

Perth and District Hillwalking Club Monthly Bulletin August 2015

September Weekend Meet on 18th, 19th & 20th

This will be held at Ratagan Youth Hostel near Shiel Bridge in Glen Shiel. This has always been a popular venue for us, and details are in Spindrift. (Bookings with the SYHA online at www.syha.org.uk Tel: 08452 937373 or with the hostel Tel: 01599 511243). If booking by phone, please let the SYHA know you are with PHWC, and let Margaret Band know you have booked.

(Please note that places may now be very limited)

September 2015 Monthly Walks Reminder – 2 Coach Outing

These will be held on **Sunday 6th September**, with the `A` coach going to the Mamores and Kinlochleven. The `B` coach will go to Glen Esk. Walks are planned to be as detailed in the new Spindrift. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 27th August** please.

Information on Deer Stalking

As we're coming into the season again, the website lists information (where available) by area and hills. Please do a Google search on; "Heading for the Scottish Hills".

Slides and Buffet Evening 20th November

Details are in the Spindrift, but this is just a reminder that we can't have a show without presenters! Please let George know if you are able to show some photos.

Walk for Parkinson's Charity Event at Scone Palace on 23rd August

The charity is looking to recruit volunteers to help with the event, and a separate "Volunteering" leaflet is on the clipboard for information.

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Combined Coach Report for Sunday 9th August – Aviemore & Nethybridge

Bookings for this month numbered 43 including 4 guests. However after 1 cancellation, and 2 not showing on Sunday, we had 40 on the coach.

The weather forecast was for a windy and cloudy day, with a few sunny intervals, and a small possibility of a little drizzly rain. The forecast was accurate, although we had some clear views and a little sunshine, and the winds died down in the afternoon.

Only 13 booked for the `A` walks, while the remaining 30 signed up for the `B` walks. After the usual list of group changes, we finished up with the following numbers:

Challenging Plus: 4	Moderate 1: 8
Challenging: 5	Moderate 2: 8
Less Challenging: 4	Moderate/Easy: 11

After dropping most of the members off at Glenmore, the 5 Challenging walkers were taken to their starting point at the Coire Cas car park.

All groups completed their walks in very good time. The three Challenging groups finished at Coire Cas between 1600 and 1700. Refreshments were taken at the Ptarmigan Restaurant or the Storehouse Cafeteria at Coire Cas, with some members sampling both outlets. The Moderate and Moderate/Easy groups finished between 1500 and 1530 at the Nethybridge Hotel, which was their refreshment stop, although some also made use of the Coire Cas cafeteria on their early arrival there with the coach.

A very good day out in reasonable weather, with a much better turnout than we normally have in August. Very low `A` group bookings, even allowing for a few members transferring to the `B` walks.

George Smart 12th August 2015

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