

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin October 2017

November 2017 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 5th November

This is a **combined coach** outing to the **CRIANLARICH** area, leaving Perth at **08.00**. Please send your bookings to **ALAN DAVIDSON** by Thursday 26th October.

NB Alan's address; 44 Innerleithen Way, Perth PH1 1RN (We originally planned the November walks at Peebles, but changed as a result of our weather cancellation of Crianlarich last Sunday).

2018 Weekend Meets

Please note the following proposed dates and locations for 2018 weekend meets. We welcome any other hostel suggestions from members.

February 16th and 17th **Glen Nevis was planned, but the hostel will be closed!**
May 18th, 19th, 20th Ratagan
September 14th, 15th, 16th Inchnadamph

February 2018 Weekend Meet on 16th & 17th

As mentioned above we have found out the hostel will be closed for refurbishment, so we need to find a new venue, and please let us have your suggestions!

Annual Slides and Buffet Evening at Craigie Hill on Friday 17th November.

As usual, we're looking for presenters to show up to around **50 photos**, with the theme; "**Hills and Mountains Anywhere**". Please let George know if you would like to show some photos. **Also, tickets are available now, and ON THE COACH TODAY.**

Otherwise, please send an SAE and cheque to **Alan Davidson**. (Address shown above)
The ticket price will be the same as last year, at **£12**.

Appeal for archive photos

We will be showing some older photos at the Slide Show night to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Club. If you have any relevant photos, please send them to George.
george.smart3@btopenworld.com.

September Weekend Meet to Torridon SYHA Hostel

We had a very poor turnout of 7 for this normally very popular hostel. Some Munro and Corbett hills were walked on Friday and Saturday, with everyone returning home on Sunday, when the expected very poor weather arrived.

Dundee Mountain Film Festival

23rd- 25th November 2017

www.dundemountainfilm.org.uk

Combined Coach Report for Sunday 1st October 2017 – Venue Change from Crianlarich/Tyndrum to a Coastal Walk - Seton Sands to Dirleton

We had a booking total of 27 for this outing, and there were 7 cancellations before Sunday, and a further 2 failed to show up. We had 18 on the coach, (including 1 guest) which was our normal 35 seat unit.

All those booking were informed by the weekend that we would likely be changing our venue, as a result of a weather forecast for heavy rain and gales, for most central and western areas. Conditions could have been unsafe at Munro height, and certainly miserable at lower level.

Our original proposal was to reverse the October and November venues, and go to Peebles this month, but the latest forecast predicted rain and gales on the hills in our proposed walks, even considering they were much lower than Munro or Corbett height. The coach marshal discussed the options on Sunday morning, indicating a preference for a coastal walk, from Seton Sands to Dirleton, where there was a reasonable forecast with lighter winds and just a few light showers. There was general agreement to do this. We dropped off our single group at one of the Seton Sands car parks at 08.30, just east of Port Seton. The coach then travelled to the Yellow Craig car park, on the coast, just north of Dirleton.

We started walking in light rain, which cleared, and we only had a few showers during the day. We had stronger winds later in the afternoon, and some brighter skies. We were all walking by 08.45, and did very well to return to the coach by 15.15, considering our walk was nominally 19km, but a bit further as we walked as close to the coastline as possible.

We had a pub stop at the Castle Inn in Dirleton, and we left at 16.20. The return journey was delayed by the usual queues at the Forth Crossing, and we arrived at Broxden at 18.20.

Everyone appeared to enjoy their walk, accepting it was the best venue and type of walk, in the conditions.

George Smart 2nd October 2017

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