



Glenrothes Hillwalkers Club

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Monthly Newsletter – April 2017

Introduction

Welcome to the April newsletter, with a roundup of news on walks, weekends, the new committee roles and other Club news.

Contributions from members are always welcome - you can email them to the Secretary at secretary@glenrotheshillwalkers.co.uk.

Walks

The **March walk** on Sunday 19th was planned to be in the Bridge of Orchy area. However, given a poor weather forecast for the West of the country, Ian Morris decided to divert the bus to the Dunkeld area. One member, Gerrit Henstock, decided to take his car to the original area as he wanted to bag Ben Challum, which he duly did although in atrocious weather conditions.

The bus duly dropped off the remaining walkers at Butterstone, from where we set off as one group for a walk to Loch Ordie and then back to Dunkeld in much better weather. We briefly split so that a group could climb Deuchary Hill, and then met on the other side for lunch before heading off to Mill Dam. From there we went through Rotmell Wood down to the lower track before splitting again so that Ian could bag Craig a'Barns. Then it was back to the bus for the trip home.



A slightly windswept group on Deuchary Hill



Lunchtime



A photo on the summit of Craig a'Barns – except it wasn't the summit!



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The **April walk** on Sunday 16th is to the Melrose area, with 2 different walks planned. We have a 16 seat bus ordered, which is already full.

Our new Bus Convener is June Smith. For future reference she can be contacted by phone on 01592 745613 or by email at buses@glenrotheshillwalkers.co.uk

Weekends

The **first weekend** of the year is a 2 night stay at the Blackwater Hostel in Kinlochleven on March 24th, with 6 beds available and now booked. If you would like to go, please contact Jim Anderson by [email](#) or phone on 07806 509977 as he may be able to get additional beds if the hostel is not busy.

So far the Drumnadrochit weekend in April and the Rum weekend in July are proving to be the most popular, so, if you want to go on either weekend, please get your name down with Jim now.

The full programme is available on the [website](#).

Meetings

The **April meeting** on Tuesday 4th was well attended with 35 members at The Lomond Centre. I am sure the ladies were expecting to see some hunky Italian, but were sorely disappointed. Unfortunately Matteo Cabello was unable to attend, so yours truly stood in at the last minute to give a presentation on the Silverburn Park regeneration project that I am the Chair of. Far be it for me to mark my own homework, so you will have to ask someone who was there whether the talk was any good!

The **next meeting** is on Tuesday 2nd May, where our speaker is Owen Gilmartin, who will be talking about "Walking Holidays".

Club News

Club Committee. The composition of the committee for this year has now been decided, and is as follows:

Chair and Walks Convener – Steve Thurgood

Secretary and Membership Secretary – Brian Robertson

Treasurer – Jim Anderson

Bus Convener – June Smith

Indoor Meeting Convener – Gary Kerr

Training and Safety Officer – Fiona Frayser

Weekend Convener – Louise Cascarino



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The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that 2 committee members are dual hatted – this is because we are still 3 members short of a full committee of 9 – the post of Vice-Chair is gapped.

This situation will be exacerbated at the next AGM when both the current Chair and Secretary will be standing down. Unless we get more volunteers to join the committee and fill these 2 vital posts the Club will face an uncertain future.

Club Subscriptions are due for renewal now. The Adult subscription for 2017-18 remains at £25 and can be paid in cash, by cheque at the meeting, or online – please ask for the account details for BACS transfers.

The next **Navigation Training** weekend is 6-7 May, with 3 students confirmed so far. If you are interested in learning how to navigate using a map and compass, please contact the Training and Safety Officer by [email](#). More details of the course can be found on the Training and Safety page on the website.

The Club relies on **volunteers** to help out with running the door and making refreshments at the monthly indoor meeting. If you would like to help out at future meetings, please put your name down on the roster [here](#).

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