

## **Perth and District Hillwalking Club Monthly Bulletin November 2015**

**December 2015 Monthly Walks Reminder – `A` and `B` Coaches.** These will be held on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, with the `A` coach going to the Glen Dochart/Crianlarich area. The `B` coach will be going to the Aberlady/Dirleton area for coastal walks. The walks are planned to be as in the new November Spindrift. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** please.

### **Slides and Buffet Evening on 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Craigie Hill Golf Club at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

**Tickets (£12) are available on the coach today, and guests are always welcome.**

As an alternative, please send a cheque for £12, along with an SAE to Elsie Wilke.

**Please note the closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **November Spindrift**

The new Spindrift will be on the club website this week.

### **Winter!**

This is just a reminder about winter equipment and clothing. See the club website and the new Spindrift for the usual recommendations. Remember that for the `A` walks, ice axe and crampons should be carried, as soon as there is likely to be snow on our choice of hills. If, on the day, the group leaders confirm that axes and crampons won't be required, then it's easy to leave them in the boot of the coach. If in doubt, please contact us.

### **February 2016 Weekend Meet**

This will be held once again at the Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy, on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February. Full details are in the new Spindrift, and please book directly with the hostel as soon as possible.

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### **`A` Coach Report for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Tyndrum**

We originally had 17 book, but after 2 cancellations, and 1 transfer to the `B` group, we had 14 on the coach (including 1 guest). The walks took in 3 of the 5 Corbetts northeast of Tyndrum. Also the 2 Corbetts to the west of Tyndrum.

The weather forecast was for early fog clearing to allow a few hours of sunny intervals in the middle of the day. In fact we had a lovely clear sunny day, with great views all day, and only a small amount of cloud in the far distance.

We had the following group numbers:

Challenging Plus: 4

Challenging: 3

Less Challenging: 7

As only 3 booked for the Challenging walk, it was combined with Challenging Plus and all 7 walked the Challenging Plus route.

The Less Challenging group was dropped off first at Arinabea in Glen Lochy, followed by the Challenging Plus group, just north of Tyndrum. The coach was then based in Tyndrum for the day.

Both groups completed their walk in very good time, with the clear conditions allowing easy navigation. The Less Challenging group returned at 14.50, and the Challenging Plus at 16.10.

The pub stop was the Tyndrum Lodge, opposite the Information Centre, where our coach was parked. Everyone enjoyed their day in lovely weather, with plenty of opportunities for taking photographs.

George Smart                      2<sup>nd</sup> November                      2015

**‘B’ Coach Report for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Comrie/St Fillans**

From the original list of 28 walkers, we had two cancellations, one no-show, and one unexpected joiner. This made a total of 26 on the coach.

After the short drive from Perth to Comrie, all were ready to start walking shortly after 09.00 from the golf course car park. The Moderate walkers consisted of 2 groups of 9 members each, led by Ian Swan and Eric Pryde, while Mod/Easy group of 8 walkers was led by Cris Bonomy.

A cold morning soon turned into a warm and clear day with very little wind. As the forecast had predicted cloud, the sunshine was much appreciated as a bonus. The autumn colours were at their best and everyone took time to enjoy the views and surroundings.

The Mod/Easy group visited a stone circle on a hill which gave wide-ranging views up Glen Lednock, the hills towards Loch Earn and across to Glen Artney. Further landmarks included a very attractive waterfall, and a former avenue lined with tall Sequoia trees. They returned to their starting point at 14.45 to board the coach for the short trip to St Fillans to meet the Moderate groups, who arrived between 15.15 and 15.25. Refreshments were taken at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Everyone was re-boarded on the coach by 16.20 and we were back in Perth at 17.20.

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