

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin February 2019

March 2019 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 3rd March

The 'A' coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) is going to Dalrigh near Tyndrum for two walks including two Munros.

The 'B' coach (leaving Broxden at **08.00**) is going to Prestwick/Troon for two walks on the Ayrshire Coastal Path.

Please send your bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 28th February**.

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, 7th, 8th at Inchnadamph

We have reserved 14 places at SYHA Inchnadamph, at a rate of £18 per night. If you would like to attend this weekend, a cheque for the full amount must be received by Margaret Band by **21st July**, payable to **Perth and District Hillwalking Club**. (See your Club Info Sheet for Margaret's address details).

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. 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.

Constitution Change – Issue to be raised at AGM on Friday 8th March

Number of Committee Members

The club Constitution calls for a maximum of 12 committee members, and a minimum of 8, and a meeting quorum of 6.

These numbers were set many years ago, when the club was very much bigger, and the committee would like to reduce the number of members to better reflect the current size of the club, and the range of jobs to be done.

We propose to set the maximum number at 10, the minimum at 6, with a meeting quorum of 5. We will **take a vote** on this proposal at the AGM on 8th March.

George Smart 04/02/2019

Membership Renewal

Membership subscriptions are due at the **end of February** – the annual fee is still **only £20**. If you wish to renew at the AGM, forms will be available for completion and payment. Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from the club website. Please send completed forms and a cheque for **£20**, to Peter Lodge at Berry Cottage, Newton of Pitcairns, Dunning PH2 0SL.

Winter Equipment reminder

Please see the club website for our winter equipment suggestions.

<http://www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk/winter-walking/4586982596>

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 (typically November to March). If, on the day, it's decided they won't be required, then they can be easily left in the boot of the coach.

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".

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

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` Coach Report - Sunday 3rd February 2019 – Dalnaspidal to Dalwhinnie

We had a booking total of 18 for this outing, and 1 member transferred to the `B` coach, leaving 17 on our walks. The original venue was for the Glen Dochart Munros Sgiath Chuil and Meall Glas, but the poor forecast showed several hours of heavy snow with strong winds. We decided to go to the East Drumochter Munros, starting at Dalnaspidal and finishing at Dalwhinnie. The forecast was for light snow in the morning and a southerly wind, but improving in the afternoon. This is the weather we had, and the poor visibility and deep snow in places made for a "challenging" day. We arrived at Dalnaspidal at 08.05, and the Challenging group of 9 and Less Challenging group of 8, were walking by 08.15.

The 2 groups ascended different ridges, with the Challenging group reaching the first Munro after the Less Challenging group had been there. The 2 groups crossed paths near the second Munro, when the Less Challenging group had been there. We all met

up again when the Less Challenging group stopped near the top of the final descent to Dalwhinnie, where our coach was parked next to the A9.

We all walked together during the final descent, to arrive at the coach between 15.30 and 15.45, and a very good time considering the conditions. We left Dalwhinnie at 16.05, and stopped at the Atholl Arms Hotel in Bair Atholl, for refreshments. We left at 17.15, to arrive at Broxden at 18.00.

All members appeared to enjoy the day, in spite of the not so good morning weather. However, we have now had 3 attempts at the Glen Dochart Munros in recent years, and had a weather cancellation each time!

George Smart 4th February 2019

‘B’ Coach report – Sunday 3rd February 2019 – Acharn to Birks of Aberfeldy

We originally had 15 bookings for the B coach; 14 members and one guest. Three members and the guest cancelled, while one member switched from A to B. This left 12 on the coach, setting out from Broxden at 0800, arriving 0840 at the start of the walk at Acharn on Loch Tay.

All walked in one group, initially in heavy snow. Conditions on the tracks of the Rob Roy Way were in places treacherous, with a layer of ice below freshly-fallen snow, causing the occasional tumble. Fortunately a passing farmer had warned us about these conditions before we set out from Acharn village.

Throughout the route there was snow underfoot, although the falling snow cleared up during the day, and there were sunny intervals.

All walkers arrived back at Aberfeldy Birks Car Park at 14.45, where the coach was waiting. The driver took us into the village where we patronised the Black Watch Inn and Watermill Café for refreshments. We departed Aberfeldy at 1550 and arrived back at Broxden at 1630.

Susan Duguid 4th February 2019

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