

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin October 2016

November Monthly Walks Reminder – Combined Coach on Sunday 6th

The walks next month will be with another **combined coach outing** leaving **Broxden** at **08.00** and going to the **Trossachs**, a change of venue from the current walk tables. Challenging walks will include Ben Venue and Ben Ledi, Moderate walks on the Great Trossachs Path. Detailed routes to be confirmed by email, and bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 27th October please.

September Weekend Meet at Ullapool SYHA Hostel (16th, 17th, 18th)

17 club members attended, with great weather on Saturday, and some showers on Sunday. A wide range of walks were undertaken as usual, and everyone enjoyed the weekend. The Ullapool hostel is always run by very friendly and flexible wardens.

Coaches for Monthly Walks – Bookings

As has already been mentioned, our bookings to date are a long way below our budgeted levels. We are averaging 30 a month, compared to a budget level of 42, and we have already run additional combined coaches in April and September. To help keep our finances healthy, we need to run another 2 combined coaches this financial year, in November and December. We intend to run 2 coaches each month in January and February, as normal. The combined coaches will leave Perth at **08.00hrs** in the winter months.

Special Appeal for Feedback

As Sunday turnouts have been low recently, we'd love to know if there is anything we can do about that! If you have not been out with the Club for a while, is there anything we could change to help you join the Sunday morning coach? For example:

- tougher walks
- easier walks
- new walk locations
- new routes in favourite locations
- a reliable alarm clock (!)

Any feedback will be gratefully received by any committee member. Please be aware that we fully appreciate the support of **all** Club members, whether you are able to come out walking or not.

Annual Slides and Buffet Evening at Craigie Hill on Friday 18th November

Tickets are available on the coach, and still priced at **£12**. Tickets can also be purchased from Elsie Wilke, by sending a cheque and SAE.

February 2017 Weekend Meet on 17th & 18th at Aviemore SYHA

If you would like to book with the club for this weekend, then you need to send your booking to Margaret Band within the next few weeks. We will announce the deadline booking date in the near future. The cost is **£25** per night.

Committee for 2017 – 2018

This is an early notice to let you know there will be vacancies on the committee as usual, after the AGM in March 2017. If you would like to help with running the club, and have a say in what goes on, then please let George know. Remember, we can't run the club without willing volunteers!

Club Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/perthhillwalkingclub/>

As always, Andy Miller (iamaajmiller@hotmail.com) is looking for new photos and entries to go on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, please have a look at it, and feel free to 'Like', comment and share!

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Combined Coach Report: Sunday 2nd October 2016 – Moffat

We had a booking total of 31 for this outing, and yet another poor month for coach bookings. With 1 member cancelling, we had 30 on the coach (including 2 guests). We left Broxden on a chilly and misty morning, with some frost in places. The journey south to Moffat was a mix of bright sunshine and dense fog. However conditions improved, as forecast, with sunshine and light winds all day, and great views in all directions. With no Moderate/Easy bookings, and the usual list of members changing groups, we eventually had 6 in the Challenging, 13 in the Less Challenging, and 11 in the Moderate groups.

The coach went to the Devil's Beef Tub area on the A701 first, to drop off the Challenging and Moderate groups, before returning to Moffat. It then travelled up the A708 (Selkirk road) to the Capplehill/Bodesbeck area to drop the Less Challenging group. The coach returned to Moffat, where it was based for the day at the Woollen Mill parking area.

The Moderate group returned to the coach in Moffat at 15.30, and the Challenging and Less Challenging groups were picked up at the Grey Mare's Tail parking area between 16.10 and 16.30. All groups completed their walks in good time, reflecting the very good weather conditions. Everyone took time to enjoy the views, and take plenty of photos. We all made use of the wide range of pubs, hotels and tearooms in Moffat. What a good day out, and just a pity our numbers were not greater.

Glen Clova Xtreme Duathlon

On 17th September club members **Ewan** and **Andy** competed in this event. Ewan achieved **3rd overall**, running over Munros Mayar & Dreish and back from Glen Doll carpark in a phenomenal 1hour 41mins.....that's after cycling 16 miles! Well done to Ewan and Andy.

Glen Coe Marathon

Club member **Tony Jackson** took part in the race this year on 2nd October. The tough 26.2 mile run started at Glencoe village and ended at Fort William via Kinlochleven along the West Highland Way. Impressive just to finish, but Tony came **4th** among a strong field of fell runners - a great achievement and well done Tony!

Adventurous Seniors wanted!

The Courier Weekend magazine is planning to run a feature about people aged 70 and over who still lead active, interesting and adventurous lives. Hillwalkers, skiers, runners, weight-lifters are all possible candidates, so if you're interested, please contact Caroline Lindsay at clindsay@thecourier.co.uk or call 01382 575823.

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