



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 131 May 2010

Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

Welcome everyone to another year of membership in our club, and a warm welcome to all new members who have recently joined. I wish you all a good year of walking with us. I wish you all a good year of walking with us. I would like to thank Linda Symon and Ian Machray, who retired from the committee this year, for all their hard work for the club.

A cost saving suggestion from the floor at this year's AGM, was to try sharing one bus with all grades of walk together. The idea has been given a great deal of thought at our route planning meetings, and July has been chosen for this experiment. The committee hope that your cooperation will make this a successful outing.

We have planned a return visit to Arran for our Midsummer Outing this year, on 20th June. This being the popular choice when a vote was taken at the AGM.

On 12th November we will be holding our Buffet/Slides Night, and your committee are looking at a new venue for this popular event. It would also be great to have more members give a show !

Ian

Midsummer Outing to Arran

The cost of the bus on 20th June will be £15. The ferry cost of around £10 needs to be paid at Ardrossan. Please note the coach will leave Perth at 07.00 as usual, and the closing date for bookings is 10th June. Bookings, along with £15, to :-

Frances Berry
44 Balhousie Street, Perth. PH1 5HW
(Tel. 01738 441266)

Calendar 2010 – 2011

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2nd May 2010 | Monthly Walk |
| 7th, 8th, 9th May | Weekend Meet Torridon |
| 6th June | Monthly Walk |
| 20th June | Midsummer Outing to Arran |
| 4th July | Monthly Walk |
| 1st August | Monthly Walk |
| 5th September | Monthly Walk |
| 10th, 11th, 12th Sept. | Weekend Meet Glencoe |
| 3rd October | Monthly Walk |
| 7th November | Monthly Walk |
| 12th November | Buffet & Slides Night |
| 5th December | Monthly Walk |
| 9th January 2011 | Monthly Walk |
| 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 all weekend meets should be sent to:-

Ian Swan
35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU
Tel. 01738 634441

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Walk Programme June, July, August 2010

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 June Challenging Plus | 0700hrs | 36 43 | 985054 | 989062 | Car Park – Path SW – Chalamain Gap – X Lairig Ghru – Sron na Lairige – Braeriach (M) – Retrace to 960045 – Lurchers Crag – Path NE - Coire Cas Car Park | 1590m/5217ft | 23km/14.4ml |
| 6 th June Challenging | 0700hrs | 36 43 | 989062 | 989062 | Coire Cas Car Park – SW, SE – Ben Macdui (M) – Cairn Lochan – Stob Coire an t-Sneachda – Cairn Gorm (M) – Coire Cas Car Park | 1010m/3314ft | 20km/12.5ml |
| 6 th June Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 36 43 | 977097 | 989062 | Glenmore Lodge – Bynack Stable – Stac na h-lolaire – 1028m Top (016060) – Cnap Coire na Spreidhe – Cairn Gorm (M) – Coire Cas Car Park 089892 | 1105m/3625ft | 15km/9.4ml |
| 4 th July Challenging Plus | 0700hrs | 43 | 138832 | 089892 | Baddoch – SW – W – Loch nan Eun – Mam nan Carn – Beinn lutharn Mhor (M) – NE, NW – Carn Bhac (M) – NE (Allt Connie) – Track (073871) - Inverey | 985m/3232ft | 25km/15.6ml |
| 4 th July Challenging | 0700hrs | 43 | 138832 | 089892 | As Chall. Plus – Beinn lutharn Mhor (M) – NE – Altanour Lodge (082823) – Track to Inverey | 730m/2395ft | 25km/15.6ml |
| 4 th July Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 43 | 138832 | 089892 | Track SW from Baddoch – An Socath (M) – N – Altanour Lodge (082823) – Track to Inverey | 565m/1854ft | 19km/11.9ml |
| 1 st August Challenging Plus | 0700hrs | 50 | 132283 | 077269 | Junction B8077/A85 – Track NNW – W, SW – Monadh Driseig – Beinn a Bhuiridh (C) – N – Stob Diamh (M) – W – Ben Cruachan (M) – S – Meall Cuanail – S, SE – Dam – Power Station Car Park | 1555m/5100ft | 15km/9.4ml |
| 1 st August Challenging | 0700hrs | 50 | 132283 | 077269 | Start as Chall. Plus - Track NNW, NW – Bridge (122297) – NW, W – Sron an Isean – Stob Diamh (M) – Continue as Chall. Plus to Finish | 1400m/4592ft | 12.5km/7.8ml |
| 1 st August Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 50 | 114267 | 077269 | Start Lochawe Village – Hydro Board Road W, NW – Dam (W Side) – Track N – Coire Cruachan (083294) – NW, W – Coire Dearg – Bealach (069298) – Ben Cruachan (M) – As Chall. Plus to Finish | 1140m/3739ft | 12km/7.5ml |

