

Perth Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin December 2017



January 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 7th January

The 'A' coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) is going to Lochearnhead, where two walks are planned. The 'B' coach (leaving Broxden at **08.00**) is going to Glen Almond, where two walks are planned.

Please send your bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 28th December**.

2018 Weekend Meets

Please note the following proposed dates and locations for 2018 weekend meets.

February 16th and 17th Great Glen Hostel (Loch Lochy)

May 18th, 19th, 20th Ratagan

September 14th, 15th, 16th Inchnadamph

February 2018 Weekend Meet on 16th & 17th

We originally selected the Glen Nevis SYHA Hostel, but we found it will be closed for refurbishment. We have booked places at The Great Glen Hostel, (Loch Lochy) and the cost is **£20 per night**. If you want to book via the club, then you need to send a cheque to **Margaret Band by the deadline of 10th December!**

May 2018 Weekend Meet on 18th, 19th & 20th

Ratagan – members to book their own accommodation directly with the SYHA. Get your booking in early to avoid disappointment as SYHAs get booked very quickly!

Committee Vacancies – “Your Club Needs You”!

Looking ahead to the AGM next March, there will certainly be vacancies as usual. Your club only functions as a result of the good work done by willing committee members, so please consider assisting with the running of the club.

Ancrum Centre Courses

Winter Hill Skills: 2 day course 20-21 January 2018

Winter Hill Skills: 1 day course 27 January 2018

Navigation: 1 day course 20 January 2018

See Ancrum Centre website for further details and other courses:

<http://www.ancrum.com/>

Christmas is approaching fast, and the Committee would like to wish you all the compliments of the season, and good walking in 2018.

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Combined Coach Report for Sunday 3rd December 2017 – Pentland Hills

We finally had a booking total of 33 for this outing, (including 5 guests) and with 1 call off, 32 on the coach.

The forecast was for a dry, fairly mild day, with some sunny intervals. We had a lovely day with great views, a lot of clear skies and sunshine, and no snow on the hills. This was the first time we had operated a combined outing to The Pentlands, and to save time, all walks were planned to start near Balerno, and finish at the Hillend Ski Centre.

We had one Challenging of 5 walkers, and one Less Challenging group of 13, along with two Moderate groups totalling 14 walkers who all walked as a single group. We left Perth on time, collecting one member at Kinross Services, before going on to the start point next to Harlaw Reservoir near Balerno. The coach then travelled to the Hillend Dry Ski Centre, where it was based for the day.

All groups returned to the coach at Hillend in very good time. The Moderate groups at 15.00, the Challenging between 15.30 and 15.45, and the Less Challenging group between 15.45 and 16.00.

Our pub stop was at The Steading, just round the corner from where the coach was parked at Hillend, and although it was very busy, we were well looked after and served promptly.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their walk, including our 5 guests, on a very good weather day, for this time of year, allowing all groups to be back in daylight, with time to spare.

George Smart 4th December 2017

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For Sale

Jimmy Murray has some walking gear to sell, including boots, lined trousers, fleece tops and an ice axe. Please contact Jimmy for more details on 07837 665985.

Lost and found

One pair of black Arcteryx fleece gloves found in the boot of the bus. If these are yours, please contact George.

