

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin August 2018

September 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 2nd September.

The 'A' coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) is going to Glen Etive, where three walks are planned and a choice of 3 Munros. The 'B' coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) is going to Bridge of Dye, where two walks are planned at Clachnaben.

Please send your bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 23rd August**.

Reminder about 2018 Coach Fare – £15

At the AGM it was agreed that we would increase the coach fare for monthly walks from £14 to £15. This helps to retain the option of separate 'A' and 'B' coach outings for 3 months of the year, assuming other budget targets are met. Some members are still sending cheques for £14, **so please note the new fare of £15 for next time you book!**

Vacancies on Committee

We currently have 3 vacancies on the committee, and this number will increase next year due to people standing down. The committee would welcome new committee members to help with the substantial amount of work required to keep the Club operating. So if you would like to participate in running the Club, please speak to any committee member (names are listed on your Club Info Sheet).

September Weekend Meet

14th, 15th, 16th Ullapool. Please book directly with **Ullapool SYHA** and let Margaret Band know, so that she can arrange with the hostel to group us together.

2019 Weekend Meets

February 2019: Glen Nevis (location and dates to be confirmed).

Tick awareness

It's always worthwhile reminding ourselves of preventative measures, and how to deal with any ticks you find on your skin.

Check out this link on **Mountaineering Scotland**, under Safety and Skills / Health and Hygiene <https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/ticks>

Locator beacon looking for a good home!

Alastair Bulcraig has a SPOT 3 device (locator beacon), which he no longer requires. Alastair is willing to donate the beacon to a club member, so the only cost would be to activate it by purchasing an annual subscription (approx £170).

For more information about the device, search online for **SPOT gen.3**

Anyone interested please contact Alastair at **01738 828141** or by e-mail on **alandmoira@doctors.org.uk**

Combined Coach Report - Sunday 5th August 2018 – Cairngorms & Slochd

We had a booking total of 32 for this outing. (20 `A` & 12 `B`). After six cancellations, and one extra member turning up on Sunday, we had 27 on the coach (including two guests). The weather was warm with bright conditions, and some cloud as forecast. This persisted all the way from Perth to our walk venues.

We had a toilet stop at Ralia Services as usual, before dropping off the Moderate group at Lynwilg. There was no Less Challenging group, but the Challenging Plus group (7) was dropped off at Glenmore, followed by the Challenging group (11) at the Coire Cas ski centre. The coach then travelled to Slochd, where it was based for the day, to await the Moderate group (9). All groups had bright and dry conditions, with light winds and some cloud, at Munro height.

All groups completed their walks in good time, with the Chall. Plus group reaching the Coire Cas café for refreshments at 15.35, followed by the Chall. group at 16.15. The Moderate group reached Slochd at 15.50 and were taken to Coylumbridge Hilton Hotel for refreshments at the “Woodshed Bar”.

All members enjoyed their walks in the warm, dry weather, and our good monthly turnout continues. We have had a good turnout of guests each month this year, and hopefully this will continue.

George Smart

6th August 2018

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