Loin Path SE, S, SW – Stronafyne – Track SW – Main Rd@Bridge - Finish	840m/2755ft	16km/10ml
1 st June Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	56	294049	294049	Minor Rd NNE – Succoth – Track@298059 – SW – 292051 – NE, NW, W – 275084 – Track NE, E, NE – 299095 – Continue as Moderate 2 Walk to Finish	595m/1950ft	17km/10.6ml
	(COMBINED	BUS	JUNE)				
6 th July Moderate	0700hrs	50	132284	004311	B8077 NE – Track @ 136288 – N, NW, W – 109317 – Path NW (River Noe) – 062341 – 055343 – Br@052341 – SW – Minor Rd @025316 – Smokery – Path SW – Br@018315 – Track@016314 – NW, W - Taynuilt	775m/2540ft	18.5km/11.6ml
6 th July Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	50	031298	004311	Minor Rd N, NE, NW – 026309 – 025317 – Track NE – 055343 (Glennie – by Loch Etive) – As Moderate Walk to Taynuilt	405m/1330ft	13.5km/8.4ml
	(COMBINED	BUS	JULY)				
27 th July (August) Moderate	0700hrs	51	588233	575332	Start as Chall & Less Chall Walks – Glen Kendrum – Bealach@ 541248 – Follow Track NW, N – Thru Gleann Dubh – 528284 – As Chall & Less Chall – Killin & Finish	560m/1840ft	18km/11.2ml
27 th July (August) Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	51	588233	575332	Start as Chall & Less Chall Walks – 584233 – Glen Ogle Cycle Track N, NW – X A85 Rd@Lochan Lairig Cheile – Car Park (Snack Van) – Past RAF Memorial – Thru Metal Gate – Cycle Track (Tarmac) N, NNE – 561302 – NW – 555307 (Join Mod Route) – Killin & Finish	330m/1085ft	14km/8.7ml
	(COMBINED	BUS	AUGUST)				

September Weekend –

The September weekend will be the 19th, 20th, & 21st at Braemar Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£18 per night**. Bookings to Fiona Stewart as soon as possible please, and by **Saturday 2nd August** at the latest.

February Weekend

We had a good turnout of 26 members at the Great Glen Hostel. However the weather was not as kind as last year, with many folk turning back on high hills due to strong winds and deep soft snow. Despite this, some Munros, Corbetts and Grahams were climbed, with the wind abating on the Sunday giving beautiful winter weather. Dougie Hart celebrated his 50th birthday on Saturday, and many thanks again to Tom Doig, who organised his ever popular quiz in the evening and raised a few pounds for club funds!

Midsummer Outing to Arran

By popular request at the AGM we are returning to Arran on **22nd June**. Hills, low level walks or just touring, there's something for everyone, guests welcome! The costs are, bus fare **£17** and ferry from Ardrossan **£10**. Bookings to **Margaret Brand**, 1, Inchyra Village, Glencarse, PH2 7LT, Tel. 07752 993811 by **1st June**.

August Monthly Walks

Don't forget we bring these forward a week to **27th July** to avoid Perth Show.

Membership Reminder

Annual subscriptions are now overdue. If you haven't yet paid, please send your £20 to Ken Ward (63, Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU) as soon as possible.

Slides and Buffet Night

Start gathering your photos now for this enjoyable evening at Craigie Hill Golf Club in **November**. Further details in the August Spindrift.

Navigation Courses 2014

We strongly encourage all members to learn to navigate. **MCofS** run 1 day courses on 24th and 25th May near Tillicoultry and 2nd, 3rd August in the Campsies or Drymen area—Cost £35 for members and £45 for non-

members. (www.mcofs.org.uk or 01738 493943)

Ancrum Centre, Dundee, 1 day courses on Sats. 17th and 24th May @ £25. See www.ancrum.com/ or phone 01382 435911.

Mountain Aid is also running FREE basic navigation courses on Sat 24th May and Sun 15th June in the Ochil hills. Contact Training@MountainAid.org for details.

Congratulations to Tony Jackson. He proposed to his girlfriend, Fiona McHendry, on the summit of Schiehallion on Sunday 23rd February. The good news is, she said “yes”.

Monthly Walks – Group Discipline

Please remember that our group leaders do a great job for us all, and we sometimes struggle to get enough of them to allow all walks to go ahead, and avoid groups becoming too big. It's very important, in the interests of safety that groups stick together with their leader. They deserve respect from us all, for doing what can sometimes be a difficult and stressful job. There have been instances on both buses recently, where groups have got split up. The club has an excellent safety record, and we certainly intend that it continues that way!

May Spindrift

All members are to receive this Spindrift by post, along with their membership cards. Members who have opted to download their Spindrift can see all publication dates for the next year, when it will be available on the club website.

Monthly Walks Coach Pickup Point

Just a reminder for any new members and guests of the club, that the pickup point is always the **South Inch Car Park** in Perth.

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

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