

**Perth & District Hillwalking Club**  
**Monthly Bulletin October 2018**

**November 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

This is a combined coach outing to the Braemar area, leaving Perth at **08.00**. Two Challenging and two Moderate walks are planned.

Coach fare: £15

**Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 25th October please.**

**Annual Slides and Buffet Evening**

**Craigie Hill Golf Club Friday 16th November 7.30pm**

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 ON THE COACH THIS MONTH** or by an SAE and cheque to **Alan Davidson** at 44 Innerleithen Way, Perth PH1 1RN. The ticket price will be the same as last year, at **£12**.

**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).

**2019 Weekend Meets**

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

**September Weekend Meet to Ullapool SYHA Hostel**

The Ullapool weekend was attended by 8 members. Most walked on the Friday and Saturday was ok weatherwise. On Sunday only one member walked, doing one Corbett on the way home. The remainder left on the Sunday due to high winds and a poor forecast for Monday as well. The hostel was as good as ever with plenty of space in the kitchen and lounge(s).

Peter Lodge 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Winter Skills Courses**

**Ancrum Centre** in Dundee has a range of Winter Skills courses in January. Many members have found their courses to be worthwhile and good value for money. (See website for details) <https://www.ancrum.com/activities>

**Glenmore Lodge** also runs a wide range of courses in all aspects of year-round hill skills. <https://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk/mountaineering-courses/>

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## Combined Coach Report – Sunday 7th October 2018 – Glenshee (Venue Change)

We had a booking total of 31 for this outing. After 5 cancellations, we had 26 on the coach including 4 guests. The walks were originally planned for the Glen Nevis area, but with heavy rain and gale force winds forecast, we moved the venue to Glenshee. The weather was very much as forecast, with winds up to around 40mph on the hills, and light drizzle from mid-morning onwards. However, we planned all walks to go mainly south to north, and with a SSW wind, and all groups confirmed the conditions were better than expected.

We left Perth on time and travelled to the Spittal of Glenshee to drop the Challenging group. The coach then dropped the Moderate and Less Challenging groups at Baddoch Burn, before going to Braemar to park until mid-afternoon.

After many changes, we had a total of 12 in the Challenging group, which split up on the first hill, to allow 7 to go and do the Challenging Plus route. There were 6 in the Less Challenging and a total of 8 in the Moderate, which split into 2 groups with separate routes. After the Moderate groups completed their walks and returned to the coach, it then travelled to Inverey to pick up all Challenging groups.

All groups completed their walks in very good time, considering the conditions. The Moderate groups reached the coach in Braemar at 14.00 and 15.00. The Less Challenging group reached Inverey at 15.20, the Challenging Plus at 15.30, and the Challenging group at 15.45. All groups had refreshments in The Bothy in Braemar, being close to the coach parking area.

All members and guests appeared to enjoy the day, and we all agreed that conditions were thankfully not as bad as expected. A very good turnout, considering the weather.

George Smart

8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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