



# SPINDRIFT

## PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 137 November 2011

### Chairman's Message

Hello folks and you may have noticed that we've had a pretty poor summer once again; from the wet day on Arran in June, to poor weather in the Braemar area in August, followed by a terrible day near Killin in October. However, it's good to reflect on a great day out in Glencoe in July.

So we're heading towards the winter months again, and whilst it's probably boring for our established members, I think it's important for our newer members to be reminded about the importance of carrying appropriate clothing and equipment. This is obviously of particular importance for the Challenging walks. It's also worth a reminder that the Winter Skills courses listed on the back page, are certainly very useful.

The usual clothing and equipment guidelines are as follows;

1. Map, Compass, Head Torch & Whistle
2. Boots, warm & ideally waterproof. Stiff enough for Crampons for Challenging walks
3. Hat, Gaiters, Gloves & Overgloves
4. Plastic Survival Bag & Basic First Aid Kit
5. Ice Axe & Crampons, if required for the grade of walk and conditions
6. Suitable Windproof and Waterproof outer and mid layers of clothing

Let's hope we have some good early winter conditions, with a bit less snow than last year!

I look forward to seeing you at our Slides & Buffet evening on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. (Details are included in this Spindrift)

With Xmas approaching fast, I'd like to pass on the usual compliments of the season, from the committee and myself.

With regard to members prepared to download Spindrift from the club website, the numbers continue to increase, and we now have around 30 members who have signed up for this.

Best Wishes, George

### Calendar 2011 – 2012

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Monthly Walk
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>November Spindrift</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Slides &amp; Buffet Evening</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Walk
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b>	Monthly Walk
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Monthly Walk
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>February Spindrift</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Monthly Walk
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Club AGM
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Monthly Walk
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Monthly Walk
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Spindrift</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend Meet Torridon

### 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**

## Walk Programme December 2011, January & February 2012

### Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50, 51, 56	446185	370240	As Challenging Walk		
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Challenging	0700hrs	50, 51, 56	446185	370240	Inverlochlarig – NW – Beinn Tulaichean (M) – NW – Cruach Ardrain (M) – W, NW – Meall Dhamh – NNW – Grey Height – Descend W by Forest Edge – Landrover Track – Main Road	1150m/3773ft	11.5km/7.2ml
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Less Challenging	0700hrs	50, 51, 56	446185	370240	As Challenging Walk	1150m/3773ft	11.5km/7.2ml
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Chall. Plus	0700hrs	58	990044	915971	Burnfoot – Innerdownie – Whitewisp Hill – Tarmangie Hill – Skythorn Hill – Andrew Gannel Hill – Ben Cleuch – Mill Glen - Tillicoultry	850m/2790ft	19km/11.9ml
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Challenging	0700hrs	58	963980	915971	Dollar – Dollar Glen – Bank Hill – Kings Seat – Andrew Gannel Hill – Ben Cleuch – Mill Glen - Tillicoultry	800m/2625ft	16.5km/10.3ml
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Less Chall.	0700hrs	58	915971	915971	Tillicoultry – Andrew Gannel Hill – Ben Cleuch – The Law – Mill Glen - Tillicoultry	800m/2625ft	12km/7.5ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb Challenging Plus	0700hrs				As Challenging		
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb Challenging	0700hrs		142774	156883	Ski Centre – Track – Meall Odhar – Glas Maol (M) – NE – Cairn of Claise (M) – NNW, WNW – Carn an Tuirc (M) – NE, N – Lochcallater Lodge - Auchallater	682m/2238ft	19.5km/12.2ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb Less Challenging	0700hrs		147800	156883	Path ENE, E – Carn an Tuirc (M) – Finish as Challenging	591m/1939ft	14km/8.7ml

