

Perth Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin January 2018

February 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 4th February

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

Please send your bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 22nd January**.

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 – please book **ASAP!**

September 14th, 15th, 16th Inchnadamph – to be confirmed

February 2018 Weekend Meet on 16th & 17th

Ten people have booked and there are still some spaces. If you want to book via the club, then you need to send a cheque for £20 per night to Margaret Band by **14th January**.

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

Ratagan – members to book their own accommodation directly with the SYHA. Four members have booked so far.

2018 Club AGM & Committee for 2018 – 2019

The AGM will be **on Friday 9th March**, 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 Charles know.

Winter Equipment reminder

Please see the club website for our winter equipment suggestions. Remember for 'A' walks, ice axes and crampons should be carried, as soon as there is likely to be snow on our choice of hills. If, on the day, it's decided they won't be required, then they can be easily left in the boot of the coach.

Ancrum Centre Courses

Free Winter Mountain Sport Event Tue 16th January 7pm to 9.30pm

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/>

2018 Mountain Mind Quiz on Thursday 22nd March (7pm for 7.30pm)

This year it's being run by the Grampian Club. The venue will be the Victoria Room of Queens Hotel, 160 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DU. Up to 3 people are allowed per team, and the cost is £3 per person. A raffle will be held, and all proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Kintail Mountain Rescue Team.

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Coach Reports for Sunday 7th January 2018

`A` Group - Lochearnhead Corbetts - Killin

From the original 18 bookings, three cancelled and two transferred to the 'B' coach, so we set off with 10 on our 16 seat coach. We arrived at Lochearnhead at daybreak, and a little earlier than expected at 07.55. The forecast was for a bright and sunny day but very cold, and at -5°C it was a chilly start. After the usual changes, we had six doing the Challenging walk, and four doing the Less Challenging. Starting at 08.10 we all walked together, only separating into two groups at the steep climb onto the first hill, where conditions were tough in the very deep soft snow. We would normally have expected to complete the walks in 7-7.5 hours, but we were running roughly one hour late, due to the deep snow conditions. The Challenging group reached the Killin Hotel (the pub stop) between 16.15 and 16.30, the Less Challenging between 16.45 and 17.00. However, everyone enjoyed the tough day, with great views in all directions. We left Killin at 17.35, to arrive back at a very frosty Broxden at 18.45.

`B` Group – Sma Glen - Newton Bridge - Amulree

We originally had 18 bookings, and with three cancellations, two transfers from the `A` Group and one cancellation on the day, we had 16 on the 33 seat coach (including one guest). We left Broxden just after 08.00, arrived at Newton Bridge at 08.40, and the two Moderate groups set out as one. Plenty of snow from the start made the walk up Glen Almond more interesting, as did the sightings of large herds of deer on the lower slopes, and numerous mountain hares. Everyone enjoyed a lovely sunny day out, although in freezing conditions as forecast. The group rejoined the coach at Amulree at 15.10, continued to Dunkeld for a pub stop, and returned to Broxden at 16.50.

George Smart 8th January 2018

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