



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 143 May 2013

Chairman's Message

Hello folks, welcome to another year with the club, and a warm welcome to the 23 or so new members who have joined over the last year. After two enjoyable years as Club Chairman, I'm very pleased to be continuing in the job and would like to start by thanking Ken Ross for his work on the committee, as he stands down this year, and extending a warm welcome to Neil Sandilands, our new committee member. Thanks also to the rest of the committee for their good year's work.

As mentioned in the February Spindrifft, the May, June, July, August and October monthly walks will be combined bus outings, to help keep club finances in a healthy state. As always, the calendar includes dates when each edition of Spindrifft 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	Jim Watters
Secretary	Eric Pryde
Membership Secretary	Ken Ward
Monthly Walks Secretary	Elsie Wilke
Weekend Meet Sec./Publicity	Fiona Stewart
Spindrifft Editor	Kirsten Paterson
	Mike Twinn
	Cris Bonomy
	Neil Sandilands
	Jack Holliday

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

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2013 – 2014

Date	Event
2 nd June	Monthly Walk
23 rd June	Midsummer Outing
7 th July	Monthly Walk
28 th July	Monthly Walk (August)
30th July	August Spindrifft
1 st September	Monthly Walk
6 th 7 th 8 th September	Weekend Meet - Skye
6 th October	Monthly Walk
3 rd November	Monthly Walk
5th November	November Spindrifft
15 th November	Slides and Buffet evening
1 st December	Monthly Walk
12 th January 2014	Monthly Walk
2 nd February	Monthly Walk
4th February	February Spindrifft
21 st 22 nd February	Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy
2 nd March	Monthly Walk
7th March	Club AGM
6 th April	Monthly Walk
4 th May	Monthly Walk
6th May	May Spindrifft
16 th 17 th 18 th May	Weekend Meet - Torridon
19 th 20 th 21 st September	Weekend Meet - Braemar

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 June, July & August 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
2 nd June Chall Plus	0700hrs	43	063898	063898	Linn of Dee – Derry Lodge – N – Glen Derry – 035990 – NW, WNW – Loch Etchachan – S, SE – Derry Cairngorm (M) – S, SE – Derry Lodge – Linn of Dee	1055m/3460ft	27km/16.9ml
2 nd June Chall	0700hrs	43	063898	063898	Linn of Dee – Derry Lodge - Glen Luibeg – Lairig Ghru – N – Taillear Stone – 981972 – E – Bealach @ 987972 – SSE – Carn a Mhaim (M) - SE – Glen Luibeag – Derry Lodge - Linn of Dee	925m/3035ft	26km/16.2ml
2 nd June Less Chall	0700hrs	43	063898	063898	Linn of Dee – Derry Lodge – N - Glen Derry – 040958 – Ridge N, NE – Craig Derry – SSE, E – Beinn Bhreac (M) – S, SW – Track – Derry Lodge – Linn of Dee NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING	690m/2265ft	21.5km/13.4ml
7 th July Chall Plus	0700hrs	41	143771	123730	Torlundy – Track S – Parking Area – Path SW – Path SE – By Allt a Mhuilinn – Ascend Carn Mor Dearg (M) – Arete – Ben Nevis (M) – Ben Nevis Visitor Centre via “Ben Nevis Tourist Route”	1640m/5380ft	17km/10.6ml
7 th July Chall	0700hrs	41	143771	123730	As Chall Plus to Carn Mor Dearg (M) – Descend W – CIC Hut – Path NW, SW – “Halfway Lochan” – Join “Ben Nevis Tourist Route” – Ben Nevis Visitor Centre	1360m/4460ft	15.5km/9.7ml
7 th July Less Chall	0700hrs	41	123730	123730	Ben Nevis Visitor Centre – Ben Nevis (M) & Return via “Ben Nevis Tourist Route” NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING	1440m/4725ft	15km/9.4ml
28 th July Chall Plus (August)	0700hrs	41 42	445578	355664	Start 2km E Rannoch Station – Track NW, N – NE – Beinn Pharlagain (C) – N – Sgor Gaibhre (M) – SW – Carn Dearg (M) – NW, W – Corroul Station	1260m/4135ft	21km/13.1ml
28 th July Chall (August)	0700hrs	41 42	445578	355664	Start as Chall Plus – Track & Path NW, N – 433646 – NE – Bealach @ 445655 – N – Sgor Gaibhre (M) – As Chall Plus – Corroul Station	955m/3135ft	20km/12.5ml
28 th July Less Chall (August)	0700hrs	41 42	445578	355664	Start as Chall Plus – Track NW, N – 435609 – NNW – Carn Dearg (M) – As Chall Plus – Corroul Station NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING & TRAIN-ASSISTED	810m/2660ft	16km/10ml