## Walk Programme December 2011, January & February 2012

### Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
4 <sup>th</sup> December Moderate	0800hrs	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
4 <sup>th</sup> December Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	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
4 <sup>th</sup> December Easy	0800hrs	52			Walks around Aberfeldy		
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Moderate	0800hrs	57	486889	520010	Blarnavaid (A811) – WH Way Track N, NW – 480906 – NE (Rob Roy Way) – 505936 (Drymen Rd. Cott.) – NW, N – 485969 – NE – 496979 (Clashmore) – N – 496983 – NE – Balleich - Aberfoyle	120m/394ft	16km/10ml
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	57	553927	520010	Douchlage – Track W – Hoish – W, NW – Drymen Rd. Cott. – As Mod. To Finish	40m/131ft	13km/8.1ml
8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2012</b> Easy	0800hrs	57			Walks around Aberfoyle		
5 <sup>th</sup> February Moderate	0800hrs	43&52	944593	929587	Moulin - Loch a' Choire – Ben Vrackie( C ) – Killiecrankie Visitor Centre – E side River Garry – Fishing Station car park Pitlochry.	600m/1970ft	15km/9.5m
5 <sup>th</sup> February Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	43&52	944593	929587	Moulin – N side Loch a' Choire – NW to track to Killiecrankie Visitor Centre – E side River Garry – Fishing station car park Pitlochry.	260m/850ft	12km/7.5m
5 <sup>th</sup> February Easy	0800hrs	43&52			Walks around Pitlochry		

## September Weekend Report – Skye

Only twelve members booked through the club, but several more booked individually, so that in the end we had just under twenty at the meet. The Cuillin Ridge was in cloud for much of the weekend, but other areas were dry and clear, especially on Saturday, when the views were outstanding. There were successful forays to the Cuillin Ridge and Blaven, new Munros for some, and the Corbett baggers climbed Glamaig and Garbh-bheinn, with an additional Graham for Ian and Kirsten.

As always, the après climb was most enjoyable.

## Slides and Buffet Evening

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER!** Once again it will be held at the Craigie Hill Golf Club, at 7.30 pm. A great venue where we were well catered for last year. Members and guests are all welcome to attend, and the cost of a ticket is **£11**

Please send a cheque and an SAE to Elsie Wilke. (Contact details on the front page)

The theme will be “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”.

## Introductory Winter Skills Courses

Weekend courses are available again this year at Glenmore Lodge, (Aviemore) and 1 day courses by the Ancrum Centre (Dundee)

**Glenmore Lodge** (01479 861256 & Website)

A wide range of weekends between December & March (Cost:- £235)

**Ancrum Centre** (01382 435911 & Website)

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January; 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Cost:- £50)

## September 2012 Weekend Meet

Due to the difficulty of getting booked at a suitable hostel, when we only decide on the September weekend meet at the club AGM in March, the committee have decided to go ahead and book the Inchnadamph Hostel, for the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012. We had a good weekend there in May 2007, and we've not been able to get a booking since!

## February 2012 Weekend Meet

This will be held at **Loch Lochy**, at the **Great Glen Hostel**, on **24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February**. The cost will be **£15** per night. Bookings to Eric Pryde by **31<sup>st</sup> January** please.

## Spindrift

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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**Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425**

[george.smart3@btopenworld.com](mailto:george.smart3@btopenworld.com)

## 2012 Club AGM on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

This is just an advance notice to confirm that there will be at least 2 vacancies on the committee after the AGM. More details will be in the February Spindrift, but we would be pleased to hear from any members interested in joining the committee.

## Our Website

[www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk](http://www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk)

Anyone who has photos that they would like to show on the club website, please send them on a disc to Ken Ward.

## 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.

## RSGS Talks at Perth Concert Hall

(Royal Scottish Geographical Society)

A range of talks are planned at 07.30pm, on the following Tuesdays:-

13<sup>th</sup> December, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March (Cost:- £8 for all talks)

## MCofS Winter Lecture Series

The focus of the lectures is to entertain and educate on winter mountain safety.

The lectures will be held all over Scotland, but at Tiso Perth on the following dates, by **Stuart Johnston**;

**Johnston**;

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8.00pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 8.00pm

Please note that the lectures are free!