

**Perth & District Hillwalking Club**  
**Monthly Bulletin February 2017**

**March 2017 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

The `A` coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) goes to Glen Esk via Edzell, where 3 walks are planned. The `B` coach (leaving Broxden at **08.00**) travels to Haddington, for the John Muir Trail to Dunbar, where 2 walks are planned.

**Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February please.**

**2017 Club AGM & Committee for 2017 – 2018**

The AGM will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7.30pm at Craigie Hill Golf Club. Please make an effort to attend this important event, and have your say concerning the future direction of the club. Also there will be vacancies on the committee as usual, and if you would like to assist with the running of the club, please let George know.

**2017 Mountain Mind Quiz on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (7pm for 7.30pm)**

This year it's being run by the "Breadalbane Rock & Ice" group. The venue will be the Queens Hotel, 160 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DU. Up to 3 people are allowed per team, and the cost is £3 per person. Our team performed well on the last 2 occasions, and hopefully we will do the same again this year.

**May Weekend Meet on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>**

We have booked places at the Bearnock Country Centre Hostel, near Cannich. We had very poor weather when we went in 2015, so hopefully it will be better this year. There's certainly loads to do within easy reach of Bearnock! Bookings to Margaret Band please.

**Please note the closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> April!**

**Membership Renewal – It Soon Comes Round!**

Subscriptions are due at the end of this month. An application form can be downloaded from the club website. Please send completed forms and a cheque for £20, to Eric Pryde at 5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX.

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**`A` Coach Report, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Tyndrum**

We had a booking total of 18 for this outing, but after 1 cancellation, we had 17 on the coach. We left Broxden on a cold cloudy morning, with some early frost. Light rain started by the time we reached Lochearnhead. The forecast was for early light rain at low level to clear by midday, and light snow at higher level to also clear as the day went on. We only had 2 groups; the 7 Challenging walkers were dropped off at Kirkton Farm, and

the 10 Less Challenging at Dalrigh. Both groups were in poor weather all day, with very poor visibility on the tops, especially on the Munro Ben Challum, where it was very difficult to navigate to the summit. The light snow showers did die out by midday. The coach was based at Tyndrum for the day, and both groups reached there via the West Highland Way, in clear weather with some blue skies.

Considering the difficult walking conditions, all groups completed their walks in good time, reaching Tyndrum between 15.20 and 16.00, where refreshments were taken at the "Food Stop". We arrived back at Broxden at 18.10.

A reasonable outing in the first winter snow for us, bringing some challenging conditions and navigation.

George Smart           6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **'B' Coach Report Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Falkland**

We had a total booking of 10, including one guest who met us at Falkland car park, and we started walking at 0840.

Walking as one group we climbed directly up the steep slope of East Lomond, mainly on steps through woodland. Dull conditions changed to wet as we left the trees to head, still steeply, up a rough path. Mist on top of both hills, but we were out of the cloud between the 2 summits, and the rain only lasted about half an hour. The ascent path to West Lomond summit (where some snow had settled) was easy, so we returned the same way then struck off on a signposted path down through Maspie Den. Interesting path behind the waterfall and through a curvy tunnel, but the paths were very muddy.

All arrived back at bus at 1450, and after a drink in the Lomond Inn, or a visit to a tea shop, we left Falkland at 1540, arriving back at Broxden at 1610. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Frances Berry           6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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