

Perth & District Hillwalking Club Monthly Bulletin March 2019

April 2019 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 7th April

This is a **combined coach** outing to Loch Laggan area, leaving Perth at **07.00**. Three Challenging and three Moderate walks are planned. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 28th March** please.

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).

February Weekend Meet Report

Glen Nevis SYHA, 15th and 16th Feb

The hostel has been rebuilt so the interior is brand new, with good seating and dining areas, a well-equipped kitchen and all very spacious. The rooms and showers are good and well kitted out.

Six members attended the weekend. Three climbed Am Bodach in fine weather on the Friday, and on Saturday 3 did Stob Ban and Mullach nan Coirean while the other 3 did a couple of relative hills behind Fort William. The weather was mixed but cleared in the afternoon. There was very little snow on the tops for the time of year. Sunday was miserable with constant rain so everyone headed home.

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.

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`A` Coach Report - Sunday 3rd March 2019 – The Pentlands (Venue Change)

We had a booking total of 18 for this outing. After a dire weather forecast for the Ben Oss area on Sunday morning, with heavy snow and 50 – 60mph winds, we decided to move to The Pentlands. A mainly sunny day was forecast there, although still very windy. Two members transferred to the `B` coach and another 7 cancelled for a variety of reasons, leaving 9 on the coach. The group walked on the Less Challenging route from December 2017, starting in the car park near Harlaw Farm and finishing at the Hillend Ski Centre.

After a fast run to the Balerno area, the group was walking soon after 08.00. The weather was as the forecast, with sunny conditions until later in the afternoon, and strong winds, which were worse in the morning.

The group completed the route in very good time, to reach the Ski Centre by 14.00, and the coach then moved a short distance to near The Steading Restaurant, which was our pub stop for the day. We left The Steading around 15.10, to arrive back at Broxden before 16.30. All members of our small group appeared to enjoy the day, and it was certainly the correct decision to change from the original venue.

Doreen Catto & George Smart 4th March 2019

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‘B’ Coach report – Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Ayrshire Coastal Path (Prestwick to Irvine)

We originally had 18 bookings for the `B` coach; 17 members and one guest. One member cancelled for the outing. We left Broxden at 08.00, and after a fast journey, reached Prestwick Station by 09.30 (a convenient start with toilets available). The Moderate group of 14 started here, and the Mod/Easy group of 3 stayed on the coach, to be dropped off at the Holiday Park, south of Troon. The weather was good and sunny most of the time until later in the day. The wind was strong in the morning, before dying down in the afternoon.

The Moderate group walked mainly on the beach, and reached the coach (near the Magnum Leisure Centre in Irvine) by 14.45. The Mod/Easy group reached the coach by 14.15. The Ship Inn was used for the pub stop, and near to where the coach was parked. We arrived back at Broxden by 17.30.

The routes and venue were both well accepted by the members attending, and as the journey and walk times were much faster than expected, we could look to start further south on a future outing to the area.

Ian Swan & George Smart

4th March 2019

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