

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
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December Monthly Walks Reminder – Combined Coach on Sunday 4th

The walks next month will be with another combined coach outing. We will leave **Broxden** at **08.00hrs**, and the walks will be in the Ochils area, with all walks finishing in Alva.

Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 24th November please.

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

Ticket sales have been slow this year! We need to close off the bookings by **Saturday 12th November**, to be able to confirm the numbers to Craigie Hill on Monday 14th.

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 urgently. It's a popular hostel, and the vacancies are likely to be booked up quickly. 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.

MCofS Winter Mountain Safety Lecture at TISO Perth on 29th November

The lecture will be given by Heather Morning, the MCofS Mountain Safety Advisor, and it starts at 7.0pm. The lecture is free, but you need to book a seat by phoning Tiso on **01738 634464**.

2017 “Moonwalker” Calendar, by Alan Rowan

Alan published his book titled “Moonwalker”, after completing his first round of Munros, mainly on the “nightshift”! Each year he publishes a calendar with a selection of his own photographs. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar go to Scottish Mountain Rescue. The calendars cost £6, but are available to club members for £5. If you would like to purchase one, then see George, who will arrange delivery, to avoid postage and packing costs. (Sample available to see on the coach)

Dundee Mountain Film Festival

This is being held on Thursday 24th – Saturday 26th November, with a programme of speakers, films and exhibitions. Tickets are available in Perth from Craigdon and Tiso. More information on the website <http://www.dundee mountain film.org.uk/>

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Combined Coach Report: Sunday 6th November 2016 – Trossachs

We had a booking total of 31 for this outing, the same as last month. This was the first of our 2 additional combined coach outings, for November and December. We had 2 members cancelling, 1 not showing, and 1 extra turning up on Sunday, leaving 29 on the coach (including 2 guests). We left Broxden on a windy and chilly morning, but with the skies brightening as we travelled to Callander. We only had 3 groups for this outing, and they all had a bright and sunny day, but with fierce northerly winds, especially on the Ben Ledi traverse.

With no Moderate/Easy bookings, and no Less Challenging walk, we eventually had 9 in the Challenging 1 group (Ben Ledi), 11 in the Challenging 2 (Ben Venue), and 9 in the Moderate group (Great Trossachs Path).

The coach went to Coireachrombie first to drop off the Challenging 1 group, followed by the road to Loch Katrine Pier, to drop off the Challenging 2 and Moderate groups. The coach was then parked at Brig o’Turk for most of the day, to collect the Challenging 2 group, before returning to Callander to collect the Challenging 1 and Moderate groups. 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. The Challenging 1 group reached Callander at 15.05, and the Challenging 2 reached Brig o’Turk at 15.30. The Moderate group reached Callander at 15.30.

We all made use of the wide range of pubs, hotels and tearooms in Callander. What a good day out for the first time we have run a combined coach outing, after the start of our winter timetable.

George Smart 8th November 2016

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