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Walk Programme June, July, August 2010

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

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|---|-------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 6 th June Moderate | 0700hrs | 44 | 259627 | 328657 | Glenhead Farm – NW – N – Cairn Duanie (631m) – Track W&S – Bad Buidhe (524m) – 266646 – NW – Drumshade Plantation – Track NE – Hill of Strone – Cormuir – Glen Prosen Village | 605m/1985ft | 20km/12.5ml |
| 6 th June Moderate/Easy | 0700hrs | 44 | 367620 | 328657 | Cotgibbon Plantation – N – 459m – Sneck of Corinch – Craigs of Lethnot – Hill of Counternach – Hill of Balbae – Cairn Leith – Drumwhern – S – Glentairnie – Glen Prosen Village | 351m/1152ft | 11km/6.9ml |
| 6 th June Easy | 0700hrs | 44 | 328657 | 328657 | Walks from Glen Prosen Village | | |
| 4 th July Moderate | 0700hrs | 43 | 185910 | 089892 | Invercauld Br. – Alltdourie – Gleann an t-Slugain – 115961 – SW, S, SE – E Side Glen Quoich – Punch bowl – Victoria Br. – Inverey | 616m/2021ft | 24km/14.9ml |
| 4 th July Moderate/Easy | 0700hrs | 43 | 062897 | 089892 | Linn of Dee – Glen Lui – Chais Fhearnaig – Glen Quoich – Punch Bowl – Victoria Bridge - Inverey | 370m/1220ft | 15km/9.1ml |
| 4 th July Easy | 0700hrs | 43 | 062897 | 089892 | Walks from Linn of Dee - Inverey | | |
| 1 st August Moderate | 0700hrs | 35 | 648943 | 715991 | Cluny Castle – Strath an Eirlich – River Calder – Carn Macoul (805m) – Dalballoch – Glenballoch - Newtonmore | 530m/1739ft | 17km/10.5ml |
| 1 st August Moderate/Easy | 0700hrs | 35 | 648943 | 715991 | Cluny Castle – Strath an Eirlich – River Calder – Dalballoch – Glenballoch - Newtonmore | 195m/640ft | 12km/7.5ml |
| 1 st August Easy | 0700hrs | 35 | 715991 | 715991 | Walks from Newtonmore | | |

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Club Finances

A relatively small proportion of the membership attended this year's AGM in March and, to alert members to the precarious state of the Club's finances, an excerpt from the Treasurer's report to the 2010 AGM follows:-

It might be useful to start this report by explaining the rationale behind the Committee's decision to increase the bus fare to £12 just 1 year after the previous increase. This decision was not taken lightly but, given the continuing fall in membership over the year (from around 150 to around 130) and the increase in bus costs, inaction was not an option.

The accounts show a Walks deficit of £2045, which is £245 over budget, a figure which would have been substantially higher had we not had to cancel buses through lack of support. Obviously, this would have exacerbated what was already a critical situation and, in the absence remedial action, the year to February 2011 would have seen our funds exhausted, with the very real possibility of the Club ceasing to exist.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation closely over the next 12 months, but further remedial action cannot be ruled out, if we are to ensure the Club's survival.

What we really need however, is an increase in membership and greater support for the monthly walks.

July Monthly Walk

To help improve our finances in the short term, we have decided to run 1 bus instead of 2 for July. The walk tables show the options for this combined outing.

September Weekend – Glencoe

The September weekend will be on the 10th, 11th & 12th September at the Glencoe Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£16.75** per night. Bookings to Ian Swan, and please note the closing date is **23rd July**.

Membership Reminder

Membership payment is now overdue. If you have not already paid **£20**, please do so now, to Ken Ward.
(63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU)

Slide and Buffet Night

It was decided at the AGM to have a slides night this year, and this will be on Friday **12th**

November. The venue and the time will be announced in the next spindrift.

Tony Chisholm's Last Munro

Tony will be climbing his last Munro, **Ben Fhada, Ratagan, on Saturday 21st August.** There is plenty of accommodation in the area, and Tony has booked spaces at the Ratagan Hostel at **£16** per night. Tony asks that any money due for the hostel be sent to him by the 1st week in July.

(Tel. 01796 473318 Mob. 07776320534)

Corrieyairack Pass

Work is due to start on the Beaully-Denny power line next March, and some 'B' bus walkers have shown interest in walking the Corrieyairack Pass from Garva Bridge to Fort Augustus this Autumn. We are considering having the September walk(s) in this area, and it would assist planning if members who may be interested in this walk could let Frances Berry know. (Tel:- 01738 441266) The walks could be open to 'A' & 'B' bus walkers, and the return journey from Fort Augustus would be around 3 hours.

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

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.