Walk Programme June, July & August 2013

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
2 nd June Moderate	0700hrs	43	063898	149915	Linn of Dee – Derry Lodge Track N – 058923 – Path NE (Clais Fhearnaig) – 080937 – Track N – 080948 – ENE – 092952 – W, S, SE - Linn of Quoich – 114911 – Track & Road – Mar Lodge – X Bridge – E, NE Road – 118897 – Track ENE – 142905 – Tracks N, NE - Braemar	555m/1820ft	23.5km/14.7ml
2 nd June Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	43	063898	149915	Linn of Dee – As Mod Walk – Clais Fhearnaig – 080937 – Track SE – Linn of Quoich – 114911 – Track & Road - Mar Lodge - Braemar as Mod Walk	460m/1510ft	19km/11.9ml
2 nd June Easy	0700hrs	43	149915	149915	Walks around Braemar NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING		
7 th July Moderate	0700hrs	41	095733	123729	Yacht Club – ESE – Upper Achintore – SSW – Track @ 097724 – E, SE, NE, N – Cow Hill (287m) - Retrace - Path @ 110723 – ENE – WHW @ 119727 – SSE – 121722 – Track SSE – Achriabhach – X Bridge & Polldubh Falls – Track on L – Path N by River Nevis – Ben Nevis Visitor Centre	600m/1970ft	18.5km/11.6ml
7 th July Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	41	095733	123729	As Moderate walk but omit Cow Hill ascent. Leave track & join path ENE @ 110723. Continue as Mod walk to Ben Nevis Visitor Centre	535m/1755ft	15km/9.4ml
7 th July Easy	0700hrs	41	123729	123729	Walks in Glen Nevis NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING		
28 th July Moderate (August)	0700hrs	41 42	445578	355664	Start 2km E Rannoch Station - Track NW, N – 435609 – Path NW, N – Peters Rock – NE – SW Round Loch Ossian – Corroul Station	500m/1640ft	22km/13.7ml
28 th July Moderate/Easy (August)	0700hrs	41 42	445578	355664	Start as Moderate – Peters Rock as Moderate – West – Corroul Station	400m/1310ft	16km/10ml
					NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING & TRAIN-ASSISTED		

September Weekend – Skye

The September weekend will be the 10th, 11th, & 12th at Glen Brittle Youth Hostel. **There is limited club space available so it is essential to book early.** The cost will be **£17 per night.** Bookings to Fiona Stewart as soon as possible please, and by **Saturday 20th July** at the latest.

February Weekend

Good weather and a welcoming Great Glen Hostel made this a memorable weekend with excellent views while climbing various Munros and Corbetts. Tom Doig kindly organised another enjoyable quiz which raised some money for the club.

Midsummer Outing to Arran

By popular request at the AGM we are returning to Arran on **23rd June.** Hills, low level walks or just touring, there's something for everyone, guests welcome! Bus fare will be **£17** and the ferry cost from Ardrossan is about **£11.** Bookings to Fiona Stewart please, by **1st June.**

August Monthly Walk

Don't forget we bring this forward a week to **28th July** to avoid Perth Show.

This time we access more remote hills partly by using the spectacular West Highland Line so there will be a train fare of about £10 in addition to the normal £12.

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 on **15th November.** Further details in the August Spindrift.

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 18th and Sun 19th May
Inverness (nr Contin) Sat 1st June

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

Ancrum Centre, Dundee, are running navigation courses on Sats. 18 May and 24 August @ £25. See www.ancrum.com/ for other courses, or phone 01382 435911.

112 – The Best Emergency Number

Dialling 112 in an emergency gives the best possibility of reaching help in any EU country and many more. 112 overrides phone locks, seeks ANY mobile network and prioritises calls if networks are busy. Do view the short video and **register your phone as described,** then you can text 112 which has a much greater chance of getting through where mobile reception is weak. <http://www.tgomagazine.co.uk/images/video/video/Using-112-on-a-mobile-phone-in-an-emergency>

In Memoriam

An active club member for many years, **Mike Shannon,** sadly died in March at an early age. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with his family and close friends.

In January the club also lost **Walter Paul,** a member for many years, who will be sadly missed from the B bus.

Congratulations to members Bernie and Elsie Wilke who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in March.

For Sale

Paramo Quito Jacket, size S, green. Worn c. 5 times, condition as new. £120 (£220 new)
Reason for sale – Received a lightweight Paramo jacket as a gift. Also any offers for 1 pair blue gortex gloves size S & 1 pair Extremities leather palm windstopper gloves size S. Contact Michele Sneddon 01738 447775

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

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