

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin November 2018

December 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 2nd December

This is a combined coach outing to Comrie and St Fillans. The Moderate walks will be a traverse between St Fillans and Comrie. The Challenging walks will feature different routes to Ben Chonzie. We leave Perth at **0800**.

For this month only, please send your bookings to **Alan Davidson**, 44 Innerleithen Way, Perth PH1 1RN by **Thursday 22nd November**. Coach fare: £15

Annual Slides and Buffet Evening on Friday 16th November

Venue: Craigie Hill Golf Club

Doors open: **1900** Start time: **1930** prompt!

Tickets are available now - please send an SAE and cheque to **Alan Davidson**, 44 Innerleithen Way, Perth PH1 1RN. As always, guests are very welcome. It's always a great evening at Craigie Hill, with entertaining presentations and a fine buffet. The ticket price will be the same as last year, at **£12**.

Committee Vacancies – “Your Club Needs You”!

Looking ahead to the AGM next March, there will 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.

2019 Weekend Meets

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

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Combined Coach Report - Sunday 4th November 2018 – Braemar/Invercauld

We had a booking total of 31 for this outing, (23 `A` & 8 `B`) and after 3 cancellations, there were 28 on the coach. We left Perth on time in dry weather, after the heavy rain cleared in the early hours. The skies cleared north of the Glenshee Ski Centre, and when we arrived in Braemar we had a lot of blue sky. The weather was very much as forecast, with winds around 40/45 mph on the tops, and good visibility in all directions.

We then dropped all groups at the Keilloch car park, where all walks started at Invercauld Bridge. After the usual group changes we had 9 in the Challenging, 12 in the Less Challenging, and 7 in the Moderate groups. All groups completed their walk in very good time, the Moderate group reaching the coach at 15.15, the Challenging and Less Challenging groups between 15.45 and 16.00. The coach shuttled the Moderate group to Braemar, before returning for the other 2 groups.

All groups took refreshments at The Bothy, a very friendly place. Everyone appeared to enjoy the day, in decent weather for the time of the year. However it was a good day to be on Corbetts, instead of higher Munros, with the strong winds!

George Smart **5th November 2018**

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Winter Skills Courses and Safety Lecture

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/>

Tiso Winter Mountain Safety Lecture

Thursday 6th December 2018 1915 – 2100 at Tiso Outdoor Experience Perth.
See www.tiso.com Community page for booking information.

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In the News

Four of Scotland's mountain rescue teams have criticised a new contract for search and rescue helicopters. See links below for more details.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-46072000>
<https://www.lochabermrt.co.uk/>

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What's On

Dundee Mountain Film Festival

22-24 November

An international programme of speakers, award-winning films and exhibitions.

See link for full details:

<http://dmff.co.uk/>

RSGS (Royal Scottish Geographical Society) Evening Talks

Steven Venables – “Unclimbed Summits of Antarctica”

Tuesday 11th December at Perth Concert Hall from 1930 to 2100

Tickets from the box office: £10, or at discount with Tiso Outdoor Experience Card

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