



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks and welcome to another year of membership with the club. It's the first Spindrifft since our AGM in March, hence there are a number of announcements:

Firstly, I would like to thank Ian our retiring Chairman for all his work for the club. Not just as Chairman, but over 20 years on the committee, when he has held many different positions. Some achievement eh? We certainly can't afford to be without his contribution at the Slides Night.

My thanks also to Alison McLaughlan, who retired from the committee this year, and let's not forget all the good work done by the entire committee over the last year.

We are very fortunate to have 3 new committee members: Fiona Stewart, Ken Ross & Jack Holliday. They're all welcome!

The table below shows the new committee:

Chairman and Spindrifft Editor	George Smart
Vice Chairman and Publicity	Frances Berry
Treasurer	Jim Watters
Secretary	Mike Twinn
Day Meet Secretary	Elsie Wilke
Membership Secretary	Ken Ward
Weekend Meet Secretary	Eric Pryde
	Fiona Stewart
	Ken Ross
	Jack Holliday
	Kirsten Paterson

The Route Planning sub committee comprises: George, Ken Ward, Ken Ross, Eric Pryde, Fiona Stewart, Mike Twinn & Kirsten Paterson.

We are planning another Midsummer "cruise" to the popular venue of Arran this year, on 19th June. We are also planning a Slides & Buffet evening on 18th November, which will be held again at the excellent venue of Craigie Hill Golf Club.

You will notice that the calendar now includes dates when each edition of Spindrifft will be on the website. We would certainly like to encourage members to opt for downloading their own copy, instead of receiving them by post. Just let me know !

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2011 – 2012

Date	Event
5 th June 2011	Monthly Walk
19 th June	Midsummer Outing to Arran
3 rd July	Monthly Walk
31 st July	Monthly Walk (August)
2nd August	August Spindrifft
4 th September	Monthly Walk
16 th , 17 th , 18 th Sept	Weekend Meet Skye
2 nd October	Monthly Walk
6 th November	Monthly Walk
8th November	November Spindrifft
18 th November	Slides & Buffet Evening
4 th December	Monthly Walk
8 th January 2012	Monthly Walk
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

Walk Programme June, July, August 2011

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
5 th June Challenging Plus	0700hrs	41	188623	145684	Path NE, N from Kinlochmore – By Allt Coire na Ba – NE – 783m Bealach (193657) – Stob Coire a Chairn (M) – SW – Am Bodach (M) – Sgurr an Lubhair – N (Devils Ridge) – Sgurr a Mhaim (M) – NW, N – Polldubh	1570m/5151ft	12km/7.5ml
5 th June Challenging	0700hrs	41	182623	145684	WHW Path from Kinlochmore – Track (172630) – NE – Sgurr an Fhuarain – Am Bodach (M) – Finish as Chall Plus	1370m/4495ft	10km/6.2ml
5 th June Less Challenging	0700hrs	41	182623	145684	WHW Path from Kinlochmore – Path (167631) – NE, NW, N – Bealach (169652) – Sgurr an Lubhair – SW – Path (157654) – Path – Polldubh	1035m/3396ft	10km/6.2ml
3 rd July Challenging Plus	0700hrs	41	188563	171568	As Challenging Walk		
3 rd July Challenging	0700hrs	41	188563	171568	SW on path by Allt Lairig Eilde – WSW – Beinn Fhada Ridge – Stob Coire Sgreamhach (M) – Bidean nam Bian (M) – Stob Coire nan Lochan – E, N – 3 Lochans – Path NE - Coire nan Lochan – Car Park by Helipad	1310m/4298ft	10.5km/6.6ml
3 rd July Less Challenging	0700hrs	41	172568	171568	SE – X River Coe – SW by Allt Coire Gabhail (Lost Valley) – Bealach (151537) – Bidean nam Bian (M) – Finish as Chall.	1180m/3872ft	9.2km/5.7ml
31 st July Challenging Plus	0700hrs	43/44	186910	156882	Bridge of Dee – SE Thru Ballochbuie Forest – Feindallacher Burn – S, SE - Sandy Loch – Scramble The Stuic – Lochnagar (M) – Carn a Choire Bhoidheach (M) – Carn an t-Sagairt Mor (M) - Lochcallater Lodge – Auchallater	1111m/3646ft	25.5km/15.5ml
31 st July Challenging	0700hrs	43/44	186910	156882	As Chall Plus – Scramble The Stuic – Carn a Choire Bhoidheach (M) – Carn an t-Sagairt Beag – Carn an t-Sagairt Mor (M) – Finish as Chall Plus	960m/3150ft	20km/12.5ml
31 st July Less Challenging	0700hrs	43/44	186910	156882	As Chall Plus - Feindallacher Burn – S - Carn an t-Sagairt Mor (M) – Finish as Chall Plus	772m/2589ft	17km/10.6ml

