

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin January 2019

February 2019 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 3rd February

The 'A' coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) is going to Glen Dochart for two walks starting at Auchessan. The 'B' coach (leaving Broxden at **08.00**) is going to Kenmore for two walks through to Aberfeldy.

Please send your bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 24th January**.

February 2019 Weekend Meet at Glen Nevis Hostel on 15th & 16th

If you wish to attend, please book directly with SYHA (link below).

The cost is from **£18 per night** and the hostel is newly refurbished. Let Margaret Band know when you have booked, so she can group people together at the hostel.

<https://www.hostellingscotland.org.uk/>

May 2019 Weekend Meet

10th, 11th, 12th at Torridon. Please book directly with **Torridon SYHA** and let Margaret Band know, so that she can arrange with the hostel to group us together.

September 2019 Weekend Meet

6th to 8th at Inchnadamph - further details to be confirmed

2019 Club AGM & Committee for 2019 – 2020

The AGM will be **on Friday 8th 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. 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.

Membership Renewal

Membership subscriptions are due at the end of March – the annual fee is still **only £20**.

If you wish to renew at the AGM, forms will be available for completion and payment.

Application forms also can be downloaded from the club website. Please send completed forms and a cheque for £20, to Peter Lodge, Berry Cottage, Newton of Pitcairns, Dunning PH2 0SL.

Winter Skills Courses

Glenmore Lodge 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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What's On

Perth Theatre 28 Feb 2019 at 7.30pm

Simon Yates gives an illustrated lecture "My Mountain Life".

Perth Theatre 7th March to 10th March

“Touching the Void” – a stage adaptation of Joe Simpson’s book describing his survival while climbing with Simon Yates in the Andes in 1985.

<https://www.horsecross.co.uk/>

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A reminder to members about Committee Contact Details

You can find contact details of all committee members on your Club ‘**Info Sheet**’, and key contacts on the website Contacts page. If you need to cancel your walk booking, the best way is to telephone the Monthly Walks Secretary **Elsie Wilke**.

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`A` Coach Report - Sunday 6th January 2019 – Blair Atholl & Glen Tilt

We had a booking total of 16 for this outing, and no cancellations, so our 16 seat mini-coach was full! We left Broxden on a dry morning, which was not as cold as forecast. We arrived in Blair Atholl at 07.40 with some drizzle, and our small coach allowed access to the Glen Tilt car park, saving over 1 km walking on the road. The weather was not as good as forecast, with cloud, thick mist and drizzle at times. However we also had some dry intervals with clear views. After the usual changes, we had 7 in the Challenging Group, 9 in the Less Challenging, and we were all walking by 07.50.

Both groups walked together until Gilbert’s Bridge, where we split for the different walks. Both groups made very good progress, with easy walking conditions with no snow. The coach was parked at the Atholl Arms Hotel for the day, and the Challenging group arrived at the coach by 15.40, closely followed by the Less Challenging by 15.50. We had refreshments at the Atholl Arms Hotel, and left there at 16.45. We made good time and arrived at Broxden at 17.25, in spite of heavy A9 traffic.

George Smart 7th January 2019

`B` Coach Report – Sunday 6th January 2019 – Leven Links to Pittenweem

We had a booking of 21 for the Moderate walk, and after 2 cancellations we had 19 on the coach. We arrived at Leven Links at 09.00 after picking up a member at Kinross Services. Our 2 groups were walking by 09.05, on a dry overcast day, with sea mist at the start. The route went via Lundin Links, Earlsferry, Elie, St Monans, to finish up in Pittenweem. The weather cleared as the day progressed, but we had some drizzle on the last few miles of the route, where care was needed on slippery rocks and muddy paths. Both groups had refreshments in villages along the way, so we didn’t stop off on the way home. We arrived back in Perth at 17.15.

Charles Evans 9th January 2019

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