

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin May 2017

June 2017 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 4th

This is a **combined coach** outing to Argyll, leaving Perth at **07.00**. Two Challenging walks are planned, taking in 3 Corbetts, and two Moderate walks exploring the Cowal Peninsula. All walks start at Rest and Be Thankful and finish at Ardgartan Visitor Centre. **Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 25th May please.**

September Weekend Meet

The dates we had hoped to book at Torridon were unfortunately unavailable, so we have decided to keep to the same location but change the dates to **8th, 9th and 10th September**. Please book your place **directly with Torridon SYHA** and tell Margaret, so that she can arrange with the hostel to group us together.

Membership Renewal

Subscriptions were due at the end of February. 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.

Vacancies on Committee

We have 2 vacancies on the committee, so if you would like to participate in running the Club, please contact any committee member.

Peter Lodge – last Munro

Peter is planning to climb his last Munro, Meall nan Tarmachan, on **Saturday 2nd September** and invites friends from the Club to join him. The plan is to meet at the car park at **10:30am**, with celebration drinks afterwards in the Ben Lawers Hotel. If you would like to join Peter please contact him by email on **peterlodge48@yahoo.com**.

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Combined Coach Report - Sunday 7th May 2017 – Glenfeshie to Coylumbridge

We had a booking total of 26 for this outing, and a 35 seat coach was arranged. After 2 cancellations we had 24 on the coach. We travelled north on a lovely sunny morning, until we reached Ralia for the toilet stop, when it was becoming cloudy with a little light drizzle. The Met Office hill forecast was fairly accurate, with 20 – 25mph winds on the summits, and fog and clouds persisting for most of the day. The higher level walks encountered poor conditions for most of the day, until mid afternoon.

We had 7 in the Challenging group, 5 in the Less Challenging, and 12 in the Moderate group. (There were no bookings for the Moderate/Easy walk).

We dropped off the Moderate group at Feshiebridge, and the other 2 groups at Auchlean. The coach was parked at Auchlean for most of the day, before travelling around 3 km north to a forest car park, to pick up the Less Challenging group, around mid afternoon. The coach then travelled to Loch Morlich, to pick up the Moderate group, via the Coylumbridge Hilton (our Pub Stop). The Challenging group arrived at the Hotel, just as the coach was returning from Loch Morlich.

All groups completed their walk in very good time, and the higher level weather conditions were not suitable for loitering! The Moderate group arrived at Loch Morlich by 15.30, and the Less Challenging reached the coach by 15.40. The Challenging group reached the Hotel by 16.30. The Hilton is certainly a very comfortable pub stop, if a bit expensive, but we were made welcome with good service. We had a very short journey time back to Broxden, with very light southbound traffic. In spite of the poor weather, everyone appeared to enjoy their day.

George Smart 8th May 2017

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