Walk Programme March, April & May 2011

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
5 th June Moderate	0700hrs	36	852043	985074	Feshiebridge - Moor of Feshie – Loch Gamhna – Loch an Eilein – Cairngorm Club Footbridge – MR 938075 – Site of Sinclair Hut – Chalamain Gap – Sugar Bowl Car Park	620m/2035ft	20km/13m
5 th June Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	36	897086	981092	Loch an Eilein Visitor Centre – anti –clockwise around Loch –906077- East to Cairngorm Club Footbridge – MR 938075 – Loch Morlich at MR 956093 – south side of Loch to road at MR 981092	100m/300ft	13km/8m
5 th June easy	0700hrs	36			Walks around Loch Morlich		
3 rd July Moderate	0700hrs	56	294048	198015	Car park at Arrocher – SW on A83 over river - B road toward Coilessan. At 266015 - forest track - 257008 - NNW thru forest - open hillside 232017 - follow track W following Donich water - Lochgoilhead	490m/1617ft	14km/8.7ml
3 rd July Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	56	230072	198015	Rest & be thankful – SW on B828 – 228070 – SW, W, SW Glean Mor Cycle Route – B839 @ 193043 - N – B828/B839 Jn – Track S @ 191050 W side river Goil - Lochgoilhead	180m/590ft	11km/6.9ml
3 rd July Easy	0700hrs	56	198015	198015	Walks around Lochgoilhead village	N/A	N/A
31 st July Moderate	0700hrs	52	755438	855490	Acharn – Track SSE, ENE – X Remony Burn – Path NNE – Balmacnaughton – Track NE – Road E – Tombuie Cott. – SE – Lochan at 801432 – Track NE – Urlar Burn – Path at 852473 – Birks of Aberfeldy - Aberfeldy	502m/1647ft	16.2km/10.1ml
31 st July Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	52	755438	855490	As Mod. To Tombuie Cott. – Track N, NE – Tullichuil – Track & Path ENE, SE – The Birks & Finish as Mod.	220m/722ft	14.5km/9.1ml
31 st July Easy	0700hrs	52	855490	855490	Walks around Aberfeldy		

NB. Bus Fare is now £12.00 for all members

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 :-

Eric Pryde

5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX

Tel. 01738 445609

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Midsummer Outing to Arran

It was decided at the AGM to return to this popular venue on **19th June**. What a great place, with loads to do for everyone, even if you don't fancy a hill walk! A sea "cruise" for **£10.20**, and Calmac breakfasts and dinners are certainly good value as well. The bus fare will be **£16** and bookings to **Eric Pryde** please, by the closing date of **Tuesday 7th June**. Please note the ferry cost needs to be paid at Ardrossan.

September Weekend – Skye

The September weekend will be on the **16th, 17th & 18th** September at the Broadford Youth Hostel. The cost will be **£17** per night. Bookings to Eric Pryde, and please note the closing date is **25th July**.

There might be some delay before your cheque is taken to the bank. So, if you include your e-mail address, Eric will send you an e-mail to let you know that he has received your cheque.

Membership Reminder

Membership payment is now well overdue. If you have not already paid **£20**, please do so now, to Ken Ward.

(63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU)

August Monthly Walk

Just a reminder that this has been brought forward to 31st July, to avoid Perth Show.

February Weekend at Kinlochleven

This was held at the Blackwater Hostel, on 18th & 19th February, and 17 members came along. The weather was not ideal on Saturday and Sunday,

with snow and rain on the tops, especially on Saturday. Most people walked Corbetts and Grahams on the Saturday, with only a few doing a walk on Sunday. As usual, the social aspect of the meet was very enjoyable, but due to the low turnout the club sustained a small financial loss.

Slide and Buffet Night

It was decided at the AGM to have a slides night this year, and this will be on Friday **18th November**. The venue will be Craigie Hill Golf Club again, a great place where we were well catered for last year. Further details will be announced in the next Spindrift.

Spindrift

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

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As mentioned in the Chairman's message, we would really like to save some money by cutting down on printing costs and postage. (It would also make life a wee bit easier for the Spindrift Editor!)

All members will get the first Spindrift of the new membership year (May edition) in the post, with their membership card, as usual. We would really like members to download the other editions of Spindrift, and their walk booking forms, from the website. Please can you send George an e-mail, to confirm you are willing to do this. Members who are not on line, or who really cannot manage this, will continue to receive their copy of Spindrift by post.

"A 100 Classic Coastal Walks in Scotland" with Andrew Dempster

This talk will be given on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm, at The Soutar Theatre – AK Bell Library, Perth. Tickets £5, from the AK Bell Library. (01738 477019)